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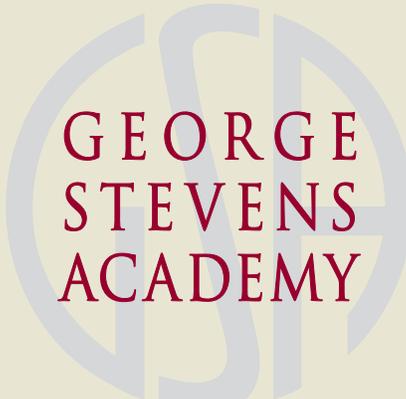
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On the Cover: Eleri Liu '11 talks to Stan Pelletier at International Night 2011. Photo by Lilian Thorpe '09.

GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY Summer Camps 2011

Baseball Camps with Coach Kane

Ages 9 - 12	July 11th - 15th	9 AM - 1 PM	GSA Softball Field
Ages 13 - 16	July 18th - 22nd	9 AM - 1 PM	GSA Baseball Field

Girls & Boys Soccer Camp with Coach Kane & Coach Bemiss

Ages 9 - 14	July 25th - 29th	9 AM - Noon	GSA Soccer Field
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Boys Basketball Camps with Coach Case

Grades 6 - 8	July 18th - 22nd	9 AM - Noon	GSA Gym
Grades 9 - 12	July 18th - 22nd	1 PM - 4 PM	GSA Gym

Girls Basketball Camps with Coach Case

Grades 6 - 8	June 27th - July 1st	9 AM - Noon	GSA Gym
Grades 9 - 12	June 27th - July 1st	1 PM - 4 PM	GSA Gym

Jazz Camp with Mr. O.

Grades 7- 9	June 20th-24th	9 AM - 11 AM	GSA Band Room
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Tennis Camp with Coach Messer (co-sponsored by 40/15 Tennis)

Grades 5 - 7	June 27th - July 1st	8:30 AM - 11 AM	GSA Courts
Grades 8- 9	*July 5th - July 8th (* 4 days)	8:30 AM - 11 AM	GSA Courts

All camps except tennis clinics cost \$100 per student.
Tennis clinics cost \$20 per student thanks to a subsidy by 40/15 Tennis.
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from GSA's Main Office.



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Mission

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.

(Approved by the Board of Trustees, July 2007)

FROM THE OFFICE OF STUDENT SERVICES

Totally Trades! Showing girls the sky's the limit.

On April 8th, nine sophomore and junior girls attended the *Totally Trades Workshop* at the United Technologies Center in Bangor. Sponsored by the Maine Center for Women, Work and Community, *Totally Trades* is an opportunity for high school girls to experience careers they may not otherwise be exposed to. The hands-on workshops that the girls chose to attend included photonics, welding, woodworking, firefighting and heavy equipment operation (one GSA student maneuvered an excavator!). During lunch, Deb Mitchell from UMO's Office of Campus Security taught a session on self-defense. Students who attended were **Katie Gray '13, Arianna Fanjoy '13, Abby Nowland '13, Johanna McKay '12, Ashlei Robbins '12, Kristen Snow '12, Cassandra Snow '13, Shelbi Candage '12, and Lizzie Moore '12.**

The Class of 2015

Dean of Students **Libby Rosemeier '77** reports a very healthy response to this year's local recruiting efforts, with eighty-two incoming students registered and another five admission requests.

College Admissions

A gratifying note from Middlebury College's Office of Admissions:

"Every year it seems that there is one school that sticks out to me...in terms of the quality of its applicants. For me, that school this year was George Stevens Academy. At a time when so many applications increasingly seem to read similarly, there was a real sense of individuality and definition to each of the GSA applications I read. [A colleague] refers to this as texture...and it applied to all the GSA applications. As a native Mainer, I'm a bit biased toward Maine applicants, but even within the Maine cohort, the GSA applications stood out."

Local Scholarships

The local scholarship application packets have been distributed to seniors and the Scholarship Committee will begin meeting in May. Scholarships will be announced at graduation on June 12th.

College Acceptances

According to several sources, including the Daily Beast (www.thedailybeast.com), 2011 has been the toughest year on record for getting into college. There are a variety of factors that contribute to this: more and more students are applying to college, but most colleges are not increasing in size; students are applying to more colleges (GSA students applied to an average of *six colleges per student*); and many top-tier schools no longer offer early decision options. Next year, the competition is expected to ease slightly as high school populations are decreasing in parts of the U.S., and some top-tier schools have decided to reinstitute early decision programs.

Students have been accepted to over 100 colleges and universities; a partial list follows. For a complete list to date, see GSA's website.

Air Force Academy
American University
Babson College
Baylor University
Bennington College
Bowdoin College
Brown University
Central ME Comm College
Clark University
Colby College
Colby-Sawyer College

Colgate University
Colorado College
Dalhousie University
Eastern ME Comm College
Eckerd College
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical U.
George Washington University
Georgia Institute of Technology
Goucher College
Hampshire College
Ithaca College
Lesley University
Lewis and Clark College
Maine Maritime Academy
MA College of Art & Design
Middlebury College
Mills College

New York Inst. of Technology
New York University
Pace University
Purdue University
Rochester Inst. of Technology
Roger Williams University
Simmons College
Smith College
Southern ME Comm College
St. Joseph's College
Stetson University
Stony Brook University
Suffolk University
Syracuse University
Tufts University
UC Davis
UC Santa Barbara

University of Connecticut
University of Illinois
University of Maine
University of Maryland
University of Massachusetts
University of New England
University of New Hampshire
University of North Carolina
University of Pittsburgh
University of Redlands
University of Southern Maine
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Wheaton College
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

International Night 2011

On Saturday April 9th, more than 300 students, faculty, trustees, families, and community residents filled GSA to attend the third annual International Night. Booths lining school corridors represented twenty-four different countries, displaying geographic and demographic information, traditional garb, cultural artifacts, and—best of all—yummy samples of national cuisines.

The evening concluded with an all-student talent show. Admission was free, but students collected donations for disaster relief in Japan. In all, they collected \$857 to donate to the Red Cross. GSA's thirty-four international students, student ambassadors, and International Program staff made the event a huge success.



Jazz Band Reclaims Top Spot



On March 18th & 19th at Mount Desert Island High School the GSA Jazz Band, under the direction of GSA music teacher **Steve Orlofsky**, reclaimed the #1 spot to be crowned the 2011 Maine State Champion. It is GSA's 8th State Jazz Band Championship since 2003 and 14th since 1989. For the first time since 2006, a combo won the State Championship in Combo Division III (*Sam's Soul Children*). For the second year in a row, a combo won the State Championship in Multiple Combo Division B (*Delicious*), and for the ninth year in a row a multiple combo placed either 2nd or 3rd (*Caramello*, 3rd place).

Seven GSA students were named Most Valuable Players: **Emmett Scott '11** in Division IV Jazz Band; **Sam Eley '11** & **Björn Peterson '11** in Division III Combo (*Sam's Soul Children*); in Multiple Combo Division B, **Björn Peterson '11** & **Peter Howell '13** (*Delicious*) and **Ben Olivari '12** (*Caramello*); and in Multiple Combo Division A, **Martin Conte '11** (*9 to the Bar*).

Nineteen musicians were honored with soloist awards: **Beck Brownlow '13**, tenor sax; **Grace Bugbee '12**, bass; **Tom Crowe '11**, trumpet; **Nick Doolittle '11**, trumpet; **Sam Eley '11**, drums; **Peter Howell '13**, trombone; **Lucy Jakub '13**, vibes; **Haley Maiden '12**, alto sax; **Emmett Scott '11**, piano; **Lorna Stephens '13**, tenor sax & vocals; and **Zach Strehan '13**, drums, all from Blue Hill; **Martin Conte '11**, steeldrums, and **Maddie Sawyer '12**, drums, both from Orland; **Ben Olivari '12**, trumpet & flugelhorn, and **Meredith Olivari '12**, bass, from Castine; **Björn Peterson '11**, guitar and bass, Sedgwick; **Anne Ames '11**, trumpet, Stonington; **Nicole Bakeman '12**, alto & tenor sax, Brooksville; and **Nicholas Steenberg '14**, guitar, Penobscot.

Math Meets Score

The 35th Annual Maine State Math Meet was held Tuesday, April 5th at the Cumberland County Civic Center in Portland. A record-breaking 99 public and private schools participated in the event sponsored by the Maine Association of Math Leagues. GSA's Math Team, coached by Math teacher **Rachael Lowe**, placed fourth in Division C, behind Washington Academy, MCI, and Foxcroft Academy, and ahead of John Bapst. **Ned Wang '14** earned the third highest score among 9th-graders.

In the Hancock-Washington County Math League meet on March 14th, GSA's Math Team placed second overall. **Eleri Liu '11** was sixth among all seniors; **Candy Dai '12** and **Wendy Xu '12** tied for second among juniors; **William Navarre '13** placed third and **Adah Chang '13** placed fourth among sophomores; **Ned Wang '14** placed first and **Terry Tian '14** placed second among freshmen.



Ned Wang '14



Tanzania

Thirteen GSA students along with two teachers went to Tanzania in late February. The trip was hosted by the International School of Moshi's Visiting Schools Program; the intent of the trip was to provide GSA students with an opportunity to do community service in a needy community as well as experience a very different culture. Home base for the trip was the city of Moshi at the foot of Mt. Kilimanjaro. Waking up every morning to a view of equatorial glaciers at 19,000 feet was a new experience for all of the students!

The first few days were spent investigating Moshi life and helping build an elementary school in a "suburb" of Moshi. The GSA contingent brought funds with them that helped put a roof on one school building. GSA students spent three days painting another building as well as interacting with the students and touring the community.

A second element of the trip was a camping trip on Mount Meru, a 14,000 foot volcano. The students hiked up to 8,000 feet, definitely feeling the effects of the altitude. A sunrise view across the plains to Kilimanjaro itself was spectacular, as was hiking past buffalos, baboons and warthogs, and hiking through rainforests inhabited by black and white monkeys.

The last portion of the trip was a safari to Lake Manyara and Ngorongoro Crater, one of the natural wonders of the world. Along the way we visited a Maasai village (almost losing one of our members to an international marriage) and a NGO training center for handicapped workers.



Most of the students did their Independent Study projects on this trip, using the trip to investigate specific aspects of Tanzanian culture (such as language, economics, and cuisine) or to experience Tanzania through their artistic interests with painting, music, movie-making and photography. In a reflective essay, one student wrote: *"This trip changed my life forever and will change the choices I make."*

Student participants were: **Shannon Larkin '13, Ben Plohr '12, Vinnie Hu '12, Vincent Fang '12, Matt Ahern '12, Steven Bell '12, Mia Bogyo '12, Colin Dupee '12, Jason Gao '12, Harvard Bridges '11, Hannah Dietz '11, Aji Hall '11, Sha "Jasmine" Huang '11.** History teachers **David Stearns** and **Caroline Richards** accompanied them.

Nos gusta!

The annual "Semana de Cultura Hispanica" was held April 12th through 16th. Presenting reports on hispanic countries were: **Elle Duncombe-Mills '13:** Puerto Rico, **Lakota Bowden '12:** Costa Rica, **Ben Avery '11:** Brazil, **Passage Crampton '11:** Ecuador, **Tatiana Urban '12** Sevilla, Spain and **Emily Lowell '11** and **Ariel Dauk '11:** Madrid, Spain. **Mike Boshko,** student teacher from the University of Maine, was a guest speaker, sharing

Guatemalan photos and conversing *en español*, and **Kathy Pelletier's** brother, David, joined classes to discuss the Mexican states of Chiapas, Veracruz, Oaxaca, and more.

On April 14th Michele Levesque of the popular local restaurant *El Frijoles!* taught a cooking class which concluded with a feast of chicken, guacamole, fresh salsa with cilantro, black beans, and corn tortillas.





Students of GSA teacher **Katie Greene** hung their original work for the annual Art Show at the Blue Hill Library. Pictured are student artists **Jasper Adam '13** and **Yijun "Adah" Cheng '13**.



Junior **Tess Lameyer**, daughter of Lisa Haugen and Ted Lameyer of Castine, is heading to Mount Desert Island for the summer to do research at the Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory as a participant in the lab's prestigious High School Research Fellowship Program. The eight-week program is offered to a dozen Maine high school students. Tess has been matched with a mentor from the Dartmouth Medical School, Dr. Bruce Stanton, a pioneer in cystic fibrosis research. Tess will be working with Dr. Stanton on investigations into the effects of environmental arsenic on human health.



From left: He Xin, Emily Lowell, Ariel Dauk, Björn Peterson, Katherine Doyen, Abby Bowden, and Vika Grindle.

Seven current students at George Stevens Academy earned **AP Scholar Awards** in recognition of their exceptional achievement on AP Exams. About 18 percent of the nearly 1.7 million students worldwide who took AP Exams performed at a sufficiently high level to earn an AP Scholar Award. **Emily Lowell '11** qualified for the AP Scholar *with Honor* Award by earning an average grade of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and grades of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. Six other students qualified for the AP Scholar Award by completing three or more AP Exams with grades of 3 or higher. The AP Scholars are **Abigail Bowden '11**, **Ariel Dauk '11**, **Katherine Doyen '11**, **Viktoria Grindle '11**, **He Xin '11**, and **Björn Peterson '11**.

The Play's the Thing

On March 11th, the cast and crew of **Martin Conte's** original one-act play, *A Parlous State*, won first place in the annual Maine Drama Festival's regional semifinals. Awards included: All-Festival Cast: **Katherine Doyen '11** (Muse), **Björn Peterson '11** (Doubt), **Nolan Ellsworth '14** (Writer), and **Martin Conte '11** for Student Writing.

Peter Howell '13 played the role of his father/narrator; **Keira Tachibana '11** his mother/Theatre; **Makaela Reinke '12** his sister/Media. **Harry Grillo '11** did the lights and video, **Steven Bell '12** was set coordinator, and **Aiden Ford '13** was stage manager. Members of the Chorus were **Lorna Stephens '13**, **Ruby Treyball '11**, **Melissa Sheehan '12**, **Harvard Bridges '11**, **Brionna Blodgett '14**, **Drew Cleveland '13**, **Truman Forbes '12**, **Coral O'Brian '11**, **Abe Ziner '13**, **Alex Szwez '13**, **Chelsey Staples '14**, **Lucy Jakub '13**, and **Finn McMahon-Allwine '14**. **Moira McMahon** was Director and faculty advisor.



Playwright Martin Conte '11

State Festival Results

In Rockland on March 25th the production placed fourth with an overall score of 233 points in the Maine State Drama Festival. **Conte** received the Judges' Award for playwriting. Other awards went to **Nolan Ellsworth**, **Keira Tachibana** (Theatre and Mother), and the **Chorus**.

Maine Principals' Award 2011



Senior **Sam Eley**, son of Don and Merrie Eley of Blue Hill, has been awarded the 2011 Maine Principals' Association Principal's Award at George Stevens Academy. The award is given in recognition of a senior's academic achievement and citizenship. "Sam is a great all-round student," commented

Head of School **Bags Brokaw**. "While at GSA, he's been on the soccer and baseball teams; played drums in Jazz Combo; participated in Model U.N. and Community Action Club; and he was elected to the National Honor Society in his junior year. I have just had the pleasure of letting Sam know that he will be this year's class valedictorian, an honor that goes to the graduating senior with the highest grade point average."

WRITER: ...what are you, exactly?

MUSE: I am a Muse. A conscience, and an imagination. I am, in fact, your imagination.

WRITER: Indeed, my Muse? Well, thanks for showing up, finally.

MUSE: Always a pleasure, so nice to finally meet my maker! (Shakes hands).

WRITER: Well, dear Muse, my play awaits me, so... No distractions, please.

MUSE: Distraction? How could I ever be a distraction? I am you, after all.

WRITER: Yes, well, I never knew I was quite so dramatic. Or... female.

MUSE: You learned from the very best, didn't you?

WRITER: Yes. Yes, I did.

MUSE: (PAUSE) Well, anyway. Your play.

WRITER; Yes, back to my play.

MUSE: Scene One.

WRITER: Let's see. We open with a stage, empty, except for a single chair.

MUSE: Set the scene. Give the characters life, make the audience feel their hearts breaking, and leave them wanting more.

THEATRE: Don't be afraid to say what needs to be said.

MUSE: Don't be afraid to love your characters.

THEATRE: Yet don't forget you must always let go of them someday.

MUSE: Give your audience love and grief and joy and anger.

THEATRE: And never, never, give up on them.

MUSE: "The Theatre's in a parlous state..."

(Action suddenly stops, and everyone turns to watch MUSE and THEATRE).

A Parlous State by Martin Conte '11. Copyright 2011.

Varsity Sailing



George Stevens Academy sent seven Varsity sailors to Marblehead, Massachusetts, April 4th for a team racing regatta. The trip was never in doubt, even though a late season snowfall blanketed the Blue Hill peninsula with about six inches of snow. GSA came away with a few key victories and a week's worth of practice experience during the short trip. The confidence gained by the underclassmen could prove invaluable.

Making the trip for GSA were juniors Captain **Courtney Koos**, **Steven Bell** and **Matt Ahern**, sophomore **Meredith Houghton** and freshmen **Nicholas Steenberg**, **Edward Lameyer** and **Gordon Lameyer**. GSA was only able to stay within the ten-point threshold once during ten races against two different opponents in best-of-five contests with Marblehead and MDI on Saturday. Capsized boats in the tricky

winds led to "Did Not Finish" results for several boats during the weekend.

On Sunday, GSA got its groove back with Captain Koos (skipper) leading most races and winning first place for the team on three occasions. GSA won two of the best-of-three sets, beating both MDI once and Marblehead once. Finishing in the top three of the fleet in many races were skipper and crew **Gordon Lameyer** and **Meredith Houghton**. In the final race of the regatta, GSA finished 1 with skipper/crew **C. Koos/M. Houghton**; 2 with **G. Lameyer/N. Steenberg**, and 3 with **Matt Ahern/E. Lameyer**.

(Text and photo provided by Volunteer Assistant Sailing Coach Patrick Haugen.)

Parent Association News

The Parent Association has much to be proud of this year. One of our strongest parent-run programs at GSA, the Rec Center, is now in its fifth year. Brainchild of Athletic Director **Jim Murphy** the Rec Center's goal is to provide a safe and fun environment for GSA students on Friday and Saturday nights, October through May. The Center has been a big hit since it opened, typically hosting fifty students a night. Students hang out with friends, play basketball, pool or ping-pong, listen to music, watch movies, and more. Special activities are often offered: the popular "human monopoly," Blue Hill Fair night, shirt decorating for athletic pep squads, and other crafts activities. Parent volunteers, along with GSA faculty and staff, chaperone, help plan activities, and provide homemade snacks for reasonable prices.

The Rec Center's lead volunteer, organizer, and guardian angel, **Darlene Hatch '87**, works tirelessly with the PA to identify parent volunteers. This year over thirty parents helped support the Center. Thank you, Darlene, for your countless hours and boundless energy; Jim, for your continuing guidance and support; and particular thanks to **Scott Ferdan '82**, **Chris Coleman**, and **Andrea Moir** who have made extraordinary contributions of their time. The Rec Center will continue as long as volunteer power stays strong.

In other PA news, fifteen parents have been working with the Development Office to encourage parent participation



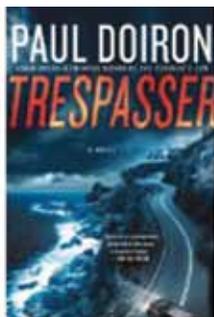
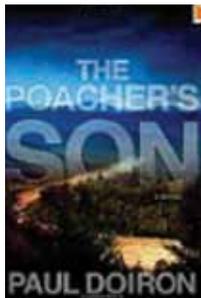
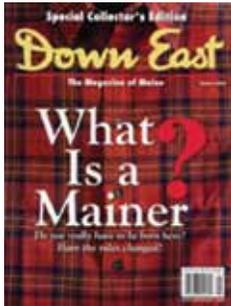
Darlene Hatch '87 and Jim Murphy

in this year's Annual Fund. This is the second year parents have volunteered in this important effort.

Recent PA meetings have drawn good crowds. In April a group of students attended the meeting to present their Independent Study projects to the attendees. At the May meeting, open to the whole peninsula, GSA's international students will present a panel discussion about family and school life in their home countries. The year's final meeting, in June, will highlight plans for the next school year. The PA particularly welcomes parents of incoming students to both meetings.

Co-facilitator, **Nancy Crowe**, will be stepping down from her post at the end of this year as her son, **Tom**, graduates. Thank you, Nancy, for all your work these past two years! **Maria Matthews** will continue as co-facilitator, joined by **Prudy Heilner**.

Up Close and Personal with a Maine Writer



During the Fall 2010 semester, **Paul Doiron**, novelist and editor-in-chief of *Down East Magazine*, visited **Mike Kazmierczak's** *Maine Writers* class as part of that course's Visiting Writers component.

Students had read and discussed excerpts from Doiron's 2010 debut novel *The Poacher's Son* in order to explore the figure of the rugged individualist so prevalent in Maine literature. The semester-length course has long sought inspiration from *Down East Magazine*, using the January 2004 issue, "What is a Mainer?", to give shape and excitement to discussions of Maine identity. A cornerstone writing assignment in the course is a personal essay modeled after *Down East's* "my Maine" column.

Doiron spoke candidly and engagingly about how he became an editor first, and then a writer. He read from *The Poacher's Son*, talked about his writing process and what it's been like to publish his first novel, and gave students an exciting sneak preview of possible covers for his next novel, *Trespasser*, due to be published in June.

Students were enthusiastic and grateful for the visit. In their own words: "I liked how you talked about your progress and steps towards becoming the editor of *Down East*," "I think it was just awesome of you to show us your new book that isn't even out yet," "I found it interesting to learn about the logistics involved in publishing a book," "I really enjoyed reading *The Poacher's Son*; it was a book that I didn't want to stop reading!"

The Poacher's Son was named one of the fifteen best mysteries of 2010 by Kirkus Reviews, and was a finalist for the Mystery Writers of America's Edgar Award for Best First Novel.



Maine author and editor Paul Doiron greets student Kalle Bailey '11.

Winter 2011 Sports Highlights



Swimming

GSA had a great season, with a final roster of thirteen swimmers on the team, a majority of whom had never competed. They competed in seven dual meets and end-of-season championship meets with the Ellsworth High School team. The dual meet season competition was in an exhibition status for both individual events and girls relays. The championship meets had GSA earning points as a separate team. GSA swim team trained with the Ellsworth swim team under Ellsworth's coach, Jim Goodman, past parent of **Paul '04**.

Ben Avery '11 (*below*) was selected for the Maine State Swimming All-Star Academic Team. He was also nominated for selection as an All-American Academic Swimmer through the National Interscholastic Coaches Association.



State Championship Class B: Boys team – 24th; Girls team – 24th. **Ben Avery** qualified in the 50, 100, 200 Free, and 100 Fly. **Jessie Dyer '11** qualified in the 50 and 100 Free, placing 14th in the 50, and 19th in the 100. The Girls Relay team (**Jessica MacCannell '11**, **So Young Ihm '13**, **Jessie Dyer '11**, **Beth Ann Avery '13**) participated at States and finished 23rd in the 200 Medley Relay, and 18th in the 200 Free Relay.

Penobscot Valley Conference Championship:

Boys team – 12th; Girls team – 13th. All swimmers were eligible to participate in this championship meet. Highlights: **Ben Avery** placed 11th in 100 Fly, 8th in 200 Free. Girls Relay (**Jessica MacCannell**, **So Young Ihm**, **Jessie Dyer**, **Beth Anne Avery**) competed in 200 Medley and 200 Free.

GSA Swim Team Records:

Jessie Dyer (*below*) set school records in the 50, 100, 200 Freestyle, 100 Back, and 200 IM. **Ben Avery** set the new record for the 100 Fly. **Jessica MacCannell** set the record for the 500 Free. **Taowen Zhang '11** established the first 100 Breaststroke record. The Girls Relay Team set records in the 200 Medley, 200 Free and 400 Free Relays.

Congratulations to graduating seniors: **Ben Avery**, **Poom Phattharaorapha**, **Jessie Dyer**, **Lingu Ma**, **Jessica MacCannell**, **Lily McFarland**, and Sha "Jasmine" Huang.



Wrestling

From Wrestling coach Jake Sinclair: In District Regionals **Alex Turanski '13** placed 1st in the 103 weight class, and **Jordan Lord '13** placed 2nd in the 119 class. **Julius Tiesler '13** and **Tim Allen '13** both placed 4th in their weight classes. These four, and **Storme Macomber '11**, all qualified for the Class C State Championship meet, where **Alex Turanski** placed 2nd and **Jordan Lord** placed 4th.

Congratulations to graduating seniors **Joshua Bowden**, **Storme Macomber** and **Jamie Moore**.

Pictured right: Jordan Lord





Girls Varsity Basketball

The team ended the season with a 3-15 record, but **Coach Donald Allen '76** says that doesn't tell the whole story. The team had graduated 10 players the previous year, and faced a very tough schedule. They had many close games, and really came together as a team. Coach Allen commented that he had never coached a team that improved so much in one season. Senior **Anna Clapp** was awarded Honorable Mention for the Penobscot Valley Conference.

Congratulations to graduating seniors **Mariah Blodgett, Lexie Brann, Anna Clapp, Paige Colwell-Frost and Emily Lowell.**

Pictured left: Kara van Emmerik '12.

Do Sports Make You Smarter?

GSA's 72 Fall athletes had an average GPA of 88.4%. Twenty-eight of these athletes had an average GPA of 90% or better, and sixty-five had an average GPA of 80% or better!

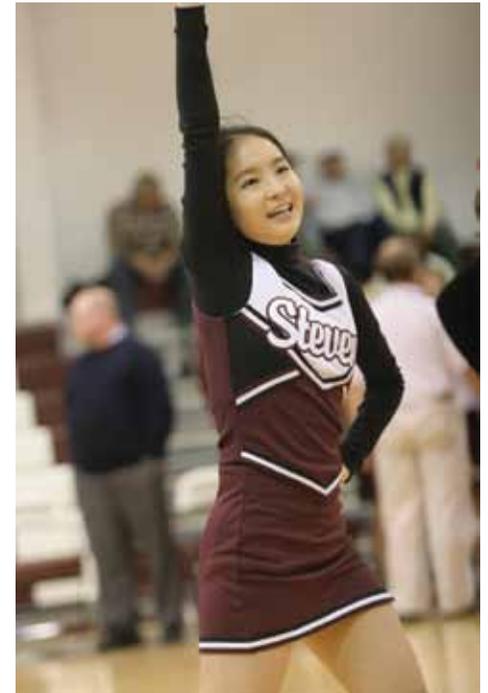
Winter and Spring sports results will be published in the coming issues of Matters.

Cheering

Confidence defined the Cheering team this season, according to **Coach Jessica DeWitt**. Despite injuries and roster changes, the team really pulled together and improved its scores each week. The girls met their goal of scoring over 100 points in the Eastern Maine Regional competition, finishing in 13th place. With just three seniors graduating, the team is looking forward to a strong season next year.

Congratulations to graduating seniors **Katherine Keefe, Jessica Moody and Sabrina Vivian.**

Pictured right: Inji Wang '12



Boys Varsity Basketball

Coached by **Dwayne Carter '80**, the boys team faced a competitive schedule, finishing the season 10-8, in eleventh place, and missing the final qualifying post-season spot by just a fraction of a point! Six players will be graduating including the following All-Star award winners: **Nick Doolittle**: PVC Senior All-Star game, PVC Academic All-Star, PVC Honorable Mention All-Star, MacDonald's Academic All-Star (one of only 10 in the State regardless of class). **Nick Kane**: PVC Senior All-Star game, PVC All-Defensive Team. **Tom Crowe**: PVC Academic All-Star.

Congratulations to graduating seniors **Harvard Bridges, Tom Crowe, Nick Doolittle, Josh Gale, Nick Kane and Cameron Lawson.**

Pictured left: Cameron Lawson '11



the ALUMNI CHALLENGE

Generous members of the greater GSA community have challenged our alumni to increase their rate of participation in the Annual Fund as they understand that a high alumni giving rate is key to the future financial well-being of the school. They've provided an incentive to keep us all motivated: if we can continue to build our rate of alumni participation each year, reach 20% by 2012, and sustain or increase that level for each of the following two years, GSA will receive \$60,000 in unrestricted support! We need 200 more alumni donors by June 30th to reach this year's goal of 14%.

Every alumni gift of any size counts!

Please make your gift today at www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift.

The following alumni have made gifts this fiscal year to date (July 1, 2010—April 30, 2011).

1930s

Euple Owens Galbraith '30
Madeline Day Snow '34
Gaylor Gray '35
Paul Townsend '37

1940s

Julie Ledien St. Clair '40
Constance Carter Lamprell '41
Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh '41
Roy Henderson '42
Maynard Astbury '43
Linwood Carter '43
Janice Gillis Cleveland '43
Grace Hinckley Johnson '43
Lucy Herrick Ledien '43
Catherine Herrick Moody '43
Lois Cousins Welch '43
Mary McGraw Astbury '44
Sheila Babson Varnum '44
Florence Pert Conley '47
Anne Partridge Kisburg '47
Douglas Stover '48
Ronald Candage '49
Gordon Carter '49

1950s

Madeline Clement '50
Elaine Christy Wessel '50
Norris Wessel, Sr. '50
Edna Day Carter '51
Jean Cousins Kelley '51
Carroll Nevells '51
Roberta Gray Pert '51
Harvard Candage '52
Ferol Bisset Candage '53
Donald Gray '53
Ron LeBourhis '53
Katherine Keefe Smith '53
Paul Allen '54
Patricia Clapp Gray '54
John Maresca '54
Phyllis Leighton Pemberton '54
Jackie Smith '54
Lois Allen Allen '55
Neil Conary '55
Chandler Duffy '55
Beverly Wescott Cecchini '56
Sylvia Keefe Duffy '56
John Clapp '57
Elaine Hatch Peebles '58
Dennis Robertson '58
Linda Abbott Candage '59
Terrance Gray '59
G. Eckley Herrick '59
Shannon Robertson Maresca '59
Gail Piper Ogilvie '59

1960s

Karyl Ricker Hayes '60
Douglass Hutchins '60
Gerald Butler '61
Marjorie McGraw Longwood '61
Jane Gray Bowden '62
George Leach '62
James Carter '63
Peter Clapp '63
Sandra Grindle Clapp '63
Edie McVay King '63
Robert Phillips '63
Dolores Ladd Robertson '63
Duane Gray '64
Wayne Hutchins '64
Ruth Clapp Hutchins '64
Lawrence Vaughan '64
Dennis Rackliffe '65
Dale Robertson '65
Annette Lutz Fowler Schoof '65
David Stover '65
Robert Bakeman '66
James Grindle '66
Gloria Howard '66
Margaret Dow Rackliffe '66
Joanna Stover Raible '66
Jon Woodward '66
Bruce Grindal '67
Linette Bridges Grindal '67
Allen Hooper '68
Patricia Leach Astbury '69
Gerald Blodgett '69
Cheryl Webster Knowles '69
Kathleen McClure '69
Roberta Campbell Townsend '69

1970s

Michael Astbury '70
Dorrance Atherton '70
Philip Clifford '70
Donald Condon '70
Mark Gross '70
Della Leach Martin '70
Nancy Billings Sherman '70
Brenda Lowell Condon '71
Roxanna Saunders Grindle '71
Lionel Howard '71
Ray Merrill '71
Alan Howard '72
Joanne Barrett '72
Edward Turner '72
Melissa Brownlow '73
Patricia Astbury Clapp '73
Robert Clapp '73
Homer Lowell '73
Kim Perkins '73
Marla Atherton '74

Donald Blodgett II '74
Amy Bartlett Turner '74
Robert Eaton '75
Bryan McVay '75
Gale Brownlow Flax '76
Danny Gray '76
Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger '77
Megan Clapp Lowell '77
Margaret Garfield Overton '77
Elizabeth Austin Rosemeier '77
Scott Rosemeier '77
Teresa Slaven '77
John White '77
Alden Blodgett '78
Charles Marbach '78
Jerri Brewer Reynolds '78
Peter Williamson '78
Jennifer Schroth '79
Laurence Gray '79
Deborah Venno Ludlow '79
Tammy Burke Merisotis '79
William Rioux '79
Claudia Lowell Smith '79
Sharri Venno '79
Norman Yates '79

1980s

David Gray '80
Brenda Piper Horton '80
Kenneth Reynolds '80
Amy Schroth '80
Dwayne Webber '80
Marjorie Austin Gray '81
Ruth Allen Gray '81
Jeffrey Hatch '81
Sally Rankin McVay '81
Susan Webb '81
Annie Allen '82
Leslie Clapp '82
Martha Garfield '82
Ann Allen Rioux '82
Penny Ricker '82
Anne Schroth '82
Brent Andrews '83
Craig Berry '83
Diane Billings Brann '83
Jennifer Hutchins Bryant '83
William Gray '83
Michael Bryant '84
Robert Curtis '84
Kristina Anderson Stephens '84
Jacqueline Blodgett Curtis '85
Christy Johndrow Gontarz '85
Troy Staples '85
Toni Grindle Staples '86
Darrell Gray '87
Darlene Gray Hatch '87

Amy Saumur-Gallup '87
Mark Andy '88
Allison Ames Goscinski '88
Stephen Peasley '88
Jennifer Sittnick Pulvino '89

1990s

Mark de Steur '90
Lydia Gray Garrant '91
William Moorehouse '93
Zoë Robbins Tenney '93
Will Holloway '94
John Loomis '94
Jaime Carroll Stone '94
Scott Murphy '95
Karina Chase Dailey '96
Emily Lewandowski Hildebrand '97
James Hildebrand '97
Scott Cukierski '99
Heidi Gray Gillen '99
Caleb Aker Grant '99

2000s

Anonymous '00
Jason Byrd '00
J. Ashley Gagne '00
Justin Kaley '00
Abigail Greene Winkler '01
Jacob Berkowitz '02
Sarah Clapp '02
Jacob Lowell '02
Michael Astbury '03
Mark Clapp '03
Jeffrey Condon '03
Nicholas Henry '03
J. Sebastian Greene '04
Ryan Lowell '04
Jessica Driscoll Astbury '05
Jenny Berkowitz '05
Tiffany Smith Henry '05
Ross Bell '06
Dakota Gray '06
Julian Davis '07
Jeremy Dunham '07
Morgan Springer '07
Samuel Allen '09
Grace Bell '09
Allison Fleck '09
Cassidy Gray '09
Lilian Suber Thorpe '09
Melissa Allen '10
Vesta Davis '10
John Ludlow '10
Molly McEntee '10
Max Reiter '10
Michael Senter-Zapata '10
Lucas Yoder '10

Spring Annual Fund Appeal



May 2011

Dear Alumni, Parents, Grandparents and Friends,

As June 30th marks the end of our fiscal year, time is running out for you to make your gift to the 2010-2011 Annual Fund. This year's Annual Fund theme, *Rich Tradition, Promising Future*, speaks to the importance of GSA's long history in molding the vision of independence, academic rigor and community responsiveness we hold for its future.

Over the past year, GSA faculty, staff, students, parents, alumni, trustees, and friends of the school have worked hard to produce a comprehensive self-study in preparation for the ten-year accreditation assessment by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). In early April, a Visiting Committee of nine NEASC educators from four New England states spent three days at GSA interviewing constituents and assessing the school's strengths and areas for improvement. The Committee members unanimously recommended that GSA be reaccredited. Among their many commendations, they had this to say:

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

We celebrate this recognition, but also know we have much to do. We must continue to seek *the resources to ensure student success*. By making your gift this year, you are endorsing the tremendous efforts of the GSA faculty and staff to provide students with relevant and challenging academic and extra-curricular offerings.

The amount of tuition revenue GSA receives from the sending towns is determined by the state, and falls far short of the actual cost of educating a GSA student. Unlike public schools, GSA receives no state funding. And while the school did receive a generous bequest to its endowment last year, only the interest of approximately 4% can be spent each year to offset expenses. **We must rely on our alumni, parents, and greater school community to help us bridge the gap.**

Every gift of any size is important. The only gift that is too small is no gift at all. Your participation in the Annual Fund is so important and lies at the heart of what allows the Academy to continue to offer an outstanding academic and extracurricular program, retain highly qualified teachers, and maintain our campus. Your gift to the Annual Fund is a voice of support for George Stevens Academy, its students, its faculty, and its mission. Please help us reach our goal! Use the enclosed envelope or go to www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dago Brokaw'.

Dago Brokaw
Interim Head of School
Parent '07, '09, & '12

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb Venno Ludlow'.

Deb Venno Ludlow '79
Trustee, Development Committee Chair
Parent '10 & '13

ALUMNI PROFILES: DUANE GRAY '64

Just about everyone in town knows **Duane Gray '64** who has been serving the Blue Hill Peninsula community as a pharmacist for over four decades. Since 2006 he has been the pharmacist in charge of *Community Pharmacy*, located in *TradeWinds Market Place* in Blue Hill. Duane is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the pharmacy, including laws, policies, Medicare, Medicaid, and the many other insurance plans. Duane began his career as a pharmacist at Partridge Drug Store at the urging of Tom Perkins, owner of the store.

"I had no intention of becoming a pharmacist, but during my senior year at GSA, as I scored high in chemistry on the SATs, and was Valedictorian of my class, I was approached by Tom who persuaded me to study pharmacology. I received a full tuition scholarship from the F. T. Nichols Scholarship Fund, and the rest is history. I attended Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, where I was inducted into the Rho Chi Honorary Society for extraordinary scholastic achievement. After receiving a B.S. in Pharmacy, I returned to Blue Hill to work at Partridge Drug, Blue Hill Hospital, and Castine Hospital."

Duane has always lived in Blue Hill, except for the five years he spent in Boston away at college. "It seems that my inner feelings tell me not to get out of sight of Blue Hill Mountain!" He received his primary education at Blue Hill Consolidated School and then attended GSA, which, he says, "prepared me exceptionally well for college, where I achieved a 4.0 GPA in my freshman year. Because GSA is a small high school, I knew everyone, and was able to participate in sports, debates, science fairs, and the like. I received a well-rounded education in both academics and life skills."

Duane has served the community in many other ways: as a member of the Blue Hill School Board, an officer at the Blue Hill Country Club, a Noble Grand of the Odd Fellows, and an officer of the Old Cemetery Association. He is currently a Blue Hill Selectman and a member of the Masons. Duane has four children: two of them, **Melanie '92** and **Adam '94**, are GSA alumni, while a third, **Andrew**, will graduate from GSA this June. Many other members of Duane's family at-



Harvard Bridges '11, Duane Gray '64, and Betsy Colson Torrey '92

tended GSA, including his father, **Warren '26**, and his two brothers, **Robert '52** and **Donald '53**.

To those considering a career in pharmacy, Duane advises, "It is very rewarding to see the sick become healthy. If one enjoys chemistry and does well in it, pharmacy is the profession to go into. There is presently a shortage in the field."

Working alongside Duane is **Betsy Colson Torrey '92**, a Pharmacy Technician. Her responsibilities include processing prescriptions, billing to insurance companies, helping maintain inventory, providing customer service, and generally assisting Duane in his duties. Betsy has national certification from the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board. She was not clear on a career path while at GSA, "But," she says, "I knew I wanted to work in some field of science because of two very special teachers who were so encouraging and who helped build my confidence—thank you, Mr. Stanko and Mr. Bennatti! I'm still close with many of the friends I made at GSA as well as many of my teachers." To current GSA students who might be considering a career in pharmacy, Betsy suggests, "use an Independent Study opportunity to see what it's like. See if you prefer working in a retail or a hospital setting."

Using an Independent Study opportunity to explore pharmacy is exactly what **Harvard Bridges '11** did during his junior year at GSA. Harvard spent two weeks working with Duane and Betsy. "The experience opened my eyes to an interesting and exciting career path that I will pursue once I graduate. I plan to attend Western New England College to study Pharmacy. I feel that I have been well prepared

for college by GSA. Having taken AP courses, I have been exposed to college-level work and I know what to expect in my college classes. I feel that everyone I've met at GSA has made me grow as a person and has helped me understand who I am and what kind of career I should go for. They have been very supportive of my future plans and have encouraged

me to pursue them." Harvard works for *Community Pharmacy* as a Pharmacy Technician during the summer months. His dad, **Lennard '73**, is a GSA graduate, as are his three siblings: **Kate '03**, **Sam '06**, and **Mary '10**.

THE TRADEWINDS CONNECTION



John Turner '09, Debbie McGraw Allen '76, Scott Gray '77, Ernie Johnston '95, Lisa Slaughter Allen '00, and Beth Worden Gray '86

TradeWinds Market Place in Blue Hill has become a popular shopping destination among peninsula residents since it was built in 1999. Owned and operated by **Chuck and Belinda Lawrence**, it stands on the spot atop Tenney Hill where Largay's IGA once stood. But the business is an important part of the peninsula community for reasons other than shopping convenience. *TradeWinds* and the Lawrences have been recognized for outstanding service and philanthropy to many local non-profit organizations, among them GSA, which has long felt their loyal and generous support of so many initiatives.

In addition, *TradeWinds* offers first-job opportunities for many GSA students who are often seen at the front-end of the store as cashiers and service clerks. Many GSA alumni also work at *TradeWinds*, and for a number of them, the business provides career opportunities.

Scott Gray '77 has been the Assistant Manager for over five years, after a seventeen-year career with Hannaford Bros. Scott's daughter, **Allisan**, is a GSA senior, and Scott's father, **Gaylor '35**, is believed to be the last surviving member of the Class of 1935. **Lisa Slaughter Allen '00** is the Non-foods Man-

ager and an employee for over nine years. **Debbie McGraw Allen '76** is an Office Manager and has been at *TradeWinds* for over two years, following twenty-six years at Union Trust Bank. Debbie and her husband, **Donald '76** (GSA's Girls Basketball coach) are parents of three GSA graduates: **Jason '98**, **Nicole '00**, and **Laurie '03**, and Debbie's late father, **Wayne '51**, was a former GSA coach and staff member. **Ernie Johnston '95** is the Assistant Deli/Bake Manager, a relative newcomer having joined the staff within the past year. **Beth Worden Gray '86** has worked at the store for three years and is a Seafood Associate. Beth's son, **Derek** will graduate from GSA in June. **Nick Osgood '05** and **John Turner '09** are both Deli Associates and have worked at *TradeWinds* for four and five years respectively.

What does it take to be successful during and after high school? "A strong work ethic, patience, and perseverance" were commonly mentioned traits, and one alum advises students to "remember your roots!"

The Jerold M. '33 and Diana Hinckley Professional Development Fund

At its meeting on March 24th the GSA Board of Trustees voted to establish **The Jerold M. '33 and Diana Hinckley Professional Development Fund** by earmarking \$500,000 of Jerold Hinckley's \$5.9 million bequest to GSA's unrestricted endowment. In 2011-12 the new fund will generate spendable income of approximately \$20,000 to support professional development activities.

GSA faculty and staff will be eligible to receive support for a wide range of initiatives and activities, for example, to pursue continuing education opportunities, attend workshops and seminars, and develop new curricular initiatives. Establishing this fund meets one of the goals

of GSA's Campaign for Our Future. **Rob Clapp '73**, President of GSA's Board of Trustees, explained the reason for this action: "As a fund in memory of Jerry and Di Hinckley, it is fitting in many ways. Their gift to GSA was intended 'for the permanent benefit of George Stevens Academy,' and supporting the professional development needs of our faculty and staff is one of the best ways to benefit student learning year after year. The fund will not only help GSA retain excellent teachers, but will be a strong recruitment tool to attract promising new teachers to the school."

GSA Goes Green & Clean

Using its new Science Projects Room to leverage broader decisions for the whole school, GSA has made a commitment to environmental and sustainable building practices for ongoing and future renovations.

According to Brooklin resident and current parent LEED-certified architect **Lauren Reiter**, the Science Projects Room, scheduled for construction this summer, "upcycles" an existing conventional classroom into a modern science research room where students can work on long-range independent science projects. The room reflects a new commitment to "green and clean" construction choices in this and future building projects.

"Wherever possible," Reiter says, "GSA will seek to eliminate products containing known harmful chemicals in favor of "cleaner" materials. Flooring, wall surfaces, cabinetwork, and ceilings will be selected for being durable, easily maintained, cost-competitive, and environmentally benign. Aesthetically, materials will be, whenever possible, light-colored, to

maximize the effect of light, bright spaces."

Energy-efficiency is a goal as well. Walls and roofs will be insulated, and new, higher-performance windows will eventually replace the original single-glazed windows. Light sensors will be installed (typically saving 30% of lighting energy), and daylight sensors will automatically dim lights when adequate natural light is present. Classroom lighting will be high-efficiency pendant lighting to create softer, more "natural" lighting with less glare.

The existing energy and material deficiencies that GSA tackles are typical in buildings built decades—even centuries—ago. But the good news, Reiter says, is that "the construction market now offers many off-the-shelf products and systems to remedy existing inefficiencies and less-than-ideal materials. Thus, these renovations will take GSA from 19th- and 20th-century facilities well into the 21st-century."

GSA's *green & clean* initiative is being developed with the help of Reiter, along with consulting engineers Carpenter & Associates of Old Town.

Save the Dates: October 7 - 8 - 9

HOMECOMING 2011

"Not for Alumni Only!"

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, October 7th:

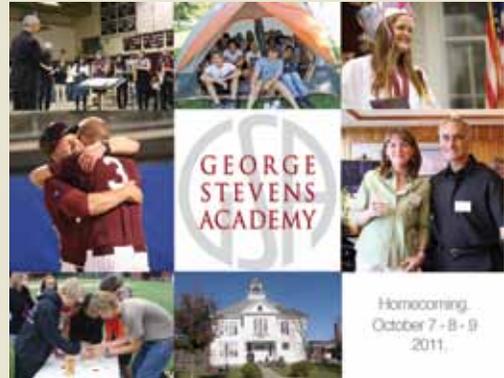
Alumni Fine Art Show
Afternoon Tea with Paul Perkinson, Head of School
Campus Tours • Boys Soccer Game
Steel Drum Dance • Bonfire and Dessert

Saturday, October 8th:

Alumni Fine Art Show
Girls Soccer Game • Family-friendly tailgate BBQ
Alumni Reception at Barncastle
Homecoming Dance for Students

Sunday, October 9th:

Alumni Fine Art Show
5K Pumpkin Run
Golf Tournament at Blue Hill Country Club
Theatre production by New Surry Theatre



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t.bell@georgestevens.org.

www.georgestevensacademy.org/homecoming2011

Alumni in the news...

Jodelle Austin '83

From *The Forecaster*, 3/3/11:

South Portland hopes pilot preschool program will fly citywide

SOUTH PORTLAND — At 8:45 a.m. on Monday, Jodelle Austin and Jen Hobbs were making last-minute preparations for the first day of the city's pilot preschool program.

Read the full story at: <http://bit.ly/gXJZL3>

Stephen Bowen '87

From *The Ellsworth American*, 3/4/11:

Bowen Sworn in as State Education Chief

AUGUSTA — Stephen Bowen, a native of Penobscot, was sworn in as Maine's new education commissioner Friday by Governor Paul LePage. Bowen becomes Maine's 27th education commissioner. He was endorsed by the Maine Senate on Thursday by a vote of 25-10.

Read the full story at: <http://bit.ly/lPaod1>

Peter Carter '88

From *The Ellsworth American*, 2/23/11:

GSA Grad Awarded Bronze Star

ELLSWORTH — Army Capt. Peter Carter, a 1988 graduate of George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, has received a Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service while deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Read the full story at: <http://bit.ly/kRHjtr>

Caitlin Shetterly '92

From *Maine Sunday Telegram* 3/27/11:

California or Bust

That could be the title of Caitlin Shetterly's memoir—except she came away from a move west with a baby, closer ties and a deeper understanding of the American notion of 'doing well.'

Read the full story at: <http://bit.ly/kQ4GRA>

Betsy Hatch Libby '97

From *Sun Journal* 1/15/11:

Libby named Dean of Student Services at Central Maine Community College

AUBURN — President Scott Knapp of Central Maine Community College has announced the appointment of Betsy H. Libby as Dean of Student Services.

Read the full story at: <http://bit.ly/jDgbDv>

Luke Whyte '01

From *The Huffington Post*, 3/12/11:

Voices Of Justice: Luke Whyte Hitchhikes To Find Stories About California's Criminal Justice System

Luke Whyte writes about criminals. And he hitchhikes to find them. Read the full story at: <http://huff.to/gJZvMM>

Alumni Class Notes

1960s

Bernard Gray '64 is hoping to reconnect with some long ago friends. He has been living in Coral Springs, Florida for the last thirty years. He is married to Judy and has Yorkies & two cats (no children). They visit Maine at least once a year. His sister, **Linda Gray Martin '65**, lives in Hampden. He would love to hear from anyone who would like to get in touch: blgwine@aol.com

1970s

Melissa Brownlow '73 traveled to Italy on a study tour in March to visit schools in Reggio Emilia. She is doing research on parent participation in these schools for a master's thesis in educational leadership at University of Prince Edward Island in Canada. **Amy Dingey Woodard '76** (below, with Lila) has been an anesthetist for 30 years in Cleveland, Ohio. But her real passion is animal welfare. She's been rescuing, fostering and volunteering for the local shelters for 25 years and helps transport rescued dogs across the country. She is politically active against such issues as puppy mills, animal experimentation, discrimination against dog breeds, and all other forms of animal abuse. She has been a vegetarian for 23 years and is now essentially a vegan. She has become an avid scuba diver and has traveled to many fascinating diving destinations. Her plan is to retire in 2012 and move back to Maine!



Dorene Pier Yates '76 works as a Pro Bono Coordinator for Florida Rural Legal Services, which assists those of low income with civil legal matters. Dorene's job is to

meet with clients, determine their legal need, and then recruit from over 1200 attorneys and six bar associations in the circuit to take the case at no charge. She also serves as Public Relations Chair for the Florida Pro Bono Association. The American Bar Journal and the Florida Bar News have published her articles. Dorene (below, left) was recently nominated for the Kay Meyers Pro Bono Coordinator Award.



RoseMarie Pert Roberts '77 and her husband are moving home to Sedgwick in the spring! They are looking forward to reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. She and her husband run a handyman business, called Hard Times Handyman. **Laura Macomber '79** is turning 50 as will just about everyone in her graduating class this year. She hopes everyone is having a great year. Laura and her daughter flew to San Francisco to celebrate her birthday. She wishes a "HAPPY 50TH to EVERYONE in the Class of '79!"

1980s

Ramona Astbury Young '81 has been married for over 26 years to her husband, Kelvin. They have three biological children and have recently adopted two more. In addition, they have two grandchildren, with one more on the way. **Leanne Bateman '83** lives in Boston where she owns a management consulting firm. She has become an active runner, cyclist and triathlete. This past January, Leanne kicked-off Running for Our Lives, an organization inspired by her high school friend, **Nancy Herrick '84**. The mission

of Running for Our Lives is to raise awareness and funding for prevention and cure of life-threatening and life-altering illnesses. Nancy played soccer and softball for GSA, and later was a triathlete, runner, mountain biker, and avid skier. In 2008, Nancy was diagnosed with ovarian cancer, and battled through to remission. Just months later, she underwent brain cancer surgery. While in a second remission, Nancy completed two triathlons and a 5k race. Only weeks later, her doctors operated again. The surgery was unsuccessful and she passed quietly in December 2009.

Please visit www.runningforourlives.org for more information. **Lisa Nowland Roccaro '84** lives in East Moriches, NY with her husband, Joe, and 12-year-old daughter, Isabel. Lisa graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a BA in English and now works half time at her local library. They had an unusually snowy winter, which reminded Lisa of her childhood in Maine. She comes to Blue Hill every summer and stays with her Dad, **Nicholas, Sr. '60**, and sees her brother, **Nicky '78** and his family. Lisa writes, "I miss a lot of things about Blue Hill; the sense of community, knowing almost everyone you meet, and always waving to everyone you pass on the street." **William Barker '86** is an account manager at Ellsworth Building Supplies and enjoys working for the company and its customers. He and his wife, **Michelle Veazie Barker '85**, are planning their first western Caribbean cruise this spring. They own a black Lab named "Bella" who loves to chase tennis balls. William has recently become involved with grass roots activism and has been elected to represent Hancock County Republicans at State Committee. After graduating from GSA, **David Rankin '88** moved to Philadelphia and attended the University of the Arts, graduating in 1994 with a BFA in Illustration. He taught there for eight years and hopes to return someday. Along with continuing to work as an illustrator and artist, he runs a skateboard company that he started in 2010 called Effigy Skateboards. He does all of the artwork for Effigy's skate decks, tee shirts, stickers and magazine ads. Below is a

sample of David's work. To see more, visit <http://www.affigyskateboards.com/>



1990s

Ronnelle Johnson Miller '90 just earned a degree in flower arranging and she and her husband took advantage of a new opportunity. They now own an Unfranchise Business that teaches people how to shop online and get cash back. Also, Ronnie's son will be graduating from middle school this year. He took 3rd place in this year's cross-country championship, and he also runs track. Ronnie is very proud and is looking forward to watching him run in high school next year. <http://www.marketamerica.com/ronnieandgeorge>
Karina Chase Dailey '96 (below) lives in Jericho, Vermont with her husband, Billy, son, Liam, two dogs, one horse, and two seasonal pigs. She works as an environmental scientist for the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District. When they're not working they're playing in the mountains or streams, skiing, hiking, fishing, hunting, and horseback riding.



Lucas Allen '98 and **Chrissy Beardasley Allen '98** celebrated the arrival of their daughter Adeline Louise on tax day last year! They are both happily busy with Adie Lou and their work at Arborvine Restaurant in Blue Hill. They both have been helping with the newest project in the

restaurant—turning the Vinery into Blue Hill's first brewpub: Deep Water Brewing Co. They will have been married 5 years this July and are so happy to be raising Adie Lou (below) in Blue Hill, close to their families.



2000s

Alexandra Hemmerly-Brown Hays '02 has just recently relocated to Georgia. Since her deployment, she finished her bachelor's degree, got a job in the federal government working as a photojournalist for Army News Service and just got married on New Year's Day to Nathaniel Hays, Jr., who's also in the Army. She is now a Staff Sergeant in the Army Reserves and plans to continue working for the government while owning her own photography business. <http://www.alexandrahaysphotography.com>

Jonathan Jones '02 and **Heather Young Jones '03** were married in 2006. They had a daughter, Julianna, in May of 2007 and are expecting another daughter, Lillian, in June. Heather is a stay-at-home mom and Jonathan works as a carpenter for M.S. Freedman & Co. in Brooksville. As a graduate student at Lesley University, **Katie Adams Cooper '05** is researching the root causes of global poverty and long-term solutions, and plans to partner with non-profit organizations that work to make schools and education a primary means of combating poverty in Latin America, especially Bolivia, where Katie has spent some time and hopes to soon return.

Taylor Gray '08 is attending Suffolk University in Boston for his junior and senior years and was on the Dean's list for this past semester. He is studying psychology and biology and is planning to apply to graduate and medical schools after graduating in hopes of becoming a psychiatrist. **Taylor Hodgkin '08** is currently in the second year of a two-year Culinary Arts program at Johnson & Wales University in Providence, Rhode Island. After completing this program, he will go on to the four-year program for a bachelor's degree. Among other projects, Taylor and two other students created an eagle ice

sculpture, which was selected to stand in an entryway during student orientation. **Dylan Howard '09** is continuing his work with The Image Gazer Film Festival, which will be traveling throughout DownEast Maine from June 16th-19th. <http://dylanhowardfilmlife.me>

Below: Taylor Hodgkin '08 and two fellow classmates design the ice eagle; Taylor carves it; the proud result.



Spring Annual Fund Appeal

The 2010-2011 Annual Fund goal is \$255,000, and with less than two months to go until June 30th, we need your help! All the student activities and opportunities you've read about in these pages, both academic and extracurricular, are supported by Annual Fund dollars.

Please make a gift today by clicking [here](#):

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Our Goal:	\$255,000
Current Total:	\$142,550
THE ANNUAL FUND <i>as of April 30th, 2011</i>	
\$142	July
\$833	August
\$16,184	September
\$18,986	October
\$36,269	November
\$91,912	December
\$101,280	January
\$130,368	February
\$140,095	March
\$142,550	April
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	June

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