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2011 Annual Report

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On the cover: Students in Carol Bennatti's AP Environmental Science class analyze macroinvertebrates using dissecting microscopes in the new Science Projects Room, completed September 2011.

CLASS OF 2011: WHERE NEXT?

94% percent of the Class of 2011 were accepted to over a hundred colleges & universities, including:

Air Force Academy	Northern Kentucky University
Albion College	Norwich University
American University	Pace University
Babson College	Pennsylvania State University
Baylor University	Purdue University
Bennington College	Roanoke College
Boston University	Rochester Institute of Technology
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Illinois University	University of New Hampshire
Illinois Wesleyan University	University of North Carolina
Indiana State University	University of Oregon
Ithaca College	University of Redlands
Lake Forest College	University of Southern Maine
Lesley University	University of Texas
Lewis and Clark College	University of Vermont
Maine Maritime Academy	University of Virginia
Marymount Manhattan College	University of Washington
Massachusetts College of	Virginia Commonwealth University
Art and Design	Xavier University
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts	Wagner College
Merrimack College	Western Michigan University
Middlebury College	Western New England College
Mills College	Wheaton College
New York Institute of Technology	Worcester Polytechnic Institute
New York University	

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

Mission, approved by the Board of Trustees, July 2007

Living Fully Our Mission



One year ago George Stevens Academy was preparing for its decennial evaluation by an NEAS&C visiting team for purposes of reaccreditation. Working in committees that represented all our constituencies, we undertook an extensive and thorough self-study, and produced a detailed report that included more than seventy recommendations across every aspect of the institution, from academic programs and student experience to infrastructure, facilities, communication, and governance. We made these recommendations,

not because we found our programs and practices ineffective, but in the belief that we can improve the ways we live our mission to educate the students on our peninsula and beyond. When the NEAS&C team made their visit in April, they concurred with our self study, and in their report wrote that *“George Stevens Academy has accomplished what many schools dream of—authentic community that unites all members sincerely in a single purpose: student success.”*

The recommendations we arrived at, and that NEAS&C endorsed, fall into six broad areas: (1) school mission, (2) strategic planning, (3) public relations and aesthetics, (4) administrative responsibility, (5) financial sustainability, and (6) health and safety protocols. We began to address many of our recommendations as soon as they surfaced, continued to do so over the summer, and I guarantee that in the coming months we will address all of them in such a way as to improve the learning experience of all our students.

The chief purpose of an annual report is to recognize, and thank collectively, all of you who have contributed so generously to support GSA. I am deeply grateful for the many

gifts that allow us to live fully our mission and to find even better ways to deliver the best possible education to our students in the 21st century.

Thanks to your gifts to our capital initiatives, we completed the renovation of our gym floor late last fall, allowing our teams the very best performance space in the area. In September we opened the doors of a new Science Projects Room, the first phase of science facilities renovations. We established the *Jerold M. '33 and Diana Hinckley Professional Development Fund*, substantially increasing the professional development opportunities we are able to offer our faculty, believing that the best way to serve students is to attract and retain the best faculty. On the capital front we still have much to do; facilities that served us well fifty years ago no longer support the most relevant programs we must offer students today. But the pattern of your giving gives us hope that we will be able to meet our capital goals.

The Annual Fund provides “mission critical” support year after year. As our mission states, George Stevens Academy is committed above all to serving the children in our community. This commitment is reflected in the fact that we accept from our “sending towns” whatever annual tuition rate the state sets, despite the fact that the real cost of educating a GSA student is always significantly more. We depend on annual giving to close this “gap,” the difference between tuition revenue and annual operating costs. Bridging that difference through annual giving directly supports the “GSA difference”—all those distinctive and extraordinary learning experiences we offer our students.

It is an honor to be serving as the Head of GSA, and my experience in these first months since I arrived has deepened my appreciation for this wonderful school and for all the ways I have been welcomed, and above all made me profoundly grateful to the many people who have and will continue to give generously to support GSA and its mission.

Paul B. Dickinson

Graduation 2011

Graduation 2011 was held on Sunday, June 13th—a perfectly rainy day!—so ceremonies took place in the—newly refurbished and beautiful!—gymnasium. Interim Head of School **Bags Brokaw**, Dean of Students **Libby Austin Rosemeier** '77, and Board President **Rob Clapp** '73 conferred diplomas on 81 graduates. Four students spoke, and **Tom Crowe**, Student Council President, introduced the graduation speaker, alumna **Zoë Robbins Tenney** '93.

At GSA, Zoë was president of Student Government, Year Book Editor, Drama Club President, a National Merit Scholar, and class valedictorian. Zoë attended Wellesley College graduating *magna cum laude*, and University of Pennsylvania, earning a second bachelor's degree, a masters in nursing, and graduating *summa cum laude*.

Zoë's words moved everyone. She spoke from the heart and directly to the students. She focused on the love, admiration, and support all students can count on from parents, teachers, and friends—and after expressing hope that they will find ways to return to Blue Hill in the future, concluded, "Know that we are glad you were here. It matters that you were here."

Zoë also offered the graduating class a poem she wrote for the occasion (see right page).

Read an alumna profile of Zoë Robbins Tenney on our website at www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumni.



VALEDICTORIAN

Samuel Eley

son of Meredith and Donald Eley of Blue Hill

Bowdoin College

"Simplicity is beautiful. To somehow find a way to incorporate simplicity into everyday life is to find beauty in life. Simplicity lends itself to focus, and with focus comes purpose. Ultimately finding that purpose makes life unimaginably more enjoyable."



SALUTATORIAN

Emily Lowell

daughter of Megan and Homer Lowell of Penobscot

Bowdoin College

"In some way, shape or form, Maine has molded us all and helped us to become the people who we are today. As we head out across the country and the world, we must all try to remember Maine and the lessons it has taught us—patience, hard work, and determination."



FIRST HONOR ESSAYIST

Minyoung Jung

daughter of NamHee Kim and MoonSung Jung, Busan, Korea

"I learned an unexpected thing at GSA. In Korea, I didn't laugh because nothing was really interesting. In fact, my best friends nicknamed me a Korean word that in English means 'prohibited area,' because they thought that I had a wall around me. However, in the U.S. ... I started to laugh a lot. Even my mother is surprised that I laugh now."



SECOND HONOR ESSAYIST

Passage Crampton

daughter of Ginger Manna and Richard Crampton of Orland

Lewis & Clark College

"To believe in luck is a personal choice; to say whether it exists or not is up to you. Yet I can say that each member of the Class of 2011 has been incredibly lucky in the four years we have spent here; lucky to be surrounded by a beautiful peninsula, caring teachers, supportive families and an encompassing community."

*Zoë Robbins Tenney '93
addresses the graduates*



*Katherine Doyen,
Elizabeth Doyen,
Vika Grindle, and
Aji Hall*



Hats off to us!



Libby Austin Rosemeier '77 and Bags Brokaw

WISH LIST

by Zoë Robbins Tenney '93

it's time to scratch a line
through **PHYSICIST**

at 32 and counting
I acknowledge that a childhood
idolatry of
Richard P Feynman
and a visceral love of calculus
are just not enough

and **SURGEON GENERAL?** No
PRESIDENT of my alma mater?
Not likely
but **SOAP OPERA STAR**
NUTCRACKER BALLERINA
&

NIAGRA FALLS GIFT SHOP
PROPRIETOR
have withered on the vine
and I release them without
regret

I'll keep
KINDERGARTEN TEACHER
HOSPICE NURSE
WRITER

at 11 and 17 and 22
I didn't know enough to wish
for the good stuff unadorned:
enough **LOVE**
enough **SLEEP**
CHILDREN with exactly the
right number of holes in their
hearts
and days and hours piling up
and up
until I might know without
wondering
that **JOY** is actually the hay-
stack
not the needle

SPRING SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

Boys Varsity Tennis Class C Eastern Maine Champs

Coach: **Mark Messer**

Despite graduating nine of the eleven top players from last year's Eastern Maine championship team, the boys' tennis team finished in first place again, with a record of 13-2.

Penobscot Valley Conference awards:

Zheyang Johnny Xue '13 – Player of the Year, and
First Team All-Conference

Jasper Adam '13 – Third Team All-Conference

Girls Varsity Tennis Class C Eastern Maine Champs

Coach: **Tim Farrar**

The girls' tennis team enjoyed another strong season, with their only losses coming against Class B teams MDI (twice) and Ellsworth (once).

Penobscot Valley Conference awards:

Sotherd Steer '12 – First Team All-Conference

Maddie Theoharidis '12 – First Team All-Conference

Ramsay Williamson '12 – First Team All-Conference

Charlotte Reiter '14 – Third Team All-Conference

Tierney Halley '11 – Honorable Mention



Sailing Team Wells Cup Winners

Head Coach: **Tom Gutow**

Assistant Coach: **Patrick Haugen**

A young sailing team brought home the Wells Cup for the first time since 2006, winning over Mount Desert Island 4-1. Despite its inexperience, and battling a cold, wet spring, the team, comprised of mostly freshmen and sophomores, improved with each regatta under the tutelage of team veteran Katherine Doyen '11, and co-captains Courtney Koos '12, and Tess Lameyer '12. They finished fifth in the state championships, and seventh overall in the Downeast Fleet Race.



Varsity Baseball

Coach: **Dan Kane**
Assistant Coach: **Bill Gray** '83

The baseball team enjoyed a very successful season, finishing the regular season with a record of 10-5-1, garnering fourth place and home-field advantage for the quarterfinal game.

Penobscot Valley Conference awards:
Nick Kane '11 – First Team All-Conference
Josh Gale '11 – First Team All-Conference



Varsity Softball

Coach: **Betsey Stevens** '97
Assistant Coach: **Jeb Billings** '89

Penobscot Valley Conference awards:
Sabrina Vivian '11 –
First Team All-Conference— Outfield
Richelle Kane '12 –
Second Team All-Conference



Track

Coach: **Erich Reed**
Assistant Coach: **Carol Plohr**

The track team had a stellar year, with 16 top-three finishes in the Hancock County championship, and a fifth place showing in the Penobscot Valley Conference championships. Individual athletes turned in good performances this season as well.

Ben Plohr '12, was the state runner-up in the 800-meter, and finished third in the 110 hurdles. For the second year in a row, he also qualified for the New England Championships in the 800-meter, where he was the top Maine finisher and set a new GSA record (1:58:78), just one week after the State Championships. Nick Doolittle '11, placed fourth in the high jump at the state meet, with a personal best height of 5'8". He placed seventh in the long jump. Vika Grindle '11, enjoyed a very successful season, placing first in the PVCs in the long jump.

Penobscot Valley Conference awards:
Ben Plohr '12 – First Team All-Conference
Vika Grindle '11 – First Team All-Conference
Liana Arquette '12 – Second Team All-Conference
Sam Stahnke '13 – Second Team All-Conference
Nick Doolittle '11 – Second Team All-Conference
Kiyoshi Kuniyoshi '13, Nick Dillon '12, Nick Doolittle '11 and Sam Eley '11 – Second Team All-Conference



NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

Advanced Placement (AP) Scholar Roster

Nineteen juniors and seniors were recognized by the College Board for their exceptional performance on AP exams.

“Scholars,” granted to students who received scores of 3 or higher on three or more AP Exams—*Class of 2011*: **Ben Avery**, **Martin Conte**, **Elizabeth Doyen**, **Xin He**, **Björn Peterson**, **Jacob Reilly**, **Chris Salois**, and **Keira Tachibana**. *Class of 2012*: **Quinn Mitchell**, **Makaela Reinke**, and **Tatiana Urban**.

“Scholars with honor,” granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams—*Class of 2011*: **Ariel Dauk**, **Nick Doolittle**, **Viktoria Grindle**, **Coral O'Brian**, and **Sabrina Vivian**. *Class of 2012*: **Courtney Koos**.

“Scholars with distinction,” granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP Exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on five or more of these exams—*Class of 2011*: **Passage Crampton** and **Sam Eley**.

2011 Book Awards

Ten juniors were awarded book awards for outstanding academic achievements.

Inji Hwang (*Williams Book Award*), **Luther Smith** (*Industrial Arts Award*), **Tatiana Urban** (*Phi Beta Kappa Award*), **Nicole Bakeman** (*Seven Sisters Book Award*), **Tess Lameyer** (*Middlebury Book Award*; *Society of Women Engineers Certificate of Achievement*), **Ramsay Williamson** (*Colby Book Award*), **Makaela Reinke** (*American History Award*), **Sotherd Steer** (*Smith Book Award*), **Courtney Koos** (*Rensselaer Medal*), **Quinn Mitchell** (*Bausch & Lomb Science Award*; *Dartmouth Book Award*).

Jazz Championship Reclaimed!

On Saturday, March 18 & 19 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 was 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 Div 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, 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.

Independent Study and Internship Projects (ISIP)

Last spring 60 juniors and 65 seniors developed and carried out independent study and internship projects. ISIP is an integral part of the GSA experience and provides every junior and senior the opportunity to explore an academic or vocational interest through a self-designed, two week course of study. ISIP encourages interdisciplinary skills and connected knowledge as students investigate a specialized area of interest with the assistance of an ISIP advisor and an off-campus advisor.

On May 17th eleven students gave presentations to an audience of faculty, parents, and friends:

Courtney Koos '12 Castine: “Interning at Senator John McCain's office in Washington, D.C.”

Tess Lameyer '12, Castine, and **Haley Maiden** '12, Blue Hill: “Interning at The Jackson Laboratory.”

Ben Plohr '12, Penobscot: “Photographing Tanzania.”

Sabrina Vivian '11, Blue Hill: “Pottery-making at Rackliffe Pottery.”

Sotherd Steer '12, Castine: “Interning at ELLE Magazine in Paris.”

Inji Hwang '12, Korea and Sedgwick: “Working at a Meditation Center in Korea.”

Tom Crowe '11, Blue Hill, **Nick Doolittle** '11, Blue Hill, and **Henry Sullivan** '11, Brooklin: “Creating a Music Video.” Henry Sullivan also discussed his Cooperative Ed experience with the Ellsworth Fire Department.

Nicky Dillon '12, Blue Hill: Alternative Courses with Eckley Herrick: “Applications of pre-calculus” and “Math modeling of a high-performance automobile.”

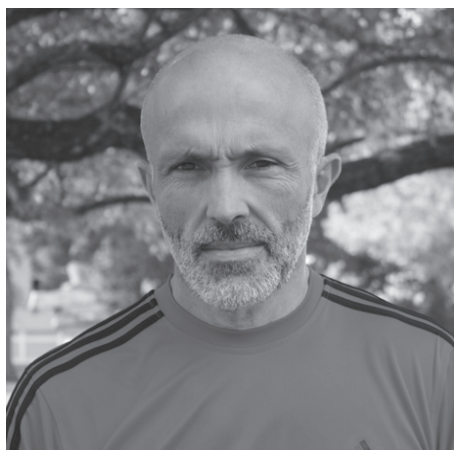
NEW FACES at GSA



Paul B. Perkinson

Head of School

Paul Perkinson has a bachelor's degree in history from Earlham College and a master's in school administration from the University of Pennsylvania. He joins us from the Tandem Friends School in Charlottesville, VA, where he was the Head of School from 2000 to 2011. Before that he was an Upper School Head at North Shore Country Day School in Winnetka, Illinois. He has taught American, Chinese, Japanese, and Russian history. He has coached baseball, soccer and downhill skiing as well as teaching a variety of outdoor activities including mountaineering, cross-country skiing, and white water canoeing. Paul is married and has three children, the youngest of whom, Emma, is a second-year student at Bates College in Lewiston, Maine.



Mark Churchill

Teacher & Study Hall Proctor

Mark joined the school last year to serve as boys' Dorm Parent. This year he will also teach a section of our 9th grade *Introduction to Social Sciences* and will proctor two study halls. Before coming to George Stevens, Mark served as an English, Latin, and French teacher and residential dorm parent for seventeen years. He has a B.A. in Classical Studies and is a Ph.D. candidate in Classical Political Theory, both from Boston College.



Beth DeLong

Assistant Librarian

Beth DeLong returned to George Stevens last spring after a year's absence. Before coming to GSA, Beth served as Librarian and Ed Tech II at Surry Elementary School. Beth's son, Adam, graduated from GSA in 2010 and attends New England School of Communications.



Libby Irwin

Director of Admissions

Libby Irwin comes to GSA from the Chewonki Semester School (formerly the Maine Coast Semester) in Wiscasset, where she served for four years as Assistant Director and then Director of Admission. Libby attended Deerfield Academy in Massachusetts and the National Outdoor Leadership School (NOLS). She graduated from Yale University with a bachelor's degree in Humanities, and was one of the first Yale Journalism Scholars. Libby enjoys sailing, hiking, gardening, cooking, writing, and reading. She lives in Brooklin.



Ron Jackson

Educational Technician

Ron was a part time Ed Tech last year and we are happy to welcome him back in a full time position this year. He took his B.A. in Religious Studies at Eastern Nazarene College and has done graduate work at the University of Maine in Special Education as well as in math. Ron works closely with Shelley Small in the Resource Room.



Buzz Moore

Study Hall Coordinator

Buzz joined the school in the middle of last year and we are delighted to retain him in a newly-created position. Buzz will oversee and coordinate all study halls so that students can use them in an effective, instructive way. Buzz graduated from Dartmouth College with a B.S. in Engineering, and took his M.A. from Wesleyan University in Education. Buzz taught at Forest Hill in New Jersey and Lee Academy here in Maine.



Anna Peters

Girls' Dorm Parent

Anna joins our staff to serve as Dorm Parent for the girls dorm. Most recently, Anna worked for Maine Coast Heritage Trust acting as a caretaker for Marshall Island. Prior to that, Anna worked as an instructor and counselor for Redcliff Assent, a wilderness therapeutic program for teens at risk. She was a ship's cook for Sea Education out of Woods Hole. Anna graduated from University of California at Santa Cruz with a B.S. in Earth Science.

Board News

WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS



Born in Warrenton, Virginia, [Tyler Knowles](#) graduated from St. Timothy's School in Stevenson, Maryland, an independent boarding school for girls. She received her B.A. from Boston University and her M.A. in English at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. She taught writing and literature at the University of Wisconsin, Boston University, and Dartmouth College before joining the faculty of The Winsor School, where she taught for 34 years, 27 of these as Head of the fourteen-member English Department. Tyler loves traveling and discussing her slightly liberal views on world affairs with her slightly conservative husband, Larry Flood.



[James L. Markos, Jr.](#) is a long-time resident of Blue Hill. He is General Manager of Maine Shellfish Company with locations in Ellsworth and Kennebunk. He is a member of the Marine Resources Advisory Council, the president of the Maine Seafood Alliance, and a director of Camden National Bank. Jim is a graduate of Colby College and the Washington College of Law at American University. He and his wife, Joan, have two children who graduated from GSA, Melina '02 and Jake '06.

& HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE



[Pat Gray '54](#) has served as a trustee since 1994, chairing several committees including the Committee on Trustees, Buildings and Grounds, Facilities, and Heads Advisory Committee. Pat originally served GSA as a member of the Joint Board, representing Blue Hill. She was Board President during our change in governance from a Joint Board model to the single Board model that we have today. During this important transition, Pat's calm demeanor and thoughtful guidance helped lead the school through the organizational changes needed to function more effectively. Pat leaves the Board to be able to travel more with her husband.



During his nine years as trustee, [Michael Astbury '70](#) has been an active member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and a key member of the Facilities Committee, chairing the committee for the past five years. He was actively involved in the gym and science projects room renovations, improvements to our soccer and baseball fields, construction of our new softball field, and purchase and renovation of both of our dormitories. We have enjoyed having his leadership and expertise on these committees. It is notable that during Mike's tenure, we built much, but his advice on what not to build and what not to purchase was equally valuable to us. Thankfully, Mike will continue as a non-trustee member of the Facilities Committee.

From the Board President

Rob Clapp '73 has served as a GSA trustee since 2005, and since 2008 as Board president. Rob's tenure as president concluded this fall, but he will continue to serve as vice-president for the next two years. Trustee Melissa Mattes, who served as president once before, will step back into the role this year. Below, Rob reflects on highlights of the past year, and Melissa looks forward to a year of planning.



The academic year 2010-2011 saw impressive progress and growth on several fronts: facilities, development, personnel, and Board self-evaluation and future planning.

Our biggest capital effort in a generation started with a bang last fall when we completed the first phase of the renovation of our multipurpose facility. We committed just over \$770,000 to replace the composite floor

of a badly sagging gymnasium with a beautiful new wood floor, and we renovated two offices and storage areas. We then repainted and recarpeted the Esther Wood Room, and initiated a major "upcycling" effort, turning one of our classrooms into an all-sciences project room, complete with new storage space, a presentation room, and space in which students can carry out long-range experiments in physics, biology, and chemistry. It is gratifying to see how appreciative our students are. They really do notice, and it does make a difference in the quality of their educational experience at GSA.

Despite an economic climate that continues to be challenging, the number of people who made gifts to the Annual Fund increased this past year, and the number of donations to capital initiatives also increased. We are also in the third year of our Alumni Challenge, which will kick in a matching donation if we

reach and maintain higher percentage targets within the next few years. Increasing the number of GSA's alumni donors and alumni volunteers continues to be a key focus of our Development Office and the Development Committee.

Last spring the Board voted to earmark \$500,000 of the Jerold M. Hinckley '33 bequest to provide annual support for professional development for our faculty and staff. The Jerold and Diana Hinckley Professional Development Fund will generate income every year—about \$20,000 this year—to enable our teachers and staff to attend professional workshops, engage in continuing education, and in other ways improve their ability to deliver the very best education to each and every GSA student.

Our most important decision this past year was to hire Head of School Paul Perkinson. Trustee Marion Morris chaired the Search Committee. Working with a consultant, and making the process unusually transparent and inclusive, the committee developed a pool of exceptionally strong candidates. Their recommendation of Paul Perkinson was approved unanimously by the trustees in December, and Paul began his headship at GSA on July 1, 2011.

I want to acknowledge here the remarkable leadership last year of Bags Brokaw. Bags agreed to become Interim Head at a difficult juncture in our history. He was the fourth head in just five years at GSA. He was the right person for the position, with the right combination of interpersonal skills, tact, respect, and institutional understanding to move GSA in a positive direction last year, and we are deeply grateful to him for his service to our school.

Last spring we completed our reaccreditation process for the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEAS&C) with a visit from the accreditation committee made up of teachers and administrators. After reviewing our self-study report, written with the participation of faculty, staff, administrators, parents, trustees, and community members, the team visited our campus for three days to see the school in action, and recommended reaccreditation.

Now the hard work begins. We are now embarking on a strategic planning process that will update our previous Strategic Plan completed five years ago. A Strategic Planning Committee, led by trustees, began the planning process last spring, and will continue into the more active phase of strategic planning during the fall. We will use the recommendations from the NEAS&C report along with information gathered from all constituents in our community. There will be opportunities for participation and input throughout the fall and winter for those who wish to contribute.

On behalf of all of the trustees, I would like to thank Rob Clapp for his leadership during the last four years as president of the Board. His wise leadership and commitment to GSA provided

a steady hand as we negotiated changes in economy, leadership, and an ever-changing educational climate.

I am looking forward to the next year at GSA as I once again take on the position of President of the Board of Trustees. I feel very fortunate to work with the enthusiastic, committed, and diverse group of trustees. I am excited to see where Strategic Planning will take us as we renew our vision and mission for all students in our community, with the goal of providing an educational environment where all students find a place to learn, grow, and be challenged to identify and reach his or her personal best.



Powers of Giving

Dear Friends of George Stevens Academy,

We are pleased to present the 2010-2011 George Stevens Academy annual report. Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, grandparents, friends, faculty, staff, and trustees, we received \$408,000 in gifts last year, including \$175,000 in support of the Annual Fund and \$233,000 to our endowment and capital initiatives.



GSA's Annual Fund supports the operating budget and is critical in closing the gap between the school's operating costs and tuition revenue received from sending towns. Annual Fund participation continues to increase impressively: just this year, 150 new donors contributed to the fund! Thank you to all of the parent, alumni, and trustee volunteers who joined together in support of our goals. We'd also like to acknowledge the members of the Class of 2011 who continued the tradition initiated by the Class of 2009 by making a senior class gift to the Annual Fund (see p. 25), as well as the generous friends of GSA who established The Flood Family Challenge and The Alumni Challenge, both critical initiatives to support the Annual Fund (see p. 27).



This past year we fulfilled two key initiatives of GSA's Campaign for Our Future. In December, we celebrated the completion of phase I of the Multi-Purpose Facility Renovation, and during Homecoming Weekend, October 7-9, we officially opened our new Science Projects Room. These exciting strides forward would not have been possible without the generous support of many individuals and local businesses and the significant involvement of dedicated volunteers. We'd like to acknowledge the many alumni who came forward in support of the Multi-Purpose Facility Renovation, and members of the Class of 1961 who paid tribute to a beloved faculty member with a 50th reunion class gift to the Science Projects Room (see p. 26).

Generations of students and faculty—current and future—will benefit directly from two gifts to GSA's endowment: a memorial fund established by the children of Spencer W. Winsor, GSA's first guidance counselor, that enables Student Services to provide immediate, practical support to many of our students (see p. 28); and the Rusty Duym '65 Sailing Fund, conceived by Henry Becton, Jr. and the Becton family, to honor the memory of Rusty Duym '65 by supporting GSA's sailing program (see p. 30).

We are deeply grateful to the many friends of GSA who give unstintingly of their time and resources. We invite you to visit campus to see the exciting changes taking place and get to know the students and faculty who are the beneficiaries of your support.

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1930
Euphe Owens Galbraith

1934
Madeline Day Snow*

1935
Gaylor Gray*

1937
Paul Townsend*

1940
Julie Leden St. Clair*

1941
Constance Carter Lamprell
Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh*

1942
Roy Henderson*
Wilbur McIntyre

1943
Maynard Astbury
Linwood Carter
Janice Gillis Cleveland*
Lorraine Pettengill Dolley*
Grace Hinckley Johnson
Lucy Herrick Leden*
Catherine Herrick Moody
Hattie Nevells Piper
Lawrence Small*
Lois Cousins Welch

1944
Mary McGraw Astbury
Mabel Wood Lawrence
Sheila Babson Varnum*

1947
Florence Pert Conley*
Anne Partridge Kisburg*

1948
Jean Howard McIntyre
Douglas Stover*

1949
Percy Blaisdell*
Ronald Candage
Gordon Carter

1950
Joyce Candage Tyler
Madeline Clement*
Elaine Christy Wessel
Norris Wessel, Sr.

1951
Edna Day Carter
Jean Cousins Kelley
Carroll Nevells*
Roberta Gray Pert

1952
Harvard Candage*

1953
Ferol Bisset Candage
Donald Gray*
Ron LeBourhis
Thomas Piper
Katherine Keefe Smith*

1954
Paul Allen*
Patricia Clapp Gray*
John Maresca
Phyllis Leighton Pemberton
Jackie Smith*

1955
Lois Allen Allen*
Neil Conary
Chandler Duffy*

1956
Beverly Wescott Cecchini
Sylvia Keefe Duffy*

1957
John Clapp
Horace Wardwell*

1958
Beverly Farnham Henry
Elaine Alice Hatch Peebles
William Pettengill
Dennis Robertson*

1959
Linda Abbott Candage*
Charles Ferden*
Terrance Gray*
G. Eckley Herrick*
Sandra Byard Hill
Shannon Robertson Maresca
Gail Piper Ogilvie*
Sylvia Conner Wardwell*

1960
Karyl Ricker Hayes
Douglass Hutchins
Dwight Webber
Eileen Leach Webber

1961
Ann Bragdon Black
Marilyn York Brossmer
Willis Burton
Gerald Butler
Alice Dyer
Hildred Flannery Emerton
Sharon Abbott Garcia
Miriam Snow Hamilton
Forrest Horton
Horace Horton
Marjorie McGraw Longwood
Carol Moon Masler
Priscilla Ferden Perkins
Joan Douglass Pettengill
Betty Sylvester Gray
Pickering
Michael Slaven
Fred Sprague III
Cordell Snow*
Sally Drew Winchenbach

1962
Jane Gray Bowden
George Leach
Lawrence Merrill
Harold Sweet

1963
James Carter
Peter Clapp

Sandra Grindle Clapp
Edie McVay King*
Robert Phillips*
Dolores Ladd Robertson*
Donald Wescott*

1964
Bernard Gray
Duane Gray
Wayne Hutchins
Ruth Clapp Hutchins
Eloise Poole Rhyne
Lawrence Vaughan

1965
Linda Gray Martin
Dennis Rackliffe
Dale Robertson
Annette Lutz Fowler
Schoof*
Nancy Lymburner Stoller*
David Stover

1966
Robert Bakeman
Linda Gray Blake
Linwood Emerton
James Grindle*
Gloria Howard*
Margaret Dow Rackliffe
Joanna Stover Raible*
Jon Woodward

1967
Bruce Grindal
Linette Bridges Grindal

1968
Allen Hooper

1969
Patricia Leach Astbury*
Gerald Blodgett
Cheryl Webster Knowles
Kathleen McClure*
Roberta Campbell Townsend

1970
Michael Astbury*
Dorrance Atherton
Donald Condon
Edward Black
Philip W. Clifford
Mark Gross
Della Leach Martin
Kevin McTighe
Freida Lowell Peasley
Nancy Billings Sherman

1971
Brenda Lowell Condon
Roxanna Saunders Grindle*
Lionel Howard
Ray Merrill*

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1972

Joanne Barrett*
Alta Gross
Alan Howard*
Edward Turner*

1973

Melissa Brownlow
Patricia Astbury Clapp*
Robert Clapp*
Timothy Leach
Homer Lowell*
Kim Perkins*

1974

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

1975

Robert Eaton
Bryan McVay

1976

Gale Brownlow Flax
Danny Gray

1977

Jennifer Durnbaugh
Denlinger*
Megan Clapp Lowell*
Margaret Garfield Overton
Elizabeth Austin Rosemeier*
Scott Rosemeier*
Teresa Slaven
John White
Augustus Williamson*

1978

Alden Blodgett*
H. Blaine Davis
Charles Marbach
Jerri Brewer Reynolds
Peter Williamson

1979

Laurence Gray
Deborah Venno Ludlow*
Tammy Burke Merisotis
William Rioux
Jennifer Schroth
Claudia Lowell Smith
Sharri Venno
Norman Yates

1980

Dwayne Carter*
David Gray
Brenda Piper Horton
Kenneth Reynolds
Amy Schroth
Dwayne Webber
Matthew Witting

1981

Eric Anderson
Kyle Gray

Marjorie Austin Gray
Ruth Allen Gray
Jeffrey Hatch
Sally Rankin McVay
Susan Webb

1982

Annie Allen
Leslie Clapp*
Martha Garfield*
Monica Wiesing Gray
Ann Allen Rioux
Penny Ricker
Anne Schroth

1983

Brent Andrews
Jodelle Austin
Craig Berry*
Diane Billings Brann
Stefan Brann
Jennifer Hutchins Bryant*
William Gray

1984

Michael Bryant*
Robert Curtis
Tina Anderson Stephens

1985

Michelle Veazie Barker
Jacqueline Blodgett Curtis
Christy Johndrow Gontarz
Troy Staples

1986

William Barker
John Canady
Toni Grindle Staples

1987

Darrell Gray
Darlene Gray Hatch
Eachan Holloway
Amy Saumur-Gallup

1988

Mark Andy
Allison Ames Goscinski
Sarah Domareki
Kazmierczak*
Stephen Peasley

1989

Jennifer Sittnick Pulvino

1990

Mark de Steur

1991

Kristin Eisenhardt Corbin
Lydia Gray Garrant

1993

William Moorehouse
Zoë Robbins Tenney

1994

Will Holloway
John Loomis
Jaime Carroll Stone

1995

Scott Murphy

1996

Karina Chase Dailey
C. Lawrence Malm

1997

Seth Cole
Emily Lewandowski
Hildebrand
James Hildebrand

1998

Sarah Rosemeier Cutter

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Scott Cukierski
Heidi Gray Gillen
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Jason Byrd
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Justin Kaley
Erin McCormick*

2001

Abigail Greene Winkler

2002

Jacob Berkowitz
Sarah Clapp
Jacob Lowell

2003

Michael Astbury
Mark Clapp
Jeffrey Condon
Nicholas Henry

2004

J. Sebastian Greene
Ryan Lowell
Cade Overton

2005

Jessica Driscoll Astbury
Jenny Berkowitz
Tiffany Smith Henry

2006

Ross Bell
Dakoda Gray
Samuel Mendlowitz
Jennifer Olivari

2007

Adrienne Bugbee
Julian Davis
Jeremy Dunham
Morgan Springer

2008

Hannah Mendlowitz
Brittany Olivari
Laura Overton
Zachary Theoharidis

2009

Samuel Allen
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Cassidy Gray
Dillon Morris
Lilian Thorpe

2010

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Ms. Louise Vialle
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Community Market & Café
Blue Hill Family &
Cosmetic Dentistry, PA*
Camden National Bank*
Down to Earth Pottery*
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Garelick Farms
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NAPA Auto Parts
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Portland Stage Company
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Management Company
Rackliffe Pottery
Rooster Brother
Sisters Salsa
Sports Projects, Inc.*
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Stanley Subaru
The First, N.A.*
TradeWinds Market Place*
Wardwell Oil*

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Clements Family Charitable Trust*
Fidelity Charitable Gift Fund
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Maine Community Foundation—
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The Martin Foundation
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Blue Hill Public Library
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Mr. Caleb Grant
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Maine Shellfish Company
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Lucy's Granola
Rackliffe Pottery
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in honor of Bonnie Copper

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in honor of Taylor Astbury

Mr. Wenrong Chen and
Ms. Zhenxue Zhang
in honor of Jiajun Chen

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Conte
in honor of Martin Conte '11

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Dodge
in honor of Robert Clapp '73

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in honor of Calvin W. Gray

Ms. Elizabeth W. Harries
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Ms. Joyce Kessel
in honor of Passage and Phe Crampton

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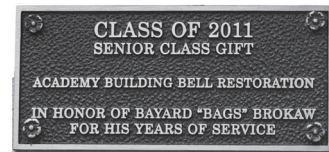
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The Class of 2011: Restoring the School Bell



Members of the Class of 2011 made individual gifts to the Annual Fund to offset the expense of restoring the school bell in the tower of the Academy Building. With guidance from the Class Gift Committee, the Class undertook the restoration with the intent of creating a new tradition of ringing the bell on special occasions.

The Class presented the gift during their graduation ceremony, and surprised Interim Head of School, Bayard “Bags” Brokaw, by making the gift in his honor. Following the ceremony, Bags rang the bell in honor of the graduates, and a bronze plaque commemorating the gift was placed on the outside of the Academy Building.

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Upcycling Space: A New Science Room

George Stevens Academy celebrated the completion of its new Science Projects Room during Homecoming Weekend, October 7th-9th. Phase I of GSA's Academic Program Initiatives, The Science Projects Room and Classroom Technology Initiative created the space for students to carry out short- and long-term projects and lab experiments, and brought much-needed science technologies into the classroom. Carolyn Bennatti, chair of GSA's Science Department, has formed a committee to identify initiatives for developing partnerships with local scientists and organizations. The celebration included remarks by Head of School Paul Perkinson, architect Lauren Reiter, Science Chair Carolyn Bennatti, and members of the Class of 1961.

"We are fortunate to live in a community rich in human resources," says Bennatti. "I am excited about the possibility of bringing in community members who have scientific expertise to share with students. I would love to have community members serve as mentors for students on individual or small group projects, or perhaps offer seminars or short courses on topics of interest. With our new Science Projects Room, we can host science speakers for faculty, students, and the community at large."

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



Head of School Paul Perkinson addresses attendees at the opening of the Science Projects Room.



Members of the Class of 1961 paid tribute to a beloved faculty member, Deale B. Salisbury, through their gift of chairs, and a maple conference table locally sourced using sustainably harvested wood by Michael Hewes of Hewes and Company, who also made the matching cabinetry for the room.

From left: Marge McGraw Longwood, Marilyn York Brossmer, Carol Moon Masler, Jerry Butler, and Joan Douglass Pettengill.

The Alumni Challenge

Two years ago, generous friends of George Stevens Academy, recognizing that a high rate of alumni giving is key to the financial well-being of the school, challenged our alumni to increase their rate of giving participation. The goal of the challenge is to reach a 20% rate of giving.



Thanks to all our alumni donors who showed support, increasing alumni participation to 11% in 2010-2011. We're hoping your generosity will inspire your classmates to contribute this year so that we can meet **the first milestone of the Alumni Challenge**: 20% participation by June 30, 2012. If we can meet *all three of the milestones* listed below, we will receive a total of \$60,000 in unrestricted support from these friends.

By June 30, 2012: if we reach 20% alumni participation (or greater), GSA will receive \$20,000.
By June 30, 2013: if we reach 20% alumni participation (or greater), GSA will receive \$20,000.
By June 30, 2014: if we reach 20% alumni participation (or greater), GSA will receive \$20,000.

With a total of \$60,000 at stake, it's never too late to join your fellow alumni—one of our first-time donors last year is a member of the Class of 1930. Please help us spread the word about this important initiative by becoming a class agent. Contact Trudy Bell, Director of Annual Giving.

The Flood Family Challenge



GSA trustee Frank Wanning, Tyler Knowles, Larry Flood and Tom Björkman.

The Flood family has initiated a \$50,000 challenge to support George Stevens Academy's Annual Fund, convinced that GSA needs the help of the peninsula's community members and seasonal residents to continue producing the strong students who make the community so viable. GSA graduates serve the community in many different roles—as nurses, lawyers, insurance agents, fishermen, retailers, carpenters and tradespersons, librarians, and more—and the Flood family knows that the strength of the community depends critically on the quality of GSA's graduates.

This summer, the Flood family launched their challenge by inviting friends and neighbors to one of four receptions held across the peninsula during July and August. Two events were held in Blue Hill, one hosted by Larry Flood and Tyler Knowles, and one hosted by Frank and Chris Wanning. One was held

in Brooklin, hosted by Katrina Parson and Deborah Brewster, and one was held in Castine, hosted by Jane Bagot and Lisa Haugen. The Flood family challenged those in attendance to make new or increased Annual Fund gifts, and announced their willingness to match those gifts up to a total of \$50,000.

As a family of teachers, the Floods know the power of education and the importance of a thriving high school in attracting young families to the area and maintaining the viability of the peninsula. As long-time local seasonal residents, they want to help ensure that GSA will continue to fulfill its mission as a community school to meet the needs of each student.



The Brooklin Flood Family Challenge reception.

The Spencer H. Winsor Student Enrichment Fund

Doing good, one student at a time

Spencer H. Winsor, born in New York City in 1918 and the youngest of three sons, was raised during the depression in Bangor, Maine. He died of cancer in Blue Hill in 1979 at age 62. He developed a strong sense of personal and community responsibility from his father, a Baptist Minister, and his mother, a teacher. He saw his parents share meals with parishioners, and offer them emotional support. Spencer graduated from Bangor High School in 1936 and from Colby College in 1940. He married Barbara Libbey of Bangor in 1943 before joining the Naval Air Force during WWII as a naval aviator. He was a reconnaissance photographer and pilot in the Pacific on the USS Guam. Once home, Spencer worked as a reporter for the Bangor Daily Commercial before moving his family to Waterville, Maine where he started a career with the Colby College Alumni Magazine as a freelance photographer and fundraiser.

Between 1951 and 1966 Spencer and Barbara raised three children, Tom, Tania, and Libbey, in Pittsfield, Maine while he worked as the personnel manager for the Baxter Canning Company. Spencer earned a Master's of Education from the University of Maine. He was always an active



Late 1940's in Waterville

Democrat in Maine politics, especially in areas of education, and supported the Gifted and Talented Legislation in Augusta. Spencer was a ghostwriter for several politically active labor leaders and a speechwriter for Edmund Muskie's campaign for Governor, but turned down Muskie's offer to manage his U.S. Presidential bid. He was active in the Kiwanis Club, sang in the choir of the First Universalist Church, played the violin, enjoyed woodworking—and even spent a winter building a sailboat in his living room.

Spencer, Barbara, and daughter Libbey moved to Blue Hill in 1966 when he became GSA's first guidance counselor. Moving to the coast was Spencer's dream come true. He loved the ocean, music, art, boatyards and maritime history. He spent summers fixing his old wooden Deer Isle Skeg for the "Round the Island Race," and enjoying his family and growing grandchildren. While at GSA, Spencer completed a Certificate of Advanced Study in counseling and guidance from the University of Maine and started the GSA golf team. Barbara taught ballroom dancing, started the GSA girls' basketball team, and worked at GSA as librarian and study hall monitor.

Libbey Winsor Gulliver, GSA Class of '71, remembers, "It was understood growing up that I would support those coping with personal struggles." Spencer worked with other Hancock County leaders who were concerned about the increase in homeless teens, and formed the committee that founded "The Homestead Project," which later evolved into Kids Peace, a residential treatment program in Ellsworth Falls.



Pensicola Florida in 1934 for flight school

GSA board member and former Assistant Head of School, **Emil Andy**, reflects on Spencer's years at GSA. "Spencer always had the students' best interests in mind. In addition, he was instrumental in establishing GSA's Independent Study program, which continues to this day." The Independent Study and Internship Program (as it is now called) is a distinct part of the GSA experience and offers every eligible junior and senior the opportunity to explore an academic or vocational interest through a self-designed, two- or three-week course of study. ISIP encourages interdisciplinary skills and connected knowledge as students investigate specialized areas of interest. "The program has benefited generations of GSA students and will continue to do so for years to come," says Emil.



Sailing The Viking off Deer Isle, 1972.

Spencer's son, Maine State Legislator **Tom J. Winsor** of Norway Maine, adds: "My father believed every child deserved respect as an individual capable of great achievement, and it was his job as an educator to help each child find direction, and then find his or her own tools and to develop the skills needed to excel and prosper."

In 2007 Spencer's daughter **Tania Hannon** of Brooklin proposed to rededicate the scholarship fund originally set up in her father's memory, in order to better reflect his interest in helping students develop their futures while they are still enrolled at GSA. The **Spencer H. Winsor Student Enrichment Fund** was thus established.

The Enrichment Fund reflects Spencer's habit of giving students small financial support as needed for a college

application, for gas money to attend a school interview, to pay for a visit to a college campus or a meeting with a potential employer—even gifts for lunch vouchers or a dentist's appointment.

"We are grateful for this tremendous investment in the long-term support of our students' immediate needs," said **Martha Garfield '82**, Director of College and Vocational Counseling. "In past years the Winsor fund has supported our 9th grade orientation program. This year, the Spencer H. Winsor Student Enrichment Fund will enable GSA to take a group of juniors and seniors to visit the University of Southern Maine and Southern Maine Community College, take campus tours, and meet with admission officers. In addition, the fund has helped support our annual college financial aid workshops for seniors and their parents."

"Spencer Winsor encouraged me to think beyond the immediate area, and opened my eyes to what was available for college opportunities outside of eastern Maine," says **Rob Clapp '73**, vice-president of GSA's Board of Trustees. Dean of Students **Libby Austin Rosemeier '77** is sure that "Spence would appreciate the fact that these funds are earmarked to help students explore options for furthering their education beyond high school."

Tania adds, "Many people who were students during Dad's years at GSA comment on his influence in their lives: 'Your Dad was so supportive of me. He gave what I needed to move ahead in my life.' It is my hope that the spirit of Spencer Winsor is passed on by those he assisted. This fund invites you to contribute."

The **Spencer H. Winsor Student Enrichment Fund** makes it possible to continue Spencer's inspired pattern of making small financial gifts that transform students' lives. As the Fund grows, more students will benefit.

We invite you to contribute to the Enrichment Fund to broaden its reach and help GSA students plan for next steps before they graduate.

To make a gift to the **Spencer H. Winsor Student Enrichment Fund**, contact **Rada Starkey**, Director of Development.

Launching the Rusty Duym '65 Sailing Fund

On September 18th, 2011 at a ceremony held at Blue Hill's Kollegewidgwok Yacht Club, the Rusty Duym '65 Sailing Fund was officially launched with members of the Becton and Duym families present, as well as GSA sailors, parents and friends in the community. Courtney Koos '12 and Tess Lameyer '12, co-captains, and members of the sailing team presented a plaque to the Becton family that will permanently commemorate their gift and tribute to Rusty Duym '65.

At the same event, GSA sailing coaches Tom Gutow and Patrick Haugen announced the establishment of the Becton Trophy Women's Double-Handed Maine State Championship, a new regatta named in honor of the Becton family and their long-standing support of GSA. The Becton Trophy Women's Double-Handed Maine State Championship is a combined event with the Maine Maritime Academy Women's Downeast Double-Handed Invite, co-hosted by GSA and MMA on October 2nd at Maine Maritime Academy. This inaugural year, Koos and Lameyer captured both championships.

Henry Becton, Jr. spoke on behalf of his family to express what motivated them to make the lead gift to establish the fund. Portions are quoted below:



Henry Becton displays the Rusty Duym '65 Sailing Fund plaque, flanked by his wife, Jean, and student sailor Courtney Koos '12. Also pictured, from top left: Stephen Salois '13, Steven Bell '12, and Gordon Lameyer '14. Tom Duym '75 stands behind the Bectons.

"I wanted to say a few words about what motivated our family to make the lead gift to get this fund established.

"It really was the confluence of three things. First, our life-long friendship and love for Rusty and desire to find a way to pay tribute to his talents and spirit in a lasting fashion; second, our belief in the importance of education, and specifically our long-standing support of George Stevens Academy; and third, our conviction, passed down from our parents, of the importance of a flourishing sailing program for young people in this community.

"The Blue Hill area has a long and rich history of connections to the sea that we think is a wonderful heritage to nurture. Esther Wood's history tells

us that one of the first subjects taught at George Stevens was Navigation.

"I remember seeing photographs from the 1800s of the inner harbor teeming with the masts of wooden ships, one of them probably belonging to George Stevens himself. ...This area has bred some outstanding sailboat racers. Most of you are aware that the crews of the classic America's Cup defenders in the early 1900s all came from Deer Isle. And we're proud that in recent years the George Stevens sailing team has distinguished itself in many regattas and championships, as we've just heard...

"Rusty Duym personified Blue Hill's connection to the sea and its championship sailors. The whole area celebrated as he won his class in the single-handed "Bermuda One-Two" race several years ago, on his beloved sloop, Williwaw, which he restored and equipped himself. Rusty won or helped several of us win more racing trophies than anyone I know. "Rusty had many other wonderful attributes and talents—teacher, musician, technician—but I want to say a few more things about Rusty as a sailing and racing companion for our family and for me. Rusty was a virtual member of our family since boyhood. My mother spotted him back then as a newcomer to the sailing program, saw his talent and passion, and took him under her wing—or should I say, her mainsail.

"In his early 20's Rusty became a regular member of the crew on our racing yawl, Ariana. As Dad began campaigning Lucero, his yellow Atlantic, Rusty signed on, first as crew and later when Dad retired,

as his successor, skippering the “banana boat” as we sometimes called it, and proudly wearing those yellow and orange tee shirts around town that he had made for his crew. And he eventually became my partner in racing our sloop, Otter, and keeping her in racing trim. He was a continuing presence at Sculpin Point, from June to October, ready to help

"Rusty Duym personified Blue Hill's connection to the sea and its championship sailors."

with anything to do with boats, taking my parents for a sail when we weren't around, or fixing the odd troublesome fuel filter or sump pump.

"Racing Otter together, Rusty and I experienced an intuitive, non-verbal communication as

together we adjusted the trim to every small change in the breeze or in the look of the jib along the luff. No one could anticipate when a spinnaker was about to curl or fold like Rusty could. From his position near the mast he'd throw a glance back at me at the wheel. And sometimes I knew that it meant he was going to trim the sheet six or eight inches. It was sheer joy to be in touch with the elements together, reading and riding the literal and figurative waves.

"In the weeks following Rusty's death, several of us wanted to do something to insure that other young people from this community could learn the same sailing and racing skills, the same appreciation as stewards of this beautiful Bay, and the same joys of being out on the water.

"So we decided to work with his family and with George Stevens Academy to establish the Rusty Duym '65 Sailing Fund to endow support for the sailing program. Rusty loved to teach and mentor young people, and these funds will keep that part of his spirit alive. We hope you'll consider joining us in contributing to this Fund.

"It's hard for many of us to imagine our lives on the water without Rusty's physical presence. But we're happy that his sailing spirit, his broad waterman's skills, his dependable good humor, his modest, quiet strength, and his mentorship of young people will be kept alive through this fund."



*Rusty Duym '65 on the water.
Photo courtesy of Suzanne Gillette.*



*Jeffery Becton with Becton Trophy Women's
Double-Handed Maine State champions
Tess Lameyer '12 and Courtney Koos '12*

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To make a gift to the Rusty Duym '65 Sailing Fund, contact Rada Starkey, Director of Development.

Alumni Reunions: 50th & 20th

Class of 1961

Submitted by Marilyn York Brossmer

"The George Stevens Academy Class of 1961 celebrated its 50th reunion in June. Fourteen class members (of the original 38 graduating class) and eight spouses attended the Alumni Banquet on June 10th. Only the graduating Class of 2011 had more class members in attendance. A reception at Marlintoni's Restaurant was held the following afternoon. Notable were those who traveled from out of state: Shari Abbott Garcia from California, Bill Burton from Florida, Forrest Horton from Virginia and Alice Dyer from South Carolina.

"Class members donated \$500 for a book award to a graduating senior. The recipient was Jennifer Snow, who is attending Husson University this fall. In addition, the Class gave \$2,000 in memory of Deale B. Salisbury—our beloved science teacher and class advisor the four years we were at GSA—to purchase a conference table and chairs for the new science projects room" (p. 26).

Class of 1991

Submitted by Maggie Fowler

"Twenty-one members of the GSA Class of 1991 shared a wonderful weekend together on August 12th and 13th. Friday night was spent catching up and sharing laughs at Barncastle. In fact, we closed the place down and continued on to Marlintoni's to continue catching up. On Saturday afternoon Matt Mattson took some classmates on a tour of GSA to see what changes have taken place over the last 20 years. Later that night, twenty-three classmates met up at The Boatyard Grill for dinner and music.

"A great weekend was had by all; stories and memories shared, old nicknames remembered, lots of laughs, delicious food, and beautiful August Maine weather. Many classmates were missed and there was talk of meeting again in five years rather than ten. We shall see...Thanks to everyone who helped pull together such a fabulous weekend!"

GSA's first Homecoming was held over Columbus Day Weekend, October 7th, 8th, & 9th. The weekend was organized to welcome alumni back to the school to join with students and their families, faculty, staff, and many friends, in celebrating GSA and its importance in the lives of so many.

The weekend was a great success, with each event well attended. This success would not have been possible without the help of volunteers and the support of sponsors. For a list of acknowledgements, see page 25.



From left: Jerry Butler, Bill Grant, Alice Dyer, Betty Sylvester Pickering, Sally Drew Winchenbach, Bill Burton, Joan Douglass Pettengill, Ann Bragdon Black, Margie McGraw Longwood, Cordell Snow, Shari Abbott Garcia, Horace Horton (partially hidden), Forrest Horton, Mimi Snow Hamilton, Marilyn York Brossmer.



Front: Mike Schneider, Marcie Bowden, Sharman Grindle, Karrie Deans Prescott, Joey Wardwell, Ryan McHugh, April Burke Briggs, Amy Grant Franco, Leanne Candage Grindle and Joe Dera; Row 2 – Bill Pelletier, Patrick Grant, Matt Mattson, Spencer Marcus, Joel Wilson, Jim Begley; Row 3 – Emily Biss, April Cote Chapman, Maggie Fowler, Stormy Giroux Gale, Andrea DeFrancesco; Row 4 – Jason Milliken, Dennis Carter.



Morning Golf Tournament:
Jeff Allen '79 (not shown),
Bonnie Astbury Paulas '69,
Jeb Billings '89, and
Steve Craig.



Afternoon Golf Tournament:
Rooney Hall, Alex Heilner '14,
Jasper Adam '13, and Phyllis Taylor.

Homecoming 2011



*Simeon Allen '01, Spencer Allen,
Noah Tapley '02 & Brandon Allen '03*



Girls' Soccer v. Bucksport



Barncastle Welcome



*Ralph Graceffa '95
& Marion Grace*



Mark Politte P '15



Nolan Ellsworth '13 & Anna Ludlow '15



Soccer Fans



*David Snow, Rich Gurin,
Kitty Clements, & Tony Newton*



*Anna Ludlow '15, trustee Deb Venno Ludlow
'79, and Hannah Van der Eb '10*



Planet Pan



Frank and Anthony '14 Bianco



*Tradewinds Great Pumpkin 4K Race:
Top Male—Adam Goode in 11.33
Top Female—Kate Goupee in 15.27*



Tea with Paul Perkinson

Horace W. Wardwell, Jr. '57 & Sylvia Conner Wardwell '59

Horace and Sylvia Wardwell's roots at GSA go deep, and for years they have loyally supported their school by giving to the Annual Fund.

If you live on the Blue Hill Peninsula and heat your home with oil, there's a good chance you've had oil delivered by Wardwell Oil. **Horace '57** and **Sylvia '59 Conner Wardwell** have owned and operated Wardwell Oil in Sargentville for over 50 years. They took over the business from Sylvia's father, **Myron Connor '33** shortly after marrying in 1959, following Sylvia's graduation from GSA. Their son, **Blaine Wardwell '80**, has worked for them for almost 20 years, and although they've increased their staff over the years, they are both still actively involved in the business's day-to-day operation. For the past 10 years, in addition to delivering oil, they have been delivering non-potable water to wells, reservoirs, swimming pools during the summer months when demand for oil is lower.



At GSA, Horace was Class President, a member of the National Honor Society, and actively involved in the school magazine. His father, **Horace W. Wardwell, Sr.**, was a GSA trustee and served as President of the Board. Horace, Jr. himself became a trustee in the early 1960s and served for 38 years.

Horace graduated from Southern Maine Vocational Technical College in South Portland with a focus on Engine Mechanics. He was invited to become an instructor in the Engine Shop of the Mechanics Department. Although he chose to decline the offer, he is convinced that it came as a result of his excellent education and training at GSA. His love of old cars and their repair and restoration remains a hobby of his. "It's rewarding to work on an old car or truck that has been idle for years, and to get it running and roadworthy. Attending car shows has always been of interest to me; it's great to see all the old cars restored to running condition. I visit the Owls Head Transportation Museum often to see the Truck and Tractor Show."

Actively involved in the community, Horace began serving on the Sedgwick

Volunteer Fire Department while a student and continues to serve today. He has been the Sealer of Weights & Measures for the towns of Brooklin, Brooksville and Sedgwick for 30 years, a Deacon of the Eggemoggin Baptist Church in Sedgwick for over 40 years, and has taught Sunday School and was a youth leader. Sylvia has also taught Sunday School and worked in the youth program for many years.

Her education at GSA, and the business skills she learned from her father and grandfather, prepared her to take on the role of bookkeeper of their business for 40 years, until the business grew so large that she needed to hire help. Sylvia learned some important skills through her co-curricular involvement at GSA as well. She participated in a number of activities, including Glee Club, Drama, Cheerleading, and softball, and learned the importance of public relations and how to work with people. "It's important in business to always try to be agreeable and pleasant and to always try to smile."

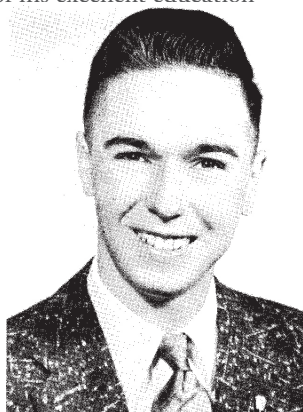
"My family has four generations of GSA graduates: Myron Conner '33, Sylvia Conner Wardwell '59, Blaine Wardwell '80, and Tyson Wardwell '08. GSA has given us a very fine start in life."

Sylvia Conner Wardwell '59

Sylvia served on the Sedgwick Planning Board for 25 years, and was a member in the Sargentville Thursday Club, raising money to maintain the Sargentville Chapel and to award scholarships to Sedgwick students. For fifty years she has been a member of the Hancock County Homemakers Extension, working to improve the quality of life for those in the community. This was a natural move from the 4-H membership of her younger days. Sylvia is also actively involved in the fundraising efforts of the Sedgwick Volunteer Fire Department, and for over 30 years helped with call dispatching.

Despite their busy schedules, Horace and Sylvia manage to find time for boating and fishing, and they enjoy working in their garden and showing their vegetables at the Blue Hill Fair. They always come home with some prize money, but seeing the work of others, and meeting up with old friends, is just as rewarding. Sylvia also shows her knitting work at the fair and has designed a hat and mitten pattern called Stripes and Windows.

Exploring family history is another pastime Sylvia enjoys. She has traced her family's roots back to the Mayflower, and her grandson, **Tyson Wardwell '08**, received a scholarship from the Maine Society of Mayflower Descendants. Tyson is attending the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York, and their other grandson, **Tyler Wardwell**, attends the University of Southern Maine, studying Marketing.



At GSA, Horace was voted Most Courteous & Best Disposition



Sylvia was voted Class Shrimp & Most Athletic

Alumni Class Notes

GSA alumni are here, there, and everywhere!
For more alumni news or to update your profile,
visit our Alumni pages at www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumni.
And be sure to "follow" George Stevens Academy on Facebook!

1960^s

Lawrence Merrill '62 writes: "I learned at an early age that athletes were usually the popular kids, so I wanted to be an athlete. Unfortunately, my genes weren't very cooperative. I'm 5'7", never fast, with average coordination at best. As a freshman in high school, I was the worst player on a basketball team that went 2-16; I scored three points all season. As a junior, I was on the track team; my crowning glory was entering the mile and two mile events at the county meet and finishing last in both of them. In college, I tried wrestling and lacrosse, which I had never seen before. I had no apparent talent for either, and gave them up after one year. Several years after college, a friend talked me into buying a kayak, and then talked me into racing with it. After a while I did quite well in local races, accumulating a pile of trophies and ribbons. Part of my secret was that there wasn't much competition at the time. Mostly to stay in shape for kayaking, I took up running again, which I hadn't done much of since high school. I entered a lot of local races over several decades, but never even finished as high as third. Though I had pretty good endurance, I was never fast enough to win any kind of award for my running. Kayaking, running, and biking are things one can do despite advancing age. I first tried a triathlon at the age of 58: a four-mile run, a thirteen-mile pedal and a four-mile paddle.

My primary goal was to avoid being last and I achieved it; four people finished behind me. I did the same event three years later and moved up to sixth fastest in the over-50 class. I'm still racing kayaks and sometimes running races. I'm planning on doing the MDI triathlon in October."



Gerald Blodgett '69 writes: "I have just started a new job as President and CEO of a company in Lewiston called FISC Solutions. FISC employs around 100 people and is a payments processor that has been in business a little more than 30 years. After all these years of living in Maine, but traveling and working for out of state companies, it's nice to be back working for a Maine company with Maine people. Here is a picture of my family taken on a recent August vacation just north of Yellowstone Park in Montana."



(L to R) son Matt, daughter Jenny, wife Debbie, and Jerry.

1970^s

Amy Bartlett Turner '74 of Biddeford, Maine has enrolled at Northeast Technical Institute in Scarborough, Maine to qualify as a Medical Assistant. It seems education is a life long pursuit!

Teresa Slaven '77 is still in the area, living on Newbury Neck in Surry and working at WESMAC Custom Boats, Inc., which is also in Surry. This is her 17th year working there.

Richard (Frank) Leach '79 writes: "I recently traveled up to Maine from Lexington, Massachusetts to see some family members and went to Acadia with my great-nephew, Derek McGraw, to hike some carriage ways and trails. We had a great

time and only got a little bit lost. I never did much hiking in Acadia when I lived near there. Isn't that the way it is? You move away and then tour the area as a visitor."

1990s

Caitlin Shetterly '92 has been busy traveling around the country, promoting her new book. She writes: "*Made for You and Me* is the story of what happened when my husband, Dan, and I went west at the start of this recession. It's about not only the dreams we had for our lives then, but how we continue to believe in the green light of the American Dream. In California, I got pregnant and became so sick that I was barely able to leave my bed. My husband's career began to take off until, suddenly, California was hit so hard by the recession that our lives unraveled. By the time our son was born, we had no income and no work on the horizon. When he was two months old, we drove back across the country and moved in with my mother in Maine. This is also the story of my marriage. Dan grew up in a trailer park. He has



made his life by believing in the American Dream. The way he got us across the country and all the way back home—and how he was tough enough to put our lives back together—is remarkable. The

book's heart is about believing in family more than career because your family can save you even when you don't want them to. I wanted to share my story so that other people who've been affected by the recession will feel less isolated." Caitlin has recently been hired to teach creative nonfiction at the Salt Institute for Documentary in Portland, Maine. Visit her website at www.caitlinshetterly.com

After graduating from GSA, **Melissa Hazeltine Sheets '94** attended Simmons College in Boston, graduating in May of 1998 with a B.A. in Spanish and International Relations. She spent her junior year in Buenos Aires, Argentina and in Cordoba, Spain. She worked in Boston for two years for Santander Global Advisors and later for Winslow Investment Management, both investments firms. Her love for Spanish persisted and led her into teaching. She taught for four years at Bucksport High School (Maine) in their language department. In the summer of 2004, she received a National Endowment for the Arts Scholarship to study Spanish Theater and Art in Madrid, Spain. In 2005 she accepted a position to teach Spanish at Santa Catalina, a private girls' high school in Monterey, California. In addition to teaching, she is the Sophomore Class Coordinator and organizes a leadership class, sophomore advising, and all sophomore-related activities. She lives with her husband, Randy, and their two Siberian Huskies in Monterey.

Joe Kilch '97 writes: "I just recently started my first year of medical school at the University of Vermont, and it's quite exciting! Most of my time since college has been spent teaching high school students math and science and leading wilderness trips for experiential education programs for teenagers, with some traveling and volunteering interspersed. Just prior to starting at UVM, I was completing medical school prerequisites and some graduate work at University of Southern Maine and working as part of a

research team at Maine Medical Center in Portland."

Colin Brayton '99 writes: "After spending the last seven years working on boats as professional crew traveling from Turkey, to Alaska, to the Caribbean, and most places in between, I am currently located in the San Francisco Bay area. I am now the captain of a 59-foot modern classic ketch sailboat built by Brooklin Boat Yard just a few years ago. I joined the boat in Fort Lauderdale, Florida this year and sailed down to Panama, through the canal, and up the west coast. There have been a lot of challenges but heaps of fun as well. Future plans include cruising southeast Alaska for the summer of 2012." *Pictured below: Colin and his boat under sail.*



2000s

Darlene Baker '00 married Craig Wells on September 10th, 2011 at 12:13 (9-10-11 @ 12:13!). It was a joyous celebration and the couple spent their honeymoon

following the Wine Trail that runs along the Finger Lakes in New York. They reside in Morrisonville, New York with Darlene's six year-old son, Nicholas, and Craig's nine year-old daughter, Michayla.



Over Labor Day weekend **Sarah Clapp '02**, dad **Rob Clapp '73**, mom **Patty Clapp '73**, brother **Mark Clapp '03**, along with **Tysen Ober '07**, went to Parents' Weekend at the United States Air Force Academy to visit sister cadets **Lydia Clapp '10** and **Anna Clapp '11**. Sarah (USAF '06) is currently a USAF Captain flying KC-135's at McConnell AFB in Wichita, Kansas with her husband David. Mark is working as an insurance agent for State Farm in Portland, Maine and recently became engaged to **Laura Driscoll '07**. Tysen is a Warrant Officer in the Army National Guard and is learning to fly Black Hawk helicopters at Fort Rucker, Alabama. Lydia is a sophomore cadet and Anna is a freshman cadet at the Air Force Academy. *Pictured below: Lydia, Sarah, and Anna.*



Andrea Flynn '02 recently accepted a position at Hamilton Sundstrand, Space Systems as an Operations Lead. She is also recently engaged to Ryan Beiler, of Enfield, Connecticut.

Erin Doherty '03 is entering her second year of Boston University's masters program in historic preservation. This summer, she worked at the Northeast Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation on their *Partners in Preservation* initiative. This grant program, a collaboration with American Express, gave away \$1 million in restoration funds to Greater Boston area historic sites. She is anticipating graduation from Boston University in Spring 2012.

Sarah Flynn '05 has spent the past year in the Peace Corps in Zambia. In September, while home on a short leave to attend the wedding of her sister (**Laura '04**), she visited GSA to present pictures and thoughts on her Peace



Corps work. She spoke to five social studies classes hosted by teachers David Stearns, Bill Case and Mark Churchill. Sarah writes, "In Chibondo, I work on several health related projects. I recently finished training local health volunteers on the basics of several major health issues in Zambia including: HIV/AIDS prevention, malaria prevention, water and sanitation, tuberculosis, preventing maternal mortality, and child health and nutrition. I am currently launching a child nutrition campaign to help educate mothers on how to properly feed their children under five. I am also working with an HIV/AIDS support group to help HIV positive people learn healthy living practices.

"I live with a wonderful family who has adopted me as their own. I find Zambians to be the most generous people I have seen. I am learning a language called "Bemba" one of 73 languages in Zambia (however it is the most largely

spoken!) I am enjoying my Peace Corps service to date!"

Chloe Urban '05 writes: "This year has been filled with adventure for me! I graduated last spring from the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts and



received a travel scholarship based on my Senior show. I was then invited to show work at the Vincent Michael Gallery in Philadelphia last September, which was a lovely way to start my career as an artist. In October, after being out in Colorado for the birth of my brother's (**Dustin Urban '02**) daughter, Lila, I moved to San Francisco. This past April, I headed halfway around the world to Southeast Asia with the money from my scholarship. I did an artist residency in Bali for a month and then headed to Thailand for another month, where I traveled all over the country on my own. It was an amazing trip, full of inspiration and discovery! If you are interested in reading about my journey see my blog at <http://chloe-faithurban.blogspot.com/> where there are a ton of stories and reflections about my trip, as well as photos of the work that I did in Bali. You can also check out my website www.chloeurban.com, which has all of my most recent work. The picture of me (above) is at the Sunday market in Chiang Mai, Thailand.

Laura Overton '08 writes: "I spent last spring on a study abroad program in Namibia, where I studied the history and the political system of the country as well as development issues, and how

they are affected by legacies of apartheid. I began my trip in Johannesburg, South Africa, where fellow students and I were immersed in the history and the complexities of apartheid. We then moved on to Windhoek, Namibia, where I spent three months. I lived in a house with other American students in the city, but also spent time with host families. When I was not in class, I worked at a Residential Childcare Facility called Hope Village. This organization functions as an orphanage for children who are HIV positive. I worked with the twenty or so children who were under the age of five to teach them the impor-



tance of sustainable agriculture. I did this by helping the workers and volunteers implement drought resistant spinach gardens, and taught the kids how to grow and harvest it themselves. We then took it to the local market and sold it, which stimulated income generation within the organization. I went to the North of Namibia and stayed with an Ovambo family there. Prior to going, I took Oshindonga classes, which is the language that is spoken by most of the

Ovambo tribes. While I was there, I practiced my Oshindonga, and the kids practiced their English. (I became really good at saying "kandi uviteko" which means, "I don't understand" and my host siblings became very good at laughing.) I am studying International Development and Social Change at Clark University and have become very attached to the issue of how racism has perpetuated poverty in the wake of apartheid. Through my abroad program and my studies at Clark, I have become increasingly excited at the prospect of continuing my research on this subject. I am counting the days until I can return to Namibia." The photo shows Laura on top of Table Mountain, South Africa.

Rosalind Brokaw '09 is currently studying abroad in Chiang Mai, Thailand through the International Sustainable Development Studies Institute. She will be in Chiang Mai for five weeks with a host family, studying Thai language and culture. During the second portion of the program she will be in different parts of the country for various field studies. She spent this past summer raft



guiding on the Salmon River near Stanley, Idaho with her sister, **Winslow Brokaw '07**.

2010's

Elizabeth Gray '10 is in her second year at the University of Maine at Fort Kent and has switched her major to Business Management. She is currently the Vice President of her sorority chapter, Kappa Rho, which is a part of the Kappa Delta Phi National Affiliated Sorority.

In Memoriam 2010-2011

Pauline Townsend Ferris '36
Helen Collins Sylvester '37
Thelma Eaton Gray '40
Marjorie McGraw Woodward '40
Sherley Astbury Abrams '41
Walter Bisset, Jr. '42
Phyllis Grindle Rackliffe '42
Donald Bisset '44
Fernald Robertson '44
Donald Clark '47
Ailean Staples Conary '47
George Walsh '47
Frances Limburner Grindal '49
Merrill Leach, Jr. '49
Kermit Gray '52
Geraldine Leach Bragdon '58
Doris Owen '59
Harriet Gray Bird '64
David Emerson '64
J. Russell Duym '65
John Olds '67
Timothy Snow '72
Stephen Pert '78
Michael Winters '79
Teresa Parent Addison '80
Todd Astbury '83



Jacob Fox '10 sustained significant injuries in September while serving in Afghanistan in the United States Marine Corps. He was returned to the U.S. for medical treatment in Bethesda. *Photo:* On October 10th Jacob was visited by President Barack Obama.



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 37 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. This means, simply, that 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 a student. 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? The Annual Fund plays a

large role, of course, and has grown impressively over the past eight years. But it is not sufficient to close the gap between tuition revenues and real 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 annual 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*



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New England Association of Schools and Colleges, April 2011

Alden Colby began his 50th year teaching industrial arts. Here Mr. Colby instructs Dan Ferden '13.



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