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On the cover: **Shannon Larkin** '13 sketches designs in Katie Greene's *Book Arts* course. Photo by **Lilian Thorpe** '09.

As a first year Head of School, it is rare when something happens around my new campus and I know what it is about and everyone else in the room does not. For a brief five seconds I basked in the knowing of what others did not know. . . and then continued to enjoy its meaning after explaining to two trustees with decades of GSA experience what the pealing bell was telling us.

The bell in the belfry was ringing—loud and clear and proud. Thanks to a gift from the Class of 2011, the school's old bell—silent for years—had been repaired and restored. And thanks to Marie Epply, we have created a new purpose for that venerable bell: that every senior who completes senior debates will let the community know by ringing it for all to hear.

If we cannot call this a tradition yet, it will be soon, very soon.

We have been ringing bells for thousands of years and each time the ringing signals a passage and a commencement. In this case, seniors announce to the community that they have completed one of several key rites of passage, that they have mastered a very specific view on a controversial topic, researched it extensively, drafted and edited and published a paper on their topic, and—finally—debated their topic publicly, in front of classmates, teachers, family members, spectators and interested parties.

Ask GSA alums from the last twenty graduating classes—"What did you debate as a senior?" They will respond at once, with the clarity of an event that happened yesterday. Senior debate is a richly textured learning experience, and students know that, when it is over, they have done something of great significance and they are, in some way, different.

And that is what the bell told.

Paul B. Perkinson

For more about senior debates, see page 10.

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*



AN EAGLE'S EYE

- Junior wrestler **Jordan Lord** notched his 100th win at the Penobscot Valley Conference tournament held on February 4th, at Mattanawcook Academy in Lincoln.
- **Dan Kane** has been selected by the National Federation of High School (NFHS) Coaches Association to receive the Maine State 2011 *Coach of the Year Award* for baseball.
- On February 15th senior **Makaela Reinke** competed in the Maine Arts Commission's Northern Regional "Poetry Out Loud" contest held at The Grand Theater. Makaela was one of five finalists selected, judged for accuracy, physical presence and other criteria during three rounds. She recited Arnold's "Dover Beach," Moore's "Poetry" and Dunbar's "We Wear The Mask." She will be competing on March 23rd in the Maine State Champion finals at Bates College in Lewiston on Friday, March 23rd from 2:00 until 4:00. Watch the finals live on MPBN television, or hear the recording on MPBN Radio Monday, March 26th from 8:00 until 10:00 pm.
- Twelve of **Jennifer Trowbridge's** dance students will travel to Brooksville on March 21st to perform for students at Brooksville Elementary School.
- **GSA's Chess Team** participated in the Maine State Chess Meet on Saturday, March 3rd, at the University of Maine, Orono: *freshman* **Caroline Bull**; *sophomores* **Johnson Chen**, **Devon Oppedisano**, **Terry Tian**, **Leo Yuan**, **Kyle Zhou**; *junior* **Alex Speranza**; and *senior* **Willion Cheng**. Nine schools were represented in the Championship division. GSA tied for 3rd place with Bangor High School and John Bapst High School, just behind Deer Isle-Stonington (2nd) and Cape Elizabeth (1st). Willion Cheng was awarded a trophy for most points earned in the High School Novice section. Johnson Chen was awarded a trophy for the most points earned for unrated players. Johnson also earned enough points to qualify for free registration to the State Individual Meet which will be held Saturday, March 17th, in Orono. The Chess Team is advised by Math teacher **Kathleen Knight**.
- Students in **Carol Bennatti's** *Exploring Earth Systems Honors* will be participating in the Maine State Science Fair. The Science Fair will be held at The Jackson Laboratory on March 24th. Students will present more than a dozen projects, including "Color and its Effect on Appetite," "The Healthy Mouse," "The Yawn Instinct," "Penguin Size versus Latitude," and "Microplastics in Blue Hill Bay."
- Twenty GSA students performed in the **Downeast Honors Music Festival** on Friday, January 27th in Brewer: *freshmen* **Baxter Forrest**, **Rowan LeVangie Thomas**; *sophomores* **Andre Reiner**, **Amy Bolton**, **Chelsey Staples**, **Brionna Blodgett**, **Clover Slagle**; *juniors* **Nate Cole**, **Mackenzie Tefft**, **E Zhang**, **Peter Howell**, **So Young Ihm**, **Sara Tallent**; *seniors* **Nicole Bakeman**, **Hannah Billings**, **Ben Olivari**, **Meredith Olivari**, **Vivian Tian**, **Makaela Reinke**, **Kara van Emmerik**.
- The Community Action Group organized a clothing drive for the TurnStyle Thrift store. CAG advisor and Librarian **Erich Reed** writes, "The total donation from GSA tipped the scales at 553 pounds of clothing, delivered in two truckloads! Special thanks to **Sue Jellison**, **Erin McCormick**, **Marie Epply**, and **David Stearns** for helping collect donations, and **Chef Hand** for a promised winners' meal. Leading the donations was senior **Ashley Keefe**, who brought in twelve bags!"
- **Señora Buckingham's** *Spanish II Honors* students traveled to Sedgwick Elementary School on Thursday, February 9th, to teach second graders a Spanish lesson.



Guest Rooms

Maine Writers: Elizabeth Peavey



On January 5th Portland-based author **Elizabeth Peavey** was a guest speaker in **Mike Kazmierczak**'s junior-senior elective course *Maine Writers*. Peavey spoke about her newly published book, *Glorious Slow Going: Maine Stories of Art, Adventure and Friendship*.

Peavey is a contributing editor to *Down East* magazine, and has written for numerous other publications, including Yankee's *Travel Guide to New England, Maine Boats & Harbors*, and *Odyssey Travel*. She wrote the chapter on Maine for Fodor's *Road Guide U.S.A.* and is a contributing essayist to the Maine Public Radio program *Maine Things Considered*. Her one-woman show, *My Mother's Clothes Are Not My Mother*, has been touring the state to sold-out audiences.

Elizabeth Peavey will be returning to GSA this summer as a speaker in the *2012 Summer Speaker Series*. Series dates will be announced later this spring.

Spanish IV: Nancy Crowe



The Camino de Santiago de Compostela is a collection of old pilgrimage routes throughout Europe ending at Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. For more than one-thousand years, Catholic pilgrims have walked along the Camino de Santiago.

Last October, **Nancy Crowe** and her husband, Tom Crowe, completed the famous "El Camino." On January 31, Nancy visited Señora Buckingham's *Spanish IV Honors* class to describe their experiences and to share photos with the students.

Nancy and Tom's three children attended GSA: daughter **Simone**, and sons **Sean** '03 and **Tom** '11.

Class time



Sophomore **Tyler Webber** is learning a lot about woodworking and loves **Tim Farrar's** *Wood II* class. Here Tyler cuts wood for a scissor chair he is making—to go along with a table and a paper-towel holder he finished earlier in the year. This semester Tim is also teaching *Residential Construction*, *Earthworks*, and a senior seminar in *Boatbuilding*.



Social Studies teacher **Bill Case** teaches his *Advanced Placement United States History* class seminar-style: in a discussion circle, much as students would experience in a college classroom. This year, Bill is also teaching *College Prep U.S. History* and four semester-length electives: *The Holocaust*, *Street Law*, *World War II to Vietnam*, and *Public Policy*. This is Bill's fourth year at GSA and fortieth year in the teaching profession!



Art teacher **Katie Greene** creates a vibrant and inspiring space for her art students to learn the elements of design and the principles of organization in *Art I* and *II*. In *Book Arts*—an emerging art form—students learn a variety of book structures, such as the Accordion, Tunnel, and Lotus, and incorporate the use of scanners, typography, computers and digital images. Other art courses this year include *Advanced Placement Art*, *Drawing*, *Studio Art*, and *Painting*.



Science teacher **Jackie Vachon's** *Fundamentals of Biology* students took advantage of the new Science Projects Room last quarter to reproduce garlic plants asexually. This quarter they are studying viruses and viral pathologies.

All That District VI Jazz!

GSA hosted the District VI High School Instrumental Jazz Festival on Wednesday, February 29th. In addition to GSA's own Jazz Band and four combos, jazz bands and combos from Ellsworth, Mount Desert Island, Deer-Isle/Stonington, Brewer, Calais, Shead (Eastport), and Washington Academy participated in the festival.

Music teacher Steve Orlofsky writes:

Congratulations to the members of the GSA Jazz Band and Combos for their terrific performances at GSA's District Jazz Festival—and an encore thank you to all of the students, parents, administration, faculty and staff who helped in hosting a fantastic jazz festival!

SH'BANG received a rating of II and a final score of 79. Receiving soloist awards were Sara Tallent, flute; Amy Bolton, vocals; Vivian Tian, vibes, and Finn McMahon-Allwine, piano.

KARMA received a II rating and a final score of 76.5. Receiving a soloist award was Kara van Emmerik, vocals.

5/4 received a rating of I and a final score of 86. Receiving soloist awards were Beck Brownlow, soprano sax; Edward Lameyer, guitar; Meredith Olivari, bass guitar; Peter Howell, trombone; Lorna Stephens, vocals, and Oliver Scott, piano.

INTREPID received a rating of I and a final score of 89. Receiving soloist awards were Ben Olivari, trumpet; Nicole Bakeman, tenor sax; Nicholas Steenberg, guitar; Lucy Jakub, vibes; David Reinke, piano; Grace Bugbee, bass guitar, and Gavin Rogers, drums.

GSA JAZZ BAND received a rating of I and a final score of 96.5. Receiving soloist awards were Ben Olivari, trumpet; Nicole Bakeman, soprano and tenor sax; Peter Howell, trombone; Nicholas Steenberg, guitar; Lucy Jakub, vibes; Oliver Scott, piano; Grace Bugbee, bass guitar.

The State Jazz Festival at MDI will be on Friday, March 16th for combos, and Saturday, March 17th for jazz bands.

Once again, thank you very much for your dedication, loyalty and desire to be excellent musicians!

Sincerely,
Mr. O

Right top: Kara van Emmerik '12 of KARMA received a soloist award.

Right bottom: The corridor outside Room 11 was transformed into the Jazz Café.

See the Ellsworth American's YouTube video of the event at <http://bit.ly/xWpyw3>.



A Facebook Moment

Just before Christmas, students from **Alden Colby's** *Introduction to Industrial Technology* class delivered a truckload of repaired and refurbished children's toys to the local food pantry, Tree of Life. For years, students have participated in "Santa through Technology" under the guidance of Mr. Colby—now celebrating his 50th year teaching!

In her letter of thanks, Tree of Life manager **Rusty Roberts** wrote,

"The smiles and tears of appreciation from parents and grandparents are worth the time you and your students spent fixing things."

A post on GSA's Facebook wall about "Santa Through Technology" went viral in late December: the item reached 31,787 people and created a significant spike of people who "like" our page.

If you haven't visited us already, please do at <http://on.fb.me/wVPdE2>.



Sophomore Jacob Weed and Alden Colby

2011 Fall Sports Roundup

Boys Varsity Soccer

Coach: Dan Kane

The boys team made it to the post-season with an upset win over Dexter late in the regular season. Unfortunately, Dexter didn't let that happen twice, eliminating the Eagles in the preliminary playoff round. Coach Dan Kane is looking ahead to 2012 with what he calls a "promising group of young players." Congratulations to graduating seniors **Adam Hatch, Ben Olivari, Ben Plohr** (pictured right), and **Schuyler Van der Eb**.

All-star awards went to Ben Olivari and Ben Plohr, who were both named to the PVC All Conference Class C First Team, and to Schuyler Van der Eb, PVC All Conference Class C Honorable Mention. Ben Olivari was also named the Eastern Maine Class C All-Star Team.



Girls Varsity Soccer

Coach: Steve Bemiss

Starting off well with a road win, the team had an "up and down" season, according to Coach Bemiss. They did make it to the preliminary round of the post-season, where they lost a very close game to Houlton (2-1) that could have gone either way, and exhibited the team at its best.

All three top scorers, **Charlotte Reiter '14, Abby Nowland '13, and Shannon Larkin '13** will be back next year, softening the loss of graduating seniors **Hannah Billings** (keeper), **Brenna Hutchinson** (defense), **Richelle Kane** (midfield), and **Maddie Theoharidis** (midfield).

All-star awards went to **Maddie Theoharidis '12** (pictured below), who was named to the PVC All Conference Class C Third Team. Maddie was also named to the Eastern Maine Class C All-Star Team.



Cross Country team wins Seacoast Invitational

Cross Country

Coach: Tim Farrar

All-star awards:

Girls First Team

Nicole Bakeman '12

Girls Second Team

Lakota Bowen '12

Amanda Moir '12

Ramsay Williamson '12

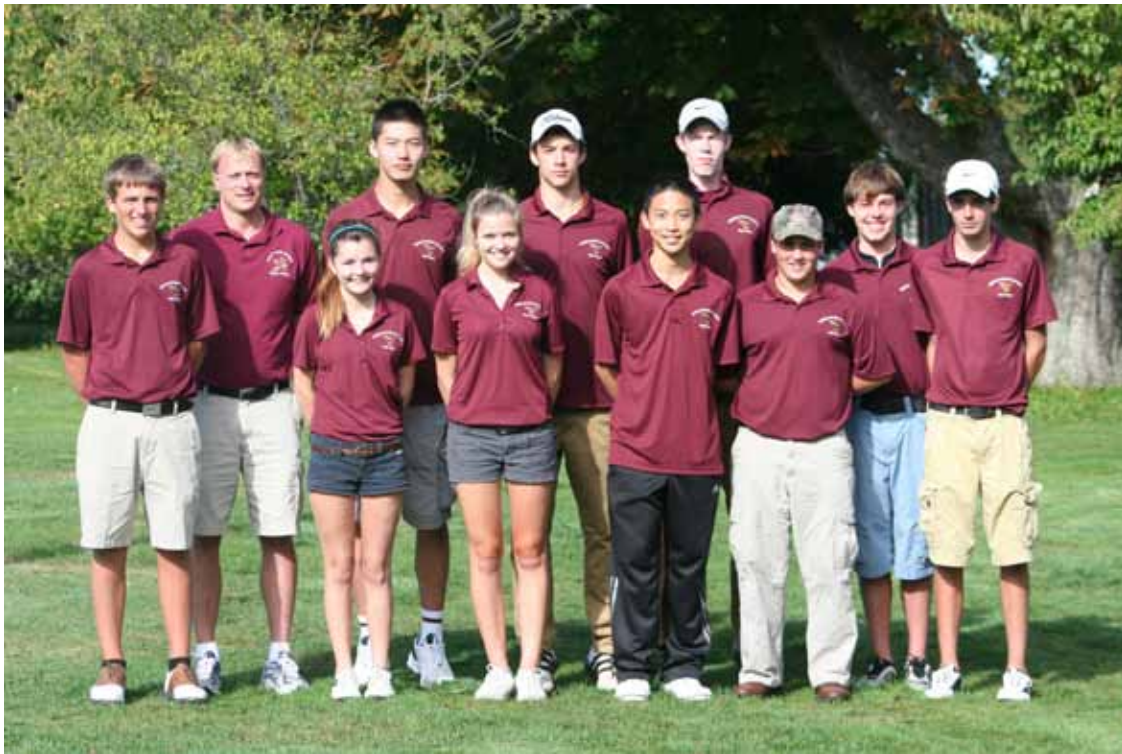
Madison Cole '15

Cedar Slagle '15

Boys First Team

River Plouffe Vogel '12

Highlights of the Cross Country Team's season include a 3rd place finish by the Girls team at the PVC Championship Meet in October. They went on to place 4th at the Eastern Maine Class C Championship Meet, qualifying them for the State meet, where they finished in 7th place in Class C. The Boys Team did not qualify for States, but three individual runners competed: **Kurt Shao '13, Gavin Rogers '13, and River Plouffe Vogel '12**, who finished in 6th place.



Varsity Golf

Coach: Dwayne Carter '80

The team enjoyed a successful season with an overall record of 5-3. Throughout the season, the team was comprised of different members, with each member playing in a match and contributing to the team effort. They won the South Division Class C Regional Championship, and thus represented the region in the PVC Championship. The five-member team competing in the post-season consisted of **Nick Dillon '12**, **Jasper Adam**

'13, **Alex Heilner '13**, **Brett Ingraham '13**, and **CJ Chen '15**. They placed third, missing the State Championships by just four strokes. Individually, **Jasper Adam '13** placed 10th for the combined Class B and C, and earned a spot in the State Individual Championships, where he placed 24th. Regular season medalists were CJ Chen with two medals, and Alex Heilner with one. PVC All Conference Class C awards went to Jasper Adam and Alex Heilner. Congratulations to graduating seniors Nick Dillon and **Sotherd Steer**.

Fall 2011 Penobscot Valley Conference All Academic Team

Nicole Bakeman '12 – Cross Country
Maddie Theoharidis '12 – Soccer
Schuyler Van der Eb '12 – Soccer
Ramsay Williamson '12 – Cross Country
Ben Plohr '12 – Soccer
Sotherd Steer '12 – Golf
Amanda Moir '12 – Cross Country
Richelle Kane '12 – Soccer
Not pictured:
Lakota Bowen '12 – Cross Country



GSA Admissions News from Libby Irwin



Libby Irwin, GSA's Director of Admissions, reports auspicious signs for the coming year:

"It's been a busy year in admissions so far and I'm excited to report that GSA continues to attract wonderful students from near and far. In the next month I will be visiting each of the eight area sending schools to register the Class of 2016, and we will welcome these soon-to-be 9th graders to our annual Morning Visit on Thursday, March 8th.

GSA hosted an Open House for prospective students in early February

(photo below, left), and I attended the Trenton School Choice Fair with **Libby Rosemeier '77** the next day. GSA continues to be the school of choice for the majority of peninsula students, and I am working to recruit students from neighboring towns as well.

Our residential program is now fully enrolled—we welcomed five new students in January. Admissions has been the most selective to date, with an acceptance rate of about 25%. This all bodes well for a healthy enrollment in 2012-2013!"



from Student Services

As of March 1st, 92% of graduating seniors have applied to two- and four-year colleges. Twenty-nine students have been accepted by thirty-eight different schools. Most students will be receiving notices from the colleges during the first week of April.

Last fall GSA began using Naviance/Family Connection online software to manage college applications. We became 99% paperless in

sending college documents such as transcripts and teacher recommendations! The seniors use the system to keep track of applications, and it allows us to gather useful data about the application process and beyond. It's also a useful tool for underclassmen during their college and career searches.

Contact **Martha Garfield '82** in Student Services if you'd like to learn more about Naviance/Family Connection.

Independent Study 2012

This winter 125 juniors and seniors have designed and are carrying out Independent Study and Internship projects.

Students' projects cover a tremendous range of interests, including *documentary film-making, hotel management, banking, acting, directing a television series, designing a house, writing and editing a novel, theater set design and lighting, building a trebuchet, building and programming a robot, designing, manufacturing, and assembling parts for*

the frame of a scale steam engine, interning at the New England Aquarium, interning at a political action committee, interning for a U.S. senator, shadowing the Assistant District Attorney, and boatbuilding.

ISIP is one of GSA's distinctive programs, allowing every junior and senior in good academic standing the opportunity to pursue a passion or explore a career interest by self-designing and completing a two-week project.



Juniors **Meredith Torrey** and **Meredith Houghton** are interning at the New England Aquarium in Boston, doing genetic research on Right Whale callosities.

That's Debatable!



Since 1988, English teacher **Marie Epply** has been guiding seniors through one of the last rites of their GSA education, the senior debate. Every senior is obliged to undertake this capstone experience, to team with a fellow senior, choose a debatable resolution, research the topic, strategize arguments *for* or *against*—practice, practice, practice!—and then deliver the goods before an audience of students, teachers, families, and friends. Debate resolutions last semester included “That the U.S. needs to raise taxes on the wealthy,”

(**Wendy Xu** and **Roy Xu** for the affirmative, **Candy Dai** and **Jason Gao**

for the negative); “That surrogacy should not be a legal option for couples wishing to have a child,” (**Hannah Billings** and **Brittany Overlock** for the affirmative; **Miranda Tefft** and **Kara van Emmerik** for the negative); “That states should perform drug tests on welfare recipients,” (**Mariah Leach** and **Ashley Keefe** for the affirmative; **Brooke Thomas Soper** and **Luther Smith** for the negative).

Pictured: “The U.S. needs to initiate a full conversion to biofuel.” **Marvis Zou** and **Meredith Olivari** for the affirmative take notes as **Evan Motycka** responds for the negative (not shown: Evan’s partner **Nick Dillon**).

Did you hear the bell ringing? [see p. 2]



WHAT'S COOKING?

The newest addition to GSA’s food services staff is intern and GSA alumnus **John Millay** ’07.

John, born in Ethiopia and adopted by an American family at age twelve, studied culinary arts through the Penobscot Jobs Corps in Bangor. John is blind—and perhaps had more to teach his Job Corps instructors “who were at first very nervous about having

a blind person in the kitchen, until I showed them I was capable of doing anything a sighted person can do.”

John hopes to become a chef; in the meantime, he is in the GSA kitchen every day cooking, prepping food, cleaning, and serving. “He’s doing an absolutely first-rate job,” says **Chef Jack Hand**. “We’re very lucky to have John in our kitchen.”

PROCRASTINATE NOW!



The Procrastinator, created by editor-in-chief **Lucy Jakub** and co-publishers **Abe Ziner** (left) and **Nolan Ellsworth** (center), all juniors, hit the stands last May. Since then, its appearance every two weeks is eagerly anticipated by students, faculty, and staff alike. It’s smart, funny, timely—and even available in color for a modest subscription! Read more about GSA’s best student-run newspaper in the *Ellsworth American* at <http://bit.ly/x6onok>, and pick up a copy for yourself next time you’re on campus.

FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

2011-2012 Annual Fund Update

On behalf of the students and faculty of GSA, we thank all the generous donors who have given to the 2011-2012 Annual Fund to date. If you have not yet made a gift, we hope you will do so soon. The amount of tuition revenue GSA receives from sending towns falls short of the actual cost of educating each student by \$2,200 per student. Gifts to the Annual Fund help bridge that gap;

we need your help to reach our goal and “live our mission” to meet the needs of each student.

A reminder to alumni that all gifts this year count towards the first goal of the Alumni Challenge: 20% participation by June 30th! To see details of the challenge, go to www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumnichallenge.



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LIVING OUR MISSION

Our Goal: \$225,000
Current Total: \$191,802

THE ANNUAL FUND as of February 29, 2012

\$ 8,370	July
\$ 27,000	August
\$ 34,359	September
\$ 42,579	October
\$ 83,051	November
\$154,617	December
\$163,242	January
\$191,802	February
	March
	April
	May
	June

Save the Dates: September 28-29-30

HOMECOMING 2012 – “Not Just for Alumni”

GSA is gearing up to welcome all alumni, reunion classes, current students, families, and friends to Homecoming 2012! The Homecoming Committee is once again hard at work planning exciting events: soccer matches, music, dancing, golf—there’ll be something for everyone.

Watch for further information and a schedule of events.

Planning a class event? Let us help!
Interested in volunteering? Drop us a line!

Contact Trudy Bell in the Development Office at 207-374-2800 ext. 120 or e-mail t.bell@georgestevens.org.





The Kind of School We Are:

The GSA Difference

- Founded in 1803 as Blue Hill Academy. Serves local high school students, as well as domestic and international boarding students.
- Sending towns: Blue Hill, Brooklin, Brooksville, Castine, Orland, Penobscot, Sedgwick & Surry.
- Academic year: Two semesters (Sept - Jan & Jan - June).
- Summer school programs.
- 280 local students, and 40 international and domestic boarding students.
- 30 teachers = 10:1 student/teacher ratio.
- Over 120 courses. Small classes.
- Two on-campus dormitories (girls & boys) with resident supervisors.
- Wireless internet throughout campus.
- In 2011 nineteen GSA juniors and seniors were named AP Scholars by the College Board.
- Recent Regional and State Championships in Jazz Band, Girls Tennis, Boys Tennis, and Sailing.
- Interscholastic Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-country, Golf, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Soccer, Sailing, Softball, Swimming, Tennis, Wrestling.
- Accredited by New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C), and Maine Department of Educational & Cultural Services.
- Member of Independent Schools Association of Northern New England (ISANNE), Maine Association of Independent Schools (MAIS), and The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS).

You hear it all the time: George Stevens Academy is an independent school. But what does this really mean? New England academies represent a long and venerable tradition. The Academy is not a “public” school; we operate *independent of* public school requirements and constraints. On the other hand, GSA has a long-standing commitment to educating the students in this community: we are here to provide the best possible education to all students on this peninsula who choose to come to GSA.

For more than a century, Maine legislation has required towns with no public school option to provide tuition dollars for their resident students. The tuition allowance is set annually in Augusta. Simply put, when students from Brooksville or Castine or Surry, for example, choose to attend GSA, the “sending” or “tuitioning” town pays those tuition dollars to GSA. In fact, sending towns pay tuition to *any* accredited school their resident student chooses to attend (with few restrictions), whether the school is GSA, an out-of-state private school, or another town academy in Maine.

Like every private school, college, and university in the country, GSA’s tuition dollars never meet the true cost of educating our students. Last year, it cost about \$11,500 to educate a student at GSA, but the state-set tuition was just \$9,300. How do we make up the difference? In part we depend on income generated by our endowment funds (but we cannot spend the endowed principal itself).

We rely on gifts to the Annual Fund to close the remaining gap between tuition revenue and our operating costs.

Moreover, *tuition* dollars can’t be used to fix leaking roofs or build new science labs. For that, the State provides GSA a small facilities stipend, the “insured value factor” or IVF. Until two years ago, the IVF was 10% of tuition, but Augusta cut that amount in half in 2008. Where a public school looks to the State when it needs new facilities, GSA must look to its community of supporters.

So behind the “GSA difference”—those distinctive opportunities our students have, whether Independent Study programs, the yearly Arts Festival, mentorships with local artists and businesses, alternative course contracts, and dozens of elective courses—lies another difference: *the difference between the tuition we receive and the dollars it costs to support our distinctive curriculum and programs.*



*Metalsmithing at
Haystack Studio-Based Learning Workshop
Fall 2011*



Biosphere, in the Science Projects Room

Important dates

March 8	8th-grade Morning Visit
March 9 + 10	Regional One-Act Play Competition
March 13	Parent Association meeting
March 14	Sports Awards Night
March 15	Parent-Teacher Conferences
March 16 + 17	State Jazz Festival
March 23	"Poetry Out Loud" Finals
March 24	Maine State Science Fair
March 30	End of 3rd Quarter
April 10	Parent Association meeting
April 16-20	April break
April 28	International Night



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