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Hello, Raiders!

It's hard to believe it's 2023, and our iconic white Old Academy is 200 years old (in September). The Academy Building, as many of our alumni remember it, has undergone some transformations over the last two centuries. Still, it remains the symbol of WA's foundation and reminds us of our rich and varied history. I know I am reminded of the years and the sheer number of students that have climbed the stairs in the OA over time when I take that same walk upstairs and feel the indentations in the steps, made by countless feet heading up and down to and from class.

The OA was our first campus building and earned a place on the National Historic Register in 1973, and we want to ensure that it remains an integral part of WA's campus for many more years to come. Including it as a focus of this year's annual fund will allow us to do some well-deserved maintenance, preserving it in which future Raiders can leave their footsteps.

We last published a printed *WA Today* a while ago, so we've included a comprehensive listing of the generous donors who have supported WA through its annual fund since 2019. We were pleased to receive the bequest of Agnes Walsh for supporting WA students as they pursue post-secondary studies in the Classics, as well as the continued support of Bar Harbor Bank & Trust (BHBT) with the annual gift supporting the BHBT Pay It Forward Fund - a fund that helps cover the extraneous fees and costs associated with early college classes, textbooks, and lab fees, and even AP test fees enabling our local students to make strides towards their college goals without worry. We are so grateful to you, our donors.

This past year has been a growth year for us, coming off the pandemic years with a fresh and vibrant outlook that includes new programming in many departments. We have introduced a plumbing & electrical class into our Career Technology Department, added a global economics class, and returned to a full civics class. We have welcomed Marissa May B. Carroll to our administration as Assistant Head of School, and Richard Olivares, who joined us in 2019, and now holds the Associate Head of School chair.

In August, WA inducted its second cohort of elite athletes into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Included in the 2022 class were two cross-country teams, and it was truly a reunion for them as they hugged and laughed with one another all evening. We will be holding our third Hall of Fame induction this coming October during Homecoming Weekend.

We always like to think of WA as one big family, weathering all the challenges and celebrating all the joys together, as families do. This is the case for many alumni, as you will read about in the following pages. I hope you will enjoy the short stories about those alumni who found love at WA, and I look forward to seeing you all on campus this August at the 2023 Alumni Reunion!

Judson McBrine
Head of School

Happy Bicentennial, Old Academy



It's 2023, a historic year at Washington Academy, marking the bicentennial of the first campus building, the Old Academy. The iconic structure is also known to many alumni as The Academy. The OA, as it is referenced today by current students, is also the favorite topic of many alumni banquet dinner discussions. It is the centerpiece of the campus, providing a sense of time that is read about in local history books and a sense of stability and security associated with something that has been successfully functioning for two hundred years. As two hundred years of students have climbed the building stairs, the number of stories created inside makes the Old Academy most memorable.

The school charter was signed in 1792 before Maine was a state and classes were held in the Burnham Tavern in Machias. The idea of an Academy was not on the minds of the early settlers of Washington County. The building of a life, a home, and a family were the priorities of the time. Once these

necessities were at hand, thoughts more easily turned toward education and opportunity for the children of the County. It started with a petition to the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as a petition to spread education. They asked for land on which to institute an Academy. The vision was to diffuse wisdom, knowledge, and virtue amongst the children and the youth of this part of the Commonwealth.

In 1820 when it became evident that Maine would become an independent free state of the union, more and more citizens raised the issue of a school building to the Washington Academy Board of Trustees. Individual groups representing Machias, East Machias, and Lubec appealed to the Trustees and offered money to make this happen. The citizen group from East Machias "won" the appeal, and in 1823, the Academy building was constructed. Soloman Adams became the school's first preceptor, earning \$600/year and

leading WA for over six years to great prosperity and prestige. Reverend Adams taught geography, English grammar, and chemistry. The Normal School began offering courses in arithmetic, algebra, government, rhetoric grammar, English literature, mental philosophy, mineralogy, botany, astronomy, declamation, and composition were added to create the Normal School.

And so, without looking back, the hallways and walls of the Old Academy began absorbing thousands of Raider stories through two centuries. So what are those stories? Earlier ones include: General John Curtis Caldwell, Preceptor of WA from 1855-1861, who went off to the Civil War and returned to East Machias with his horse, Major. The story told about the horse after it dies is; it was buried under the soccer field, under the old gym, or perhaps behind the Gaddis barn. Then there is the story of Headmaster Jud Merrill, who went to town to visit the bank and was hit by a train on his return to school. Another story recounts a teacher, whose bloomers fell while lecturing, who calmly stepped out of them, and continued the long division problem on the board to the horror of her students.

The stories have changed throughout the years, and the Old Academy became the main topic of discussion for a few of them. In 1899, the building experienced an expansion with a new wing created to provide additional space for WA's growing student population. The addition provided an assembly room, a library, and chemistry and physics

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laboratories. The basement of the school then became the school's first gymnasium. The townspeople of East Machias were thrilled with the necessity of a larger building, and their goal of spreading education, beginning seventy-six years earlier, was a success. The Academy building was the talk of the town!

In December 2013, one hundred and ninety years after its construction, the Old Academy caught fire, threatening the history and heritage of the beloved building. The fire began in the basement, eliciting a quick and brave response from WA custodians. The East Machias Fire Department, led by fire chief Clinton (Peanut) Gardner '49, was called to extinguish the fire and save the structure.

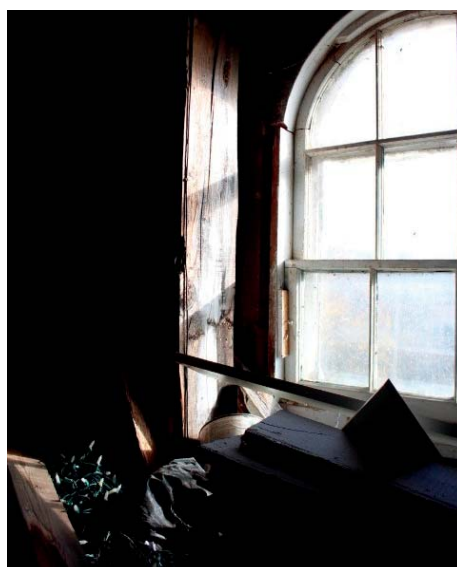
The Old Academy has provided a historical backdrop for many Washington Academy celebrations on the building's front lawn. It is the location for the WA Board of Trustees' annual Trustee Tea event. The Tea invites the community and Washington Academy to gather to honor a distinguished educator and community servant. This tradition, celebrating its twenty-fifth anniversary this summer, has collectively honored more than fifty community members. The festive atmosphere on the lawn continues in the fall with the annual student-led homecoming event. Students gather on the lawn, creatively preparing colorful class-themed floats while enjoying music and laughter. The evening parade procession around the East Machias River ends in front of the OA. The Old Academy, once again becoming the centerpiece of the campus and its stories.

In 1973, the Old Academy was listed on the National Historical Register and other significant sites in the East Machias area. The building has gone through many restorative and preservative repairs throughout the years. The roof has been reshingled, the bell tower restored, and a weathervane replica was installed after the original was damaged in a storm. Most recently, the outside has been repainted, and the basement cleaned, insulated, and sealed around the rock foundation. These repairs have been done to carefully preserve two hundred years of history.



This bicentennial year now finds the OA home to the Special Services department, the School Nurse's Office, Jobs For Maine Graduates (JMG), and many other classrooms. Eight teachers deliver 39 academic classes, and eight study hall blocks this school year. Current math teacher, Deanne White Taylor '99, attended her algebra and Spanish courses in the OA. When she returned to WA as a teacher in 2022, her new classroom coincidentally was her old algebra classroom. Deanne's story came full circle! She remarks, "It felt like home, being back in my old classroom, and it gave me the confidence to teach my students."

Current Washington Academy students are fascinated by the age of the Old Academy. A recent photography unit in applied media class brought students to the OA to photograph historical objects. The visit left the class curious about the students who learned in the building two hundred years ago. Who did the names belong to carved into the wood on the top floor? Did the bell in the belfry still ring? What did the classrooms look like two centuries ago? The history of the building and its iconic campus presence gives students a sense of security in learning today. It's impressive longevity, careful care, and foundation of memories ensure a hopeful future for many more stories to be shared.



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-Deanne Taylor '99



The Agnes Ann Walsh Scholarship Fund



Agnes Ann Walsh graduated from the University of Maine in 1941 and began teaching French at WA the following fall. It was a time when many young men attending WA had left the area and were serving in all branches of the armed forces during World War II.

It didn't take long for Miss Walsh to begin making a difference at Washington Academy during such a difficult time. In 1942, her French language expertise gave Miss Walsh the ability to coach students to effectively compete in the Junior Prize Speaking Contest held at the East Machias Congregational Church on April 10, 1942. Juniors Barbara Small '43 and Jane Longfellow '43 were selected to represent Washington Academy at the University of Maine Speaking Contest.

During the same year, Miss Walsh's passion for supporting WA students in the armed forces prompted the creation of the first school radio broadcast. The broadcast message was boldly titled, "No Time to Be Neutral," and advocated the purchase of war bonds and stamps to shorten the war. The bonds and stamps drive was a tremendous success, with Washington Academy being the first school in the county to win the "Schools-At-War-Flag." Over ninety percent of WA students purchased savings stamps and bonds through a regular purchase plan.

Agnes Ann Walsh passed away at 100 years of age on June 30, 2021 and generously bequeathed \$50,000 to Washington Academy to support a scholarship fund for students pursuing post secondary classics/romance language majors.

WA recognizes the difference Miss Walsh continues to make today for Washington Academy students nearly eighty years later and into the future.



1943 Washington Record photograph of faculty members. Standing (L-R) Mrs. Clayton, Principal Gardner C. Pope. Seated: (L-R) Mrs. John Pullen, Miss Agnes Walsh, Mrs. J. Burleigh Crane



2022

Raider Athletic Hall of Fame Honors the Class of 2022



On Saturday, August 6, the Gardner Gymnasium was filled with families for an evening of athletic recognition, reunion, and laughter at the Raiders Athletic Hall of Fame induction ceremony, honoring the Class of 2022.

Head of School, Judson McBrine, welcomed everyone and began the celebration with a brief history of WA's Athletic Hall of Fame. He also recognized the passing of an Inaugural Hall of Famer, Wendall Libby '64. Libby still holds the record for the highest-scoring basketball player in WA athletic history. A record that is going on 58 years!

"Working with the Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has been a sheer joy," says Robin Gautier, WA Director of Advancement. "In between all the work, so many stories have been shared. Athletics and WA go hand-in-hand and have always been an important part of attending this Academy."

Coach Dick Gardner '58, a Class of 2018 inaugural Hall of Fame member, presented the awards to individual athletes and teams with his usual warm humor and personal anecdotes about each of the athletes.

Individual honors were presented to Leon Look '49, Billy Moore '65, Wendell Davis '80, Scott Porter '80, Amy Griffin Powers '89, Joey Hunter '89, Kari Dennison Reynolds '92, Kayla Wood Burke '08, Andi Flannery St. Pierre '10, and Zachary Ragot '12.

Team Honors were awarded to the Class of 1966-67 Cross Country team; Robert Bell '68, Victor Berry '67, Stephen Cates '68, Doug Colbeth '70, Randolph Faas '68, Kenneth Gardner '70, Lyle Guptill '70, Victor Harmon '69, Alan Lyford '68, Horace Moore '69, Donald Ridlon '67, Lee Richardson '67, Steven Ward '71, and Danny Wood '69. Posthumous awards were presented to the following Cross County teammates: Donald Ridlon, Victor Berry; accepted by Peggy Berry and family, and Doug Colbeth; accepted by Hosanna Jensen.

In addition to the team and individual honors Dick Gardner was recognized and inducted again into the Hall for coaching the 1966 and 1967 Cross Country teams with kind words of distinction and esteem from Bill Corbett '63, also a 2018 inaugural member of the Raider Hall of Fame.

In his speech, Dick Gardner said, "I became a Raider athlete my senior year and have been involved with Washington Academy athletics ever since. My athletic roles have changed from a young athlete, coach, athletic director, and spectator, but my passion for Raider athletics has never wavered."

During the evening, additional recognition was given to contemporary Raider athletes and teams. Current Track & Field state champions Cameron Bowser '22 and Kenori Simons '23 were celebrated. Recognition was also given to the 2022 Girls' Tennis and the 2021 Girls' Volleyball teams for clinching state championships!

Along with the delicious spaghetti dinner served by current Raider student-athletes Coleton Whitney '24, Ashton Whitney '25, Ethan Cates '25, and alum Keaton Sawtelle '22, there was live music provided by Isaac Atkinson, a retrospective slideshow of WA athletics over the years, a rousing game of Raider Trivia, and the evening appropriately ended with everyone in the gymnasium standing and clapping for the *WA Fight Song*.

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-Coach Dick Gardner '58

WA Love Stories

Everyone loves a good love story, especially one that involves high school sweethearts! Below are just a few of the many love stories that began in the halls of Washington Academy. We hope these stories inspire you and remind you of the power of true love!

Kevin '78 & Paula (Goodwin) Brady '80 both from Pembroke, often spent their school days sitting on the stage in the old gymnasium and hanging out with friends after school. Paula was voted "Best Dressed" in the 1980 yearbook and was often seen alongside her best friend Margaret Brown '80. Kevin still spends weekends clamming and working on old cars.

Shortly after high school, Kevin and Paula got married and have been living happily ever after, enjoying evenings by the campfire, wandering through car shows, and exploring northern Maine with their two daughters Rachel (Brady) Thibeault '08 & Robin (Brady) Ouellette '05.



Chuck '86 & Heather (Dennison) Vose '89 are always seen courtside at Raider volleyball games. And that's exactly where Chuck would be in the mid-eighties, watching Heather Dennison spike the ball. After meeting at WA, Chuck and Heather married in August 1990 and now live in Whiting, Maine. Heather is the Assistant Vice President of Employee Experience at Machias Savings Bank and Chuck is a T & D Construction Planner with Versant Power Maine. Their three children, Joshua '18, Micah '20, and Rachel '23, are all Raiders.

Chuck and Heather are also grandparents to future Raiders Grayson and Everleigh. Everleigh was coincidentally born on Heather's birthday in December and might be the next Vose on the Raider volleyball court.

Josh '98 & Laurie (Cushing) Cates '97 met in Mrs. Albee's geography class. Josh was a freshman and Laurie was a sophomore. After spending their WA years together, they were married in August 2000 and made their home in Cutler, Maine. Josh is a commercial fisherman and the owner-operator of the F/V *Avery Grace*. He has also become an active member of the Raider athletic family as head coach of the girls' varsity basketball team where Laurie assists him with team activities and photography. She is a stay-at-home mom and a substitute teacher at Bay Ridge Elementary School in Cutler, Maine.

Josh and Laurie's children, Lucas '23, Avery '25, and Max '25 currently attend WA.



Jon '06 & Mandy (Williams) Ramsdell '06 met during their freshman year in honors algebra class. Their senior year has great memories for them both as they worked and laughed together during the spring drama production directed by WA science teacher Mr. Ausprey.

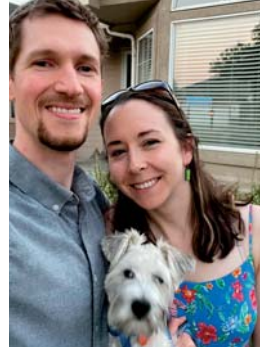
Jon is a structural steel detailer who provides plans and details for steel buildings. He works on projects ranging from banks to schools to the Gillette Stadium. Mandy owns and operates Lion's Paw Jewelry and Glass Art, creating lampwork glass and making beads and jewelry from glass rods.

After Jon & Mandy were married on August 22, 2009, they bought an old farmhouse in Pembroke, Maine, and together, they restored and renovated it. It is the home that they share with their two children, Keith, age 10, and Elise age 7.

Paul '11 & Elizabeth (Hull) Jans '11 saw each other in Latin class and sat together at lunch, but never really talked to each other until Paul asked Liz to the Mr. WA event. Paul says, "After that, we were inseparable." A few of their favorite WA memories include going to school dances and the prom. Liz remarks, "Paul was a wildman on the dance floor!"

After high school, Liz graduated from the University of Maine at Machias with a biology degree and is currently in medical school at Pacific Northwest University of Health Sciences. She has also been accepted into the U.S. Army as a 2nd Lieutenant with the medical HPSP scholarship. Paul graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 2016 and works for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a Second Mate on a hopper dredge. Most recently, he earned his Chief Mate Unlimited Tonnage Oceans and 1600-ton Master licenses.

Paul and Liz were married on July 23, 2016, in Lubec, Maine, and even though they now live on the West Coast, they will always consider Maine their home.



Tyler '13 & Keirstin (Barker) Varney '14 actually met in grammar school, even though they attended separate schools. In May 2013, the WA prom was a very memorable evening for the couple! Tyler proposed to Keirstin that night, and in December 2014 they were married.

Today, they are living happily ever after in Marshfield, Maine, with their two children, Peyton and Parker. Tyler is a lineman for Versant Power Maine and Keirstin is a stay-at-home mom.

Josh '18 & Olivia (Wallace) Vose '18 began dating during their sophomore year at WA. These high school sweethearts became the "Class Couple" of their senior year. Today, they have been married for nearly four years and have a son named Grayson, born in June 2021, and a little girl named Everleigh, born in December 2022.

This busy young family now lives in the East Machias area, with the possibility of Grayson being a Raider in 2035! Josh is a Kennebec Valley Community College Electrical Lineman Program graduate currently employed with Versant Power Maine as a lineman. Olivia recently graduated from Empire Beauty School in Bangor, Maine and works at LUXE in Machias, Maine.



More WA Love Stories...

Scott '80 & Arlene (Huntley) Porter '80 - Married August 17, 1985

Billy '87 & Mary Ellen (Henderson) Day '87 - Married January 7, 1989

Chris '92 & Andrea (Curtis) Lyford '96 - Married July 25, 1998

Jeremy '94 & Charlene (Davis) Cates '90 - Married July, 8, 2000

James '98 & Ellen (Johnson) Smith '98 - Married June 29, 2002

Alan '97 & DeAnne (White) Taylor '99 - Married September 28, 2002

Jason '97 & Annie (Glanville) Willey '96 - Married October 21, 2002

John '03 & Alison (Norton) Archer '04 - Married June, 2006

Chris '01 & Morgan (Pottle) Urquhart '02 - Married June 7, 2008

Steven '02 & Sarah (Cote) Lynch '07 - Married January 31, 2010

Rob '03 & Caitlin (Sullivan) Abrams '04 - Married July 10, 2010

Jared '05 & Maggie (Castor) Ham '06 - Married August 11, 2011

Dave '10 & Lacie Lee (Craven) Glidden '10 - Married July 27, 2012

Mike '08 & Danielle (Tarbell) Lehman '09 - Married August 18, 2012

Chad '06 & Katie (Veader) Gatcomb '08 - Married September 7, 2013

Mike '10 & Lehann (Hester) Lenfesty '10 - Married March 1, 2014

Chad '10 & Tatum (McFadden) Hanscom '11 - Married October 12, 2014

Aaron '07 & Gabriella (Rushforth) Farris '07 - Married November 7, 2015

Ben '06 & Deseree (Wood) Veader '07 - Married August 6, 2016

Drew '12 & Emily (Day) Sansing '14 - Married August 7, 2016

Jim '12 & Jen (Johnson) Prenier '12 - Married August 26, 2017

Lucas '14 & Olivia (McBrine) Kalloch '14 - Married December 1, 2017

Kristopher '09 & Allison (Talbot) Paprocki '10 - Married June 29, 2019

Austin Seavey '15 & Cassidy (Seeley) Seavey '14 - Married August 21, 2021



Campus Stories

Tim Reynolds '79 Retires from WA

As a Raider, Tim Reynolds '79, was active in school government as a class officer his sophomore and junior years, student council member, and class president his senior year. He also spent all four high school years on the WA soccer field and basketball court. In 2009 Tim returned to WA as Associate Head of School.

Over the years, Tim has mentored countless educators and students with his extensive experience in education. His professional priority has always been providing the best education to Washington County youths in a supportive environment and ensuring a positive school experience. Arlene Porter, '80, a longtime friend and colleague of Tim, describes his commitment to education best; "Tim and I have over a 40-year history of walking the halls of WA together as students, parents, and employees. We often joke that we feel like we never graduated! Tim is a well-educated and experienced administrator, but more importantly, he truly cares for everyone who passes through the doors of WA. He is known for working alongside his teachers and often refers to us as his WA family. Working for WA has been far more than just a job for him- it was a way of life. Tim is genuinely representative of the WA legacy, and his presence will be missed immensely."

After 33 years of experience in education and 13 years as a WA administrator, he left his alma mater. Tim remarked at a WA retirement luncheon, "For what it's worth, you will always have a friend in Tim Reynolds."



Tim Reynolds '79 with new Associate Head of School Richard Olivares

Raiders Win State Championship



In October 2022, Raider volleyball won the Class C state championship. The team, coached by Corey Schwinn and Kalyn Otto Stevens '16, enjoyed an undefeated 2022 season. Coach Schwinn began coaching WA volleyball in 2015 and won his first championship. The success continued throughout the years, with the sport becoming so popular that two teams have grown into three. The program currently consists of Varsity, JV, and a First Team.

Like Kalyn, many Raider players have been associated with Coach Schwinn for years. The 2022 team consisted of sixteen seniors who have played for him at previous junior high summer camps. The Raider family atmosphere each year generates success!

Coach Schwinn's athletes and alumni help spread their passion for volleyball in the greater community. This season Rachel Vose '23 and Chloe Dinsmore '23 visited Lubec Elementary School and worked with students to improve their skills. Lily Hennessey '26, Ruby Simmons '26, and Kellan Schwinn '26 shared their skills with Elm Street Elementary School. Outside the community, alumni Alexis Prescott '18 and Kayla Dinsmore '17 coached the George Stevens Academy varsity volleyball team for the 2022 season.

Raider volleyball has had four athletes recognized as Portland Press All-State players in four years. Those players include Brecken Barker '19 in 2018, Morgan Schwinn '21 in 2020, Rachel Vose '23 in 2021, and Chloe Dinsmore '23 in 2022.

WA Welcomes Ukrainian Students

This fall five students from Ukraine arrived on campus to pursue education in the United States. Since the students arrived at WA, they have been engaged members of the Raider family, simultaneously pursuing their individual interests and talents.

Anastasiia Bobrovska '23 is math and business-minded and enjoys academic success in AP calculus, personal finance, and marketing and entrepreneurship classes. She is also a contributor on the WA Math Team and the team is currently first in the Washington County math competition. Her interest in numbers made her a natural at being the manager of the girls' varsity soccer team this fall.

Mykolai Ieshchenko-Petrov '23 has seen the medal podium for almost every wrestling meet the Raiders participated in this winter. He has received second and third-place medals in the 170-pound weight class. Raider wrestling coach, Lupe Soto states, "Mykolai has worked hard to qualify for the state championship meet."

Nazarii Korniko '25 enjoyed an extremely successful season with the boys' varsity soccer team. Naz contributed 23 goals for the season and was selected by conference coaches as a second-team conference all-star. The boys' varsity coach and WA athletic director comments about Naz's team contributions, "Naz played with an extremely high work rate and was well respected by his teammates."

Petro Kudelia '25 and Vladyslav Shvets '24 have been honor students at Washington Academy engaged in honor-level classes. Director of Advancement Robin Gautier warmly shares, "Anastasiia, Mykolai, Nazarii, Petro, and Vladyslav are part of the WA family - now they are Raiders 4 Life."



Career Technology Classes Expand



Career technology and skill-based learning classes continue to grow in popularity. WA added a plumbing and electrical class to the Career Tech Department this fall. The class taught by Mr. Steve Diehlmann was well-attended in its first semester. Mr. Diehlmann's curriculum includes content learning combined with the practical application of skills in the shop. A typical hands-on day in the classroom includes wiring mock electrical boxes and creating mock switches.

The class has extended beyond the first semester for Brayden Flood '23. Brayden tried his hand at electrical work last summer, and when he returned to WA this fall, he immediately enrolled in the plumbing and electrical class. In December, Brayden was hired by Border Electric in Calais, Maine, as a work co-op student for the 2023 spring semester. Brayden remarks, "I am so grateful to Mr. Diehlmann for connecting me with the owner of Border Electric. Working with them has been great because the work is different each day. I worked with solar panels in one week and wired another private home for electricity."

Brayden has been accepted into the Washington County Community College Residential & Commercial Electric program in Calais. He has also been chosen to receive a two-year Embark scholarship. Embark is a Maine high school-to-college transition program providing student support. He plans to continue his work with Border Electric while in college. He expects to have accumulated enough apprentice hours by the time he graduates to start his career as an electrician.

Introducing Marissa May B. Carroll, JD

Marissa May B. Carroll has worked in education since the age of 14. From her first job as a tutor to her most recent job as principal of a K-8 school before moving here, Mrs. Carroll has insisted on preparing students for challenges both in and beyond school. As Assistant Head of School at WA, she has made it a point to understand the educational philosophy of each faculty member, encouraging and valuing the relationships they have with each other and their students. She believes that when faculty respect each other's roles, especially through differences and difficult conversations, students witness that collegiality, and learn how to value diversity of people and subject matter.

At 18, she left her home in sunny Los Angeles to bear the brunt of midwest winters at the University of Notre Dame in Indiana,



Mrs. Carroll values building strong student relationships in her role as Assistant Head of School.

majoring in sociology and double minoring in theology and gender studies. She spent her college summers in New Orleans and upstate New York on Americorps grants working with under-resourced youth. Her postgraduate years found her back in temperate weather at Whittier Law School, studying corporate and contract law. She started as a case manager for a firm in Santa Monica, ultimately becoming its Vice President of Operations. When she dove into education in 2015 as a high school counselor, coach, and teacher in Ojai, California, she applied her research, management, and people skills in new ways, eventually becoming a principal in Santa Barbara.

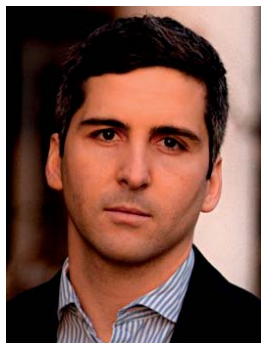
Mrs. Carroll spends her free time cheering for her favorite sports teams, dancing with her four kids before bed, and making her husband laugh.

Welcoming Three New Board Members



Ian Pratt has been the owner of Pratt Chevrolet, Buick, GMC in Calais for over 25 years. He serves on the Calais Regional Hospital Board of Trustees as well as being a long-time leader with the St. Croix Chamber of Commerce. Over the past 20+ years, he's volunteered as a youth athletic coach with a focus on football.

In addition to his position as a Washington Academy trustee, Ian is a member of the WA Athletic Booster Club and is an "all-in supporter of all things WA!" He is also a proud parent of WA Raiders, Ethan '23 and James '25.



Carlos Montero Moreno '11 works as an international banking business development officer with Santander Bank, Ltd., in New York City. He currently lives in Manhattan with his wife, Ashley, and their super-friendly dog.

Carlos is an enthusiastic professional with years of experience and dedication to the world of international finance and business development. His top skills include networking, negotiation, and problem-solving.



Steven Shi '12 is currently working as a software engineer at Google.

Prior to that, he worked at Goldman Sachs.

"As a former WA graduate and a present trustee, I hope to see that the school cultures an environment for students to develop the ability to welcome, comprehend, and reason on perspectives that are different from their own. I hope to use my experience to demonstrate that diversity and inclusiveness are mindsets that will go a long way with every Raider."

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 Michael E. and Rebecca G. Hennessey '90
 Bruce E. and Amy Hodgdon
 Edward and Rhoda Hodgdon '68
 Douglas M. Holmes '60
 Carrie Horton
 Allan Huntley '79
 Robert S. Huntley '56
 James Jenkins
 John S. Johnson '53
 Alex Karaczov
 Jim Keeler and Merry Ellen Eason
 Patrick III and Jolie Kelly
 Thornton and Kathy Land
 Steve and Junia Lehman
 Michael Libby '95
 Jeremy '00 and Crystal Look
 Katherine Y. Look, M.D.
 Chris '92 and Andrea Lyford '96
 Elden L. Jr. and Jane R. Lyon
 Judson and Paula McBrine '86
 Dean M. McGuire '99
 Dave McMahon '75
 Machias Savings Bank
 Dennis Mahar '79
 James and Pamela Marsh '60
 Dr. Aziz A. Massaad and Dr. Rita Ten
 Robert S. Mawhinney '75
 Carlos Montero-Moreno '11
 Sharon Mulligan
 Alicia J. Nichols
 Northwestern Mutual Foundation
 Ellen Norton
 Order of the Eastern Star
 Krassimir D. and Krassimira F. Petkova
 Pineo's True Value
 Steven M. '88 and Robin Pineo
 Christopher R. Plaisted '11
 Robert and Suzanne Plaisted
 Carol Ann Pope
 Pratt Cheverolet
 Ian and Erika Pratt
 Darren '87 and Jennifer Prout
 Edwin '67 and Evelyn Randall
 Robert and Vivian Reynolds
 Tim Reynolds '79
 Douglas A. and Shirley Richardson
 Joseph Robbins
 Traci L. Sanborn '81
 Santander Bank, N.A.
 Jean and Alison Savard
 John Shaw and Ann O'Brien
 Steven Shi '12

Ellis E. '48 and Wenona Small '49
 Michael Todd and Lisa Smith
 Donald Soctomah and Elizabeth Neptune
 Sara Somes
 Linda Spires
 Donald R. and Sherrie A. Sprangers
 Valerie S. Stimpson '47
 Christian and Britta Sunde
 Bettina L. Thompson '60
 Gwen S. Tupper '47
 Wesley Keeton Foundation
 West Quoddy Gifts
 Blair Rand Susan L. West '71
 Betty A. White '47
 Gerald and Judy S. Wood
 Dawn M. Woodbrey '49
 Randy and Rebecca Wright
 Clyde D. Young '60
 Richard '55 and Cecile Young

In Memory

Linda Beverly
In memory of William Beverly Sr. '63
 Peg Dowling
In memory of Harry Dowling '62
 George and Eleanor Fochesato '51
In memory of Noreen Proctor Ingalls
 Mary Beth and Gillian Gaddis '95
In memory of George D. Gaddis '68
 Joan Gatcomb '50
In memory of Catherine Gatcomb Whitney
 Robert J. '66 and Carol Guptill
In memory of Linnie Crane '37
 Alvin '47 and Patricia Hall
In memory of Wallace Hall '75
 Michael Look '71
In memory of Leon '49 & Virginia Look '51
 Lynn Jackson Quinn '78
In memory of Garret Sprague '24
 Joyce Richardson
In memory of Linnie Crane '37

In Honor

George and Eleanor Fochesato '51
In honor of Arden Ingalls
 Franklin '74 and Deborah Johnson
In honor of Daniel and Alice Johnson '42
 Carol M. Leighton
In honor of Cooper Leighton '20
 Machias Savings Bank
In honor of Chris Lyford '92
 Machias Savings Bank
In honor of Tara Bartko '88
 Machias Savings Bank
In honor of Mike Lenfestey '10
 Dennis Myers
In honor of Roberta Flynn '63

CLASS NOTES



2004

Sarah-Gayle (Godish) Wojciechowski and her husband Joe live outside Buffalo, New York with their two daughters Sophie (6) and Lucy Ray (2). In addition to her work as a social worker, Sarah co-founded a video game development company with her husband called, Wojo Studios. They are currently developing *Chester's Revenge*, a retro 2-D shooter game. The main character of the game is Chester, a Guinea pig bent on revenge. Chester is based on the family's own pet. When released commercially, the game will be available on PlayStation, Xbox, and Nintendo Switch consoles, as well as PC. Visit www.chestersrevenge.com or follow on Facebook or Twitter.



2009

Caissie (Nevala) Roberts graduated from Maine Maritime Academy in 2013 with a degree in International Business and Logistics, and then created her current career as the owner of Sew Fetch Dog Company, specializing in handmade dog collars, and "all things dog!" After starting the business in 2016, Sew Fetch grew quickly and in 2019, Caissie opened a brick-and-mortar store on Main Street in Machias where she currently sells to over 150 stores all over the world. Sew Fetch has been a huge move for her career, and it has given her the freedom to be home with her children: Lincoln (6), Archer (2) Parker (1 month), and husband Isaiah.



2012

Dakota Johnson graduated from the University of Maine at Machias with a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology in 2016 and in 2017 created the very successful photography business Lovelle's Lens Photography, specializing in wedding and lifestyle photography. Recently, she began working as an English teacher at Harrington Elementary School. Dakota currently lives in Columbia Falls, Maine, with her daughter Maven (5) and her fiance' Ripley.



2009

Katy (Hemingway) MacLeod graduated from Washington County Community College in 2009 with an Associate's Degree in Early Childhood Education. She continued her education at the University of Maine at Machias where she earned her bachelor's degree. In 2022, she started working at Machias Valley Christian School as a kindergarten teacher. Katy loves being able to teach young children about the Word of God. She currently resides in Harrington, Maine, with her husband Jonathan, and two children Nathaniel (7) and Evelyn (4.)



2010

Alex Cody Foster has been living a whirlwind adventure since graduating from WA. After hitchhiking across the US and traveling the world, Alex became a professional ghostwriter. Recently, he published his first book under his own name titled, *The Man Who Hacked the World*, about his time with the tech fugitive, John McAfee. Part of the story was captured in a Netflix film called *Running with the Devil*. He is now trying to break into Hollywood. A pair of A-list producers, associated with *The Hunger Games*, want to turn his book into a mini-series. Alex hopes to write part of the script.



2015

Dick Platin Iradukunda is currently living in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where he works for Accenture as a senior technology analyst. After graduating from Washington Academy, he attended the University of Oklahoma where he graduated with a degree in petroleum engineering. He enjoys traveling to see new places, most recently having been to Puerto Rico. He still travels home to Rwanda often to visit his two brothers and parents.

IN MEMORIAM

2017



Julia Leighton is busy working as a neuroscience fellow at the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute for Chemical Defense. Her research focuses on emergency treatment of traumatic brain injury and nerve agent poisoning. In November 2022, Julia presented her findings at the Society for Neuroscience Conference in San Diego, California. She is a 2021 graduate of Colby College and is planning to pursue a Master's Degree in psychology. Julia currently resides in Baltimore, Maryland.

2020



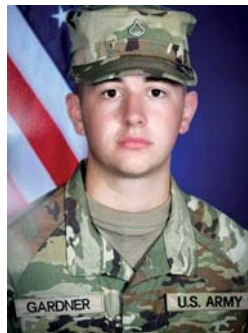
Cooper Leighton is an electrical line worker at Versant Power Maine out of the Machias, Maine office. In 2020, Cooper received the Embark scholarship and began the Kennebec Community College lineman program in Fairfield, Maine. Before his KVCC graduation in 2021, he was employed by Versant. Cooper enjoys hunting, fishing, clamming, and spending time with Hadlee Reynolds '22. Cooper purchased his first home in 2021 and currently resides in Whiting, Maine.

2018



Joseph Bragg is a senior at Seton Hall University (SHU) in South Orange, New Jersey. In addition to being a full-time student, he is a cadet in SHU's Pirate Battalion Army ROTC program. As a cadet, he was chosen to attend the Sabalauski Air Assault School at Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He completed "the Army's 10 Toughest Days" to earn his wings, which included being rappelled from a Chinook helicopter. Recently, Joe was selected to become a US Army Aviation Officer. Following this selection, he spent time with a helicopter battalion at Fort Drum, New York. In May 2023, Joe will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Diplomacy and International Relations and be commissioned into the US Army as an active duty second lieutenant and attending flight school at Fort Rucker, Alabama.

2022



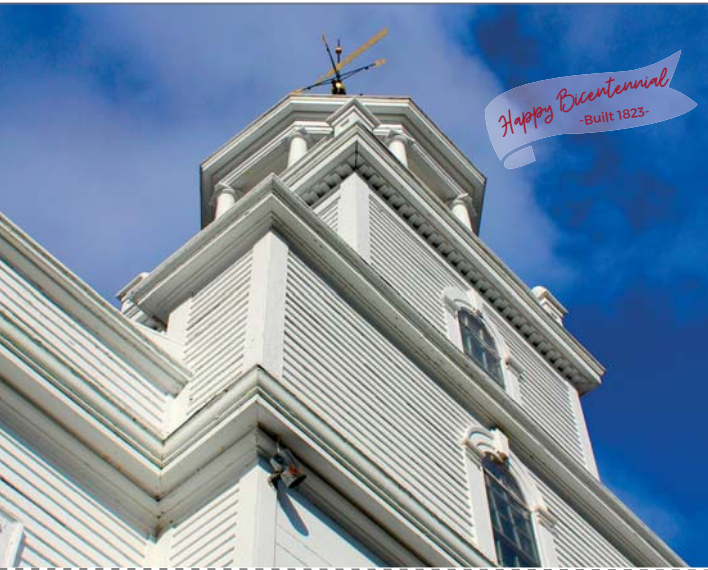
Emmitt Gardner graduated basic training on September 1, 2022, from Fort Jackson in South Carolina with a private first class rank. After graduation, Emmitt began advanced training at Fort Eustis in Virginia. His Military Occupational Specialty was as a 15T helicopter mechanic. Emmitt is now deployed with the Maine National Guard and stationed in the Middle East. As a helicopter mechanic, he will supervise and perform maintenance on Black Hawk helicopters.

Sharon L. Gilley '66 - 2/14/2015
 John S. Johnson '53 - 11/13/2019
 Richard Tuell '51 - 7/14/2020
 Virginia C. McGuire '54 - 9/24/2020
 Roy Dennison, Jr. '50 - 10/2/2020
 William H. Beverly, Sr. '63 - 10/10/2020
 Harry Dowling '62 - 11/1/2020
 Ann Jenkins '59 - 11/12/2020
 Stephen Berry, Jr. '99 - 12/13/2020
 Pamela Blanchard '70 - 12/22/2020
 Gary Renshaw '71 - 1/6/2021
 Clinton E. Gardner, Sr. '49 - 1/28/2021
 Margaret Geel '46 - 2/1/2021
 Lanny M. Wood '81 - 2/17/2021
 Bettina L. Thompson '60 - 3/10/2021
 Kenneth Gatcomb '53 - 3/31/2021
 Theodore Ackley '54 - 4/3/2021
 Pamela S. Davis '66 - 4/18/2021
 Wendall B. Libby '64 - 5/3/2021
 Travis Craven '99 - 5/15/2021
 Valerie S. Stimpson '47 - 6/7/2021
 David W. Leighton '85 - 6/12/2021
 Gerald Quimby '55 - 7/1/2021
 Frank A. Gatcomb '63 - 8/5/2021
 Sherwood P. Geel '65 - 8/20/2021
 Byron Norton '81 - 9/6/2021
 Herbert Riggs '75 - 9/13/2021
 Joshua Foss '99 - 10/5/2021
 Clarence Dennison '56 - 11/2/2021
 Roger S. Geel '53 - 11/25/2021
 Brian Douglas Jones '76 - 1/10/2022
 Jill Gardner '73 - 1/19/2022
 Kurtis Johnson '99 - 2/07/2022
 Ruth G. Leubecker '60 - 2/27/2022
 Brenda Roberts '68 - 3/2022
 Ramona Gatcomb '48 - 3/22/2022
 Jonathan G. Wry '19 - 5/2022
 Mattie Blyther '48 - 5/11/2022
 Lance Eugene Donaghy '78 - 5/30/2022
 John S. Farris '43 - 7/10/2022
 Patricia Swenson '58 - 7/10/2022
 Brendan Hampson '98 - 7/16/2022
 Emery D. Strout '66 - 8/23/2022
 Gwen Nystrom '94 - 10/15/2022
 Vincent Dowling '39 - 10/25/2022
 John Gardner '69 - 11/15/2022
 Jessica Talbot '96 - 11/18/2022
 Michael Gatcomb '77 - 11/22/2022
 Bonnie Jean Foss '69 - 11/28/2022
 Lois Sprague '49 - 12/28/2022



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10:00 am - Alumni Association Meeting
12:00 pm - Historical Society Tour
3:00 pm - Trustee Tea
4:30 pm - Alumni Social
5:30 pm - Alumni Spaghetti Banquet

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25 YEARS: 1994 • 1995 • 1996 • 1997 • 1998

All Years Welcome!

Alumni Banquet RSVP card

Name _____ Class Year _____

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Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Number of People _____

Banquet Tickets (\$23 each) \$ _____

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