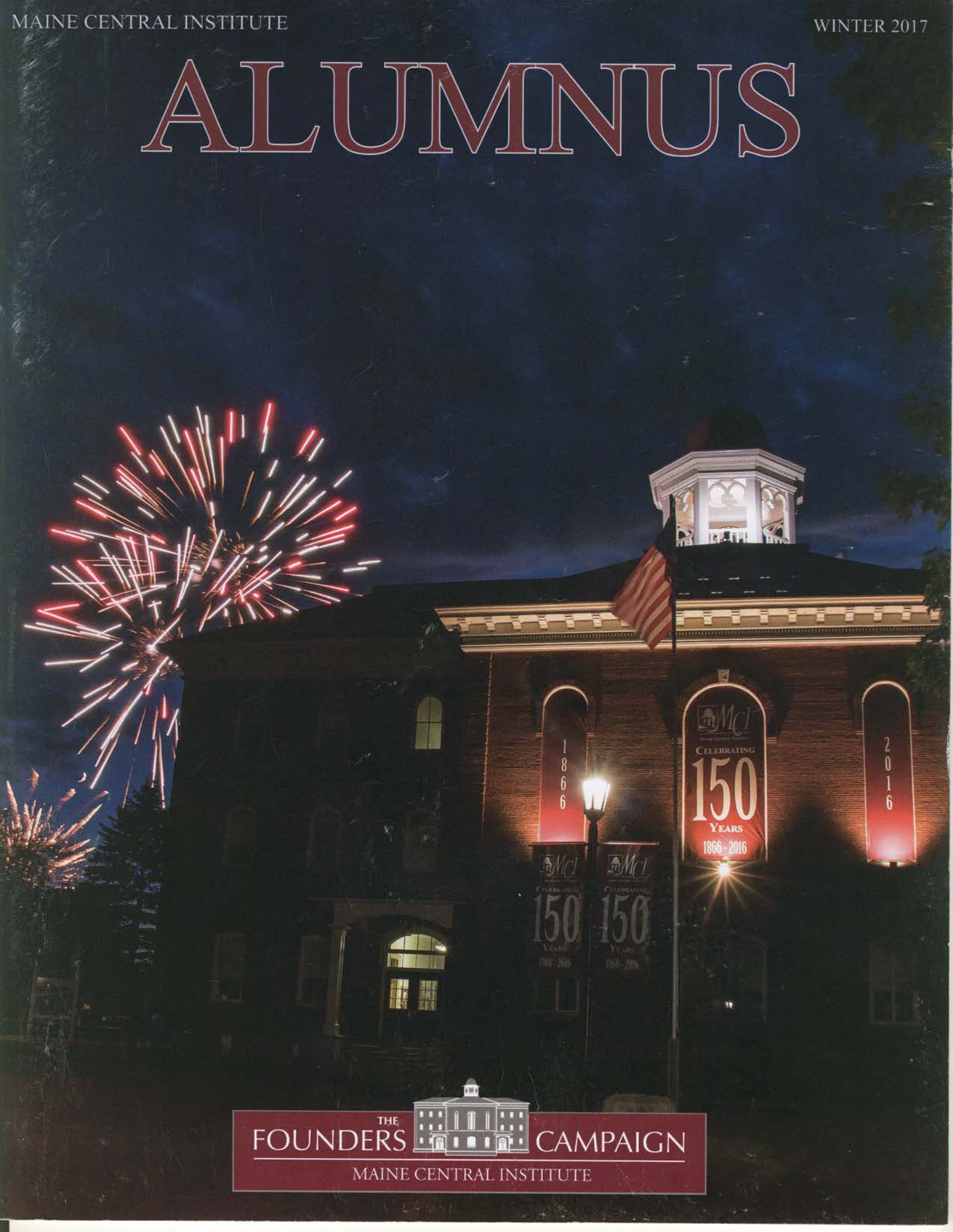


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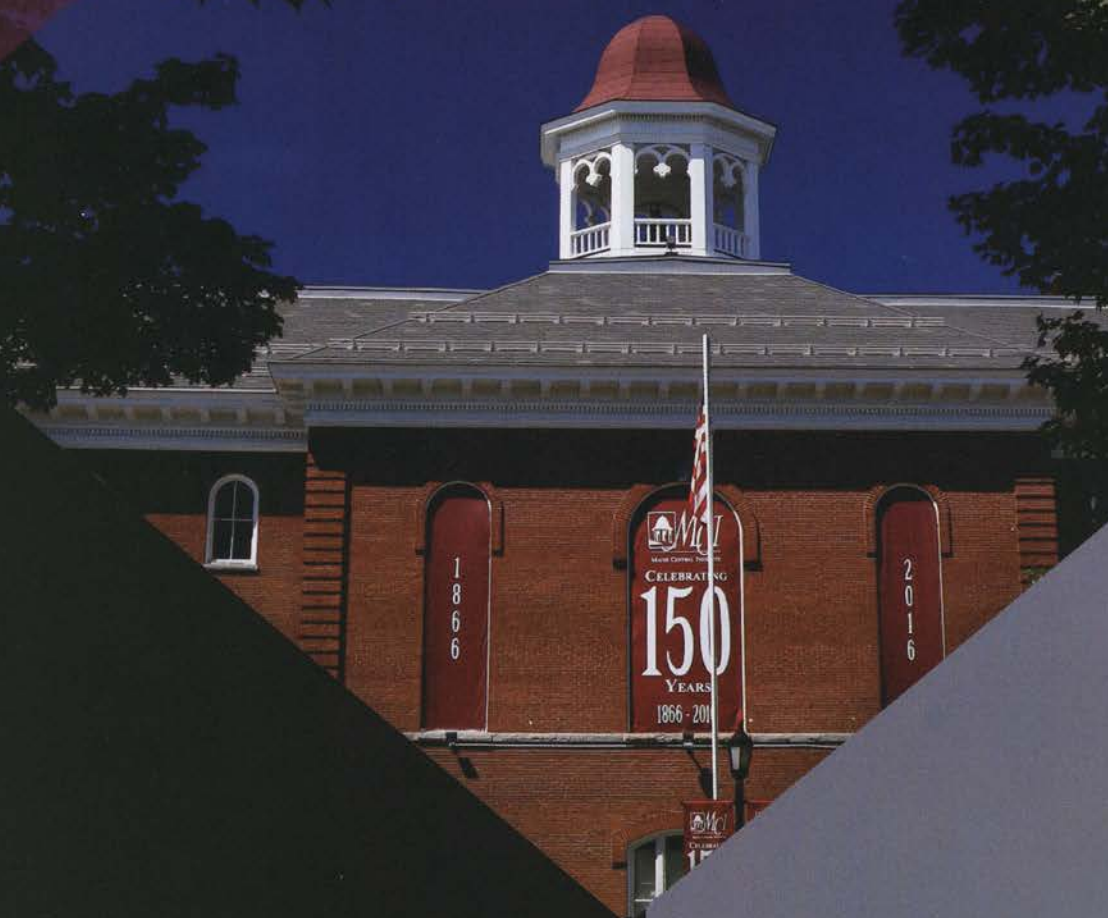


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# From the Headmaster

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of MCI,

What an historic year it has been at Maine Central Institute!

MCI completed its celebration of our Sesquicentennial, announced the public phase of the first comprehensive fundraising effort in the School's history, the Founders Campaign, enjoyed the new theater seating in Parks Gym, and soon will complete the renovation of the JR Cianchette building in order to house all of the arts under one roof, also a first in the 150 years MCI has been in existence.

All of this occurred amidst the increasing emphasis on excellence in the classroom; service to the community; a state championship in sports for the second year in a row and great success in other sports; extraordinary talent and creativity in the arts; and outstanding student leadership which improved school culture more than ever.

The Founders Campaign has already generated more financial support than at any time in the School's history, and we're confident we will meet and exceed the \$6.5 million goal. We've completed the \$700,000 playing fields project, funded entirely by a generous anonymous donor, and as stated soon will be concluding the \$700,000 renovation of JR Cianchette to house all of the arts. Projects that remain involve the renovation of Founders Hall and the growth of the School's endowment. And, I'm pleased to say, supporters recognize the importance of continuing to support the Annual Fund!

Campaign momentum started with MCI's Board of Trustees. Each member of this dedicated, talented and loyal governing body committed to the Founders Campaign in an extraordinarily generous way, and now scores of others have stepped forward to provide support. As you are aware, as an independent school, neither tuition nor State or Federal funds have built the buildings or grown the endowment at MCI. It has all come from individuals like you and me who love the School and recognize the difference it makes for its students, past, present and future.

And so I ask that you read this edition of the *Alumnus* with all of this in mind and, if you've not already done so, consider a generous gift as we push towards the conclusion of the Campaign during Reunion this coming August.

The fireworks at Reunion last summer resoundingly celebrated our past 150 years. They will this August loudly proclaim that the School has ensured excellence in the future!

Sincerely,  
Christopher J. Hopkins





# School news

## Patterson Lecture Series Begins the Year with Three Alumni

The Patterson Lecture Series welcomed three MCI alumni as the first speakers of the year: Allison Sinclair '12, Vaughan Woodruff '92 and Emily Wagner '04.

Sinclair graduated from the University of Southern Maine in 2016 with a degree in health sciences, concentration in wellness, and a minor in holistic health. At USM, she served as a Lead Resident Assistant and was also involved in Circle K, a community service group on campus. During her senior year at USM, Sinclair was the president of the Portland Events Board, a group focused on aiding commuter students on campus. Currently, Sinclair is participating in the World Race, an eleven month mission trip. As part of the World Race, she is traveling to eleven different countries and working with churches in each area to try to meet the needs of the community.

Woodruff grew up in Pittsfield and earned a degree in civil engineering from the University of Maine. After a stint as an associate engineer with a small design firm in the Portland area, Woodruff's professional career took a nontraditional trajectory. Before returning to Pittsfield in 2009, Woodruff served as an environmental educator in the high desert and redwood forests of California, worked in inner-city schools in Oakland, CA and Denver, CO, acted

as a community liaison on the Northern Cheyenne and Hopi Reservations for a nonprofit sustainable housing organization, and created a renewable energy company focused specifically on energy efficiency and solar technologies. Woodruff moved this business, Insource Renewables, back to Maine and has grown the business to be one of the most recognized solar companies in the state.

In 2013, Woodruff co-founded the Heart of Pittsfield, a nonprofit organization focused on revitalizing Pittsfield. In collaboration with a number of dedicated community volunteers, Heart of Pittsfield has worked to increase civic engagement, facilitate community events and support efforts to secure the community's future.

Wagner is currently MCI's Academic Counselor and Outdoor Adventure Club advisor. Prior to joining MCI's faculty, Wagner worked as a middle school educator and domestic violence prevention coordinator. She holds a bachelor's degree in biology from Colby College, a master's degree in public health from Tufts University and is a licensed Wilderness EMT. Outside of work, Wagner is a Colby alumni volunteer, instructor for SOLO Wilderness Medical School and avid distance runner and hiker.

Sinclair, Woodruff and Wagner all spoke about this year's School theme of *Philanthropy*.



Allison Sinclair '12

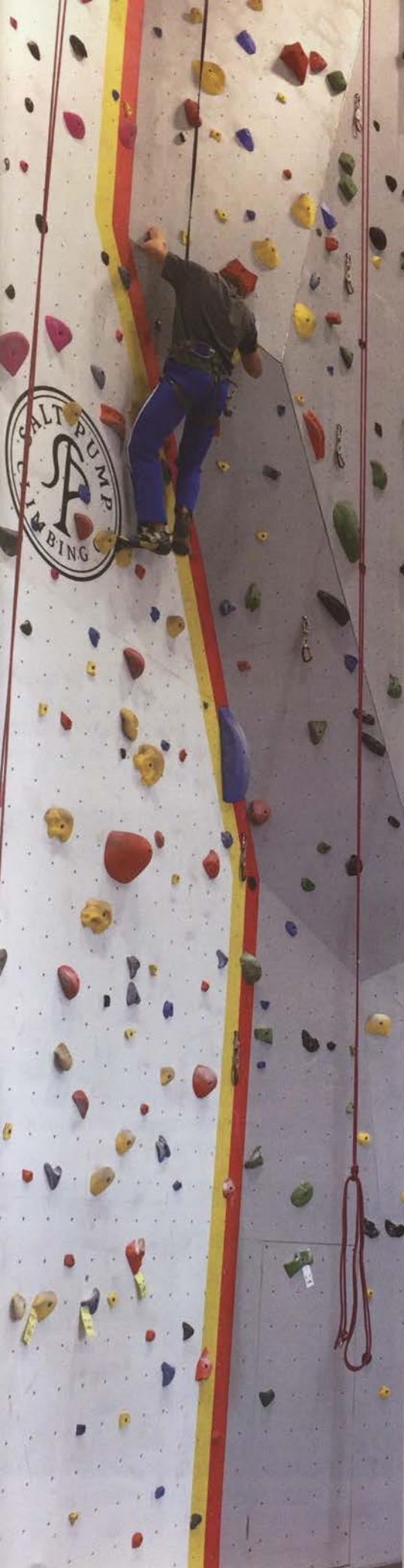


Vaughan Woodruff '92



Emily Wagner '04





## MCI Adds Rock Climbing Club to Co-Curricular Offerings

Led by MCI Art Teacher Jason Farson, students now have the opportunity to hone their rock climbing skills. The new club has been climbing at the Maine Bound Adventure Center at the University of Maine, Orono Campus. Members have been working on mastering the basics of bouldering and soon will be learning how to top rope. As one member stated of his first climbing experience, "It was an intense adventure that made me want to go again. When I got back to MCI, my whole body was tired, but I was still thinking of the great feeling when I was at the top of the rock." In addition to 19 varsity level sports teams, MCI is pleased to offer over 40 clubs & activities for the 2016-17 year.

## Young Alumni Return to Share Their Experiences with Current Students

The Academic Office hosted its third young alumni college and career panel on January 5, with representatives from Saint Anselm College, the University of Connecticut, the University of Maine and KVCC.

The recent MCI graduates shared their experiences on items such as academic schedules and residential living. They also emphasized the importance of be-

ing well prepared early in the college application process. "Having recent graduates return to campus to discuss their college experience is a great opportunity for our current students," said College and Career Counselor Scott Giallombardo '00. "Because many of our students were in classes with these recent grads just last year, it is easier for them to visualize themselves in college and helps to give our students more confidence in their post-secondary planning."

## MCI Enhances Computer Science Program: Coding

MCI continues to grow the computer science program, adding five computer science courses to the curriculum this year. The School also offers the Coding Club, a co-curricular activity, currently in its second year.

In December, four teams (twenty students) from MCI's Coding Club participated in the annual overnight Thomas Cup competition at Thomas College which included gaming, robotics, coding and cyber security challenges. Two teams placed in the top 10 for the gaming challenge, and one team placed in the top 10 for the cyber security challenge.

During Computer Science Education Week, also in December, Coding Club students traveled to Vickery Elementary to lead fourth grade students in Hour of Code activities. The Coding Club hopes to continue the relationship with Vick-

(Continued)



# School news

ery Elementary's new Coding Club, and provide mentors to the young students. In the spring the Coding Club is planning to travel to Warsaw Middle School to inspire and encourage students to participate in Computer Science courses.

## Colby Professor Speaks at MCI in Honor of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Professor of Sociology and African-American Studies at Colby College, spoke at MCI on January 13 as part of MCI's Martin Luther King Jr. all-school assembly.

Dr. Gilkes holds degrees in sociology from Northeastern University (B.A., M.A., Ph.D.) and has pursued graduate theological studies at Boston University's School of Theology. Her areas of expertise include African-American religious history, race and ethnicity in the U.S., comparative race relations, African-American women, history and social change, the sociology of religion, gospel music and W.E.B. Du Bois.

She is the author of the book, *If It Wasn't for the Women: Black Women's Experience and Womanist Culture in Church and Community* (Maryknoll, New York:

Orbis Books, 2001), and has published in several social science and religious studies journals. She has also contributed chapters to several anthologies on religion and on African American women's lives. In addition, Dr. Gilkes has lectured and presented papers at colleges, universities, and scholarly conferences in the United States, Canada, Germany, England and South Africa.

## MCI Adds New Post-Secondary Planning Curriculum

MCI has implemented a new curriculum to aid students in all grade levels with their post-secondary planning. The new program supplements the work that students do with their academic counselors. Students are responsible for completing two lessons a month through Naviance, MCI's college and career readiness software. The lessons vary by class year and allow students to progress through the post-secondary planning process at a consistent pace. It is designed to help students think earlier and more often about their post-secondary goals and to help them determine the steps they will need to complete their post-secondary plan going forward. Students using the program have access to a myriad of tools including personality type and career interest surveys, advanced college searches, standardized test preparation and planning, résumé builders, financial aid (including the FAFSA) and budgeting information and scholarship searches.



Young Alumni Panel members Alexis Caldwell, Mikayla Carr, Logan Rollins, Hannah Cunningham, Miranda Kuespert and Braden Monteyro (all Class of 2016)



Coding Club members lead Vickery students in "Hour of Code" activities as part of Computer Science Education Week

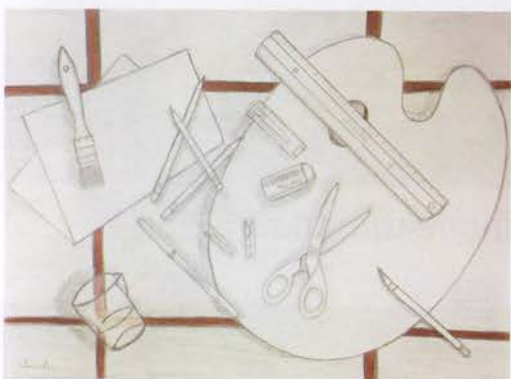


Dr. Cheryl Townsend Gilkes





Veronica Zhu '18  
Class: Studio Foundations



Jennifer Wen '20  
Class: Art & Design Fundamentals



Robert Anderson '17  
Class: 3-D Design



George Khvtisavrishvili '17  
Class: Advanced Art

# Arts update

## Vocal and Instrumental Music Drama

MCI's 2016 Visiting Guest Artist Ozmund Field performed with the vocal and instrumental jazz ensembles during the fall jazz concert on November 16 in Parks Gymnasium. Field teaches jazz percussion, specializing in drum set and vibraphone/marimba. He has taught at National Stage Band Camps, Olympic College, North Seattle Community College, Cornish School of the Allied Arts and the Berklee College of Music. Field has recorded or performed with several artists including Jerry Bergonzi, Paul Bley, Bruce Gertz, Marian McPartland, Gary Peacock and Rufus Reid.

The concert band and concert choir performed their annual holiday concert on December 6. MCI's music program continues to live stream its events online. The fall and winter concerts resulted in over 800 online views in addition to a full house of over 500 attendees at the performances.

In December, the vocal jazz ensemble Caravan was invited to take part in WABI TV5's "The Nite Show with Danny Cashman." The vocal group performed back up vocals for Darlene Love's "Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)" as well as on John Lennon's "Happy Christmas (War is Over)," both with Brian Nadeau and the Nite Show Band. A YouTube video of the performance is available by visiting <https://youtu.be/NtnJTH0ikE8>.

MCI's 2016 Drama Club presented their fall performance, *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*, on November 17 and 18 in Parks Gymnasium. The production was a collaboration between the Stage and TV Makeup Class, Tech Theatre and the Drama Club. Over 60 students, faculty and staff members were a part of the show.

Next, the Drama Team will be preparing for the Maine Drama Festival's one-act play competition, which takes place in March. This year they will be performing "Delirium's Daughters" by playwright Nicholas Korn. The show is a "kind-hearted farce based on the Italian Commedia Dell'Arte, with a touch of magical realism" ([broadway.com](http://broadway.com)).

## Bossov Ballet Theatre

BBT thrilled audiences with their annual production of *The Nutcracker* at the Waterville Opera House on December 16, 17 and 18. In addition, BBT members traveled to Warsaw Middle School before Winter Break, where they performed a contemporary piece for the Warsaw school community.

BBT has expanded its Summer Intensive Audition Tour, traveling to New Hampshire, Massachusetts and New York in January and February. The six-week summer intensive will take place June 19- July 29. It will culminate with two public performances of the ballet *Giselle* at the Williamson Performing Arts Center in Fairfield, Maine on July 28 and 29.



# Athletics update

## MCI Football, Field Hockey and Golf Take Home Championships

Fall Sports Update  
by Jim Leonard  
MCI Athletic Director

It has been an outstanding fall athletic season here at Maine Central Institute. This fall marks the first time in recent memory that all of the MCI Fall athletic teams (boys soccer, girls soccer, field hockey, football, golf, cross country) qualified for the postseason. The combined winning percentage of the fall athletic teams was 70.1%.

A total of 181 student/athletes participated in fall athletic programming at MCI.

Forty-six MCI fall sport student-athletes received All Conference and/or All-State recognition in their respective athletic programs.

### Football

On November 19th at Fitzpatrick Stadium in Portland, our football team erased a 14-point halftime deficit and scored on a broken play as time expired to win the State Class D Football Championship – our first football title in 42 years.

With the score tied at 14, the Huskies lined up for a 37 yard field goal attempt with 3.1 seconds remaining in regulation. As a heavy mist fell, the snap was bobbled by Eli Bussell '17. Bussell did

not panic, but instead grabbed the ball and took off around the right end – scampering 20 yards for the game-winning touchdown with no time remaining on the clock.

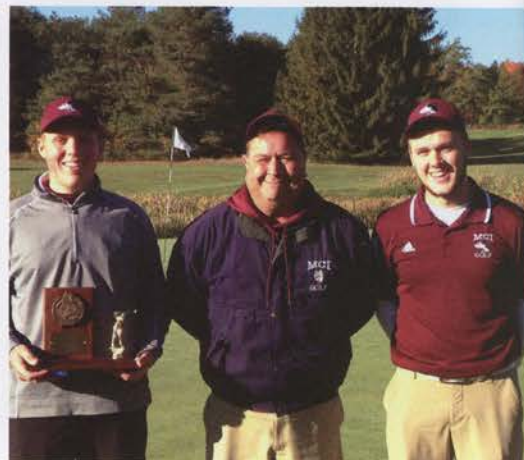
“The Play” capped off a 12-0 season. Over the past three seasons the MCI Football team has won three consecutive regional titles and this year's state title. Over that same span they are 32-2 and currently have a 31-game winning streak in the Little Ten Conference.

Head Coach Tom Bertrand '90 received the Little Ten Conference Coach of the Year honor for the second time in three seasons.

### Golf

The MCI Golf Team finished the season with an 11-2 overall mark, and fell one stroke short of winning the KVAC Conference Championship. The Huskies qualified for the Class B State team championship and finished fourth among all Class B schools.

MCI Golfer Eric Dugas '17 won the Class B Boys Individual Golf Championship on the Tomahawk Course at Natanis Golf Club in Vassalboro in mid-October. Dugas finished third in 2015 and will make his second straight trip to the New England Schoolboy Golf Championships at the Bretwood Course in Keene, NH in June.



Eric Dugas '17, Coach Paul Greco and  
Carter Pearl '17



Allison Hughes '18 and Eva Bickford '18





## Congratulations to MCI Football - 2016 Class D State Champions!



Maile Halferty '19 and Alexandria Mason '20



Austin Reynolds '17

Dugas was recently named the *Morning Sentinel's* Golfer of the Year and was joined on the MS's All-Star team with teammate Carter Pearl '17. Both also made the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference All-Conference First Team.

MCI Golf Coach Paul Greco – who announced his retirement after 16 seasons with MCI – was named Class B Golf Coach of the Year by the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference.

### Girls' and Boys' Soccer

Both soccer teams made the playoffs this fall. The girls were defeated in the first round, but return the entire squad for what looks to be a promising 2017 campaign.

The boys soccer team upset Erskine Academy in double overtime in the first round of the playoffs and then fell to highly ranked Medomak Valley on penalty kicks in the second round of the playoffs.

### Field Hockey

The MCI Field Hockey team, State Champions in 2015, successfully defended their Class C North Regional crown in late October, beating Winthrop by a 3-0 score at Hampden Academy. The Huskies fell to South Division champ Oak Hill in the State Championship game (2-0). With all but one player returning next season, MCI will look to reclaim state supremacy. Victoria Friend '19, Madisyn Hartley '19 and Addi Williams '18 received All-State honors from the Maine Field Hockey Association.

### Cross Country

The Cross Country program continued its rebuild and showed steady improvement throughout the season. Boys' runner Alex Krechko '17 qualified for the State Class B Boys Championships.



# Reunion 2016



Headmaster Chris Hopkins, Board President Norbert Young Jr. '66 and former Headmaster Doug Cummings at the Sesquicentennial Celebration



Nancy Ross Cameron '59 receives a Sesquicentennial gift from Carter Pearl '17



MCI alumni and friends enjoy the new seating in Parks Gymnasium during the Sesquicentennial Celebration



The 2016 Alumni Summer Sno-Ball held under the tent



Reunion attendees watch MCI's commemorative 150th video (Ralph Damren '64 pictured on screen)



The 2016 Alumni Sno-Ball King and Queen Milton Webber '71 and Kelly Fitts '79



# The Weekend in Photos



Alumni view the archives displays in Parks Gymnasium



Alumni and friends await the beginning of the 150th Reunion Luncheon, which saw record attendance



The Class of 1966 celebrates their 50th (and MCI's 150th) Reunion



Anna Maria Parker '66 and Rex Fowler '66 perform with Parker's barbershop quartet, On Cue, in Parks Gymnasium



150th Reunion Fest attendees enjoy food trucks on front campus



Fireworks cap the 150th Reunion Weekend celebration





A newsletter for donors to MCI's Founders Campaign. Donors to the Campaign will continue to receive the *Belltower Newsletter* with Campaign news and updates for the duration of the Campaign.

# The Bell Tower

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*Pictured: Headmaster Chris Hopkins and Board Chair Norbert Young Jr. '66 celebrate the launch of the Founders Campaign during the Sesquicentennial Celebration in Parks Gymnasium.*

## A Message from Board President Norbert Young Jr. '66

On behalf of MCI's Board of Trustees, I am delighted to acknowledge the more than 140 donors who have contributed to date to the Founders Campaign. This inaugural issue of *The Bell Tower* provides news and updates on MCI's historic comprehensive capital campaign. Since we announced the Campaign last August, alumni and friends have given more than \$660,000 to MCI. Each gift supports the promise we are keeping to the future, by creating a wonderful Visual and Performing Arts Education Center within JR Cianchette Hall, renovating the beloved Founders Hall, enhancing our outdoor athletic fields and increasing MCI's endowment. We will continue to keep you updated on our progress to raising a total of \$6.5 million, and please know, your gift will bring us one step closer to meeting that goal by August 4, 2017.

## Work Begins on Visual and Performing Arts Education Center

Major renovations to MCI's JR Cianchette building began in December 2016. The building, constructed in 1958, had served as classroom space for the math and science departments until 2003, and for various academics and arts classrooms since. When renovations are complete, all of MCI's visual and performing arts programs will be housed together, creating a unique artistic synergy on campus.

Lead gifts to MCI's \$6.5 million Founders Campaign have made this work possible, according to Headmaster Chris Hopkins.

"Thanks to early generous contributions to the Founders Campaign, MCI has begun work to transform an exist-

ing building on campus into the Visual and Performing Arts Education Center, bringing all of the School's arts programs under one roof," Hopkins said.

The first phase of the renovation project focuses on the building's ground floor. The new space will feature a large vocal and instrumental center and a choral and piano studio. Additional spaces will be created for a music library, digital media lab, recording and practice rooms, upgraded restrooms, a new ADA restroom and ADA access.

Plans for the second-floor renovation will be presented to the School's Board of Trustees in early 2017, and will include renovations to spaces for visual art, Bossov Ballet and Drama.

Funds for the \$700,000 project were contributed by donors to the Founders Campaign, which was publicly launched on August 5, 2016 during MCI's Reunion weekend.

Speaking on behalf of the MCI Board of Trustees, President Norbert Young Jr. '66 said, "We are deeply grateful to Founders Campaign donors, for they have made this major renovation possible. Their generous support is creating outstanding opportunities for MCI students involved in the visual and performing arts. This is just one example of what can be accomplished with the support of MCI's alumni and friends. As the Founders Campaign continues, we are keeping our promise to the future," added Young.



## Campaign Funds Update

Money raised (as of January 18, 2017): **\$4.38 million**

Donors: **143, including 35 faculty/staff**

MCI Trustee Participation: **100 percent**

Koester Challenge Funds Matched: **\$297,931**

Thanks to our generous donors, **67 percent** of the \$6.5 million dollar goal has been raised.

**Sixty percent** of the \$500,000 Koester Challenge has been matched, with \$202,069 still available.



## MCI Receives \$10,000 Grant from Skowhegan Savings Charitable Foundation



*Pictured: MCI guitar students; Bruce Harrington, Skowhegan Savings Assistant Vice President and Commercial Loan Officer; Renee Hawthorne, Skowhegan Savings Branch Manager, Fairfield & Pittsfield Branches; Christopher J. Hopkins, MCI Headmaster; Dean Neal, MCI Visual and Performing Arts Department Chair.*

MCI has received a \$10,000 grant from the Skowhegan Savings Charitable Foundation for the Founders Campaign. "We are grateful for the generous support of the Skowhegan Savings Charitable Foundation," Hopkins said in accepting the check, "and are honored to have earned their support for the Founders Campaign, which will strengthen MCI for the next 150 years."

"MCI is unique. We are pleased to support this independent school offering a comprehensive educational program to a multicultural student body," said Renee Hawthorne, branch manager of the Skowhegan Savings Pittsfield branch. "Our contribution is a team effort with the community to ensure that educational diversity is still available to the region for another 150 years," Hawthorne added.

## Why I Give

MCI gave me so many opportunities as a student. I am proud to continue my family's long tradition of giving back to the School that has served our community so well for 150 years.

As an alumna and new faculty member, it is my pleasure to support the Founders Campaign!

~Erin Fitts '02

I supported the Founders Campaign because our students, faculty, and community will benefit from the planned improvements.

Also, as a member of the Class of 1984 I feel we all have a responsibility to give back to the School that truly has shaped our lives.

~Eric Thompson '84

This campaign is truly comprehensive and diverse - like MCI. Not only does it touch the students of today and the future in the arts and athletics, it inspires memories of the past for alums who remember fondly their time spent in Founders Hall by maintaining this historic building for future generations.

~Michael Hodgins '86



## Why I Give (Continued)

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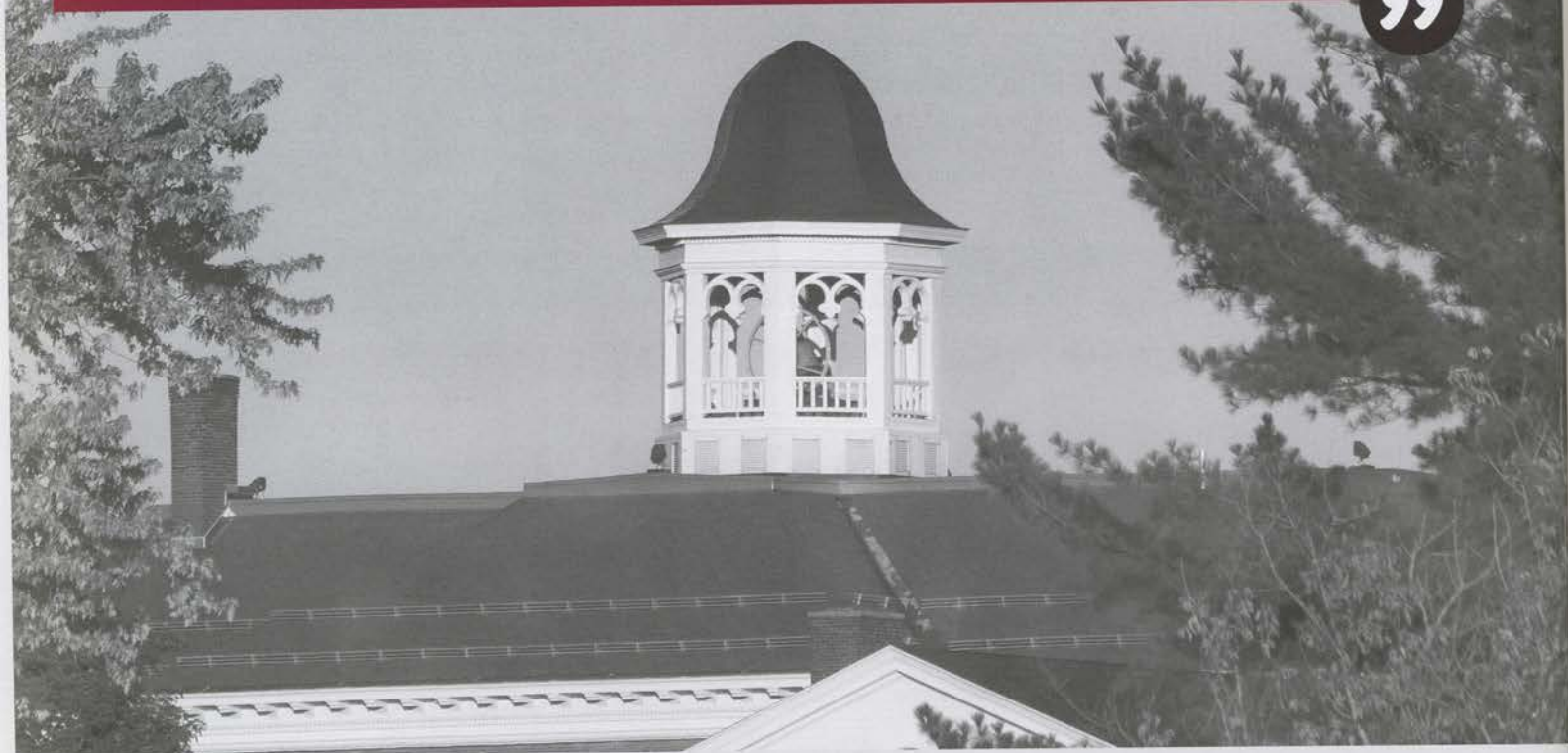
MCI opened doors for me, a “Townie,” athletically, socially, academically. MCI stimulated my curiosity. It gave me the analytical tools I needed to understand “things” and to make stuff happen. MCI inspired me to explore my inner and outer worlds. It taught me that hard work, personal responsibility, a positive attitude and EDUCATION would deliver “success” regardless of how I chose to define “success.” MCI “did good” by me and for that reason I give to the Founders Campaign so that future generations can experience the same great MCI education I was blessed to enjoy. ~ Gregg Patterson '69

I don't feel like I am just investing in an institution but in the ideas and people I believe in. People who truly care about a town I grew up in and the youth from around the world that come to MCI to gain an amazing education and to experience what we did growing up. After living in various parts of the country it only makes me appreciate more the foundation I got from MCI and the wonderful community called Pittsfield. It is a tradition that I want to see kept alive for others to benefit from. ~ Peg Olson '84

As a Pittsfield native and alumnus, I appreciate the value and perspective that an MCI education provides for its student body. We felt it was very important to support the Founders Campaign to help ensure that MCI can continue to thrive as the centerpiece of community pride and activity and to offer its unique international and multicultural learning environment to local students. ~ Robert Cianchette '78 and Hillary Ginsberg

During my first visit to MCI and Pittsfield, my husband's alma mater and home town, I could see how special the School was, in every way. I attended a traditional suburban Connecticut public high school and was totally unfamiliar with the idea of a Town Academy having both day and residential students from many different places in a small-town environment. I was immediately captured by the unique role that MCI plays in the entire community, the dedication of its faculty and staff, the devotion of its alumni, and the spirit of its students. It's an honor to do everything I can for a place that provides extraordinary opportunities to so many people in so many ways. ~ Elaine Patterson, Trustee

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## The Koester Challenge Inspires Others



*Pictured: Tom and Anne Koester*

Tom and Anne Koester first set foot on MCI's campus in March 2016. Neither grew up in Maine, nor attended MCI as a student. So how did two individuals with little connection to the School decide to make one of the most extraordinary philanthropic acts in the history of Maine Central Institute?

Humble and modest, the Koesters want little in the way of recognition for their generosity. They are successful business owners, having operated TC Koester Inc., for forty-eight years. Located just outside of Philadelphia, the business is a manufacturers' representative firm providing air, gas and materials handling equipment primarily used in air pollution and water pollution control applications. Their son, Tom Jr., now runs the business, which leaves Tom and Anne more time to dedicate to their passion: hockey.

Though Tom did not play hockey himself, he became interested in the sport when his son began playing as a young boy. He built an impressive résumé, including serving as president of Atlantic region of USA hockey, where

he was responsible for about 43,000 players. In 1997, Tom had served as the head JV boys coach at the Hill School in Pottstown, PA for four years, when Chris Hopkins arrived and became his assistant. The two coached together for seven years during which time they and their spouses, Anne and Suzanne, developed a close friendship, visiting each other's vacation homes during the summer and gathering for dinners together. "Chris is a great person and I've always enjoyed my friendship with him," stated Tom.

Though Chris left the Hill School to come to MCI, he and Tom stayed in touch. They spoke often of MCI, and it was through Tom that Chris first learned of Christy Gardner, a sled hockey player and future Patterson Lecture Series speaker who lives in Maine. Tom had retired from USA hockey to devote more time to the Paralympics, in particular sled hockey. "I fell in love with the sport and the players," Tom explained. "I received an appointment to the IPC, which is an international Paralympic organization, to be on the committee that runs sled hockey. I was in charge of worldwide development and now I'm in charge of worldwide competition. I ran the Sochi [Winter Olympics] event and I will run



the one in Pyeongchang in Korea in 2018. I do the organizational work for the tournaments to determine who and where each team is seeded. I also work with the organizing committee for the Olympics and Paralympics.”

In the fall of 2015, during a discussion about MCI and in particular the progress of the Founders Campaign, Tom asked if he and Anne could come up to visit campus and attend Gardner’s Patterson Lecture Series speech. He was eager to see in person the academic community that Chris had described to him over the years. Chris eagerly accepted and on March 9 and 10, Tom and Anne visited campus.

“I was really impressed,” stated Anne. “The buildings are beautiful. We stopped in to see one of the ballet classes and it is amazing how good they are.” At the end of their visit, Tom and Anne were shown some drawings of future facilities upgrades and heard once again that this was the first comprehensive campaign in the School’s history involving not only buildings and renovations but endowment and the growth of the Annual Fund. They also learned of the unprecedented way that the Trustees and others had already committed to the Campaign, and that the School had received its first \$1 million gift.

Tom stated, “To be very honest, after sitting down and talking with Chris for a while I finally asked him, ‘what can we do for you?’ We were very impressed with the School and he and I had talked over the years about what the Campaign was intended to do.” Tom and Anne departed from campus saying they wanted to help and needed to talk. A week later Chris received word from them that they wanted to



*Pictured: Headmaster Chris Hopkins, Patterson Lecture Series Speaker Christy Gardner and Tom Koester in Parks Gymnasium after Gardner’s PLS talk.*

initiate a \$500,000 Challenge.

The Koester Challenge matches the next \$500,000 MCI raises for the Founders Campaign, dollar for dollar. With this opportunity provided by Tom and Anne, gifts will go twice as far towards helping students, doubling the impact.

Chris was understandably stunned by their generous offer and asked what had inspired them to make this commitment. Tom and Anne simply said that in 48 hours they saw countless examples of how MCI was serving and inspiring a diverse student body. “I think we are fortunate to be in a position to be able to help people,” stated Tom. “We’ve helped the sled hockey community and we’ve seen the rewards that that’s reaped. My philosophy is that we should help people so they can take advantage of new opportunities. Both Anne and I want to do things that will improve society and improve the lives of people. If we can help in a little way to expose students to new opportunities that they would enjoy

and perhaps give them a better situation in life, it’s the right thing to do.”

Of the intent behind the Challenge, Tom explained, “We hope the Challenge will encourage others to give, to help strengthen MCI so the students will have better facilities and more opportunities. We thought that this would be a great way to perhaps affect the young people’s lives.”

Since the public launch of the Campaign during Reunion Weekend 2016, \$297,931 of the Koester Challenge has been matched. “We are so thankful to the Koesters for their generous gift,” said Board President Norbert Young Jr. ’66. “This challenge has already energized supporters and provides an amazing opportunity for those who believe in strengthening the future of MCI.”

Summing up their challenge gift in his characteristically straightforward way, Tom added, “It’s all about the kids, isn’t it?”



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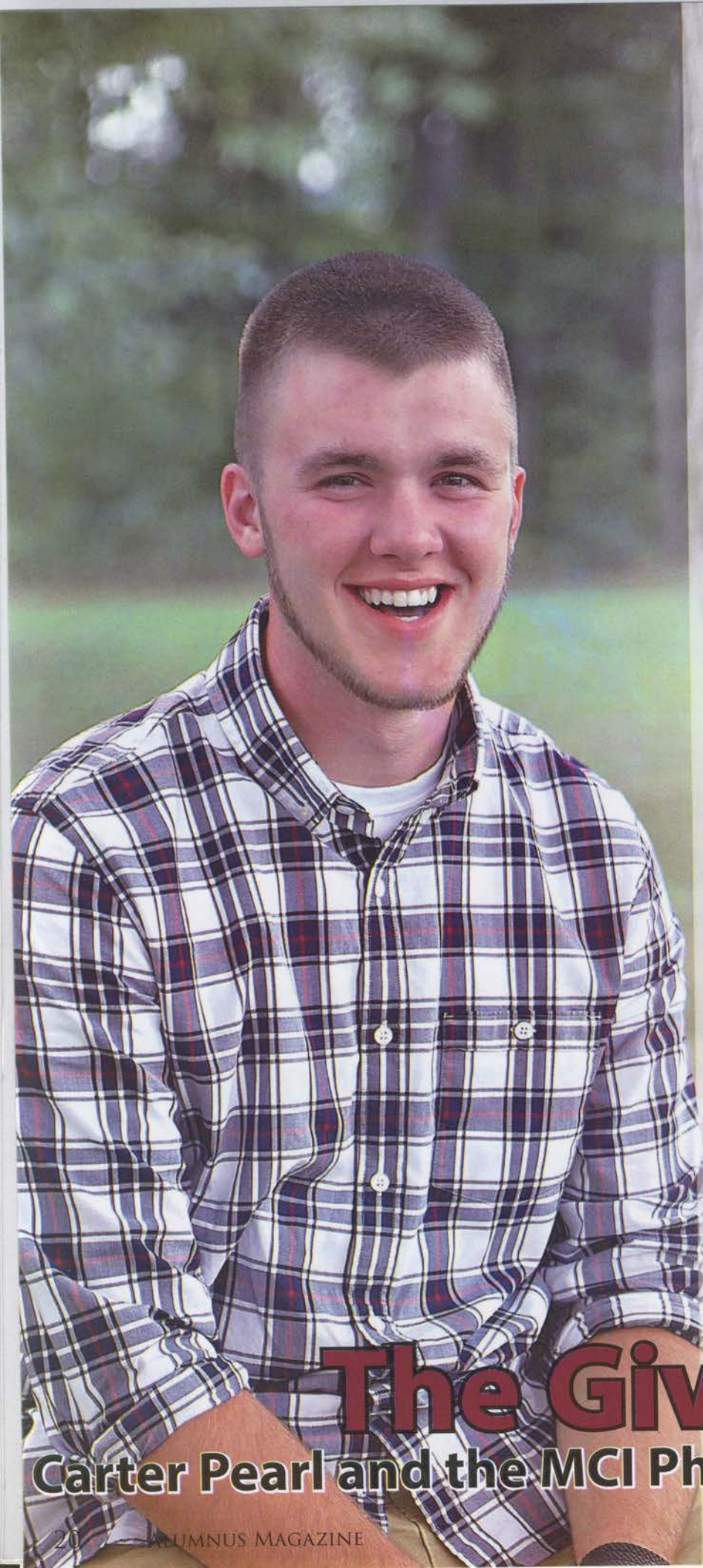
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Carter Pearl believes in giving back. He is the president of the Class of 2017, a member of the MCI Key Club, vice president of the National Honor Society, an officer in the Student Council and has served as a peer tutor. He has played basketball and golf all four years at MCI, and has served as the captain of both teams his junior and senior years. In addition, he is the president and founder of the MCI Philanthropy Council.

Now in its second year, the Philanthropy Council's mission is "to encourage, inspire, and educate others about the importance of donating and contributing to beneficiaries in the local area. It is also aimed to promote gratitude and offer students the opportunity to give back to MCI and the surrounding community." Pearl worked with the Council's advisor, MCI's Director of Clubs and Activities and Academic Counselor Scott Giallombardo '00, to create the mission and build the initial membership. "We picked the students to help us build [the Council] and we've had a lot of success in our first two years," explained Pearl. "These students were asked because we knew that they were the type of student that could help build up the program. However, it is by no means an exclusive group. We are very open to new members coming and joining, but we want people who are serious about what they are doing. We are hoping that through the School theme this year, and through speeches like what [Patterson Lecture Series speaker] Ms. Wagner gave to the student body, that more students will become educated in what philanthropy truly means and they will be able to come and give their all to a group like ours."

As part of the effort to educate the School community about philanthropy, the Council has worked with the MCI Advancement Office on MCI's annual Day of Giving as well as a student-focused video for the Founders Campaign. Indeed, the Campaign has a special meaning to Pearl.

"I think one of the most exciting things for me [about the Campaign] is the addition to the School's endowment. Being a private day student at MCI and being a recipient of the Partridge Fel-

# The Giving Kind

## Carter Pearl and the MCI Philanthropy Council

Photo by Bet Mac Photography



lowship, I can truly speak to the impact that it has had on my family as well as my experience here at MCI. That made a big impact on my decision [to attend MCI]. It was an enormous gift and it is things like that which are going to help other students to be able to come to MCI, have the same experience that I've had here and be exposed to the same opportunities. The Founders Campaign is going to allow MCI to continue to be a strong school and I'm excited for the opportunities for future students, to continue to be part of such a strong community and to take advantage of all the opportunities that MCI provides. The Campaign is only going to allow MCI to provide even more opportunities."

In addition to their work with the Advancement Office, the Council is also preparing a presentation about philanthropy for the School's upcoming theme week and Pearl hopes they will be able to "give our own perspective to the student body on why philanthropy is important. I think it is essential that students understand how and what they can give back at a younger age, so they can continue throughout their lives." Indeed, Pearl believes that one of the biggest roadblocks for students in embracing philanthropy is lack of awareness about what they have to offer. "I don't think they understand all the ways that they can give back. It can be anything from sitting down and working with someone in a study hall on a subject they are struggling in, to joining a group like ours and making monetary donations."

As part of their own educational process, the Council has raised funds so they can award monthly \$500 grants to local charities. Last summer Pearl raised \$6,800 through a charity golf tournament that he and classmate Eric Dugas organized. Half of the proceeds from the tournament were donated to the MCI Captains Club, benefitting MCI Athletics. The other half went to the Philanthropy Council grants.

The Council has also created a process



for their grant distribution. "Last year we put together a list of local charities, whom we felt would be great beneficiaries of a donation. In looking at the list, we decided to make smaller, more frequent donations rather than just one large one," Pearl explained. "Before we make each donation we sit down as a group and each Council member picks the one they feel is the best beneficiary and presents their reasoning behind that to the Council as a whole. We also do research on each charity to determine the pros and cons - what they do, how they do it - and how much of our donation will be going to the actual cause. In addition, we determine if the timing of the donation makes sense, if it is the right time to do that one." After the Council determines the grant recipient, they contact the charity and invite a representative to campus to receive the donation in front of the student body.

Thus far this school year, the Philanthropy Council has awarded grants to Allison Sinclair '12's World Race mission trip, the Nolan's HERO Foundation and the Pittsfield Community Service Project. For the fourth donation, the Council gave the student body, faculty and staff the option to vote for one of four local charities. As a result of the voting process, they will award the Waterville Humane Society with a grant in January.

Though giving back has always been important to Pearl, the Philanthropy Council has honed his interest and acumen. "It has always been important, but my time at MCI has provided me with the skills to be able to lead a group like

this and to develop the ideas and the process. I'd always wanted to do something like this, but never had the opportunity to do so before MCI."

Pearl is planning a second charity golf tournament for his senior project in the spring. Half of the proceeds will again go to the Philanthropy Council, while the other half will benefit either the Cancer Center or the Ronald McDonald House in Bangor, Maine in memory of a friend he lost to cancer. "I'm really going to try to push it this year. My goal is to raise \$8,000."

In addition to planning his senior project, Pearl is looking ahead to college next year. He has applied to eight schools, and plans to study finance and political science. Though he will be leaving MCI, he hopes the Philanthropy Council will flourish in his absence. "Obviously I want it to continue," said Pearl. "I hope that it will continue to be successful. I hope it grows in multiple ways, both in the number of participants and in the value of donations the Council gives away. Donations are not just about how much money we give, but the more money usually means the more people you're able to have a positive impact on."

"The underclassmen in [the Council] are a very good group. I know they'll be able to carry on what we've started. I'm just hopeful that through what we do this year and by having this year's school theme be philanthropy, that some of the other students in the School will have a desire to become involved with something like this."

Pictured above: Philanthropy Council members present a check to grant recipient Allison Sinclair '12.





# A Sense of Place

## The Archibald Family's Continued Ties to MCI

Even over the phone, the sense of true affection the Archibald family has for each other comes across loud and clear. The siblings are spread throughout the United States with Nathan '80 in New York, Jennifer '81 in Vermont, Michael '83 and Galen '91 in California and Tim '84 in Chicago. While each sibling has carved a successful path for him or herself outside of Maine, they all value their time growing up in the Pittsfield community and their experience at MCI. "MCI is part of our shared history together," explained Galen. "It's definitely a shared bond and where we grew up. We've got fond memories and it's something that we still talk about when we get together. It's part of who we are."

The Archibalds moved to Pittsfield from New York in 1973 when their father, Douglas Archibald, took a position as a professor of English at Colby College. The oldest, Nate, was in sixth grade and the youngest, Galen, was born shortly after they moved. Their mother, Mitzi Carleton, was a stay-at-home mom, farmer and student. Both parents instilled in them a love of learning and a life-long commitment to education.

The siblings were all successful students and very involved in a wide range of co-curriculars. Nate, Jenny, Michael and Tim were at MCI within four years of each other, with Nate and Jenny even sharing some of the same classes. By the time Galen attended MCI, he had the benefit of his siblings' reputation. "They made a great name for the family at MCI and I was able to draft off that," he said.

Pictured above: The Archibald siblings at their mother's 80th birthday party in 2015.  
From left to right: Galen, Nate, Jenny, Mike and Tim, "photobombed" by their mother, Mitzi.



The Archibalds appreciated the academic and social freedom they had at MCI. "MCI was good at preparing me to fend for myself, to be resourceful and multi-task, to manage my academics," Nate stated. "It helped me to be responsible and ready for college." Tim added, "MCI led me to look for mentors in high school, and later in college, grad school and professionally. Mentor figures have been important guiding people for me and I think the looser structure at MCI naturally set you up to look for mentor figures. Being part of the Pittsfield and surrounding community and the people in it was also hugely influential."



The Archibald family in France in 1980.  
From left to right: Jenny, Nate, Galen, Douglas, Mike, Mitzi and Tim.

"I felt really prepared by MCI in terms of writing, critical thinking and the social sciences," said Jenny. "Athletically at MCI, I ran with the boys' cross country team and skied with the ski team. There were no other girls on the cross country team and just a few of us on the ski team. They didn't have separate girls' teams for those sports, but those were the sports that I wanted to do. I really appreciated being able to be a part of those teams and I was able to be confident competing athletically even when there were no other girls with me." Mike added, "Even then I really appreciated the more diverse backgrounds of people who were not from Pittsfield who were at the School. My sense is that it is even more true for MCI as time has gone on. I'm proud of that and I'm glad that the School can be something that few high schools in Maine can be in that sense." Galen appreciated the skills he learned at MCI. "I really feel that being a Manson Essayist was a valuable process in learning how to write and speak in public,"

he stated. "MCI did a great job of preparing students with specific programs like the Manson Essays to have confidence in how to communicate clearly."

"I think teachers set a higher bar for us in English because of our father," Jenny acknowledged. "We had the benefit of living with our father, so they thought we should be able to write. They pushed us that much harder." Perhaps not surprisingly, all five siblings named English teachers as their favorite teacher at MCI.

"John Slagle's classes were the closest to a college-level experience," explained Nate. "Not only in the way he taught, but also in the rich dynamic he fostered in the class. It was very freewheeling and forced you to think on your feet. You interacted with and learned from your peers more than a lot of the other more 'normal' classes. There were guest speakers, even our father came in once to do a lecture on Joyce and T.S. Eliot. Because [Slagle] was involved with other extracurricular activities, he was a real presence to all of us. I also had him as a soccer coach and that was formative for me

as well." Jenny agreed stating, "John Slagle was an engaging teacher and also demanding, particularly with respect to writing. I had him for English and honors English and was also involved with the yearbook. In addition, I worked for his wife Pinky in her flower shop. I really appreciated him as a teacher." Tim commented, "I would say the same, because of both his English classes and soccer. Soccer was the most important sport for me at MCI. Though at the time students spent their freshman year at Warsaw, I was able to play soccer at MCI because Warsaw didn't offer that sport. There were a handful of students like me who were able to play at MCI, so I was lucky to have him for four years as a coach."

Both Galen and Mike on the other hand chose Rosalie Williams. "She taught a class in Latin which was very challenging, and I remember it very distinctly," explained Mike. "I definitely remember her best. The interesting thing about John Slagle is when you're in our family, it was a high bar. He mentored Nate, Jenny and Tim. He had really close relationships with them." While Galen agreed with Mike stating, "It



would be tough for me to think of anybody who was more important than Rosalie Williams," he was also affected by Slagle and the Archibald legacy at MCI. The siblings shared a laugh when he related a memory about the author of the epic poem, *Gilgamesh*. "John Slagle was a soccer coach and teacher when I was a freshman. He moved on my sophomore year, so I only had him for one year. He remembered all my siblings, so I got great exposure to him. I remember we were running sprints during soccer practice. He knew what I was reading in my freshman English class even though he wasn't my teacher and he put me on the spot asking, 'Galen, who wrote *Gilgamesh*?' It was the first book we were reading and it was the first week of practices. I was so excited because I thought I knew and I said, 'Nobody!' As the answer should have been 'Anonymous,' we had to keep running."

In January 1980, the Archibald family left MCI for six months to travel to France. "Our mother is very smart and has always been a life-long learner," Tim explained. "When she was in her forties she went back to school. We are all very proud of her for doing that." Their mother was majoring in French at Colby. Her junior year abroad coincided with their father's sabbatical year, so they decided to travel as a family. "She went back and took classes at Colby over a long period of time. She ended up coincidentally graduating as a classmate of mine in the same year," said Mike.

The trip to France occurred during Nate's senior year at MCI. He was the valedictorian of his class and had already been accepted at Dartmouth. Because of this he was able to join a cousin in Genoa, Italy and spent six months biking the length of Italy "visiting a wonderful country" and staying in youth hostels and homes. The four younger siblings entered a public, French speaking school.

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"I have mixed feelings about not finishing up at MCI," mused Nate. "I really wish I had. I had a great experience when we all went to France, but as I've thought about it from time to time, it was too bad in a lot of ways that I did leave early. I dreaded having to give the valedictorian's address, so I was happy to be out of there! However, I missed the small classes that I had at MCI and all those great feelings you have when you finish something with a small core group."

After MCI, the siblings attended highly selective colleges in the Northeast before spreading out to other areas in the country. Though none of them currently lives in Maine, they all still consider the state and MCI home. As Nate said, "MCI for me, even beyond its campus, represents a sense of place. By place, I really mean the State of Maine. It's home for all of us and we all continue to spend time in Maine. When I think of MCI, I think of it as the institution of our 'home,' so there's an even stronger connection to it as a result of that sense of place." Jenny added, "Maine is important to us. We typically all get back two times a year at least. Our family has a place on Isle au Haut, where we all try to gather at least once a year and in the fall we get together in Portland."

Like his father before him, Tim is a member of MCI's Board of Trustees. He is also closely involved with the Founders Campaign as the lead architect working on the creation of the Visual and Performing Arts Education

Center in the JR Cianchette building. "Now that I am doing work for MCI, I'm probably averaging visiting Maine ten times per year between vacation, work and board meetings," said Tim. "I'm really lucky. I love it."

Similarly, the family believes in supporting MCI. "Philanthropy is recognition of an institution or a set of values that have been meaningful, that have shaped you or your family," observed Mike. "It is taking action to reinforce and secure resources or advocacy for that institution for the future. I'm so pleased that our dad served on the Board and it's been satisfying for me to see Tim taking that spot and being involved. For me, it's about reflecting as a family on an institution that affected us all and taking action to make it stronger for others in the future. That's my way of thinking MCI is worthy of that philanthropy from us and others." Tim summed up his commitment to MCI stating, "I have a lot of really close friends that I see at least once a year that came out of MCI and Pittsfield. For me, part of it is recognizing that this is an institution that did really well by me, my siblings and our family. It's a place where if I were to put some effort in – either work or money – it would make a difference and feel really good. MCI fits that perfect sweet spot because it small enough to make a difference and also very personal."

Jenny concluded, "I really enjoy reading about MCI and we get to hear various anecdotes from Tim because of his work on the Board. I think you can tell what an influence it's had on the five of us and how much it's benefitted us in our educations. I appreciate seeing the School continue to grow and explore new directions. I think that the non-profit sector is more crucial now than ever. This is a time in the history of our country where people have to really double down on their commitment to the non-profit sector to uphold values and things we treasure."



## Class of 1941

**Edith Atwell Smith** wrote, "The latest issue of the *Alumnus* magazine was so interesting. I never knew how MCI was started. When I was enrolled at MCI, there was only the gymnasium, the two dormitories and the main building. My favorite teachers were Ruth Cook, my piano teacher and the English teacher. After graduating in 1941, **Pat Merrill Frech** and I entered nurses training in Rockland, then graduated at Central Maine General Hospital in Lewiston, Maine. In June 1945, I joined the Army Nurse Corps. I served in the Philippines, Luzon and Leyte. I met and married my husband, Capt. William S. Smith, in 1946. He retired from the Air Force in 1963. We moved to Leaky, TX in 1977."

Class Agent Needed

## Class of 1950

The first responses I received from my card brought sad news. I got a call from **Abel Lajoie's** sister who informed me that Abel had died. Then I had a call from a lady who had purchased **Gordon Richardson's** house after his death. I am sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but those of us who are still here know we are not programmed to last forever.

The next call I got was really upbeat. **Floyd Lovejoy** said he is in good health and had recently celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary with his wife Nita. He told me he had a successful career as an air traffic controller in Augusta and Bangor, was retired and enjoying life. He asked me if I had any news of **Ray White**, and said he has lost contact with him. Where are you, Ray?

I had a note via the USPO from **Dottie Graham Obar**. She had not responded to my last e-mail, and I was glad to hear from her. She also said she is busy with her sons and friends. She works with a group that makes and donates baby quilts.



Dick and Joyce Hunt Rowe '53, Matt Scott '53 and Bev Libby, the Allens, John '52 and Faye Ellingwood Shaw '53, Stirling and Kaye Doyle Mooers '53 and Bob and Dale Ray Seaburg '53 gathered in Brooksville, Florida.

Via FB I heard from **Barbara Morrell Neal**. She recently celebrated her 60th wedding anniversary. She said she now lives in NY, near her daughter and that she is enjoying life. She expressed regret that there had not been any recent class news, and I apologize for that.

Rudy and I had a couple of crazy years. We accepted an unexpected offer on our four bedroom house. We owned a condo, but it was rented and not available. We bought another that was just a shell. We had to buy everything to finish the inside. Getting rid of loads of stuff, packing and moving nearly killed us. We have now been in our new home for a year. It is a perfect fit for us, and we are glad to be here. I would love hear from any of you.

Virginia Coolbroth Landry  
Class Agent

## Class of 1952

I spoke with **Vi Foster Higgins**. There is not much new with her. She enjoys spending time with old friends.

**Kay Sedgwick Clark** has a family of five, 10 grandchildren, and 12 great grandchildren. She enjoys spending time with them and took a trip to Tennessee and to the coast of Maine this past summer.

**Maynard (Jake) Jacobs** moved from Tennessee to Alabama this past fall. He enjoys spending time with his granddaughter Eva Gray. He has other grandchildren spread across the country.

I talked with **Arlene Cookson**

**Miles**. She still lives in Burnham and has been the town treasurer for 63 years!

I received a nice letter from **Rodney Russell**. He enjoyed his years at MCI and was blessed to have so many fine dedicated teachers there. He's enjoyed studying Native American cultures for most of his life. He has a grandson that shares his love for history. This helped him become an Eagle Scout. His grandson is now in college studying pre-med and works in a hospital. His son Greg is a designer for a construction company, Bruce is a diesel mechanic, and his daughter Andrea is busy with her graphic design business. Rodney teaches Bible Study and wishes the best to all of his classmates.

**David McGaffin** said that **Phil Short '49** from Montgomery, Texas was a guest of his during Reunion Weekend. Phil's sister and her family were also in Pittsfield and got a grand tour of the town. Dave moved back to Pittsfield in 2000 and enjoys watching the MCI athletic teams.

**Nancy Billings** wrote that she lost her husband of 58 years last fall. She is lucky to have wonderful children and grandchildren close by, and is in good health. She worked on Martha's Vineyard when she was in college and married a man from there, and that is where she still lives. She said that she is in the book so if you ever want to visit, give her a call and she will pick you up at the boat.

**Bev Turner Breau** reports that she had as her guest classmate **Lynn**

**Blood Stavro** for Reunion. They attended most of the events and agreed that the new seating in Parks Gym and the wonderful fireworks were a highlight. Bev also is overjoyed to have her granddaughter **Erin Fitts '02** home from Singapore and now teaching history at MCI, and grandson **Curtis McLeod '16** is enjoying his first year at UMO. She thinks it would be nice for our classmates who are fairly local to get together for lunch sometime. If interested, please contact Bev.

**Bob Belanger** wrote that the hurricanes where he lives raised havoc with the trees in every neighborhood in the city and county. It took a lot of help from many sister states and the clean-up is continuing. **Buzz and Carolyn Belanger** came for a short visit after the storms. He introduced them to low country boil and they loved it. He also attended his granddaughter's wedding in August in Jamestown, NY.

I spoke on the phone with **Kenneth Pinkham**. He is living in NC with his son, and is doing well.

**Robert Knowles** is in Florida for the winter. They are building a new home down there. He is staying busy with his business in New Hampshire.

**Frank Edson Buker** emailed: "We took a cruise down and around South America and over to the Falkland Islands with a lot of stops along the way. From there, we sailed up to Buenos Aires, Argentina. We then flew up to Iquazu



Falls, which are the longest falls in the world. In June 2017 we plan to go to New York, Boston, and then Maine."

I spoke briefly with **Bruce Pinette**. He reports nothing new... life is going along like it has been the last few years. I also spoke with **Bill Hamlin**, who is still living in Florida.

I received a note from **Patricia Buxton Whitten**. She and **Dolnar** report that they are okay, except for some health issues.

As for me, I'm still keeping busy buying and selling used furniture and I work for the local school department as a crossing guard. My daughter **Lisa Allen '78's** daughter and husband are both teachers in North Carolina and have just finished building their new home. My daughter **Lori Glidden '80's** son Joshua '06 lives in Portland and works as a Physical Therapist and her son Benjamin '10 graduated from Syracuse University and now works for an advertising firm in New York City. Her youngest son Matthew is a sophomore at MCI and is active in music and athletics.

Al Wyman  
Class Agent

## Class of 1953

**William (Bill) Sullivan** wrote that he and his wife, Maggie, have moved to a condo in Kingston, NH in order to spend more time with their grandchildren. Bill continues to work for himself selling athletic team uniforms to schools. He is somewhat different as he only sells uniforms made in the U.S.A. He also continues to work because when he asked a lady friend what her husband was doing now that he was retired, she replied, "Whatever I tell him to do." (I think Bill may be working for quite a while longer).

**Matthew Scott** wrote that he was sorry he didn't make the 150 Reunion of MCI but that his thoughts were there because "MCI was my high school alma mater," and he



George "Dave" Fenderson '53 and his wife Margaret aboard the USS Cassin Young DD-793 at the Boston Navy Yard in August 2016.

would never forget his years there. He and his partner, Beverly Libby, spent last winter in Florida and visited frequently with **Kaye Mooers** and her partner, Stirling Thurston. They visited Busch Gardens often and enjoyed eating out. They continue to enjoy ballroom dancing and find Florida best for that activity as Maine has limited ballrooms. He was happy to run into **Cliff '55** and **Thelma Sennett Vining** this past summer. Last year's lecture tour took him to USM, Thomas College, UMPI, Maine Lakes Resource Center, MSBA annual meeting and to meetings in Florida. It has been a very busy summer in Belgrade, ME and he is looking forward to Florida this winter. He will vote absentee prior to leaving. As he works with science, he keeps his favorite MCI teacher in mind, Mr. Paul Legge.

**Faye Ellingwood Shaw** said she had nothing to report other than a great summer health-wise. She and **John '52** are now flying back and forth to Florida stating that it was seven hours door to door instead of three long days on the road. They added two more great grandbabies to their family and now have four.

**Thelma Sennett Vining** wrote that she and Cliff stayed close to home this summer and enjoyed the lake. They now fly to Florida and in just over three hours they

are in Fort Myers. Their son, Mike, drove them to Boston the first of October.

**George "Dave" Fenderson** sent along a photo of him and his wife, Margaret, being pipped aboard the USS Cassin Young DD-793 at Boston Navy Yard in August to attend an Officers Reunion. He had served as Chief Engineer for two years and the same on USS Cotton DD-669. He then went into the USNR for 21 years while employed in Texaco management. In the USNR, he was Commanding Officer of several reserve units; Group Commander of Naval Activities, Portland; Staff Readiness Command, Boston; senior Staff Readiness Command Engineering Naval Base, Newport RI. He retired as Captain.

**Cynthia Brown Johnson** wrote that it was a joy to read MCI friends' news. She and husband **Arthur '51** will celebrate their 62nd wedding anniversary. They were blessed with three wonderful children and their mates. They, in turn, blessed them with nine of the smartest, kindest grandchildren. In June they flew to Michigan to attend their only granddaughter's graduation from high school. They were kept busy as the church where their son is minister is always busy, kind and friendly. They are praying that all their MCI friends had a great year, also.

**Joyce Bane Holt** wrote that she is presently living with her son Kev and his wife Denise since her husband Burley passed away this past April. Her oldest granddaughter, Ashley and family, moved from Brunswick and lives next door. She sees her great grandchildren, Madalyn and Abbagail, almost daily. Britt lives in Pittsfield and has two boys, Demarcus and Kalonji. She enjoys her family and said her mother, Winnifred, at 94 is doing well and living with her brother, Brian.

**Priscilla Foss Rende** e-mailed that her oldest son Nate, walked his daughter, Briana, down a windy path on top of Cadillac Mt. at Acadia Nat'l Park on Sept. 17 to be married to her college sweetheart, Eric Milk. The ceremony was performed by his son Matthew, a J.P. They will live on Long Island, N.Y. Nate and his family have moved to South Portland and he teaches at Old Orchard H.S. Her son Sam, is living in Wichita, KS and is employed by the D and D Engineering Co., which supplies aircraft parts to aircraft plants around the world. He has risen to second in command in the company. Her youngest son, Nik, still employed by the Maine State Legislature as a programmer-analyst, is in his nineteenth year. Her baby turned 50 in May!

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** wrote that from what she has read, MCI had a great 150th Reunion. She had a great granddaughter, Kendal Joyce, born August 26. She and Dick had a good summer and will be in Florida for three months after December 27.

**Charlotte Hunt Call** wrote that their son, Kendell, had a heart attack on his 53rd birthday but is doing well and is back to work. Their grandson, Morgan, is working with his Dad but also attending KVVIT, studying Mechanical Engineering. Their grandson, Timothy, is finally using his plumbing and heating education on a tugboat in Boothbay. He loves it and learning several other duties on the tugboat. Their granddaughter, Kristen, en-



joys the restaurant line of work. As a Gram, she feels she will be moving up to a higher position. She and Maurice celebrated their 61st anniversary on November 22, 2016, which was a Tuesday and they were married on a Tuesday!

Your class agent, **Catherine Doyle Mooers**, had a very different year but a learning experience. Her partner, Stirling, had a heart attack while they were on vacation and ended up with a quadruple bypass in Portland in November. She was fortunate to have a niece, **Linda Shorey '69**, at her condo there and able to stay with her. They were able to go to Florida in January where she ended up with cancer surgery on her leg in March. She was finally healed in September. Between all that she did get her classmates together in Brooksville, FL for lunch (see photo, page 25).

She and Stirling enjoyed friends in Florida and then went to Myrtle Beach for two weeks. They went on to Carlisle, PA to attend the wedding of Kaye's grandson, Ryan Mooers and Bobbi Jo Nichols at Kings Gap State Park.

There were several other lunches out with classmates in Maine in Oakland including **Philip** and **Maria Coffin**, **Rev. Arthur '51** and **Cynthia Brown Johnson**, **Priscilla Foss Rende** and **Frank**, **Matt Scott** and **Bev**, **Stirling** and **Kaye Mooers**.

**Sarah Chipman** called and wanted to thank friends for their calls and cards while she has been ill but she said she is doing better and is at home now. She was in Sebec Hospital for a while. She was happy to have **Kaye Mooers** and **Stirling** visit with her at her home. Her mailing address is the same, but her physical address has changed.

**Leland Brown** called and he and Pat were not able to spend the summer in Nova Scotia as they usually do because of health issues. Leland's granddaughter, Molly Kathryn Palmer, graduated from Husson College in Bangor

and is now an RN at Eastern Maine Medical Center, Bangor. They are very proud of Molly.

**Philip Coffin** called. He is recovering from back surgery done in October and is attending therapy. He and Maria were excited to learn that their grandson, Kirk and wife, Caitlyn, are expecting a boy, their second child. The child will be the last one in the family who will carry on the Coffin name as all the other grandchildren are female.

The Class of 1953 sends condolences to the families of **Nadine Whitaker Cooper**; **Joyce Bane Holt** for the loss of her husband, **Burley**; **Helen Leckemby Miles**; **Joe Vashon** in the loss of his wife, **Donna**; **Norman Lasselle**, brother of **Judelle Lasselle Strange**; and author, **Donn Fendler '44**.

Although not many were able to attend the 150th Reunion from the Class of 1953, Kaye was impressed with the celebration and the most comfortable new seats in Parks Gym. The plans for the future are truly amazing and although large donations have been made towards those plans, please think about making a donation this year to the Annual Fund before June 30th and to the Founders Campaign. We all know the quality education offered at our Alma Mater and now we can all give back.

The most exciting news was that Kaye was again cancer free for the fourth time as of November 8. She thanks all her classmates, friends and family for the support and the prayers during the past two years.

Catherine Doyle Mooers  
Class Agent

### Class of 1956

**Keith McFarland** writes that he worked for General Electric / Lockheed Martin Aerospace for forty years in Spacecraft Ground Support Electrical Power Engineering. His wife Brenda is deceased. They have five children and eleven grandchildren. Now retired, he keeps busy as a volunteer for Meals

on Wheels of West Chester as Treasurer, Routing Chairperson and Meal Coordinator. He is Treasurer of Marshallton United Methodist Church Men's Mission, Financial Secretary of Marshallton United Church, and attends activities for his grandchildren.

**Kenneth Cray** is retired. He and his wife Mary Jane live on White's Pond in Palmyra. They have been married sixty years and have 7 children, 15 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and one great, great granddaughter. He is busy and enjoying his retirement.

**Gregory Libbey** writes, "My wife Nancy and I have lived in Hollis Center, ME since 1972. We raised 2 children, Jodi and Scott. We have 5 grandchildren - 2 boys and 3 girls. We were in the harness horse business as owner, trainer, driver for 35 years, racing mostly in New England and New York. Retired now, but we do try to work part time at Grants Farm in Saco. We try to visit Pittsfield three or four times a year to visit all our friends."

**Dale Hersey** writes, "Our Class Agent, **Forest Frost**, asked me to write a few words. I will, as Norval Lewis used to tell us, try to keep it under 1000 words! After graduating from the University of Maine, most of my work has been in sales, the major part of it in construction equipment throughout Maine. In 1997, my wife, **Raejean Brooks Hersey '66** and I bought an 1850s farm house in Palmyra with 40 acres. We raise vegetables, meat birds and have been producing maple syrup the past 4 years. Last year we produced 54 gallons of syrup and will probably double that this spring. Life is good, we are in very good health and it seems as though I am busier now than when I was working!"

**Judy Merrithew Paine** reports that she's been retired for ten years, and enjoying her retirement. She lost her husband, Travis Paine, four years ago. Together they owned Travis Paine's Clothing Store in

Boothbay Harbor, ME. She enjoys lunch out with many friends, and is in good health.

**Norman Nutter** called to tell me he enjoyed our 60th Class Reunion very much. It was great to see and spend time chatting with classmates and friends. On his way back to MA, he drove down to Camden Harbor, Pemaquid Point, and the Portland Head Lighthouse. He has two sons and three daughters. He spends a lot of time visiting them in Florida, New York and Maryland. He is well and enjoying life!

**Clivia Austin Sinclair** wrote to say she and Wayne enjoy their summers at camp. They got good news this summer from their grandson **Dustin Gray '03** and his wife Shannon. They are going to be great grandparents for the first time.

As for myself (**Forest Frost**) I'm still working at Frost's Mobil Service, which I own. This is my 59th year there and I still love my job. I've been blessed for having my two brothers who worked with me, **Roland '58** for 23 years and **Dino '55** for 26 years. They're both retired now and staying busy and enjoying times with family, gardening, and taking care of their homes and the farm. Presently I have a young man, **Peter Halferty '97** working with me. He's a great worker, smart and a lot of fun. That's all for now, folks!

Forest Frost  
Class Agent

### Class of 1960

We were sad to learn that **Richard Arthur Kidder** passed away on July 15, 2016. For 32 years he taught and held administrative positions in the Augusta, Maine school system. He was Director of the Capital Area Technical Center for 14 years and retired from the field of education in 1995. As a member of the United States Coast Guard Reserves for 22 years, he retired with the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was a talented



home builder and designed his own homes and built many others in the Augusta area. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth of 56 years and three children as well as grandchildren.

Also, it was sad to learn of the passing of **Sonia Mitchell Erskine**. Sonia was born on July 3, 1943 and passed away on November 9, 2016. She was a resident of Bangor, Maine at the time of her passing. She started her education in the one-room Garfield Schoolhouse in North Dixmont. Following graduation from MCI she attended EMGH School of Nursing. She was married to Robert.

Class Agents  
Marilyn Nash  
Rachel Fields Brenckman  
Joan Basford Bradley

### Class of 1961

Luwanna Krause, wife of **Louis Krause III**, wrote, "It is with great sadness that I write of Chris's passing on September 23, 2015. He so enjoyed coming to the reunions and 'catching up' with his classmates. I can't thank you all enough for all of the kindness you showed us when we came to town for the Reunion. I hope that everyone had a great time at Reunion 2016. Prayers for safe travels for all, for good times, lots of laughter and reminiscing." Chris's obituary can be found at <http://spicermullikin.com/louis-christian-krause-iii/>.

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### Class of 1962

**Dan Brooks** shared that he lives in Burnham and still works at his auctioneering business. He is doing well after having had five-way cardiac bypass surgery a few years ago. He has four grandchildren – one works for him, one is a student at Farmington, and the younger ones are now eight and nine years old. He has two children. His daughter, **Kim Shorey '86**, teaches at MCI and his son **Shane Brooks '88** works with him.



Jesse & Dawn Peterson Cox '68, Ellery '68 & Rose Ann Hathorn, Cheryl Foster Duplessis '68, Mary Ann Tilton '68, Sharon Ringuette '68, Ken Tozier '68, Gary '69 & Amy Fitts, Bonnie Jean Hanson Gulliver '69 and Roger & Colleen Peterson Seremet '71 gathered at the home of Dawn Peterson Cox '68 in Florida in March 2016.

Peggy Young, wife of our classmate **Robert Young**, wrote that Robert went to Heaven on February 28, 2016. Our condolences to Peggy and family.

**Bob Duplisea** writes that he and his wife Sally will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April. They have two sons, Robb and Matt, and three grandsons, Ethan (19), Owen (10) and Max (8). Bob is "sort of retired" but still runs RJD appraisal with his son Rob. Their company has ten employees who perform property tax assessing services for 47 communities. Each year, Bob and Sally spend seven months at Sibley Pond and five months in Venice, FL. His passions are snowmobiling (in Canada mostly), fishing in northern Maine, and doing any activity at the Pond. Bob writes that his mother, **Connie Frederick Duplisea** graduated from MCI in 1936, he graduated in 1962, his son Rob in 1986, his son Matt in 1992 and his grandson Ethan in 2015. That's four generations of proud MCI graduates!

**Lorraine Russell Jurado** and her husband Gil live in Littleton, NH. They raised one son. They are retired and now winter in Venice, FL. Lorraine likes to do crafts and she enjoys spending time with her grandchildren, Cooper (7) and Maya (4).

**Gary Fitzgerald** hopes to be at our 55th Reunion. After graduation from MCI, he went to the University of Maine and graduated in 1966. He went to work as a social worker but changed to teaching English for 18 years. He changed back to social work for 24 years in Laconia, NH. He retired in 2007, moving back to Bath, Maine, which is his home town. He writes, "Bath is a great little city, and I love my retirement here with my brothers, sisters and relatives. I plan to help people as much as I can and enjoy my retirement for as much time as I have left." He likes watching football and basketball games, rooting for New England teams, and attending football and basketball games of Morse High School in Bath.

**Judie Vacchina** writes, "Hi Classmates! I hope you are all well and that you are looking forward to seeing your old friends at our big 55th. Please come and bring your classmates – it's so much fun! It doesn't matter what we have or where we've been – our bonds go back to another time. My memories of each and every one of you are special. I hope we have a fantastic turnout." Judie still lives in Pleasanton, which is in the San Francisco Bay area, and has for most of the past 44 years. She's

happy to report that all is well in her life. She has three grown children and three grandchildren all living nearby. Her oldest granddaughter graduated last year from UC Berkley with a degree in integrative biology and is presently still at UCB working on a pre-med program. Her second granddaughter is also in college studying marine biology, and her grandson is in high school. She is still working, however not as much as she used to. Her husband retired from practicing law five years ago and wants more of her time. So she's working her way into retirement. Her food business and husband have taken her around the globe. She writes that she never imagined her life would be so full. She had just returned from France and Ireland.

She's spent the larger part of the last 25 years traveling for fun and business. She is involved in a number of food advice groups and an organization called Slow Foods, which was started in her husband's home town in Italy. In Europe, the food and drug laws are much stricter than the US. Judie writes, "we need to pay more attention to what the children in this country are eating- fats, additives, sugars, preservatives and junk." She's doing some volunteering presently and hopes to do a lot more next year. She has a home in Venice, Florida, where it's nice and warm in the winter and where there are a number of Pittsfield friends, along with two of her sisters. She loves the water, hiking, biking, golfing and anything that takes her outdoors. She writes, "Life is good, and we are blessed!"

**Michael Savage** writes that he plans to be at Reunion. He spends the summer on Sebago Lake in Maine and part of the winter on the Turks and Caicos Islands. His passions are boating, swimming and kayaking. He gets to Pittsfield about three times a year in his role as a trustee at MCI.

**Merlon Ouellette** lives in Pittsfield. His wife Cheryl passed away in November. They would have celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary next summer. He has



three children, six grandchildren and one great grandchild. His grandson Caleb is a freshman at MCI this year. Merlon works in his plumbing business with his son Peter. He takes pride in his garden and enjoys putting food by at harvest time. He puts on a community breakfast at his church each month, and he enjoys helping with the holiday turkey dinner for seniors from Pittsfield and surrounding towns every year.

**Madelyn Kenniston Given** writes that she hopes to make our Reunion, but there are two things that are pending at about that time: a mountaineering expedition in Nepal and Tibet and a project with AMC on speaking and guiding. She has been married for 47 years and has two granddaughters. She tragically and unexpectedly lost her son while he was in Japan. She had a career in education; however, now she is a published author: *Outstanding Feats By An Ordinary Woman* and has a website: [www.outstandingfeats.com](http://www.outstandingfeats.com). She currently writes weekly blogs which are edited and published on her site.

Since our 50th Reunion, she has hiked 500 miles on the El Camino from France across Spain over three mountain ranges and the Great Mesta. She traveled and hiked in the tropical islands in the South Pacific and New Zealand as well as in the southwest in Utah and Arizona. Last summer she spent a month hiking and traveling in Scandinavia and the Baltic countries of Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia. She hiked in Norway above the Arctic Circle and the Tyrolean and Norwegian Alps. She and her husband toured eight eastern European countries two years ago. Last August she climbed North Brother at Baxter State Park, completing all of the 4000 foot mountains in Maine (14 mountains). In September and October she climbed six of the 4000 foot mountains in NH, and has only a few left of the 70 highest in New England. Madelyn writes that they have a winter home in Fort Myers, Florida. She is involved

in community projects, teachers' organizations and is a Eucharistic minister at her church. She enjoys biking, swimming (a mile three to five times a week), hiking, walking with the dog, landscaping, kayaking daily (summer and fall) from their home in Maine, quilting, researching antiques, writing, reading, gardening and cooking. She and her husband enjoy participating in antique car shows. In June 2016, she hosted her college class for their 50th reunion, where it was an all-day affair with the president, dean of advancement, and most of her classmates in attendance. She writes, "The key is to stay healthy, keep active, be a positive thinker, make a difference in life and make it happen."

**Rev. Larry Reed** writes, "First the good news – Carolyn and I celebrated our 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 17. This was a double 50th, in that we marked 50 years of pastoral ministry receiving certificates from attending congresswomen. We began in MA, continuing in CT, NY, NJ and marking our 35th year in PA, traveling on mission trips to South America, Greece, etc. to work with churches, schools, orphanage projects. It's been a 'ride' and we wouldn't change a thing!

Second, in October 2014, I lost half my voice box suffering a "W" stroke and enjoyed my hospital stay (9 weeks). After months of therapy, I can say gratefully, 'It's good to be on planet earth.' My balance is off, but a cane steadies me. I must tell you, our church congregation said (with my dear wife), 'God has not given up on Rev. Reed, and neither have we!' It's been a hoot. Our daughter Joy and husband live in 'chocolate land' (Hershey, PA) with our 3 grandchildren, Austin (17), Brooke (6) and Isaiah (2). Daughter Melody and husband live in Wilkes-Barre, PA with their 'child' who has fur. We are still serving our church parish and police as Fire Chaplain, and volunteer at historical events in the community. Blessings on your all! Hopeful we can connect sometime at MCI. To paraphrase Oliver W. Holmes – 'It's

not the wind or the waves, but the set of our sails..."

And lastly, your Class Agent (**Jean Stackhouse Carnes**) and her husband moved back to New England to be closer to family and friends, after spending 10 years in sunny southern California. We've been married 52 years, have three children and nine grandchildren. We enjoy living in New Hampshire.

Jean Stackhouse Carnes  
Class Agent

### Class of 1964

**Barbara Vigue Day** writes, "I want to thank the following for showing up for the get-together for Rae Philbrick at Vittles: **Carolyn Dutil Belanger, Rita Flood Bubar, Carole Daily Vigue** (just back from Italy), **Jane Woodcock Woodruff, Donna Brooks Rolfe, Glenda McMann Weymouth** and **Rosemary Springer**. I hope everyone has a good fall and winter, and I'm looking forward to 2017 to see what surprises are in store! Best Wishes!"

Barbara Vigue Day  
Class Agent

### Class of 1965

**Larry Yeaton** wrote that he went to Lake City, FL to visit his son John and his wife Nicole and see his two granddaughters Jasmine and Iris. Iris was born on May 10. He is also involved with Agape Hospice in Aiken, SC doing volunteer work. A busy man, he is a greeter at Cedar Creek Church where he is a member, and has an encouragement ministry where he encourages people who are going through a difficult time. He wrote, "I am sorry that I could not make it this year to the MCI Reunion because of going to Florida for a visit. Look forward to hearing from my friends from the Class of 1965."

Larry Yeaton  
Class Agent

### Class of 1966

**Vicki Boetsch-Harriman** wrote:

"Hi everyone! Didn't we have fun at our 50th Reunion back in August? It was nice that the School celebrated 150 years as an educational institution here in Maine as well.

As your new Class Agent, with a little push and encouragement, I've taken on this role as **Linda Abbott Morgan** transitions out of it. She's done a great job, as did **Anna Parker** before her. I will be leaning on them until I get my feet under me. Thank you Linda and Anna for the work you have done!

Now, news about our class Reunion. I'm still 'rockin' and rollin' to the tunes of the 60s and 70s. Some of us sure did dance our hearts out! I still can't believe I missed the class picture being taken because I was last-minute hemming my pants up for the concert!

The concert was most enjoyable. **Anna Parker** and her Barber Shop Quartet, On Cue, all the way from Tucson, AZ, did some wonderful be-bop a cappella, and were they funny! Anna has done some incredible work with her music, both at a national and international level. We're all so proud that she was inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame in 2015!

**Rex Fowler**, of Aztec 2 Step fame, followed; He and Anna played together for us as well. He has been creative with his latest works – we heard some of his Elvis Presley tunes! I had the pleasure of seeing his video production of *200 Cadillacs* when in Tucson with Anna in April.

On a sobering note, **Greg Martin** has been in contact that **Jimmy Homstead** passed away in February. Also, a mistake was made in our Reunion photos, as **Darald Mitchell** is alive and well – it was his brother, **Donald Mitchell**, who passed away in 1996. Thanks, Greg, for bringing this to our attention. Apologies go out to the Mitchell family for that mistake. Greg also told me that **Francis Nash** is in Phoenix, AZ.

**Prescott Arnold** has been in con-



tact and was very pleased to receive an honorary diploma from MCI. He sounded good, but still struggles with his cancer diagnosis.

I recently completed and presented a research paper on "Colonial Medicine on Horseback," that is permanently on file at the Union Historical Society. I've been enjoying some great fall trail riding with my 10 year old Morgan horse, Kennebec Sportster. We're currently doing major renovations to our home to make it more comfortable as we move into this older adulthood and the health challenges that go with it.

**Kathy Sweet Waugh's** (with Charles) latest book, *The Giant Book of Classic Cat Tales*, has been a hoot to read. Keep them coming! We loved it!

Our good friend, **Dalen Mills** was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Congratulations, Dalen! And good luck to you and Liz as she continues her journey with cancer. Your classmates are with you both in spirit.

Please write to me: comespri@tidewater.net. I'm looking forward to hearing from you all!"

Vicki-Boetsch Harriman  
Class Agent

## Class of 1968

The Class of 1968 has done well over the years keeping in touch and getting together. In August of 2015 **Harold Mosher** joined **Dawn Peterson Cox**, **Mary Ann Tilton** and I for the MCI Lunch Banquet. On Sunday, a small group (Dawn and Jesse, **Ellery Hathorn** and Rose Ann, **Steve** and **Dora Barrett Miles**, **Mary Ann**, **Kathy Starbird Warburg** and Paul and Sharon) met at Kathy and Paul's camp on Unity Pond for brunch. We went across the lake on **Ellery Hathorn's** party barge and stopped in front of **Lolly Susi's** camp. There we paused for a few minutes and remembered our beloved Lolly with stories, poetry, music and rose petals. She will always be missed. In March 2016, Dawn extended an in-

itation to all MCI alumni near her home in Winter Haven, Florida, to come to a gathering at her home. Attending were Dawn and Jesse, Ellery and Rose Ann, **Cheryl Foster Duplessis**, **Mary Ann**, **Sharon**, **Ken Tozier**, **Gary Fitts '69** and **Amy, Bonnie Jean Hanson Gulliver '69** and **Roger and Colleen Peterson Seremet '71**. Also in attendance were Dawn's younger sister, Coral and her parents. In spite of thunder storms and rain, we had a wonderful time in Dawn and Jesse's beautiful home.

At the 150th Reunion Celebration, a few classmates attended the events on campus including the spectacular fireworks display. On Sunday we went to Kathy's for what seems to be a new tradition, Sunday brunch. In attendance were Kathy and Paul, Ellery and Rose Ann, Dawn and Jesse, Steve and Dora, Sharon, **Jean Hammond Watts** and Harley, **Darlene Kvingedal** and from the other side of the country, **David McGibney**. Our hope is to continue to expand our numbers as we draw closer to our big 50th MCI Reunion Celebration!!! Now with Facebook we are connecting with more people. Please add any other classmates you are connected with to the page and let's work to get as many as we can together in 2 years. Until then, be well and stay in touch.

Sharon Hanson Ringuette  
Class Agent

## Class of 1969

**Shelley Martin Drillen** writes, "Laughn and I have been enjoying the last eight years of retirement by splitting each year between our home in Brewer, ME and Tierra Verde, FL. We took up golf as our main form of exercise since retirement. A good 9- or 18-hole walk each day has been wonderful physically and socially. Laughn spends so much time fishing in the flats around Fort DeSoto Campground, where we spend December through March each year, that he is satisfied to golf with me when in Brewer. We both have elder moms that we spend as much time with as possible and feel very blessed with every day we have

them in our lives. I love dabbling with my Mary Kay business since retirement that has kept me very busy and connected to a wonderful family of women. Again, so lucky to have my life turn out as it has so far. Hope you are feeling as fortunate!"

James Maynard  
Class Agent

## Class of 1970

From **Wendy Murdock Esposito** "During the last 12 months, my husband and I have been celebrating 30 years in the pottery business here in Unity, Maine. I have been very busy running our business, Unity Pond Pottery, and making my own line of pottery pieces. We had a great vacation on the beach in Florida. The summer months get us out on the lake tubing with the grand kids and hanging out with friends. Life is good here in Unity."

From **Rich Power**, "All clear in northern Wisconsin. We had our hundred year rains in July and our lakes are now full! My daughter Lindsey is getting married in December and her dad is excited! My wife Cindy and I will be spending this winter in Pass Christian, MS. My best to y'all!"

From **Amos Davis** "I am on the threshold of retirement at the age of 65, about to turn 66 on February 26. I have two sons, Amos Prosser Davis, age 34, an attorney with the Coca Cola Corporation, and Benjamin Lashar Davis, age 32, a song writer - musician in Nashville TN. Now that they are grown and leading productive lives, I am at long last spending a great deal of time pursuing my own interests, e.g., fresh and salt water fishing, long distance swimming, hiking, reading and relaxing, although I still spend a small percentage of my time working at my law office in Baton Rouge. I hope this letter finds you, the entire MCI community and my fellow alums in good stead. My memories of MCI are very positive. I credit MCI with enriching my life and making my legal career successful. I truly hope to attend the next Class of 1970 Re-

union. Best wishes to all."

From **Bill Cunningham**, "My wife Karen and I keep active in our retirement. She is taking courses on quilting and I'm taking courses on cooking wild game since my freezer is full of moose, deer, goose, turkey, duck meat from several successful hunting trips. I continue to enjoy going on weekly hikes, paddling and skiing outings in eastern Maine with the Downeast Outing Club, a group of very fit and active seniors. I'm currently training for two long distance remote hut to hut cross country skiing trips with the Penobscot Valley Ski Club this winter to the Gaspé National Park in Quebec and to the Maine Huts and Trails network near Flagstaff Lake. I will continue to represent our class at the local monthly dinner meetings of the MCI Alumni Association expertly led by President **Milton Webber '71**."

**Martha Lloyd** and her husband Jim Evans continue in their retirement to enjoy exploring new places. They bought a small travel trailer and midsize truck in 2015 and this year took their first snowbird trip to the Southwest. They saw Death Valley in its super bloom, went to several national and state parks, and to Seattle Mariners spring training for the first time. This spring and fall they enjoyed going to new places in Eastern Washington and Oregon. While back East this past summer they went to Toronto for the first time and spent two days exploring that enjoyable city. They also got to go to the most Eastern spot in the USA, West Quoddy Head, and stayed overnight in Eastport. And, of course, they enjoyed catching up with friends and family at the MCI Reunion. They took Martha's 91 year-old mother to the BBQ lunch, and she had a blast!

**Robert Peavey** is still working with Securitas Security Services and is currently working at Maine Revenue Services in Augusta. There's a lot of traveling and he works nights from 11 PM to 7 AM, so his time off is quite chopped up. He spent a lot more time with yard work this past year than he cared to, and visits friends when he can and spends time helping his



mother who turned 84 his past August.

**Roy Milke** writes that he has retired from flying the friendly skies. He is now working with future pilots in the flight simulator. Two of his sons are involved with submarines. The oldest is now on active duty and the younger is in the pipeline.

From **David England**: "Susan [Smith England '73] and I are enjoying life here in Rhode Island. Susan is still teaching 1st grade at a local elementary school and I am still running my plumbing company. Last summer Wendy and Espo came for a weekend visit and we took them on a day trip out to Block Island. We attended the 150th Reunion Weekend, which was a lot of fun and well attended. We saw people we had not seen since graduation. We hope to hear from more of you in the future."

Class Agents  
Bill Cunningham  
Martha Lloyd  
David England

### Class of 1973

**Dick Davis** writes, "Hello classmates. I hope everyone is well. I live in East Wilton with my wife Shelly. We get to spend time in the summer at our old family camp in Plymouth. I just finished my 15th year as town manager of Farmington and am looking forward to a few more before retirement. I hope to see some of you at our 45th Reunion in 2018!"

**Steve Barden** writes, "I have worked for the County of Durham in the IT department for almost 20 years now. I manage the software developers. Carol and I created a bed and breakfast back in 2000. We take guests part time now. Around 2004 Mom and Dad moved here from Maine and they bought the house next door to us. They really loved the weather and truly had some really nice years there. Currently Dad lives with us. He moved in a couple of years ago and is doing pretty well, all things considered. We have around five



Cheryl Pareson Austin '82 and her mother Avis Pareson '60 in Parks Gymnasium during Reunion Weekend 2016.

acres of land here that he can ride around on his scooter as walking is difficult. He has a nice dog named Daisy and they are inseparable. Mom is in an assisted living family home here in Durham. She has had dementia for several years. I take her for a car ride every Saturday morning which she seems to like."

David and I are well. We still enjoy our work, however the word "retirement" seems to be coming up more and more in our conversations. Who knows what the year will bring. Our class has a 45 anniversary year coming up. Mark your calendar for the first weekend in August 2018!

Susan Smith England  
Class Agent

### Class of 1975

Congratulations **Mike Susi** for being inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame in October. Mike was a three-year letter winner in basketball and football and was on MCI's 1974 state championship football team.

Ralph Ingraham  
Class Agent

### Class of 1976

**Don Hallenbeck** writes, "Hi Guys – Time to reminisce about summer! I went to the Pittsfield Egg Festival for a while this year – long enough

to walk around and see what there was to see and get some of the great food. I did miss working at the fest, but not enough to have the back ache this usually leaves me with after bending over the master beano board all day! As for Reunion, it was good to see **John Hikel** and his sister **Duska Hikel '74** again during the event. Later, I walked up to **Janet Nichols Quint's** place on Somerset Ave. (Here I must interrupt myself to say that shortly after Reunion, John's mother passed away. Some of us knew her both at Warsaw and MCI as a teacher. I also knew her as a friend whom I could joke with after leaving MCI and see her and John's dad once in a while here at the library. I'm sorry for your loss, John and Duska). I also saw **Christy Mayhew, Kathy Brooks Rock, Debbie Leighton Neal** and a couple others. For those of you that were on the Football team back in "the day," MCI Football is unbeaten and untied headed into the last game of the regular season, so it looks like there will be another new football banner to hand in the gym! The old seats in Parks Gym are gone and have been replaced with stadium-type seats that are much more comfortable. I'll sign off by wishing you all Happy Holidays!"

Don Hallenbeck  
Class Agent

### Class of 1977

Congratulations **Pam Newhouse Dufour** for being inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame. Pam was a field hockey and track team member at MCI, earning the Faculty Cup of the school's top female athlete as a senior.

Class Agent Needed

### Class of 1982

**Crystal Engelhardt Witham** lives in North Dakota with her husband, **Eric '79**. They celebrated their 34th anniversary in October. They are, with their two Australian dogs, making their way in the Wild West. They have lived there for two and a half years. Their two children, **Eric Witham, Jr. '03** and **Amanda Witham Collamore '02**, live in Pittsfield with their families. Crystal is a cost accountant for an engineering firm in Augusta, ME and is able to work remotely.

**Rod Morrison** and his wife, Dawn, live in a small town like Pittsfield in NY State and he has started his own business. They have three great boys ages 21, 17, and 15. Rod says that they live in a nice place but too many NY Yankees fans and he misses the big front porch that his parents had on George Street. Plus, there is not a **Billy Bradshaw** that shows up with good stories from time to time. Their trips to Pittsfield ended a couple of years ago when Rod's parents passed away, but he hopes to return this summer for Reunion.

**Kathy Audie Sinclair** writes that she finally decided to go to college in her 40's after her divorce. She is now proud to say she is an RN. She lives in Southern Maine and works at Maine Medical Center in Portland on the Cardiothoracic Unit. She takes care of post-op open heart patients along with LVAD's and other interesting patients with heart and lung issues. She loves her job and it is her true calling. She is recently engaged to a wonderful man and looking forward to many years with him. Her son, Matt, graduated from MCI in 2008. He was in the USMC as a Crew Chief for the CH-53E Helicop-

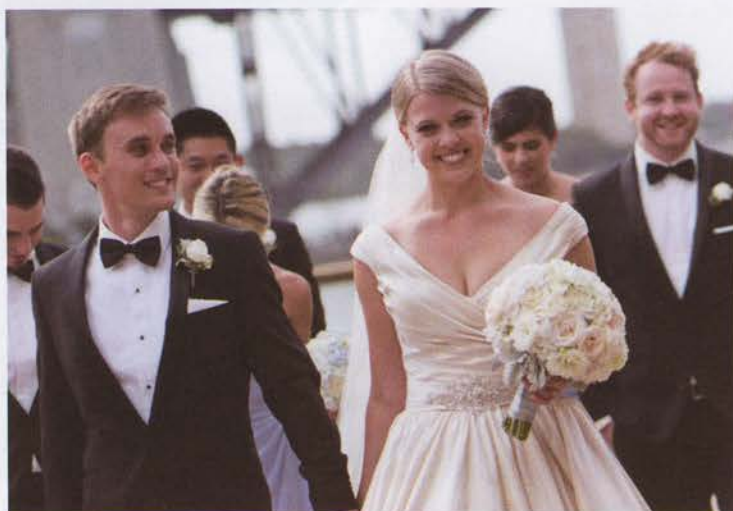


ters. He was stationed in Miramar, CA deployed to Afghanistan and traveled the world. He is currently going to school on the GI bill, living out west. Her daughter, Ali, graduated from MCI in 2012. She graduated from USM in May and is currently on an 11 month mission trip to 11 countries. She is serving one country per month, India, Nepal, Vietnam, Cambodia, Botswana, South Africa, Swaziland, Argentina, Chili, Bolivia, and Peru. Kathy is very excited for her and will be visiting her in Swaziland this spring!

As for me, I live in Wells, ME with my two children: Courtland, 18, is a senior and Macy, 15, is a sophomore. Both attend Wells High school. I own and manage my own business: Ledge Lane Beach Rentals. The highlight of this fall has been watching both Wells High School (my son plays) and MCI during the football season and then go on to win their Class High School State Football Championships! It was beyond amazing in Portland after Wells won their game and then seeing MCI fans come in and take our places in the same bleachers immediately after our game. I just knew MCI was going to win too!

During the third quarter, my best friend, **Nancy Bertrand Shorey** sat with my mother, **Avis Ames Paresson '40**, and me. After the game, I saw **Nancie Breau McLeod** and told her they were on the winning side. I also couldn't leave without looking for **Paul Bertrand '59** and giving him a big thumbs up! Wells won 44-0 and everyone reading this knows what MCI did! Now it is on to ski season! Think snow! I love seeing so many of you at Sugarloaf! I now also travel to Utah a few times during the winter to spend time with my sister, **Kim Paresson Brown '87**, and her family. We ski Park City, Alta, Snowbird, and Deer Valley to name a few. I look forward to our 35th Reunion this summer and seeing many of you soon!

Cheryl Paresson Austin  
Class Agent



Natalie Kirkham Spencer '09 and her husband Daniel on their wedding day, January 2, 2016 in Australia.

### Class of 1987

**Barbara Pomeroy** writes, "My year started off great, with a Caribbean cruise to the Panama Canal over my birthday in February, but then some medical issues cropped up, followed by surgery on my cervical spine in June from which I'm still in the recovery process. I have an any-deer permit for hunting season and hope to get out at least once. I'm looking forward to getting a new car come spring and being able to do some driving again next year."

**Jason Fenderson** writes, "I recently bought a ranch in Gardnerville, NV with my girlfriend Elizabeth. Just outside Lake Tahoe. It is one of the prettiest places I have lived. We have deer, bobcats and lots of other wildlife running around the property. I still work for Diamond Resorts on a national level and travel fairly frequently. I'm still very passionate about music and these days, scuba diving. I have maintained close contact with a large number of the members of the Class of '87 and I'm looking forward to our 30th!"

**Kathy Ross Beverage** writes, "My daughter Carrie is framing manager at Michael's in Port Charlotte, Florida, my son Robbie is a corrections officer at the Charlotte County prison. My grandson Carter will be turning 4 in December. I can't

imagine life without him around. Rob is still teaching math and I have my business shop.com/beverage helping people earn cash back while building an annuity. Love my life!"

**Charlotte Reynolds** writes, "This past August marked two decades of life in Jackson Hole. Over the past year I started a new job, Communications Officer for our local public school district, bought a house, sold a house and am currently reconnecting with my childhood in ways I never quite imagined. Together with my wonderful husband, I am raising a smart and talented daughter. Life is busy, but wonderful here in the Rocky Mountain west."

**Kelly Chase Huff** writes, "My daughter Kylie graduated from Rutgers School of Law in May and recently passed the New York Bar exam. Now I have a lawyer in Maine and New York! I am currently working at Golden Pond Wealth Management in Waterville."

**David O'Brien** writes, "Everything is great with me. I'm married 20 plus years to my wonderful wife Cindy and my two girls Shelby and Delaney are now both in high school. Shelby is into musical theater and is looking at colleges on the east coast and New England. Delaney is into volleyball, which seems to be a year-round sport in

today's world. I'm looking forward to our 30th Reunion, and hoping all our classmates will do their best to make it back. I'm still in the Tampa area, but with the growth of my business, I seem to be traveling more and more. As always, if any of you are ever in the Tampa or even Orlando area, let me know. It's always great to see classmates and catch up."

David O'Brien  
Class Agent

### Class of 1988

**Kendra West Turo** writes, "My husband John and I live in RI and have 14 year old triplets. They are freshmen in high school and keep us running! I am still teaching second grade in Connecticut."

Class Agents  
CJ Mitchell  
Loren Lavalie Martin

### Class of 1989

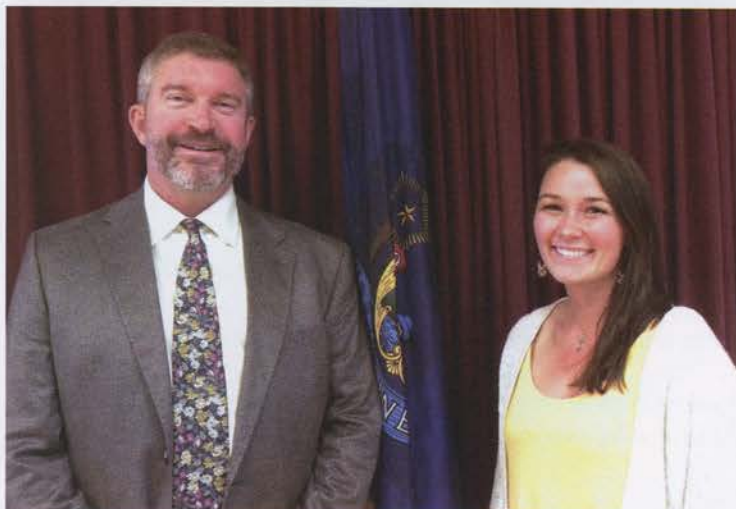
**Jeff Comissiong** is an Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Line at Old Dominion University. The Monarchs earned a berth to play in the Bahamas Bowl against Eastern Michigan Dec. 23. Jeff and his wife **Alison Cropley Comissiong '95** have two children and live in Virginia.

Nancy MacGown Monteyro  
Class Agent

### Class of 2009

**Natalie Kirkham Spencer** wrote that after graduating from MCI as a Bossov Ballet Theatre student, she went on to study nursing at Simmons College in Boston, graduating in 2013 with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing. She worked as a registered nurse at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston before moving to Sydney, Australia. She is currently living in Sydney and working as a Registered Nurse in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. She was married in Australia on January 2, 2016. In May of 2016 she travelled to St. Petersburg Russia, where she was able to reconnect





Allison Sinclair '12 with Headmaster Chris Hopkins after Ali's Patterson Lecture Series talk in Parks Gymnasium.

with Andrei Bossov, the former artistic director of Bossov Ballet Theatre. She said it was great to be able to see Andrei again!

Brandon Wilson  
Class Agent

### Class of 2012

**Allison Sinclair** will spend 11 months teaching English and working with sex trafficking victims in The World Race. Allison is embarking on a whirlwind trip beginning this fall that will take her to 11 nations in 11 months. "I'm absolutely excited," Allison said. "I'm just excited to go live life. I feel like I'm going to be a lot more free in life to be myself and live and grow with other people and learn about the world and God and where He's taking me on this journey and all the people I'm going to be able to meet and to learn from." (By: Doug Harlow, *Morning Sentinel* Staff Writer).

Ali spoke at MCI on September 26 as a Patterson Lecture Series speaker. Her talk corresponded with the 2016-17 School theme of *Philanthropy*.

Michaela George  
Class Agent

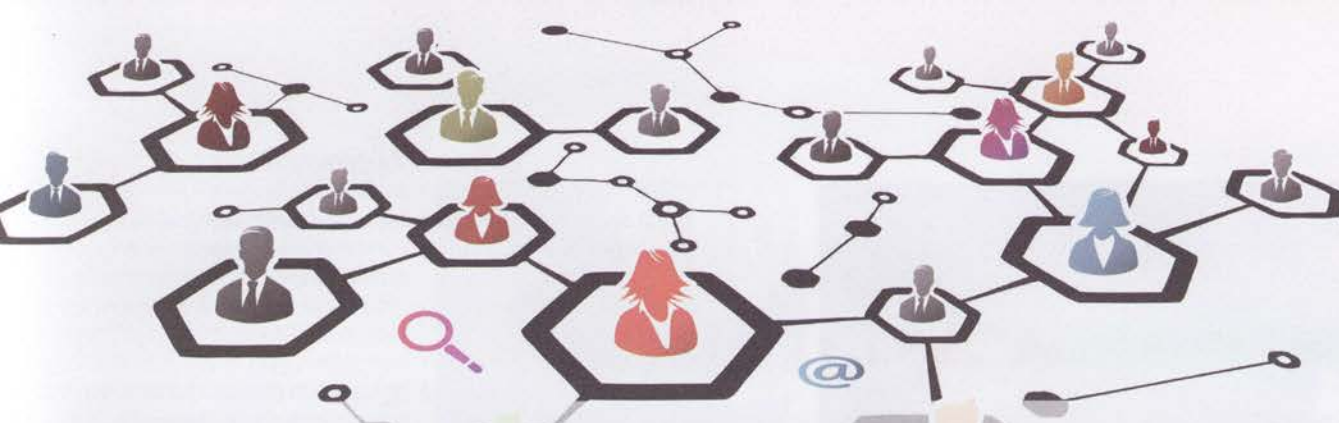
## *In Memoriam*

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Halver Badger '37  
James Merrill '40  
Pauline Lawrence Bailey '42  
Jean Libby Johnstone '43  
Donn Fendler '44  
Beatrice Wright Smith '44  
Jeannette Webb Fitts '46  
Raymond Penfold '46  
Ardis Hill Bowman '47  
Martha Buker Reny '48  
Wanda Green Dahlgren '50  
Abel Lajoie '50  
Thomas Monaghan '50  
Gordon Richardson '50  
Armour Brown '52  
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Robert Simpson '52  
Helen Leckemby Miles '53  
Pauline Hoskins Philbrick '53  
Robert Emerson '54  
Robert McDonough '54  
Beatrice McLaggan Soucy '54  
Edwin Young '56  
Carlton Spencer '58  
Raymond Quist '59  
Sonia Mitchell Erskine '60  
Richard Kidder '60  
Henry Hinman '62  
Robert Niles '62  
Paul Hughes '65  
Stanley O'Connor '66  
Harold Dodge '81  
Andrew Simmons '85  
John Barron '86  
Matthew Berry '90  
Shawn Brangman '00  
Stephen Boutelle  
Henry Carron  
Steve Emery  
Carol Gipson  
Edward Perkins

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1947	Alice Wright Fitts	1982	Cheryl Pareson Austin
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1950	Virginia Coolbroth Landry	1985	Karen Rollins Fraser
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1963	Janet Viger Bryant	1996	Heather Gray Csontos
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1963	Wayne Pinkham	1998	Jason Cummings
1964	Barbara Vigue Day	1999	Natalia Mayhew Hall
1965	Lawrence Yeaton	2000	Hillary Stevens
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1970	David England	2006	Andrew Moody
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1975	Ralph Ingraham	2012	Michaela George
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Elisabeth Parker '19 performs the Chinese tea variation in the Land of the Sweets from Bossov Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*.





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