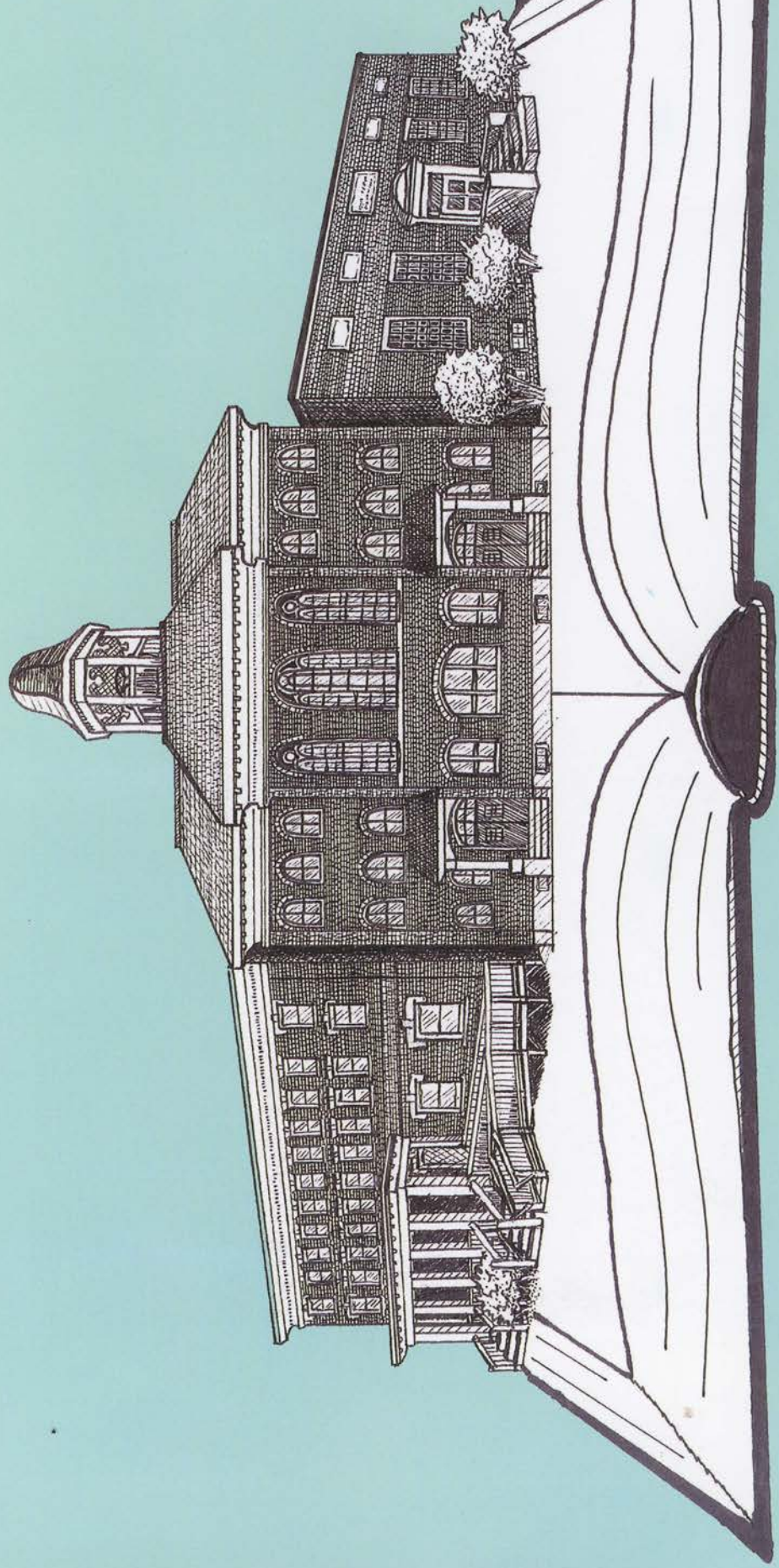


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Pictured Above: Dressed in period clothing, MCI Drama students pose in front of Founders Hall before performing at the *Reflections of the Civil War* event on May 3 in Pittsfield. The event was the culmination of a year-long project, *Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War*.

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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

In the last edition of the *Alumnus* I focused in my letter on the athletic program and the efforts we've been making on campus to enhance the sense of a "winning attitude," where our athletes, coaches, parents and fans are working as one towards a common goal: hard work and good preparation; exemplary sportsmanship and class on and off of the field; the development of lifelong skills and attributes such as teamwork, leadership, loyalty and pride. I'm pleased now to say that the year held some of the greatest victories—not just on the scoreboard—that MCI has seen in many years.

But that is not all. The hard work of the senior class combined with the outstanding post-secondary advising they received from the School's counselors resulted in the best college acceptance results in recent memory. Like many heads of school, I am going to contradict myself in these upcoming statements. The yearly publication by the U.S. News and World Report which ranks colleges and universities through the collection of data is roundly condemned by secondary schools (post-secondary institutions also publically criticize the rankings yet are aware of the impact they have and work hard to generate the data results which will best serve them when the rankings are published). The magazine has also sought to rank independent schools like MCI but we have joined the vast majority of the private school world in refusing to participate.

And now the contradiction...

Like it or not, schools are judged by their ability to "get students into" most- and highly-competitive colleges and universities. This year's class fared very well in this regard and this is cause for pride and celebration. However, the truth is that Maine Central Institute is seeking to guide students towards the right fit, a post-secondary placement that fits their academic, athletic, artistic, geographic and social needs. For some this might be an Ivy League school; for others, a small liberal arts school; for others, a trade school, community college or the military. We, and the students, work to find an experience beyond MCI which will last (more students in the U.S. transfer after a semester or a year than ever before) and which will best prepare them for service and leadership in the workplace, their communities and homes.

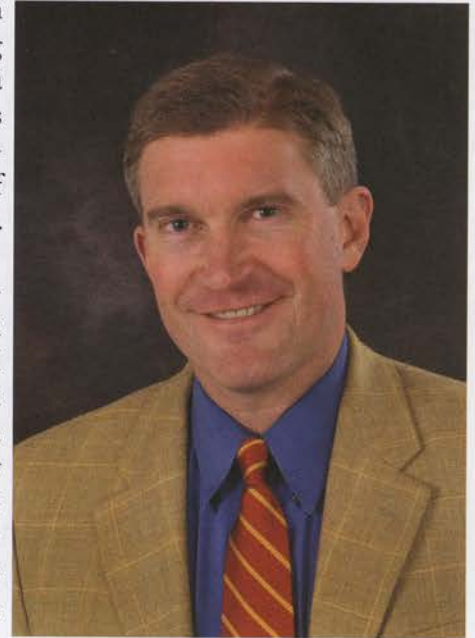
Simply put, it has been yet another outstanding year at Maine Central Institute!

So, as I've said before, whether you are an alum, a parent or a friend of the School, you should be proud of MCI. Our first-ever Day of Giving on April 28, the day of the Manson Essay finalists' presentations, certainly indicated that this pride exists and is growing. The response was overwhelming and I thank you if you participated. If you didn't, look forward to next year's event as we look to increase Annual Fund participation even further. Your support of MCI in all ways is crucial to our continued growth and excellence.

And speaking of next year, February 1, 2016 is a special date in the school's history. If you're stumped, read on as you enjoy this edition of the *Alumnus* to find out about an important milestone in this great old school's history! 🐾

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the School Theme for the 2015-16 session will be *Character*. As has become tradition, there will be more on this in the upcoming fall/winter magazine.

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Hopkins



SCHOOL NEWS



Felicity Audet '15



Lanie Howes '15



Cassie Miller '15



Tom Wang '17, Jacob Burbine '16, MCI Art Teacher Ryan Walker, and Hubert Cai '15 in Advanced Art class, one of MCI's dual enrollment offerings.

Audet, Howes and Miller are Valedictorian and Co-Salutatorians for 2015

Felicity Audet, the valedictorian for the Class of 2015, has been a member of Bossov Ballet Theatre for four years. As part of BBT, she has danced several principal roles and also teaches the beginners' ballet class. Audet was a member of the Science Outing Club, Diversity Club, Drama Club and serves as the secretary for the Class of 2015. She received the American Society of Women Engineers Award, the AP Scholar Award and placed second in the esteemed Manson Essay Competition. In her junior year, Audet founded "Attitude! Art Taking a Position," a student group that uses their art to serve and support the community. Audet is the daughter of Elizabeth and Denis Audet of Pittsfield.

Co-Salutatorian Lanie Howes has been a member of the Key Club, Kindness Krew, Student Leadership Committee, Science Outing Club and National Honor Society. She has also participated in Bossov Ballet Theatre as well as 4-H and Hardy Girls, Healthy Women. In addition, Howes has been a passionate supporter of the Make-A-Wish Foundation, raising thousands of dollars to grant wishes. As a result Howes won the New England Youth in Philanthropy Award her junior year. She is the daughter of Beth and Michael Howes of Athens.

Cassandra Miller tied Lanie Howes for second place (Co-Salutatorian) ranking. She has been a member of the field hockey, basketball, outdoor track and softball teams, serving as captain of field hockey both her junior and senior years. In addition, Miller is a four-year member of the band/pep band, Student Council and Key Club, where she served as secretary her junior and senior years. She is also a member of the National Honor Society, Captains Club, Kindness Krew, and Student

Leadership Committee. Miller is the daughter of Anne and Edward Miller of Pittsfield.

Other students in the top ten are Katie Hughes, Eliana Bergdoll, Abigail Bergdoll, Desai Chu, Alexis LaMarre, Jamin Gerry and Kate-Lynn George.

MCI Enhances Dual Enrollment College Program

MCI continues to grow the dual enrollment college program with area colleges. In addition to current offerings in Anatomy & Physiology and Advanced Art, new courses have been added for the 2015-2016 school year. We have partnered with the University of Maine at Fort Kent to offer dual enrollment courses in Sociology, Psychology, and Introduction to Communications. Students will be able to attain both high school and college credit for these courses. This program will allow students to save thousands of dollars in tuition fees for college as well as allow students to demonstrate their abilities to succeed at college level work while in high school.

MCI's First-Ever Destination Imagination Team Wins State Competition

In March MCI's first-ever Destination Imagination team (Harmony Austin '16, Errol Kurtz '15, Abi DeSchiffart '16, Hannah Holtsclaw '16 and Lexi LaMarre '15) competed at the state level where they earned the first place ranking. As a team, they impressed the judges and audience with their seamless performance and received high praise for their ability to work as a team. This qualified them, the only high school improvisational team in Maine, to advance to the Global Finals in May.

Destination Imagination is an organization that focuses on creative problem solving with an emphasis on theatrical performance, which promotes teamwork, leadership and organizational skills. MCI's team competed in the 100% im-

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The Destination Imagination team with their advisor, MCI Math Teacher Sarah McKeown

provisational challenge where teams are given one minute to incorporate four random elements (a style, setting, situation and a street art) into a cohesive skit. For more information about Destination Imagination, please visit www.destinationimagination.org.

Dr. Arielle Costello '06 Final Patterson Lecture Series Speaker of the Year

Dr. Arielle Costello returned to MCI as the final Patterson Lecture Series speaker for the 2014-15 school year on April 27. Dr. Costello's talk corresponded with this year's school theme of *Creativity*.

After graduating from MCI in 2006, Dr. Costello attended Wheaton College in southern Massachusetts, earning a Bachelor of Science in biology. She went on to receive her Doctorate of Optometry at the New England College of Optometry in Boston where she graduated as a member of the Beta Sigma Kappa International Optometric Honor Society. Her clinical externship experience includes Pascarella Eye Care and Contact Lenses in Pennsylvania, Lahey Clinic, East Boston Neighborhood Health Center and the Veterans Administration Hospital in Massachusetts. Dr. Costello returned to Maine to practice full scope optometry including the management of ocular disease and specialty contact lenses. Dr. Costello currently works at Poulin & Associates Eye Care in Waterville and Newport Eye Care in Newport and Pittsfield. She is a member of the American Optometric Association and the Maine Optometric Association.

MCI Students, Faculty and Alumni Hold "Local and Legendary" Event

MCI students, faculty and alumni participated in the *Reflections of the Civil War* event on May 3 at the First Universalist Church in Pittsfield.

The program featured a variety of pieces about Pittsfield's and central Maine's contributions to the war including a performance by MCI's a cappella group *Chameleon*, banjo music by MCI history teacher Steve Peterson, a song written by Leon Southard '64, and a one-act play by students from MCI's Drama Team. The event was the culmination of a year-long collaborative project, *Local & Legendary: Maine in the Civil War*. The Local & Legendary project was funded by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (awarded by the Maine Historical Society and the Maine Humanities Council). For more information about the project, please visit the online exhibition, "Civil War Soldiers Impact Pittsfield," at the Maine Memory Network: www.mainememory.net.

Allison Hughes '18 Selected for Science and Technology Conference

MCI freshman Allison Hughes was nominated to attend the 2015 Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders in Boston, MA. The Congress, which takes place in June, is "an honors-only program for high school students who are passionate about science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM). The purpose of this event is to honor, inspire, motivate and direct the top students in the country who aspire to be scientists and technologists, to stay true to their dream and, after the event, to provide a path, plan and resources to help them reach their goal." During the three-day Congress, Hughes will join students from across the country and hear Nobel Laureates and National Medal of Science Winners talk about leading scientific research; be given advice from deans of the world's top tech universities; be inspired by fellow teen science prodigies; and learn about cutting-edge advances and the future of science and technology. For more information visit www.scitechleaders.com.



Dr. Arielle Costello '06



MCI Teacher Steve Peterson at the Local and Legendary event*



Allison Hughes '18

SCHOOL NEWS

Excerpt from "The Husky Howl" Newsletter

Model UN

The Model UN group traveled to the University of Southern Maine in May to participate in the Maine Model UN Conference. The students joined 500 other students from across the state and spent the time debating, writing speeches, and working together to pass appropriate resolutions. MCI's group represented Mexico and Namibia on a range of committees. The MCI students represented the school very well. Desai Chu and Jesse Langford were awarded distinguished delegate awards based on their outstanding effort in their committees. Abigail DeSchiffart was awarded the diplomacy award, which is the highest award given to any Model UN student.

Coding Club

Coding Club members finished the school year by attending the MLTI Student Conference at UMaine where

they attended workshops about coding on the iPad, digital storytelling and 3D printing. In May, the club explored Makey-Makey, Arduino, and Raspberry Pi devices and made their own input controllers out of clay. As a group, Coding Club has made great progress in their understanding of HTML and Javascript, laying the foundation for some amazing projects in the fall.

Student Leadership Committee

On May 9, SLC worked with Pittsfield's HealthySV to host the third annual High on Life 5K. Members volunteered on a chilly Saturday morning to register a great turnout of participants. In March and April SLC facilitated an extremely successful peanut butter and jelly drive. The donations from students, faculty and staff provided 3,625.8 ounces of PB&J to both MCI's and Pittsfield's Food Pantries.

Philanthropy Council

New to campus, the Philanthropy Council was integral in planning / executing the School's first-ever "Day of Giving" on Tuesday, April 28th. Thanks to their leadership and efforts, MCI benefitted greatly from the generosity of so many donors both near and far. The council looks forward to many more projects in the future, as they build their identity and take on new members.

Kindness Krew

The Kindness Krew sponsored their annual Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) week. During this, members handed out baked goods and candy between classes, placed kindness quotes on vehicles around campus and created May baskets. These baskets were randomly distributed throughout campus and the community. The purpose of this week was to spark others to do a random act of kindness themselves.

Sign up for "The Academic Husky" and "The Husky Howl" Newsletters!

Produced quarterly by MCI's Academic Office, "The Academic Husky" contains academic student achievements as well as post-secondary (college and career) goals and highlights. "The Husky Howl" covers student successes through MCI's clubs and activities (see excerpt above).

If you are interested in receiving either or both newsletters, please email alumni@mci-school.org with a request to join the distribution list.



THE ARTS @ MCI

Visual and Performing Arts Recap

Drama Team Wins Regionals

The MCI Drama Team won the 2015 Class B Regional Division Competition in March for their performance of *The Orphan Train*. In addition, *The Orphan Train* won Judges Commendations for Outstanding Ensemble, Best Costumes, Best Lighting, Best Sound and Best Set Design. Students Benni Peill-Meininghaus '18, Maddie Whittington '15, Sage Nash '15, Mikayla Carr '16 and Tony Rizza '15 made All Festival Cast and the following students were recognized with individual awards: River Massey '15 (sound design), Ryan Englehardt '15 (lighting design), Caroline Hanson '15 (costume design) and Elspeth Taylor '18 (costume design).



The Drama Team performs *The Orphan Train* for the school community on March 19.

BBT @ MCI Plans Performance of *The Sleeping Beauty* in July

Bossov Ballet Theatre at MCI finished the school year strong with an impressive "Spring Showcase featuring *Carmen*" on May 29 and 30. The showcase included scenes from the ballets *Chopiniana*, *Sleeping Beauty* and *Esmeralda* as well as the full ballet, *Carmen*.

The BBT Summer Intensive will begin June 15 and run through July 25, welcoming students from throughout the United States as well as other countries. The culmination of the intensive will be their performance of *The Sleeping Beauty* at the Waterville Opera House on July 24 and 25. Tickets are available at www.operahouse.org.

Jazz Groups Continue Their Winning Tradition

On Saturday January 31, the MCI jazz band "Enigma" and vocal group "Chameleon" performed in the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival in Boston, MA. This is the oldest and one of the largest high school jazz festivals in the United States. The jazz band

students had an excellent performance and received positive and helpful feedback from the Berklee College professors that adjudicated them. The ensemble achieved "above expectations" scores in most of the criteria for which they were judged. Guitarist Charlie Ji '15 was recognized as the outstanding member of the jazz band and received the judges choice award for his performance. The a cappella vocal group "Chameleon" also had an exemplary performance and was recognized in their class (Vocal Jazz Class 2 - schools with fewer than 525 students grades 10-12) as a finalist and placed 4th overall out of 15 schools from primarily the Northeast United States. This is the fourth consecutive festival appearance that a vocal group from MCI has been a finalist and the seventh time overall of the sixteen total appearances at the Berklee Jazz Festival. The judges choice award for outstanding performer from this ensemble was awarded to Wesley Burton '15.

On March 13 and 14 the MCI Jazz Combo 1 and Jazz Band "Enigma" performed in the MMEA State High School Instrumental Jazz Festival at

Featured Student Artwork



Kala Wentworth '16



Michael Niayesh '17

Visual and Performing Arts Recap Cont.



Dean Neal and the "Caravan" and "Chameleon" vocal jazz groups at the State Vocal Jazz Festival. Photo courtesy of Cameron Neal '12.

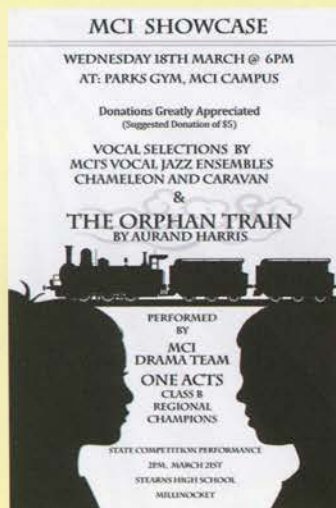
South Portland High School. Both ensembles had outstanding performances which earned each of them "Gold Rating" (Exceeds Standard) awards, based upon the MMEA scoring rubric which the panel of three judges used. The Combo was a finalist and placed third in the state in Division III Combos. Students from the Combo receiving recognition for excellence in musicianship were Charlie Ji '15 and Arjan Orr '17. Students from the Jazz Band receiving recognition for excellence in musicianship were Aaron Schanck '18, Kevin Belgard '15, Charlie Ji '15, Leah Carron '16, and Aidan Peacock '17.

On Saturday March 28, the MCI Vocal Jazz ensembles "Caravan" and "Chameleon" performed in the Maine Music Educator's Association State High School Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival which was hosted by Stearns High School in Millinocket. Each group earned "Gold" ratings and each received nearly perfect marks from

the judges panel on the MMEA Scoring Assessment. MCI's a cappella vocal ensemble "Chameleon" won the state championship in Division II Vocal Jazz and MCI's accompanied vocal ensemble "Caravan" placed third after having penalties assessed for time limit infractions. In addition, each division awards five outstanding musicianship honors; four out of the five for Division II went to MCI students: Curtis McLeod '16, Kevin Belgard '15, Jessica Leibowitz/Wesley Burton duet (both '15), and the MCI "Caravan" rhythm section (Charlie Ji '15, Arjan Orr '17, Hunter Wintle '17, and Aaron Schanck '18).

The jazz groups finished an amazing year with a performance, "Spring Into Jazz," at the Waterville Opera House in May. MCI's jazz band, jazz combo, vocal jazz ensemble and a cappella group performed selections from artists such as Sonny Rollins, Thelonious Monk, and Charlie Parker as well as contemporary music in a jazz setting from Paul Simon, the Beatles, Stevie Wonder and Joni Mitchell. Well known pianist and MCI faculty member Gerry Wright also performed as a guest artist.

Spring / Summer 2015 Performance Posters



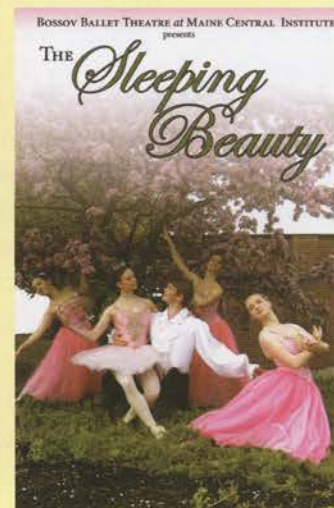
DRAMA
The Orphan Train
March 18, 2015



JAZZ GROUPS
Spring Into Jazz
May 9, 2015



BOSSOV BALLET THEATRE
Spring Showcase featuring Carmen
May 29 and 30, 2015



BOSSOV BALLET THEATRE
The Sleeping Beauty
July 24 and 25, 2015

Athletics @ Maine Central Institute

Winter 2014-2015 Team Recap Jim Leonard, Athletic Director

The rebuilding of the MCI **Winter Cheering Program** got off on the right foot with a great group of young ladies cheering at basketball games and working with their counterparts at Warsaw Middle School. The Cheerleaders performed routines at every halftime and during quarterfinal action at the Cross Insurance Center during the MPA Basketball Tourney. Coach Leah Piatt has worked tirelessly to get this group ready for competitions and they are a team to watch next year.

The Husky **Wrestling Team** was small in numbers, but big in performance. Competing most of the season with just four or five wrestlers, the MCI team won a team match and advanced four wrestlers to the Eastern B Regional Tourney, and four wrestlers to the State Class B Championships. Senior Dylan Dahlbergh broke the school record for individual wins by a wrestler (145), eclipsing the previous mark of 135 set by Brandon Wright '09. The Husky Wrestling team capped the season by winning the Maine Principals' Association Eastern Maine Class B Sportsmanship Award.

The MCI **Indoor Track team** had an outstanding season, shattering school records and placing several individuals very high in conference and state level meets. In early February the Husky boys' team finished as runner up in the KVAC Championship Meet at Bowdoin College. During that meet the boys' 4 x 800 meter relay team (Ben Arsenault '17, Logan Rollins '16, Carter Richmond '17 and Alexi Krechko '17) finished second in the conference and broke the school record. Miler Ryan Engelhardt '15 and shot-putter Curtis McLeod '17 also garnered runner-up honors in their events. Shot-putter Katie Hughes '15 won



L to R: Indoor Track member Curtis McLeod '16; Girls Varsity Basketball members Ashley Alton '15 and Taylor Hall '16; Rifle Team member Cole Whitaker '16

the KVAC Class B championship. McLeod went on to the State Class B Championship Meet and finished runner up in the shot put with a throw of 50'9". Hughes finished 5th amongst Class B girls shot putters and the boys' 4 x 800 meter relay team again broke their own school record. Hughes and McLeod each broke school records in the shot put. Other school records to fall were girls pole vault (Addi Williams '18); boys high jump (Brandon Stevens '17); 55-meter dash (Jonathan Santiago '15); 800 meter run (Carter Richmond); 1 and 2 mile runs (Ryan Engelhardt); girls 55-meter hurdles (Gavrielle Enriquez '15); and the girls' 4 x 200 meter relay (Addi Williams, Gavrielle Enriquez, Elly Arsenault '15, and Tierra Bianchi '16).

The Lady Huskies **Basketball team** was a blend of veterans and newcomers. Five freshmen or sophomores received major minutes as MCI compiled a 6-12 regular season record. Included in those victories was a home win over Eastern B Regional finalist Gardiner. The ladies qualified for the postseason and pushed highly-ranked Oceanside to the limit before falling in a playoff prelim game. Seniors Cassie Miller and Katie Hughes were named to the KVAC All-Academic team.

The MCI **Boys Basketball team** had an outstanding season. The Huskies completed the regular season with a 12-6 overall mark. In early February they put on a defensive clinic in a home playoff prelim game with Hermon, holding the high-scoring Hawks to just 28 points and advancing to the Eastern B Quarterfinal round at Bangor's Cross Insurance Center. Their season ended in the quarterfinal round with a loss to eventual B East Champion Medomak Valley. Senior Todor Imsir was named to the KVAC All-Conference Second Team. Imsir and teammates Mitchell Hallee '15, Slade Emery '15 and Hjalte Christensen '15 were named to the KVAC All-Academic Team.

The MCI **Rifle Team** competed this season with twenty-eight shooters from 6 countries. They earned a first place trophy for their performance in the Scholastic 4 position match, and finished the season as the top ranked scholastic team in the state. Cole Whitaker '17 earned the designation as the #1 kneeling position champion. Next season the Rifle team will compete for a full season, beginning in mid-October and finishing in mid-March.

"Oh, the Places They'll Go"

Seniors find their "Best Fit" after MCI through the Academic Office



Like most days in the Academic Office, the morning began with a freshman student stopping in to see Scott Giallombardo '00, one of MCI's academic and career counselors. The student, motivated and strong academically, spoke with Giallombardo about his desire to attend Johns Hopkins University for its Pre-Med program. Together, they perused one of the Office's commonly-used tools, collegeboard.org, to look at the admission requirements. The recommended achievements for acceptance to Johns Hopkins included four years of a foreign language, a 3.75 GPA, and SAT scores between 670-750 for reading, 609-780 for math and 680-770 for writing (out of 800). The site also stated that there was an emphasis on the rigor of the applicant's high school record and that 88% of past applicants were in the top 10 percent of their class. Though the student was already cognizant that the requirements would be rigorous, it was an inspiring experience for him.

One of the challenges that the Academic Office faces is helping students to understand early enough in their high

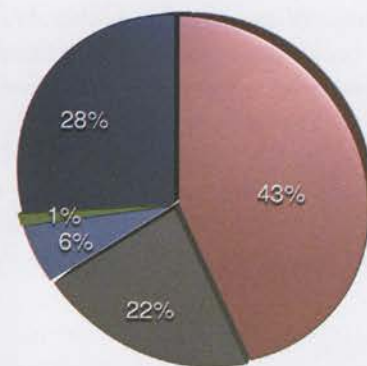
school career what the requirements are for admission into the college or university of their choice. The college admissions process has become so competitive that even schools, which for many have been considered safety schools in the past, are no longer a sure bet. "So often we see students get to their senior year who didn't set themselves up to attain the school of their choice," stated Giallombardo. "We want to set them up to have many options. We want to make sure that they are on the correct path to make the best choices about their future."

"We have such great students at MCI who are very involved in academics, co-curriculars and community service," said Giallombardo. "It is difficult for students at such a young age to prioritize their interests. However, those who do are the most successful in reaching their goals." The Academic Office has made it a priority to reach the students as early as possible their freshman year to begin these important conversations. During a student's first-year at MCI, the three Academic

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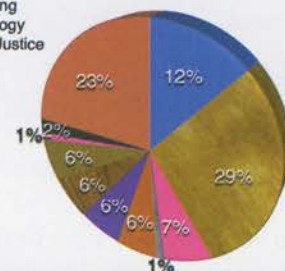
College Attending Type

- 4 Yr. Out of State
- 2 Yr. Out of State
- 4 Yr. In State
- 2 Yr. In State
- Other



Major / Plan Of Study (Approx.)

- Medical & Health Related
- Business/Economics & Management Related
- Computer Related
- International Studies
- Science Related
- Education Related
- Undecided
- Engineering
- Cosmetology
- Criminal Justice
- Other



Pictured (bottom row L to R: MCI seniors Mitchell Hallee, Kate-Lynn George, Wesley Burton, Cassie Miller; (top row L to R): Susie Furrow '81, Scott Giallombardo '00, Emily Wagner '04

Meet the Students

Counselors, Susie Furrow '81, Scott Giallombardo '00, and Emily Wagner '04, visit English classes in the Ninth Grade Academy during Freshman College Access Month. They encourage the students to take career interest surveys and personality assessments to see what areas they may like to pursue and what schools may be a good fit. This allows the students to begin looking at admission requirements so they can plan their classes accordingly.

A significant part of the process is also getting students and parents familiar with Naviance, a comprehensive college and career readiness program. Each MCI student and parent has a personalized account, which allows students to do college and scholarship research, save a college wish list, take career surveys and even apply online through the Common Application. Parents can access their child's account to check in to see where the student is in the college application process. To help train parents in Naviance, the Academic Office hosted their first "Night of Naviance" in March 2015.

In addition to the college counseling work begun during a student's first year, the Academic Office continues their efforts throughout the student's entire time at MCI. They host College Access Months for all grade levels, visiting English classrooms during the designated time periods. Because research suggests that students who visit a college campus early in their high school career are more likely to attend college, all MCI sophomores participate in the Sophomore College Tours, visiting the campuses of either UMaine Orono, Thomas College or Colby College. The Office also hosts annual events like the Colleges of the Fenway Tour, UMaine Transcript Review Day, Financial Aid Information Night and the College and Career Fair, which is held on campus.

All this work is done to provide students with as many tools and as much information as possible to make informed decisions about their future. "Many students have a misconception about the college counseling process," explained Giallombardo. "It's not us telling them where to go, but providing information and guiding them to determine the best fit school for themselves. We certainly recommend schools, but we want students to come to their own conclusion about best fit."

This year the Academic Office has seen great results from their work with students and parents, with 96 percent of the Class of 2015 achieving their post-secondary plans. Members of the class were accepted at highly competitive schools including Princeton University, Columbia University, Bates College, Colby College, Vassar College and the University of Virginia. More importantly, students were able to find their "best fit," be that in or out of state, at a 2 or 4 year college, in the armed services or in the work force.

Every student's path was different. Here are four students' stories.

Wesley Burton attended schools in the Hartland, Maine area before coming to MCI his freshman year. As a new student, he quickly made use of the Academic Office. "Mr. Giallombardo was the first person I spoke to at MCI. He was very helpful in making me feel comfortable in the Academic Office." Burton knew that he wanted to major in English and creative writing and began looking at the University of Iowa and the University of Illinois at the recommendation of his English teacher, Mrs. Deb Rozeboom. He decided to remain in-state and chose the University of Maine at Farmington because it was a smaller school. He discussed UMF with two of his



Wesley Burton

Academic Counselor:

Emily Wagner '04

Colleges / Universities Accepted:

University of Maine, University of Maine at Farmington

Attending: University of Maine at Farmington

Major: English / Creative Writing

Fun Fact: Wesley has been recognized at the State / Regional High School Jazz Festivals all four years at MCI. This year he received an Outstanding Musicianship Award at the MMEA State High School Jazz Festival.



Kate-Lynn George

Academic Counselor:

Susie Furrow '81

Colleges / Universities Accepted:

Colby College, Emmanuel College, University of New England

Attending: Colby College

Major: Biochemistry (Pre Med)

Fun Fact: Kate-Lynn was the president of the Class of 2015.

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Reunion 2015 ~ July 31 - August 2

Friday, July 31

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Alumni Association Golf Scramble (Hosted by Susie Furrow '81)	Lakeview Golf Course, Burnham, ME
4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Opening Reception (Cash Bar & Light Appetizers)	Savage Family Dining Room
5:30 - 6:30 p.m.	Hall of Fame & Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony	Savage Family Dining Room
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Reunion Gala (International Tapas & Other Appetizers served 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.)	Savage Family Dining Room
8:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Alumni Association presents the "Summer Sno-Ball"	Parks Gymnasium

Saturday, August 1

8:30 a.m.	5K Run / Walk	Leaves from Founders Hall
9:00 a.m.	Registration, Historical Displays and MCI Bookstore	Savage Family Dining Room
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Reunion Brunch	Savage Family Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Campus Tour	Leaves from Parks Gymnasium
11:00 a.m.	State of the School with Headmaster Chris Hopkins	Parks Gymnasium
12:00 p.m.	Campus Tour	Leaves from Parks Gymnasium
1:00 p.m.	Reunion BBQ / Class Party Kick-Off	MCI Front Campus (Tent)
3:00 p.m.	Class Parties for years ending in "0" and "5"	Check with your Class Agent for Party Locations

Sunday, August 2

10:00 a.m.	Alumni Association Annual Meeting (All alumni are welcome)	Kinney Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Alumni Association Classic Car Show (For more information, please see page 21)	MCI Front Campus

Reunion Accommodations

MCI is pleased to be offering rooms in Manson Hall for alumni and friends who would like to stay on campus on Friday and Saturday night during Reunion Weekend. The rooms will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. There will be two twin beds in each room and bedding will be provided. Towels, toiletries, fans, etc. should be brought from home. Please note that there is no smoking on campus or in any MCI building and that the rooms are not air conditioned. The cost is \$25 per person / night or \$45 per couple / night.

For more information and / or to reserve a room, please call the Alumni Office at (207) 487-5915 or email alumni@mci-school.org.
For information about local hotels, motels and B&Bs, please visit www.mci-school.org/visit.

Register online at www.mci-school.org/reunion



Reunion Fees and Discounts

Attendees who register and pay by **noon (EST) on Friday, July 17, 2015** will receive the early registration discount. Those who register after July 17 will pay the standard fee (please see below).

Event	Early Reg. Fee	Standard Reg. Fee
Hall of Fame & DAA Ceremony and Gala (includes cost of Gala)	\$15	\$20
Reunion Gala Only (for those not attending the Hall of Fame & DAA Ceremony)	\$15	\$20
The Alumni Association's "Summer Sno-Ball"	\$5	\$5
Reunion Brunch	\$10*	\$15
Reunion BBQ and Class Party Kick-Off	\$20*	\$25

* Children age 12 and under may attend the Reunion Brunch and Reunion BBQ free of charge if they are pre-registered by July 17. Sorry, no highchairs will be provided.

Young Alumni Discount (Classes of 2010-2015)



To welcome you to the Alumni Association, you are invited to attend the Reunion BBQ free of charge if you register by July 17.

Alumni Association Golf Scramble

Hosted by Susie Reynolds Furrow '81

Friday, July 31 ~ 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Lakeview Golf Course, Burnham, ME

\$35 per person

18 holes, includes greens fees and cart rental

Space is limited, and reservations will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrange a foursome or we can match you.

Spouses and friends are welcome to play.

To register, fill out the Reunion registration form in this magazine or go online to www.mci-school.org/reunion.

The Alumni Association *presents the* *Summer Sno-Ball*

Friday, July 31 ~ 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

(10:00 p.m. Crowning of Summer Sno-Ball King and Queen)

Parks Gymnasium

\$5 per person, cash bar

Did you miss attending the Sno-Ball while you were a student, or maybe always wish you could go again? Now is your chance! Join your friends and classmates at the annual Summer Sno-Ball!

For more information, please visit www.mci-school.org/reunion





Desai Chu came to MCI from Chicago, where he attended public school. He had a keen interest in New England after learning about the rich history of the area in many of his classes. Though originally from China, Chu has lived in the United States for nearly ten years as a result of his parents' work as diplomats for the Foreign Ministry. A highly motivated and involved student, Chu is one of the top ten students in his class. During his time at MCI, he has been an active member of the tennis and soccer teams. He founded the Rocketry Team and is the captain of both Rocketry and the Math Teams. He has also been a member of the Student Council, the Model UN, the Student Ambassador Club, and serves as a dorm prefect as well as the treasurer for the Class of 2015. In addition, Chu won first place in the esteemed Manson Essay competition his junior year. As a senior, Chu reflects on his MCI experience.

Looking at your MCI experience, who would you say is your favorite teacher?

That is a pretty tough choice. If I were to choose two I would pick Mrs. Sarah Brown and Mrs. Nancy Hughes. I had Mrs. Brown for AP Chemistry last year. She always took care of me. She was nice to me and she is funny. They both are pretty funny. I had Mrs. Hughes for AP English, Literature and Composition. Those were my favorite classes at MCI, though I also like AP Biology.

What is it about those classes you really like?

I like AP Chemistry and AP Biology because I'm just kind of a science nerd. I really like the discussions in AP English. We talk about some pretty fundamental things about society in the books we read and discuss how humans work.

The MCI Experience

Senior Desai Chu Discusses His Time at MCI

What is your favorite MCI memory?

There are a lot, but I think right now the one that pops into my head was during this year's soccer season. I got a yellow card and here in the KVAC when you get a yellow card you have to sit out for ten minutes. After the ten minutes were up, the coach put me back in and my first touch of the ball I scored a goal. We were down 3-1 and I raised it up to 3-2. The team got really excited and the goalkeeper came and picked me up, raised me over him. It was a great feeling to be a part of that excitement.

You've been involved in quite a few clubs and activities, including founding the Rocketry Club at MCI. How did you decide to do that?

I founded it because I was part of a Rocketry Club at my old school and it was a really great experience working with the group here. There is a lot of teamwork and problem solving involved. We compete in the Team America Rocketry competition, so every year we have to do tons and tons of trial flights to determine what our ideal mass would be, what our ideal parachute size would be, trying to get it right, trying to pinpoint the exact measurements we should have for our rocket. Right now we have ten students in the club. I hope it continues on after I graduate.

You won the Manson Essay competition. What was your experience with Manson Essays like? Nerve wracking? Exciting?

I really loved it. It is a lot of material to write, it is a lot of research, but at the end it is an experience that you don't really get to have anywhere else. I really like how I was given the opportunity to be a part of that process.

Looking at your overall MCI experience, what would you say is your favorite thing about MCI?

I like the freedom at MCI to be able to take advantage of a ton of opportu-



Desai Chu '15 and Anna Meomutli '16 at the 2015 Model UN conference at the University of Southern Maine.

nities. You can do what you want to make your high school career whatever you want it to be. I was able to take a math class at Colby [College] this year. MCI gave me the opportunity to experience this college classroom, and show me what a college education is like before I've gone to college.

How do you think this year's school theme of creativity has impacted your year especially in regards to your classes and co-circular activities?

This year I did an outside project with an organization called Innovate to Mitigate. The goal of the project is to reduce carbon emissions through innovative methods. I had to be creative in order to think of a new way to reduce carbon emissions and focused on algae. To me, creativity is the most important factor in success.

Next year you are attending UCLA. What is your intended major?

My top two choices would be biochemistry and computer science and hopefully I can double major and study both.

What is your career goal?

Medical or pharmaceutical research. I see myself as one of those scientists working in a lab all day looking

through a microscope trying to find a cure to something.

What advice would you give to a new student at MCI? What do you wish you had known when you first arrived?

Don't be afraid to ask for too much, because I think everyone at MCI is always so willing to help. Don't ever be afraid to ask for help, don't ever be afraid to let yourself reach your full potential. Do everything you possibly can. Overload your schedule with every single activity, attend events that are going on on campus and just never have any downtime, because a lot of people say there is nothing to do here in Pittsfield, but there are actually a lot of things you can fill your schedule with here at MCI.

Everyone here at MCI is always so willing to help, their door is always open, you can really ask them to help you with anything and they will try their best and I'm really grateful for that. Even though everyone says this about their school, it's actually true at MCI.



Discerning Taste

Lisa Perrotti-Brown's Journey
in the World of Wine

Growing up in Detroit, Maine, Lisa Perrotti-Brown '85 never dreamed she would one day be considered one of the "Top 50 Most Powerful Women in Wine."¹ Now living in Singapore with her husband and two daughters, Perrotti-Brown is the Editor in Chief for *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* and eRobertParker.com, arguably the most well-known wine publications in the world. In addition, she serves as the publications critic for the wines of Australia and New Zealand.

During an early morning phone interview from her office in Singapore, Perrotti-Brown described her time at MCI as overwhelmingly positive. "I really enjoyed high school," she said. "I had a difficult personal childhood and much of my enjoyment and excitement about life came from high school. I had so many really good friends and the teachers [at MCI] were just extraordinary." While her two favorites were William Forstchen and John Slagle, it was Slagle who had a significant, long-lasting impact on Perrotti-Brown's life. "I cannot express enough how he shaped the future of my life. In his English class I woke up to education and how exciting literature was."

More than that, though, Slagle and his wife Pinky supported Perrotti-Brown personally during an incredibly difficult time in her life. "During my junior year, my mother died and I was basically an orphan. MCI was very kind and took me in as a boarding student." After living in the dorm for a short period of time, Perrotti-Brown went to live with Slagle and his wife. "He was instrumental in shaping my future and helped me to get into Colby College."

Perrotti-Brown studied English and performing arts at Colby, spending

¹ www.thedrinksbusiness.com

² www.mastersofwine.org

her junior year abroad in London. After graduating with a degree in English Literature in 1989, she returned to London with designs on becoming a playwright. "I got to London and I actually did get a couple of plays produced, but I still needed a job to pay the rent," she explained. "A friend of mine was managing a wine bar, a really nice one, but I didn't realize it at the time, because I didn't know anything about wine. I started as a waitress and a few months later, was offered the job of manager when my friend left." Perrotti-Brown then enrolled in wine classes at the Wine and Spirit Education Trust (WSET). "Once I started learning about it, I realized how complex and exciting wine is. I just kind of fell in love with it and moved on to very different roles within the wine industry."

After receiving her diploma from the WSET, Perrotti-Brown worked for twelve years in various sales and marketing roles in the London wine trade. In 2002, she moved to Tokyo, where she worked as a wine buyer for one of Japan's top fine wine importers and a part-time wine educator for Tokyo's *Academie du Vin*. In 2008, Perrotti-Brown began writing a column for eRobertParker.com.

Additionally, after more than five years of study, in 2008 Perrotti-Brown achieved her Master of Wine qualification. Regarded in the wine industry as one of the highest standards of professional knowledge, the Master of Wine is the most prestigious title one can earn. The Master of Wine examination "is designed to test the breadth and depth of a candidate's theoretical knowledge and practical skills in the art, science and business of wine."² Candidates must write papers on wine theory and must sit for three blind tastings as part of their exam. Those who pass are then required to write a dissertation on a wine-related topic of their choice.

Since the exam was created in 1953, only 377 men and women from 24 countries have become Masters of Wine. Perrotti-Brown was in the group of the first Masters of Wine in Asia and she received the Madame Bollinger Medal for excellence in wine tasting, one of the most coveted prizes given by the Institute of the Masters of Wine.

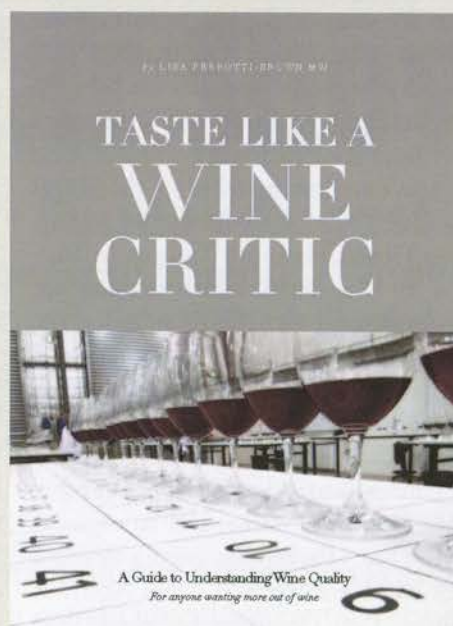
As the Editor in Chief for *Robert Parker's Wine Advocate* and eRobertParker.com, Perrotti-Brown leads a multi-faceted professional life. "First and foremost I am a wine critic," she stated. "On a typical morning, I will taste between 20 to 40 wines, recording notes on the wines and making assessments on where each wine sits in relation to its peers." Depending on where they are in the editing process, much of the remainder of her day is spent managing the editorial process and getting ready for future issues.

"In addition," Perrotti-Brown remarked, "the job involves a lot of travel, so I spend a lot of time in Australia

and New Zealand visiting wineries and interviewing wine makers. I also spend a lot of time doing educational events and judging competitions. It's varied and that is what keeps it fun as well."

Though Perrotti-Brown's career and even love of wine "happened completely by accident," it is clear that her dedication to her industry and hard work are what have pushed her to achieve such a high level of professional success.

"More often than not, some of the most exciting career paths that you can take are the ones that are totally unexpected. Sometimes it's these least expected paths that turn out to be the right one for you. When I was at MCI, I didn't even know that the job I have now even existed. I think it's really about making your own opportunities, carving your own niche and finding that thing that you love and are uniquely suited to do."



Perrotti-Brown's first book, *Taste Like a Wine Critic*, was published in 2015. "Intended for wine drinkers and professionals of any experience level, *Taste like a Wine Critic* is a concise, straight-talking guide to understanding and assessing wine quality that avoids the ambiguous and often meaningless jargon stereotypically associated with describing wine. Focusing on the essentials, this book clearly identifies, defines and examines the factors in determining wine quality, explaining in plain terms how to recognize and evaluate the importance of each contribution – giving the reader the ability to take the wine critic's seat." For more information, visit store.robertparker.com

Hall of Fame & Distinguished Achievement Award

The Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony will be held during Reunion Weekend on Friday, July 31, 2015. Four individuals will join the ranks for their loyalty, dedication and outstanding achievements.

Hall of Fame

After MCI, **Robert Libby '48** commuted to Colby College for two and half years. After military service in the US Navy, Libby began a career as a casualty underwriter at Continental Casualty Company (now CNA). At the same time he returned to college in the evenings and graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. Libby worked at CNA for 17 years before working at a subsidiary of Markel Corporation both in underwriting and management at all levels for an additional 17 years. Libby has served in various leadership roles at his church and also volunteers his time as an AARP Volunteer Tax Preparer. Libby has been a long-time supporter of MCI. He established the Robert H. Libby Scholarship, given out each year to a senior pursuing a degree in vocational education. Showing his high regard for his family, Libby also named the chemistry classroom in the Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center after his brother, Blair Libby '46.



Robert Libby '48



Anna Maria Parker '66



Peter Williams

After graduating from MCI in 1966, **Anna Maria Parker '66** received her BA in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1970 from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. She grew up in a musical family, and took piano and violin lessons during her youth. She was a legal secretary for 25 years and gave private piano and voice lessons for 10 years after that. In 1985 Parker was introduced to women's barbershop singing and has been an enthusiastic member of Sweet Adelines International ever since. She is a charter and emeritus member of the Royal River Chorus of Yarmouth, Maine, and is now in the Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus in Tucson, Arizona. In May 2010, Parker became the Sweet Adeline Region 21 Coordinator for the region's Arranger Development Program. She is a certified arranger in Sweet Adelines International and is in the process of becoming a certified Sweet Adeline chorus director. Parker has also been a church music director in Yarmouth, Maine and in Portland, Maine, and an organist in several churches. Parker has been a devoted volunteer for MCI, serving as a Class Agent as well as Reunion Gift Chair for her class. She has also been a long-time supporter, particularly of the School's Visual and Performing Arts Program.



Beverly Turner Breau '52

Dr. Peter Williams (posthumous) earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and a doctorate in education from Indiana University. Williams volunteered as Peace Corps teacher in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He was a Fulbright specialist in South Africa in 1998 and spent four months teaching at Beijing Polytechnical University in Beijing, China. Williams began his career at Cianbro in 1975 as training director and completed his career as vice president of personnel and safety in 1985. After 10 years at Cianbro, Williams returned to the University of Maine at Farmington. He was chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science for a number of years, as well as the chairman of the Department of Science and Mathematics. Williams retired from the Mathematics Department at the University of Maine at Farmington in June 2004. Williams passed away in August 2004, the result of a motorcycle accident. Williams was a long-time volunteer for MCI, serving as a member on the board of trustees for six years and chairperson of the strategic planning team for math and science. In addition, Williams served as both volunteer Headmaster and Math Teacher and coached the MCI Ski Team.

Distinguished Achievement

Beverly Breau '52 graduated from Eastern Maine Medical Center in 1954 as a Registered Radiological Technologist. She worked for nearly 30 years at Sebecook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield, where she was instrumental in establishing the first mammography unit. She was also the co-organizer for the first local Breast Cancer Walk for the Cure. Breau is a life-long volunteer, dedicated to her family and community. In 2014, she received the Spirit of America Award for establishing the St. Martin Library in Palmyra, Maine. She established a literacy program at the library and has continued to volunteer there for over 25 years. Breau has been a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. As the District Deputy Grand Matron, she began a fund raising effort to support people studying for the ministry, which has spread state-wide. In addition to her other volunteer work, Breau has been a supporter of MCI and served as a Class Agent for 1952 for several years.

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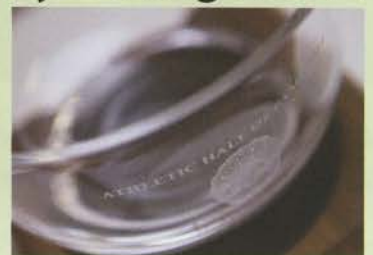
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Homecoming

Thursday, October 1 through Sunday, October 4, 2015

Athletic Hall of Fame

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Second Annual MCI Alumni Association Car Show



Reunion Weekend - Sunday August 2, 2015 / 9am-3pm

Boutelle Savage Front Campus ("Under the Maples")
featuring live music with Pete Witham '90 and food by Bo Steeves

Various Makes, Models, Antiques, Hot Rods
Judging & Awards presented @ 12 Noon
\$10 Entry Fee per Car

For more information, contact Alumni Association President Milton Webber '71 at
207-416-5125 or e-mail identities.bymawebber@yahoo.com

Open & Free to the Public! "Bring the whole family!"

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 Norbert '66 & Christine Young
 Torres Zhou '15



teachers who had attended the University, John Buys and Libby Newhouse, and even went on an MCI-sponsored tour at UMF led by Newhouse. "Ms. Wagner was instrumental in showing me the Common Application," said Burton. "I had no idea how to go about applying for college. I was really scared of the process." In looking back on his experience, Burton's advice for undergraduate students was to "be in contact with the Academic Office as much as possible, rely on them and use them."

Kate-Lynn George went on the Colleges of the Fenway tour her junior year. Seeing all the schools in a short amount of time helped her to determine the exact criteria for her "best fit" school. She visited Colby College and found that the campus and course offerings met those criteria. Though George felt that Colby was a "reach" school, it was important for her to feel challenged. Colby "seemed like a better fit than other schools" so she decided to apply early decision. "At the beginning of the process, I felt like I was jumping in without knowing what to do," George stated. "I met with Mrs. Furrow a lot. She helped me figure out my reach schools and which teachers I should ask to write college recommendations. If I hadn't had her help, I would have missed a lot of things. Deciding to apply early decision was a really hard decision, but she helped me weigh pros and cons. In the end, applying early decision made the process a lot easier [for me] and eliminated a lot of the stress."

When Mitchell Hallee started his college search in earnest his senior year, he was a bit panicked. "All my friends were talking about their searches, so I felt a bit behind." Though he was feeling behind, in reality he was in good shape. He had already taken his SATs and had worked on college essays in his English class. He knew he wanted to major in business and was intrigued by SNHU's "Degree in 3" program, where students can earn a bachelor's degree in three

years. Hallee also knew two recent MCI alumni, Bradley Martin '03 and Victor Quint '07, had attended SNHU and been successful there. Though Hallee described the application as an "overwhelming experience," he was happy to have the support of the Academic Office. "I would go in freaked out, but would leave with a plan," he explained. "It was really reassuring to know that Ms. Wagner was there and available to help."

Cassie Miller visited the University of Maine, the University of Alabama, Boston College and the University of Virginia with her mother during the summer between her junior and senior years. She felt it was important to get a sense of "fit" by stepping foot on campus. After her visit, the University of Alabama was "calling to her." Knowing that she was applying to very competitive schools, Miller took an SAT prep course at Colby College to make sure that her scores would be high enough for their admission requirements. She also used the Academic Office as a resource. "I spend at least fifteen minutes every day speaking with Mr. Giallombardo. He knows the answers to all my questions and is always available. He is very supportive and helped me to strategize." Miller applied to and was accepted at the University of Alabama, the University of Maine, the University of Virginia and Syracuse University. After receiving her financial aid packages, Miller decided to attend the University of Maine. Though it was a tough decision, she realized that paying an out-of-state tuition was not the best fit for her future goals. "It doesn't matter where you go," Miller stated. "You will get a good education wherever you are as the experience is what you make it. I know I will be able to be happy and successful regardless of location."



Mitchell Hallee

Academic Counselor:

Emily Wagner '04

Colleges / Universities Accepted:

University of Maine, Southern New Hampshire University

Attending: SNHU

Major: Business

Fun facts: Mitchell received the Masters' Cup, the highest award bestowed on a graduating male. Next year, Mitchell and his classmate Gavin Dugas '15 will be roommates at SNHU.



Cassie Miller

Academic Counselor:

Scott Giallombardo '00

Colleges / Universities Accepted:

The University of Alabama, University of Maine, Syracuse University, University of Virginia

Attending: UMaine Orono

Major: Secondary Education / Math

Fun Facts: Cassie was the Co-Salutatorian of the Class of 2015. She also received the Faculty Cup award, the highest honor bestowed on a graduating female.

Class of 1951

Robert Hutchinson wrote in February that he was heading for a trip to Thailand (where his son lives) then to Laos, etc.

Sally Cianchette Dwinell
Class Agent

Class of 1952

John Shaw writes, "**Faye (Ellingwood '53)** and I are still on the green side of the sod and enjoying relatively good health. We winter in Mount Dora, FL and return to Wilton, ME for the summer months. We have been married for 61 years with four children, nine grands and 4 great-grands and proud of them all. I retired some years ago after a 20-year career with the Maine Warden Service and keep busy still with an antique business. Faye enjoys her quilting and rug hooking hobbies. Life has been good!"

Received a nice letter from **Patricia Buxton Whitten** and **Don**, who wrote, "... We are plodding along in our plebian way, going to doctors, attending church, helping with things like Missions Committee, Men's Fellowship, spaghetti supper chores, etc. Don's COPD doesn't seem to progress, which is good, but his doctor has him running around to discover why that's the case. He thinks there could be some other problem that is causing his breathing difficulties. We are in the process of finding out if his heart has been misbehaving, but no other doctor has found a problem in all these years. I did have heart surgery to replace the mitral valve. Evidently, I had scarlet fever many years ago and did not see a doctor. (Back when we were growing up, you didn't see a doctor every time you had a fever). At any rate, I'm back to walking as much as possible, going to the gym three times a week with our daughter, and having a good time. Don putters around the house, letting our middle son and our son-in-law do the 'little' things like clean off the roof in the winter and mow the lawn in the summer. We adopted a daughter and her fam-



Bob Collier '52 and Chuck Hunsiker at their vow renewal ceremony on Jan. 6, 2015 in Miami Beach, the day marriage equality took place in Florida.

ily about 5 years ago. She and our middle son are the same age, so we call them twins, although she is taller and born in August while he was born in May!"

Armour and Loretta (Doherty '53) Brown are nearly settled in Quail Hollow, a 55+ plus community, in West Lebanon, NH. They wrote, "Most of our immediate neighbors are 75+ so we fit in nicely. We were invited to a 'get acquainted' gathering in February and a St. Patrick's Day brunch with neighbors that are nearer to us. Loretta and I went to Mexico City over the Christmas and New Year holidays for a family gathering at our granddaughter's residence. We met our great grandson, Mateo, for the first time, who was almost four years old. Sophie, his 5 year old sister is just a sweetheart. Ryan, our granddaughter's husband, is employed at the U.S. Embassy as a political officer. We toured a lot of the city, visited the schools, parks, great restaurants, attended a wonderful dance performance at the National Museum of Culture. Dancers performed in costume dress representing each state of Mexico. All went well until Dec. 30th when Loretta had to be hospitalized for 5 days with severe flu symptoms. I only mention this for the benefit of anyone that should find themselves in a similar predicament. She was admitted to Hospital Español, a large teaching

hospital. It was the cleanest hospital I have ever been in, everything sparkled. All doctors wore jackets and ties and nurses were in uniform. The care was first class. I was allowed to sleep in the room on a studio couch and had clean linens each day. The only drawback was financial. U.S. insurance plans were not accepted. The hospital accepted credit cards but the doctor accepted only pesos deposited directly to his bank. I had to get the limit raised on my credit cards and scratch around for more cash. On the other hand, the bill would have been double in the U.S. I'm still trying to get reimbursed from my insurances. We would love any classmates passing through Hanover or Lebanon to contact us. Al has our phone numbers."

Bob Collier wrote, "Chuck Hunsiker and I are still happily living in Fort Lauderdale. We were married in NYC on July 15, 2013, and were plaintiffs in the ACLU/ SAVE lawsuit for marriage recognition in the State of Florida. As you may know, we won our case and marriage equality is now legal in the state since Jan. 6th of this year. Chuck and I have now been together since July 4th of 1963 (52 years). Long engagement, eh? Last July we were 'down Maine' visiting with my sister Tamara, who lives in Ellsworth and on the way home visited Bangor to show Chuck where

I lived on French Street and Ohio Street prior to moving to Pittsfield. We visited our old home there as well as visiting the campus at MCI. We also had a great lunch at a restaurant in town that used to be Humfrey's Drugstore where we all used to hang out in those great 'old days.' Many happy memories of my life in Pittsfield, but it was sad to see that the Lancy House had burned down. I want to wish all my classmates well and if anyone comes to Fort Lauderdale, please give us a call or text. Attached is a photo of Chuck and I at a renewal of our vows ceremony on Jan. 6th 2015 in Miami Beach, the day marriage equality took place in Florida."

Bob Belanger wrote, "As we get into the winter of our years, I notice more and more people involved with their churches. I have been a Sunday School teacher for over 40 years. While in the service, I was often chosen to train a new observer or forecaster for our weather stations. Guess I missed my calling. God bless all our class members who are still above ground. Shalom."

Nancy Knight Billings wrote to let us know that one of her granddaughters is getting her masters, and another is graduating from college this spring. She still works part time in their estate liquidation business (selling contents of the higher end property on the Vineyard). She hopes to come to Maine this summer.

Betty Mercier Susi wrote, "Bob passed away November 30, 2014 – just a couple days after Thanksgiving. He was so looking forward to celebrating our 60th wedding anniversary on July 2, 2015, but he didn't make it. He had been ill for months, and his passing was a blessing, although I miss him. I have moved to Farmingdale to live with my daughter and family."

Phil Lenentine has moved to Concord, MA, and reports that he has a 3 year old great grandchild, Eleanor.

On April 24, **Beverly Turner Breau**

was one of those recognized at the Spirit of America Foundation Award ceremony held at the Hall of Flags at the State Capital. Congratulations, Bev! Also, Bev will receive MCI's Distinguished Achievement Award on July 31st beginning at 4:30 p.m. Hope many of you will be able to attend to support her.

Kathleen Clark lives in Newport where she likes working around her house and in her garden. She also enjoys spending time at the coast with her children.

Maynard Jacobs writes that he is still living in Tennessee, however his daughter Kelly is moving to Alabama and Maynard and his wife will be joining her.

Hermon Roberts had a knee replacement recently. He purchased some new work boots, which he is breaking in so that he can start working in his garden again.

Lynn Stavro and her daughter took a vacation to the British Virgin Islands. They took a plane from Boston to St. Thomas and then had to take a boat to St. John. They visited 5 different islands while they were there.

Edson Buker writes, "I retired from my position at the community gardens with the City of Torrance and now I am volunteering with the City of Torrance at their Farmer's Market. We are taking some time to do a little traveling this year."

My family is doing well. My grandchildren in North Carolina are happily married. My granddaughter is a teacher and my grandson works at Duke University. My grandchildren from Maine are staying busy. Joshua is a Physical Therapist in Bangor and Benjamin just graduated from Syracuse University and will be working at an advertising firm in New York City. Matthew, my youngest grandchild, will be entering MCI in the fall. I keep busy as a crossing guard for the school and continue to buy and sell antiques. I want to thank David McGaffin for helping me keep in touch with all of our classmates.



Kaye Doyle Mooers '53 and Stirling Thurston, John '52 and Faye Ellingwood Shaw '53, Bob and Dale Ray Seaburg '53, Matthew Scott '53 and Beverly Libby, Joyce Hunt Rowe and Dick Gerry and Charlie and Audrey Allen gathered in Florida.

Alvah Wyman
Class Agent

Class of 1953

Classmates of 1953 gathered in Howey-in-the-Hills March 18 at The Missions Resort in Nickers Restaurant. They traveled from St. Petersburg, Zephyrhills, Taveres, Mt. Dora, and Brooksville, Florida. All will soon be traveling to their homes in Maine. Couples, left to right are: **John and Faye Ellingwood Shaw**, Dick Gerry and **Joyce Hunt Rowe**, Charlie and Audrey Allen, friends of the Shaws, Bob and **Dale Ray Seaburg**, Stirling Thurston and **Kaye Doyle Mooers** and **Matthew Scott** and Beverly Libby. Charlie and Audrey Allen provided hand carved painted favors for all the ladies.

Class Agent, **Kaye Doyle Mooers**, hasn't been too active this past year but is thankful to all her family, classmates and friends for the support they have given her during this past year's battle with cancer. The daily support and caregiving by her partner, Stirling, was above and beyond. She did decide to finish her treatments in Florida so they were able to escape the brutal winter in Maine. Stirling's daughter and husband, of Canandaigua, NY, visited them in

February and Kaye's daughter and husband, of Sidney, ME spent a week with them in April. She and Stirling were able to spend a day at Hulk Hogan's Beach Restaurant where they met with Kaye's niece and husband from Englewood, FL; her niece from Durham, CT and her great niece from Holyoke, MA. Kaye plans to attend reunion in August and hopes to see many classmates there. She reminds you to mark your calendars for July 31 through August 2 and please remember that donations for the fiscal year 2014-2015 ends June 30th. She also hopes to have a gathering of classmates in Maine during the summer months. She thanks all those who sent in news.

Susan Robinson Farmer wrote from Abbe Ranch that this year marks their 40th consecutive Clinic and Horse Trial. They have a new course designer, new jumps and new tracks and the Clinic will be May 7-10 and the Horse Trial, June 26-28. She has recently undergone surgery on her varicose veins at Rose Medical Center. We hope all went well, Susan.

Thelma Sennett Vining wrote that she and **Cliff '54**, feel fortunate to be in Florida this winter. They enjoyed having their son Mike and granddaughter visit for twelve days and spent time look-

ing at colleges. Mike returned later for ten days to work and put on a barbecue for the Boston Red Sox Fan Club. He is Vice President of that group.

Leland Brown called and said that he and his partner, Pat, hope to get to their place in New Brunswick when the snow leaves the area. (It should be gone by now!) Lee's granddaughter, Molly Kathryn will graduate from Husson College this fall with an RN degree in nursing. He has two great grandchildren, Sophie, 4, and Molly, 3 months.

Dale Ray Seaburg wrote that while she and husband, Bob, were wintering in Florida, their son and grandson visited and they all enjoyed a seaplane ride around the area and flew over their home. They enjoyed a week-long visit from their granddaughter and great granddaughter (11 months) in January. She said that she is doing well but Bob has to have carotid artery and aortic valve surgery when they return to CT. Prayers go with you Bob! She said it was great to get together for lunch with classmates Kaye and Stirling, Faye and John, Matt and Bev and Joyce and Dick and thanked Kaye for all that she does.

Dave Fenderson wrote that he was still vertical at 80 and doing volunteer work for the Maine Maritime Academy. He is getting set to go fishing with his son in Blackville, New Brunswick. He also works monthly at the National Park Service at the Navy Yard in Charlestown on his old ship, USS CASSIN YOUNG. DD-793. The ship has been around a long time and sees thousands of visitors annually. Believe it or not, his name is still on the stateroom door. She is tied up with the USS CONSTITUTION.

George Pierce wrote a wonderful letter during the holidays and updated his family activities. He and Doris still spend winters in Fort Walton Beach, FL and summer at Harvey's Lake in West Barnet, VT. Daughter Susie, a nurse practitioner, computerizes health records

for the Indian Health organization as an O-5 (Commander) in the US Public Health Service. She is on the computer four days a week and sees patients one day at week at the Yakima Facility. She was recognized for her performance with the second highest medal that the US Public Health Service gives. She has two children, both active in Karate. Daughter Polly works for Vermont Human Services and coping with 'empty nest syndrome' as her daughter, Sarah, is at Boston University where she plans to pursue neuroscience. She spent time in France as an exchange student and graduated summa cum laude from South Burlington High School. George still serves on local boards, plays softball at a 'decreasingly less skilled level,' and plays lots of tennis in Florida. So far the body is holding together.

Joyce Hunt Rowe wrote that she and her partner, Dick, enjoyed seeing Kaye doing so well and they really had a great time at The Mission Resort in Howey-in-the-Hills. The area was beautiful and Nickers is a lovely restaurant. She and Dick arrived in St. Petersburg, FL the end of December and stayed until April. They had a good winter. Her prayers go out to **Gloria McNichol's** family.

Sarah Chipman wrote that her news is quite bland this year as some of her plans fell through but she pointed out that it was the middle of April and that there were signs of spring here in Maine after an especially long winter. There is bare ground, the sun is gaining in length and strength and Sawyer's take-out and ice cream business in Newport is open for the summer season. All of these are reliable signs that spring is here and summer is around the corner. "See you at our 62nd Class Reunion!"

Priscilla Foss Rende called with news of her family and it was good to talk with her. She and Frank weathered the winter by staying inside a lot! Granddaughter and partner are living in Long Island, NY and Brianna manages a miniature cupcake business at the JFK

airport. Granddaughter Maggie and grandson Matthew are working and living in Kittery, ME where Matthew is manager of Target. Grandson Sean is going into the Army as an officer; Christine is a Junior at a Christian school and will finish up school in the fall in Australia. Alex performed in Chizzle Whizzle at Cony High School and plays Lacrosse and football. The youngest grandchildren, Grace and Nate, are active in all sports. She and Frank hope to make Reunion.

Charlene Hunt Call wrote that she and Maurice are doing well and that Maurice is able to drive again. That's great news! She had a big surprise 80th birthday party with many, many, friends and family. She had expected a few of the family but nothing like what took place. Maurice took her to breakfast at the Governor's in Waterville so she enjoyed a beautiful day. (No one deserved it more than Charlene).

Faye Ellingwood Shaw and **John Shaw '52** wrote that her great grandson, Glendon Robert Parlin, son of grandson, Cole and Hillary Parlin, who was born in December at 3 lbs. finally hit 5 lbs. in February and was able to go home. On a sad note, they lost their beloved pet, Duffah, in April. John keeps busy with his antiques while Faye keeps on "hooking." The Searsport rug hooking company which is primarily located on Verona Island in Maine spends their winters in Punta Gorda and put on a hooking retreat two days every March, which Faye attends. They have classes and many vendors and participants spend their time hooking, visiting and eating! They also do one in Brewer in September which Faye and her daughter have already signed up for. There were 250 that attended the one in Punta Gorda this year.

Matthew Scott presented a paper at the North American Lake Management Society on the Maine Lakes Volunteer Monitoring Program (the oldest citizen scientist program in the United States). This

program was created by Matt in 1971 and has gained national recognition for over 44 years. After the presentation, he and his partner, Beverly Libby, went to their home in Zephyrhills, FL where they remain very active, making more than ten trips to Busch Gardens for the winter shows. They attended the Kumquat Festival, Strawberry Festival, Florida State Fair, Florida RV Show, and made two trips to University of Florida in Gainesville where Matt is collaborating with several university scientists on Maine lakes and honeybees. Matt and Bev attended the MCI Alumni gathering hosted by **Gary '69** and **Amy Fitts** at their home in Port Charlotte. They met up with **Joanne Withee '55**, and MCI Headmaster Chris Hopkins, was there to greet us all. They met with five members of MCI Class of '53 friends and others at The Missions in Howey-in-the-Hills and enjoyed a lunch and much comradery. Matt and Bev had a busy winter with lots of dancing in their "spare" time. They returned home in Maine the first of April.

Gertrude Grignon Bizeau wrote that she never made it to Mississippi as planned due to health issues of her daughter Sue and herself. Her son, Sidney, recently had eye surgery in Portland and all went well. Her other children are all doing well in their work. She is busy planning a 100th birthday party for her mother-in-law which will take place in May.

Cynthia Brown Johnson called and said that she and **Arthur '51** have kept very busy doing the Lord's work and spending much time daily visiting the sick and with their various church activities. They are very proud of their grandson, Joe Ladd, of JL Landscape, who is doing an outstanding job in his young business. JL Landscape took the Best of Show at the Bangor Garden Show this year along with Best Landscape and Peoples' Choice Award. Congratulations, Joe!

Philip Coffin wrote that he and Maria welcomed a new great granddaughter, Kadence, who arrived six weeks early, but is doing fine. Phil and Maria were feted with a combined 80th birthday party at the Cheesecake Factory in January by their sons' families, including their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Maria is looking forward to her sister visiting from Germany in May and June and after that they will head for their cottage in Maine for the summer.

Kaye Doyle Mooers
Class Agent

Class of 1955

Leona Cross Lovely writes, "I just wanted to let my classmates know I'm still around. I'm retired, but love to walk to different places here in Newport and to the Seabaticook Lake and see the birds and people. I no longer drive. I live at Newport Inn and am waiting for nice weather to walk to Walmart. If anyone wants to get in touch with me, I love pen pals or phone pals (I don't use a computer)."

Class Agent needed

Class of 1960

Marilyn Nash (Sam) completed her first 5K in years in the Race for Success.

Classmates, we will be notifying you regarding a 1960 Reunion gathering.

Joan Basford Bradley
Rachel Fields Brenckman
Marilyn Nash
Co-Class Agents

Class of 1964

Dot Creasy Ackerman plans to attend her granddaughter Sarah's wedding in August as well as her granddaughter Lynn DeeAnn's high school graduation. She is a busy grandmother who also has a

13 month old grandson.

Bonnie McGaffin Baker says she is a grandmother x10 and also has great grandchildren. Since she will be attending a grandson's wedding this summer, she can't make Reunion. Bonnie received another Presidential Award for her volunteer work with hospice. She must be running out of wall space for all of her awards!

Joe Barnes and **Karoldene '65** are now retired and discovered since not having regular work schedule hours, that six Saturdays and one Sunday in a week works better for them! Karoldene is looking forward to her 50th MCI Reunion this summer. Joe is also busy training his new Brittany Spaniel.

Carolyn Dutill Belanger has been busy doing many good deeds while husband Buzz is out golfing.

Chip Bemis is busy with his photography hobby. He's told his landscape photos are glorious.

Linda Vanadestine Bell and husband Noah recently moved from northeast down to Cocoa, FL.

Rita Flood Bubar is back from Florida, waiting to travel out to her camp in Hartland once the dirt road is passable. One of her grandchildren is a junior at MCI and another is at KVCC.

Crystal Hunt Cyr and husband Arthur will be celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary in July. They have 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. They plan to open their antique business on Main Street, Burnham on the weekends.

Georgie Brown Farrin, our 50th Reunion host, said husband Ron is semi-retired, but they are both busy with their 8 grandchildren from age 13 to one year.

Mike Gordon continues with his cycling hobby. He has a blog: MCI Biker@BlogSpot.com, and helps raise funds for MCI. Don't be surprised to look up and see Mike



The Alumni and Friends reception at the home of Gary '69 and Amy Fitts in Florida. Headmaster Chris Hopkins was pleased to join the esteemed group earlier in the day.

biking up your driveway! He bikes over from Canaan to my driveway in no time flat! Mike and his wife are enjoying retirement and family.

Joan VanDerveer Gould is living in Littleton, NH. She walks daily since her back surgery. She has two children and two grandsons who visit often.

Una Inman Cheney returned from a long vacation to visit with her daughter and two grandsons who live in Australia. She said Australia is a very interesting country.

Frank "Tommy" Haseltine and wife Anne were out traveling from Knoxville, TN through Colorado, checking out mountains and parks. They plan on heading back to Maine this summer.

Lowell Martin is busy on his large farm in Cambridge. He has already started planting. I have seen some of his vegetables, and any gardening catalog would be happy to have pictures of his harvest!

Linda Tozier Dean, back from Florida, is working part time in Hermon at the RV Park. She wanted to thank our class for their kind words after the recent loss of her husband, John.

Bob Mercier and wife Laura are busy with their specialty ground

coffee business, and developed a "Huskie" blend for Reunion weekend! Laura's great granddaughter is a freshman at MCI.

Edward "Eddy" Toulouse is retired from his teaching career and working part time in Newport at Car Quest. Eddy is also a true vegetable gardening specialist – he uses his vegetables year round. He cans his product for use into the winter months.

Donna Brooks Rolfe reports enjoying retirement and recently welcomed a great-grandson, Camden. Her granddaughter is out of RN school and now works at EMMC and her grandson is in college.

Pat Elkins Pratt and husband Billy look forward to their upcoming 50th wedding anniversary. Pat has a 3-day a week job and she and Billy are remodeling a 1930 home in Ocala. They say there are many activities in Ocala, and it is fantastic car and horse country.

Greg Wright was planning to retire on Friday, April 24, and said it's time for him and his wife to enjoy their 4 grandchildren and have more time to work around the house and raised flower beds.

Susan Smith Mullins is retired and living in Kentucky. She has 7 grandchildren and 2 great grand-

children. She and her granddaughter are working on her garden.

Marlene Hunt Ward reports she left the north woods for a while this winter to journey to Florida.

Carole Daily Vigue and her husband **Peter '65** are looking forward to Peter's 50th Class Reunion this summer. They are busy with their grandchildren.

Jane Woodcock Woodruff and husband Don visited a new grandson, born at the Woodcock home- stead – the second grandchild born at home. Jane and Don are hopeful to make it down to the Maine coast and take the boat out. Jane is busy between a Civil War project and the Pittsfield recycling program.

Leon Southard and his wife Leedra will be traveling north for the summer. They plan to be at the Putter at the golf course during Reunion Weekend.

Robert "Bob" Merrithew plans to travel to Texas to see his son and daughter and three grandchildren ages 13 to 5. Bob says "Hi" to all.

Mark Hodgkins plans to travel up from the south this summer, spending 5 months at camp in Burnham on the water.

Glen Wehrwein and his wife are moving from Massachusetts up to Middlebury, VT where Glen and his wife met in college. They have 3 sons, one of whom recently ran the Boston marathon in under 3 hours.

Jim Gould says "Hi! He was so pleased to see you all at the 50th!" He's busy traveling, and might head north sometime again.

Connie Baxter Marlow is presently in Colorado with her father, 95 year-old John Baxter. Connie continues to be one busy, on-the-go gal. On her "to do" list is to come back to the New England area later this year and work on her film project "First 50 Years Freedom and Friendship Plymouth Plantation."

Mike Vigue is still busy working, traveling for business, and has a

home in the Belgrade Lakes area.

Les Hinckley, Jr. reports he and his family are on the modified racing car circuit, and might even be up in Maine racing at Beech Ridge. He has 7 grandchildren aged 15 to 2 years.

Judy Smith Chapman was so happy to see you all at the 50th. There will be a memorial for her mother, Persis, who passed at age 99 in Maine this summer.

Glenda McMann Weymouth and husband hoped to take a trip someplace warm. The last time I saw Glenda, it was a balmy 5 to 10 degree Maine average winter day!

Carleen Cianchette Carlson and her family visited a national park in Arizona. She is now semi-retired and plans to come back to Maine later this summer. She has 4 children and 2 grandchildren.

Ralph Damren wintered 3 times in Florida. In November, he went to see the MCI Huskies Football team play in the State Championship, and saw **Bruce Cushing, Jim Toulouse, Ronnie Kinney** and **Carole** and **Peter Vigue '65** there. Baseball umpiring started April 20th. He is looking forward to Reunion this year.

Carl Curtis has been on jury duty in NH. He was sorry he wasn't able to see folks at the 50th.

Ronald "Ronnie" Kinney winters in FL, and then returns to CT.

Tom Savage spent the winter in Key Largo, went to Ireland, and will be back on the Maine coast for the summer.

Jeff Hathorn just returned from the Fun & Sun Air Show. Jeff and his two brothers were in Costa Rica recently. Jeff has 2 sons, is still a flying pilot, and hopes to be in Maine this summer.

Olive Knowles Norton said since she was in Florida, she didn't see any snow. I told her we would

send her some if she wants some! She has 5 grandsons and 2 granddaughters. She plans to be back up in Maine the end of July to visit family and friends.

Jim Scribner writes that he is planning to show up for Reunion Weekend, celebrating his brother Herb's 50th. Hopes to see many of you there. He remains very busy, and volunteers to help animals of all kinds at the local shelter.

Linda Eastman and her husband Phil plan to do a lot of traveling this year, and hope to make it back to New England and Maine later this year.

Richard Withee says "Hello from Chicago."

We were sorry to learn that **Rodney Small** passed away. Thank you to everyone who has kept him in your thoughts.

It was so nice to visit **Rosalie Small O'Shea** while she was here from Australia to be with Rodney. She shared that she has three sons, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She has picked up an Australian accent! She wanted everyone to know how much she appreciated the thoughts and prayers.

Steve Barnes called while traveling through Knoxville, TN. He said to say "Hi," and he plans to be at Reunion.

Linda Snowdeal Brown reports she has three grandsons and one granddaughter who is 2. She and her husband Pat are planning a trip to Guam.

Bob Menucci will attend an MCI Board Meeting in June. He has served 9 years on the Board of Trustees. He has been traveling on business. He was with one company for 38 years and is now an independent. He says "Hi" to everyone.

Barbara Vigue Day - aka the Class Agent - is trying hard to grow more veggies, herbs, and flowers than weeds this year! She is plan-

ning to have local grade school children come for the free children gardening program (usually 80 to 90 kids come in spring to plant and then back in fall to pick their veggies). And, yes, yours truly was on Channel 5 TV news in December. A special thanks to those of you who viewed this and didn't laugh too hard! Hope to see some of you this summer.

We were very sorry to hear that **Charlie Philbrick** passed away in June. Our condolences to his wife Rae and family.

Thanks to all the Class of '64 who were able to make it to or get a message to the Class for the 50th Class Reunion - definitely a great time was had!

Barbara Vigue Day
Class Agent

Class of 1965

Our 50th Reunion will be here before we know it! Several classmates including **Maryjane Christie Stafford, Tania Winsor Hanon, Karoldene Martin Barnes, Charlene Buzzell Lowe** and **Pam Houston Brooks** have been hard at work planning our class party and other festivities. Please make plans to attend Reunion this year!

Lawrence Yeaton
Class Agent

Class of 1966

Robert Elmer writes, "I continue to lecture, write and consult to Caregivers of those with Alzheimer's and other dementias. However, last October I was retained by Brookdale Senior Living to be their Interim Administrator of North Bay Senior Living in Smithfield, RI. That assignment ended at the end of February and I was then transferred to New England Bay in Coventry, RI as its Executive Director. I was asked and accepted the permanent position there as Executive Director in April and that's where you'll find me today. Brookdale is the largest company of its kind in the country with 1150

communities serving over 100,000 residents in 47 States. The good news is I only have to worry about 120 of them."

Peter McAleney writes, "We are finally 'semi-retired.' I sold my lobster business, New Meadows Lobster, the marina and wharf to the DiMillos family. After 20 plus years I stepped down as President of the Maine Import/Export Association. My marriage is 45 years strong, after I imported my bride from Louisiana. We will be enjoying our 2 granddaughters for part of the year and escaping to warmer weather in the winter."

Linda Abbott Morgan
Class Agent

Class of 1967

We received a nice note from **Douglas Fernald**, who wrote, "Last summer I enjoyed a visit from **Brenda Rich Doncet** when she transplanted an heirloom peony from her Detroit childhood home. **Bob Ashe** and I exchange perennials from our gardens. I also enjoyed a visit from **Terry Towne** and his wife Raelene who summer on Great Moose Pond in Hartland. Terry, in his retirement, enjoys cabinet making, and he was inspired by my late father's tool chest that my dad had made aboard a battleship during WWII. **David Burton** and wife **Reta Bickford Burton** are moving from Pensacola, FL to Atlanta, GA where they will be neighbors to their younger son Matthew and wife Elyse. Reta will be volunteering at the school in which grandchildren Olivia and John are enrolled.

I was deeply touched last Christmas when my former students at Hinckley School dedicated a Christmas tree in my honor at Good Will-Hinckley's annual 'Festival of Trees' (attended every year by Bob Ashe). During the holidays I was delighted to have a visit from a former student at Hinckley who resides in NYC. It was the first visit for his Ethiopian-born spouse to Maine!

Sharon Sedgwick Clark informs me that she has mixed emotions about her forthcoming retirement. I am sure she will enjoy its 'freedom'! **Doug Chadwick, Chris Anthony** and I occasionally see one another at Forest Frost's Mobil station in Pittsfield, and I sometimes see **Ron Creamer** at 'The Maine Store' in Detroit. It pleases me that **Barbara Kitchin '99**, daughter of the late **Gary B. Kitchin**, knows many of my Penobscot friends on Indian Island, where I was once museum consultant at the tribal museum. Looking forward to our 50th MCI Reunion in 2017!"

Thanks, Doug, for the nice note and information!

Sheilya Cookson Voter
Class Agent

Class of 1969

Hello classmates. I have not heard from any of you with your personal news or news about classmates. Although I could find information on many of you from Facebook, the volume of posts is overwhelming. Unfortunately, the only news I have to report is the loss of one of our classmates. **Wes McGibney** passed away on February 10, 2015 at his home in The Villages, FL. We will all remember Wes in different ways depending on our association with him. I will primarily remember him based on my visit with him last year at The Villages – a great host, a devoted family man, an avid golfer and sports enthusiast, and a very good friend.

Thank you to **Gary Fitts** and his wife Amy for hosting an MCI reception at their home in Florida in March. All who attended had a wonderful time.

Please send me your news for the next issue of the *Alumnus*, preferably by email at jmshank7@gmail.com. Mark your calendar for our 46th Reunion Weekend July 31 – August 2, 2015. **Gary Fitts** has let me know he is planning on a class party the Saturday afternoon of Reunion Weekend. We'll send more information later.

Jim Maynard

Class Agent

Class of 1970

Scott Keller writes, "I was a PG student in the Class of 1970, who lived in the Weymouth dorm. After graduation I went on to Maine Maritime Academy with a few of my PG classmates. We all graduated in April of 1974 with BS degrees in Marine Engineering having passed the USCG exams. Since going our separate ways in the industry, I have sailed on many different vessels, such as tow boats, steam oil tankers, harbor tugs and barges, to mention a few, in the petroleum trades as 3rd, 2nd, and 1st engineer ratings. I have traveled all over the world, but mostly sailed among the U.S. navigable waters on all coasts. Being away from family and friends has its hardships on schedules for all mariners in the same profession at times. As of January 2014, I retired due to health issues after my 40 years of service in the U.S. Merchant Marines. My wife Barbara and I have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls, along with our 8 grandchildren (5 girls and 3 boys) to keep us young at heart and busy. I also enjoy driving my antique car, riding motorcycles, and traveling. I just turned 64 in March and cannot believe the years have gone by since graduating high school in 1969, MCI in 1970, and MMA in 1974. My bucket list only gets longer. Ha! All the best to the MCI grads of every year."

This winter **Bill Cunningham** and wife Karen have enjoyed taking weekly square dance and swing dance lessons and playing pickle ball at the Warsaw gym. Bill fondly remembers taking ballroom dance lessons in 5th grade with his neighborhood friends at Mrs. Windsor's house on Summer Street. A weekly adult education course on trick and fitness hula hooping showed Bill his hooping skills will need much improvement before he takes his act on the road. Bill also enjoyed going on the weekly cross country skiing and snowshoeing day trips offered by the Down East Outing Club, an active group of very fit seniors who go on 4 to 6 mile hikes in central and eastern

Maine every Thursday year-round. When he is out cross country skiing, Bill swears he always hears his old MCI ski team coach, Bob Boris, yelling "Get the lead out!" forcing him to madly double pole up all the steepest hills he encountered!

Martha Lloyd is enjoying retirement after 45 years of working in health care, the last 39 as an RN. Her husband Jim Evans retired in January and they have enjoyed several trips, and especially like learning the history of the places where they have been traveling. Their children Beth and Sam also live in Seattle and are both successfully launched! Martha and Jim will be in Maine for the reunion and hope to reconnect with old classmates both at the reunion lunch and at the class party at Bill Cunningham's afterward.

Michael Greenberg writes, "I retired one year ago from Sikorsky Aircraft after thirty-four years. My wife died from cancer in 2008. I met my current wife at work and got married in May 2014."

Wendy Murdock Esposito writes that she and husband Espo are planning to attend the class reunion this summer and looking forward to reconnecting with classmates.

Roy Milke writes that life is always busy at his house. His oldest son, Matthew, graduated from high school last May. He had chosen to join the Navy earlier in the year. Shortly after graduation he went off to boot camp and then submarine school. Twins Brian and Andrew are busy with their many school and extracurricular activities. They are eagerly waiting for the day when they can trade their learner's permits into driver's licenses. The boys keep Roy and Ann busy. Ann continues to work as a substitute teacher in the lower elementary grades while Roy is still flying the skies, now with Boeing.

The MCI and Warsaw HS 1970 Class Reunion Party will be hosted by **Bill Cunningham, Martha Lloyd** and **David (Surfer) England** at Bill's house across from the MCI campus at 290 Main Street on Saturday August 1 from 2 to 4PM.

Beverages, snacks, hot dogs, lawn games and chairs under a shady tent will be provided. Bring your old and new stories to share. RSVP to docbillc@myfairpoint.net or mlloydjevans@gmail.com or dbengland50@gmail.com

I want to thank everyone who has sent in their class notes. Susan and I are looking forward to attending the reunion this year. There is a schedule of the weekend events that you all can get online. Let's have a great turnout. I also want to thank Dr. and Mrs. Cunningham for hosting the class get-together at their home.

David England
Class Agent

Class of 1971

Thanks to classmate, **Milton Webber**, who contributed the following: "I had a nice chat with **Greg Folsom**, who is still "dabbling" in the Used Car Market on outer Hartland Avenue, as his Dad did for years. **Mike Braley** is still toiling his wares at Mike's Auto Body shop on outer Hunnewell Ave.

Richard Ingraham is the 'go-to' person at Hammond Tractor in Fairfield, Maine. His official title is Consumer and Commercial Sales Manager. **Patricia Greene Halpin**, ever present on Facebook, notes that life is good, and she is enjoying those grandkids! **Jeff Knights** writes that he is still busy with his work, and is in contact with his Dorm Buddies -- **Richard Sullivan**, among others. As for yours truly, Kathy and I are busy with our lives, running the B&B, coordinating with Special Olympic projects, MCI Alumni Association projects, (as YOUR PRESIDENT), showing my artwork all over the State, Masonic work, substitute teaching for SAD 53, etc. Next year is OUR 45th Class Reunion, so let's plan on converging here at my house, like we did for our 40th. ALWAYS open for other ideas!"

Cindy Nash Dempsey's new granddaughter, Aleena, is 7 months old and beautiful. **Marlin Smith** is fully retired and moved from Hawaii to Apollo Beach, FL while his wife, Nadine, has to go

back to Hawaii every couple of months to work. He visits Pittsfield a couple of times a year and sees **Greg Folsom**, **Mike Braley** and **Van Ames**. **Mary Lloyd Smith** is busy with her adorable grandchildren and active on Facebook. She and her family celebrated their mother Marilyn's 90th birthday this winter.

Linda Sweet Thornton recently returned from Bozeman, MT after visiting her son, Dylan, and his family as well as daughter Kaili and family from Hawaii. They left Maine in March and it was 25 degrees. When they got to Bozeman, it was 60 and they said they would have liked to have the winter we had in Maine! The business that Linda worked for closed in February bringing her to the point of semi-retirement. Linda is trying to figure out what is next and says that she is "always up for another adventure."

I hosted an MCI gathering at our orchard in NH and **Jeff Knights** came up. We had a great time sharing stories about Pittsfield and MCI with other alums. I have retired and am caring for my mom, who has Alzheimer's, in my home. My husband is retiring in December and we hope to become campground hosts in Florida!

The ladies from our class continue to gather at the Putter for dinner on the Friday of Reunion and welcome newcomers. We have been known to have some fellows stop by too!! We have loved getting news from **Libby Winsor**, **Nancy Fowler** and **Tom Mayhew**, so if you are in touch with any friends who grew up in Pittsfield we would love to invite them to Reunion!

The class of 1970 is celebrating their 45th Reunion this summer.... we are invited to attend, AND, Milton and Kathy will have a "spill-over" get-together at their house so watch for this news.

We are working on the MCI 1971 Facebook page so if you want to help by inviting 71ers to join and post photos from growing up in Pittsfield and MCI please do (or



Scott Keller '70

send me photos and I will post.) You can friend me on Facebook and I will get you onto the page!

Laurie Loosigian
Jeffrey Knights
Co-Class Agents

Class of 1974

The class of '74 had a great time celebrating our 40th Reunion last August. There were a variety of venues where we gathered to catch up on each other's lives and remember those who are no longer with us. **Dorothy Wilkins Anderson** and her husband Jim planned a vacation around the Reunion. They arrived with **Patti Davis Buck** and her husband Bruce. **Randa Wright** made the trip from California while **Carole Giovannucci Hall** made a quick trip from Texas to attend the festivities. We had a good showing from people closer to home as well: **Terry Booth**, **Loretta Young McNichol**, **Priscilla Jones**, **Sylvia McNichol**, **Jim Dunphy**, **Susan Cianchette Koch**, **Laura Cianchette**, **Brian Bane**, **Scott Hammond**, **Ronny Rollins**, and **Jeff Crate**. We were joined by **Paul Millington's** wife Sherry, their daughter Sara, and his beloved grandson Ayden. There was a memorial service on Sunday where friends and family remembered Paul. I cherish these times that we can be together to celebrate and reconnect with friends from our high school days at MCI.

Vera Bryant
Class Agent

Class of 1975

A bit of news, classmates. I still see **Kevin Bryant** and **Vera '74** as they have a happy hour every Friday and this includes a free shoe shine. A lot of people from various classes embark on the Bryant's for good company, some laughs and music.

Jeff Jones runs his own business, a world-wide venture from his home in Albion, ME.

Suzzie Quint is living in West Pittsfield and has acquired a camp a few doors from the one where we had our graduation party. I took in a Stones concert with her and her brother **Tom '73**, **Wendy Scott '73**, Tom's son **Tyson '03**, **Rusty Hall '74**, and John Blouin, and what a great time. All are alumni except John ('74 Kent's Hill).

I see **Rhonda Young**, **Mary Huff Rumery** and **Paula Boulanger Door** from time to time.

Mike Susi lives around the corner from me and see him often. He is recouping from a knee replacement. Too many hard hits in football!

Ruth Dutting Witte is a proud grandmother to her new granddaughter, Freya.

Bart Kelleher moved to Colorado about a year ago, and is doing well. He plans to be at Reunion.

We will be getting a letter out with details on our 40th. I can be reached at Oceanrider90@hotmail.com with any news you would like to share. I am still on the water on an oil tanker. I guess you can tell by my e-mail address. Looking forward to coming home and unpacking my sea bag for the last time, but still too young -- 62 maybe. Hope to see you all for Reunion Weekend. The Alumni Executive Committee has worked very hard to provide a fun packed weekend. And of course thanks to all at the Association for all they do. Many hours are given for us.

Bud Ingraham
Class Agent

Class of 1976

Hello Class of '76, As I write this the Mill Pond & the river are at near bankful. We're about a month behind where we should be weather-wise thanks to all the snow we had this winter. It snowed almost every other day after MLK day into February & early March.

Start making plans to come "home" to MCI next summer August 5 - 7, 2016, as it is our 40th anniversary of graduation. I've not seen many of you since then. I did see **Scott Sinclair** a few days ago in Bud's, I see **Coleen Dunphy Martin** in Dysart's every once in a while and that's about it. I'll still be at the Egg Festival in July even though I've retired from calling Beano as I couldn't stay bent over the master board anymore due to my back. I did it last year, but after Fri. night, I could hardly walk. I've been involved with the Kiwanis & Egg Festival for over 40 years (I started with Don Humphrey in his blanket booth), so I don't feel too bad about walking away. I'm still going to hold down a corner of the tent where I can see folks and be out of the way of the Beano players, but I can come and go as I please once again like I did when I lived near the park and Mark Jones. Speaking of the Egg Festival, there's a new

website for them: centralmaineeggfestival.org. There will be some old pics from past Egg Fest's on there as the Historical Society has been asked to share some pics from some of the photo albums at the Museum.

I'm still at the library 5 to 6 days a week for a few hours (in the winter that depends on the weather). I'm back on my bike for the season, so watch out or you might get run down (Ha! 40+ years of riding and I haven't run anyone over yet!). I look forward to hearing from you guys about plans for Reunion in 2016 as time goes along.

I remain Historically & Historically Yours,
Don Hallenbeck
Class Agent

Class of 1977

Hello Classmates! Thank you so much to all of you who sent updates for the *Alumnus* Class of 1977 notes!

"Life is good! It says so on my shirt!" (Who does that sound like?) **Craig Littlefield?** Yep. He sent a note a few weeks ago saying that in a few days he would be on his way to Stuart, Florida, with **Frankie Randall** to meet up with **Mike Brooks** to soak up some rays, play golf, and enjoy some friendly competition with the grand prize of dinner at a fine local dining establishment. I haven't heard who bought dinner yet.

I received another nice note in from **Ruth Breininger Clarke** who lives in Greene, Maine. Needless to say, Ruth is a busy woman. She has a daughter who was married in January, her oldest daughter married last May in NYC and then moved to Indianapolis, another daughter is attending nursing school and graduating in May, a daughter is attending cosmetology school and her oldest son is married with three lovely, active children (yes, grandchildren). Her youngest son is going to school at Kennebec Valley Community College, training to be a PTA. He will be in Pittsfield this May as part of

his training and Lord willing he will graduate next spring! Along with the good news comes the news about challenges with aging parents as many of you may be experiencing at this point in our lives and so has Ruth with her dad. Ruth's father married Arthur and me and we wish Reverend Breininger and all of his family the very best. We are still married after 34 years after his good counsel about marriage.

This news came in from **Tony Romaniello**: "I received your note in the mail and decided to drop you a line. I can't believe it's been 38 years! Although I was a PG and attended MCI for only 1 year, the experience changed my life.

I was on the football team and the guys on that 1977 PG team were some of the craziest I have ever met. I am from a tough neighborhood and grew up with a bunch of wild guys but some of the members of that team were in a different league altogether.

One of those crazy guys was my roommate, **Michael Debboli**. I noticed in the last MCI Alumni Magazine that he had recently passed away and his passing prompted me to write. I looked up Michael's obituary and found that he had turned out to be a devoted father (2 boys), husband (married 42 years) and a fine citizen with numerous awards for volunteer work and public service. I believe that the time at MCI helped shape his life. I know it helped shape mine. I came to MCI with average grades and poor study habits. I left MCI with above average grades and great study habits. The mandatory study hours each night along with some fine teachers prepared me for my college career. I remember Mr. Moser as being an outstanding teacher and making Geometry interesting!

As far as my life is concerned, I am married with 2 beautiful children (son, 15, and daughter, 12). I worked in NYC for many years and now live in Florida. I have lost contact with the members of our class and the people I met at MCI. Hope-

fully I can reconnect with some of my old friends."

Tony's note is a reminder of the value of the education from MCI whether we knew it or not at the time. It was the mid- to late-70s, and everyone was doing a lot of discovering of themselves, figuring out what was next, students, faculty and staff alike, and I hope you still are!

This came in from **Suzanne Kohler**: "I work for Coca-Cola Refreshments as a Market Development Manager in Needham, MA, handling accounts at Logan Airport and on the North Shore. I live in Newton and enjoy going in to Boston for most anything fun and cultural, including cheering for some of our local sports teams! I often visit Keisha (my daughter), Will (my son-in-law) and my grandkids in OK. Maya is now 7, William is 4, and they are busy with activities and learning a lot! It's fun to visit them in OK, and I often take them to museums and to all their activities. I love it when they visit me in Boston or Maine too! I enjoy seeing my family in Maine - one special one is my 99 year-old grandmother, Helen Mosher! (I hope to see some classmates soon too!)" Former MCI teacher **David Mosher '57** is her uncle. Small world.

And a quick note from **Dean Richards**, "I just got your post card. I've been out of state for a month and just got it." Hey Dean! Send us a note about what you're up to these days and we'll get it in the next *Alumnus*.

A little about me, Arthur and I live and work in Pittsfield. I am the Human Resources Manager at Kleinschmidt Associates—shout out to classmate Mark Kleinschmidt! I never would have thought that I would be working at the engineering firm downtown that Mark's father established in 1966—nearly 50 years ago. I am in my 16th year there, am very involved in my HR profession and was selected as Maine's 2014 Human Resource Leader of the Year by my peers, which is an amazing honor. We love to putter around the house

(which we call "camp"), play golf, and still enjoy our time together after all these years. As I was writing these notes, classmate and best of friends **Tammy Andrews Ingraham** stopped by for a visit. The benefits of living in one's hometown. Fun.

So, as your Class Agent, if you have updates, please feel free to send them to me at any time regardless of whether you hit this deadline or not, and I will collect and forward to the School for the Class Notes for the next edition of the *Alumnus* whenever that may be. Let us know what you are up to! We look forward to seeing you at our 40th Reunion in a couple of years so stay tuned! Keep in touch, and best,

Susan Williams Ouellette
swo16@roadrunner.com
Class Agent

Class of 1979

Welcome spring! It's been a long winter!

Anthony Edith will be moving from Shiloh, IL to Richmond, VA in June. He says he is looking forward to being a full time husband to **Bonnie Hicks Edith**.

Ann Cianchette writes, "Party" in Unity during Reunion this year! (And other times, too!). Check our class Facebook page for party plans, and if you need to buy or sell Real Estate in the Portland area.

Jay Pease writes that he has a new granddaughter, Madison Rae, born to Ray and Amanda Lombard.

As for me ... winter projects ... helping run the B&B and work have kept me busy. Always great to hear from all you '79ers. Looking forward to seeing you all this summer at Reunion!

Kathy Kelley
Class Agent

Class of 1985

Our 30th Reunion is coming up

this summer! Final details are being worked out for our class party. Please watch your mail as well as our Facebook page for this information.

Karen Rollins Fraser
Class Agent

Class of 1987

Amy McIntier Smith is getting married in June!

Candy Williams Murray is living in Roselle, Illinois, a suburb of Chicago. She has 3 kids. Her 18 year-old Jeremy is graduating this year and looking to pursue electrical engineering. Her 15 year-old Abby is a freshman and is going on a mission trip to London and Scotland in June. Her 5 year-old Alex is graduating from pre-school. She has been married 21 years and is a pastor's wife, who teaches private piano lessons and sells Scentsy Wickless candles. She will be back in Maine for a week this May.

David O'Brien
Class Agent

Class of 1988

Hi all,
Thanks for reaching out to me. This is typically a thankless job but touching base with all of you makes it all worthwhile! Dan and I are doing well. We just celebrated our 20th anniversary! Our oldest son Jeff graduated last May from Penn State and is now living in Alexandria, VA and working in DC. Our youngest, Jacob has started driving lessons and that keeps us on our toes. We recently purchased 29 acres of land and as soon as Jacob graduates we hope to build our dream home. Our son is helping with the design, putting that college education to good use helping his parents!

Michelle Shortreed Lowe writes, "Last September we took one of my nieces, Samantha Weymouth, (her mom is Sandrae Shortreed Weymouth '84) to Hawaii to celebrate her becoming an RN. It was a fabulous week on Oahu and our



Kelly Thayer Louder '97, Terri Jean Grant Wilkinson '97, Heather Hamilton Jabar '95, Marti McNichol Allen '97, Angela Parker St. Pierre '97, Deedra Jensen Braley '97, Donna Ward Stein '95 and Raegan Dunphy Ward '95 gathered in Boston in May.

first visit there. It definitely won't be the last. Just this month we went to Fort Benning for the Infantry school graduation of one of my nephews, Kenneth Knapp. My husband is retired Army and graduated from there in 1983, so it was also a little trip down memory lane.

After years of freelancing and also working in a courthouse, I have recently opened my own court reporting firm. For all of your deposition needs in Atlanta: MLow Reporting, LLC. Being the boss is a big step, but I'm looking forward to it."

Nicole Grant Degifico writes, "Other than you and I discovering that we are 'related' (It's true, Nicole and I are related through marriage and connected through the Steeves family... small world!) my biggest news is that my family has done a serious downsize, leasing a condo in Portland. Our daughter will graduate high school in June, then a year at SMCC, hoping to follow up with a degree from Unity College. We will officially be 'empty nesters,' so we're not sure where we will end up after this --ideally a place sunny and warm year-round!"

Alan Shorey writes, "The Army has

had me so busy over the years that I've been 'missing in action' when it comes to providing any info to you. Two years ago, my wife and I decided that it was time to retire from the Army so that our boys could go to high school without having to move every few years. I teach high school math (I have both of our kids in class) - it has been a big change but my boys are doing well. We live in Rome, GA. I've not made it back to Maine in a long time but hope to one day soon."

Heidi Caron Frost writes, "Peter and I are proud grandparents of a seven month-old grandson Elyas. Our daughter is a new mom, in college and working. Our son graduated from SMCC in December and is looking for work in his field. Peter and I celebrated 25 years of marriage in May with a trip to St. Thomas."

Gail Reid writes, "Just want to send love to our class and let everyone know I think about them! Lost my Dad this year as have a few of us, which has been tough. Congrats to all the grams and gramps as I am not quite there! My son amazes me every day with his huge leaps and bounds into manhood and is out on his own now! Getting ready to close Gail's orphanage for wayward boys soon! I think 8 was enough! Love to hear from every-

one so if you haven't found me on Facebook yet, please do!"

I've heard **Amy Cianchette Donaghy** lives in Washington, Maine with her husband and children. They purchased the General Store and have been in the process of restoring it. Should be open by the time this hits the presses. Congrats Amy, sounds amazing.

Thank you to all who participated in the 4-28-15 Day of Giving. I, for one, wouldn't be where I am today without the help of such an amazing school -- very proud to be an MCI Grad. Keep the updates coming! Email me, text me, fb message me, call me, snail mail me.....just keep in touch! Until next time,

Loren LaValle Martin
Class Agent

Class of 1997

Sarah Loring Allen resides in Pittsfield with her husband, **Stephen Allen '00**, and their two-year-old daughter. They are excited to welcome their second child in June. Sarah works for the MSAD #53 school district as the PK-4 Assistant Principal and continues to enjoy the world of education.

Kelly Thayer Louder graduated from UMaine in '01. She is a pre-K teacher in MSAD 53 and lives in Pittsfield with her husband **Andrew Louder '94** and their two daughters.

Terri-Jean Grant Wilkinson
Class Agent

Class of 1998

Jared McCannell works with Maine CDC in Public Health Emergency Preparedness and serves as the State Coordinator for the Medical Reserve Corps in Maine. He misses working at MCI, but has found a good outlet for his Husky pride with the Alumni Association. Jared continues to meet up with MCI alumni while traveling with work and recently saw **Faye Mack '99** while in Machias.

Amber Quint wanted to recognize Mrs. Vigue and celebrate her retirement from MSAD 53 later this year. Many students from the class of '98 were in her first ever second grade class years ago. Congratulations, Mrs. Vigue!

Jason Cummings
Class Agent

Class of 1999

Congratulations to **Laura Wyly Johnson**, who recently received her Ph.D. Her dissertation was entitled "Gender Discrimination and Title IX Implementation: Lessons from the Office of Civil Rights Letters, 1997-2011." Also, on Monday, May 18, she was promoted to Vice President for Student Life at Georgetown College, Kentucky.

Natalia Mayhew Hall
Class Agent

Class of 2004

Justin Holt recently got engaged to Ryan Murphy.

Melissa Hussey Stinson will be graduating from University of Phoenix in June with a Bachelor's of Science in Human Services, with a concentration in Family/Child Services.

Sierra Hendricks Boulanger opened her own child care, Pleasant Vale Daycare.

Melissa Hussey Stanton
Class Agent

Class of 2014

Read in the *Morning Sentinel* newspaper that **Kelsey Hayes** has been named to the 2014 fall semester merit list of Oxford College, the two-year liberal arts division of Emory University. Congratulations, Kelsey!

Class Agent Needed



Dr. Laura Wyly Johnson '99 and her father Col. Michael D. Wyly

In Memoriam

The Advancement Office was notified of the passing of these members of the MCI family:

Jackson Vail '36
Vivian Leighton Baker '44
Norma Booth Ballard '45
Edna Graham Greeley '46
Philip Dugas '48
Basil Tasker '49
Pauline Graham Wood '49
Albert Fitts '50
John Wentworth '50
Ann Reed '52
George Desrosiers '52
Paul Hopkins '54
Basil Kellis '55
Ronello Reynolds '55
Orman Cummings '58
Charles Philbrick '64
Rodney Small '64
Willie Stewart '65
Daniel Webster '65
Erica Susi Noble '67
Yvonne "Lolly" Susi '68
Wesley McGibney '69
Debora Dubay Knowlton '78
Timothy Wood '80
John Kohtala '82
Scott McGinnis '85
Ralph Baxter

Our deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of those who have passed on. The Advancement Office tries its very best to record accurately the names of the alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact our office at (207) 487-5915 or alumni@mci-school.org about the passing of alumni/ae or friends of MCI.

Did you know?

On February 1, 2016 Maine Central Institute will celebrate its sesquicentennial! This 150th anniversary of the founding of the School will be a special year, with many exciting events. Keep your eyes out online and elsewhere for information about our upcoming celebration.



*The Class of 2015's winning
Alice in Wonderland-themed
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Gabbi Enriquez '15 at the April 18th meet at Camden Hills High School. Photo courtesy of Kellie Duplisea.