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On the cover: Stephen Salois '13 and Alex Whitting '13 competing in the 2010 Downeast Regatta. *Photo by Robert Starkey.*

CLASS OF 2010: WHERE NEXT?

94% percent of the Class of 2010 were accepted to over 100 colleges & universities, including:

American Int'l College	Middlebury College
Babson College	Mount Holyoke College
Bard College	The New School
Barnard College	Northeastern University
Bennington College	Occidental College
Boston College	Pratt Institute
Bowdoin College	Roger Williams University
Clark University	St. Anselm's College
College of the Atlantic	St. Joseph's College
College of Charleston	St. Lawrence University
College of Wooster	St. Michael's College
Colorado College	Salve Regina University
Columbia University	Smith College
Connecticut College	SUNY Buffalo
Cornell University	U of Iowa
Dalhousie University	U of Maine
Drew University	U of Massachusetts at Amherst
Duke University	U of Michigan
Earlham College	U of Montana
Eastern Maine C'ty College	U of New Hampshire
Eckerd College	U of Pennsylvania
Elon College	U of Rhode Island
Emmanuel College	U of Southern California
Emory University	U of Southern Maine
Hampshire College	U of Vermont
Harvard College	Vassar College
Hobart College	Villanova University
Husson University	Virginia Tech
Kalamazoo College	Wellesley College
Keene State College	Wesleyan University
Kenyon College	Wheaton College
Maine Maritime Academy	Williams College

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

Learning & Community



As GSA takes this year to identify our strengths and areas for improvement in the course of our NEAS&C Self-Study, it seems an appropriate time to ask two salient questions: What exactly is the GSA experience for our students? How do we shape and influence our students' lives? Over the nine years that I have been affiliated with GSA, I have had many opportunities to meet GSA graduates. In addition to those GSA alumni whom I now call colleagues here at school or who serve on the board, GSA graduates own or are employed by nearly 100 businesses here on the Blue Hill peninsula. Wherever you look, GSA graduates are a vital part of this community, taking leadership roles at every level. So I feel qualified in my field notes on these two essential questions.

First, a significant part of the GSA experience has to do with building community and life-long friendships. GSA brings the students of this peninsula together in a way that no other institution can, and shapes an identity that transcends their respective towns and neighborhoods. Coming from a dozen wonderful elementary and middle schools throughout the area, these students bond together as they share a GSA experience and forge personal friendships that endure a lifetime. Everyone who spends time on our campus is impressed by the absence of "cliques" and by a community rapport that makes GSA unique and different from other area high schools. Our openness in turn fosters what I see as another important element of the GSA experience: our willingness to encourage every student to be an individual. GSA deliberately cultivates a student culture that allows the unique qualities and interests of students to stand and flourish. Together, these qualities of friendship, independence, and empathy live in our graduates, and in turn our graduates never doubt that this is the way it should be.

Second, GSA offers a program of studies that meets the vast majority of our students' ambitions, whether they plan to go to college or to enter the work force. One need only look at the breadth and depth of what GSA teaches to appreciate the opportunities our students have close to home. From a core academic curriculum that spans skills-level classes to Advanced Placement courses, from a wide array of Fine Arts to Industrial Arts, from electives that include technology, woodworking, ESL, work study, cooperative education, and Independent Study, GSA's curriculum mirrors what we value in being a long standing community school. Supplement this academic spectrum with extracurricular offerings in music, debate, theater, athletics, art, rec center activities, and volunteerism, and we understand why our graduates pursue a wide range of careers and speak confidently and personally about their level of preparedness in entering college or moving right into the job market. Read the profile of Zoë Robbins Tenney '93 in this issue (p. 29) and her experience of a GSA education: a sense of community and individualized learning. As Zoë says, her GSA education not only prepared her academically, but *supported her own passion for learning and cemented her attachment to this community*. Individual students learning together in community makes the GSA experience rare and refreshing.

Bayard Brokaw
Interim Head of School

Graduation 2010!



Senator Dennis Damon addresses the graduates.

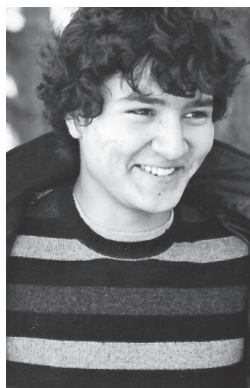
Graduation 2010 was held on Sunday, June 13th, on the front lawn, under cloudy skies that threatened—but never delivered—rain. The GSA Band played as families and friends arrived; then graduating seniors processed to the familiar strains of Pomp and Circumstance.

First Honor Essayist Grace Jackson welcomed the audience and spoke about the importance of best friends. **Salutatorian Molly McEntee** channeled the wisdom of Dr. Seuss. **Valedictorian Michael Senter-Zapata** recalled how he disliked Maine when he moved here from California as a young child, and how deeply he came to appreciate and love his second home.

Senator Dennis Damon D-Hancock then addressed the graduating class. He recalled his own experience when, as a high school senior, his father challenged him to "Be more!" Senator Damon passed along this admonition to the new crop of graduates, counseling them to "Wake up, get up, dress up, and show up!"

Dean Libby Rosemeier announced more than sixty scholarships and awards.

Then **Rob Clapp, President of the Board**, and **Acting Head of School, Jill Cohen**, awarded diplomas to eighty-four newly-minted graduates. Concluding the ceremony, **Second Honor Essayist Hannah Van der Eb** bid adieu to her classmates, before **Class Marshal Brandon Gray '11** led the recessional.



VALEDICTORIAN

Michael Senter-Zapata (2006-2010)

Son of Kenneth Senter & Miriam Zapata, Sedgwick National Honor Society (President); JV/Varsity soccer (4, Captain), JV/Varsity basketball (2), Varsity tennis (4, Captain); Math Team (3), Spanish Club (2, President), Model UN (2); Jazz Combo (3); Student Council (4, President); National Merit Commended Student; National Hispanic Scholarship Recognition Program Award; Rensselaer Award for Mathematics & Science (2009).

Harvard College

SALUTATORIAN

Molly Fleck McEntee (2006-2010)

Daughter of Jarlath McEntee & Barbara Fleck, Castine Drama (4), a capella (4), Math Team (3), International Cooking Club (3), Sailing Team (3); National Honor Society; National Merit Finalist. Recipient of Bausch & Lomb Science Award (2009).

Williams College



FIRST HONOR ESSAYIST

Grace Jackson (2006-2010)

Daughter of Melone Madix-Jackson & Bo Jackson, Brooksville

JV/Varsity soccer (4), JV/Varsity tennis (4), Penobscot Valley Conference First Team (Tennis); National Honor Society; Recipient of the Williams College Book Award (2009).

Wellesley College

SECOND HONOR ESSAYIST

Hannah Van der Eb (2006-2010)

Daughter of Joanne & Peter Van der Eb, Brooksville

JV/Varsity soccer (4); JV/Varsity basketball (4); JV/Varsity tennis (4); National Honor Society; Recipient of the Society of Women Engineers Award (2009).

Wellesley College





Dan Weinberg, Nick Carey & Elias Springer



At the Alumni Banquet, Dustin Piskura, Stevie Theoharidis, and Lacey Leach were presented Alumni Awards to support their future education.



Caroline Altman



Eric Burns



Alice Carriveau



Brandon Gray

CLASS NIGHT AWARDS



Lydia Clapp & Adam DeLong



Dustin Piskura & Tynan Byrne



Rob Clapp and Amber Gray

VALEDICTORIAN AWARD
Michael Senter-Zapata

SALUTATORIAN AWARD
Molly McEntee

ENGLISH AWARD
to the most improved English student
Melissa Allen

SPANISH AWARD
to the Spanish student with the highest academic achievement
Michael Senter-Zapata

SPANISH 5 YEARS
for completing 5 full years of study
Max Reiter

SPANISH "Woohoo! You made it, chicas!"
Erika Gray, Lacey Leach, Elisabeth Clifford,
Charlene Farnsworth, Mary Bridges,
Alex Osborne, and Helen Channell.

MATHEMATICS AWARDS
for excellence in Mathematics
Michael Senter-Zapata

SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD
Josh Sawyer, Pierre Dillon

TECHNOLOGY AWARD
for excellence in the field of technology
Erika Gray

ART AWARDS
Sarah Elliott
Sarah Brown
Carla Weed

FINE ARTS AWARDS
Tynan Byrne

DRAMA AWARDS
for outstanding contributions to GSA's Drama Program
Tynan Byrne, Alice Carriveau, Vesta Davis,
Adam DeLong, Charlene Farnsworth, Taylor Paine,
Gregory Fisher, Molly McEntee, Liam Russell

OUTSTANDING SENIOR MUSICIAN AWARDS
Alexandra Osborn, flute, Band
Tynan Byrne, tenor/baritone sax & bass clarinet,
Band, Jazz Band & *Jazz Disciples Jazz Combo*
Vesta Davis, trombone & vocals
Band, Jazz Band & *Jazz Disciples Jazz Combo*
Eric Burns, tenor & alto sax
Band, Jazz Band & *Dusk Jazz Combo*
Adam DeLong, baritone & soprano sax
Band, Jazz Band & *Eccentricity Jazz Combo*

ATHLETES OF THE YEAR
Stevie Theoharidis
Pierre Dillon

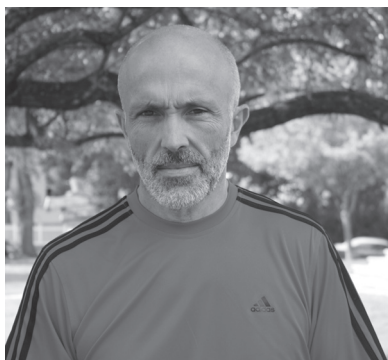
NEW FACES at GSA



Jane O'Connor

Assistant Head of School

Jane has a BA from Hampshire College in Anthropology and Photography and an Ed.M in Human Development and Psychology from Harvard Graduate School of Education. She has extensive experience as an administrator in both independent and public schools over the past twenty years and brings professional expertise to every facet of school life, including boarding programs. Most notably, she has served as a Dean of Students at the Cambridge School of Weston for six years and, more recently, as Assistant Principal at the Deer Isle-Stonington Elementary School for three years. Jane lives in Brooklin.



Mark Churchill

Dorm Parent

Mark has taught English, Latin and French, and served as a dorm parent for seventeen years, including at Fryeburg Academy where he worked extensively with international students. He has a BA in Classical Studies from Boston College, and is a PhD candidate in Classical Political Theory, also at Boston College.



Larry Duhaime

Maintenance

Larry grew up in Connecticut and has lived in Hancock for the past 15 years. Before coming to GSA he worked for many years at Wesmac. He has three sons who all graduated from Ellsworth High School where they were involved in soccer and other sports. Larry spent many years watching them play and still enjoys traveling to sports events. He also has an interest in cars and boats.



Sharman Grindle '91 Cook

Sharman has lived in Blue Hill all her life and is now raising her 8-year-old daughter here. She recently began taking classes toward a degree in managerial accounting. Sharman has most recently worked at South Street Market, and now very much enjoys working with her mother, Roxy Grindle.



Jack Hand Director of Food Services

Jack has an Associates Degree in Culinary Arts from Johnson and Wales University. He has worked as the Executive Chef in Regional School #24 and coordinated the food service at Mountain View School in Sullivan. He has extensive experience maintaining and meeting OSHA requirements and is Serve Safe Certified. Jack is married, has two children, and lives in Franklin.



Amy Jirsa English Teacher

Amy is teaching a section of Marie Epply's English 9 Poetry block and the upper-level *Writing for TV & Film* class while Marie finishes her work as NEASC Coordinator. Amy has a BA in Theatre from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and an MA in English from the University of Maine. Amy and her husband live in Brooksville.



Kathleen Knight Math Teacher

Kathleen has been teaching math across the content spectrum at Sumner High School for the past four years and has also been an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Maine Community College teaching College Algebra. She holds a BS from Maine Maritime Academy and earned her MS in Teaching (Mathematics) from the University of Maine. She brings a wealth of professional experience on the practical application of math to the classroom. Kathleen has a daughter and lives in Ellsworth.



Naomi Martin Assistant Librarian

Naomi has a BA in Biology from Clark University and an MA in Library and Information Science from Simmons College. Her career has primarily centered on research libraries, initially in the biotechnology sector, but also in the academic arena. Her daughter is a senior at GSA. Naomi lives in Surry.



Polly Monroe

International Program Cultural Consultant

Polly (Luo Yan) has a BA in English Literature from Xian Foreign Language University in China. She has ten years' experience working for Chinese consulting companies to help American businesses negotiate the Chinese business landscape. She lives in Ellsworth with her husband, Jon, and three-year old son, Nathan.



Maggie Overton '77

Associate in Development & Communications

Maggie attended New England College and graduated with a BA in English from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts. She moved back to the area in 1985 and lives in Sedgwick. Recently she served as Music Director for WERU, where she began volunteering in 1988. She is the mother of two GSA alums, Cade '04 and Laura '08, and her father taught at GSA until he retired in 1986.



Kathy Pelletier

Director of Residential Life

Kathy is a graduate of Middlebury College. She has been involved in international education for many years—as a host sister, a host parent, an exchange student, a liaison, and an orientation leader. She assumed the position in Residence Life last spring. Kathy lives in Ellsworth with her husband and two children.



Jacqueline Vachon

Academic Support Teacher

Jackie served as a long-term substitute teacher at GSA last spring in the science department. She has a BS in Environmental Science and Environmental Education from the University of Southern Maine, and has held internships at MERI, Maine Audubon, and the Gulf of Research Institute here in Maine. Jackie oversees academic support for 9th graders.

Board News

HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE...

Mikey Bannister



"I have just finished my fourteenth year on the Board of George Stevens Academy. I worked with four different Heads of School and have seen many changes in the years associated with the school. Enrollment has gone from over 400+ students to under 300. This in itself has created challenges: how do we support the school financially with small numbers, what is appropriate for programming, what kind of school should we be?

We've continued to stay committed to being a school that serves the communities of our sending towns. The school has always had financial challenges, but we've got good systems and plans in place to forge through these difficult times.

I've worked with many great people over the years who have given their time and support in so many ways. I've always been impressed by GSA's talented and loyal faculty. I've worked with many of them, and consider them to be the chief reason we continue to attract talented students. The students, of course, are the heart of our school. When my boys attended GSA, I never knew who would be at the house; the friendships were made over so many levels.

I want to thank everyone for the opportunity to serve such a wonderful school."

"Once again, I would like to thank my fellow trustees who share my commitment to GSA and to our students. Your many hours of service in committee and board meetings are appreciated. Thank you for your contributions to our success. This year we say goodbye to Mikey Bannister, a devoted trustee since 1996. We welcome back Pat Gray, and introduce a new trustee, Margaret Hannah."

—Rob Clapp
Board President

Pat Gray '54



Welcome back, Pat!

Pat was born in Blue Hill and has spent most of her life here. Both her husband, Don, and all their siblings are graduates of GSA, as are their four sons. Pat graduated from University of Maine with a degree in zoology. She has been a GSA trustee for many years, and has served as President of the Board and on many Board committees.

"GSA has been an important part of my life for many years, and I feel its continued service to the peninsula communities is something worth working to preserve. My dream is that in some way GSA might have the resources to improve and maintain both its physical plant and its programs without having to place burdensome limits on one to support the other."

...& WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Margaret Hannah

Margaret grew up in a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio and graduated from Smith College. She has lived in New York City, Chicago, Minneapolis, Pomfret, Connecticut, and in Blue Hill for the past 11 years—summering here since the mid-90s. She worked in advertising until she started her own marketing consulting/research company, Hannah & Associates, Inc. Her clients included American Express, the *Wall Street Journal*, Fisher-Price, ConAgra, and 3M.

As a volunteer at GSA, Margaret worked on the initial start-up committee for the capital campaign and currently serves on a sub-committee of the Education Committee. This past summer she helped compile findings from the NEASC Self-Study survey of faculty, parents, and students.

"A thriving community must have an outstanding high school that educates and prepares its students for the future. Whether or not students choose to continue their education after high school, a high school must provide its students with the foundation that enables and encourages them to be contributing, engaged, and knowledgeable citizens of the world and of their local community. In becoming a trustee of GSA, I will work to ensure that GSA continues to be the best high school possible—a school that the entire community is proud of."



INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

From July 12th until August 6th, **Adah** (China), **Johnson** (China), and **Kiyoshi** (Japan) were in Blue Hill practicing their English and exploring the region. They lived in the dorms, visited local families, spent time with American students, and participated in a variety of activities. In addition to English language lessons, the three students spent a weekend in Boston; learned to sail; had painting lessons with a local artist; developed wilderness survival skills; explored Acadia National Park; and danced to steel drum music.

Thanks to these experiences, the students were much more comfortable as they began the academic year at GSA. Check out the blog they created for a more detailed glimpse into the Summer ESL Program: <http://gsasummeresl2010.wordpress.com/72-2/>. A very special thanks to Mark Messer, Caroline Richards, Marion Morris, Marge Longwood, and Kathy Pelletier for all of their hard work!



Joining Adah, Johnson, and Kiyoshi in late August were ten more new students. Along with twenty returning students, a total of thirty-three international students began the year at GSA this fall. These students represent six countries (China, South Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, and Germany) and are excited to be here.



The International Student Program is now in its fifth year, and international students have become an integral part of the GSA community. They are involved in GSA athletics, music, drama and other extracurricular activities; they have sung with the Bagaduce Chorale; helped out at Peninsula Metamorphic with Amy Grant; volunteered at the library; and participated in the life of local churches. Peninsula students have increasingly become a part of international student life, joining the international students for monthly Saturday evening potlucks, traveling with them on weekend outings, and participating in a Chinese Club with our new Consultant to the International Program, Polly Monroe.



We welcome your involvement with GSA's international students. Feel free to stop by or contact Sheryl Stearns, Director of the International Program, to talk about how you can be part of this exciting program!

Kudos! Imagine this...



Tanya Hoang '11 (left) and Mariah Blodgett '11 work in the graphics studio on printmaking projects during Haystack Studio Based Learning in September.



Ben Avery '11 is shown with Haystack Technical Assistant, Josh Higgins, working in the hot shop, in which blacksmithing participants made sundials.

Blue Hill Named as One of Maine's Imagination Intensive Communities

"Where are the communities that even in hard times use their available resources to support the development of young people's creativity and innovation?"

In late April, the **Maine Alliance for Arts Education (MAAE)** and the **Maine Department of Education** asked and answered this question by identifying Maine communities whose schools and partnering organizations invest in the imaginative development of children and youth. Thanks to the tireless efforts of GSA Art teacher and Fine Arts department chair **Katie Greene** to produce the required complex application, Blue Hill was named one of six "Imagination Intensive Communities in Maine."

On Monday, May 17th, MAAE and the Department of Education sent a visiting team to GSA to observe the first day of Arts Fest. The team included **Carol Trimble**, Executive Director of the Maine Alliance for Arts Education; **David Cadigan**, retired Director of the Grand Theater in Ellsworth; **Catherine Ring**, who teaches arts education courses to teachers in Maine through the American Institute for Creative Education; **Christie Hallowell**, Executive Director of North Haven Arts & Enrichment; **Nancy Albertson**, Horizons Arts Coordinator at SAD #28 and **Mike Benjamin**, Principal of Deer Isle-Stonington K-8 school (also named a 2010 Imagination Intensive Community).

For more details about Blue Hill and other Imagination Intensive Communities, visit the MAAE Web site at <http://www.maineartsed.org/>

Girls Varsity Softball Class C Eastern Maine Champs



Coach: **Betsy Stevens '97**

Assistant Coaches: **Noddy Wessel '69, Rhoda Astbury-Clifford '89**

The girls finished their regular season in 2nd place with a record of 11 wins and 5 losses. Their success continued into the post-season and on June 15th they traveled to Brewer to play Woodland, the 8th place team, for the Eastern Maine title. They held-off Woodland with a score of 9 to 6. On June 19th, they headed to St. Joseph's College in Standish to compete against Telstar for the state title. They lost by a score of 5 to 1, but despite the loss, the girls had their best post-season showing since the last time they played in the state championship game in 1999. The team was voted Class C-D Penobscot Valley Conference (PVC) Champions based on having the most heal points. Coach Stevens attributed much of their success to the strong leadership from seniors along with the team's understanding of the importance of staying focused on playing together as a team in order to win as a team.

Post-season notable Penobscot Valley Conference individual achievements:

Lydia Clapp '10: Player of the Year and First Team pitcher.

Stevie Theoharidis '10: First Team catcher.

Amber Gray '10: Second Team 2nd baseman

Anna Clapp '11: Second Team outfielder.

Lydia, Stevie and Amber were invited to play in the Class C-D East v. West Senior All-Star game.

Boys Varsity Tennis Class C Eastern Maine Champs



Coach: **Mark Messer**

Although planning for a "building year", the boys tennis team finished regular season play undefeated, shutting out each of their opponents 5-0 with the exception of Ellsworth. In the post-season, they traveled to Colby College in Waterville on June 9th to face the 2nd ranked Madawaska Owls. They came away with the Eastern Maine title and set their sights on the unbeaten Waynflete Flyers, who they would face for the state title on June 12th. Once again playing in Waterville, they could not hold off the Flyers, who would field three of the state's top singles players. Coach Messer anticipates "next year will be another building year, and if that means a repeat of this year, that will be great!"

Post-season notable Penobscot Valley Conference individual achievements:

Johnny Xue '13: First Team singles player; conference Player of the Year award.

Michael Senter-Zapata '10: Second Team singles player.

Max Reiter '10: Third Team singles player.

Jasper Adam '13 and Eric Kim '13: First Team doubles players.

Liam Russell '10 and Lucas Yoder '10: Third Team doubles players.

Girls Varsity Tennis Class C Eastern Maine Runners-up



Coach: **Tim Farrar**

The girls' tennis team was ranked number one as they headed into the Eastern Maine finals on June 8th to face post-season rival, Dexter. The Tigers came out on top 3-2, but not without a fight, as four of the five matches extended into a third set. Last year, the Eagles beat the Tigers in the same event. Coach Farrar points to the strength of the Junior Varsity squad and predicts that the girls will be back in the Eastern Maine finals again next year.

Post-season Penobscot Valley Conference notable individual achievements:

Caroline Altman '10 and Hannah Van der Eb '10 named First Team doubles players.



Sailing

Coach: Tom Gutow, Assistant Coach: Patrick Haugen



Varsity Baseball

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



Track

Coach: Erich Reed, Assistant Coach: Carol Plohr

Summer Speaker Series 2010: An All-Alumni Event!



Leslie Clapp '82 (left) and three other alumni were guest speakers at GSA's annual Summer Speaker Series. Leslie spoke about her recent excursion through Namibia. **Dan Walker** '87, a partner with Preti Flaherty's Legislative, Regulatory and Governmental Services Practice Group in Portland, discussed Maine Citizens' Initiatives. **Levi Bridges** '01 recounted highlights of his bicycle trip through Europe and Asia; and **Jennifer Bowen** '90 a biologist at the University of Massachusetts spoke about urbanization, climate change and other threats to coastal waters.



Beginning the day after graduation and throughout the summer, E. L. Shea construction crews worked on **Floor Me!**, the first phase of the capital project to renovate and remodel GSA's multipurpose facility. In **Floor Me!**, the gymnasium foundation underwent extensive structural repairs, the old bleachers were replaced, and a beautiful wood floor—thanks to the generosity of Chuck & Belinda Lawrence and **TradeWinds Marketplace**—was installed. Finishing touches are already underway, and reopening is expected in early November. The rebuilt gymnasium will be celebrated on December 10th during the first home game of the basketball season.

Since original construction in 1973, the gymnasium has become a hub of GSA activities: theatre productions, Rec Center, concerts, Back to School Night, Arts Festival workshops, dance classes, proms, awards ceremonies, all-school assemblies, college fairs, class advisory meetings, graduation and commencement events, and, of course, gym classes, basketball games, and wrestling matches. But the facility is also used by many other members of the Blue Hill community: the Blue Marlins Basketball Club for local middle schoolers; Sunday Adult Recreation in the winter and spring; Youth Pee Wee Basketball; the Sheriff's Cup Charities Basketball events; Blue Hill Youth Baseball, and the Blue Hill Pops Concert.

Supporting the Vision



The past year has been a busy and challenging one for the George Stevens Academy Board of Trustees and the GSA community. We committed to invest \$770,000 in Phase 1 of the renovation of our multipurpose facility, our most significant capital improvement project in a generation. Thus far, we have raised over 80% of the funds necessary to complete this project, and we are hopeful that the community will help us to raise the balance of our needed funds. During the past several months, the facilities subcommittee of Buildings & Grounds has met weekly to oversee this project and coordinate with the contractor and architect. We are excited about the results so far and are looking forward to the completion of this phase of our capital campaign.

The next capital facilities project will be to turn a classroom in our science wing into a special projects science room. We have preliminary drawings and a goal of completing this project by the time school begins next fall, and have started conversations with prospective donors about their support of this project.

We are encouraged by the success of our Annual Fund, and are especially encouraged to see the number of donors, particularly our alumni, increase in this challenging economic climate.

This year we appointed Bayard (Bags) Brokaw, formerly our Academic Dean, to serve as our Interim Head of School. With his knowledge of our culture and history, and respect of the entire GSA community, Bags is the right person to lead us at this time. This past summer, we also hired Jane O'Connor as our Assistant Head of School, the most outstanding of several strong candidates. We have a strong and well-functioning administrative team, as well as a gifted faculty and support staff, and the year has gotten off to a very good start.

We have formed a Head Search Committee, made up of trustees, faculty, and administrative and community representatives, to seek a Head of School, with an anticipated start date of July 2011. Educators' Collaborative will assist us in our search for the best candidates. We are enthusiastic about our prospects for a new Head of School.

We are currently in the middle of the reaccreditation process that we undertake every ten years under the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). We anticipate reaccreditation in mid-2011, and will begin the hard work of making improvements identified through the self-study process. The Board has made faculty, staff, and administrative evaluation a high priority for the year. We also intend to revise our long-term strategic plan in the spring and summer of 2011 with a goal of coordinating our educational, financial and facilities needs.

An obvious highlight of the past year was the gift of \$5.9 million from the Estate of Jerold Hinckley, Class of 1933. Jerry and his wife Di were two of GSA's most loyal supporters. This transformational gift moved our unrestricted endowment from less than \$1 million to over \$6.8 million. While we cannot spend the principal, the annual income enables us to approach the future with more confidence. This year, for example, the gift allowed us to create a new position for 9th grade academic support, as well as to give raises to our faculty and staff — two tangible differences at GSA.

We are committed to George Stevens Academy as a community school serving the majority of our area's high school age students. This presents ongoing financial challenges, particularly in the face of declining local enrollments and reduction in the State set tuition allowance that we can charge our local towns.

As a trustee, an alum and a parent, I am convinced that George Stevens Academy offers an exceptional education to our students—and I know that as trustees, we will never stop trying to make the experience even better. I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity for my family to attend GSA, and remain committed to providing the best, most relevant education that we can to the students we serve.

Rob Clapp

Robert M. Clapp '73
Board President

Inspiring Support

Dear Friends of George Stevens Academy:

First and foremost, I wish to thank all of the generous trustees, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends who supported George Stevens Academy this past year. Because of your enthusiastic and loyal response, you helped GSA make important strides forward in our fundraising efforts.



In March we were notified that the school's Endowment Fund had received a bequest from the estate of Jerold M. Hinckley, Class of 1933, in the amount of \$5.9 million. This gift, which is intended "for the permanent benefit of George Stevens Academy," will generate income each year to support and strengthen the academic experience of current and future generations of students. Thanks to Jerry Hinckley's forethought and remarkable generosity, GSA's endowment is on a strong foundation to provide for the school's future.

In April we were notified that Marion Jones Dash, Class of 1935, also remembered GSA in her estate planning with an unrestricted bequest. We are extremely grateful for Marion's support of the school, and we encourage those of you who knew Marion to be in touch with GSA so we can learn more about her years at the school and life after GSA. On page 27, you will read more about Marion and her generous support of GSA and other Maine organizations.

In the fiscal year ending June 30th, GSA set new records for both alumni and parent participation in the Annual Fund! Special thanks go to members of the parent volunteer group, whose efforts resulted in significantly increased parent participation in GSA's Annual Fund. Trudy Bell, recently appointed to serve as GSA's Director of Annual Giving, shares more on last year's Annual Fund results and our goals for the coming year on page 28.

The exciting progress made this past year is the result of individuals committed to making a difference for GSA. Trustees, parents, alumni, faculty, staff and friends in the community joined together in support of our fundraising goals and helped the school raise \$196,000 in support of the Annual Fund and \$6.5 million in giving to our endowment and capital campaign initiatives. On behalf of GSA, I extend our sincere thanks to those of you who gave so generously of your time. We are inspired by our volunteers' passion for GSA and their commitment to serving the school and its mission.

I invite you to join us on Friday, December 10th, as we celebrate the opening of our renovated multipurpose facility and honor those individuals and local businesses who have helped make Phase I: *FLOOR ME!* a reality for GSA. I encourage you to come to GSA to see the exciting changes taking place, but also to spend time with the students and teachers who are the beneficiaries of your support.

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Soren Larson
Deborah Venno Ludlow*
Tammy Burke Merisotis
Benjamin Milam
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1980

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1981

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Making a Difference . . .

Jerold M. Hinckley, *Class of 1933*



In March, the Academy learned that it had received a gift to its Endowment Fund from the estate of Jerold M. Hinckley, Class of 1933, in the amount of \$5.9 million. The gift is intended “for the permanent benefit of George Stevens Academy” and will provide annual income to tangibly support and strengthen students’ educational experiences through its academic programs and academic facilities, and by continuing to attract and retain outstanding faculty. An additional bequest contributes \$150,000 to GSA’s scholarship endowment to provide college scholarship aid to graduating seniors.

“We are humbled and awed by Jerry Hinckley’s gift and by the confidence that it reflects in the Academy’s mission to educate our students for years to come,” said Rob Clapp, President of GSA’s Board of Trustees. “This gift significantly increases GSA’s unrestricted endowment and places it on a new foundation for the future. His gift will produce income year after year to support generations of students learning in a multitude of ways, and we are committed to ensuring

that every student at GSA will feel and benefit from its effects.”

Jerold M. Hinckley was born in 1915 in Blue Hill. He graduated in 1933 from Bluehill-George Stevens Academy (as it was then known). Jerry epitomized the scholar-athlete, maintaining uninterrupted Honor Roll status while playing basketball, baseball and competing in track. He was Class President for three years, editor of GSA’s yearbook “Mountain View,” a member of the Debate Club, and a distinguished thespian. He attended the University of Maine where he met his wife, Diana “Di” Hight of Cornville, Maine. They married and made their home in Blue Hill.

Jerry served with distinction in Italy in World War II and was awarded an Oak Leaf and a Purple Heart. For years he operated the family business in Blue Hill, *Merrill & Hinckley*, until he sold it to Bob Bannister in 1964. Jerry Hinckley was elected to the boards of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust, Blue Hill Memorial Hospital, and George Stevens Academy. Di Hinckley worked at the Blue Hill Public Library for years, and was a tremendous supporter of the Academy in her own right. Jerry died in Blue Hill in 1995; Di Hinckley died in January.

The Hinckley bequest is already making a difference in the lives of GSA students and teachers: faculty received raises at a time when many schools have frozen salaries; and we now have an Academic Support Program for 9th graders staffed by a full-time teacher. The program focuses on building learning and study skills, improving time management skills, and offering individualized tutoring—whatever helps our newest students get off on the right foot for success in high school.

Many thanks to Anita and Jeff Wessel '72 for providing this photograph, and to Charlie Ferden '59 and Downeast Graphics & Printing for digitizing it.

...for Years to Come

Marion Jones Dash, Class of 1935

*"Oh, note that classic profile,
And that smile bright and sweet;
No wonder she was chosen Snow Queen,
With her courtiers at her feet."*

- The Mountain Echo Yearbook, 1935

Marion Jones Dash, Class of 1935, had fond memories of her years at GSA and wished to perpetuate her experiences in others by making George Stevens Academy a beneficiary in her estate. Following Marion's death in February 2008, GSA was notified of her bequest, an unrestricted gift of \$420,000 to the school.

Known as "Jones" while at GSA, Marion was actively involved in the community throughout high school. She was a member of the Glee Club and the Chorus. In her senior year, Marion was on the Mountain Echo Yearbook Board, played basketball and baseball, and was chosen Snow Queen.

Marion and her husband, David Dash, made their home in Boothbay Harbor and were licensed captains for the coastal ferry and tourist trade in Maine. In 1955 Marion had the distinction of being the first female captain to be licensed in Maine. Together, Marion and David captained the passenger boats *Richard T. II* and *Holiday* in the Boothbay area for decades. The Dashes are credited with starting Windjammer Days, a celebration of the age of sail, held annually each June in Boothbay Harbor. First held in 1963, the original Windjammer Day coincided with the 200th anniversary of shipbuilding in the Boothbay Region.

Marion had a strong interest in local history and was actively involved with the Boothbay Region Historical Society until her death in February 2008. In addition to her generous bequest to GSA, Marion also remembered a number of Boothbay organizations, including the Boothbay Region Historical Society. According to BRHS Director, Barbara Rumsey, Dash also gave the society large documentary collections of organizations she worked so hard for: Maine Association of Passenger Boats Organization (MAPBO), Windjammer Days, and Lincoln Arts Festival. Marion also donated home movies of the region taken between 1930 and 1940, which have since been preserved by BRHS and Northeast Historic Film.

Marion's generosity also extended to the Submarine Force Library and Museum Association in Groton, Connecticut, in honor of her brother, Sidney W. Jones, GSA Class of 1932. Sidney Jones, CQM, served in World War II on the submarine *Tang*, under Commander R. H. O'Kane.

A portion of the Dash funds have been allocated to GSA's *Campaign for Our Future* to help complete *FLOOR ME!*, the first phase of a capital project to renovate and remodel GSA's multipurpose facility. Marion Jones Dash '35 will be honored for her forethought and generosity on December 10th at GSA's first home basketball game of the season. George Stevens Academy is exceptionally fortunate to have had such a devoted alumna. *Captain Dash, we salute you!*



Photo courtesy of Boothbay Region Historical Society

While working in Boothbay Harbor

One alum remembers another...

"While working in Boothbay Harbor at the Rocktide Inn, I had the good fortune to meet Captain Dash. When she learned that I was also a graduate of George Stevens Academy, she requested me as her waitress each time she came to the Inn and would exclaim to everyone in the Inn, "If you graduated from GSA you can go anywhere in the world and do anything you want for a career. GSA provides an outstanding education and instills a great work ethic in its students." It was Captain Dash's opinion that a GSA education was widely respected. She was proud of being a GSA graduate and a strong Maine woman, and loved that we had this in common."

- Jodelle Austin '83



The Power of Annual Gifts

Dear Friends,

The Annual Fund is our yearly effort to secure unrestricted gifts in support of GSA's mission to meet the needs of each student. It helps bridge the gap between the school's operating costs and tuition revenue. GSA's Annual Fund is a critical part of the budget and supports day-to-day expenses, including faculty salaries, books and supplies, arts festival, extracurricular activities such as sports and music, building and grounds maintenance, and—yes!—keeping the lights on. Annual gifts made by our trustees, faculty and staff, alumni, parents, and friends are essential.

I am pleased to report the following noteworthy Annual Fund achievements during the 2009-2010 fiscal year:

- Parent participation reached an all-time high of 28%—an increase of 8% in one year! With the help of twenty parent volunteers, every parent was personally contacted and invited to join in making a gift. I'd like to thank GSA's Parent Association and Class Parents for providing support for this effort. The parent participation goal for the 2010-2011 fiscal year is 35%.
- Alumni are supporting GSA at an unprecedented level, as demonstrated by the year's participation rate of 9%. Alumni gifts to the Annual Fund are an expression of optimism in GSA's future.

We are grateful to the alumni listed in this report for the gifts they made to the 2009-2010 Annual Fund, and hope that their participation will encourage classmates to support the Alumni Challenge. Our goal for the 2010-2011 fiscal year is to reach 14% alumni participation. We are looking for Class Agents to help us reach out and spread the word. If you would like to represent your class, please give me a call or send an email to t.bell@georgestevevns.org.

GSA has outstanding students, engaged parents, dedicated faculty and staff, committed alumni, and supportive friends. Through this partnership, our students acquire the knowledge and skills to be successful and responsible citizens. Thank you for being a part of our school community, and to all our Annual Fund supporters, your thoughtful generosity is appreciated by everyone at GSA.

With great appreciation,

Trudy Bell
Director of Annual Giving
Parent '06, '09



THE ALUMNI CHALLENGE

We've been challenged to increase the rate of alumni participation to 20% by 2012, and to sustain or exceed that level for two additional years.

If the challenge is met, GSA will receive \$60,000 in unrestricted support from community members.



Photo courtesy of Blue Hill Memorial Hospital

Zoë Robbins Tenney '93 is a family nurse practitioner at Blue Hill Family Medicine, one of the four primary care practices owned by Blue Hill Memorial Hospital (BHMH). She provides primary care services for people of all ages: well-child visits and sports physicals, care of acutely sick children and adults, well-woman care and contraceptive services, and care of patients with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, depression, and cancer. She makes home visits for frail patients and has worked on the mobile van for the Maine Migrant Health Program, providing basic medical care for migrant farm workers in the summer months.

At GSA, Zoë was president of Student Government, Year Book Editor, Drama Club President, a National Merit Scholar, and class valedictorian. After graduating, Zoë attended Wellesley College where she majored in economics and graduated *magna cum laude*. She spent a year traveling in Europe, then attended the University of Pennsylvania, earning a second bachelor's degree and

a masters in nursing, and graduating *summa cum laude*. She married Keith Tenney in 2002. They have two sons, Ollie and Ansel. "My main hobbies are gardening and writing. We have a small farm, grow food and flowers for seven families for eighteen weeks in the summer, and raise chickens, turkeys, ducks, and pigs."

"The main challenges in my job are mental and emotional. As with any healing or service profession, the work is intense and requires a great deal of energy, patience and compassion, because it involves working closely with people, many of whom are suffering in one way or another. This is also the greatest reward of the job: it is truly a privilege to share in someone else's life, even in a small way, and to be trusted with their story and allowed to participate in it. I believe that nursing is sacred work and I try to treat it as such." Zoë's skill and passion led to her selection in 2009 as the Gold Standard Employee of the Year at BHMH, and in the same year she was elected to the Board of Trustees of BHMH.

How did George Stevens Academy help shape Zoë's future career path? "I feel that GSA prepared me for my career by providing a solid background in the sciences and humanities, by cementing my attachment to this community, and by supporting my own passion for learning, which had been established and nourished during elementary school. Working in Blue Hill, I am in contact every day with people I first knew because of GSA and have found these relationships to be invaluable. Now through the eyes of an adult, I am struck by how much care and commitment the school community extends towards the students of this area. I am humbled to realize that the same support was extended to me, and I hope that in my current work I'm able give back some of those intangible gifts that I received."

Zoë offers this advice for students who may be thinking about a career in health care: "Be sure that you love to work with people, that you love to listen, and that you are committed to constantly working to improve yourself: your knowledge, your expertise, and your ability to be compassionate and non-judgmental. The most important thing is that your heart is truly in the work."

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Alumni Events 2010

PORTLAND ALUMNI RECEPTION 2010

In May, GSA alumni, spouses and friends gathered once again at PretiFlaherty in Portland, Maine for GSA's second annual southern Maine reception, hosted again by Dan Walker '87. Those in attendance enjoyed the music provided by "Musaic", GSA's award-winning jazz combo, directed by Steve Orlofsky. Board President, Rob Clapp '73 spoke of the exciting things going on at GSA, including the *Floor Me!* campaign for the renovation of the multi-purpose facility. Anyone wishing to host a reception, should contact GSA's Development Office.

Look for more alumni events and gatherings during the year. Keep in touch through our alumni Web pages.



(L-R) Bethany Austin Light '89, Jodelle Austin '83, Margie Austin Gray '81, Jerry Blodgett '69, Libby Austin Rosemeier '77, Pat Grindell Duchette '69



Bethany Light with Steve Orlofsky

GSA's Musaic combo: (L-R) Grace Bugbee '12, Bjorn Peterson '11, Adam DeLong '10, Anne Ames '11, Steve Orlofsky (missing from photo, Emmett Scott '11 and Sam Eley '11)



Class of 1959 Reunion

Submitted by Sylvia Conner Wardwell '59

The class of 1959 held their 51st Reunion in June. The event took place at Central Hall in South Blue Hill and was planned by **Thelma Astbury**, **Sandra Byard Hill** and **Sylvia Conner Wardwell**. Sixteen members of the class attended, along with four friends who were in the class during junior year, but who graduated at a different time. After a pot-luck supper, **Heather Astbury Libby '94**, along with her husband and friends, provided lovely songs of the 50s, and an hour of dancing and singing took place over dessert, coffee and punch. Those in attendance were: **Wayne** and **Thelma Astbury**, **Sandra Byard Hill** and **Richard Hill**, **Sylvia Conner Wardwell** and **Horace Wardwell '57**, **Malissa Keefe Carter** and her friend **Ralph Conway**, **Stanley Keefe** and his friend **Pamela Steele**, **Shannon Robertson Maresca** and her husband **Lewis Johnson**, **Kehoe** and **Stephen Maresca**, **Summer Lymburner**, **Caroline** and **Eckley Herrick**, **Sally** and **Terry Gray**, **Ann Wentworth McGraw** and **David McGraw '58**, **Ronald Hutchins**, **Jan Woods Prior-Crofoot**, **Doris Owen**, **Carley** and **Charlie Ferden**, **Colby Pert** and **Margaret Gray Pert**. **Gloria Leach Stubbs**, **Jean Ford**, **Janet Hale Wescott** and her sister, **Diana Hale Kornmeier '62**. Class members were sorry to learn that they recently lost classmate **Judith Owen Danico**. If all goes according to plan, the class will gather again in 2014 for their 55th Reunion!



Class of 1961 Reunion

Submitted by Marilyn York Brossmer '61

The Class of 1961 held their 49th Reunion on Saturday, September 11, 2010 in Ellsworth at the home of **Cordell** and **Sandy Snow**. They shared potluck and cocktails and had a good time. The class has gathered periodically over the years, but since 2006 (their 45th Reunion) have met annually, usually in the fall, to renew acquaintances and catch up. The class is now planning events for their 50th Reunion next year. From left: **Horace Horton**, **Sally Drew Winchenbach**, **Cordell Snow**, **Mimi Snow Hamilton**, **Betty Sylvester Pickering**, **Anne Bragdon Black**, **Jerry Butler**, **Marilyn York Brossmer**.



Class of 1980 Reunion

*Organized by
Joanne Wescott Marino '80*

The Class of 1980 held their 30th Reunion on October 9, 2010 at Barncastle in Blue Hill. Activities included a cocktail reception, a BBQ dinner, dancing, and reminiscing. Entertainment was provided by *The Reach*.

Class of 1990 Reunion

*Organized by
Ronnelle Johnson Miller '90*

The Class of 1990 held their 20th Reunion in June. Classmates shared a weekend of activities including a tour of GSA, a hike up the mountain, a cookout, and dinner at Marlintini's in Blue Hill.

Class of 2000 Reunion

*Organized by
Benjamin Johnson '00*

The Class of 2000 held their 10th Reunion on August 27, 2010 at the Surry Inn. Classmates reminisced over a lovely dinner.

Alumni Class Notes

GSA alumni are here, there, and everywhere!
For more class notes, continual updates, or to post your own note,
visit our Alumni Web pages at www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumni.

1960's

After a career in corporate interiors/design, **Penelope Peirce Conti '62** started a company called Tunkables. She recycles vintage silverplate tabletop items, hand-inscribes them with words and sayings appropriate to their use, packages them in clear bags with ribbons and then wholesales them to gift shops for resale. (She would love to have Tunkables in a Blue Hill shop!) The business has grown steadily and appears to be recession-proof, so she is lucky. Check out her Web site www.tunkables.com. Over the past four decades, she has seen Sam and Lawrence and BFF **Linda Ricker MacLeod '63**, but would love to hear from **Russell Salsbury '62**, **Harold Sweet '62** and **Donnie Carter '62**, too! She is living in Freeport Maine, is happily remarried, and has two grandchildren with one more on the way, so life is good.

Sandra Nevells Gray '69 has been married, has three beautiful children, and five beautiful grandchildren. She lives in Lamoine, Maine with her youngest daughter and works full time as a research assistant at the Jackson Laboratory. She would love to get together with others from the Class of '69 to see what everyone is up to.

1970's

This spring, **Della Leach Martin '70** was named Maine Preserve America History Teacher of the Year by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the Maine Historical Society. She received a certificate of recognition and the Blue Hill Consolidated School (BHCS) library received an archive of classroom resources along with \$1,000, which was presented in her name. Della was selected by a panel of teachers, administrators and academics from Maine to compete in the national History Teacher of the Year competition. After teaching for thirty-two years, Della has taken on the duties of principal at BHCS, replacing **Fred Cole '88** who, after six years as principal, has chosen to return to teaching.

David Bridges '72 notes that if you are interested in what he's been up to, he suggests reading the book *Eagle Blue* by Michael D'Orso.

Ed Turner '72 has written (and published) poems, essays, short stories of all types, articles, columns, book reviews, and novels. **Amy Bartlett Turner '74** has worked in the medical field since high school. They both are doing what they love—and George Stevens helped!

Becky Poole '74 was busy this summer directing *Damn Yankees* for the New Surry Theatre (NST). This was her first time directing such a large-scale production and she loved working with GSA students, **Kiera Tachibana '11**, **Nolan Ellsworth '13**, and **Tynan Byrne '10** as well as with her former GSA teacher, Bill Raiten. These young actors held their own in this fun summer play while working with seasoned NST actors, choreographer Maureen Robinson, and musical director, Sheldon Bisberg. Becky and her brother, **Bob Poole '74**, were active in the GSA drama program during their last two years at GSA. "Bill Raiten, Sheldon Bisberg and Bob Marshall were the teachers that gave us our deep love for theater," she notes. "It was really special to relive that time with Bill and Sheldon this summer." Becky lives in Brooksville and is the Brooksville Elementary School art teacher and afterschool drama coach. Currently she is on the campaign trail with her husband Ralph Chapman and will be directing A. R. Gurney's *Sylvia* for New Surry Theatre to be performed in March. www.newsurrytheatre.org

Carol Dorr '75 lives in Winthrop, Maine and works for the non-profit Camp Mechuwana, which is open all year. In the summer, they offer eight weeks of four to six different types of camps for different ages. In the off-season, they offer adult groups and youth

rallies. Carol's positions are Administrative Assistant, Registrar, and off-season cook. She enjoys the variety of tasks and has learned to do a lot of observational work. Some of her training occurred in high school at GSA while working in the Guidance and Headmaster's Offices. She notes that Lena Robertson was an excellent instructor as the Headmaster's Secretary. Before starting at Mechuwana, Carol used her degree as a Medical Administrative Assistant, working in the medical field in various positions in Internal Medicine, Family Practice, Pediatrics, Urology, and medical billing. In her spare time, Carol enjoys making small quilts and will be busy making some for her great-niece and her twin siblings due in January, 2011.

Soren Larson '79 found a box of his grandfather's photo negatives, lost and forgotten for over forty-five years. His grandfather, Frank Oscar Larson, was a banker and an avid photographer on the side who took very compelling images of New York City in the 1950's. Soren built a website for these photos, www.franklarsonphotos.com.

1980's

Merton "Bill" Bunker, Jr. '80 is having a hard time believing that the Class of 1980 had their 30th Reunion in October! He misses Maine so much, especially in the summer. He recently re-connected with several classmates on Facebook. His job takes him literally all over the world, but he really gets envious when he sees all those posts about life back in Maine. His wife, Joan, and two children have been in Virginia for almost ten years, and the climate is definitely warmer (except last winter). His daughter, Rebecca, started her freshman year at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. She is studying to be a math teacher. His son, Eric, is a Junior at Colonial Forge High School

in Stafford, Virginia. Bill hopes to visit Maine next summer, and will try to stop in and visit GSA.

Stephen Peter Nawrocki '81 was recently named an Honorary Professor of Anatomy at the University of Pretoria, South Africa. Stephen and his graduate program have been involved in various collaborations during the past seven years.

Leslie Clapp '82 and seven classmates from the Class of 1982 got together at a recent party in Blue Hill and enjoyed a fun evening catching up. In the photo, from left to right are: **Annie Allen, Trixie Largay Fucillo, Leslie Clapp, Anne Schroth, Martha Garfield, Margo Allen Ruddy, Ann Allen Rioux, Penny Ricker.** Leslie also presented a talk about her recent trip to Africa for GSA's Summer Speaker Series—to packed audiences, as usual.



Leslie Clapp '82 and classmates

Andrea Lynn Stevens '86 is serving another year as President of the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac on her home island in the Cayman Islands. In May 2010 she travelled to beautiful Jamaica to receive, on behalf of her club, the prestigious District Governor's Silver Award and the District 7020 Literacy Award. A month later, her six-year old

son, Daniel James Grant, received science, social studies and reading awards at his school and was an honor roll "A" student for the year. To celebrate, they spent two weeks in Denmark and Sweden in July. They visited several museums and took canal tours. They visited Scandinavia's oldest amusement park, Tivoli Gardens, and flew to Billund on the Jutland Peninsula to visit Legoland. They also took the train into Malmo, Sweden.

Heidi Tarr '88 and seven-year old daughter, Elsa, moved back to the Blue Hill area from Kennebunk in July. Heidi is working for Hancock County Home Care and Hospice as an Occupational Therapist.

Tobin Slaven '89 reports that his seminar business (yes, hypnosis events too!) has given way to Mobile Marketing of Maine, where they help Main Street businesses go mobile. He's having a lot of fun and is meeting lots of people with interesting stories. And just for the record, he still uses the hypnosis on a daily basis—on himself!

1990's

Christine Howe '90 and **Dana Black '92** enjoyed attending Christine's 20th class reunion this past June, spearheaded by **Ronnie Johnson Miller '90**. The summer months kept them busy as they recently began operating Spencer Pond Camps, an authentic Maine sporting camp established in 1901 in the Moosehead Lake Region. The camps were owned by Christine's family for over forty years, so they are pleased to be able to restore them and bring the business back into the family again. They will return to Orland in the winter, where Christine will continue to telecommute for Bank of America, and Dana will be self-employed as a commercial fisherman. www.spencerpond-camps.com

The film that **James Begley '91** mixed last year for Lone Wolf Documentary group, "The Rivals," has been doing great at film festivals all over the country, most notably winning, "Best Overall Feature," "Best Cinematography," and "Best Sound Design" at the LA Reel Film Festival in California. He did the sound design and audio mix for the film. It will air nationally sometime this fall on the Smithsonian Channel. James also did the sound design and mix for "21st Century Stealth Sub," which aired in June on National Geographic. That mix was in 5.1 Surround Sound. He is currently working on "Living Under the Sea" in surround for National Geographic, and "Horse Sense for Soldiers" for the Discovery Channel. Here is the URL for the Lone Wolf Web site, where you can read about "The Rivals," and also for The Studio's Web site, where James does most of his work. <http://lonewolfldg.com/index.php>
<http://thestudioportland.com/STAFF.html>

After a number of years in the San Francisco Bay area working for Lockheed Martin and as an independent flight in-

structor, **Emily Biss '91** bit the bullet and committed herself fully to a career as a professional pilot. That led to jobs flying for Scenic Airlines in Las Vegas, Nevada and Horizon Air in Portland, Oregon. In the summer of 2007, she landed a dream job as a Production Test Pilot for Boeing and moved to Seattle. Emily currently flies 737s after they roll out of the factory on their initial flights before they get delivered to the customers. Her family left Blue Hill in 2000, so she doesn't get back to visit as much as she would like. Emily would love for you to contact her at: emily@echobravo.org.



Emily Biss '91

James Hildebrand '97 & Emily Lewandowski Hildebrand '97 had a baby boy on August 5, 2010. John Ernest Hildebrand weighed 7 pounds 6 ounces and was named for his uncle **John Lewandowski '00**. All are doing well!



John Hildebrand

Ben Webster '97 has spent a total of ten years in the United States Coast Guard. For the past two years he has been in the Reserves. He was called up in June to deploy for the Deepwater Horizon response and spent the summer in charge of a large oil skimming vessel collecting thousands of barrels of oil that has been polluting the waters in the gulf. Luckily, he did not see many serious wildlife casualties, but he doesn't doubt the acute and chronic impact it has had on the ecosystem.



Ben Webster '97

Sarah Jaffray King '99 is living in Blue Hill and has just received her Professional Engineer certification from the State of Maine. She is working as a domestic engineer for her son, Aubrey, and is loving every minute of it!

2000's

Toby Cole '00 and his wife, Kari, gave birth to their first child on July 27, 2010 in Bangor. Parker Redding Cole was born at 7:16 AM, at a weight of 8 pounds, 11 ounces, and was 21 inches long.



Toby '00, Kari and Parker Cole

Melissa Rioux '01 has lived in New York for the last nine years. She attended Pratt Institute from 2001-2005 and soon after joined Publicolor, an NYC non-profit youth development organization (<http://publicolor.org>). She has worked for them for the last five years and in January of 2009 was promoted to COLOR Club Coordinator. Melissa manages a group of seventy inner-city students, providing tutoring, career exposure, and lifeskills workshops during the week, and painting public schools on the weekends. This summer she felt privileged to write curriculum for their summer pro-



Melissa Rioux '01 and student

gram, Next Step Preps (NSP), hosted by Pratt. Each summer NSP is focused on a different design project and they create products while also investigating the embedded numeracy and literacy by creating the budgets, the methods and application of measuring, and the writing of personal art statements. This year the focus was on bookbinding <http://www.facebook.com/Publicolor>. All the students' work was showcased at the gallery show, held on August 19th.

Sarah Clapp '02 and husband David are stationed at McConnell Air Force Base in Wichita, Kansas, where they are part of the 349th and 344th (respectively) Air Refueling Squadrons. They have both spent the past few months in deployed locations in the Middle East flying KC-135s in support of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom. By the end of 2010, they will each have spent approximately six months in deployed locations. When back in Wichita, they've had the chance to fly in support of Red Flag operations in both Alaska and Las Vegas. Red Flag operations are large air war exercises. Sarah's exercise included over eighty fighter aircraft along with additional support aircraft from the U.S., the UK, Italy, and Japan.



Sarah Clapp '02 and crew

Erin Doherty '03 has started a masters program at Boston University in historic preservation, and tentatively plans to graduate at the end of next year. Also, she was the recipient of the Kathryn Conway Preyer Fellowship from her

alma mater, Wellesley College, which is a graduate fellowship for advanced study in history.

Alice S. Guilford '03 has moved to Washington, DC where she is pursuing a masters in International Relations and Economics, with a concentration in International Development, at Johns Hopkins' Nitze School of Advanced International Studies.

Life has been good to **Roger Vega '03**, so he gave back. He joined the Army at the end of 2004 and has been deployed in Iraq and Kuwait for the past year. He got married in 2008 and has a beautiful two-and-a-half-month old baby boy named Joshua. Roger is still living in south Florida and is currently earning a degree in business technology.



Roger Vega '03 and family

Mesa Schubeck '04 graduated from the University of Maine-Orono in December, 2009 with a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance and a Minor in Business Administration. Mesa is a self-taught jazz musician, playing piano and



Mesa Shubeck '04

singing in the Jazz Band and Jazz Combos at GSA as well as with the University of Maine Jazz Ensemble. She began teaching piano privately in 2008 and recently joined the faculty of the new Bay Chamber Community Music School in Rockport, Maine, which began fall programs in September. She lives in Portland.

Bob Swain '04 is working on his masters in Computer Science at the University of Southern Maine while working as a graduate research assistant at the Maine Center for Business and Economic Research.

In May, **Ross Bell '06** received his BA from Middlebury College with a double major in Theatre and Film. He is living in New York City, working for Apple.

Winslow Brokaw '07, a student at Middlebury College, spent her spring semester studying abroad in Chile. On February 27th, the day of the big earthquake, she was in Santiago for her study abroad orientation and experienced the earthquake from her hotel room. Her parents received news of the earthquake in an early morning phone call from a friend, but did not know any details of the event until discovering an email from Winslow entitled, "Earthquake—Alive!" Here is an excerpt: "I'm OK—huge, huge earthquake last night. Sometime before 4:00 AM I awoke to my bed flying around the room; another "Midd" girl in here with me. For a minute and a half, the concrete building was swaying back and forth like a little piece of paper in the wind. Stuff flying all over, cracks in the ceiling, debris all over the floor, electricity out. Our windows were open and we went over and looked out. It seemed better to crouch on the ground and look outside. I was trying to think how we were going to get out of the building or go through the window—jumping looked questionable..."

Roz Brokaw '09 This past summer Roz took a Wilderness First Responder course in Colorado before returning to Maine. Then, she and her brother, **Will Brokaw '12**, ran World Cup-inspired soccer camps in four locations along the Quebec Lower North Shore in very rural communities. She returned to Colorado College in August as a new student orientation leader and led a backpacking trip doing volunteer work for the National Forest Service.

Eric Burns '10 is settling in at Plymouth State University and was pleased to have been selected to play in the University's Symphonic Band.

In Memoriam 2009-2010

Edna Cousins Young '32
Edna Torrey Eaton '42
Charles Hunnewell '43
Stephen Sylvester '44
William Babson '50
Beulah Richardson Cole '50
Walter Saunders '52
Arthur Candage '54
Calvin Keefe '55
Josephine Astbury Merrill '55
Sandra Woods Marriner '56
Judith Owen Danico '59
Heywood Gray '60
Stephen Campbell '62
Vaughn Grindle '62
Ethelyn Nevells Stockford '63
Harry Torrey '64
Arnold Black '67
James Peasley, Jr. '68
Mark Rosemeier '73
Randy Wardwell '78
Shawn Alexander '84
Katherine Herrick Ossa '84
Brad Lee '93
Emily Sichterman '00

Alums in Arts

Nicholas Malinowski '98 and three other GSA alums, exhibited their artwork at the Grand Opening of the *Changing Tides Art Gallery* in Blue Hill. The show was entitled “Nativists” and along with Nick’s paintings, **Chris Gray '00** displayed his fine furniture, **Chloe Urban '05** displayed her printmaking and mixed media, and **Jesse Wessel '98** displayed his sculpture. **Tyler Balombini Goddard '00** provided guitar music at the opening. Nick has two undergraduate degrees: a BA in Art from Franklin & Marshall College in Pennsylvania and a BFA in painting from University of Maine-Orono. He recently completed his MFA in Painting at the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth. His work integrates mythological themes within the tradition of contemporary realism. Nick believes that humans have an unconscious bond with nature that is expressed and felt in many unseen ways. His paintings explore this subtle relationship that the human figure has with the natural environment. www.changingtidesgallery.com



(L-R) Jesse Wessel '98, Chris Gray '00, Nicholas Malinowski '98, Chloe Urban '05

Chris studied at Maine College of Art in Portland and went on to receive his degree in fine furniture making from the North Bennett Street School in Boston. He has been building custom furniture out of his shop in Blue Hill since 2004. His work is inspired by a range of pieces throughout history. “All great works have the common bond of aesthetics, regardless of the particular style.” www.chrisgrayfurniture.com

Chloe graduated from The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts this spring with a degree in printmaking after transferring from Pratt Institute in 2006. She won the Shiedt Travel award based on her thesis show, and will be traveling to Central America this coming spring. She recently had a duo show in Philadelphia at the Vincent Michael Gallery with UK based artist Tom French. She is about to start a series of fifty-two large charcoal drawings, which she begins by dancing on charcoal with her feet.

While attending GSA, Chloe was chosen to participate in three separate mentorship programs with well known local artists. She studied jewelry with Ronald Pearson, drawing with Bruce Bulger, and printmaking with Susan Webster, for whom she served as Technical Assistant in a two-week printmaking workshop at Haystack Mountain School of Crafts in Deer Isle, Maine this past June. www.chloeurban.com.



The Kind of School We Are:

The GSA Difference

- Founded in 1803 as Blue Hill Academy. Serves local high school students, as well as boarding and international 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 33 International and domestic boarding students.
- 30 teachers • 10:1 student/teacher ratio.
- Small classes.
- Two on-campus dormitories (girls & boys) with resident supervisors.
- Wireless internet throughout campus.
- In 2010 fifteen GSA juniors and seniors were named AP Scholars by the College Board, and two students were named National Merit semifinalists.
- Recent Regional and State Championships in Jazz Band, Baseball, Girls Tennis, and Girls Basketball.
- Interscholastic Sports: Baseball, Basketball, Cheerleading, Cross-country Running, 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) and Maine Association of Independent Schools (MAIS).

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 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 \$10,500 to educate a student at GSA, but the state-set tuition was just \$8,500. 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, annual Arts Festivals, 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.

*“The foresight and
generosity of
Jerry Hinckley ’33
and
Marion Dash ’35
are stunning proofs of
the power of
planned giving...”*

– Rob Clapp



The 1803 Heritage Society: Charitable Gift and Estate Planning

The 1803 Heritage Society recognizes the generosity of alumni, parents and friends who include gifts to George Stevens Academy in their estate plans. Estate gifts are the foundation of GSA's endowment and, as such, provide the financial stability of the Academy and enable its future progress. Through their gifts, members of *The 1803 Heritage Society* are helping ensure the preservation of GSA's commitment to educating future generations of young people.

For those who value education, a bequest to GSA is an excellent way to ensure an outstanding education for future generations. A bequest to GSA benefits you, because it is a gift that does not affect your current cash flow. A bequest benefits GSA because it builds the school's endowment, providing funds to the people and programs at the heart of our educational mission.

If you have already included GSA in a bequest or other planned gift, we hope you will let us know. It would be a pleasure to thank you and welcome you as a member of *The 1803 Heritage Society*. The Development Office can assist you if you would like to direct your gift to a particular area of the Academy and will answer questions you may have.

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