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And at the end of the rainbow
Is a pot of gold they say:
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Be honest and steadfast and loyal
Upright and courageous and true.
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In all that you try to do.

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As the years roll
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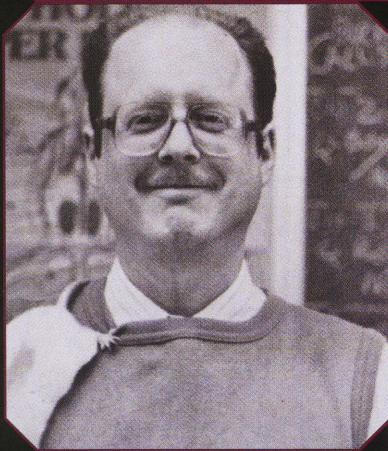
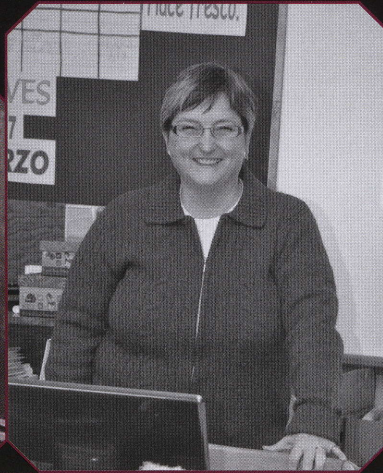


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The Visual and Performing Arts at MCI

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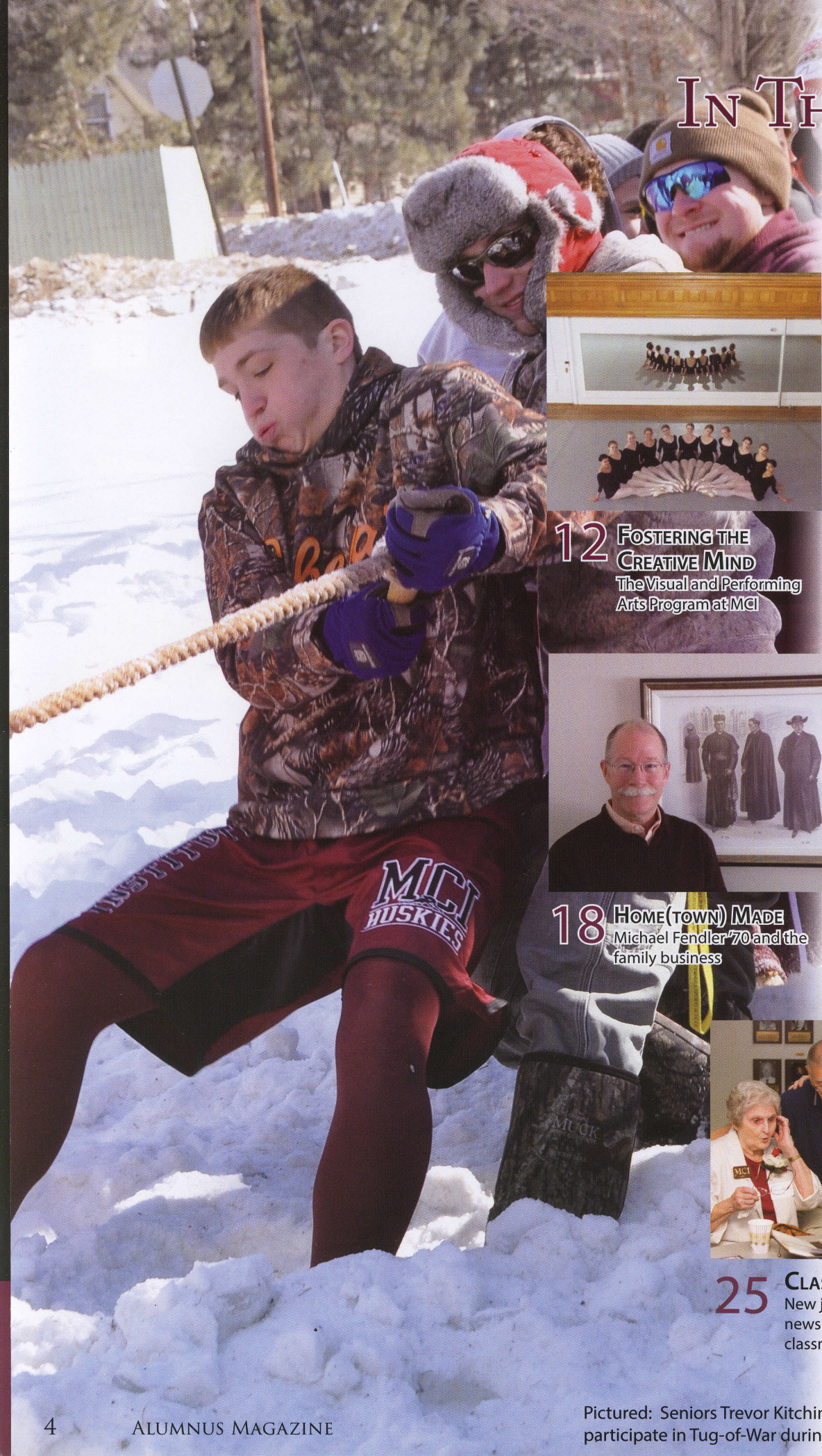
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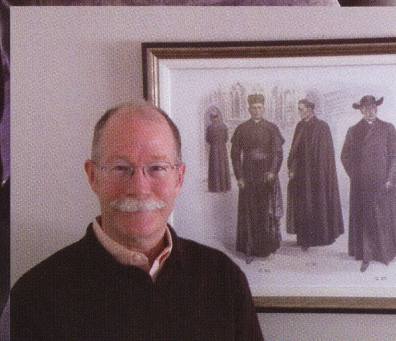
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On this page: Courtney Fowler '13 and Doug Bryant '13 crown this year's Sno-Ball King and Queen, Shane Hathaway '14 and Hannah Emery '14

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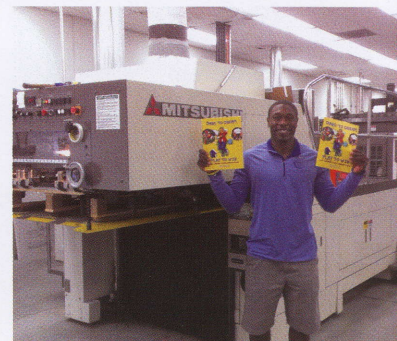
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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

As this edition of the *Alumnus* was coming together over recent months, it allowed me and others to reflect on the remarkable legacy Maine Central Institute has established in music, the visual arts, theater and dance. The trophy cases and banners displayed on campus attest to this, and the archives are replete with awards MCI individuals and groups have earned over the years, and those accomplishments and recognitions continue today. The only difference is that for the last 18 years, dancers from across the country and even some from abroad come to receive unparalleled pre-professional ballet instruction and, like other artists at the School, also receive an education which allows them access to outstanding colleges and universities. MCI is well known for the excellence it produces in the arts.

Our focus on the arts at MCI for this magazine has also inspired reflection about the creative mind and a realization that an analysis of creativity is not, and should not be, relegated only to what might be termed the traditional arts. It is a crucial part of the human existence but at some point, for some reason, so many people lamentably outgrow and stop using their innate creativity.

The late Maya Angelou stated, "You can't use up creativity. The more you use, the more you have." For the first several years of life, creativity—games, drawing, singing, looking at pictures, play-acting—occupies a goodly portion of a child's time and energy.

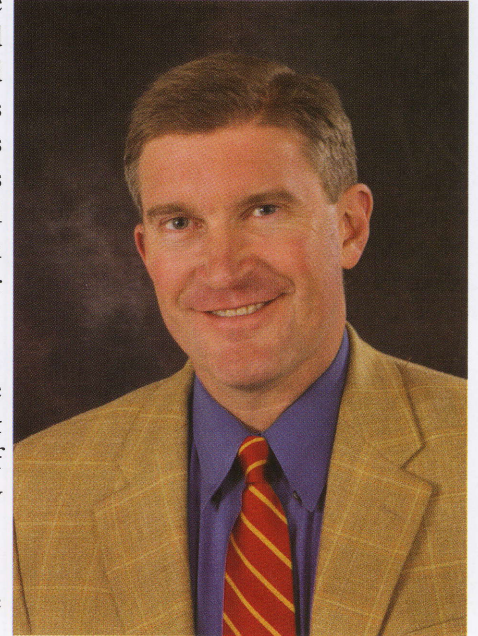
Rolling or kicking a ball is not an organized activity with a goal; rather, it is an act of creativity inspired by wonder. But as years pass, something changes. Children are taught that there must be purpose in what they are doing. Parents, schools, and society unwittingly, in most cases, intrude on this creative amusement and so many of us stop drawing, feel self-conscious about singing, and learn that there is greater value and worth in thinking and acting logically, and are praised for their maturity as a result.

Some argue that a combination of technology and parental protectiveness plays the most significant role in this evolution. The time when youngsters left the house in the morning and spent the day outside alone or with siblings and friends, in the city or wilderness, and created their own entertainment and activities has been replaced by the speed and immediate gratification of the internet and the fear of harm which causes parents to keep youngsters close to home. However, I'd argue that while troubling, this is just the current version of what children have experienced for a very long time.

And so we at MCI will be exploring this matter in the coming year. The School Theme for 2014-15 is Creativity. We'll highlight our existing excellence and seek to make it better and to expose the extraordinary talent of our students and teachers to more audiences locally, throughout the State, and beyond. We'll also work to analyze the creative skills necessary to write an analytical essay, to emphasize as coaches that sports are just more sophisticated versions of the games small children play for the sheer joy of the action, how the most analytical minds of famous scientists in history made discoveries because they approached problems with a unique creativity.

And I hope you'll have the opportunity to come to campus and see the evidence that creativity in all areas of school life is thriving. I'm confident you won't be disappointed!

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Hopkins



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

For years now, one publication I look forward to arriving in the mail is The MCI *Alumnus*. Being somewhat "biased" is a foregone conclusion, and living next door certainly helps. As much as I would like to attend every function, I can not and the *Alumnus* keeps me informed with every aspect of campus life, past, present AND future.

This past year I was unable to attend the Athletic Hall of Fame, despite the fact that I am close with several of this year's inductees. The coverage in the magazine (including the great photos) was fantastic, I felt like I was part of the event!

Congratulations seems like a "trite" adjective but is so well deserved to all who have put this publication together... keep up the tremendous work. The look and content continues to be fabulous!!!

An alum from '71! – Milton Webber

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the article on classmate Anne Witham Jenkins '63 in the most recent issue (Fall/Winter 2013) of the *Alumnus* Magazine. I hope that you are able to bring more articles like this to each and every issue.

Anne's mother (Margaret Witham) and my mother (Ruth Walker), like me and Anne, were classmates over at Nokomis High School. They graduated top of their class (within fractions of a point of each other) to be Valedictorian and Salutatorian (respectively). As the article states, Mrs. Witham went on to be an English teacher at MCI (and a darn good one at that).

Lo' and behold, I found myself in Mrs. Witham's English class (probably a good thing, because she pushed me harder than any teacher could have). Having my mom's dear old friend there on campus was comforting; reading about that time I am transported back to that classroom at MCI and appreciate all that I gained from that experience—then and now!

Skip Ettinger '63

Do you have a story about a favorite faculty member featured in the magazine? Did one of the articles bring back a fond memory, question or concern? Send in your Letters to the Editor! Please include your name, address and phone number on the letter or email.

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The front and back of the Class of 2015's winning "Roaring 20s"-themed snow sculpture

SCHOOL NEWS

Three Patterson Lecture Series Speakers Address “Communication”

MCI finished the year bringing three more speakers to the School as part of the Patterson Lecture Series. The speakers addressed this year’s School theme of “Communication” in three unique ways.

Wesley McNair, the Poet Laureate of Maine, spoke at MCI on April 1. McNair is the author of nine volumes of poems and twenty books, including poetry, nonfiction, and edited anthologies. He has won grants from the Rockefeller, Fulbright and Guggenheim foundations and two NEA grants in creative writing. He has been invited to read his poetry by the Library of Congress and was chosen as one of five state poets laureate to read at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC, co-chaired by President Barack Obama and Michele Obama. He was recently selected for a United States Artists Fellowship as one of “America’s finest living artists.”

McNair shared with the students his life story as told through his poetry. He also encouraged the audience to use poetry and other creative outlets to help deal with challenges.

Dajuan Eubanks is the executive vice president of the Maine Red Claws (Maine Basketball LLC).

HOW I BECAME A POET

“Wanted” was the word I chose
for him at age eight, drawing the face
of a bad guy with comic-book whiskers,
then showing it to my mother. This was how,

after my father left us, I made her smile
at the same time I told her I missed him,
and how I managed to keep him close by
in that house of perpetual anger,

becoming his accuser and his devoted
accomplice. I learned by writing
to negotiate between what I had,
and that more distant thing I dreamed of.

Wesley McNair

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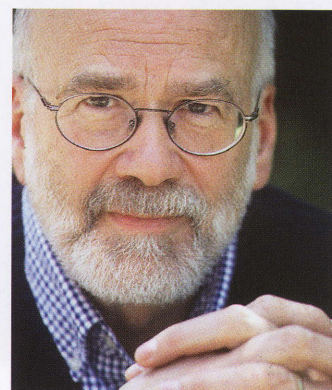
Before joining Maine Basketball LLC in 2009 as Vice President of Corporate Sponsorships, Eubanks worked in the experiential marketing industry for over 13 years with several leading agencies. During this time, his role and responsibilities varied from project management to client services to business development and sales where he worked with clients such as the NBA, MLB, USTA, and McDonalds among others. He was promoted to executive vice president in 2012.

Eubanks is a former player and Goodwill Ambassador of the world famous Harlem Globetrotters where he performed extensively around the world with the organization entertaining thousands of fans.

Eubanks shared his devotion to his academics, sports and family and addressed the theme of communication, stressing how it has affected his career.

MCI sophomore Julia Bluhm, the first-ever student Patterson Lecture Series speaker, is a blogger for the SPARK Movement, which campaigns against sexualized images of women and girls in the media. As part of SPARK, she successfully completed a Change.org petition which resulted in *Seventeen* magazine committing to “never change girls’ body or face shapes” in published images and to only feature “real girls and models who are healthy.” Because of her work, Bluhm was one of three nominees for the 2013 Ms. Foundation People’s Choice Award. In addition, she was one of the student keynote speakers for the May 2013 Maine Learning Technology Initiative Student Conference. On top of her work with the SPARK Movement, Bluhm is on the advisory board for Hardy Girls, Healthy Women. An honors student and nine-year member of Bossov Ballet Theatre at Maine Central Institute, she is currently training to become a professional ballet dancer.

Bluhm encouraged the students to stand up for what they believe in and talked about her own experiences as an activist.



Wesley McNair



Dajuan Eubanks

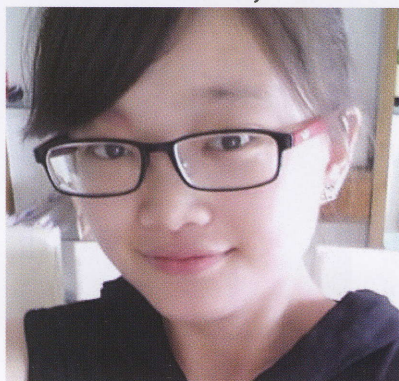


Julia Bluhm '16

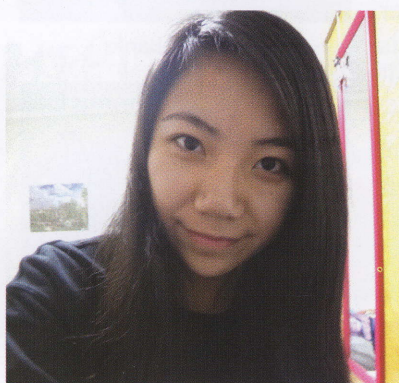
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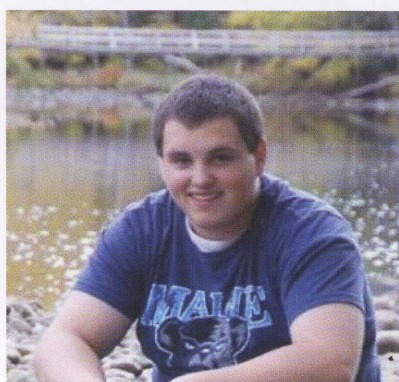
Hannah Emery '14



Emma Chen '14



Cindy Zhong '14



Ryan Havey '14

Emery '14 Receives MPA Award

Hannah Emery of Detroit, Maine was selected to receive the 2014 Principal's Award. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and school citizenship. "During all four years of her time at Maine Central Institute, Hannah has excelled academically and athletically and has been a leader in all areas of School life," Headmaster Chris Hopkins noted in presenting the award to Emery. "Despite involvement in an extraordinary number of organizations and initiatives, she still always finds a way to put others before herself. It is her genuineness that is most impressive and what has caused her to impact School culture in such a profoundly positive way."

Emery is one of the top ten students in her class. She has been a member of the soccer, outdoor track and basketball teams, serving as captain of all three sports both her junior and senior years. In addition, Emery played softball and was a member of the Captains Club. She is the co-founder of the Kindness Krew and was a member of the Student Leadership Committee, Key Club, College Aspirations Club and the Science Outing Club. Emery was also a member of the National Honor Society and served as secretary for both her class and the Student Council. She is the daughter of Bryan '81 and Kristi Emery.

Chen and Zhong are Valedictorian and Salutatorian for 2014

Lijia "Emma" Chen, the valedictorian for the Class of 2014, has been involved in Key Club, Cultural Diversity Club, math team and the rifle team. She received the American Society of Women Engineers Award and competed in the 2013 US National Chemistry Olympiad Competition. Chen is the daughter of Yongmei Shen and Zhiguang Chen of Chongqing, China.

Salutatorian Xinxiu "Cindy" Zhong has been a member of the Key Club her entire time at MCI. She has been a member of the Tennis and Chess Club as well as the math, tennis, field hockey and rifle teams, the concert choir and the vocal jazz group "Maiden Voyage." In addition, she was a finalist in the Manson Essay competition, has served as the president of the Cultural Diversity Club and was a dormitory prefect. Zhong is the daughter of Haiying Zhang and Xianoning Zhong of Guangxi, China.

Chen will be attending Michigan State University and Zhong will be attending Hobart and William Smith College in the fall.

Other students in the top ten are Tom Nguyen, Hannah Emery, Rex Wu, Fay Fei, Emerson Chen, Jack Liu, Brody Malloy and Olivia Hamm.

Havey '14 Receives American Red Cross Real Hero Award

MCI senior Ryan Havey was selected by the Pine Tree Chapter of the American Red Cross to receive a Real Hero Award in connection with his life-saving actions in October 2013. Havey, a junior firefighter with the Pittsfield Fire Department, saved the driver of a vehicle that plunged into the Sebasticook River. The driver was trapped and the vehicle was submerged when Havey arrived on the scene. Pittsfield Police Chief Steven Emery, Officer Jeff Vanadestine, and Havey pulled the driver from her vehicle.

Havey and other award recipients were honored on March 20, 2014 at the annual American Red Cross Real Heroes Breakfast. "This is really about service to others — about selflessly giving to help another person in a time of need," said Todd Nadeau, Executive Director of the Pine Tree Chapter. "This award recognizes and thanks these very special individuals for taking action and making a difference." For more information, please visit redcross.org.

SCHOOL NEWS

Howes '15 Raises \$34,000 for the Make-A-Wish Foundation

MCI junior Lanie Howes has been raising money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation since she was very young, beginning with a Make-A-Wish birthday party where the presents went to the Foundation. "My mom always talked about finding a cause," explained Howes. "She told me that if something bothers you, you should do something about it." Though she had given "small individual donations" to the Foundation, she decided during her freshman year in high school that she would raise \$6,000 by her senior year, the amount needed to grant a child's wish. "I was hoping for \$2,000 a year, but everyone has been helping out," said Howes. "I wasn't expecting people to get so involved!"

In addition to donations that Howes has received in person and online, she has also coordinated fundraisers including a cupcake contest, bake sales, raffles, bottle drives, an annual auction and even selling Avon products. Inspired by Howe's passion for the Foundation, MCI's Jobs for Maine's Graduates recently chose the Make-A-Wish Foundation to be the recipient of the \$1,000 Jumpstart Our Youth (JOY) grant that the students award annually.

Thus far, Howes has granted five wishes and is close to having enough to grant her sixth. The only stipulation that she places on her donations is that her wishes stay in Maine, so that local children directly benefit from the money she has raised.

College Access Team Raises College Aspirations On- and Off-Campus

Thanks to grants from MELMAC and the NEACAC (New England Association of

College Admission Counseling) Make A Difference Fund, MCI's College Access Team was able to coordinate two new college tours this spring, which were designed to raise student college aspirations. "The College Access Team, made up of faculty and staff from departments across campus, identified college visits as one of the most significant priorities for this year, and [with the grants] we are able to bring students to colleges in Maine and Massachusetts at no cost to the students," stated Dean of Academics Jason Judd. On March 27, nearly fifty sophomores and juniors participated in a tour of the Colleges of the Fenway. The Colleges of the Fenway is a consortium of six colleges in Boston, MA. MCI alumna Julie Lancaster '03, a college admission counselor at Wentworth Institute of Technology, provided a special college admissions presentation for MCI students while they were visiting Wentworth's campus.

On April 8, every MCI sophomore visited either the University of Maine at Orono, EMCC and Husson University or UMA and Thomas College. "The purpose of the trip was for students to experience a college campus," explained Director of Academic and Career Planning Lori Conway. "Research has shown that students are more likely to see themselves as a college student if they have been to a college campus."

On April 17, representatives from over 60 colleges, universities and other post-secondary opportunities attended MCI's 2014 College and Career Fair. Students had the opportunity to meet with the representatives and gather information about various post-secondary opportunities.

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Lanie Howes '15 receives a check for the Make-A-Wish Foundation from JMG teacher Greg Fortior



Alexis Caldwell '16 and Leah Carron '16 at Wheelock College as part of the Colleges of the Fenway tour



A representative from Endicott College speaks with students as part of MCI's 2014 College Fair

THE ARTS @ MCI

Visual and Performing Arts Winter Recap by Dean Neal, Visual and Performing Arts Chair

BBT @ MCI Stuns with the Nutcracker
Bossov Ballet Theatre at MCI's performance of Tchaikovsky's *The Nutcracker*, in collaboration with the Waterville Opera House, was a tremendous success. This performance continues to showcase the talents of BBT at MCI students and community members alike. Natalya Getman's choreography and artistic vision were brilliantly displayed and the Opera House continues to be a relationship with BBT and MCI that fosters the growth of performing arts education in central Maine.

Vocal Jazz "Caravan" Wins State Festival
The Choir and Band had students representing MCI at the KVMEA Honors Festival held this year at Messalonskee High School. The two-day festival was a great way for MCI students to join together with other top students of our region to produce great music.

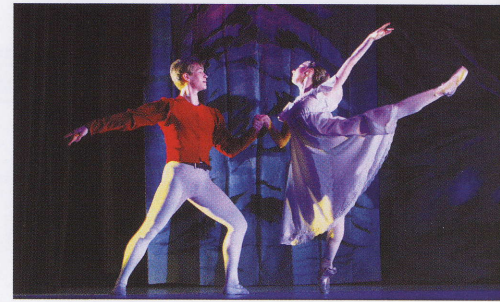
The Jazz Band and Vocal Jazz "Caravan" took part in the Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival in Boston and "Caravan" was a finalist in this prestigious festival, earning 2nd place. "Caravan" later took part in the Maine State High School Vocal Jazz and Show Choir Festival, earning first place. The weekend had music groups from across the state performing in two classifications and categories; Division I and II Show Choirs and Division I and II Jazz Choirs. Several "Caravan" students received individual recognition including Curtis McLeod '16 and Alexis LaMarre '15 for "Outstanding Vocalist" and Jennifer Chadwick '14 for "Outstanding Musicianship." In addition, the rhythm section received "Outstanding Rhythm Section."

Maine Principals' Association Drama One-Act Festival Regionals
The MCI drama students grew by leaps

and bounds this year and have set their sights on even greater accomplishments. At the One-Act Festival, the drama team received a lighting commendation for Ryan Englehardt '15 and Luis Alvarez Vega '15 received an all festival cast award. Directing *For the Love of Three Oranges* was an enriching and worthy endeavor for Debra Susi and she is excited for future productions of MCI Drama! Several of the students were also involved with the Waterville Opera House's production of *Shrek: The Musical* during the first two weeks in April.

Visual Art Departments Combine Efforts
Recently, the Pittsfield Public Library hosted a Student Art Show featuring selected work from art students at Warsaw Middle School and Maine Central Institute. The show, which ran from March 24th to April 4th, was collaboratively curated by Warsaw art teacher Ashely Pillsbury and MCI art teacher Ryan Walker.

This showcase of high quality works from some of the area's most dedicated young artists is representative of the many talented artists currently attending both MCI and Warsaw Middle School. A debt of gratitude is owed to the Pittsfield Public Library for the opportunity to present some wonderful student works to the community.



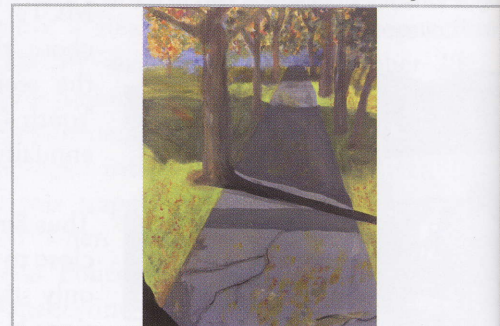
Errol Kurtz '15 and Felicity Audet '15 in *The Nutcracker*



Alexis LaMarre '15, Jen Chadwick '14 and Curtis McLeod '16



Drama students in *For the Love of Three Oranges*



Artwork by Katherine Smith '15

"Ukulele Russ" Returns to MCI



"Ukulele Russ" Copelin '01 returned to MCI in January to perform for the School as part of the Visiting Artist Series. Pete Witham '90, frontman of the rockabilly band Pete Witham and the Cozmik Zombies, joined Copelin for the beginning of his set. Later that evening, Copelin performed at the Masardis Coffee House with several students.

Pictured (L to R): Pete Witham '90, Jared McCannell '98, Russ Copelin '01 and Visual and Performing Arts Chair Dean Neal

Athletics @ Maine Central Institute

Winter 2013-14 Team Recap by John Dean, Co-Athletic Director

Going into the winter season there was a lot of hype coming off the success of the fall season. Although the wins were a bit tougher to come by, MCI had a very successful winter campaign.

The MCI **girls' basketball team** started their season off by being introduced to their new coach, Wesley Brann, who had an immediate impact on them. Our girls went into each game with a winning attitude and regardless of the score played hard until the final buzzer. Although they finished their season with a 2-16 record, all would agree that their play was much improved from last season and the games much more competitive. Coach Brann has the program pointed in the right direction and the players practicing and playing hard, believing regardless of whom they play, they can win.

The MCI **boys' basketball** season started similarly to the girls' team's. It also featured a new coach, Josh Tardy, who had a very young team which played very hard throughout the season and made tremendous strides. They went 4-14 for the season and they too have a very bright future ahead of them. We should see some great things from these young men in the coming seasons.

Mike Libby once again did an outstanding job at coaching our MCI **wrestling team** this season. Although a relatively young team, it did have some nice successes throughout the season. MCI ended up sending four boys to the state competition that was held at Nokomis and, from the state competition, sent Dylan Dahlberg '15 on to the New England Competition in Providence, RI. Dahlberg, a junior, also notched his



L to R: Rifle team members Yiyi "Fay" Fei '14 and Rex Wu '14; Jody Bickford '17; Dylan Dahlbergh '15

100th win this season, which is a rare feat for a junior!

In only its second season as a program, Coach Jess Cardenas had over 40 students competing on MCI's **indoor track team**. This program continues to grow and thrive under Coach Cardenas' direction and once again had several of our students setting personal records, and sent many to KVACs and to the state competition. At the KVACs, Shane Hathaway '14 took home the gold by placing first in the long jump. At the state competition, Hathaway placed second in the long jump and third in the triple jump, while Curtis McLeod '16 placed third in the shot put. On the girls side, Katie Hughes '15 placed second in the shot put and fifth at the state competition.

George Bevis stepped into the role as head coach of the **rifle team** this year and the team didn't miss a beat. Once again there were over 45 students representing 7 countries. With so many participants, Coach Bevis dedicated many hours with them in the basement

of Founders Hall. This year's team also had five first-time letter winners on it. MCI performed very well in competition and represented the Huskies respectfully.

MCI was fortunate to be able to send a swimmer to Waterville to **swim** for and compete with the Purple Panthers. Mikayla Carr '16 did an outstanding job representing MCI throughout the swim season, setting many personal best times--hence MCI records. Carr qualified for States in the 200 yard freestyle where she set her personal best for that event. A sophomore, Carr should only be getting stronger and faster for her junior and senior seasons.

MCI returned to the slopes again this year having Tyler Peppard '15 co-op with Maranacook for the 2013-2014 **ski** season. Although Peppard injured his knee earlier in the season, he worked hard to get healthy and skied really well during the tail end of the season. Peppard specializes in the Alpine events and will be a senior this coming school year.

Fostering the Creative Mind

Meet the Students



Abigail DeSchiffart '16

Abi lives on campus in Alumni Hall and is a member of Bossov Ballet Theatre. She is also involved in concert band, drama, Model UN, Key Club, Science Outing Club and Culinary Club. Abi is currently training to become a professional ballet dancer. She is also interested in attending college for either neuroscience or neuropsychology.



Charlie Ji '15

Charlie has competed in the ACSI Art Festival (studio art) and plans to take ceramics next year. He is in vocal jazz, jazz band, jazz combo 1, concert band, concert choir and chamber choir. He ran sound effects for drama this year and plans to try out acting next year. Charlie wants to attend Berklee College and major in either music education or music production.



On most mornings Abigail DeSchiffart '16 begins her academic day with nearly three hours of ballet class. She completes her schedule with Spanish, English, history, chemistry, advanced math and an independent study for concert band. After school, DeSchiffart has another one-and-a-half to three hours of ballet, more if there is an upcoming performance. She is also a member of the Model UN Club, Key Club, Science Outing Club, Culinary Club, was involved with the drama one-act plays, and is a prefect in Alumni Hall. Though it seems overwhelming, DeSchiffart wouldn't have it any other way. "Ballet has changed my life," she explained. "It's part of who I am. I only have so much time, so I know I need to use it wisely. [My schedule] has helped me with my time management skills. Before coming to MCI, I was in the car three hours a day, six days a week going back and forth to ballet. I actually have a lot more time here because I live on campus. I've been able to explore more activities."

DeSchiffart is not alone in her commitment to academics and co-curriculars, particularly in the arts. Many MCI students, like those profiled here, are active, dedicated learners who are devoted to the Visual



Visual and Performing Arts Faculty

Dean Neal - Concert Band, Jazz Band and Jazz Chorus

Natalya Getman - Ballet

Debra Susi - Drama

Ryan Walker - Visual Art

Gerry Wright - Chorus and Piano

We want the students to be involved in multiple activities. What they are learning in one, they are learning to apply in a variety of settings. Every single one of our kids in the Arts will use the skills and habits that they learn and apply them to their studies, their families and their careers.

*~Dean Neal,
Chair of Visual and Performing Arts*

and Performing Arts program at MCI.

Since the formation of the first glee club and orchestra in 1907, there has been a strong emphasis on the arts at MCI. The Visual and Performing Arts department currently offers over thirty classes each year ranging from intro courses like Art and Design Fundamentals and Intro to Theater, to advanced classes like 3D Design and Contemporary A Cappella. In co-curriculars outside of the classroom, students are able to develop their individual talents, participate in performances and displays, and compete for regional and state awards.

Multiple studies have shown the benefits of an arts education, highlighting the acquisition of positive traits like collaboration, accountability, perseverance, focus, creativity, confidence, and receiving creative criticism. Chair of the department Dean Neal agrees with the impact of the arts in the lives of the students. "It is my belief that every single student should be impacted by the visual and performing arts in some way. Whether it's a performance that they attend or instruction that they receive, it's a positive and healthy thing we work to do," he said. "People ask me, 'would you rather have five really dedicated students, or 100 students who aren't sure that they can commit to the program?' I would rather have 100 students and work to get them to realize how dedicated and committed they can become. That way you have the opportunity to get every student to recognize their connection to the arts and see how far they can go."

The Arts faculty, consisting of Dean Neal, Natalya Getman, Debra Susi, Ryan Walker and Gerry Wright, work collaboratively across the respective disciplines, complementing each other's programs and often sharing students. "One thing that we've always tried to foster is the idea that what the students do in one area of the arts has a direct benefit in another," explained Neal. "I think both students and instructors understand this."

The annual spring concert this year was a showcase of music and visual art, featuring the concert choir and concert band as well as an art show. To highlight the connection between music and visual art, the pieces in the art show were created by the students as visual interpretations of the music that was sung and played during the concert. For this year's one-act plays, Getman was able to collaborate with Susi on the choreography. In return, Susi teaches acting to the Bossov Ballet Theatre dancers throughout the year and during the Summer Intensive Program. The students recognize the benefits of exposure to multiple disciplines and the strength of the department. "I love everything about drama," said Jes-

sica Leibowitz '15. "I also love drawing. For the one-act plays, students do everything – set design, costumes, props – it definitely helped that I am artistically inclined and was fun that I could tie everything together."

An important distinction that Neal makes about the program at MCI is that students are learning and creating art for art's sake. "The arts instruction that these students have been getting is focused on what they need for the sake of the art. I don't teach because of some place that we will perform, but for the art form regardless of where we perform. We don't do it for a trophy, we do it because that is what the art form demands." MCI sophomore Curtis McLeod '16 agrees. "The mindset that you go into it with Mr. Neal, you are learning to do the piece justice, not so we can win titles," explained McLeod. "Since I have been in [the jazz chorus group] 'Caravan,' we've won States twice, just wanting to perform well. The feeling that I get after knowing we have performed well is much better than winning the competition. Knowing that your whole group has done well is an awesome feeling. It's not just about one person."

Though the emphasis is not on winning competitions, the Arts program is well known and respected throughout the state. In looking at the jazz program alone, "Caravan" won the state championship for the third consecutive time this year, earning the title four out of the last five years. In the past five years, along with the state titles, they have been recognized as a finalist at the Berklee College of Music High School Jazz Festival each of the three times they performed. In 2012 they earned top choral ensemble honors at the "Big Apple Classic" music festival which took place at the College of Staten Island in New York City as the top jazz choir and overall highest scoring choral

group regardless of genre. Numerous individuals from "Caravan" have been recognized at the Maine State Jazz Festival as most outstanding vocalists as well as for their outstanding rhythm section.

In the past five years, the jazz band has been a finalist at the Berklee Jazz Festival and was a finalist in the Maine State Jazz Festival four of the last five years. As with "Caravan," several individuals from the jazz band have been recognized as outstanding musicians at the State Jazz Festival.

The arts at MCI have many additional benefits that are recognized and appreciated by the students. Sophomore Mikayla Carr shared, "Through performing I have gotten a lot more self-confidence. I think you also learn a lot of life lessons. Not all performances will be the same. Some will be really great, some, well, there will be others." Charlie Ji '15 adds, "The arts take my stress away. It doesn't feel like a normal class. I can be somewhere else than a regular classroom and it provides a release from regular classroom work. I enjoy working with and performing with other people because you can learn new things simply from working with other people."

Ultimately, the students who participate in the program learn that there is a bond shared through their appreciation of the arts. As DeSchiffart explained, "If you are walking into a place full of musicians and ballet dancers, even if you don't know anyone, you know you have a love of art in common."



Mikayla Carr '16

Mikayla is in concert band and choir as well as jazz band, and vocal jazz Caravan. She is a 3-sport athlete, a member of Key Club, the Kindness Krew and has participated in musicals at the Waterville Opera House. Mikayla is the only member of MCI's swim team and practices with Waterville High School.



Curtis McLeod '16

Curtis is a 3-sport athlete, participating in football as well as outdoor and indoor track. He participates in power lifting and is in vocal jazz Caravan, chamber choir, chorus and drama. Curtis decided to join Caravan after hearing the group perform at Warsaw when he was in 8th grade.



Jessica Leibowitz '15

Jess is involved in drama, studio art, jazz chorus and concert choir. She is also a member of the Creative Writing Club and was recently accepted to the Champlain College Young Writers' Conference. After MCI, Jess wants to earn a dual degree in math and either theatre or visual arts.

Hall of Fame & Distinguished Achievement Award

The Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award Ceremony will be held during Reunion Weekend on Friday, August 1, 2014. Four individuals will join the ranks for their loyalty, dedication and outstanding achievements.



Barbara Vigue Day '64



Tom Gordon '61



Carole Daily Vigue '64



Barry Clifford '65

Hall of Fame

After MCI, **Barbara Vigue Day '64** graduated from Kennebec Valley Technical Institute as a registered nurse. She returned to MCI and worked as the school nurse from 1979 to 1982. Among various other positions, she worked for Dr. Bassler in Pittsfield for six years, and at Maine General Medical Center for fifteen years, thirteen of those as a licensed psychiatric nurse.

Day's true passion has been volunteering both for MCI and in her community. She has been the Class Agent for the Class of 1964 for thirty-five years, helping to keep her classmates connected to each other and the School. In addition to being an agent, Day has volunteered for Girl Scouts of America, the Hartland / St. Albans Ambulance Service, the Children's Hartland Holiday Fund and the Children's Gardening Club in Hartland.

Tom Gordon '61 is a proud life-long resident of Pittsfield. After graduating from MCI in 1961, he completed a post-graduate year at North Yarmouth Academy. Gordon then attended Nathaniel Hawthorne College in New Hampshire, majoring in economics. In 1964, when his father's health began to fail, he left college to take over Gordon Construction, the family business. Gordon is now the CEO of Hydro Grass Corporation, a company that specializes in soil erosion control equipment.

Gordon is a long-time supporter of MCI, and served as a trustee in the mid-to-late '90s. During his time as a trustee, he was an active member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and was a key figure in the sale of the JW Parks Golf Course. In addition to his support of MCI, Gordon served on the boards at Unity College and Lakewood Theater, as well as the Town of Pittsfield Industrial Park Committee. He is also a member of the Association of General Contractors.

Carole Daily Vigue '64 grew up in Pittsfield, the daughter of James Daily '38 and Elaine Younger Daily '39. After MCI, she attended Farmington State Teachers College, receiving her degree in 1968. Vigue worked as a first grade teacher at the Manson Park School in Pittsfield, was a long-term substitute teacher, and a private tutor.

Vigue has been a long-time supporter and top-level volunteer for MCI, often behind the scenes. In addition to her support of MCI, she served on the SAD 53 School Board, the St. Agnes Parish School and Council Boards and the Pinnacle Ski Club Board. She taught Sunday School at St. Agnes and was also a member of Pittsfield's Hospital Auxiliary Club, the Athenaeum Club, and was a Brownie and Girl Scout Troop Leader. She was also involved with the Pittsfield Recreation Program, coaching softball and officiating field hockey games. Vigue is most proud of her husband, Peter Vigue '65, children, Andi Vigue '89 and Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91, and grandchildren.

Distinguished Achievement

Barry Clifford '65 is one of the world's foremost underwater explorers, famous for finding the pirate ship *Whydah*. The *Whydah* is the only authenticated pirate shipwreck ever discovered. In addition to the ongoing work on the *Whydah*, Clifford has other current shipwreck excavations off the coast of Venezuela, the north and south coasts of Haiti and the northeast coast of Madagascar. He is also exploring some of the high mountain lakes in Colorado, looking for traces of early man and animals. In the spring of 2014, Clifford again made waves with his announcement that he has found Christopher Columbus' ship, the *Santa Maria*.

For additional information about Clifford and the *Whydah* discovery, please see Clifford's profile in the spring / summer 2013 issue of the *Alumnus*.



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



Reunion 2014 ~ August 1 - 3

Friday, August 1

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 in honor of Ralph Damren '64 (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 2

8:30 a.m.	5K Run / Walk in memory of Blaine K. Littlefield '99	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 "4" and "9"	Check with your Class Agent for Party Locations

Sunday, August 3

10:00 a.m.	Alumni Association Annual Meeting (All alumni are welcome)	Kinney Conference Room
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Alumni Association Classic Car Show (See page 24 for more information)	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.



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Reunion Fees and Discounts

Attendees who register and pay by **noon (EST) on Friday, July 18, 2014** will receive the early registration discount. Those who register after July 18 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 18. Sorry, no highchairs will be provided.

Young Alumni Discount (Classes of 2009-2014)



To welcome you to the Alumni Association, you are invited to attend the Reunion BBQ free of charge if you register by July 18.

Alumni Association Golf Scramble

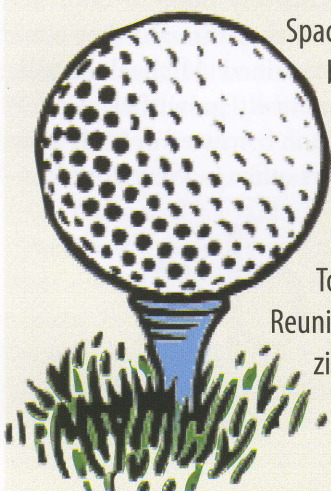
Hosted by Susie Reynolds Furrow '81

Friday, August 1 ~ 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, August 1 ~ 8:00 - 11:00 p.m.

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

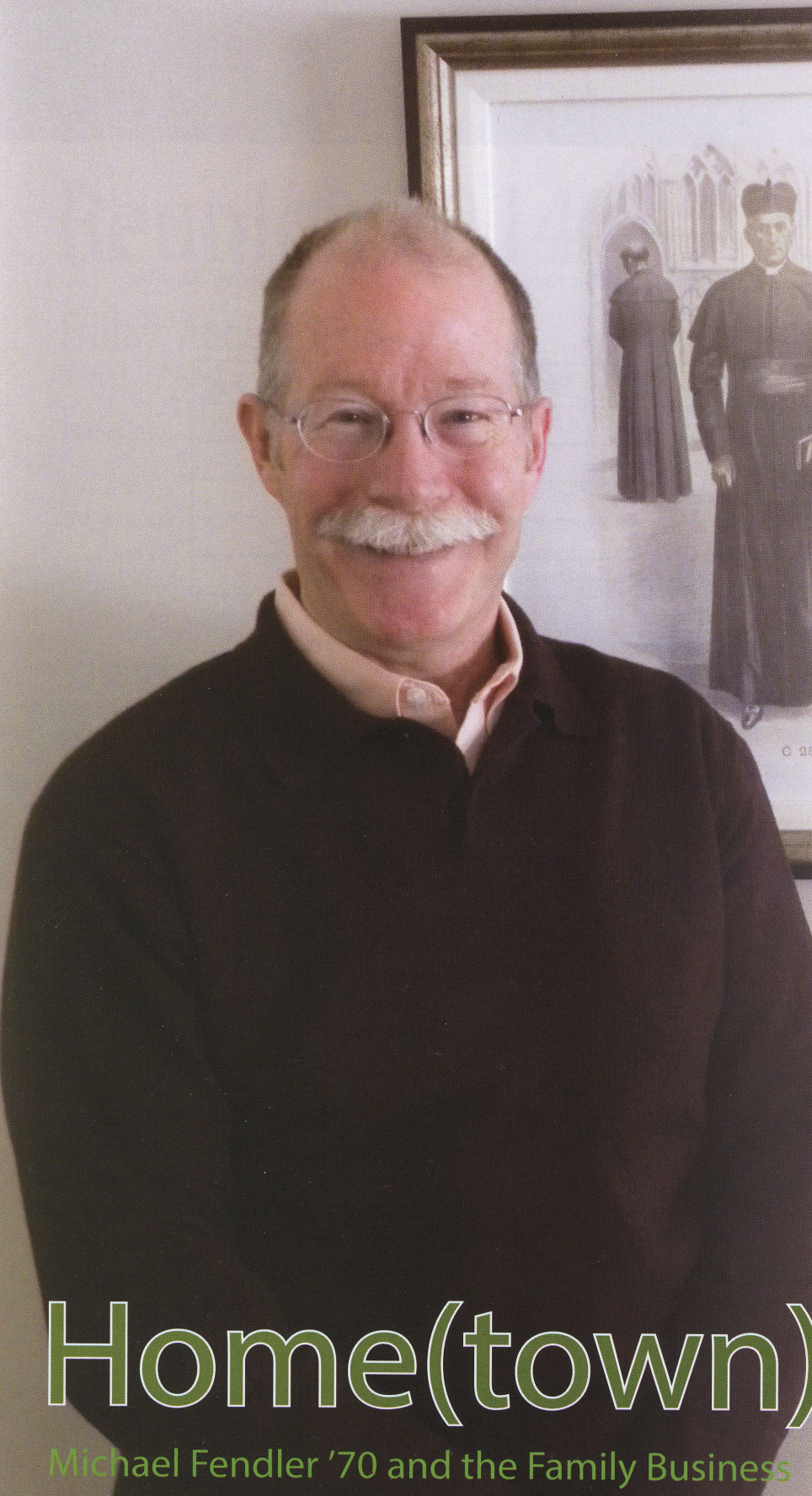
Parks Gymnasium

\$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 second annual Summer Sno-Ball!

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





The machines whir in a bright, well-lit room, producing a pleasant hum. Richly colored fabric feeds through the machines and finished garments hanging on racks throughout the room add to the tapestry of sights and sounds. Some workers are busy cutting custom patterns out of fabric using scissors and a ruler, while others zip along with advanced machines that control the exact number of stitches per inch and do intricate embroidery. This mix of old and new, a blending of innovation and tradition, is a symbolic representation of CM Almy itself. The company produces a large selection of items ranging from traditional church vestments with hand sewn appliques to refillable liquid church candles made from nylon. As the oldest and largest manufacturer of church supplies, Catholic vestments and clergy apparel in the United States, CM Almy is constantly looking to innovate and try new things while at the same time respecting the time honored traditions and iconography of the church.

Currently led by brothers Stephen "Chip" Fendler '68 and Michael Fendler '70, CM Almy was founded in New York City in 1892 by English master tailor Clarence Mortimer Almy. The business began when Almy realized that many of the clientele in the tailor shop where he was working were priests. He soon began specializing in priests' apparel and carved out a niche business for himself and his son, Jim. In 1929, Jim's cousin and Stephen's and Michael's grandfather, Donald Fendler, bought the company. At the time, "sales were almost exclusively door-to-door and they would add whatever they thought they could sell to their trunk," explained Michael Fendler. "Through that, they gradually grew their product line." The company, which consisted of "only a few people with a small sales office in New York," sur-

Home(town) Made

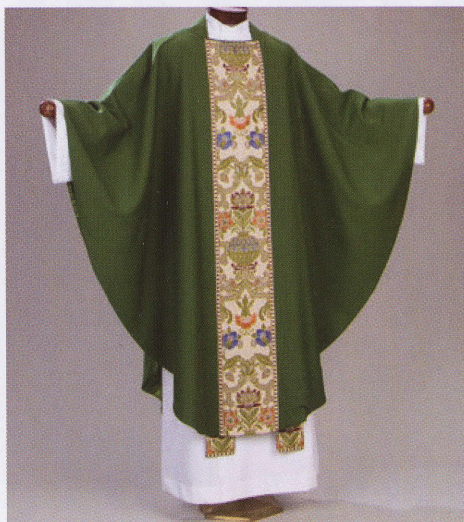
Michael Fendler '70 and the Family Business

vived the Depression and earned a contract to make chaplains' robes for the US Army during World War II. After the war, business slowed and Fendler sought new ways to increase sales.

Fendler and a couple others "thought that if they could make pre-cut choir robes and package them with thread and sewing instructions, there would be a market for the kits." Fendler turned his eye to his farmhouse in Palmyra, Maine, a location where he and his family had summered for a number of years. After converting rooms in the house and renovating a room in their barn, "in a very short amount of time, they started making the items that they previously had to buy from contractors in the New York City area."

At the same time Donald, joined by sons Tom and Ryan '45, realized that they would not be able to maintain sales by physically going to churches in the New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Pennsylvania areas. They started sending out a printed flyer, gradually developing a sophisticated mail order operation. Sales from their New York office escalated and, in 1959, the company purchased the Riverside School building in Pittsfield to house their manufacturing facility. After outgrowing that facility in less than ten years, the company began construction on their current building, on the shore of Mill Pond in Pittsfield, completing it in 1968.

At the same time, Stephen and Michael were finishing up their time at MCI and planning for college. Michael, who attended the University of Maine, started out as a pre-med major. "I didn't grow up thinking I would join the family business," he said. In fact, Fendler explained that though he and his brothers would sometimes help build shelves or work on small projects, most often they were there "under duress." "We worked there when we were being disciplined for something we shouldn't have done," laughed Michael. "I used to bring home bad report cards and that would cause a flurry of needing to exercise more discipline."



A chasuble and stole (L) and liquid "Welby Cross" advent candles (R) manufactured by CM Almy's facility in Pittsfield.*

At UMaine, Michael joined the ski team. Because of the school's location and limited access to ski slopes, the team would leave on Wednesdays to travel to the meet location and train "on whatever ski jump was available on the Thursday before the meet on the weekend." The grueling schedule made it difficult for Michael to keep up academically. "I wasn't doing well enough in the pre-med program to see myself easily getting into med school." Faced with the decision of doing an extra undergraduate year or changing majors, Michael did some soul searching and realized that his least favorite class was biology. "I thought if I hated biology, I was probably barking up the wrong tree to become a doctor. I switched to a history major."

Unsure of his plans after college, Michael attended the Hathaway Shirt Company's two year training program at the recommendation of the company's vice president. "My uncle and dad agreed to give me a small salary to go to work for the Hathaway Shirt Company for a couple of years. Hathaway wouldn't pay me because they knew

that I wouldn't stay [after the training]. It was great training. I had to learn how to make patterns and cut and sew. I did all the sewing operations. I took sewing machines apart and put them back together again. I learned about how to do workplace engineering." Michael successfully completed the training and began working at CM Almy in 1976.

Gradually learning the ins and outs of the family business, Michael was joined by his brother Stephen in 1980. Stephen began working in the Rye, New York office in the sales department while Michael remained in Pittsfield in the manufacturing side of the business. They both took on increasing responsibilities and purchased CM Almy from their father and uncle in 1986, allowing Ryan and Tom to retire.

In addition to keeping up with changing church practices and trends, the company is constantly looking at new materials, new styles and new ways to do things. "Usually it's a collaborative effort between folks in New York working in conjunction with people here in Pittsfield around a given idea,"

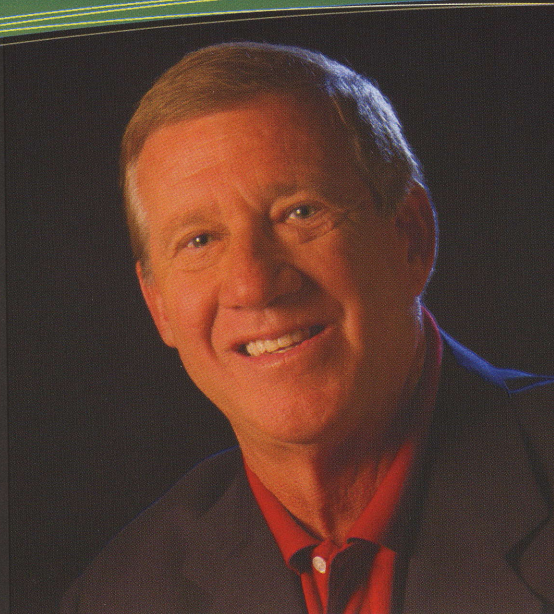
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*To see more items, visit www.cmalmy.com

The Write Stuff

Everyone has a story to tell. MCI is proud to boast several successful alumni authors, representing a wide range of genres. Here are highlights from interviews with five alumni who share their stories - including their triumphs and frustrations - about becoming published authors.

To read the full interviews, author bios, and other bonus materials, please visit www.mci-school.org/authors.



William LaBarge '67

Genre: Fiction and Nonfiction

Books Published:

Sweetwater Gunslinger 201
Hornet's Nest
Road to Gold
Desert Voices
Lightning Strikes Twice

williamlabarge.com

1. When did you first realize that you wanted to write / publish?

During the 70's I was involved with the war, the Iranian Hostage Crisis, Park's assassination and several other high value incidents. After receiving shore duty orders, I realized I had gathered a lot of material and stories over the past ten years. Being at home allowed me time to put pen to paper. **What pushed you to reach that goal?** After going over my notes I realized I had many stories that no one knew about that would interest a worldly group. I put my stories into an outline form and, after watching several talk shows with people who had written books about interesting events, I decided to have a go at fostering a book.

2. Looking back, how did your time at MCI foster / impact your desire to write?

I wasn't the best in English, however, on several essays I did quite well. Mr. Blake Bartlett, my English teacher, told me I was a natural storyteller and to continue to pursue writing.

3. What was your proudest writing-related moment? When I completed my first novel, which won the Aviation Book of the Year and made me a *New York Times* best-selling author.

4. What has been the most difficult / frustrating aspect of writing? My latest novel, *Lightning Strikes Twice*, has been the most difficult task because, unlike the others, I did not live the story and had to do hundreds of hours of research.

5. How has technology impacted your work – how you write, publish, sell, market, etc.? The computer has been a godsend in writing, editing, and doing research. My first book was done on a old Corona typewriter. Due to the success of my first novel, it has been easier to publish and sell. Marketing is the most difficult, even for a published author. If you do not get out and market your book, it will die on the vine after several months. Revisiting book stores, doing autograph sessions and TV and radio talk shows, will keep your book alive. Otherwise your following will drift to new stories. The introduction of e-books has revitalized all of my old books that were out of print.

1. When did you first realize that you wanted to write / publish? I never knew I had any talent for writing until age forty-four. I was experiencing a great deal of professional frustration and began writing as a creative outlet. I had a single story in my head, *The Highest Stakes*, a work of historical fiction set in the world of 18th century horseracing. I had no idea if it would lead anywhere, but knew I had to finish what I started. I was shocked to get an offer of publication six weeks after completion. The story was published in April 2010. At that time I remember fearing I would never come up with another story idea, but the ideas never cease! Since 2010 I have published a total of thirteen novels and novellas, and have seven more under contract. I now know this is something I was meant to do.

2. How do you find the balance between writing, working, family, etc.? This is a tremendous challenge for anyone who wishes to make a "living" by writing. The publishing world has changed tremendously in the past few years. Book advances have shrunk significantly and very few authors can make it unless they produce multiple books per year. When I began, I wrote only at night and on weekends as I worked full-time and had kids in school. I have now been at this for almost five years and writing full-time for almost three of those. I never could have done it without the ongoing support of my husband and sons.

3. How has technology impacted your work – how you write, publish, sell, market, etc.? As I mentioned before, publishing has undergone a true revolution in the past few years. The ability to independently publish has allowed more writers to compete and many to thrive. On the flip side of that, authors are now expected to shoulder much more of the burden when it comes to marketing and publicity. Although I began with a traditional print publisher, I am among a group that is classified as "hybrid authors," as I have books with traditional print publishers, smaller digital publishers, and have also independently published some of my work.



Vicki Emery Sobota '82

Genre: Romance

Books Published:

As Emery Lee: *The Highest Stakes*
Fortune's Son

As Victoria Vane: *A Breach of Promise*
The Devil Devere Series (10 books)
A Devil Named Devere
The Sheik Retold
Treacherous Temptations

victoriavane.com

1. When did you first realize that you wanted to publish a children's novel?

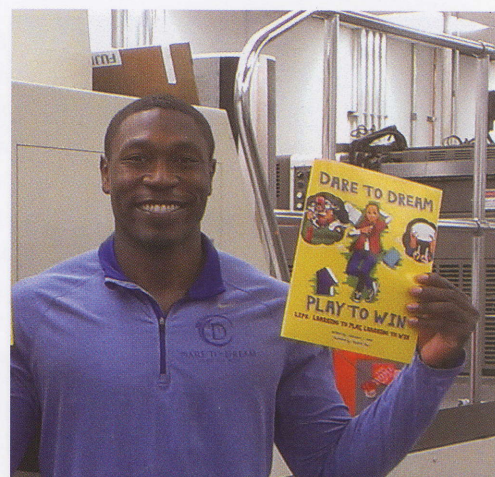
I began working at a fitness center training adults, teens and youngsters. It was during this time I began to get the feeling that some of the youngsters had a distorted view of the importance of the education/athletics connection. That's when I had the idea of writing a children's novel highlighting the need for kids to pay close attention to their education so they can pursue, and achieve, their athletic goals.

2. Looking back, how did your time at MCI foster/impact your desire to write?

It was during my time at MCI that I began to reflect on where I had been and where I was going with my life. Prior to becoming a student-athlete my junior year, I never gave much thought to the importance of education, thinking that athletics would get me through. At MCI I began to realize that a solid educational base could help me achieve my athletic goals. I also knew that I wanted to share that knowledge with other athletes who really didn't see the importance of their education.

I also created the illustrations in the book, but wanted them to look crisp and professional. I met a man in Japan through a third-party website. Because of my interactions with students from Japan during my time at MCI, I knew how to communicate even with a language barrier and different culture. I was able to show him my sketches and the man was able to use a software program to produce illustrations. MCI encourages interactions with different cultures and helped with this process.

3. What was your proudest writing-related moment? What has been the most rewarding? My proudest writing related moment has been the journey I have been on since publishing. I've sold books From Maine to California and even St. Thomas, British Virgin Islands. Writing has opened doors for me to speak at universities and a long list of community events. The most rewarding is receiving fan mail and requests for my autograph. I often get photos of children and teachers reading my book, working on my lesson plans and activities.



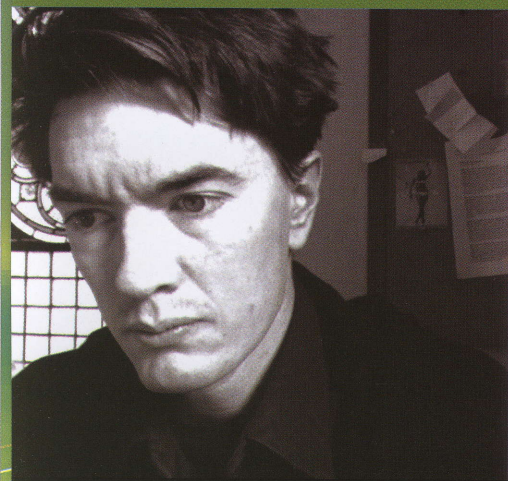
Johnathon Smith '04

Genre: Children's Novel

Books Published:

Dare to Dream, Play to Win

daretodreamplaytowin.com



Arlo Quint '95

Genre: Poetry

Books Published:

Death to Explosions

Check Out My Lifestyle (w/ Charles Wolski)

Drawn In

Hospitality in the Forest

Photogenic Memory

Days on End

skysillpress.blogspot.com/2013/06/death-to-explosions.html



Courtney Cianchette Harvey '94

Genre: Young Adult - Paranormal

Books Published:

Open Window: Truth from the Shadows

Open Window: Shadows of Doubt

courtneyharvey.wordpress.com/

1. Looking back, how did your time at MCI foster / impact your desire to write?

I was interested in writing from a young age, before MCI. Ron Bessey and Rosalie Williams had a pretty big impact on my way of thinking about writing. They were really encouraging and helped me to start thinking about how to think about literature and poems. My senior project, under the guidance of Ron and Rosalie, was to put together a magazine. It made me realize that there were other people in the world who wrote and that maybe I could find those people. It was important to me to have the experience of putting together a magazine and realizing that world existed.

2. What inspires you when you are writing?

A big part of the work I do at the Poetry Project is hosting readings. I can see three to four readings a week and I am inspired by the work of contemporaries. I'm able to take in a lot of work from a lot of different writers. I have access to a lot of different poetry and I am able to talk with poets I respect and admire. It's very important to me in terms of keeping my own writing going. Also, just being in New York in general inspires me because there is a lot of stimulation. I hear a lot of different languages. Hearing people speak is important to my sense of how I write poems.

3. What was your proudest writing-related moment? What has been the most rewarding?

I've conducted interviews with a couple of my heroes – John Ashbery and Ted Greenwald. It has been really rewarding to be able to sit down with them, get to know them and hear what they think about poetry. One of the most rewarding things about being a poet in New York is the access to people I really admire, just being in a community of poets. It's also really rewarding to get my work out there. I've been lucky enough to work with really great publishers and I've had some great experiences.

4. What has been the most difficult / frustrating aspect of writing?

The marginal nature of poetry in our culture is, to me, a source of frustration. Poetry is very important to me. It's art made out of language, which is constantly going in our heads and is everywhere. When you make an aesthetic object out of it, people think it's weird.

1. Looking back, how did your time at MCI foster/impact your desire to write?

I remember getting to college and writing my first essay and my professor saying, "Wow, you can really write a good essay," and I credit my teachers at MCI for that. They taught me how to put all the pieces together, and whether it was writing a response to a book for Mrs. Williams or the big Manson Essay, I feel that MCI gave me all the tools I needed to be successful academically.

2. What was your proudest writing-related moment? What has been the most rewarding?

The first time I had a random fan send me an email telling me mine was the best book she'd ever read and how much she loved it, I was blown away. I didn't really expect that to happen. It amazes me how far reaching my fan-base is. At first I thought it would just be my friends and family interested in reading my work, but to see reviews up from all over the world has been really incredible for me. I think the most rewarding thing was when my daughter read my books for the first time. She kept saying, "Mom, I can't believe you wrote that!" It was very cute.

3. What has been the most difficult / frustrating aspect of writing?

Because I chose to go the self-publishing route, it has been challenging to find the time to balance my full-time job and family, writing, and marketing my work. In self-publishing you really have to do all of the work yourself, and sometimes I feel that I'm not properly equipped to market it the way it could be and get it into as many hands to make it more successful. I just want to write, but you really have to sell yourself, too, and that is hard to find enough hours in the day. It's also hard with self-publishing because there is a certain stigma attached to it, that you're not good enough to make it with traditional publishing companies and so your work isn't worth anything. When in fact I made a conscious choice to publish it myself and keep control.

HOME(TOWN) MADE

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Michael explained. "We have two groups that meet weekly to review our product development projects. They include everything from our need to find a new type of raw material to a way to improve something we are already making that will address customer issues. We're constantly surveying customers and evaluating returns."

Last summer CM Almy released a new line of women's blouses. "It was a big effort and took a lot of time and energy. There were many prototypes, many reviews and lots of double-checking to ensure the best fit. We also worked with some new fabrics that created some challenge for us from a manufacturing standpoint." Before that, the company released a new line of choir robes, a significant undertaking.

Of course, a substantial amount of the company's innovation is in new and improved system technology. "We are constantly looking at equipment and equipment requirements and things we can do to either improve what we are doing or give us new capabilities." In fact, many of the machines in the Pittsfield facility are custom made or enhanced to provide for the company's specific needs. "Even though we are small, we try to keep our eye on the technology that is available."

CM Almy also introduced a new website in 2010. "One of the things that is a bit new to us is that for years we were a catalog business and anything we wanted to sell had to wait for the next round of catalog publications or a launch event. Now with the website, we can throw something into the marketplace at any time." As a small company, this has proved an effective tool for their market research. "By putting something up on the web and not really making a lot of fanfare about it, we can gauge the type of response we are getting. We might need to change our planning assumptions based on it either not selling or selling more rapidly than we anticipated."

In addition to the constant work to grow and



Mike Fendler, Sara Lee Goodridge and Susan Morton from CM Almy display the MCI banner that astronaut Capt. Stephen Bowen took into space.

improve, the Fendlers and CM Almy remain busy with their commitment to the community. Michael served on MCI's Board of Trustees for several years, including nine as Board Chair. He was also a member of the Pittsfield Town Council for a number of years and served as the town's Mayor, was a part of the Pinnacle Ski Club committee, and also worked on the capital campaign for Seabasticook Valley Hospital in the late 90s. "Pittsfield is my town. I grew up here. You always want to see things improve and develop and get better."

CM Almy itself takes part in campaigns for Toys for Tots as well as the United Way. The company has also provided significant support for MCI throughout the years, ranging from commitments to building projects on campus to creating the team and club award banners that hang in Wright Gym. "Those banners in the gym have been a fun thing for us. To continue doing that and be involved is great. A lot of the people here are proud of that."

In 2010, CM Almy created a special banner for the School that traveled on space shuttle mission STS-132 with former MCI parent and astronaut

Captain Stephen Bowen to the International Space Station and back. The banner is now proudly displayed in the Trustee Memorial Student Center. "It's just nice to be able to feel like we can be a resource and do what we can to help a school that's focused on trying to do great things for kids in the community."

Michael is excited about a new project with the School, beginning this spring. CM Almy will be partnering with Bossov Ballet Theatre at MCI for some of their costume design and creation. Of his ongoing support, Michael simply says, "I love MCI. I think it's a great institution and I want to support it and see it succeed far into the future."

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Class of 1931

Ruth Clark Bickford, Plymouth's oldest citizen at 101 years old, was presented the Boston Post Cane on March 22. Ruth passed away on May 8, 2014.

Class of 1941

Jean Maynard wrote, "I was living with my daughter, **Peggy Olson '84**, here in Georgia. In February of 2013 I had a stroke and spent a long time in recovery. Now I am living in an assisted living home, not too far from my daughter's home. I always enjoy receiving mailings from the Alumni Office. MCI was a special place in my young life."

Class of 1948

I am sure it has been mentioned before, but did you know that the Class of '48 meets once a month for lunch, usually in the Newport area? The time and place is set up by **Ted Bryant** and wife Shirley. It is not just '48 classmates, but also several who are above or below '48. There are usually 10 to 15 who attend. If you are unable to attend, send me a note that I can read at the luncheon to let us know how and what you are doing. We would love to hear from you. Remember, you don't have to be a member of '48 to attend the luncheon. "**Peanut**" **Coolbroth Fowler** hasn't grown any taller!

Ernest DeRaps called the Alumni Office. After twenty-eight-and-a-half years in the military, he and his wife became lighthouse keepers. He wrote a book about lighthouse keeping because there are no more lighthouse keepers, and the lights are now automated. When he turned 80, he took up painting, and in 1-1/2 years, painted all 65 Maine lighthouses. His paintings were displayed at a public show in Bowdoinham, ME at the Merrymeeting Art Center. He recently had more books published, and donated 150 books to the Maine Department of Education, who is putting them in Maine high schools free of charge. Their granddaughter is graduating from UNE this year as an athletic trainer.

Class Agent
Arey Bryant

Class of 1950

Barbara Morrell Neal has moved from Florida to NY.

Class Agent
Virginia Coolbroth Landry



Ruth Clark Bickford '31 receives the Boston Post Cane from Plymouth town selectmen Karl Fraser and Adam Temple.
Photo courtesy of Linda Currier.

Class of 1951

Robert Vance writes, "I just celebrated my 81st birthday and enjoy a measure of good health for which I thank God. My work as an associate pastor keeps me busy in His service. I organized an archery program at the church with over 30 youth and their parents participating. Each year I attempt to go on a missions trip to Central or South America to teach in the Spanish language. This coming year, my wife and I hope to tour the British Isles. After returning, the Lord willing, I will go elk hunting in Idaho – something on my bucket list. I pray all my classmates are enjoying long and healthy lives."

Class Agent
Sally Cianchette Dwinell

Class of 1952

I received a nice note from **Louise "Kelly" Kellis Fidler** of Sacramento, CA. Kelly graduated from the University of Maine and has been on the West Coast since. She has two daughters and four grandchildren. Her husband passed away in 1987. Kelly taught various high school languages and math for twenty-three years then was an office administrator for a CPA firm, retiring in 2012. She usually visits her brother **Basil Kellis '55** in Wells, ME during the summer.

Adrien Fournier writes that he and his wife Rita are living in Lewiston. They have three sons and a daughter, all with college degrees. They also have 8 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. After his year at MCI, Adrien

served 2 years in the Army. He then got married and started a 41-year career at the paper mill in Jay, Maine. He has always remained active in several sports and is a member of the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. At 81 he works at a golf course in Auburn and still finds time to get in a few rounds and chase that elusive little white ball.

I talked to **Kathleen Sedgwick Clark**, who is living in Newport, Maine. She and her husband David are both retired. He worked in the motel business and later at Edwards retiring from there. She worked for twenty years at Huff's Forest Products retiring from there. They have 11 grandchildren, which includes one set of twins, and 11 great-grandchildren. She enjoys gardening, crocheting, fishing and camping out.

Robert Susi '49 and **Betty Mercier Susi** send greetings. They both have many wonderful memories of their years at MCI -- the friends they made and the teachers who inspired them. They will celebrate their 59th wedding anniversary in July. They are well and enjoying their large family of 5, 15 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren. They reside in South Portland and pray God's blessings on all.

I received a letter from **Rodney Russell**. His grandson Leif got married this summer in Geneva, New York. For the last 2 years he has been teaching junior high and high school science courses in Beijing, China. His wife teaches English classes there as well. His daughter Andrea is busy with her graphic design business. Bruce, his older son, is busy

as a diesel mechanic. His younger son Greg has a degree in wildlife management. This past year Rodney has been able to teach Bible Study for the senior citizens in his housing complex, an opportunity that has been a real blessing. He is certified as an Indian Lore merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts. That, too, has its rewards. Presently, he is translating the English Bible into the Western Abanaki language of the Native Americans who lived in Western Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. He also has a letter-writing ministry to several prison inmates. Rodney often thinks of the days he spent at MCI and what an excellent education he received there. His years of teaching were really rewarding. He said to give his regards to everyone.

Glenys Hill Gifford still lives in her home in Farmington and keeps busy with local activities. She reports that she received a call that **Jeanne Brooks Landry** passed away January 3rd of this year. Jeanne lived in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Violet Foster Higgins says she enjoys getting together with several MCI graduates for coffee both in Pittsfield and Newport. She keeps in touch with **Thelma Sennett Vining '53**.

Lynn Blood Stavro has moved back to Maine from Massachusetts and is happy about that. She would like to hear from her MCI classmates.

Nancy Knight Billings still comes to their camp in Maine but has transferred ownership to the children. She and her husband have an Estate Liquidation business in Oak Bluffs, MA. She says it never seems to work out that she can make Reunion but has fond memories of MCI. She was surprised to see the Pittsfield Town Band picture in the Historical Society building when she stopped in hoping to catch Alvah there.

Sandra Humphrey Carson says this is the year they travel to Maine. Plans of when are not set but will probably be near the last of August. She still leads the volunteers in the hospital gift shop.

Bev Turner Breau expects to be traveling through Maine, New Brunswick and parts of New England as she will be an escort for her daughter **Kelly Breau Fitts '79** who is serving as an officer for the Grand Chapter of Eastern Star this coming year.

Rick Small said it has been a while since he's been in Maine but hopes to

come up soon. After a little more than 20 years in the Air Force, he retired and eventually joined the FAA as a flight standards inspector in the San Antonio Flight Standard District Office (FSDO) and later moved to Ft. Worth to be a regional specialist in the Southwest Regional Office. He retired again after 21 years as the Manager of the Louisiana FSDO. A lot of that time was spent in Texas but included tours at TAC Headquarters in Virginia, a tour in Europe and time in Vietnam. Richard and Chris relocated to Lake Worth, Florida from the San Antonio area in May 2012. Two of their daughters live there with 2 grandchildren each, which is the reason he moved. The weather is great, no snow, and you can golf year round.

Wayne Tilton wrote that he moved to California from Montana in 1963. He joined the San Diego Police Department in 1965 and retired from there in 1992. He lost his wife of 51 years, Beverly, 8 years ago to cancer. He has 2 beautiful daughters, 5 beautiful grandchildren and 3 beautiful great-granddaughters. Wayne travels quite a bit; Hawaii, Wyoming and back East. He enjoys the California lifestyle. He had open-heart surgery a few months ago. Everything is fine now. He enjoys reading the *Alumnus* because it keeps him up to date on people he has known all his life. His sister Kay is the only sibling he has left. She lives in Portland, Maine.

I talked with **Maynard Jacobs**. Jake was one of the Veterans chosen to go to Washington D.C. to have a tour of the memorials and historical sites. He feels very honored to be chosen for this trip. He is living in Tennessee and will fly from there to Washington D.C.

Bob Belanger and his wife Betty have been married for 49 years. They celebrated that anniversary on March 19, 2014.

Bob Simpson retired from Valspar. He spent his winters in Florida living on the golf course. Now he and his wife Mary Lou have moved to Bangor, Maine.

Herman Roberts lives in Exeter, Maine. He does vegetable gardening and this winter he has been cutting a lot of wood.

Pat Buxton Whitten informed me that she and husband **Dolnar** are doing well and enjoying life in Berwick, Maine. Both classmates are dealing with health problems. Dolnar is coping with COPD and Pat has recovered



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, and Charlie and Audrey Allen gathered in Florida.

from two back operations and a mitral valve replacement procedure the past two years. She writes that they are still enjoying church and family activities with their children and their families. Pat and Don have three sons, two daughters, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Pat and her daughter enjoy working out at a local gym three times a week. Pat, always with a great sense of humor, says that the Whitten's carousing is now limited to church and family gatherings. They also enjoy receiving the *MCI Alumnus*.

Mahlon Nickless and his wife Charlene live in Hickory, North Carolina. **James Lynn** lives in Hawaii and is still working doing income taxes. **Kay Tilton Newman** is now living in Portland.

I want to thank **Bev Breau**, **Armour Brown**, and **David McGaffin** for helping me collect notes from our classmates.

And as for myself, I live in Palmyra and am active in church activities, treasurer of the Pittsfield Historical Society and buy and sell antiques. I have two daughters, **Lisa Allen '78** and her husband Ron who live in Raleigh, NC. Her daughter Shelley and husband Bradley and her son Chris and wife Cindy also live in North Carolina. My daughter **Lori Glidden '80** and husband Chuck live in Pittsfield. They have 3 sons, their son **Joshua Glidden '06** lives in Dover Foxcroft where he works as a Physical Therapist, **Ben Glidden '10** is a Senior at Syracuse University and Matthew is in the 7th grade.

Class Agent
Al Wyman

Class of 1953

Class Agent, **Kaye Doyle Mooers**, has kept busy keeping in touch with classmates and enjoyed being away from the Maine winter by escaping to Florida in early November. She and Stirling got together with other classmates **John '52** and **Faye Ellingwood Shaw**, **Bob and Dale Ray Seaburg**, **Matthew Scott** and partner, Beverly, for lunch and then spent Christmas with Matt and Beverly. She and Stirling have been to Busch Gardens several times to see The Glenn Miller Band, The Four Freshmen, Frankie Avalon and Lee Greenwood and in February, they took a cruise to Mexico, visiting Roatan, Belize, Costa Maya and Cozumel. They took a guest, "Flat William" who represented an eight year old boy from AZ. He was their guest for nearly a month and Kaye has written a storybook for William and for his classroom. Anyone who has read the book *Flat Stanley* will know who "Flat William" is. "Flat William" was also a guest of former MCI graduates, **Donna Shorey Young '64** and **Linda Shorey-Decker '69**. They also spent a day at the Florida Aquarium with Kaye's nieces from Englewood, FL, Durham, CT and Holyoke, MA. Stirling's daughter and husband, Jeff and Julie Ballard, of Canadaville, NY, were their guests during spring break. Kaye is very proud of her great-grandson, six year-old Brayden, who has earned four trophies in Karate.

Kaye wanted to remind everyone that Reunion Weekend will be held August 1-3 and will include the popular Alumni Summer Sno-Ball. Mark your calendars now for our 61st Reunion! Remember that donations to MCI must

be made before June 30 to be counted for 2013-14.

We all send our condolences to the wives and families of Richard Blanchard and **Keith Jameson**. Mr. Blanchard was a most respected MCI math teacher and coach during our years at MCI and Keith was a classmate. Also, we send our condolences to **Polly Hoskins Philbrick** in the loss of her brother, **Harold Hoskins '49** as well as Nellie Macdougall Parks, former Dean of Girls and English instructor at MCI, on the loss of her husband, Warren Parks Jr.

William (Bill) Sullivan wrote that his youngest son, Peter, was selected and feted in Chicago as one of the top ten safety engineers under forty years of age in the USA. He is based in Houston, TX, and Bill and Maggie are extremely proud of him.

Joyce Bane Holt sent a letter and a picture of hers and Burley's new great-granddaughter, Abigail Madison Morency born on Nov. 6, 2013. Her mother is **Ashley Holt Morency '03**, whose other daughter, Maddilyn Laura, eagerly welcomed her new sister.

I had a call from **Dale Ray Seaburg**. She and Bob welcomed their first great-granddaughter on February 7th, Makayla Rae. What a gift for their 55th anniversary which was Feb. 6. Congratulations to Bob and Dale for receiving their 50th year pin from the Eastern Star. Bob is a Past Grand Patron and has been a Shriner for 58 years.

Thelma Sennett Vining and **Cliff '55**, when questioned why their *Alumnus* had the wrong name on it, got a shock! The new home they bought in Ft. Myers was formerly owned by an MCI graduate, **John Hatch '41**. They met John's son, Larry, who lives on the street behind them when he visited them to explain some of the extras he built into the house for his parents. He didn't realize that the only two owners of this house have been MCI graduates! They still bowl weekly with a group from Newport, Maine that live in their area.

Faye Ellingwood Shaw keeps in touch via email and wrote that she and **John '52** have had a busy winter in Florida as they do three extravaganzas during November, January, and February that run three days at the Renningers Antique Show in Mount Dora. Faye is attending a rug hooking retreat in Punta Gorda for three days with a group she

hooks with in Tavares during the winter. The Searsport Rug Company puts the retreat on and there are vendors for rug related articles and classes for learning new techniques. Faye does beautiful hooking and her pieces are pure art. John was super surprised when all four of their children and spouses arrived in Florida to celebrate his 80th birthday in March.

Joyce Hunt Rowe wrote that she and Dick have enjoyed a trip to PA where they toured Gettysburg, Amish Country and Hershey. They arrived in St. Petersburg, FL in December and enjoyed the winter there, leaving in April.

Priscilla Foss Rende wrote that one granddaughter, Brianna, is at JFK managing a cupcake franchise. Another granddaughter, Maggie, is a nanny on Long Island and working on her master's degree in graphic art. Grandson Matt is managing a Target store in NH and Sean graduated from the Police Academy in Topeka, KS and is a member of the Topeka Police Force. Christine is in her second year at Harding University and grandson Alex, is a freshman at CHS, Augusta. He was a member of the state champion football team. Frank and Priscilla will celebrate their 52nd anniversary in August.

Philip Coffin said the highlight of their winter was their family Christmas dinner and that by popular demand, Maria cooked her traditional German sauerbraten. There were fifteen family members present. They feel fortunate to have all their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren living in the area. They look forward to their summer in Maine and visiting with classmates and hope to see many at the MCI Reunion in August.

Gertrude Grignon Bizeau wrote that she has had a good winter and that her mother is 99 years-old and still lives alone and cares for herself. She would like to get in touch with **Marilyn With-ee Gray**. Many classmates would like to hear from her. Please let your Class Agent know if anyone has been in contact with Marilyn recently.

Matthew Scott and partner, Beverly Libby, spent over three months at their home in Florida. They hosted a Christmas buffet, gift exchange, plus a great ventriloquist, for nine, including classmate **Kaye Mooers** and Stirling. They enjoyed attending the Busch Garden music concerts with Kaye, Stirling and "Flat William." They left Florida the first of March and traveled to Arizona, Colorado and Oklahoma visiting with their



Norman '56 and Judy Burke Nutter '56 on their wedding day.

family members. They still keep busy with ballroom dancing and even did some instructing while in Florida. They are looking forward to Reunion.

Pauline Hoskins Philbrick sent word that she wanted to thank her classmates for the cards, calls and prayers. She can still use your continued support in her battle with cancer.

Class Agent
Catherine Doyle Mooers

Class of 1956

Dear Classmates,

You better be sitting down for this one. In November, **Norman Nutter** was in touch with former '56 Class Agent, **Judy Burke Simonton** of Camden. Norman planned on a visit, also asking her out to lunch. She wasn't well enough to go that day, and after a three hour visit, he indicated he would be back in the spring. As history would have it, Norman came back to Camden long before spring to visit Judy again, and history was made.

On January 25, Norman and Judy were married by Judy's pastor, Rev Robin Honaker, in a beautiful ceremony at her apartment in Camden. Both shared their own written vows. Judy's daughter Mary-Ella, and two of Norm's daughters Ruth and Janet, along with a few close friends attended, and we all enjoyed an informal reception with beautiful cake and sandwiches. Because of Judy's illness, the honeymoon was at Highland Park apartments. When recently asked if the honeymoon was over yet, Norman answered, "don't see an end anytime soon."

Norman's former wife, Clara had passed away in July of 2013. Marriage was the furthest from Judy's mind, having been single for many years and now in hospice care. We both are now thankful for each day the Lord gives them and are enjoying their time together.

Norman & Judy Burke Nutter

Class of 1958

Congratulations to **Skip Chappelle**, who will be inducted into the inaugural Maine Basketball Hall of Fame on August 21.

Class of 1960

Archie Tracy says, "Thanks MCI!" - he was elected into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2012.

Marilyn (Sam) Nash completed her first 5K in years - took 52 minutes to do so. She is caregiving for seniors and volunteering once a week at West Los Angeles Medical center as a clerk/receptionist. She said "I can still wrestle with my seven-and-a-half year-old grandson. He keeps yelling, 'Restart!'"

Marilyn received a response from **Linda Ballard Eide**. "Every day, on the way home from field hockey, I stopped at Humphrey's Drugstore for a chocolate sundae with chocolate and marshmallow sauce -- Linda made them for me."

Linda Ballard Eide says that she leads a "very dull life;" however, look what that life encompasses: She visits a resi-

dent at an assisted living facility and "runs" for her if she is in need of something. In the evenings, Linda can't just sit and do nothing, so she makes mittens and donates them to the Lutheran Social Services; she gives them 150 pair every October. Some years she also has over 100 hats. "Spring, summer, and early fall seem to be occupied by vegetable gardening. We always plant too much and then have to find others in need of veggies. I do lots of canning and freezing and enjoy going to the freezer and enjoying tasty produce that has no herbicides or pesticides on them." Linda and husband Brian are now great-grandparents. She says that her eleven-year-old granddaughter has shot her down for years. She used to sit on Linda's lap and comb Linda's hair, then she said that Linda looked just like George Washington!

Rachel Fields Fleming will be remembered by the time this goes to print; the wedding is in April. Congratulations, Rachel!

Last October on a cold Friday night **Mike Parker** and **Sherm Lahaie** traveled from the Portland area to MCI to a football game. MCI had an outstanding season, losing in the playoffs. They recalled that when they played football, practice was at the bottom of the hill on a soggy wet field. After practice, they would crawl up over the hill in the dark with a light on the gym boiler room as a beacon. The PG team practiced in the hockey rink and occasionally the undergrads would act as blocking dummies as they went by to the gym. On Saturdays they played at Manson Park and after the game was won, the bell would ring on the Institute building. Fifty-four years later how things have changed! The soggy wet practice field is now a stadium -- Friday night football under the lights, stadium seating, super field conditions and a concession stand.

The "HUSKIES" this past season were outstanding and a credit to MCI, the coaches and to themselves. Mike and Sherm were impressed and promise to visit again next year. Congratulations to the Bertrand family, Paul working the concessions, his son the coach and grandson a team member. That's an MCI legacy!

Class Agents
Marilyn Nash
Joan Basford Bradley
Rachel Fields Fleming

Class of 1961

Stanley Moore writes, "My wife Sandy and I enjoy spending winters in Florida. We stay 6.5 months at our Newport home and 5.5 months in Florida at our 55 and over community home. We were especially happy to be in Florida this past winter!"

Class Agent Needed

Class of 1962

Madelyn Kenniston Given writes, "Last fall I became a first time published author with my book, *Outstanding Feats by an Ordinary Woman*. Now I am busy with book signings and motivational talks. I have a website: outstandingfeats.com. There you can read my blogs, find out about the author, check out about me on YouTube and listen to recordings of several live national radio broadcasts. People can purchase signed books on my website or go to Amazon for ebooks or print books. My latest hiking adventures have been to Bryce & Zion and the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, and trekking by camel and hiking in Jordan. A small group from the US traveled to Cuba where I visited schools, urban renewal projects with the head of Cuba's director as well as reforestation projects, organic farms, new towns being built to provide work as part of welfare reform. I traveled throughout Cuba and swam in the Bay of Pigs. Again quite recently I traveled to 7 countries in Eastern Europe. In January I was skiing in the Canadian Rockies with my family. I took time to take a bobsled run on the former Olympic course in Calgary. I spend time between our homes in Maine and Southwest Florida. Dare to Dream, Dream often and make your Dreams come true."

Class Agent
Peter Redfern

Class of 1963

Jon Haynes writes, "I have many fond memories - many faces are in my field of vision. MCI helped me to prepare for four years at Norwich University as well as two years as a military instructor at Fort Campbell, KY. I had no plans to be an English teacher later at Bellows Frey Academy, St. Albans, VT. I experienced great growth -- MCI helped me become an English teacher for forty years. Oh, joy!"

Suzanne Huff Mercier talked with **Peter Higer** recently. He was sorry



Anna Maria Parker '66 and her new grandson.

to have missed our big Reunion but he has some medical issues that prevented him from driving up from New Harbor. I'm glad to report he is doing better.

We heard from classmate **Skip Ettinger**. He recently had an official trip to Davis-Mathen Air Force Base in Tucson, Arizona. While there he was able to get away and had dinner with **Anna Maria Parker '66** at the Italian restaurant Mama Louise. A great time was had by both reminiscing about their time at MCI.

Class Agent
Wayne Pinkham

Class of 1964

Stephen Milley writes that he is busy, still working for North Point Marina & Industrial, which recently merged with Newman Concrete Products. His daughter Jen and son Ron work with him. Jen has two children and Ron has a daughter. Steve's wife, Bette, is retired. At the 50th Reunion, he hopes at least to see **Bill Schweitzer**, **Bob Menucci**, and **Phil Cook**.

Kathy Sweet Waugh has co-edited (with her husband) a second anthology for Sam Teddy Publishing. It is currently in press and should be out in the fall, *The Giant Book of Classic Cat Tales*.

Some of the Class of 1964 are starting to put our 50th class Reunion together. Our goal is having our classmates be delighted to be there. We are very lucky to have one of the most engaged, happy, nostalgic, active MCI

classes. When we look back on all our adventures in grade school as well as high school, we recall many different high (or not so high) memories. We are working on collecting different types of school memorabilia. We could use some help with getting copies of grade school teams, scouts, dances, class trip, or any other activities, or downtown Pittsfield, Burnham, Detroit, Palmyra. We are putting together a fun album.

I do hope you will consider coming to our 50th Class Reunion on August 1 through 3, 2014. If you are not able to join us, please write a quick note to say hi to the class. We have a special table set aside for letters. At our 45th, there were 12 letters. We would like to continue this tradition.

I would like to send a very special thank you to **Georgie Brown Farrin** and **Ron Farrin** for once again hosting a Saturday afternoon get-together in their backyard. Thank you to **Carolyn Dutil Belanger**, **Marlene Hunt Ward**, **Crystal Hunt Cyr**, and **Jane Woodcock Woodruff**, for their help with pictures. We will be having more meetings working on the 50th and I do so appreciate all the offers of help from so many. A special thank you to Carolyn, **Chip Bemis**, and **Bob Mercier** for their Facebook help and Jane's offer to get messages from the class at Heart of Pittsfield.

Class Agent
Barbara Vigue Day

Class of 1965

Judith Reynolds Lane has 3 children, 8 grandchildren and 1 great-grand-

child. She is currently attending college online to get her bachelor's in healthcare administration.

Dalen Mills writes: Liz and I had a chance to visit with **Glenn Robinson** for a couple of days in March at his home in Ft. Myers. We also spent a few days with **Norby** and **Chris Young** in Greenwich on our drive from our home in Maine to our home in Port Orange this past fall. Liz and I continued to be blessed with being able to live in Florida and Maine in the best seasons of each and feel incredibly sad that we missed this 2013-14 winter. NOT!

Had I not repeated my sophomore year when I went to MCI, I would be looking forward to my 50th reunion with my Pemetic High School (which ceased to exist in 1968) in Southwest Harbor. My wife, who wasn't on the 5-year plan, is a '65 grad and is already planning her 50th with a few of her classmates. Needless to say I have mixed emotions about being out of high school for 50 years. I am blown away about how fast the years have gone by as I suspect we all are at our ages now.

We have 5 grandchildren now ranging from 14 to 2 years old. My daughter and her two boys live in SW Harbor and she works at her gardening business. Her husband is merchant marine and goes to South Korea every other month. My son and his boy and two girls live in Bangor. He is a teacher at Bangor Christian Academy and a summertime chef in SW Harbor. His wife is a stay-at-home mom with their two year-old son.

I continue to enjoy church, walks, movies and an occasional meal out with Liz. A huge part of my spiritual life is continuing to pursue fish with my kayak and a fly rod in hand at one of the best fisheries in the country, a place well-named, Mosquito Lagoon.

We were recently in Savannah, Georgia and when we were walking around found a restaurant called the Velvet Elvis. Guess who that reminded me of? Yep, Sexy Rexy. So I sent him a picture of it. I hope he got it. (For those who don't know, **Rex Fowler** wrote a song called "Velvet Elvis" a while back).

We will be in SW Harbor in late May and will leave in mid-October and hope that any of the Class of '65 members who are in the area will remember that I live there and give me a call. I'm in the telephone book. Life is good and Liz and I are still in good health and enjoying being in a vertical position in the morning.

Class Agent
Lawrence Yeaton

Class of 1966

Glen Robinson writes: I hope this finds you well and spring is here! I don't have much as far as news, I did, however, become a grandfather in December! My daughter who lives in Malibu, CA had a baby girl. **Dalen Mills** and his wife came to Ft. Myers last week and spent a couple of nights with me so we reminisced for a couple of days on the MCI experience. That's about it, not much has changed except, more weight, less hair and sore joints lol! I won't make alumni weekend due to some obligations that I have here in Ft. Myers.

Anna Maria Parker reports that she achieved her goal of becoming a Certified Music Arranger in Sweet Adelines International. She also became a grandmother for the fourth time and feels very blessed. She came to Maine at the end of March for a few days to meet her new grandson, but cannot make Reunion this coming summer because she has mandatory rehearsals for her chorus which will be competing internationally in Baltimore this November. She'll most likely travel to Maine to spend some time with her family after that.

Jim Fagan writes: After living for over 30 years in Duxbury, Mass., my wife and I just moved to The Pine Hills in Plymouth, Mass. I remain an avid golfer and our new neighborhood has two championship courses. I still work for Shields MRI in Quincy, Mass. where I have been employed for the past twenty years. (With the golf course in the backyard I don't think retirement is too far off) Janice and I just celebrated our 34th wedding anniversary in September. We also have a new grandson, Jack. I hope everyone in the Class of '66 is doing well.

Bob Elmer writes: After more than 15 years in Senior Care Management, in March of 2013, I became a free agent and I began Care for Caregivers, LLC. As a Master Trainer of Alzheimer's Care, it was a natural progression. I write a bi-weekly article for our local paper called "Join the Journey-Care for Caregivers" that focuses on dealing with the many challenges that personal and professional caregivers of those with Alzheimer's face. I also lecture in hospitals, universities (The College of Nursing), senior centers, adult day care centers and I am also a "Contract Trainer" for the Alzheimer's Association. Many

access my website at www.carefor-caregivers.org for free downloads of information caregivers and the families of those dealing with Alzheimer's find very helpful.

My wife and I have been married for 42 years, we have two marvelous daughters and two precious granddaughters. The one true passion we share is traveling and that's why we have been to Portugal, Italy, Mexico, Iceland, Belgium, Ireland (twice), Germany, Holland, Canada and England. Last summer we went to Denver for a nephew's wedding and took extra time to drive the Oregon Trail to Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Linda Abbott Morgan has moved to sunny, metropolitan Palmyra, Maine! She maintains a home office when not traveling and is an independent contractor in the food brokerage and contract furniture industries. In addition to her 8 children that live in 6 different states, her 19th grandchild arrived this year along with her 1st great-grandchild! She is looking toward the horizon to retire, but it keeps getting farther away! In the meantime, she enjoys being the president of an organization that mentors and teaches teenage girls between the ages of 12 and 18.

Norbert Young, Jr. writes, "A few of us Pittsfield kids from '66 were together at the Lancey Street School and may remember our second grade teacher, Mrs. Fernald. Well, this past year I was able to meet her oldest son **David Fernald '58**. He graduated MCI in 1958 and was a true star – valedictorian and lettered in three sports. He was such a good football player that he was one of the few townies to ever play on the PG football team – in this case under coach Dave Wiggin. From MCI he went on to Bowdoin where he continued as a standout in academics and in sports – being All Maine in football and stellar in lacrosse under Nels Corey – former MCI teacher and coach of the early fifties. The reconnection occurred when I saw Dave's picture in a Bowdoin tribute to Coach Corey who passed away in 2013. I was able to have a very enjoyable lunch with Dave in Portland and will host him this spring, when it comes, on campus as our Headmaster, Chris Hopkins, is greatly enamored with lacrosse as THE Sport of the 21st Century. I remember it was our history MCI teacher Peter Gulick who brought lacrosse to MCI in the 1960's – well it is back today and the expanded playing fields will provide a great impetus to its growth."

Class Agent
Linda Abbott Morgan
Class of 1967

William Donahue wrote: "The Russian writer Mikhail Lermontov (1814-41) does not get enough ink these days. I traced his footsteps through the Caucasus mountains of Georgia, where he gathered material for his single novel, *A Hero of Our Time*." William wrote about this experience for the *Washington Post* on March 20, 2014. You can check out his article online at www.washingtonpost.com.

Robert Gould writes from Georgia, "We experienced Maine weather in January and February with snow storms and school closings. Hazel and I celebrated our fourth anniversary on February 6. I took involuntary retirement in November. I am in my first of four units to be a chaplain. I hope to complete all four by January 2016. I am doing it at the Piedmont Henry Hospital in Stockbridge, Georgia in honor of my Mum, Muriel Gould. I was able to recently have lunch in Athens, Georgia with **Jean Maynard** in honor of her 91st birthday. Jean and Mum were classmates in 1941, best friends and Waverly Avenue neighbors. It was a treat to also see **Peggy Maynard Olsen '84**. I am gearing up for Alumni Reunion 2017 which is our 50th. Let's get a great turnout for that year especially."

Class Agent
Sheilya Cookson Voter

Class of 1968

Thomas "Tom" Soule writes that after 42 years in education, 17 as a teacher and 25 as a principal, he will retire at the end of this year. He decided to step down while he still loves what he does instead of dreading every day of work. He has no real plans and states it is like closing one book and opening another. He's just not sure what's on the pages yet. We wish him happy retirement.

Ellery Hathorn and his wife Rose Ann are so happy to be retired this winter in Lady Lake, Florida. They picked the perfect winter to get out of New Hampshire. They have had lots of gatherings with family and friends and plan to meet up with **Eric Cianchette** and wife Peggy in a few weeks. They hope the snow is melted when they return to Maine for the summer.

Eric Cianchette writes that they are

spending more winter time in Florida this year. He is playing golf (now that he is old) but ever so poorly. Their son, Michael, is coming home from Afghanistan at the end of April.

Steve and Dora Barrett Miles recently returned from an extended trip to Florida where they enjoyed spending time with family and were happy being out of the cold and snow for awhile. They both continue to work and travel often to Massachusetts to visit son **Gavin Miles '93**, wife Brenda and their three beautiful grandchildren.

Pamela Inman Frederick sends news from Beverly Hills, Florida. She is happy to report that Terry (**Terrance Frederick '61**) has recovered nicely from neck and throat surgery in November and is back to work taking care of their rentals. Pam stays active with church activities. She will be making her debut in a comedic version of "My Favorite Things" singing with a group of friends in a talent show. Break a leg, Pam!

Jean Hammond Watts and husband Harley had a flood in their basement after a hot water pipe burst while they were away after Christmas during that "chill." They had to gut and re-build. Happily, they recently welcomed their sixth grandchild. Jean says, "So, life is the usual!"

Dawn Peterson Cox and husband Jesse are having a great winter in Florida. Dawn says "Winter Haven" lives up to its name. She got together with **Mary Ann Tilton** in Vero Beach for the Super Bowl. They also had lunch with **Kathy Starbird Warburg** and husband Paul while they were there for a winter break. They had a great time catching up.

Kathy writes she is just too busy digging out from all the snow to write any news, lol.

Darlene Kvingedal has been in touch. She says it was so wonderful to see everyone last summer at **Lolly Susi's**. She too is "so ready for warm weather."

Harold Mosher writes he would like to "retire and do a community sponsored agriculture thing right where I am. Just give me a few more years."

I received an email from **Norman Mitchell**. He and Linda have bought a house and retired at the same time. He says they are doing fine and have a lot of plans for changes to the house. His seven grandchildren are growing fast, the oldest turning 21 this month.

You can submit your news in many ways: send them to your Class Agent, email the Alumni Office at alumni@mci-school.org, submit them online at www.mci-school.org/update or post your news on MCI's or your Class's Facebook page.

They are planning on building a raised garden this spring and doing some traveling. He may do some part-time jobs but states "the full-time is done!" He still likes his toys and has bought a sports Camry that "has everything but wings."

Sharon Hanson Ringuette says she has no "new" news. "I continue to work as a Clinical Care Nurse and have made this new position my own, really enjoying going to work each day. Louie and our family are all well. We are blessed to have our daughters and grandsons close by. I see several folks posting on Facebook. It is a great way to keep in touch."

Sadly, **Nathan Haynes**, Sergeant First Class (Retired), died November 1, 2013, following a long battle with cancer. The loss of a classmate saddens us all and takes a little piece of our heart away. Rest in peace, Nathan.

Class Agent
Sharon Hanson Ringuette

Class of 1969

Gary Fitts writes, "My wife, Amy, and I are still happily retired (since 2005) and living in Port Charlotte, Florida. We do the Snowbird thing and spend 4-5 months at camp on Sibley Pond... and love both places!"

Our three children have given us seven grandchildren (5 girls and 2 boys) ranging in age from 12 to 4. Naturally, they are all beautiful, talented, smart and awesome. We do some fun traveling as well. We recently drove our S2000 two-seater to Everglades City for some eco-touring and then on across the Overseas Highway to Key West for some fun, touristy activities. We travel to visit our children and grandchildren as well, visiting Orange County, California for a month over Christmas and New Years, visits in Manassas, Virginia and Dedham, Massachusetts. We spent a fun afternoon with **Mac '69** and **Judy Cianchette** yesterday as they are traveling around Florida to escape the brutal Maine Winter. When we're home, either in Maine or Florida, we enjoy (and celebrate!) every sunset we can...often while on our boats. Life is good! Looking forward to a celebration of our 45th Reunion this summer."

Class Agent needed

Class of 1971

Jeff Knights would like to read an essay by Ms. FITTS on what it takes to run an apple orchard. What have been the great beneFITS to her life and her family living the life on the orchard?

Milton Webber writes, "The House Next Door B&B is going well and I am very involved with the international student body at MCI. Parents of students love to stay with us, location is everything! My creativity art-wise has led me to constant showings at Peoples United Bank, among others. My involvement with the School keeps on becoming more and more and I am being prepped to lead the Alumni Association -- very big shoes to fill indeed. I am also substitute teaching in the SAD 53 family and again becoming more involved with school with Football Boosters. I always will be hard at work volunteering for Special Olympics of Maine and The Boothbay Charities Classic. Yeah, I've been busy! Sooo much more to share!"

Patricia Greene Halpin has been married for 3 years to David Halpin. They live on Hunnewell Avenue. Patricia works as a PSS in home health. David has worked for 6 years for GE and UTC, which is closing soon.

Class Agent
Laurie Fitts Loosigian

Class of 1973

Thomas Jackson wrote "I'm enjoying retirement and cruising every few months. I had a GREAT time at the Reunion last August and am looking forward to this year's Reunion. I just opened my LAST jar of maple syrup. My daughter Brittney, a senior track star at the University of Tennessee is having a great year and is a finalist for the NCAA Minority Womens Graduate Scholarship Award. I look forward to seeing the MCI family this summer."

Class Agent
Susan Smith England

Class of 1974

Brian Bane writes: "On January 27, 2014, I have been married to my beautiful wife, Sharon, for 35 years. Most of that time, we have lived in Canaan, Maine. We have a 24 year-old daughter, Emily, and we brought my mother, Winifred (92 years old), to live with us two years ago. For eight years, I coached basketball at an independent Christian school in Canaan; I loved it and coached some great kids. In 2005, our daughter, then sixteen, was driving herself home from a basketball practice at Bangor Christian School, when she drove in a snowstorm and lost control of her car. Her life hung in the balance for a week, and due to her injuries, she was at EMMC for 39 days. She still suffers with various problems from her injuries, still attends a neuro-rehabilitation center, and resides with us. We are blessed to have her still with

us. Until 16 years ago, I was in the logging business. At that time, I was hired by the Waterville Post Office as a Rural Carrier, and I love it. I've plowed snow commercially (twenty customers), since before I was married, and I still "moonlight" cutting wood in the summer, "just for fun." Sharon and I attend church locally and have throughout our married life. Hope to see a lot of classmates this summer."

Our friend and classmate, **Paul Millington**, passed away on December 31, 2013. His wife, Sherry, and daughter, Sara, held a memorial service on February 8, 2014. **Laura Cianchette**, **Susie Quint '75**, and I traveled to Florida to spend the weekend in Live Oak. **Kurt Sprengle '73** was our host. He set us up with wonderful accommodations and took good care of us the whole time we were there. The memorial service was attended by around 150 friends and family at Paul & Sherry's home on the Suwannee River. Many people told stories or sang a song in Paul's memory. I read the biography that Paul wrote for our 30th Reunion. Paul's 5 year-old grandson, Ayden, was even moved to get up and tell how much his Papi meant to him. It was a fitting tribute and I am glad that we got to spend time with Paul's family and to meet his many friends from the Live Oak community.

Dorothy Wilkins Anderson writes: "Jim and I have been married for 36 years now and will stay in NJ for a few more years while we are still working. I am the Director of Finance for a mid-size CPA firm and I am the Treasurer for the Board of Directors for the YWCA here in Bergen Ct, NJ.

I also work with a group that is Nationwide called Zonta. We work towards ending violence against women. We have a daughter, Eleanor, graduating from RIT this year with a BFA in illustration. She will be going to Montclair State next year to continue in art and work towards her MFA. Our son Hunter is a freshman at Ohio U - majoring in Economics and hoping to continue on to Law school. We have four dogs (two Labs and two Cockers) and a cat and I am very involved in Save-A-Lab rescue. I am looking forward to seeing everyone after 40 years! Wow, how did that happen anyway?"

Deb Lasselle Collman wrote: I am leaving on a 3-week bike trip to Oklahoma in May to watch my first grandchild Taylor graduate as salutatorian from high school. While in high school, she did two summers of college!

Susan Cianchette Koch: I am leaving my job as Director of AIA Maine and taking some time off. Not sure what

will be next, but I am going to be open to what comes my way!

Patti Davis Buck: My life seems to be relatively calm and quiet after the excitement of last year; planning, prepping for and hosting --right here at home -- the wedding of our daughter, Chelsea, to Tim Belinsky last September. Bruce and I were reluctant to have the event here but the bride and groom convinced us and it turned out to be exactly "them." An added bonus was having our son, Alex, home for 2 weeks leave around the event. Though there has been no shortage of shoveling this winter, time has allowed for only a few snowshoe or ski outings and we are anxiously awaiting spring/summer to see how many of the plantings we put in last year have survived! Looking forward to Reunion Weekend in August!

Sylvia McNichol writes: I'm looking forward to the 40th Reunion luncheon; hopefully the Class of '74 will have a big crowd. I see **Ivy Lary Yeo** often; we frequent the Pittsfield Community Theater, good movies & great popcorn. I keep in touch with **Denice Chase Ingraham**; she's having fun with her grandchildren. On June 10, 2014, I will celebrate my 40th anniversary at C.M. Almy. **Rhonda Patterson Bemis** and **Betsy Morrison Mace** also work at Almy, so I see them every day. See you all at the Reunion.

Elaine Berry writes that she plans to attend the 2014 Reunion this summer.

Class Agent
Vera Lloyd Bryant

Class of 1975

Louise Stauble Desilets has been a Hospice RN and Clinical Manager of Private Home Care Agency in Fredericksburg, VA since 2007. She has been married to Paul for 32 years, and has 4 children -- Julia residing in Rome, Italy, Andrea married and living in Boston, Therese in Washington, DC, and Christopher in Florida. She writes "We love company and have lots of room for visitors!"

Class Agent
Ralph Ingraham

Class of 1979

Kathy Kelley writes: I am now working in Dialysis in Waterville, happy to be closer to home. I see **Jay Pease** every day as he works at the Thayer Unit too! To make things better, I also work with **Ricky Pomerleau's** sister-in-law... it goes to show what a small world it is.

I am very busy with MCI functions and look forward to seeing everyone at our 35th Reunion this summer.

Class Agent **Trudi Bickford Ames** writes, "Well it's been a long winter and hope everyone is looking forward to our 35th Reunion coming right up! Can you believe it? **Ann Cianchette** has offered her camp on Unity Pond for a get-together. Hope we have a good turn out. I still see lots of our classmates here and there -- it's nice to chat with everyone. Kevin and I still live in Pittsfield. Our daughter **Meagan Ames '10** graduates this year from Plymouth State. Hard to believe already. Hope to see all at the Reunion."

Class Agent
Trudi Bickford Ames

Class of 1980

Belinda Lawrence Laflamme writes: Does anyone else find life busier with age? I am still at Skowhegan Family Medicine which finally became part of Redington Fairview General Hospital. We moved into the hospital with a lot more space and a couple extra talented doctors on board. I love the variety of services we do, so being bored will never happen. I still do photography and now doing wood burning art with my husband who makes the variety of items. This is has been a great relaxation. We have our dog, Angel, a Golden retriever that fills our days with laughter. My son Nick is finishing up his last year at Orono as Athletic Trainer and I am looking forward to seeing him more often. My son Chris (still no grandchildren) is still living in Colorado with his girlfriend Sarah. He is doing music events and snowboarding when he can. I got to enjoy their visit this past summer. I am enjoying the contact with classmates on Facebook. I was happy that MCI had enough snow for their awesome snow sculptures this year. I am hoping that all classmates are doing well and hope to run into some of you this year.

Peter Fendler writes: "Karen and I are empty nesters. Our daughter (24) has graduated and works in Portland. Our son (21) is a junior at St. Mikes. We're now looking at moving from the big house in the woods to a condo in Portland. It has been great to reconnect with Pittsfield, MCI and a bunch of old friends through my work on the MCI Board. We went to a great school. Hope everyone is well. Stay in touch."

Class Agent
Belinda Lawrence Laflamme



Andi '89 and Emily '88 Vigue with their children Greg '16 and Caroline at Greg's Eagle Scout ceremony.

Class of 1986

Tim Simeone reported that he recently won his age division in the Mid-Atlantic Regional Racquetball Championships in April. He has won his age division in the State Championships a number of times before, but this was his first regional (New Jersey down to North Carolina) win in any division in more than 30 years of racquetball. Congratulations, Tim!

Class Agent needed

Class of 1987

Ruthie Williams Hinkley writes, "Having the curiosity of a cat and loving travel, I have been living in Washington State for three years now. My son is 22 and working on his college education. My partner and I are looking to start an RPG gaming store with an old fashion soda fountain and café. For all of us that remember Berry's Pharmacy, something like that. I hope everyone is doing well."

David O'Brien writes, "I'm still living just outside Tampa and both personally and professionally I'm doing very well. My company has just opened a new office in the Orlando area. As always, if any of my classmates are in Florida, feel free to look me up."

Marty King checked in. He said that he lives and works in New Hampshire in the winter and North Carolina in the summer.

Jason Fenderson is living in Las Vegas and is the Western Regional Manager for Diamond Resorts. If any classmates are ever in Vegas, look him up.

Kathy Bouffard Kitchin writes: "I am currently working at Mount View High School as the principal's administrative assistant. My daughter **Ashley '12** is at UMA in the dental program and my son **Trevor '14** will graduate from MCI this June and will go to Thomas College in the fall to study Criminal Justice."

Deb McCaughey-Gerrato writes, "My son will be 11 in August. I'm still at Coach selling those bags and doing esthetics at a lovely salon in Portsmouth, NH called Wink, doing exceptional waxing and facials. I also do makeup and sales for some super girlfriends of mine who own a wonderful boutique by the name of 3 Wicked Women in Rye, NH. All in all, life is great and I'm not complaining, keeps life interesting and makes for great party conversation. I can't wait to see you all again soon!"

Dan Witham lives in Strafford, New Hampshire with his wife of four years.

Glenn Steadman is working as senior analyst in QC Microbiology at Genzyme, still living in Boston area with his fiancé and son.

Jean McGowan lives in Portland, Oregon (yes - the other Portland) with her partner and their combined six children (three kids in 7th grade!). She is the communications and development director at a K-8 Private school. She spends a "ridiculous" amount of time parenting and is grateful for the exceptional education she received in our small town in Central Maine.

Teresa Morse Jones still lives in Southern Maine and works in Human Resources at Texas Instruments. When

she is not working, her time is spent between family, serving at The Rock Church in Scarborough and traveling as often as possible. She has 3 kids - ages 22, 19 and 5 - and has a 3 year-old granddaughter. This summer the big 'kids' will be heading to Bermuda and she will be going to Kenya in July (this will be her fourth trip to Africa).

Harold (Drew) Goodridge is working in the National Capital Region as a special agent with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) assigned as the Division Chief for operations in the NCIS National Security Directorate.

Keith Steven Mower took a break from his on-the-road network engineering job. He is staying in Maine with his mother, so she can live happily in her home on a lake. Her husband of 25 years died last summer. He now has 7 grandchildren and two great nieces. He says he has finally started planning for retirement, even though he never thought he would ever plan for anything.

Corey Nelson has been married 18 years and is employed at CMMC in Lewiston as a Polysomnographer, RPS-GT. He has 7 year-old boy/girl twins, and is traveling all over with the kids USA Gymnastics Team (from Florida to Maine).

Traci Hanscom Ennis is living in Canterbury, NH and still working in family practice in Hopkinton, NH. She is "married to the same wonderful man going on 22 years. We have 3 children, the eldest is in college at Hobart and William Smith in NY. Our second daughter is a sophomore and our son a 7th grader."

Class Agent
David O'Brien

Class of 1988

Loren LaValle Martin reports that all is well in NH. Oldest son Jeff is graduating from Penn State in May, then will be off to Washington DC where he has accepted his first real job offer. Youngest Jacob is a freshman in high school getting ready for baseball season. Family is all well and she and Dan are enjoying this phase of their lives with their children growing into fine young men.

Emily Melvin Vigue reports Winter Carnival was a blast. Not so many Class of 1988 alums were there but she saw their kids (**Chip Kitchin, Niki Roy Schissler, Daren Harvey** and **Shannon Inman**). Maybe next year! Also, her son **Greg '16** was just preparing for his Eagle Scout ceremony! Congrats Greg!

Jenn Dahlgren Cram reports, "My husband and I were proud parents when our daughter **Jordyn '13** graduated from MCI in June 2013 and went on to make the Dean's List at USM."

Class Agents
Loren LaValle Martin
C. J. Mitchell

Class of 1989

Kate Burden Thomas writes, "I'm still living in Southern NH, have 3 teen daughters (all the hell and joy you'd imagine), two dogs and a charming, superhuman husband. We fight the good fight for the American way, continue to try to dig out this winter, and Jay tries to convince me to move to Miami, nearly daily now. I'm working at the Hampstead Public Library, where I just updated their website, and try to help folks with computer skills and finding great stuff to read. I've started grad school for a Master's of Library Science at Clarion University in Pennsylvania, in an online program. It's ... interesting to be back in school. I keep in touch with quite a few of my classmates on Facebook, on which I spent far too much time. My mother just moved to my town, which makes me truly happy, since losing Dad three years ago made me worry about her. Now I get to have coffee or lunch with her when I want! Hope all are having as blessed a life as I have."

Class Agent
Lisa Cook Madore

Class of 1991

Matt Landry is in Racine, WI with wife Jennifer of 12 years with four kids - 10, 7, 5, and 3. He is the Head of the English Department at Washington Park High School.

Amy Marquis Michaud lives in Orrington, ME with husband Erik and their two kids - 11 and 7. She is a Practice Manager at EMMC.

Bobbie Jackson Goulette currently lives in Clinton, ME with her son Christopher, 14, and is engaged to Rick Thibodeau. She works for NES/NIS/NES in Pittsfield and has been with the same company for 23 years now. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration.

Nikki Poulin Fennelley lives in Bangor, ME with husband Keith. They have 6 kids between them - ages 21, 21, 18, 16, & 12. She is a home health aide and is currently in school for a Medical Assisting Degree. They are grandparents of twin boys.



Amanda '97 and Danny '96 Mack with their son Karlin in Punta Cana at the wedding of Russell Mack '01

Shanda Ferguson Matthias lives in Hagerstown, MD with her husband and two kids, 4 and 1. She is an ER & Wound Care RN.

Lynn Oulette Marquis is in Kennebunk, ME with her three kids- 19, 15, and 12. She is a restaurant manager and is in school studying to be an RN.

Amy Sanborn Levesque lives in Waterville, ME with husband John and daughter, 9. She has been working in the healthcare industry for over 22 years and is now at The Alford Center for Heath in Augusta, ME as an RN.

Erica Jameson Picard lives in Detroit, ME with husband Joe. They have 4 kids between them - 17 and 15, 15 and 14. She is working in Newport as the assistant manager at the Shell Station.

Class Agent
James Richards

Class of 1992

Laura Norris has been with Morgan Stanley Investments for 17 years now. She and Darius, her business partner who is also her partner in life, bought a new home last year in Westlake Village, CA. They have plenty of room for visitors! Like most of this class, Laura turned 40 last year and Darius hosted a Gatsby themed party that was one for the record books!

Class Agent
Sean Callahan

Class of 1995

Amy Robinson will be participating in a graduate program this summer at USM, studying Educational Leadership.

Class Agent
Frances Oviatt Rogers

Class of 1996

Nick Lowe reports that he, **Dave Heaton**, and **Daniel Mack** ran in the Cooper River Bridge Run in Charleston SC on April 5th.

Class Agent
Heather Gray Csontos

Class of 1998

Teresa Smith Reynolds is still living in Burnham where it's nice and quiet.

Kristi Connors Rossignol lives in Weeks Mills, ME with her husband **Der-ek '92**, 5 year-old son Kameron, and 2 year-old daughter Kalli. Kristi continues to work as a microbiologist for the Maine CDC in the capitol city. She enjoys the work that she does serving the people of Maine.

Karen Brown Hawkes lives in Hampden, ME with her husband James, 6 year-old son Mitchell, and 3 year old-daughter Mabel. Karen works in the town she grew up in, serving the residents of Seabasticook Valley as the SVH Community Health and Education Director and the Director of the Healthy SV Coalition.

Jared McCannell continues to work at MCI in the Advancement Department. He has been able to catch up with a number of classmates from '98 at alumni regional events and other visits (including **Jason Cummings** at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival and **Joshua Johnson** at a regional event in San Diego, CA). He also ran into **Kristi Connors Rossignol** at the Alumni Basketball Game early in the winter and has had the pleasure to work with **Karen Brown Hawkes** on a collaborative project with MCI, SVH and Healthy SV.

Carrie Duprey Gilbert lives in Burnham. She is married to David Gilbert Jr. and they have a two year-old little boy named Aiden. She works at Colby College as a food service worker.

Kellie Norris Brooks lives in Burnham and is married to **Wesley Brooks '93**. They have a wonderful daughter, Alexia. Kellie continues to work for Se-

basticook Valley Hospital in physical therapy, is an adult volunteer for the Girl Scouts, ambassador for The New England Organ Bank in memory of her mother, and is the PTO president in MSAD 53.

Joo Yi resides in Seoul, Korea and still works for Tencent Korea leading the Strategy and Planning Dept. with frequent travels to China. She is thrilled to have scored tickets to the 2014 World Cup hosted in Brazil this summer and super excited to cheer on her home team.

Class Agent
Jason Cummings

Class of 1999

Congratulations to **Laura Wyly**, who has been officially named Dean of Students at Georgetown College. She joined the College's student life staff in 2008. Since then, she has had various responsibilities including Area Coordinator for Greek Life, Area Coordinator for Residence Life, Director of Residence Life, and Associate Dean of Students. Laura is engaged to City of Georgetown Police Officer Jay Johnson! His surprise proposal was witnessed by students, faculty, staff and Johnson's fellow officers.

Lorna Weatherbee Rowe writes that after 6 years as a licensed veterinary technician, she returned to school to be a nurse. She spent a year-and-a-half on Med/Surg at Seabasticook Valley Hospital and is now in her second year in the OR. She says she misses being around animals, but life changes.

Class Agent needed

Class of 2001

Danielle Witham Mitchell e-mailed from sunny Florida: "**Devin '02** and I have been happily married for ten years with two beautiful and brilliant children, Kaori (11) and Athena (4). Devin works at Destin Glass in Destin, FL and I work at HerbaFax, Inc. in Panama City Beach, FL. I am getting ready to graduate from Gulf Coast State College with an associate's degree in accounting technology this spring 2014. Wishing everyone the best!"

Russ Copelin (aka Ukulele Russ) writes, "I just rocked the Melbourne international ukulele festival. It went swimmingly. So my music career is now officially international. That is alumni news worthy!"

Class Agent
Daniel Flaherty

Class of 2003

Danielle Spencer Cross writes, "May 16th will be my 5th wedding anniversary. I am certified as a PSS and am doing in-home health care."

Amanda Cowing Okuley writes that she and her husband are expecting twin girls this summer.

Molly Gawler writes, "I am continuing my exploration of movement by going to circus school this year. I am living in Brattleboro, Vermont and traveling to Maine from time to time to play music with the Gawler Family Band. Lovin' life!"

Ashley Holt Morency writes that she and her husband Craig welcomed their second daughter Abbigail Madison Morency on November 6, 2013. They currently live in Brunswick with their two girls.

Class Agent
Ashley Holt Morency

Class of 2004

Alex Cunningham was awarded a PhD degree in Electrical and Computing Engineering from The Georgia Institute of Technology in Atlanta GA on May 2, 2014 at graduation exercises attended by his parents, Dr. William Cunningham MCI '70 and Karen Cunningham. His PhD research project involved discovering new ways to improve the mapping ability of robots. He earned a Master's degree in Electrical and Computer Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology in 2010. He earned a BS degree with honors in Electrical and Computer Engineering from Worcester Institute of Technology in Worcester MA in 2008. He currently is a member of a research team at the U of Michigan at Ann Arbor developing the first totally autonomous (self drive robotic) car for Ford Motor Company. Having mastered the Argentine Tango, he enjoys attending weekly area tango dances and workshops in his spare time.

Class Agent
Melissa Stinson

Class of 2005

Ashley Currier recently moved to Washington D.C. where she works as a language acquisitions teacher for grades three through five at Garrison Elementary School.

Jeremy West will be graduating in



Ashley Holt Morency '03 with daughters Maddilyn and Abbigail

May from Logan University in Chesterfield, M.O., with a doctorate degree in chiropractic sciences. He plans to return to Pittsfield following graduation to work as a chiropractor at his father's practice. Congrats, Dr. Jeremy West!

Ryan Kennedy currently resides in Bow, NH, with his girlfriend of six years, Amy, and works as the eBay sales manager for Argo Cycles in Raymond, N.H.

Class Agent
Sarah Frost

Class of 2006

Congratulations to **Andrew deBethune**, who has been named to the 2013 fall trimester dean's list at Logan University in St. Louis, MO.

Class Agent needed

Class of 2007

Kady Huff writes: "I am in my final year of Law School at WNE University School of Law where I serve as the Editor-in-Chief of the *Law Review*. I will sit for the Maine Bar Exam in July and thereafter will be clerking in Portland for the Business and Consumer Docket.

Mark Neace writes: My Youtube channel I launched last year has broken 1 million views and hit 15,000 subscribers in mid February. I moved to LA to pursue gaming/entertainment full-time and so far, so good.

Trenton Kelley writes: In Newport News, VA at my second duty station assisting in the commissioning process for the Radio Room of the Navy's newest submarine, *USS John Warner*.

Taylor Landry writes: I'm living in Telluride, CO working as sous chef at an Italian restaurant called Alpino Vino on top of the ski resort during the winter. During the summer I work as climbing director at Telluride Academy adventuring throughout the Rockies.

Lauren Adams writes: After graduating from USM with a bachelor's in athletic training I settled back into the mid-coast and bought a house. I currently work for MSAD 40 at their 7th/8th grade alternative education program (this is my second year there) and it has been a great way to transition into my master's degree of education administration! I also coach middle school softball at Medomak Middle School. I work as a bartender on weekends and try to fit in as much skiing and boating (weather permitting) as possible!

Meli DeBethune writes: "2013 was a very busy year for me. I got married to my best friend, bought the 15 acres of land in NH where we hope to farm and live an independent and sustainable lifestyle, finally got a job using my ecology degree as the environmental analyst for the NH Department of Transportation and gave birth to my first child, Evelyn Grace! She was born at home to very happy parents and has been an opinionated and joyful addition to my little family. 2014 holds more excitement as I settle in to my new career, continue learning how to be a mother and begin construction on our not-too-distant home this spring!"

Class Agent
Brittanie Holt Smith

Class of 2008

Jordan Paradis still lives in Brewer and has been volunteering at Ross Manor since March 2013. He traveled to New York City in 2012.

Class Agent
Tyler LePage

Class of 2009

Read in the *Morning Sentinel* that **Tiffany McLaggan** is engaged to wed Rupert Field III on August 9, 2014. Congratulations to them! Tiffany attends Husson University and will graduate with three degrees in May 2015, which include a bachelor of arts in chemistry and forensic science and an associate of science in criminal justice. She is employed by Philbrick Enterprise LLC in Detroit.

Class Agent
Brandon Wilson

Class of 2010

Congratulations to **Meagan Ames**, who has been named to the 2013 fall semester president's list at Plymouth State University.

Whitney Houston writes: I am currently in my 4th year in the Physical Therapy program at Husson University. I will graduate this spring with my bachelor's degree in Kinesiology, and spend my next two years working towards my Doctorate in Physical Therapy at Husson University as well. I will be participating in my first 8 week clinical this summer up in Houlton, Maine. I have an apartment in Bangor and have been working part-time at Patrick's Hallmark in Bangor for the past 2 years.

Class Agent needed

Class of 2012

Ashley Kitchen is now a sophomore at the University of Maine in Bangor. She recently got accepted into the dental assisting program and will graduate with her degree in May 2015. She hopes to continue on to receive a dental hygiene degree in 2016.

Paula Arias writes: "This past spring I transferred from Union University in Jackson, TN to Texas A&M International University in Laredo, TX where my family just moved. I am still majoring in mathematics and receiving secondary education certification and plan on graduating in the spring of 2016. I am also still playing soccer for an NCAA

DII school where my coaches are now my uncle Claudio Arias and my dad Felipe Arias, who have hosted and run the Coach Arias soccer camp in Pittsfield over the past 5 years. It is great being close to family again and am enjoying my experience and transition so far."

Sammy Gachagua

has co-written a book called *Hope Runs: An American Tourist, a Kenyan Boy, a Journey of Redemption*. It is "the emotional story of an American tourist, a Kenyan orphan, and the day that would change the course of both of their lives forever. It's about what it means to live in the now when the world is falling down around you. It's about what it means to hope for the things you cannot see. Most of all, it's about how God can change your life in the blink of an eye." The book is available on Amazon.com.

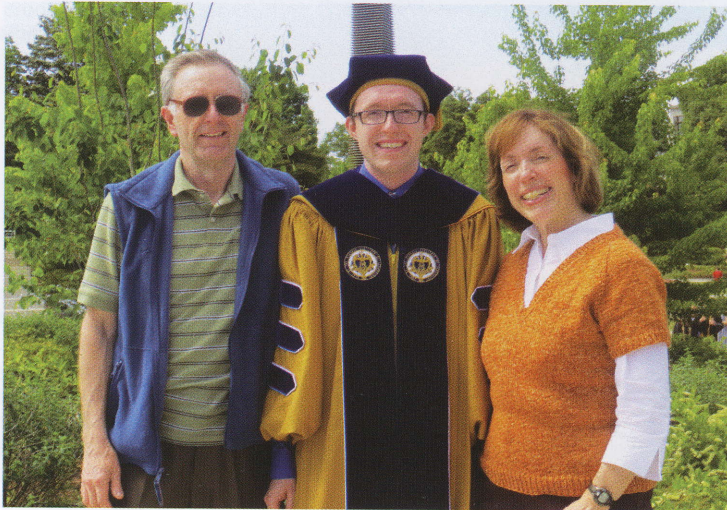
Class Agent **Michaela George** writes that in the fall of 2013 she transferred to the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL as a sophomore majoring in health science. In May of 2014 she will be traveling for two weeks with the volunteer agency GIVE to Nicaragua to tutor children, assist in building schools, and many other things.

Congratulations to **Zachary Fortin**, who was named to the 2013 fall semester dean's list at Saint Anselm College, and to **Allison Sinclair**, who was named to the 2013 fall semester dean's list at the University of Southern Maine.

Class Agent
Michaela George

Class of 2013

Read in the *Bangor Daily News* that congratulations are in order for Navy Seaman Apprentice **Sean W. Flood**, who was recently promoted to his current rank upon graduation from U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Flood received the early promotion for outstanding performance during all phases of the training cycle. Training included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first



Dr. Alex Cunningham '04 with parents Dr. William '70 and Karen Cunningham

aid, firefighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis was also placed on physical fitness.

Congratulations to **Alex Weeman** and **Jordyn Cram**, who were named to the 2013 fall semester dean's list at the University of Southern Maine.

Dylan Maloon and **Carolyn Newhouse** both made dean's list -- Dylan at Husson and Carolyn at Farmington.

Eärth Vorachattarn writes: "I currently live in Boston and am enrolled in Berklee College of Music as a second semester student. And I'm doing great but a little exhausted from classes. I have learned a lot here at Berklee. There are numbers of great musicians here to learn from and also a great amount of knowledge for me to catch up on. The college itself also provides great opportunity for students here to explore the world of music. For next semester (Fall 2014) at Berklee I will be starting my major in contemporary writing and production. I am also very excited to start to develop myself as a musician and explore music in this major. This first year of college is flying by pretty fast. From this week on I only have about one month left until the end of this semester. And yes I am very excited and can't wait to go back home for summer!"

Min Du writes: "I am doing well. Having Spring Break right now and getting ready for the next quarter. Too bad UCD doesn't have a rifle range. Hope I can go back to MCI for a visit someday. *Please say hi to all my teachers and friends in MCI, thanks."

Katelyn Sousa reports that Salem

State has been very welcoming and is expanding constantly! She is currently starting her spring field hockey season and planning to reside in the area all summer working. Katelyn had a very successful season playing field hockey at Salem where their record was 8-10-0.

Victoria Drake

writes that she is at Keene State and doing well in all her classes, studying psychology, has met a lot of great people, and is loving college!

Kym Man writes: "I'm currently a food science major in the college of agriculture and environmental sciences at the University of California, Davis. Academics and club activities keep my college life here challenging but entertaining at the same time. Meeting people from different states and countries in college is definitely exciting!"

Jessica Varney also made the dean's list at New England School of Communications. In addition to this, she is looking forward to transferring to Huntington University in Indiana in the fall.

Class Agent
Courtney Fowler

In Memoriam

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

Lula Buzzell Bunker '23
Thelma Ham Hayward '25
Ruth Clark Bickford '31
Russell Martin '38
Carolyn Brown Foster '42
John Freese '42
Marion Wilber Sinclair '44
Geneva White Bliss '46
Barbara Kennedy Bradbury '47
Frances Cook Ricker '47
Hartland Cushman '49
Harold Hoskins '49
Gloria Langley Bilodeau '50
Henry Brophy '51
Jeanne Brooks Landry '52
Margaret Smith '52
George Barker '54
Richard Emery '54
Guy Carroll '54
Myron Deering '54
Earl Bilodeau '56
Edward Guiski '56
Marilyn Cowan Morse '56
Thomas Conroy '57
Merlon Dunton '57
Charles Bruce Jr. '59
Shela McFarland Hendricks '59
Lloyd Morse '60
Frederick Haley '63
Geoffrey Powell '65
Nathan Haynes '68
Jane Doody Hooper '69
Wendy Scott MacDonald '73
Paul Millington '74
Todd Dunphy '82
Mona Young '83
Emily Cianchette '12
Betty Holmes
Helen Wright

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.



Members of the Class of 2016 in front of their "Roaring Twenties: The Great Gatsby" Snow Sculpture



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Isiah Jordan '15 serves his opponent in the boys' tennis game
at Medomak High School on May 5. Photo courtesy of Gary R. Jordan '81.