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From the Head of School

At GSA, we depend on our close community relationships to prepare our students for their futures. When we expand real-world learning opportunities and schoolcommunity partnerships, we create tangible, memorable connections between our students and the people and institutions in our towns to everyone's benefit.

We build these connections through our Independent Study and Internship Program, by taking students on field trips, and by bringing local experts to campus. In October, we convened a panel of area business owners and employees, mostly GSA alumni, to talk about their career paths to tenth- and eleventh-graders, the opportunities available in their fields, and how our students might embark on their own career journeys. The goal of the program was not only to show students that they don't have to leave Maine to make a good living, raise a family, and build a life, but also to connect them with people who can help.

Government reports suggest that the population of Hancock County will grow in the near future. To keep our communities vibrant, we need more young people to stick around. Educating them on local job prospects is one way to encourage them to do just that. Such a program would not have been possible without the support of so many, whom we list here in our Annual Report. We thank you for your generosity.

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Our Mission

George Stevens Academy is a town academy on the coast of Maine. Founded in 1852, we are the high school for nearly all students from the seven towns in our rural community. We also enroll private-pay day and boarding students from around the world. Our students' interests, talents, and aspirations reflect the diversity of the communities from which they come.

GSA provides a comprehensive and challenging education for all students, for those who will build futures in surrounding communities and for those who will make lives elsewhere in the world. Our many academic and experiential programs foster a love of knowledge, inspire creativity, instill selfconfidence, encourage good character, and prepare each graduate for a purposeful life in a changing world.

Our Vision

We will be a vibrant learning community that proudly reflects the diversity of students from our surrounding towns, as well as those from elsewhere in the world, enabling them to thrive now and in the future.

We will provide all GSA students with an education that helps them pursue whatever jobs and career paths they choose, so that when they succeed, they and their communities will be the better for it.

We recognize that a GSA education is not just a matter of cultivating intellectual and creative strengths but also requires caring for students' physical and emotional needs. Everything we do will be stamped with this conviction.

We will be seen as a community resource, in the belief that schools and their communities make each other stronger. We will expand school-community partnerships and real-world learning opportunities that engage students and community members in shared activities and projects for the benefit of both.

We will have a safe, attractive, functional, and cost-efficient facility that supports our current programing well and has the flexibility to adapt to changing needs in the future.

We will be financially sustainable, with the resources we need to maintain GSA's facilities and provide for every GSA student's needs. We will grow our endowment, meet more ambitious annual GSA Fund goals, and benefit from the support of sending towns that recognize the indispensable value of a strong high school in their community.

Our mission says broadly who we are and what we do. Our vision sets out our bold goals for the future. We are well on our way to accomplishing some of these. Others will take longer. All are attainable with community support. Our mission and vision were approved by the Board of Trustees on April 25, 2019.

Matters is a publication of the Development Office.

In these pages, we share news about our town academy, the great things that happen here, and our alumni.

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Did you notice that "Currents" is no longer the name of our fall magazine? After choosing to include news about our school, students, and alumni in every issue we publish, we decided to call every issue "Matters" because, well, we believe GSA matters all year. Our fall issue will always include our annual report, which is mentioned in that issue's subtitle on the cover.



In the commencement section of the summer issue of GSA Matters, Dakota Gillen, left, is incorrectly identified as Ben Parker, right, in a photo showing Dakota with a tribute to Big Grampa on his graduation cap. We apologize for the error.





From left, EEOL students Kayla Bond '20, Erika Hipsky '20, Fiona Guinness '21, and Tom Mount-Miller '20 take direction from teacher Dan Kane after the launch of Eagle 1 in October. PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BROOKS

Outdoor Leadership Class Launches Skiff

Avid outdoorsman Dan Kane grew up enjoying the abundant natural resources of the Blue Hill Peninsula and other parts of Maine. But in the mid-2000s, GSA's physical education teacher realized that far too few young people were aware of all the outdoor recreation activities available to them right on their doorstep.

With the help of former Dean of Students Bags Brokaw, Kane set about to create a course, Experiential Education and Outdoor Leadership, that would give students "a positive exposure to lifelong outdoor activities and a chance to feel what it's like to be responsible for a group and lead a difficult activity ... and a chance to learn from their successes and failures," Kane said recently in an email.

"I knew the class could succeed, but wasn't sure how."



Students from Dan Kane's EEOL class and Megan Flenniken's Maine Environment class on an interdisciplinary field trip to Babson Island off Naskeag Point in September. PHOTO COURTESY OF DAN KANE

A ST. AYLES SKIFF

Several years after the first EEOL class ran, GSA was presented with an opportunity to participate in a special boatbuilding program created by WoodenBoat magazine and Hewes & Company to encourage high school students to learn about this traditional coastal Maine vocation. Boatbuilding has long been an important part of Maine's economy, and even today, Hancock County boat yards struggle to find enough employees.

One semester each academic year, Tim Farrar, GSA's industrial arts teacher at the time, led students in construction of the In the beginning, the teacher and students experimented to see which activities would work well with limited facilities and little equipment, even selling 50-50 raffle tickets at basketball games to use for the class, something they still do.

As the supply of equipment and resources available to Kane grew, so did the variety of lessons, including orienteering, campfire building and cooking, tree identification, snowshoeing, casting fly rods, baitcast rods, and spinning rods, and more.

Kane said students love field trips, such as a September trip with Megan Flenniken's Maine Environment class to Babson Island. Other recent trips have included canoeing, ice and open-water fishing, hikes, island exploring, team building and high-rope adventures, and leadership activities with area eighth-graders.



Caleb Jackson of Maine Coast Heritage Trust, which owns Babson Island, addresses Maine Environment students. PHOTO COURTESY OF MEGAN FLENNIKEN

St. Ayles skiff kit built by Hewes & Company for the program. When Farrar retired in 2015, there were no clear plans to finish the boat.

That changed last year when Head of School Tim Seeley asked Kane if he would be interested in finishing the project. Kane worked in earnest on the boat last summer, particularly on rainy days when it wasn't so pleasant to be outside. Though the skiff made its public debut at the Blue Hill Maritime Heritage Festival in August, it wasn't until Kane's wife, Amie, applied the vessel's name, Eagle 1, to the bow that it was ready.



EEOL student Erika Hipsky '20 christens Eagle 1 as fellow student Keishin Sadava '20 and teacher Dan Kane look on. PHOTO COURTESY OF JOHN BROOKS

And so, on October 20, Dan Kane and nine EEOL students made their way to the Blue Hill Town Dock, where a small group of faculty, administrators, and friends were waiting. After a few



Students look on as Eagle 1 is inspected for leaks. The only liquid found inside was apple cider, no longer sparkling.

words from Kane and Farrar, Erika Hipsky '20 christened the boat with sparkling cider, and it was backed into the water. After the launch, students took turns learning to row.

THE FUTURE

In addition to the use of Eagle 1 in his class, Kane hopes "other faculty leaders will ... find a way to use the boat." Our Ocean Studies, Maine Environment, and Marine Ecology courses could benefit from access to the water. Blue Hill Community Rowing also has a St. Ayles skiff, and if the group continues to grow, Kane said they could use the boat in the summer. As for expanding EEOL programming, Kane "would like to explore the possibility of mountain biking and maybe ... do an overnight trip utilizing The Maine Huts and Trails" network.

Thank you, Dan Kane, for all you do to strengthen our programming and enrich the lives of our students.

Why the ceremony?

The launch of Eagle 1 honored the long history of building and launching boats right here in Blue Hill Bay. Look for more launches in the future, as our current boatbuilding course, taught by master boatbuilder John Brooks and supported by a grant from the Charles Wentz Carter Memorial Foundation, builds a new skiff and completes the "fit and finish" of one they built last year.

Part of GSA's mission is to prepare students for their futures, whether they make them in our local communities or elsewhere in the world. Courses like Experiential Education and Outdoor Leadership, Maine Environment, and Boatbuilding do just that by preparing students for traditional careers on the coast, but also by building students' confidence and leadership skills, both of which will serve them well in any career.



EEOL teacher Dan Kane and students Simon Huang '20, Holly Ibarguen '21, John Bakeman II '20, and Aidan Stearns '20 get some help from master boatbuilder John Brooks, teacher of GSA's current boatbuilding course.

State of the Arts

THESPIANS TAKE DRAMATIC TURN

The GSA Thespians performed "The Laramie Project" in the gym in November. The drama presents the townspeople's own words, drawn from interviews, the news, and journal entries, following the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay student at the University of Wyoming. They spoke of love, hope, anger, confusion, hatred, suspicion, redemption, and so much more.

Director Matt Jurick said the show "speaks to our kids and community in a way that we haven't attempted before, and it's moving and powerful." It was indeed. Well done.



From left, Emma Snow '22, Fiona Guiness '21, and Silas Murnik '20 speak the words of the people of Laramie.

STUDIO-BASED WORKSHOPS ENRICH ARTS

Twenty-six GSA students traveled to the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts to take part in what has become a rite of passage of sorts for those interested in the visual arts.

With art teacher Mariel Duym as chaperone, students explored their creativity in three days of wood, metal, book arts, blacksmithing, clay,

and fiber workshops run by professional artists.

These studio-based learning opportunities allow students to explore their creativity and prepare for possible careers in Maine's robust creative economy.



From left, Rayven Chatto '21 in the wood workshop, Cassidy Carlson '20 and Wanda Gould '20 in the metals workshop, and lan Howell '20 in the fiber workshop.

JAZZ BAND KEEPS CROWD GROOVING

The GSA Jazz Band opened its 26th performance at the fair with "Billie Jean," then moved on to the rest of the set list, which included a popular medley of K.C. and the Sunshine Band hits, "Valero," the Average White Band's hit song "Pick up the Pieces," and more.

The annual concert enriches the local community and enhances our reputation for arts excellence. It is just one way that we celebrate and strengthen our connections to the people of the Blue Hill Peninsula.



The GSA Jazz Band performs for an audience of about 250 on the Grandstand Stage at the Blue Hill Fair under the direction of Steve Orlofsky.

From the Board Chair

One of the primary responsibilities of a board of trustees is to ensure the financial stability of the institution. This fall, the GSA Board of Trustees is doing just that by working on a financial strategic plan and a strategic plan for our boarding program, overseeing the operating budget, and participating actively in fundraising.

Our budget is driven by our mission to provide "a comprehensive and challenging education for all students." Tuition from our towns and income from our endowment are two ways we pay for "our many academic and experiential programs."

Another revenue source is boarding program surplus. The boarding program was started in 2005 to bring geographic and cultural diversity to GSA. It was designed to pay for itself and to generate surplus revenue, which it has done every year. This year, there is added diversity in the program, with 15 countries represented at GSA.

The GSA Fund is the final revenue source we depend on to achieve our mission. All the money raised goes straight to the operating budget, benefitting students directly. The GSA Fund helps us bridge the gap between the amount towns pay and the actual cost of educating a student at George Stevens Academy at the level our communities expect and our students deserve.

The trustees are committed to The GSA Fund and consistently give at 100% participation. As a board, we are extremely grateful to our alumni, faculty and staff, parents, and friends of the school who give and help us continue to grow The GSA Fund. We honor their commitment to our students and GSA by presenting our 2018-19 Annual Report.

To be in the best position possible to serve the school, we continually recruit new trustees who will act as missioncentered board members or bring a particular skill set and diversity to the board. This fall, we were thrilled to welcome two new trustees, Bill Case and Sally Chadbourne.

Bill Case is a retired social studies teacher at GSA. Although he does not officially represent the faculty, Bill brings a unique perspective and a deep understanding of the curriculum, the students, and the daily life of the school. Sally Chadbourne has two children at GSA and lives in Castine. She has worked with many local nonprofits, including the Shaw Institute and the Castine Historical Society. Sally currently works part-time at Maine Maritime Academy's Center for Student Success and is excited to bring her vast array of skills and knowledge to GSA.

As a board, we are committed to the mission of the school as well as to our fiscal responsibilities. We are honored to serve the students and the institution and are extremely grateful to our alumni and community for supporting us.

Sincerely,

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The Academy Building, left, opened its doors to students in 1898. Within it were large lecture spaces, not the smaller classrooms and offices it now houses. The Academy House, right, was originally home to George Stevens and family. Charles F. Cutts was the first headmaster to live there, one of many to call the house a home even as recently as the early 2000s.

NEW LEADERSHIP SOCIETY ESTABLISHED

In 1852, George Stevens, a Blue Hill shipbuilder, willed his home and land for the purpose of building a new school. It took several decades for George's plan to be realized, but in 1898, George Stevens Academy opened its doors. The campus's first two buildings — the Academy House, which was George's residence, and a newly constructed Academy Building — still stand today, reminders of George's vision for education in the community.

To recognize our leading stakeholders whose longstanding support we value deeply, we have created a new giving society named for that landmark year when GSA's Academy Building opened. The 1898 Society honors George's enduring legacy and those donors who commit to support GSA with annual leadership gifts to The GSA Fund of \$1,000 or more. Members of this society understand that their gifts are an investment in an exceptional secondary education and thus choose to prioritize GSA in their philanthropy. The 1898 Society brings together generations of donors — alumni, parents, and friends — to support virtually every aspect of academic and student life.

We are pleased to invite you to become a member of The 1898 Society. A convenient way to become one of GSA's philanthropic leaders is by pledging an 1898 Society-level gift through monthly or quarterly payments with your debit or credit card. To take advantage of this donor platform, visit georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift and select "Make this a Monthly Gift." You will then be given the option to select the amount and frequency of your gift payments.

If you have questions about giving to GSA or joining The 1898 Society, please contact Rada Starkey at 207-374-2800 or r.starkey@georgestevens.org.

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Our endowed funds produce income every year and directly support programs and services that enhance the experiences of students and alumni, as well as faculty development.

Having resources dedicated to professional development allows our faculty and staff to participate in training to enable them do their jobs better. In addition to conferences hosted by the Maine Principals' Association, the Foreign Language Association of Maine, the Maine Association of Health, Physical Education, Recreation, and Dance, the Independent Schools Association of Northern New England, the Maine School of Law Summer Institute, and the Aim High Conference for independent school communications professionals, faculty and staff members took part in training on behavioral safety and digital fabrication, as well as a wilderness course. Nearly every school employee participated in at least one of these employee training opportunities.

Helping Hands

2018-19 GSA FUND VOLUNTEERS

GSA is a better school because of our many volunteers, whether they help out at performances and athletic events, or share their wisdom on committees.

Here, we honor those who reached out to generate enthusiasm (and gifts!) for The GSA Fund, which supports virtually every aspect of academic and student life at GSA in the year donations are made.

Many thanks to you and everyone else who lent a helping hand!

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If you share our passion for education and would like to help with outreach for The GSA Fund, please contact Karen Brace at (207) 374-2800 or k.brace@georgestevens.org.



Jeffrey Allen '79, GSA Fund volunteer and trustee, and Ray Merrill '71 are all smiles on Giving Day 2019.



Sally Chadbourne, GSA parent and now a trustee, visits campus on Giving Day to donate to The GSA Fund.

2018-19 CLASS AGENTS

Class agents are liaisons between their graduating classes and the Development Office. They help with class correspondence, news, updates, reunion organizing, and generating support for The GSA Fund.

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Margie Gray '81 gets a Giving Day hug from sister and Assistant Head of School Libby Rosemeier '77.

Remembering and Honoring Katrina Parson, Former Trustee



I am honored that Wendie asked me to talk about her mom's life in this community. Although our paths crossed in myriad and instructive ways, many of you knew Trina as well or much better than I. She had invaluable experience to share about so much that was helpful to me. You see, the Katrina that I knew best was deeply committed to her adopted community. She didn't come here to escape, she came here get involved. She was an endlessly generous communitarian.

The span of her life in which I knew her was spent supporting people and the organizations that served them. As the program suggests she did this professionally before she moved to Maine, and as a tireless volunteer after that move. When she moved to Brooklin in 1990 she jumped into the community with both feet. She gave her time, her expertise, and her financial support to our hospitals, both Blue Hill Memorial and Eastern Maine Health Care Systems and it's all-important Cancer Care center; to Downeast Horizons, an organization founded in 1971 and dedicated to supporting children and adults with disabilities; to Blue Hill Heritage Trust, a leader in land preservation on the Peninsula; Colloguy Downeast, formed in 2000 to provide an on-going forum for learning and thoughtful discussion on a wide range of topics; to 40/15 Tennis of which she was a founding member; and to a favorite project of mine, George Stevens Academy.

It was thanks to George Stevens Academy and our time together there that I began to get a sense for Trina's immense generosity of spirit, and where I was the lucky recipient of her wisdom and experience with board leadership, and development. I knew nothing of fundraising, and quaked in my shoes at the very thought of such an undertaking. Trina basically said, "Aw, come on, Deborah, not rocket science," and so began many powerfully helpful cheerleading

The Board of Trustees named Katrina Parson its first honorary trustee in 2018. During her years on the board, Katrina chaired a project committee to develop a master plan for GSA's campus and co-chaired a facilities task force, which developed a topographic study of the land GSA owns behind the Blue Hill Consolidated School. Katrina's fundraising experience and counsel were invaluable to GSA over the years. She served as a leader of our Campaign Steering Committee and Development Committee. A plaque with Katrina's photograph hangs at GSA as our way of remembering and honoring her.

Below is a tribute to Katrina given by former parent and trustee Deborah Brewster at Katrina's celebration of life on Saturday, Sept. 21.

conversations over lunches together at the Morning Moon Café in Brooklin or Marlintini's in Blue Hill. She had a gift for making the seemingly impossible possible. She held nothing back in sharing her wit and wisdom.

The commitment she directed toward organizations extended to or, perhaps more accurately, was an extension of her commitment to her friends. Her friendships meant the world to her and she made certain her friends knew their value in her life. Her daily interactions with people often grew into lasting, deep, friendships: the people she exercised with, healthcare professionals, the people she made music with, gardened with, sailed with, her caretakers, all benefitted from true friendship with Trina.

It was easy to be Trina's friend because she had the magical ability to know how to receive as graciously as she gave. She gave friendship and received friendship with equal fervor and equal appreciation. She wanted deep connection, she wanted challenge, she wanted to make her community, and the world, a better place. What better way to start than in your personal relationships.

I had the pleasure of attending the Maine Women's Conference in Portland earlier this week and heard many wise words from women of all ages and life experiences. But one of the things I heard reminded me so much of my experience with Trina that I am going to wrap up by sharing it with you. These words from the chief executive officer of Girl Scout of Maine: "I constantly work on these skills: listening, empathy, mentoring, awareness, foresight, stewardship, commitment to growth of people, and building community." Well, Trina must have worked at these skills as well because she had perfected them. She left us better off than she found us. Thank you, Trina: friend, mentor, communitarian.

REUNION NEWS

Several GSA classes, ranging from 1953 to 1979, held reunions this summer. The events drew alumni from as far away as North Carolina, Oklahoma, Washington, Florida, and Colorado, who travelled to Maine to reconnect with classmates and join the fun.



Alumni from '53, '54, and '55 gathered in August. Attendees from the Class of '53 included Ferol Bisset Candage, Raymond Cousins, Evelyn Carter Hardie, Rene LeBourhis, and Katherine Keefe Smith. From the Class of '54: Paul Allen, Joyce Owens Hopkins, Phyllis Leighton Pemberton, Jackie Smith, Donald Varnum, David Webb. From the Class of '55: Janet Cousins Allen, Lois Allen, Kenneth Flannery, Rhoda Ferguson Grant, George Hooper.



Thirty classmates attended the Class of 1969's 50th reunion, along with 14 guests and two teachers. Front, from left, Sharon Emerton Holden, Patricia Saunders Stover, Allen Cole, Elizabeth Poole Lancaster; second row, from left, Kathleen Staples McCue, Sylvia Tapley, Judy Allen, Sandra Nevells Gray; third row, from left, Carla Hutchins, Patricia Leach Astbury, Janice Leach McKay, Bonnie Astbury Paulas, Deborah Orcutt Brown, Louise Sylvester Holyoke; back, from left Philip Wessel, Kerry Horton, Carlton Gray, Gerald Blodgett, Barry Closson, Kathy McClure, Roger House, Joyce Remson Carter, Patricia Grindell Duchette. Not pictured, but attended: Belinda Lang O'Brien, Norris Wessel, John Hutchins, Jane Allen Mann, Bernice Bartlett DeBlois, Joyce Gracie, Jinnie Peasley Perkins.

NEW FACES AT GSA

Every year, new faculty and staff join the GSA community, bringing with them new energy and ideas about how best to accomplish our mission to help prepare students to build their futures, whether on the Blue Hill Peninsula or elsewhere in the world.

Some of them posed in August with the iconic Clark Fitz-Gerald sculpture on the front lawn. They are, from left, college and career counselor Peter Goss, math teacher Jaime Torre, social studies teacher Kate Kennedy '99, science teacher Steve Whitney, science teacher Emma Baker, and ed tech Sarah Carter.

Not pictured are kitchen staff Matt Billings '19, GSA Fund Director Karen Brace, custodian Jim Monaghan, ed tech Juli Perry, dorm parent Maple Pollock, and HCTC driver Rian Rosenthal.



Thanks to Jan Woods Crofoot for gathering her 1959 classmates for their 60th reunion! Front, from left, Sylvia C. Wardwell, Linda M. Kalvish, Horace Wardwell, and guest Janet H. Westcott; second row, from left, Sandy B. Hill, G. Eckley Herrick, Thelma A. Astbury; third row, from left, Ann W. McGraw, Jan Woods Crowfoot, Terry Gray; back, from left, Stanley Keefe, Ron Hutchins, Charlie Ferden.



Deb Ludlow reports a great turnout for the Class of '79's 40th reunion. Pictured here, from left, are Ben Gross, Kent Lawson, Jeff Allen, Tom Gray, Basil Bowden, and Jen Schroth.

If you have information about a reunion being planned, contact Karen Brace at k.brace@georgestevens.org.



Fall Sports Highlights

GSA's athletic programs help our students improve their physical and mental fitness while having fun, but they also unite our communities in support of our teams and our school.

Many thanks to the families, fans, coaches, and community members who cheer on our students as they strive for excellence in athletics and in life.

Congratulations to all our Eagles on their hard work and achievements on the courts, fields, and courses this fall!



Our girls' varsity cross-country team after the Class C North meet

Our girls' varsity cross-country team finished fifth at the Class C North meet. Thea Crowley '23 is the Class C North champion and finished second at the State Championship.

PVC Runner of the Year: Thea Crowley '23

All PVC First Team: Thea Crowley '23

All PVC Second Team: Grace Broughton '21, Josie Czuj '21

CROSS COUNTRY



Our boys' varsity cross-country team after the Class C North meet

Our boys' varsity cross-country team took home the Class C North runners-up plaque and finished third in the State Championship meet. Sol Lorio '23 finished eighth at states. All PVC First Team: Sol Lorio '23, Clark Morrison '22 All PVC Second Team: Caden Mattson '20, Ian Renwick '21 PVC Honorable Mention: Andrew Hipsky '23



Our 2019 golf team



Tony Politano '21 driving at the Blue Hill Country Club.

Our golf team was undefeated in the regular season and qualified for the team State Championship. Tony Politano '21 qualified for the individual State Championship.

PVC First Team: Tony Politano '21, Robbie Bennett '23

PVC Class C Coaches of the Year: Dwayne Carter '80 and Ebb Walton '08



Our boys' varsity soccer team

Our boys' varsity soccer team finished the regular season in fourth place and took home the Class C North runners-up plaque.

All PVC First Team: Andrew Zefanya '20

All PVC Second Team: Parker Allen '20, Owen Vinall '20

All PVC Third Team: Nate Mason '20, Austin Snow '20

Senior All-Star Team: Nate Mason '20, Austin Snow '20, Andrew Zefanya '20

PVC Class C Coach of the Year: Mark Ensworth '05



Our girls' varsity soccer team

Our young girls' varsity soccer team showed a lot of improvement over the course of the season, making a run at a tournament slot, but finished a few points out.

All PVC Second Team: Vanessa Sherwood '20

All PVC Third Team: Silas Murnik '20

Northern Maine Senior All-Star Team: Vanessa Sherwood '20





Our girls' varsity volleyball team

Fans cheer during the volleyball White Out Night.

Our volleyball team finished the season in second place with a regular-season record of 13-3, advancing to the Class C State semifinals.

PVC First Team Class B/C: Sophia Biggie-Jennings '22, Evelyn Dagan '22

Honorable Mention Class B/C: Erika Hipsky '20

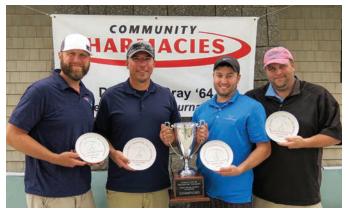
Senior Showcase Team: Erika Hipsky '20

Coaches of the Year: Bonnie Marckoon and Aleta Schmidt

Golfer and Donor Support Sets Records

Eighty-eight GSA alumni, students, parents, faculty, and friends took part in the seventh annual Duane B. Gray '64 Memorial Golf Tournament at the Blue Hill Country Club on Sunday, Sept 8.

The tournament honors the late Duane B. Gray '64, who was an avid golfer and pharmacist at Community Pharmacy of Blue Hill, lead sponsor of the event. Duane Gray's nephew Tom Gray '79 represented Community Pharmacy at the tournament, which raised money for The GSA Fund to provide essential support for all areas of school life.



The morning champions, from left, Eric Hitchins, Chris Pickering '97, Ryan Welch, and Erik Fitch '99.

A volunteer committee led by GSA golf coach and club manager Dwayne Carter '80 and GSA Trustee and Development Committee Chair Phyllis Taylor organized the tournament, which was supported by hole sponsorships and other contributions from 68 local businesses, a record number, including hole-in-one sponsors Darling's and Stanley Scooters.

Thank you to our lead sponsor, Community Pharmacies, and to all our golfers, sponsors, contributors, and volunteers. Without your help, we could not have raised a record \$14,275 for The GSA Fund!



Tom Gray '79, left, with three members of the afternoon champion team, John Bakeman '20, Dave De Heras, and Nick De Heras. Not pictured, Rick Littlefield.

Thank you to all the golfers who came out to support GSA and have fun on the links!

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Welcome to the GSA community!

In September, nearly 100 new students came to our ninth-grade orientation to get to know our campus, us, and each other.

The next day, we held our first-ever all-school orientation. Head of School Tim Seeley sang to us. Retired teacher and nowtrustee Bill Case talked about how GSA students have more freedoms than students at many public schools and how well we handle those freedoms. Dean of Students Todd Eckenfelder brought returning students onto the gym floor to meet the new members of our community in person. There were special activities and advisory sessions.

All in all, the orientation did just what we hoped it would: it set a positive, welcoming tone for the new school year.

It also introduced our statement of community, which says what kind of community we aspire to be, one where even if we don't share the same opinions, we can agree to get along with respect and empathy.



OUR STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY

George Stevens Academy is dedicated to providing a safe, equitable environment for all community members, one free from discrimination and all forms of bullying and harassment. We strive to create programs and services which result in an environment that welcomes and celebrates every member of our community, provides opportunities for all to contribute, and provides for the civil rights of all.