



# GSA Currents

2009 Annual Report & News from GEORGE STEVENS ACADEMY

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**On the cover:** *GSA students in Janine Galeski's Modeling Physics*

## CLASS OF 2009: WHERE NEXT?

*Eighty-five percent of the Class of 2009 applied to and were accepted to over one hundred colleges & universities, including:*

Acadia University  
Adelphi University  
Alfred University  
Art Institute of Chicago  
Babson College  
Baldwin-Wallace College  
Bard College  
Bennington College  
Bentley University  
Boston College  
Boston University  
Bryn Mawr College  
Carnegie-Mellon University  
Cazenovia College  
Christopher-Newport University  
Clark University  
College of Charleston  
College of Wooster  
Colorado College  
Colorado State University  
Cornell University  
Culinary Institute of Orlando  
Dickinson College  
Drew University  
Earlham College  
Eastern Maine Community College  
Eckerd College  
Emerson College  
George Mason University  
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Hobart College  
Husson University  
Johnson & Wales University  
Keene State College  
Kenyon College  
Maine Maritime Academy  
Manchester Community College  
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Michigan State University  
Middlebury College  
Mount Holyoke College  
New England College  
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Roanoke College  
Rollins College  
Saint Anselm's College  
Saint Joseph's College  
Saint Michael's College  
Saint Norbert College  
Salem State College  
Savannah College of Art & Design  
School of the Museum of Fine Arts  
School of Visual Arts  
Simmons College  
Skidmore College  
Smith College  
St. John Fisher College  
St. Lawrence University  
Suffolk University  
Syracuse University  
The New School  
Tufts University  
University of Delaware  
University of Illinois  
University of Iowa  
University of Maine  
University of Michigan  
University of New Hampshire  
University of Rhode Island  
University of Southern Maine  
University of Toledo  
University of Utah  
University of Vermont  
Unity College  
Utica College  
Virginia Tech  
Wentworth Institute of Technology  
Wheaton College  
Willamette University  
Worcester Polytechnic Institute

## 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.





# Reflections & Projections

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On a hot day in August, the front door of the Academy House stands open, inviting the curious visitor (or stray mosquito) to venture in. I reflect on the past year and our students' many and diverse successes in the classroom, on athletic fields, in music competitions, drama productions, and in a host of other activities and programs. I suspect many seniors consider surviving the debate experience—that long-honored GSA rite of passage—as the highlight of the year. Others will think of the Jazz Band's seventh consecutive state championship, the Math Team, athletic regional championships, or the continued growth and flourishing of the International Program.

Reflections like these are gratifying, but the waning days of summer remind me that a new year is about to begin, full of new possibilities and visions projecting into the future. It is the time to look forward, to reaffirm and refine our educational priorities, while maintaining the qualities and values that make GSA the exceptional educational experience that it is. GSA continues to develop outstanding academic and co-curricular programs that enrich the lives of students and involve the greater community.

Programs that unite students and community with a common educational mission are especially important for a community school. GSA's Independent Study & Internship Program is rooted in an initiative going back to 1970. ISIP offers every student an opportunity to study an academic subject in greater depth, engage in some form of on-the-job-training, or embark on some other study planned by the student. ISIP makes GSA a true community school by promoting partnerships and capitalizing on the intersection of student interests and community talents. Students have explored academic passions, and tested career and vocational interests, in settings all over the world: in Florida to study marine biology, in tents pitched atop Maine's highest mountains, in Ecuador, France, California, Italy, and Boston. But most students have done Independent Study right here on the Peninsula, testing and developing academic and vocational interests. Many of these same students will return to this community as nurses, teachers, lawyers, law enforcement officials, business owners and artists.

Independent Study has also inspired the creation of other programs that give GSA its distinctive stamp as an independent school: alternative course contracts, cooperative education, studio-based learning, the LINC ("Learning in Community") program, and our annual Arts Festival offer students extraordinary opportunities to work independently or with mentors in areas of specific interest. Through these and other programs, GSA students have worked with professionals at Bar Harbor Bank, enrolled in advanced classes at Maine Maritime Academy, studied musical vocal techniques with the Bagaduce Chorale, developed dramatic skills at the New Surry Theatre, apprenticed at Down East Graphics, assisted in elementary school classrooms in Surry and Blue Hill, and learned computer-aided design software from a local architect.

The Blue Hill Peninsula is a community filled with generous individuals and supportive institutions eager to help students apply and strengthen the skills and knowledge they have acquired in the classroom in real situations. No matter the perspective from which one views GSA—academic, vocational, social, athletic, or artistic—the Academy continues to embrace its traditional educational values while providing students with innovative, flexible, and relevant opportunities to make better futures for themselves and for the whole community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Greene". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

John Greene  
*Headmaster*

# Congratulations Class of 2009!

Graduation 2009 was held on Sunday, June 14 at 1 PM—indoors, thanks to an inauspicious gathering of rain clouds. The GSA Band played as families and friends filled the gymnasium; then graduating seniors filed in to the familiar strains of *Pomp and Circumstance*.

First to speak was **Honor Essayist Ha Lai** who joined GSA this year from Viet Nam, and who thanked her host family, her teachers, her fellow students—in English—and her parents and her sister—in Vietnamese!

**Salutatorian Grace Bell** described the life lessons she learned from her years of studying 'cello.

**Valedictorian Roz Brokaw** read an original poem that reflected on learning by traveling.

**Student Council President Trisha Bakeman** introduced local artist and activist **Rob Shetterly**, who implored graduates to be guided by common sense and courage.

**Dean Bags Brokaw** announced more than sixty scholarships and awards.

**Rob Clapp**, Chairman of the Board, and Headmaster **John Greene** awarded diplomas to sixty-four newly-minted graduates.

Concluding the ceremony, **Honor Essayist Allison Fleck** mused over a grammatical conundrum before **Class Marshal Tynan Byrne '10** led the recessional.



## VALEDICTORIAN

Rosalind Lafrentz Brokaw ('05-'09)

Daughter of Bayard & Kerry Brokaw, Brooksville

National Honor Society  
AP Scholar with distinction  
Student Council  
Varsity soccer (4), Varsity tennis (2),  
Jazz Combo (2), piano (4)

Colorado College

## SALUTATORIAN

Grace Lauren Bell ('05-'09)

Daughter of Scot and Trudy Bell, Blue Hill

National Honor Society  
AP Scholar with distinction  
Student Council  
All-State Orchestra (4), Jazz Combo (4), Jazz Band  
(3), Theatre (3), piano (4), cello (4)  
All-State Jazz Combo (2)

Middlebury College



## FIRST HONOR ESSAYIST

Ha Thi Ngoc Lai ('08-'09)

Daughter of Trung Q. Lai & Hanh H. Nguyen,  
Viet Nam  
Host parents: Fred & Prudy Heilner, Blue Hill

National Honor Society  
Basketball (1), Math Team (1), Bagaduce Chorale

Baldwin-Wallace College

## SECOND HONOR ESSAYIST

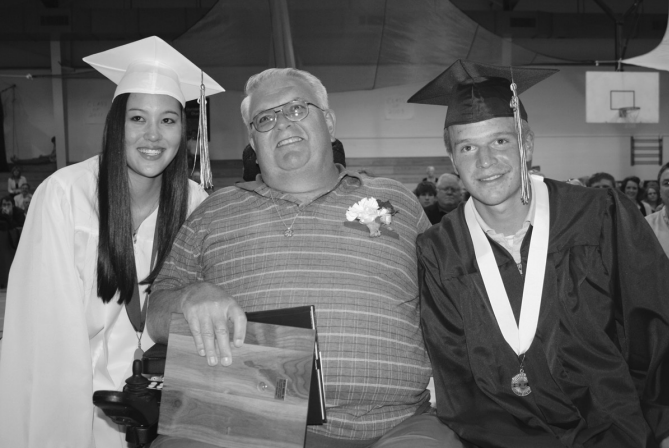
Allison Kathleen McEntee Fleck ('05-'09)

Daughter of Jarlath McEntee  
& Barbara Fleck, Castine

National Honor Society  
National Merit Finalist  
AP Scholar with distinction  
Theatre (4), Jazz Band (2), Vitality Combo (1),  
A Capella (3), Book Club (3), Track, (1), Sailing (3)

Cornell University

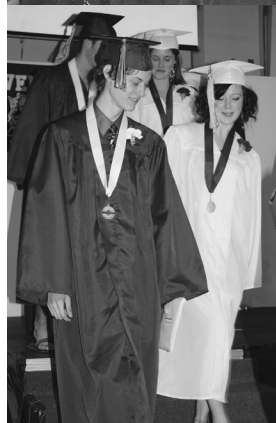
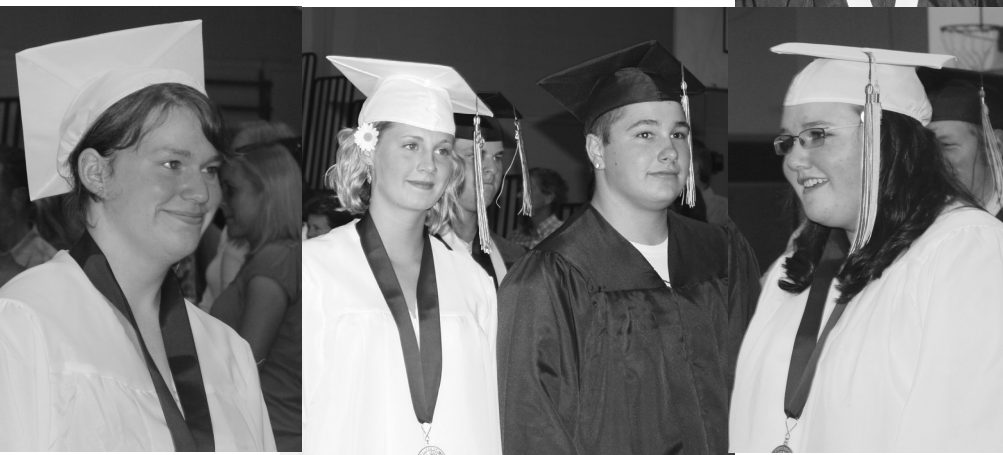




▲ During Class Night Maddi Park and Nick Saunders announced that this year's *Mountain Echo* was dedicated to Edd Hardie for his loyal support of the GSA basketball program. Edd has been the scorekeeper for GSA for the past 16 years. He was presented with a yearbook and a plaque.



▲ At this year's Alumni Banquet Peter Dickinson, Lexi Wessell, and Kaiya Torrey were presented Alumni Awards to support their future education.



## CLASS NIGHT AWARDS

### VALEDICTORIAN AWARD

Roz Brokaw

### SALUTATORIAN AWARD

Grace Bell

### ENGLISH AWARD

to the most improved English student  
Connor Meginnis

### SPANISH AWARD

to the Spanish student with the  
highest academic achievement  
Emily Peake

### SPANISH HONORABLE MENTIONS

for completing 5 full years of study  
Grace Bell  
Elizabeth Dobson

### MATHEMATICS AWARDS

for excellence in Mathematics  
Allison Fleck  
Ha Lai

### SOCIAL STUDIES AWARD

Julianna Smith

### TECHNOLOGY AWARD

for excellence in the field of technology  
J.D. Dionne

### ART AWARDS

Lilian Thorpe  
Di Wang  
Roz Brokaw

### SCHOLASTIC ART AWARDS

Di Wang  
Roz Brokaw

### SKETCHBOOK AWARDS

Julianna Smith  
Liz Salois  
Emily Pettigrew  
Acadia Jacob  
Kelly Cutler  
Roz Brokaw

### FINE ARTS AWARDS

Allison Fleck, Marjorie Freimuth, Ellie Howell

### DRAMA AWARDS

for outstanding contributions in Drama  
Kelly Cutler, Allison Fleck, Marjorie Freimuth,  
Ellie Howell, Liz Salois and Kaiya Torrey

### OUTSTANDING SENIOR MUSICIAN AWARDS

Trisha Bakeman, flute, Band  
Emily Peake, clarinet, Band  
Allison Fleck, trombone, flute & vocals  
Band, Jazz Band & Vitality Jazz Combo  
Ellie Howell, trombone  
Band, Jazz Band & Musaic Jazz Combo  
Grace Bell, vibes  
Band, Jazz Band & Musaic Jazz Combo

### GOOD CITIZENSHIP AWARD

from the Daughters of the American Revolution  
for having demonstrated the qualities of  
dependability, service, leadership and patriotism  
Sam Allen

### ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

Alida Peake  
Peter Dickinson

# NEW FACES at GSA

*Each year George Stevens Academy welcomes outstanding new faculty and staff.  
We are delighted to introduce the following “new faces”:*



**Martha Garfield '82**  
Director of College & Vocational  
Counseling

Martha Garfield '82 returns to GSA for a year as Director of College and Vocational Counseling, replacing Bags Brokaw (on leave). Martha has worked for the University of Maine as an Academic Advisor to first-year students and as an

adjunct instructor in the English Department. She has also been an Academic Advisor with the Maine Educational Talent Search, providing career, academic, college admission, and financial aid counseling to high school students through individual and group counseling sessions. Martha holds an MA in English from San Francisco State University, and a BA in International Affairs from the University of Maine. She lives in Morrill.



**Caroline Richards**  
Social Studies teacher

Caroline Richards joins GSA's Social Studies Department to teach World History, Western Civilization, Philosophy, and Psychology. For the past twelve years Caroline has taught social studies at high schools in New England and English as a Second Language in Japan and South

Korea, where she became conversationally fluent in Korean. She has been involved in many aspects of school life, serving as class advisor, advisory program coordinator, Japanese club facilitator, Model UN advisor, literary magazine host and women's yoga program organizer. She holds a BA in History from Keene State College and is currently pursuing an MA in American history from American Public University in Virginia.



**Trudy Bell**  
Associate in Development &  
Communications

Not a new face, but a new position! On July 1st Trudy Bell began working “upstairs” as Associate in Development and Communications. Trudy came to GSA in 2003 as Registrar in the Office of Student Services. Before

that, Trudy was the Business Manager at the Blue Hill Public Library, where she served on both the Development and the Finance committees. Trudy holds a BS in Business Administration from George Mason University in Virginia. She is the parent of two GSA alumni, Ross '06 and Grace '09. Trudy lives in Blue Hill with her husband, Scot.



**Vicki Doolittle**  
Registrar & Assistant in the  
Office of Student Services

Vicki Doolittle joins the Office of Student Services as Registrar and Assistant. Vicki has been a substitute teacher at the Blue Hill Consolidated School for the past seven years, and has worked for over ten years in professional office settings.

Vicki graduated from Hampden Academy and holds a BA in Speech Communications/Human Relations from MidAmerica Nazarene University in Kansas. She lives in Blue Hill with her husband, David, and their two children, Nick '11 and Lauren.

## *International & Residential Program Staff*

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**Ander Thébaud**  
Director of Residential Life

Ander Thébaud joined the International Student Program as Director of Residential Life in June. For the past seven years, she has been a residential carpenter and owner of Acadia Outdoor Guide Service in Mount Desert, where she led kayaking, canoeing, biking and hiking adventures in downeast Maine and the Canadian Maritimes. Previously, Ander held several positions at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, including Assistant Director of Admissions, Associate Director of Student Services and, most recently, Director of Student Services, where she worked to integrate a growing population of international students into college life. A graduate of Hebron Academy, Ander earned a BA in Anthropology from Bates College. She lives in Somesville.

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**Mark Ford**  
Dorm Parent

Mark Ford joins the International Student Program as the Dorm Parent in the boys' dormitory. Mark has taught English for seven years, most recently at Telstar High School in Bethel, Maine. He has been a corporate trainer and technical writer, and has been involved in numerous special projects, including starting a Scientific Ballooning Group at the University of Southern Maine's Department of Engineering. A graduate of Gould Academy, Mark holds an MS in Education from the University of New England and a BA from Saint Michael's College in Vermont. He is an amateur ham radio operator and passionate about LEGO robotics. Mark shares a home in Bethel with his wife, Heather, and their three children.

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**Marjorie Longwood '61**  
Dorm Parent

Marjorie Longwood has assumed the position of Dorm Parent in the Wyandotte House, the girls' dormitory, as a member of the International Student Program. During the 2008-09 school year, she was GSA's "relief dorm parent" and in 2008-09 she was a host parent for three of our international students. A Minister of Word and Sacrament of the Presbyterian Church, Marjorie served for many years as a pastor in Michigan and just recently completed a four-month interim ministry at North Sedgwick Baptist Church. She holds a MDiv. from Western Theological Seminary of the Reformed Church in America in Michigan, and a BA in International Affairs from George Washington University.



## Board News

The past year was a busy one for George Stevens Academy and the Board of Trustees. We continued to support the initiatives of the International Program and academic and advisory programs. We took up the important business of reviewing our extracurricular eligibility policy and our Drug & Alcohol policy: Board subcommittees worked with administrators and students, and the revised policies were approved by the full Board. We looked at the Maine Laptop Initiative and endorsed our administration's alternative plan to purchase laptops and "netbooks" sufficient to meet student needs. We continued to monitor the State's consolidation initiatives. And we decided to concentrate on manageable facilities projects that were most pressing—including the renovation of the gymnasium floor and a science projects room—first goals in our capital campaign.

Two trustees will be retiring this year. Both have assumed key leadership roles during their tenure, for which we are all enormously grateful. Both will be sorely missed.

**Pat Gray '54** has served as a Trustee since 1994. Pat has chaired several committees: Committee on Trustees, Building and Grounds, Facilities, and Heads Advisory. Pat initially served GSA as a member of the Joint Board, representing Blue Hill. She was Board President and oversaw our change in governance from a Trustee/Joint Board model to the single-Board model we have today. During this important transition, her calm demeanor and thoughtful guidance helped lead us through the organizational changes we needed to function more effectively.

**Lucy Ledien '43** first joined the Board thirty-one years ago in 1978. During her tenure as a trustee Lucy has performed a number of roles, including Clerk, member of the Committee on Trustees, member of the Education Committee, President of the Alumni Association, and Joint Board Chair. For five years Lucy served as Board President. Lucy is an irreplaceable source of institutional memory—as she or a member of her family has served GSA continuously for over 50 years. She has volunteered tirelessly to help make phone calls for the Annual Fund or to contribute her time in other ways. It is difficult to imagine GSA's board without Lucy's presence.

Thank you, Pat and Lucy, for your many years of devoted service to GSA.

We are pleased to welcome **Brian van Emmerick** as a new member and **Deborah Brewster** as a returning member. Brian was born in Washington, DC. He and his family moved to Sedgwick, Maine in 1992. Brian graduated from the University of Maryland in 1979 with a BS in chemistry and attended dental school at the University of Maryland in Baltimore, graduating *magna cum laude* in 1983. Since moving to Maine he has practiced at the Island Dental Office in Stonington. Brian joined the GSA Board's Finance Committee after a twelve-year tenure on the Sedgwick School Committee.

Deborah is returning to our ranks after a (required) year off from the Board. During the past year, Deborah has continued to co-chair the Campaign Steering Committee as a community member. She returns as one of our most experienced Trustees, having served in many leadership roles at GSA over the years. Her ongoing advocacy for and commitment to GSA and local education have been exemplary, and we are looking forward to her presence back on the Board.

*Robert M. Clapp*

Rob Clapp  
Board President

# HONORING YEARS OF SERVICE...

Lucy Ledien '43



"I have been honored to be a member of the Board of Trustees of George Stevens Academy. I am proud of our many accomplishments during my years as a trustee, in particular the facility additions and improvements that have taken place over the years: the Butler Building, the McIntyre

Building, the library renovation and completion of new tennis courts and sports fields. Thanks to the generosity of others in the community, GSA was able to make these necessary facility additions and improvements. As an alumna of the Academy, I am proud of the recent growth in alumni support and participation, and urge more and more alumni support for our hometown school through the Annual Fund and special projects."

Pat Gray '54



"It has been a privilege and a pleasure to serve George Stevens Academy both as Joint Board member and as a trustee. To quote from *Cider House Rules*, I have felt *of use*. However, there are remaining challenges that need to be met if we are to maintain the school's outstanding academic programs and to improve facilities in these difficult economic and political

times. I leave the Board with confidence in the abilities and commitment of the 2009-10 Board and its committees to meet these challenges. I would also urge the wider community to support GSA as the school works to meet the educational needs of the young people on this peninsula."

## ...& WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Deborah Brewster



"When I was asked by Rob Clapp to return to the Board of Trustees, I was fully prepared to say, *No, I have been involved long enough, it's time for younger people, parents of current or future students to step up*. But I realized just how

much this school means to me, not only as a past parent, but, more importantly, as a member of the larger community served by GSA. Education is the future for our children, and, by extension, the future for all of us. I hope to see GSA continue to strive for excellence in all areas, and to see a growing community *culture of support* for this little gem of a school."

Brian van Emmerick



"I am honored to join the GSA Board of Trustees. The fiscal uncertainty caused by state consolidation efforts weighs heavily on administrative decisions at GSA and on all towns over the last two years. There is still no clear picture of what those efforts will mean at the local level. Going forward, I will work for the ideals stated in GSA's mission, to foster an environment

conducive to acceptance of diversity on campus and in the towns, and to secure the position of the school as integral to the life of the greater community."

# Student News

*A sampling of highlights  
from the past year*



## ← JAZZ BAND CHAMPIONS FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT YEAR

For the seventh consecutive year (and the thirteenth time since 1989), the GSA Jazz Band was named Maine State Jazz Champion. The Jazz Band made it to the final three for the twenty-first straight year, scoring a 94.8 ahead of Houlton and Mattanawcook Academy. **Grace Bell**, vibes and **Sam Eley**, drums, received Most Valuable Player awards, and **Keira Tachibana**, **Adam DeLong**, **Annie Ames**, **Ellie Howell**, **Emmett Scott**, **Eric Burns** and **Allison Fleck** received soloist awards.

## MODEL U.N.←

Twelve students traveled with faculty advisor David Stearns, history department chair, to participate in the Dartmouth Model United Nations Conference on the Dartmouth College campus April 4-5: Katherine Doyen '11, Abby Bowden '11,

Dustin Piskura '10, Tatiana Urban '12, John Ludlow '10, Michael Senter-Zapata '10, Sotherd Steer '12, Courtney Koos '12, Max Reiter '10, Caroline Altman '10, Lucas Yoder '10 and Ian McMillan '10.

Abby Bowden won Best Delegate for the Press Corps, and John Ludlow won a commendation for his work representing Austria on the Disarmament and Security Committee.



## ← B-DAY GRILL

Students in Frank Bianco's Business Math class learned by doing last spring: the eighteen students created a school lunch business, "The B-Day Grill." Operating once a week on "B" Days, the grill served a three-course grilled lunch to GSA students for just \$5. Students controlled every aspect of the business, from developing a business model, planning menus, ordering food & preparing meals, to keeping the books, developing statistical analyses of costs and sales, creating profit-loss statements using Quickbooks software, and making recommendations for improvements and cost efficiencies.





## ←ARTS FESTIVAL 2009

For more than thirty years, George Stevens Academy has held a campus-wide Arts Festival for a week in the spring. Each day local and visiting artists offer dozens of workshops in the fine arts & crafts, performing arts, and industrial arts, including poetry, painting, filmmaking, music, culinary arts, theater, dance, photography, pottery, kite-flying, metal-tooling, weaving, auto restoration, needlepoint, and much more. Arts Fest 2009 welcomed many guest and local artists, including painters Rob Shetterly, Rebekah Raye (shown here with a student), Annie Poole, Robert Starkey; documentary filmmaker Dick Kane; potter Melody Lewis-Kane; jazz drummer Osi Braithwaite and the Jorge Rossy Group; Indian dancer Astad Deboo; poet Stuart Kestenbaum; writers Ellen Booream, Gail Page, and Carrie Jones; vintage car restorer Blaise deSibour; and video animator Chris Doyle.



## ←CHESS TEAM

TK Vu '10 earned an invitation to compete in the state high school individual chess championship with a 3-1 score on first board during the state scholastic chess team championship tournament at the Memorial Union, University of Maine on Saturday, March 7. In the novice division, the GSA team of Tom Strehan '10 and Katherine Doyen '11 earned the first place finish, with Strehan winning the individual novice trophy with a perfect score of 4-0. The varsity team, made up of TK Vu '10, Quinn Waring '10, Ian McMillan '10, Nick Kane '11 and Beth Doyen '11 finished in the middle of the pack in the championship division with a 2-2 score.

## NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP KUDOS←

Four GSA students who took the PSAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (NMSQT) last fall qualified to advance to the NMSQT 2010 Semifinals: **Gregory Fisher** (Blue Hill), **Michael Senter-Zapata** (Blue Hill), **Max Reiter** (Brooklin), and **Molly McEntee** (Castine). In early September, NMSC notified Headmaster John Greene that Molly and Max have advanced to the semifinals and will compete against 15,000 students nationally for National Merit Scholarships.

*Right: John Greene with Molly McEntee and Max Reiter.  
Photo by Lee Park.*





## ← GIRLS TENNIS

With strong leadership from seniors and seasoned coaching from Tim Farrar, the Girls Varsity Tennis Team won the Eastern Maine Class C Championship.

## BASEBALL←

The Baseball Team landed its 5th Eastern Maine Class C Championship of the decade. Coach Dan Kane reached a landmark with his 300th win in the 20 years he has been coaching for GSA and was recognized by the Penobscot Valley Conference as Coach of the Year.



## ← GIRLS BASKETBALL

Eastern Maine Class C Champions and recipients of the Maine Principals' Association Good Sportsmanship Award!.

## *Expanding Worlds of Learning: Independent Study*

One of GSA's most distinctive and long-standing curricular programs is Independent Study. Conceived in 1970 by faculty and based on their experiences with Colby College's "Jan Plan," the program encourages juniors and seniors in good academic standing to develop and carry out an independent project over a two or three week period in February and March. Projects may be academic in nature, for example, an intensive language immersion experience. Many students use the opportunity to travel. But most students design projects that explore a career interest, and work closely with professionals right here in the community. Last winter, more than one hundred GSA students participated in Independent Study, among them: Emily Herrick worked with Jan Snow at the Blue Hill Consolidated School, while Josiah Moore, Michael Bryant, and Tom Strehan assisted Robert McCormick, also at BHCS. Becca Brooks thinks she may want to be an elementary school teacher, and got the opportunity to test her interest under Anne Martina of Surry Elementary School. Ha Lai "shadowed" bank manager Margie Gray at Bar Harbor Bank in Blue Hill. Jacques Gagné introduced Ngoc Vu to the world of physical therapy, while Elizabeth Gray explored veterinary medicine under the supervision of Dr. Greg Thibodeau of the Maine Coast Clinic. Eric Redman and Jacob Smith worked on automobile restoration with Jason Billings at the Toy Box. Kaolin Pitcher apprenticed under Kathryn Dillon to produce an issue of the Bay School's newsletter. Erica Gray and Liliana Smith both worked in local Day Care centers. Several students chose to explore an interest in the arts: Sarah Brown apprenticed with Denny Rackliffe at Rackliffe Pottery; Michael Senter-Zapata studied piano under Paul Sullivan; and Adam DeLong produced a saxophone CD with the help of Craig Williamson. To borrow from the African proverb: it takes a peninsula to educate our students!

In April, eleven juniors and one senior presented the Independent Study and Internship (ISIP) projects they completed in March to an audience of parents and friends. Max Reiter '10, Brooklin, researched and developed an artisanal Maine toffee along with a business plan to market and sell it; John Ludlow '10, Brooksville, interned at *Pine Tree Legal Assistance* in Bangor; Sara Elliott '10, Blue Hill, Lydia Clapp '10, Blue Hill, and Molly McEntee '10, Castine, attended a language immersion program in Cuernavaca, Mexico; Emily Herrick '10, Blue Hill, and Tynan Byrne '10, Brooksville, explored teaching careers; Noah Sawyer '10, Blue Hill, studied jewelry-making and marketing with a local native American artist; Michael Senter-Zapata '10, Blue Hill, and Adam DeLong '10, Blue Hill, studied music composition and created a CD; Kaolin Pitcher '10, Deer Isle, worked in the Bay School Development Office and wrote and published an alumni newsletter; and Lilian Thorpe '09, Brooksville, learned Adobe Photoshop and created a digital art portfolio.



# INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

Twenty-eight international students from eight countries attended GSA during 2008-09. This year the number stands at thirty-three with more students expected to enroll in January.

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM ORIENTATION 2009←

GSA welcomed seventeen new International Program students from five countries: China, South Korea, Spain, Germany, and France. Students arrived in Blue Hill in late August to participate in a five-day campus orientation, followed by Outdoor Orientation, a three-day camping trip in Acadia National Park. More than forty GSA Student Ambassadors helped introduce the new students to one another, campus life, and the town of Blue Hill. In addition to talking about topics ranging from weekend happenings to choosing classes, the Student Ambassadors worked with new students on problem solving challenges—for instance, learning to put up a variety of tents, all loaned by community members for the camping trip. Who would have thought twenty-six students would all fit in one tent for this photo!



## ←GIFT TO GSA

In May, the mothers of two of our Vietnamese students visited GSA and presented the school with a gift of a picture. The picture is made from crushed semi-precious stones and depicts the “Temple of Literature” in Hanoi, Vietnam, where Vietnam’s first university was established in the 11th century. We are grateful to Nguyen Thi Minh Thao (mother of Tanya Hoang) and Hoang Thi Tuyet Nhung (mother of Ashlee Vu) for their lovely gift.

*Left: John Greene, flanked by Ashlee Vu, Tanya Hoang, and International Program Director Sheryl Stearns, displays the “Temple of Literature.”*



## FIRST INTERNATIONAL STUDENT NIGHT 2009←

GSA’s international students and Student Ambassadors organized the First Annual International Night, held on April 11. Over a hundred people gathered in the cafeteria to look at displays on China, Thailand, Viet Nam, Italy, Spain, and Korea, eat delicious food, and enjoy entertainment. David Stearns and the International Cooking Club provided the dinner: Mattar Paneer (Indian pea & cheese curry), Tom Kha Gai (Thai coconut chicken soup), Laab Gai (Thai chicken salad), Polpette con Pecorino (Italian meatballs), Oi Muchim (Korean cucumber salad), rice, two Chinese dishes, and various salads donated by parents. Charlene Farnsworth '10 and Dasha Polyakova '09 were the MC's.



# Supporting the Vision

Rob Clapp,  
Board President,  
on the future  
of GSA



Our Board and the school Administration have worked diligently over the past several months to create a balanced budget for the coming year. Like so many other endowments during this challenging economic period, GSA's endowment has seen a decline, and so we have eliminated for one year a contribution from our endowment to the budget.

Yet despite the sour economic climate, our Annual Fund saw heartening successes—a 20% increase in the total number of donors, and record-breaking alumni and parent participation! This surely can be attributed to improved communications with our constituents, thanks to the efforts of Liffey Thorpe, our Director of Communications, Rada Starkey, our Director of Development, and Abby Greene, our Annual Fund Director. The Annual Fund fell short of what we had targeted, but we are much encouraged by these auspicious results.

Our financial needs are greater than ever, and we are even more dependent on the support of our constituent donors. We need to build the endowment and continue to increase the Annual Fund—all this to support academic initiatives, faculty professional development, and improvements to our facilities. Looking ahead to the coming year, two major agenda items before trustees will be to review and update our five-year financial plan, and to support the NEAS&C re-accreditation process, a major institutional effort over the next two years.

As an independent community school we strive to enrich our students' lives and prepare them for their future challenges. Since the future is a constantly changing target, we will always be working to improve the experiences that we offer our students. We are committed to providing an education so relevant and meaningful that alumni will always feel they were well served and prepared for their futures.

One of the more meaningful GSA events that I attended this past year came during graduation week, in recognition of our three State Championship basketball teams. It was a great event and was wonderful to see the interaction between three generations of student athletes and their coaches. Although they share an experience that most of us did not have, there are many other experiences that we all shared as GSA students that span the generations and will influence us throughout our lives.

We are fortunate to be able to choose GSA for our children: a school that offers high school students in this community remarkable opportunities not available in most public schools. I serve as a trustee because I believe all our students deserve the best opportunities that we can provide for them.

To my fellow trustees who have spent countless hours in committee and board meetings this past year—thank you for your service. To faculty and staff, students and parents, alumni and friends—all those who contribute to making GSA the excellent school it is—thank you.

# Inspiring Support



Dear Members of the George Stevens Academy Community,

I'm excited to report on the financial support of GSA over the past year. Despite an economic climate that has challenged all of us, GSA alumni, parents and friends who care about this school have not wavered in their loyal support. On the following pages are listed those generous and loyal donors whose gifts provide critical support of our current work and future goals: enhancements to our academic programs, facility renovations, endowment and scholarship support, and critical funding for the school's daily operations through the Annual Fund. In 2008-09, gifts and new pledges to GSA totaled \$497,000, of which \$210,000 came in as unrestricted Annual Fund dollars.

These Annual Fund highlights are worth celebrating:

- GSA reached a record high in Annual Fund donors, with a total of 516 individuals—a 20% increase over the 2007-2008 giving year.
- Over 150 individuals made a gift to GSA's Annual Fund for the very first time.
- GSA's alumni reached a record-breaking 240 donors, with the decade of the 1970s taking first place in the Most Donors in the Decade Challenge (see page 27).
- The classes of 1959 and 2009 established a new tradition of alumni support through class gifts to the Annual Fund. In honor of their 50th reunion, members of the Class of 1959 presented a leadership gift to the Annual Fund, while GSA's newest alumni, the Class of 2009, made a gift of a new flagpole.
- GSA parents also gave at a record high level, reaching 20% participation, up from 16% the previous year.

These remarkable strides forward are, in large part, due to individuals committed to making a difference. On behalf of GSA and the Development Office, I thank all the alumni, parents and friends who responded to our call and joined our volunteer base. Your leadership and active participation have made all the difference!

To all of you who gave so generously to GSA this past year—in many cases, making difficult financial choices in order to support this school—thank you for your commitment to the Academy.

If you have not yet made a gift to GSA, I invite you to join the growing number of people who recognize that GSA is a precious institution, not only for past and current students, but indeed for our entire community. Our school's future critically depends on community support.

With sincere thanks,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rada Starkey".

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 Edward M. '72 & Amy V. Turner '74 \*  
 Melissa Brownlow '73  
 Rob '73 & Patty Clapp '73 \*  
 Homer '73 & Megan Lowell '77  
 Kim Perkins '73  
 Mr. Donald Blodgett, II '74 \*  
 Pat '74 & Jim Henry  
 Bob '74 & Annie Poole  
 Karen A. Doten '75

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Cheryl Ling Donovan '76  
 Gale Brownlow Flax '76  
 Danny W. Gray '76 & Clara Bridges  
 Paul S. Lapaire '76  
 Mrs. Patricia Wardwell '76  
 Earl '77 & Gayle Clifford '80  
 Jennifer Durnbaugh Denlinger '77 \*  
 Michael Ling '77 \*  
 Elizabeth '77 & Scott Rosemeier '77 \*  
 Stormi Gray Wentworth '77  
 Gus Williamson '77  
 Alden Blodgett '78 \*  
 Jackie Bowden '78  
 Peter G. Williamson '78  
 Andrew Dombek '79  
 Larry Gray '79  
 Deborah '79 & David Ludlow \*  
 Martin Nowland '79 & Joy Bicknell  
 Jennifer Schroth '79 & Jonathan Ellsworth  
 Sharri Venno '79 \*

### 1980's

Merton "Bill" Bunker '80  
 Dwayne Carter '80 \*  
 Gayle '80 & Earl Clifford '77  
 David '80 & Margie Gray '81  
 Fred '80 & Karen Motycka  
 Dwayne '80 & Cynthia Webber \*  
 Lenny '81 & Marilyn Lawson '83 \*  
 Leslie Clapp '82 & Blaise deSibour  
 Martha Garfield '82  
 Anne Schroth '82  
 Ms. Jodelle Austin '83  
 Craig Berry '83 \*  
 Stefan '83 & Diane Brann '83  
 William A. Gray '83  
 Jennifer '83 & Michael Bryant '84 \*  
 Tina Anderson Stephens '84  
 Julie Jo Fehrle '85  
 Christy Johndrow Gontarz '85  
 Michelle '85 & William Barker '86  
 Stephanie Haza Vetne '86  
 Mr. Ronald Austin '87  
 Mr. Christopher Hardiman '87  
 Eachan Holloway '87 & Debbie Davis  
 JoDee Lymburner '87 \*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Daniel W. Walker '87  
 Dhyana E. Bisberg '88  
 Lisa Carey '88  
 Mrs. Lisa Whittaker Haynsworth '88  
 Sarah D. '88 & Michael J. Kazmierczak \*  
 Mr. Jeffrey Haza '89  
 Jennifer Sittnick Pulvino '89

### 1990's

Lydia '91 & Steven Garratt  
 Joel G. Wilson '91  
 William Moorehouse '93

Zoë '93 & Keith Tenney  
 Sarah Walker Hodges '94  
 Jaime Carroll Stone '94  
 Ralph Graceffa '95  
 Amanda Aker '96  
 James '97 & Emily Hildebrand '97  
 Chris '97 & Samantha Pickering  
 Sarah Rosemeier Cutter '98  
 Kate Manning '98 & Matt Pilotte  
 Ms. Jennifer Rottmann '98

### 2000's

Anonymous '00  
 Daniel Bouthot '00  
 Justin Kaley '00  
 Erin E. McCormick '00  
 Daryl Astbury '01  
 Travis Bannister '01  
 Hilary Brayton '01  
 Abigail Greene '01  
 Courtney T. Lawsing '01  
 Sarah Kristin Clapp '02  
 Jacob Lowell '02  
 Michael P. Astbury '03  
 Mark Clapp '03  
 Alice Guilford '03  
 Michael P. Allen, Jr. '04  
 John Sebastian Greene '04  
 Ryan Lowell '04  
 Samuel Guilford '05  
 Winslow Brokaw '07  
 Hannah B. Mendlowitz '08  
 Samuel Allen '09  
 Nicky Anderson '09  
 Trisha Bakeman '09  
 Grace Bell '09  
 Katherine Bertrand '09  
 Rosalind L. Brokaw '09  
 Caleb Cousins '09  
 Kelly E. Cutler '09  
 Son Dang '09  
 Carli R. Davis '09  
 Peter O. Dickinson '09  
 Johnathan D. Dionne '09  
 Allison Fleck '09  
 Marjorie Freimuth '09  
 Oriol Grasa '09  
 Cassidy Gray '09  
 Katherine Herklotz '09  
 Ashley Higgins '09  
 Hannah Hurvitt '09  
 Acadia Jacob '09  
 Da Hae Jeong '09  
 Gun Woo Kim '09  
 Ha Lai '09  
 Cathy Lee '09  
 Dillon P. Morris '09  
 Kathryn Newbegin '09

Long Tuan Nguyen '09  
 Alida Peake '09  
 Allegra Pellerano '09  
 Emily F. Pettigrew '09  
 Dasha Polyakova '09  
 Elizabeth Salois '09  
 Julianna Smith '09  
 Kelcey Snowdeal '09  
 Adam Strout '09  
 Lilian S. Thorpe '09  
 Kaiya Torrey '09  
 Di Wang '09  
 Samuel O. West '09

## PARENTS OF ALUMNI

Anonymous (2)  
 Maynard '43 & Mary Astbury '44  
 Mike '70 & Pat Astbury '69  
 Wayne A. '59 & Thelma Astbury '59  
 Mr. James E. Austin  
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 Robert & Pat Bannister  
 Jo Barrett '72 \*  
 Lorraine H. Huckel, PhD & F. Robert  
 Bauer \*  
 Tony & Betty Beardsley \*  
 Nancy & Warren Berkowitz \*  
 Richard & Evelyn Bishop \*  
 Penelope & Albert Boardman \*  
 Jackie Bowden '78  
 Ann & Paul Brayton \*  
 Deborah Brewster &  
 Benjamin Mendlowitz \*  
 Dr. & Mrs. James F. Carey  
 Donald '70 & Brenda Condon '71  
 Peter & Ann Louise d'Entremont \*  
 David & Suzanne Decrow  
 Chan '55 & Sue Duffy '56 \*  
 Gayle Durnbaugh  
 Jill Eckerdt  
 Anne Ekberg  
 Wendy Ritger & Henry Elliott \*  
 Marie & Walt Epply \*  
 Mr. & Mrs. Tim Farrar  
 Charles E. '54 & Carley Ferden \*  
 Matthew Freedman & Kathleen Caldwell  
 Becky & Jacques Gagné  
 Linda & Lou Graceffa  
 David '80 & Margie Gray '81  
 John & Katie Greene \*  
 Ross Greenlaw & Beth Jackson \*  
 Keith & Leona Heavrin  
 Pat '74 & Jim Henry  
 Mr. & Mrs. Peter Horton  
 Wayne '64 & Ruth Hutchins  
 Jean & Doug Hylan  
 Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Inglis  
 Susan Jellison \*

Patricia & Berell Kornreich \*  
 F. Thomas & Sue Ann Largay \*  
 Mrs. David H. Larson  
 James & Lisa Lawsing \*  
 Bob & Joyce Leck \*  
 Sue Loomis \*  
 Barbara & Rick Malm  
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 Linda Gray Martin '65  
 Melissa Mattes & Hector Sapien \*  
 Kathleen McClure '69  
 James P. & Ruth Modisette \*  
 Dennis Moran  
 Joyce & Arthur Newkirk  
 Steve & Carol Orlofsky \*  
 Mary Ann & Tom Perkins \*  
 Stephen & Sherry Pfister  
 Kate Butcher & Ben Pfohl  
 Bob '74 & Annie Poole  
 Bill Raiten & Elena Bourakovsky  
 Roberta & Jeffrey Raymond  
 Catherine Razi  
 Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Schneider  
 S. A. Schwarztrauber \*  
 Rick & Barbara Seeger  
 Janet Simpson \*  
 Katherine Keefe Smith '53 \*  
 Noel & Elizabeth Stookey  
 Ruth Freeman Swain  
 Ted Swain \*  
 Greg & Jayne Thibodeau  
 Paul A. Townsend '37 \*  
 Jennifer & Paul Trowbridge  
 Ken & Pax Vogt \*  
 Robert S. Walker \*  
 Horace W. '57 &  
     Sylvia Conner Wardwell '59 \*  
 Gregory & Anne Warren \*  
 Dwayne '80 & Cynthia Webber \*  
 Mary Whiting & Rick Traub \*  
 Sherry Streeter & Jon Wilson  
 Ben Wootten  
 Marjorie L. Yesley \*  
 Peter & Carolyn Yoder

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 Robert & Pat Bannister  
 Carole & Brian Barnard \*  
 Eugene & Kathleen Barnes  
 Robert Barody  
 The Becton Family \*  
 Mr. Stephen Bemiss  
 Clifton Page & Lucy Benjamin

John Bischof & Mary Grace Canfield  
 Harry & Marie Bissell \*  
 Mr. & Mrs. George Blagden  
 Robert & Bundy Boit  
 Osmond & Ann Bonsey  
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 Joan E. Daxberger  
 Rudy & Patty Deetjen \*  
 Blaise deSibour & Leslie Clapp '82  
 Charles & Maisie Dethier \*  
 Alice & Bob Dillon \*  
 Mrs. Elisabeth H. Doble \*  
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 Yvan & Donna Dupuy  
 Franklin W. Eaton  
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 Mrs. Janet Hodder Epply  
 Mark Epply & Debby Taylor  
 John P. & Jeanie C. Eysenbach  
 Charles E. '59 and Carley Ferden \*  
 Laurence Flood & Tyler Knowles \*  
 Brent & Anne Follweiler  
 Margery Forbes \*  
 Laurence Garceau \*  
 Richard C. Gibson  
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 Peg & Albie Smith \*  
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 Richard & Evelynne Spencer \*  
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 Wardwell '59 \*  
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 Bar Harbor Bank & Trust \*  
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 Blue Hill Peninsula Chamber of Commerce  
 Castine Kayak Adventures  
 Downeast Graphics \*  
 East Blue Hill Village Improvement  
 Association  
 The First, N.A. \*  
 F. L. Putnam Investment Management  
 Company  
 Four C's, LLC  
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 Kollegedwkwok Sailing and Education  
 Association  
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 M. E. Astbury & Son, Inc. \*  
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 Mitchell Architectural Group, P.C.  
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 Ohiopyle Prints, Inc.  
 Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning  
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 Rowantrees Pottery  
 Roy, Beardsley, Williams & Granger  
 Sheriff Charities  
 Sports Projects, Inc. \*  
 St. Joseph Catholic Church  
 Technology Education Association of  
 Maine  
 TradeWinds Marketplace \*  
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 The Millipore Foundation  
 NSTAR Foundation \*  
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 The Inglis Family Fund  
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 Jackie Bowden '78  
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 Daphne Daunt  
 Ralph Graceffa '95  
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 Mr. & Mrs. William Jackson  
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 Jim Kosinski  
 Mitchell Architectural Group, P.C.  
 Nguyen Thi Minh Thao  
 Liffey Thorpe \* & B. G. Thorpe \*  
 Peninsula Metamorphic Arts & Learning  
 Molly Pitcher  
 Denny '65 & Margaret Rackliffe '66  
 Jennifer & Paul Trowbridge  
 Daniel W. Walker '87  
 Frank & Chris Wanning \*  
 Steve Wright



Senior class gift, Class of 2009

# GIFTS MADE IN MEMORY

Carolyn & Thomas Bugbee  
*in memory of Abby LeBlanc '96*

Robert & Molly Nagle  
*in memory of Arthur C. Nagle*

Brockway McMillan  
*in memory of Audrey McMillan*

Bob '74 & Annie Poole  
*in memory of Avis Poole*

Edward H. Hudson  
*in memory of Betty Leach Hudson '38*

Melissa Brownlow '73  
*in memory of Brad & Jackie Brownlow*

Capt. Forrest Horton '61  
*in memory of Deale Salisbury*

Linda Gray Martin '65  
*in memory of Deale Salisbury & Mme Walker*

Maddox Grandchildren  
*in memory of Edwin Maddox '21*

Joan E. Daxberger  
*in memory of Esther Howard Saline '27*

Kevin McTighe '70  
*in memory of Fern & Henry McTighe*

Julie Jo Fehrle '85  
*in memory of Fred & Helen Fehrle*

Paul S. Lapaire '76  
*in memory of George Lapaire*

Nancy Lymburner Stoller '65  
*in memory of Grace & Blaine Lymburner*

Charles K. Allen, Jr. '48  
*in memory of Hope Turner Allen '50*

Gale Brownlow Flax '76  
*in memory of Jacquelyn G. Brownlow*

Stefan '83 & Diane Brann '83  
*in memory of James A. Billings, Jr.*

Mr. Willis J. Burton '61  
*in memory of Karen Burton Sawyer*

Sue Loomis  
*in memory of Les Getz*

Dr. Rebecca Bowden Wanbaugh '41  
*in memory of Lilla McIntyre Bowden*

Mrs. Evelyn Williams Strohmaier '30  
*in memory of Mildred Chase Hinckley*

Harvard '52 & Linda Candage '59  
*in memory of Mom & Dad*

William K. Starkey Family  
*in memory of Paul & Betty Starkey*

Nancy & Warren Berkowitz  
*in memory of Ruth Bowden '33*

Robert & Linda Slaven  
*in memory of Sidney Jones '32*

Martha Garfield '82  
*in memory of Stanton Garfield, Jr.*

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## *Gifts in memory of Rena Candage:*

James A. Carter '63

Mrs. Eloise Poole Rhyne '64

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## *Gifts in memory of Wayne McGraw:*

Maynard '43 & Mary Astbury '44

Mike '70 & Pat Astbury '69

Vickie Pert Atherton '71

William '86 & Michelle Barker '85

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Merle & Bonnie Copper

East Blue Hill Village Improvement Association

Patricia '54 & Donald Gray '53

James S. '66 & Roxanna M. Grindle '71

Patricia & Kathi Higgins

Eleanor Jones

Mr. Beryl Leach '43

Douglas P. Libby

Jon & Michelle Mahon

James '68 and Freida Peasley '70

Douglas P. Stover '48

## *Gifts in memory of Nicene-Marks Pascal '89:*

Dhyana E. Bisberg '88

John Bischof & Mary Grace Canfield

Jonathan Hall & Eliza Hill

Jennifer Sittnick Pulvino '89

## GIFTS MADE IN HONOR

Anonymous in honor of Cora Hatch Bigelow  
Anonymous in honor of Paul Gilden  
Anne Bridges '70 in honor of Margaret Bridges  
Stella & Edward Conte in honor of Martin Conte '11  
Kathryn & Andrew Dillon in honor of Dillon Morris '09  
Andrew Dombek '79 in honor of Larry Gray '79  
Becky & Jacques Gagné in honor Ashley '00, James '02, & Andrew Gagné '05  
Mr. John P. Jacob in honor of Acadia Jacob '09  
Nancy & Barron Krody in honor of Elizabeth A. Clifford '10  
Mabel Wood Lawrence '44 in honor of Connie Robertson  
James & Lisa Lawsing in honor of Steve Orlofsky  
Michele & Joel Mann in honor of Sotherd Steer '12  
Linda Gray Martin '65 in honor of Stan Boynton  
Mr. George Orlofsky in honor of GSA's Music Program  
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Robert S. Walker in honor of Sarah '94, Ben '89, & Dan Walker '87

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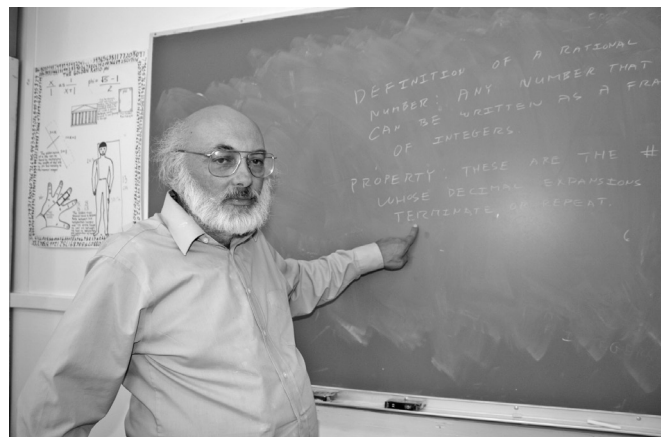
**Lists reflect contributions received by June 30, 2009.  
We have done our best to make these lists as accurate as possible.  
Please let us know of any errors.**

## *The Campaign for Our Future: A Gift in Honor of Paul Gilden, to Support Mathematics at GSA*

We are delighted to announce a gift made in honor of Paul Gilden, Chair of the Math Department, to support the academic initiative of the Campaign for Our Future. Owing to the generous support of this community member and friend of the Academy (who wishes to remain anonymous), the Department has been able to purchase “wish list” items to enhance the learning environment for math students beginning in the fall of 2009.

A portion of the funds have been used to purchase ceiling-mounted computer projectors for three math classrooms, as well as software that emulates the TI-84 graphing calculators the department uses in upper-level math classes. The projectors will allow students to make use of a wide range of computerized exercises and demonstrations keyed to geometry textbooks, to use the computational engine Wolfram Alpha and other internet resources as classroom tools, and to teach sophisticated graphing calculator skills by projecting simulations of students’ calculators onto a screen in the classroom.

Paul Gilden, a member of GSA’s faculty since 1996, holds a master’s degree in mathematics and an MEd in Mathematics Education from the University of Maryland at College Park. At GSA Paul has taught Algebra I Honors, Algebra II, Advanced Math, AP Calculus (AB) and AP Calculus (BC). Paul also serves as advisor to GSA’s Chess Team. Paul says: “I received a kind note from the donor saying that the gift had been given in honor of the impact that I have had on GSA mathematics students. I have never felt so touched by a professional matter or compliment.”



*For more information about honorary and memorial gifts to the Annual Fund and Capital Campaign, please contact the Development Office at GSA.*

## *Giving, one month at a time*

One simple way to make your gift to the George Stevens Academy Annual Fund is through our new Scheduled Giving option. Scheduled Giving makes it possible to spread your gift over a specified period of time versus a single gift all at once. Simply decide the frequency and the amount of each payment, and your gift will be automatically processed!



James and Emily Hildebrand, 1997 graduates, have chosen to take advantage of scheduled giving in support of the GSA Annual Fund. Here are their reasons, in their own words:

*I think for us monthly giving works so well because I just finished school, and Emily is in school now, and we just bought a house! With all the other types of bills flying around, a small amount each month is barely noticed, but at the end of the year it adds up to an amount that would be hard to give all at once. It really is much easier than worrying about a bigger one-time donation.*

—James '97 and Emily Hildebrand '97

To make your eco-friendly, online gift to the Annual Fund today, visit [www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift](http://www.georgestevensacademy.org/onlinegift).

# *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.

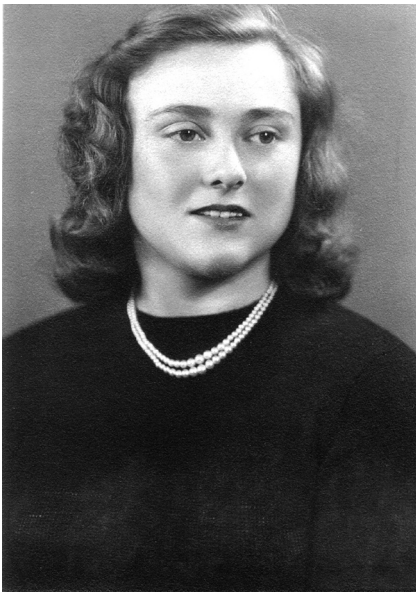
For those who value education, a bequest to GSA is an excellent way to ensure an outstanding education for future generations. A bequest to GSA benefits you because it is a gift that does not affect your current cash flow. A bequest benefits GSA because it builds the School's endowment, funding the people and the programs that are 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.

To make a gift or receive more information on The 1803 Heritage Society, please contact Rada Starkey, Director of Development.

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## *A Planned Gift for Her Home Field: Arlene Clough Smith '41*



Arlene Clough Smith '41 was a loyal and involved member of the GSA community. While at GSA, Arlene played softball, basketball, track and volleyball, and was the Captain of the basketball team during her senior year. Arlene also sang in GSA's Glee Club and performed in its Dramatic Club. Arlene's love of sports carried throughout her entire life. She and her husband, Harvey, enjoyed many adventures around the world. Their love of the ocean prompted them to settle in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, where they were active members of the Mainland Shuffleboard Court. Being the competitive sportswoman she was, Arlene quickly worked her way from amateur to pro ranking, and she continued to compete well into her later years.

Arlene had fond memories of her time at GSA and wished to create similar memories for others. Several years ago, she perpetuated her support and named George Stevens Academy as a beneficiary in her estate. Upon Arlene's death, GSA was notified of her bequest. Given that Arlene chose to have a portion of the gift from her estate benefit athletics at GSA, the funds were allocated to the completion of GSA's new softball field. On June 2, 2008, Smith Field was officially dedicated in honor of Arlene and her commitment to GSA.

The following excerpts from a letter written by Arlene's friend, Denise Morrisette, offer insight into Arlene's wishes concerning her gift to the Academy.

*Arlene had fond memories of her time at George Stevens Academy. She told me how much enjoyment she had had when participating in sports, and wanted to help provide the same opportunities for other students. She had wished her gift would benefit the athletic department. She wanted GSA students to know that no matter how old we get, we will always remember time spent at GSA and the lessons learned there, both in the classroom and on the field. Arlene would encourage everyone to have fun and never lose the home-team spirit!*

George Stevens Academy is fortunate to have had such a loyal alumna. Arlene Clough Smith '41 thought to remember her "home field," and Smith Field is a reminder of the great benefits of planning giving.

# Call to Alumni



Dear Fellow Alumni,

Congratulations! Alumni involvement and support is crucial to maintaining excellence at George Stevens Academy, and 2008-2009 showed a significant increase in alumni participation. This year we reached a record-breaking 240 individual alumni donors (7%), with some very exciting firsts:

- Members of the Class of 1959 made a generous gift to the Annual Fund in honor of their 50th class reunion.
- The '70's took first place in Decade Challenge 2009: a total of 46 donors from their decade. Honorable mention goes to the '40's for the highest percentage of participation: 23%!
- The Class of 2009 made the first "graduating class gift" to the Annual Fund: a new flagpole for the front lawn.

## THE CHALLENGE TO US

Looking ahead, stay tuned for an exciting opportunity to make a significant impact on George Stevens Academy through increased participation in the Annual Fund. If our collective participation reaches 20% by June 30, 2012, and holds steady or increases in the following two years, friends of GSA have pledged substantial additional support. With a total pool of 3,500 alumni, we will need 700 donors to reach this goal. As a first step up to this challenge, our aim for the 2009-2010 Annual Fund is 11% alumni participation —385 donors!

## STAYING INVOLVED

Involved alumni will help ensure a bright future for George Stevens Academy. There are so many ways to keep GSA an active part of your life. Here are a few:

- Become a Class Agent, especially if your reunion year is here—that's all you '5's and '10's! You can play a significant role in overseeing your class's correspondences, generating news and support for the Annual Fund, and organizing your reunions.
- Keep sending in your news! We all love to know the latest about our classmates and friends, and the GSA community wants to stay connected.
- Update your profile online, send an email, give a call, or stop by anytime for a visit. We hope to keep GSA alumni in the know about the latest campus news as well as connected to each other.

Thank you to each of you who wrote in and shared your news and photographs. It has been a pleasure hearing from you, and I know everyone will enjoy reading the Alumni Class Notes. And thank you to all those alumni who continue to be involved in the many ways that make George Stevens Academy a unique and remarkable place of learning!

Sincerely,

Abigail Greene '01  
Director of Annual Giving

**If you have questions or comments, please contact Abigail Greene at 207.374.2800, send an email to [a.greene@georgestevens.org](mailto:a.greene@georgestevens.org) or visit us on the Web at [georgestevensacademy.org](http://georgestevensacademy.org).**

# ON THE ROAD

## *Riding Green*

*Levi Bridges '01 was born and raised in Downeast Maine. He graduated from Alfred University in Alfred, New York, completing a double major in Spanish and English Literature, and semesters abroad in both Granada, Spain and Mexico City, and has spent much of the past two years living, working, studying, and traveling around Latin America. Levi has published several freelance writing pieces on difficult and diverse subjects, including border issues, immigration, the plight of refugees from the civil conflict in Colombia, and urban development problems.*



**Ellery (l) and Levi (r) with a friend.**

In March 2009, Levi Bridges '01 and Ellery Althaus set out to conquer one of the longest stretches of land —by bicycle. Their goal? To ride from Vladivostok, Russia on the Pacific coast, to Porto, Portugal on the Atlantic Ocean, a journey covering nearly 10,000 miles that will take them approximately ten to twelve months to complete. Beyond the initial magnitude of this adventure, Levi and Ellery are making a special effort to “ride green,” dedicating their expedition to eco-friendly possibilities that can truly make a difference.

“On our long journey from the Pacific to Atlantic Ocean, we want to tread gently, leaving the least possible impact on the areas we pass through. We will attain this by traveling in the most environmentally friendly ways possible, trying to do far more than reducing our carbon footprint by cycling for months on end. We will also equip the rear racks of our bicycles with small solar panels that allow us to recharge the electronics which enable us to update our Web site on the road. We want our bike trip to be more than just a way of advocating the need for alternative forms of transportation and bicycle use; we also want to promote the need for clean and renewable energy throughout the world. By documenting the trials and travails of our trip across Siberia and Europe, we hope to show a wide variety of people and cultures that if we can remain dedicated to making clean energy technology work in extreme situations, then people all over the world can do the same.

“We believe that change begins with understanding. Documenting the people we meet while traveling shows Americans how diverse people who live in Eurasia really are. We also believe that by reading our blogs Americans can attain a better understanding of what Russians and Europeans are really like, and that after meeting us, the people we meet abroad can learn a bit more about America. We want to act as ambassadors abroad, fostering both cross-cultural understanding and sharing ideas to solve issues which the whole world has to confront together.”



To follow Levi's Pan-Eurasian adventure, check out [www.paneurasianbiketrip.com](http://www.paneurasianbiketrip.com). He is also filing weekly updates in the Bangor Daily News at [www.bangordailynews.com](http://www.bangordailynews.com).

# Alumni Events 2009

## GSA BASKETBALL CELEBRATION



Fifty players, coaches, faculty and staff, family members, and friends gathered on June 13, 2009 to honor the three GSA basketball state championship teams. This year roughly marked the 60th, 30th, and 5th reunions of the 1948, 1979, and 2003 GSA Varsity Boys Basketball teams bringing home the state title. After a welcome by John Greene, Gordon F. Carter '49 and Percy Blaisdell '49, Jim Frost (Head Coach 1979), Jim Murphy (Assistant Coach 1979), Matt Mattson '91 (Head Coach 2003), and Dwayne Carter '80 (Assistant Coach 2003) shared memories of the tournaments. Dwayne Carter, now the Head Coach of Boys Varsity Basketball, offered remarks on GSA basketball today, followed by Jim Murphy, GSA Athletic Director. A reception followed the program, including celebratory cakes and film footage of the 1979 and 2003 games.

## PORTLAND ALUMNI RECEPTION

Twenty-five GSA alumni, spouses, and friends who live in southern Maine representing classes 1961 through 2001, gathered at PretiFlaherty in Portland, Maine for GSA's first "destination reception." The beautiful location atop One City Center was generously provided by Dan Walker '87, as was the music performed by Ralph Graceffa '95 and his band *Marion Grace*. Headmaster John Greene offered remarks on GSA today, urging alumni to stay in touch with their alma mater. Those in attendance then spent the evening perusing yearbooks, navigating the GSA Web site, leafing through current GSA publications, and sharing stories & plenty of laughs. Look for more "destination receptions" in the coming year.



### REUNION 1959

The class of 1959 celebrated our 50th year anniversary with three days of gathering, reminiscing and renewing friendships with laughter and love. Seventeen of us attended the annual GSA Alumni Banquet on Friday, June 12, where we presented a check for \$1500 to the George Stevens Academy Annual Fund. We raised the money through our own donations and raffle. Former trustees **Wayne Astbury** and **Charlie Ferden** attended the banquet. Current trustee, **G. Eckley Herrick**, along with **Charlie Ferden**, presented the check to Headmaster John Greene.

**Shannon Johnson** and **Steve Maresca** came from Hawaii, **Linda Abbott Candage** from Florida, and **Elaine Porter** from Nova Scotia. We missed those who could not attend and recognized those no longer with us: **Sonja Grant**, **Teddy Gray**, **Calvin Gray**, and **Robert Carter**.

Saturday was a magical night at the Blue Hill Farm Country Inn for thirty-seven alumni and guests. **Joan and Jon Danico** prepared a delicious four-course dinner for us. **Heather Astbury Libby**, daughter of **Wayne & Thelma Astbury**, her husband and troupe, entertained us cabaret style with music of our era. This was an exciting, pleasant surprise to many. On Sunday we had a noontime pot luck at the lovely home of **Sally & Terry Gray** in South Blue Hill. The rain and fog did not dampen our spirits. Because we celebrated over three days, some classmates who could not attend all events were able to attend one or another of the events. Next year we will try to gather informally because we really enjoy each other's company and realize that some of the best and most memorable times growing up were spent together at GSA.

Our reunion committee met monthly from October to May at my home. We each prepared a meal course and had great food and lots of laughter. **Sandy Hill** was the secretary, **Thelma Astbury** was the organizer, **Sylvia Wardwell** was the treasurer, **Charlie Ferden** kept his "girls" in order and advised us on the yearbook he is publishing, and I acted as coordinator and hostess. We hope other classes will have as much fun as we have had when planning their reunions.

Jan Prior-Crofoot '59

### REUNION 1979

The class of 1979 held its 30th class reunion on July 18, 2009, with 29 members of the class in attendance. We would like to thank **Mark & Veronica Taplin** for hosting the event.

Thanks to **Ruthann (Grindle) Eaton** and **Norman Yates**, who brought their yearbooks, we were able to look back to see the changes in us. There was much reminiscing and laughter, with lots of food, music and a few games of clothesline golf. I would like to thank **Kristen Bowden**, **Basil's** wife, for being my partner. We won both games we played! We also held a raffle of GSA sweatshirts and hats. **Tom Gray** and **Ben Gross** won the sweatshirts and **Marty Nowland** and **Jeff Allen** won the hats. The proceeds from the raffle have been allocated to the **Steve Duffy Memorial Scholarship**, a one-time scholarship that will be awarded at the start of the second semester to two GSA graduates attending a vocational school. I would like to thank my classmates for their donations thus far; at this time we have raised \$1000.

Penny Hatch '79

Pictured:

Front L-R: **Penny & Harold Hatch**, **Dana Leighton**, **Jennifer Schroth**, **Amy Wass**, **Ruthann Grindle**, **Steve Moon**, **Larry Gray**. Middle L-R: **Ben Gross**, **Lonnie Perkins**, **Kelly Mitchell**, **Laura Macomber**, **Connie Brewer**, **Norman Yates**, **Tom Gray**, **Marty Nowland**, **Basil Bowden**, **Debbie Ames**, **Richard (Frank) Leach**. Back L-R: **Mark Taplin**, **Skip Farnham**, **Laura Lock**, **Stacey Gray**. Not pictured but in attendance: **Jeff Leach**, **Jonathan Leach**, **Bryant (Barney) Limeburner**, **Janet Butler**, **Kent Lawson** and **Jeff Allen**.





Colin Brayton '99.

# 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](http://www.georgestevensacademy.org/alumni).

## 1950<sup>s</sup>

**Thurston Gray '55** has been living in Portsmouth, Rhode Island since 1960. He retired from Raytheon in 1993 after a thirty-five year career as an electronics engineer. He has four children and seven grandchildren, including one granddaughter who graduated from high school "on the night of my 50th Alumni Banquet." She also graduated from Fairfield University "in the year of my 50th class reunion at the University of Maine."

2009 MACKRO Wildwater racing series for short kayaks, and won the East Branch race in Medway at the age of 65. As it happens, no other short kayaks participated on that day; Lawrence likes to think he had scared off the rest—probably wishful thinking.

**Anna Douglass Blodgett '65** retired from the City of Augusta as Director of Parks, Cemeteries and Trees in November 2006. Less than two years later, she decided she needed to keep busy. This past November she was elected to the State House of Representatives for District 56 in Augusta. In September she and her husband Michael Blodgett '66 will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. They have two grown children, Todd and Megan, and two granddaughters, Maeve Blodgett and Maya Garand.

**Sandra (Nevells) Gray '69** has two grown children: Jodi, mother of two, and Jamie, father of three. Sandra is living in Lamoine with her twelve-year-old daughter.

**Frederick E. Stover '69** currently lives in Westbrook and works as a network engineer for Eventective in Portland, Maine. He is divorced and has two wonderful grown daughters and a set of 7-year-old grandtwins who live in the area.

living in Albuquerque, New Mexico and loving it.

**Edward '72 & Amy Turner '74** live in Biddeford, Maine, along with their black cat, Tina. Amy is earning "big bucks" at Maine Medical Center here in Portland as a Radiology Scheduler. Ed is working on his third novel—North Lars Hill. He has published more than ten stories set in North Lars Hill, a pseudonym for North Penobscot, Maine. Why not a book about the old sod?

**David Emerson Shin Stotler '78** is alive and well, living and teaching in Asia with his wife Hai-won and their labrador, Hannah. After GSA, David studied abroad as an exchange student in Germany. He attended Skidmore College and served in the United States Air Force, during which time he studied at the Defense Language Institute (DLI). He has been teaching K-Adult for twenty-two years in US, Europe, Maine and Korea. David and Hai-won were married on August 12, 2006. Currently, he teaches Kindergarten math at Gerstung in Mok 5-dong, Seoul, Korea. David is looking forward to hearing from everybody and seeing you in person at a future GSA Reunion.

The **Class of '79** celebrated its 30th reunion in the spring. See page 31 for details.

**Conni Brewer '79** moved from Bucksport, Maine to Georgia five years ago to care for her grandmother, and just remarried in April. Conni is still working in radiology, performing MRI's. Her four children



Mike & Anna Blodgett

The **Class of '59** celebrated its 50th reunion in the spring. See page 31 for details.

## 1960<sup>s</sup>

**Lawrence E. Merrill '62** completed the

## 1970<sup>s</sup>

**Alison (Gray) Lamond '72** is married, has one daughter, and one grandson. She is



**Amy Gallup and family**

moved to Georgia with her—they miss Maine, but love the weather down south!

## 1980's

**Lisa (Henry) Heskett '86** currently resides in Topsham, Maine with her husband, Tom, and her 7-year old son, Devin. She is a domestic goddess, a frequent volunteer at her son's school, a jewelry maker, a scrapbooker, and, despite an obvious lack of musical ability whatsoever, still believes she will one day be a rock star!

**Andrea Lynn Stevens '86** is currently employed by the Cayman Islands government as an urban planner. She has a BA in English and political science, a master's degree in Urban & Regional Planning, and an MA in Emergency and Disaster Management. Andrea has one son, Daniel, who will be six in November, and a Chow Chow mix who will be ten in September. She is currently the President of the Rotary Club of Cayman Brac. Their big project this year is a substantial addition to their public library. Andrea spends what free time she has reading great books, biking, and spreading the word about the great things Rotary clubs do worldwide. She has also worked with Habitat for Humanity in the Dominican Republic and Romania and speaks Spanish.

**Amy (Saumur) Gallup '87** entered the work force after graduating from GSA. In August 1989, she joined the US Marines. Other than a trip to Disneyland with her father, it was the first time Amy had been out of New England. It was a wonderful experience. Amy was on active duty from August 1989 to May 1991, then served in the Reserves from 1994 to 1999. While on active duty, she was stationed at Cherry Point, North Carolina and worked as an aviation hydraulics mechanic and administration clerk. Amy followed some military friends to Illinois in 1994 where she has been ever since. Her reserve duty was done at 3rd BN in Bridgeton, Missouri. Amy

graduated from Lewis & Clark Community College in 1996 with an associate's degree in Business Management, followed by a BA in Liberal Arts in 2000 from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. Amy is the mother of five children. Her oldest was adopted in 1999, Elizabeth (24), husband Bill, and son Oliver), Dakota (18), McKenzie (16), Celina (13) and Sophie (8). Amy also has five stepchildren ranging from age 18 to 28. On Valentine's Day 2004, Amy married her long time partner, Bob Gallup, from Alton, Illinois. Two of Amy's children (Dakota & McKenzie) are deaf, which drew them to Jacksonville, Illinois, a lovely small town which houses Illinois School for the Deaf. Amy now works for the State of Illinois as an Unemployment Representative. Her family enjoys spending time at their camper on the lake and watching movies. They just added a new member to the family, a six-week-old Pug puppy named Baby Girl.



**Arianne Jeannot**

**Arianne (Brief) Jeannot '87** is living in Northern California. She raises Shih Tzus, and designs and produces her own line of jewelry that she sells to stores internationally. For those who are interested, check Arianne out on FaceBook or on her Web site: [www.ariannejeannot.com](http://www.ariannejeannot.com).

**Fred Cole '88** is entering his seventeenth year as an educator at the Blue Hill Consolidated School, his sixth as the principal.

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His wife Judy teaches first grade at BHCS, and his twin sons Ben and Alec are in the fourth grade. His oldest son, Nate, is a freshman at GSA.

**Joseph Greenberg '88** is currently living in Ithaca, New York with his wife Karen and two boys, Aaron (10) and Isaac (5). Having worked at several schools as a teacher and school leader in Maine and Vermont, Joe



**Joe Greenberg**

has spent the past five years as principal of a public progressive community school serving grades 6-12, where he also teaches one upper-level social studies or humanities course per semester. Through his role at the school, Joe, along with his staff and students, are often featured as presenters at educational conferences and in various publications. Most recently, Joe has written an essay that is scheduled to appear in the Fall 2009 issue of HORACE, the quarterly journal for the Coalition of Essential Schools. Outside of his school role, Joe enjoys supporting his boys' youth hockey pursuits and has also recently begun training and competing in various marathons and half-marathons (the verb competing is used here in very loose and relative terms).

**Richard Seeger '88** is working at Net Theory, Inc., a Web development firm in New York. Rick founded Net Theory, Inc in 1999; visit <http://nettheory.com> for more information. Rick lives in Park Slope, Brooklyn but tries to get back to Blue Hill as often as he can. He became engaged earlier this summer to Heather Spangler, former GSA Development Director.

**Andrew Cline '89** is a fifteen-year resident of North Lake Tahoe in Kings Beach, California. Andy founded the Roundwood Furniture Co. in 2000, growing one shin-

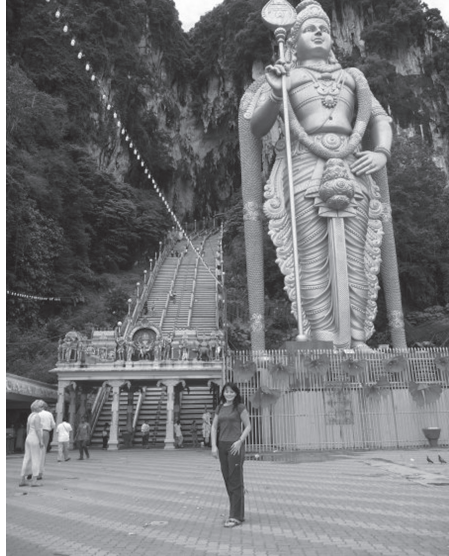
ing young apprentice at a time. He showed his work at Collectively Grasp, an environmental art gallery with an Inaugural Furniture Sculpture exhibition in downtown San Francisco in May 2008. Andy is a self-taught understudy at the University of Trial & Error, founded at the dawn of man's insatiable need for self-expression. Andy's future goals: a series of photo coffee table books written around the "Roundwood Experience" and the "Non-Profit School of Roundwood Sculpture"—full immersion programs based on design through fabrication. Visit Andy on the web at [www.roundwoodfurniture.com](http://www.roundwoodfurniture.com) and at [www.collectivelygrasp.com/home](http://www.collectivelygrasp.com/home).

**William "Keith" Murray '89** is currently working at Rickmers Line (America) Inc. as a Port Captain on the US East Coast. He and his wife Karen have three children: Jordan, 10; Anastasia, 9; and Dane, 2. Keith and his family are living in Newark, Delaware.

## 1990's

**James Begley '91** will be teaching every Wednesday as an adjunct faculty member at NESCOM (part of Husson University) in Bangor, Maine starting this fall semester. He'll be teaching a basic Pro Tools 101 class and a Critical Listening/Advanced Mixing Course. For more information about these courses, visit <http://www.nescom.edu>.

**Christine Howe '90** married Dana Black '92 in November 2005. Christine works as a Senior Vice President in Customer Marketing Strategic Operations for Bank of America. In her spare time, she enjoys volunteering for a variety of local organizations. She organized over one hundred Bank of America volunteers to participate in International Coastal Cleanup, taught over fifty Maine high school and junior high students in the CHOICES program, and serves on the board of the Friends of Maine Seabird Islands. Dana has continued his career as a self-employed commercial fisherman. He enjoys arguing with the Maine Department of Marine resources, and fishes, hunts, and spends time with his girls. They live in Orland with their two



**Niamh O'Leary-Liu**

daughters, the youngest of whom joined the family in March of 2009.

**Niamh O'Leary-Liu '92** currently lives and works in the NYC area. She practices international corporate and technology law as an in-house counsel at Amdocs, a multinational technology corporation that is publicly traded on the NYSE. The company has offices in over fifty countries so she spends a lot of time traveling overseas. Earlier this year she was in Kuala Lumpur for a few weeks for work and had a chance to do some sightseeing. Here is a photo of Niamh in front of a Hindu shrine at Batu Caves, just outside of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.



**Kelly Galvin**

**Kelly (Young) Galvin '93** married her college sweetheart in 2006, and their baby boy was born on St. Patrick's day 2009. Kelly has her own graphics design business. Please visit [www.oldportdesign.com](http://www.oldportdesign.com) to find out more.

**Timothy J. Leach '93** is living in Hancock, Maine, running a restaurant with his wife and her parents in Sullivan, *The Galley by the Bridge*. They have a Facebook page they occasionally update with the help of their three boys: Nick (19), Nathan (17), and Sean (10).

**Colin '93 & Sarah (Clifton) Rankin '97**

are living in Northern California because of Colin's job in the Coast Guard. Sarah is staying home with their two children, Cameron (4) and Anabelle (2). Sarah has had a very busy year dealing with a cancer diagnosis and going through chemotherapy and surgery; she has another surgery and radiation to come this fall. They are hoping that by Christmas it will all be over, and Sarah will get a clean bill of health. They enjoyed a great summer in Maine with Sarah's parents and had a Rankin reunion there as well.

**Adrienne d'Entremont Burt '95** has had a busy few years. Adrienne and Peter married in 2007, and in May of last year they



**Adrienne d'Entremont Burt**

moved back to Blue Hill from Boston. They have been renovating a house and are looking forward to not living in the middle of construction—eventually. They got some chickens this summer and their black lab, Abby, is enjoying all the space and chances to go swimming.

**Jada Fontaine Butler '95** is married to Jason Butler '92, and they have two boys: Keegan (6 ½) and Judson (22 months)! They live in Blue Hill where Jada is the Day Manager at Marlintoni's Grill, and Jason is employed by FairPoint Communications.

**Ralph Graceffa**

**Ralph Graceffa '95** and his band, *Marion Grace*, have been hard at work. *Marion Grace* is now out of the Studio and beginning the climb towards CD release of the self-titled album "Marion Grace"—stay tuned! Please visit [www.myspace.com/mariongrace](http://www.myspace.com/mariongrace) for more information.

**Evangeline Lowrey '95** graduated Oberlin College, BA sociology ('99); hiked the Pacific Crest Trail ('01); biked from Alaska to Mexico ('02); volunteered in Uganda ('03); bought Box Dog Bikes ('04); MBA Accounting, San Francisco State University ('09).

**Amanda (Wardwell) Munro '95** has been called by her birth name, Amanda, since she met and married her best friend, Adrian, in 2002. They love life together and often have family adventures with their kids. They live in Bar Harbor and are blessed with an awesome community, church family, and Acadia National Park. Amanda feels privileged to stay at home with her kids to enjoy them, do projects with them, teach them, and be challenged by them daily. Life is great!

**Colleen (Clapper) Christiansen '96** is currently living in the Denver metro area with her husband of nine years, Colin, who is an Engineer at a firm in Golden, Colorado. Colleen stays home with her two children Longrie (4), and Sophie (3). They expect a baby girl, due in December. During spare time Colleen plays around with her creative

**Colleen Christiansen**

writing; she has a few short stories going and a novel she hopes to complete before the new baby arrives.

**Jocelyn (Kaley) Kaye '96** is living in Brooklyn, New York. Jocelyn is a stay-at-home mom with two boys. Ellis just turned three and Gideon was born in early April. They had a great play-date with Erica Keays and Sarah Rankin and her adorable two kids last month when they visited Maine.

**Amanda Allen '97** has been living in NYC since graduating from GSA. She worked at

**Amanda Allen**

the Federal Reserve Bank for seven years before returning to school for her MBA at Fordham University. In May 2008, she married Robard Williams in Ambergris Caye, Belize. The two met while working at the Fed. Robard and Amanda are starting their own business, *Pandora's Wish*, an e-commerce site that brings together a network of NYC merchants for the purpose of a gift registry (set to launch in Fall 2009). They are currently focused on building out the wedding gift registry platform, *Newly-Wish* ([www.newlywish.com](http://www.newlywish.com)). Amanda and her husband live on the upper east side of Manhattan. No kids yet!

**Corey Ford '97** and his wife Ola had a baby girl on November 26, 2008: Olivia Lily Ingram-Ford.

**Brooke Lawsing '97** is a graduate of Bates College where she completed a one-year

poetry program and recently received her MEd in Curriculum Development and the Integrated Arts. Brooke has discovered that she loves to study government, chase stories, research interesting topics and jump in head first when a new career opportunity presents itself. She learned a lot in Florida about how to write IEP's and EP's (education plans for Gifted and Talented and Special Ed children), and in the Bahamas she learned that working in a one-room school-house with 2nd-5th grade students is much harder than *Anne of Green Gables* makes it look. Brooke recently worked as a Teaching Assistant at the Center for Talented Youth. Johns Hopkins University is the host institution, offering summer programs for gifted and talented youth all over the country and the world. Brooke taught Writing and Imagination for two sessions in both Bethlehem, Pennsylvania and in Mount Holyoke, Massachusetts. She loves sailing, travel, outdoor adventure, letter writing, walking, spending quiet hours with family and friends, and working with teens and young adults.

**Luke '98 & Christina (Beardsley) Allen '98** and are married (three years!) and currently live in Blue Hill. Christina just became a certified English teacher, and Luke

**Christina & Luke Allen**

is working on his PhD in hydrogeology.

**Amy Foss '98** is currently working as the Director of Operations for the Southwest Conservation Corps in Durango, Colorado. The Southwest Conservation Corps has three regional offices throughout the southwest and Amy has been working most recently on program management and development. It has taken her to some

amazingly beautiful areas, from 14,000-foot peaks to the canyons and deserts of Arizona. They mostly work with fourteen to twenty-five-year-olds, however, they just designed and started a program specifically for current era Veterans, so the people that Amy works with are always entertaining and interesting! Other than that, Amy has continued to play some recreation league softball, hockey and has done a great deal of mountain biking, skiing and hiking.

**Jennifer Rottmann '98** is living in Portland and just bought a house with her fiancé, Andy Colvin. They both enjoy seeing other GSA alums who are in the area: Anna Bourakovsky, Erin LeBlanc, Julie Baroody, SORCHA Cribben Merrill, Rachael Teel, and Misha Mytar.

**Rachael Teel '98** received a master's degree in environmental science from Yale's School of Forestry and Environmental Studies in May 2009. After graduation she took a research position with National Geographic Television and Film. Rachael works from home and lives with Joe Kilch '97 in Portland, Maine.

**Colin Brayton '99** got his captain's license in December 2008 for both the US Coast Guard and the MCA (British Coast Guard). Since leaving GSA, traveling has become his passion. Upon graduating from college in 2004 with a degree in Wildlife Management in California, Colin has been working on boats and hasn't made it back to wildlife work yet. He has worked on several vessels, from a research boat in the Mediterranean Sea to one of the windjammers along the Maine coast to a daily glacier tour boat in Alaska to large private sail/motor yachts. Currently Colin is working on a motor yacht based in the Mediterranean for the summer, and then is off to the Caribbean for the winter. Life is good, and each day brings a new adventure.

**Devon Gray '99** is making cakes. She recently started her own cake business and has been doing really well with it. It's not paying the bills yet, but it's fun and she really enjoys it.

**James Johndrow '99** lives in Boston and works at an economic consulting firm. His

job involves applied math and statistics—go figure. Despite the solid showing of GSA alums in the area, he has not really seen anyone in quite some time. James still runs, but not nearly as well as he used to.

**PJ Keenan '99** is thrilled to be back in Downeast, Maine after a long stint in New York City. PJ is the Business Development Coordinator at Morrison Chevrolet as well as an Independent Tour Guide for Acadia National Park.

**Gretchen Pemberton '99** is currently living in Rockingham, North Carolina, working as an operator for Progress Energy, a gas turbine power plant. Gretchen graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 2004 with a BA in Power Engineering Technology. Gretchen and Mark Wood are still together and are working at Progress Energy.

**Sara Thurston '99** was married in September of 2007. Her first child, Stetson Thurston, was born in October of 2008. Sara has been teaching at Jay High School for the past two years and will be teaching at the Hartford-Sumner Elementary School starting this fall.

## 2000's

**Darlene Baker '00** recently became engaged to Craig Wells of Plattsburgh, NY (where they now live). He has a seven-year-old daughter, Michayla June. Darlene's son, Nicholas Dylan, turned four in August and they get along just like brother and sister. Together, they make a mini Brady Bunch. Darlene couldn't be happier. Their engagement will be on the longer side because they are waiting for a really cool date: 9/10/11 at 12 p.m.

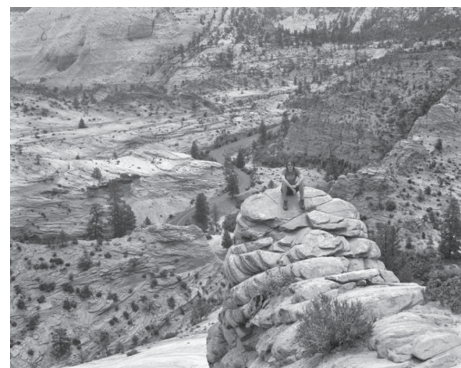
**Rodney Chapman Jr. '00** and Barbara Blake '05 were married this past June 6th in Brewer. Rodney works for Cianbro and Barbara is currently finishing up her bachelor's degree in business management at the University of Maine (graduating in December). Barbara is also currently employed at Walgreens as an Assistant Manager.

**Sarah Hewes '00** received her MS in Social Policy and Development from the London

School of Economics in 2008 and is now working as a researcher at the Young Foundation, a think-tank and center for social innovation in London. Sarah is currently finalizing a large scale research project on community cohesion, in addition to working on a project for the department of health creating metrics for assessing and funding service innovations.

**Levi Bridges '01** is on a 10,000 mile bike trip. *See page 29.*

**Schuyler Dean '01** has been working at Guitar Center in San Francisco and playing a lot of music in his spare time, practicing with friends and playing gigs around town. When he gets the chance, Schuyler does a little traveling around the country. Part of why



Schuyler Dean

he moved out to California was to explore the American West—he absolutely loves it there. Schuyler still does a little photography once in a while, a wedding or a shoot for a friend's band.

**Abigail Greene '01** has had a busy first year as GSA's Director of Annual Giving and is really enjoying being a part of the GSA community in a new capacity. Abby is also finding time to make lots of music. She was the Music Director for the New Surry Theatre's production of *My Fair Lady* this summer and performed a concert with her brother, Sebastian Greene '04. Abby will be teaching some music this fall, including the third session of the Vocals for Musicals class with the New Surry Theatre Performing Arts School and a weekly music class at the Peninsula Metamorphic Arts Playhouse.

**Brittany James Painter '01** has been in Florida stationed at Eglin Air Force Base

**Brittney James Painter & family**

with her husband, Drew, who is a specialist in the army, and daughter Addison who is a year-and-a-half! Brittany is just staying busy with the military and being a stay-at-home mom.

**Sarah Clapp '02** has finally finished pilot training after two years learning four different planes and will now be stationed in Kansas with her husband and dog for the next few years flying the KC-135, a plane used for air refueling. Sarah and David bought their first house in Derby, Kansas late last spring and spent the summer moving in (and learning to garden!) They are preparing for their first deployments late this fall and early into next year to Qatar.

**Sarah Kilch Gaffney '02** lives in Vassalboro, Maine with her husband, Steve. She is currently serving as an AmeriCorps volunteer with the Maine Conservation Corps as their Volunteer Coordinator and will be starting graduate school this fall to pursue a master's in English at UMaine, Orono.

**Erin Doherty '03** is now researching architectural history related to music performance for a non-profit called Constellation Center in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that is building a four-hall performing arts center in Cambridge near Kendall Square.

**Brianna (Bamford) Olson '03** has had a busy 2009 so far! Brianna graduated from Cornell (again) with a master's in public administration, focusing on local government and economic development. She and her husband Nathan (who earned a PhD in Civil Engineering, focusing on soil-pipeline interactions in earthquake and landslide conditions) moved to Wilmington, Massachusetts. He works for a private engineering firm in New Hampshire, while Brianna is working for the Town of Lexington on a one year fellowship. They spend their free time running and watching Red Sox games with their two standard schnauzer puppies, Murphy and Molly.

**Brianna Olson**

**Meghann Shepard '03** is currently living in Jay, Maine with her three year old son Aidan and her boyfriend Andrew. She is attending Andover College in Lewiston for Medical Assisting and anticipates graduating in November 2009. Meghann is also working as a per diem CNA at a nursing home in Farmington, Maine.

**Kysha Woodye '03** has been trying to further her education since high school. She is currently in school to become a Registered Nurse in Maine. Kysha's son, Kieran, is now 2 ½ years old; he was born on December 21, 2006. Kysha has also been traveling a lot and exploring different cultures. She has been to Hawaii; Oahu; Bermuda; Puerto Rico; Vera Cruz, Mexico; Belize; Grand Cayman; and has lived in Florida for two years in Fort Lauderdale. Other than that, it's just Kysha and her son.

**Stephanie Manyak '05** graduated with a BS in Athletic Training from Colby-Sawyer College in May 2009. Stephanie is currently working at the Hyde School in Connecticut as the Head Athletic Trainer and teaching biology.

### *In Memoriam 2008-2009*

Evelyn W. Strohmaier '30  
Maud Candage Beede '32  
Henry M. Alley '33  
Roy Arthur L. Candage '33  
Lena Candage Duffy '35  
Anna Leighton McGraw '35  
Arnold W. McGraw '36  
Eleanor Nevells Wood '36  
Harry S. Emerton '39  
Elsie A. Gould '39  
Florence Grindle Sherman '42

Maurice Duren Gordon '48  
Virgil H. Bisset '49  
Sylvia Jones Black '49  
Lucretia Herrick Stephenson '49  
Wayne E. McGraw '51  
Jon I. Allen '54  
Annie Peer Norton '54  
Glenn B. Snow '55  
Elliot Thompson '55  
Margaret Torrey Falvey '62  
Rena Bridges Candage '70

# Summer Speaker Series 2009



**Wyn Kelley**

This past summer marked the twenty-first year of GSA's *Speaker Series* programs. Invited speakers make presentations for an hour or two on diverse topics: science, medicine, literature, politics, philosophy, history, arts. The 2009 roster of seven speakers included a naturalist, a missionary, a doctor, a farmer, a Melville scholar, a photographer, and a social activist!

Wyn Kelley, English professor at M.I.T. and a summer resident, described her travels retracing Melville's voyages. Dr. Tabb Moore

of John Hopkins Medical School and Brooklin, presented a review of the best

thinking about hormone supplements. Perennial speaker Leslie Clapp, 1982 GSA alumna and president of *Down East Audubon*, gave a standing-room only show-and-tell of her trip to the Antarctic.

Surry resident and founder of the *Institute for Humane Studies*, Zoe Weil talked about the everyday choices we can make to maximize good and minimize harm. Eliot Coleman, who has revolutionized organic gardening, spoke on year-round gardening in Maine. Ashley Gagné, who graduated from GSA in 2000 before attending Mount Holyoke, described her missionary work in West Africa, and Benjamin Mendlowitz, premier photographer of yachts, made a presentation of his photography of classic yacht restoration.

All *Summer Speaker Series* evenings take place on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM in July and August, in GSA's Esther Wood Room. All are open to the public; there is no admission fee. If you haven't made *Speaker Series* evenings part of your summers, consider doing so next year! We'd love to see you. Look for next year's schedule in the spring.



**Ashley Gagné '00**



**Leslie Clapp '82**



**Benjamin Mendlowitz**

Do you have a suggestion for a *Speaker Series* speaker? We'd love to hear from you. Send your ideas to Rada Starkey, Development Director, at [r.starkey@georgesteve.org](mailto:r.starkey@georgesteve.org) or telephone 374-2800.



## *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 2009 twelve GSA students 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 (NEASC) 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 level of tuition 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 or an out-of-state private school or another 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. This past 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 yet 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 last year the IVF was 10% of tuition dollars, but Augusta reduced the amount to just 5%. Where a public school looks to the State when it needs new facilities, GSA can only 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.



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