

# ALUMNUS



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# Jenna McCarthy '07

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## Hometown

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## Annual Fund Consecutive Giving

2 years

## Student Activities

NHS, Student Council, Key Club,  
Concert Band, Drama Club,  
Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz, Track,  
Soccer

Despite still paying her college loans, Jenna recently increased her gift to the Annual Fund. She knows the extra money helps MCI students in the ways it helped her in both the classroom and in extra-curricular activities. She also wanted to take advantage of the Trustee Challenge.

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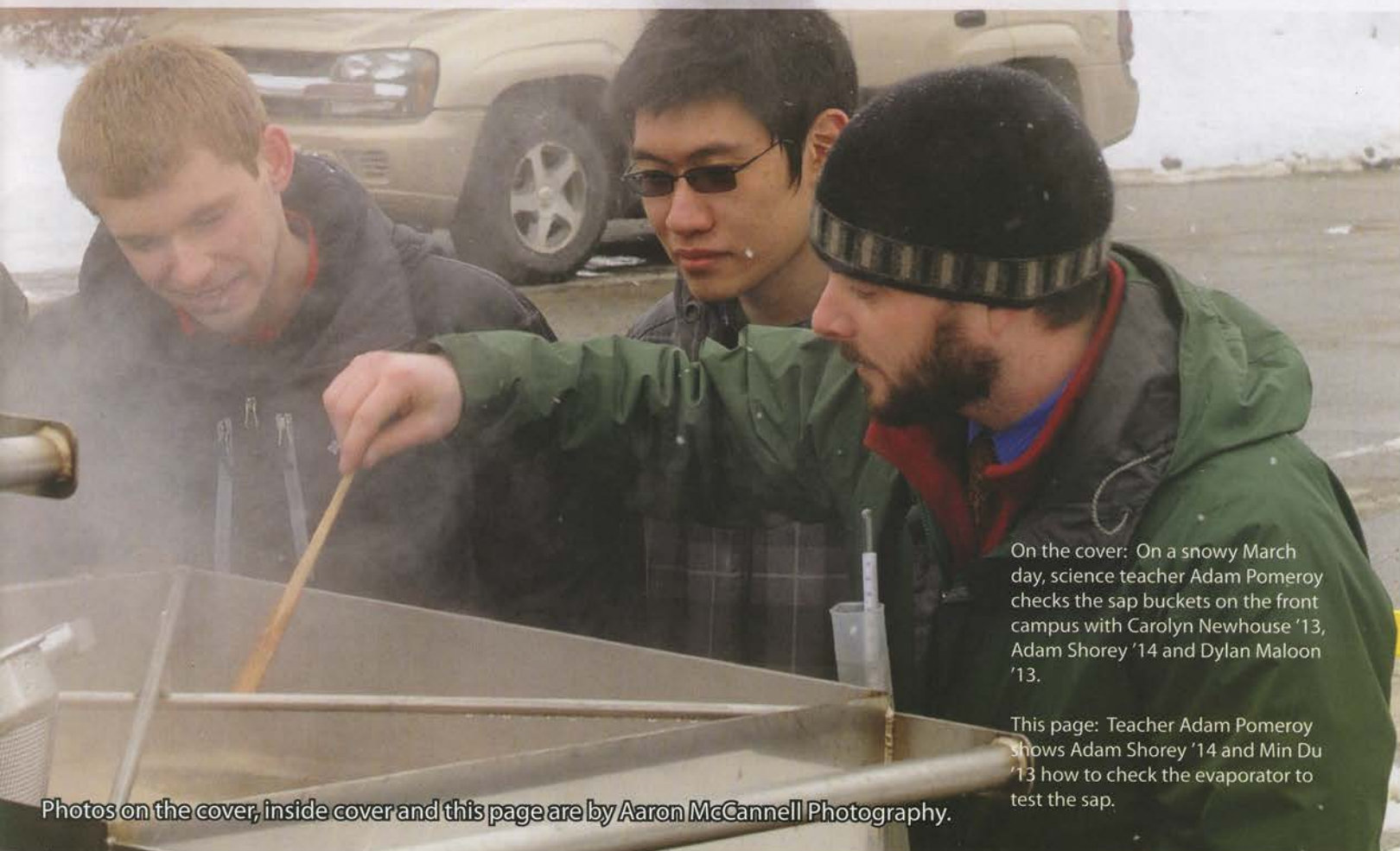
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On the cover: On a snowy March day, science teacher Adam Pomeroy checks the sap buckets on the front campus with Carolyn Newhouse '13, Adam Shorey '14 and Dylan Maloon '13.

This page: Teacher Adam Pomeroy shows Adam Shorey '14 and Min Du '13 how to check the evaporator to test the sap.

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

It has been rewarding to hear so many recipients of this magazine laud the changes and improvements the *Alumnus* has undergone in recent years. Credit goes to the *Alumnus* Editorial Committee and, in particular, to Jennifer Beane '97 who does a majority of the research, writing and layout of the publication. Now in our third magazine featuring a "Letters to the Editor" section, I encourage you to let us know what you like, suggest changes and improvements, or to send on any memories of the people and events you recall at Maine Central Institute that the magazine evokes. Hearing people say, "I used to look only at class notes, but now read it from cover to cover!" is very rewarding to Jen and everyone involved in the creation of this chronicle of the past, present and future of MCI.

Here's a topic that has arisen in the last year or so which might whet your intellectual appetite and inspire some letters. Whether you are interested in etymology, remember your Latin classes here and in college, or wish to engage in a healthy debate of tradition versus change, what are your thoughts regarding the title of this magazine? The Latin word "alumnus" is a masculine noun whose definition in educational settings means "graduate or former attendee of a school or college." "Alumna" is its feminine counterpart. "Alumni" and "alumnae" are their respective plural forms. In some email exchanges and conversations with MCI graduates over the years, I've heard both the strong suggestion that the School consider changing the name to represent both genders ("Alumnae/i"?), or changing it entirely, and equally assertive opinions that the name of the magazine should remain the same as it transcends its literal definition.



Send on your thoughts and opinions and we'll select some representative views to publish in the next magazine!

Meantime, the edition you hold in your hands now features an alumni/ae focused historical review of one of the most special benefits of attending a school with a boarding program. One could argue that MCI has been a boarding school since its founding in 1866. Founders Hall was three years in the future and those earliest students "boarded" in the homes of local residents. Since then, like all great schools, MCI has at distinct times adapted to changes in circumstances at the state, national (recall the cadet program featured in the last magazine) and global level as it enrolled domestic students into the residential program and, in the last several decades, has welcomed international students. MCI now has students from 14 different countries and numerous states!

The common thread throughout this evolution has been the relationships which develop between day and boarding students, boarding students and host families, and between these students and the adults living and working here at MCI as well as those in the surrounding community. We hope you enjoy reading about a few of these relationships which did not end at graduation. They became lifelong friendships, meaningful and lasting connections that resulted from the good fortune of having attended a school which allowed them to find commonality and to celebrate differences together on this campus whether in the classroom, on the playing fields, in the dormitories, or in our local towns.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hopkins  
Headmaster



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

I was glad you mentioned that the Manson Essay contest is still going on (in the last school magazine). I was the girl winner in 1948 and Basil Tasker was the winning boy. I have even written a story about that experience – a great memory.

Harriet Riley Cederstrom '49

*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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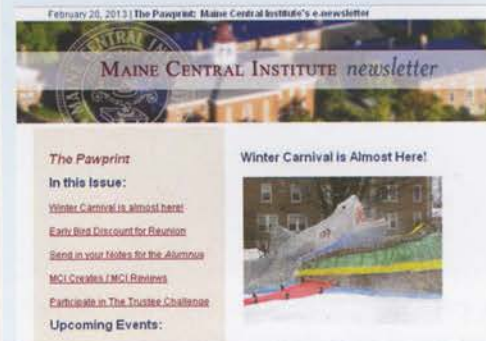
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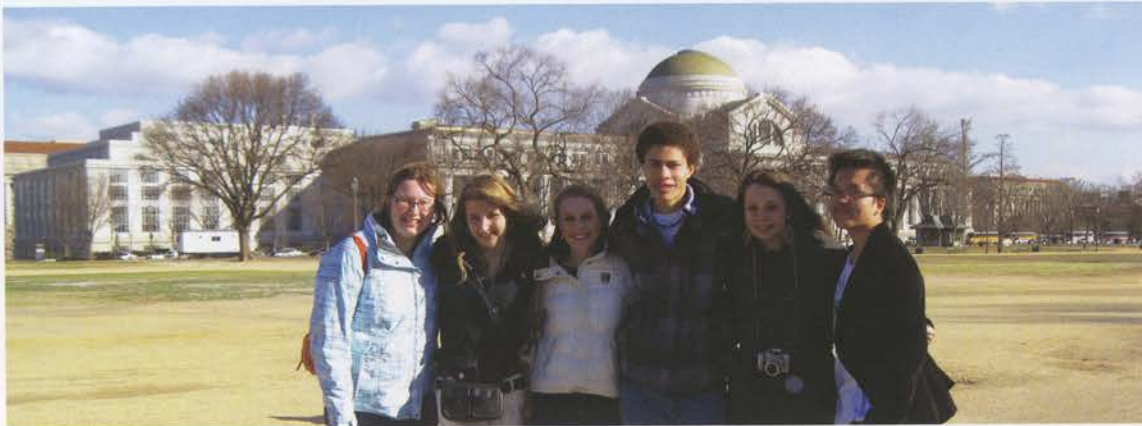
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## MCI Student Council Members Attend LEAD Conference in Washington, DC



L to R: Morgan Thies '13, Kelsey Hayes '14, Courtney Fowler '13, Shane Hathaway '14, Courtney Crowell '13, and Tom Nguyen '14 outside the Smithsonian Museum

Six members of the Student Council and their advisor, Tanya Kingsbury, were able to attend the LEAD Conference on February 1-3, 2013. Sponsored by the National Association of Student Councils, the LEAD conference gives students tools for combating prejudice, bullying, drugs, alcohol, and depression. It also allows students the opportunity to share ideas and network, work on team building and brainstorm ideas for fundraising and community service projects. "I am always proud of our student leaders for not just their composure and consideration of others, but for the contributions they make in group sessions and the insight they bring back," stated Kingsbury. Prior to the conference, the students were able to spend a day exploring the museums at the Smithsonian. The students raised all the funds necessary for the trip themselves.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Courtney Fowler '13 Wins MPA Award

Courtney Fowler is this year's MPA Award winner. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principals' Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and school citizenship.

"This year's School Theme at Maine Central Institute is "Kindness," and there has been no student who has embodied, championed and acted on this theme more than Courtney," Headmaster Hopkins noted in presenting the award to Fowler. "She thinks of others before herself, is willing to stand in front of the whole school and challenge the entire community to engage in acts of kindness, both large and small, and despite her demanding course load and significant involvement in extra curriculars, still finds time to initiate new projects which positively affect school culture."



Courtney Fowler '13

Fowler is one of the top ten students in her class and earned second place in the Manson Essay competition. She has been on the softball team and on the honor roll in each of her years at MCI. Fowler has served as the secretary of the Key Club and been a member of the Student Council and the National Honor Society for two years. She is also a member of the Kindness Krew and the College Aspirations Club.

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## MCI's Jobs for Maine's Graduates Competes in Junior Achievement Titan Challenge

On February 13 two teams of students from MCI competed in the Junior Achievement of Maine's state-wide Titan Challenge at Maine Maritime Academy. The Challenge, a day-long virtual business competition, required students to set up a business plan and make decisions about running the business, taking into consideration cost of production, advertising, demand, and investments. The impact of their decisions led to the success or failure of their virtual company. During the competition, each team was matched with a community business associate. Students also had the opportunity to tour Maine Maritime and learn more about their business program. The state-wide competition was hosted at six universities in Maine, with nearly seventy teams representing thirty-three Maine high schools competing.



Paul Dionne '14, Courtney Sprague '14, Olivia Hamm '14 and their MMA business student mentor

Junior Achievement is the world's largest organization dedicated to educating students in grades K-12 about entrepreneurship, work readiness and financial literacy through experiential, hands-on programs. For more information on the Junior Achievement of Maine program, visit its website at [www.jamaine.org](http://www.jamaine.org).



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Key Club Donates \$1,500 to Pennies for Patients

During the month of February, the Key Club raised money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's campaign Pennies for Patients. The LLS is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research and providing education and patient services.

Each year, millions of students across the United States join the fight against blood cancers through the Pennies for Patients program. The three-week program takes place in schools throughout the nation in February or March. Participating schools are paired with a local childhood blood cancer survivor.

The Key Club held a variety of different fundraisers including a faculty and staff cutest baby contest, a clean out your console event where they collected change from cars, bake sales and a fundraising drive to build a "Wall of Hope." For more information about the LLS, please visit their website, [www.lls.org](http://www.lls.org).



Left: Key Club officers Kym Man '13, Courtney Fowler '13, and Katie Cronkite '13  
Right: Ryan Engelhardt '15 and Dylan Maloon '13 build a "Wall of Hope"

## Brittany Seekins and Morgan Thies are Top Two Students in 2013



Brittany Seekins



Morgan Thies

Brittany Seekins, the valedictorian for the Class of 2013, has been on the honor roll all four years at MCI and is a member of National Honor Society. She managed the boys soccer team for four years and also participated in the ballroom dance team and the track team. In addition, Seekins was a member of the band, chorus, the Key Club, the Student Council, the calligraphy club, the cooking club and Future Problem Solvers. Seekins is the daughter of Daren and Kristie Seekins of Pittsfield.

Morgan Thies, the salutatorian for the Class of 2013, has been a four-year member of the jazz band, chamber choir, and Key Club, and a three-year member of vocal jazz, drama club and the Student Council. She has been on the honor roll all four years at MCI and is a member of National Honor Society. She was in the ballroom dance club, played soccer and tennis for two years, and managed the girls' basketball team for a year. Thies is the daughter of David Thies (Class of 1983) and Cheryl Thies, both of Pittsfield.

Both Seekins and Thies have been accepted at several colleges and universities. Brittany plans to study business and Morgan plans to study psychology.

The remaining top ten students for 2013 are Carolyn Newhouse and Ka Wing "Kym" Man (tied for third), Laura Horowitz and Jordyn Cram (tied for fifth), Peixing "Juliana" Li, Courtney Fowler, Wenxi "Candy" Tan, Kejia "Adia" Cai, and Katie Cronkite.



# SCHOOL NEWS

## Ella Night! Revives Prize Speaking Tradition at MCI

On April 10 over a dozen students and faculty members participated in the second annual Ella Night! in the Ella Powell Room of the library. Long-time faculty member Steve Peterson came up with the idea for Ella Night! last year in an attempt to enhance the already strong public speaking tradition at MCI. "I love coaching prize speaking," explained Peterson. "I love to see the kids work hard and feel great about themselves after a good performance."

Though students still have many opportunities for public speaking, activities like Poetry Out Loud and the Manson Essays are part of the curriculum and more formal. "I wanted to bring prize speaking back in a more relaxed format that is accessible to students at all levels," explained Peterson. Pieces ranged from Abbot and Costello's famous "Who's on First?" skit to a scene from the popular movie *Mean Girls* to dialogues from *Of Mice and Men*, *The Catcher in the Rye*, and *Romeo and Juliet*.



Left: Katie Cronkite '13, Kate-Lynn George '15, and Cassie Miller '15 reenact a scene from the movie *Mean Girls*



Right: Keren Swift '14 and Nicole Carron '15 perform Abbott and Costello's famous comedy routine, "Who's on First?"

## MCI Alumni Build First-Ever Alumni Snow Sculpture During Winter Carnival

Over two dozen alumni from throughout New England returned to campus to help construct the first-ever alumni snow sculpture during Winter Carnival this year. Dozens more came to reconnect with friends and enjoy the bonfire, a long-established part of the snow sculpture tradition. The sculpture, a replication of the Founders bell tower, was located in front of Parks Gym. As it was not a part of the student competition, alumni sculptors chose to focus on school pride rather than the Winter Carnival theme of Disney.

The sculpture was hosted by MCI's Alumni Association in response to alumni feedback. "The MCI Alumni Association wanted to do something fun and new, yet tap into that heartfelt Husky pride," said Assistant Director of Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs Jared McCannell '98. "An overwhelming show of support and enthusiasm for Winter Carnival themed events has been the response from alumni from all backgrounds. Events like the alumni snow sculpture at the 2013 Winter Carnival and Alumni Summer Sno-Ball (see page 19) as part of 2013 Reunion Weekend are direct reflections of what alumni have been asking for."



2013 Alumni Snow Sculpture

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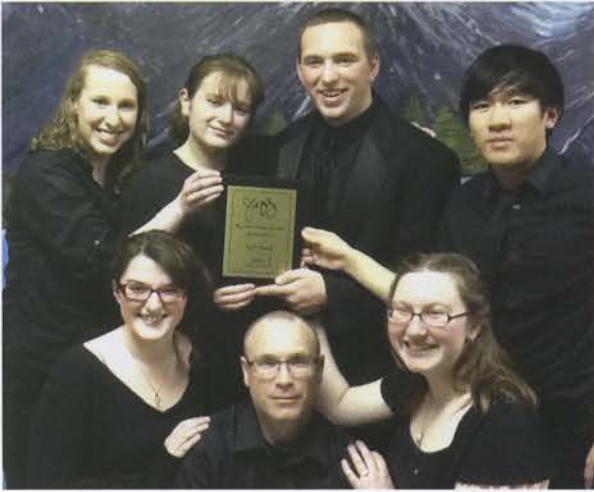


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## MCI Jazz Groups Earn Top Rankings in State

The MCI Jazz Combo 1 and the Jazz Band performed in the MMEA State High School Jazz Festival in Houlton on March 15 and 16. Both groups earned gold ratings and came in second in the state. Walter Reuter '13 was one of five students from the state in division 3 combos recognized for outstanding musicianship for his work on piano and Earth Vorachattarn '13 was one of five students recognized for outstanding musicianship in Division IV Jazz Bands for his performance on guitar and drums. The MCI Jazz Ensemble "Caravan" earned first place in the State Vocal Jazz Festival in Ellsworth on April 6. The Rhythm Section (Earth Vorachattarn '13, Joseph Yeh '13, Ashley McFarland '14) received the award for Outstanding Rhythm Section - Division II Jazz Choir and Sarah LaGross '13 received one of four individual vocalist awards for Division II Jazz Choirs.

Seniors in the Jazz Band with their gold rating award: (Front L to R) Sarah LaGross, Jazz Band Director Dean Neal, and Morgan Thies. (Back L to R) Jordyn Cram, Carolyn Newhouse, Walter Reuter, and Earth Vorachattarn

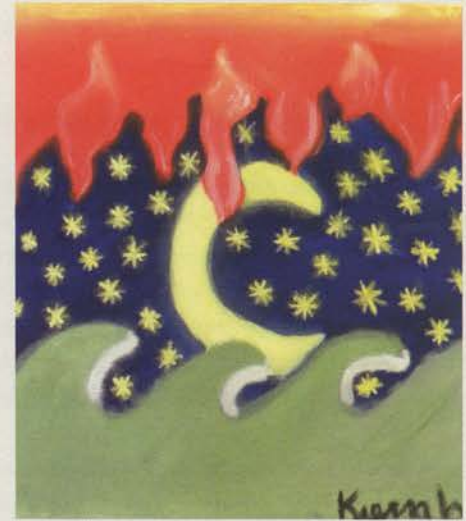


## MCI Students Hold Poetry-Inspired Art Show

MCI held a student art show at the Pittsfield Public Library from April 1 through April 14. The exhibit, in honor of National Poetry Month, reflected the integration of visual art and poetry. "Since last year, I have integrated Poetry Out Loud into the art room by having the students create a visual piece that reflects the poem that they had to memorize for English class," explained MCI art teacher Jill Schwartz.

Students in grades nine through twelve stretched their own canvases and worked with water soluble oil paints focusing on technique and use of color. Advanced Art students also used watercolor, focusing on technique and the creation of an interesting perspective that best reflected their poem.

Artists clockwise from top left: Ryan Chen '14 inspired by "A Red, Red Rose" by Robert Burns, Kierra Washington '15 inspired by "Meeting at Night" by Robert Browning, Digby Li '13 inspired by "Ego" by Denise Duhamel, and Trevor Kitchin '14 inspired by "Beginning" by James Wright.





# Athletics @ Maine Central Institute

## Increased Track and Cross Country Offerings Prove Popular Among Students

MCI's outdoor track team has boasted the largest number of student-athletes out of any other MCI team for the past decade, averaging forty to fifty students per season. According to the 2011-12 annual participation survey done by the National Federation of State High School Associations, track is one of the sports experiencing the largest growth in Maine. There are many reasons that track and cross country are appealing to students. The nature of the sport allows students to be scored and recognized individually while at the same time contributing to the overall team score. There is also "something for everyone," a wide variety of offerings including several sprinting, long-distance, throwing and jumping events. In addition, many students who are drawn to track as a good way to keep in shape for other sports end up "falling in love" with the sport and returning for subsequent seasons.

In response to the great interest, within the past four years MCI has added both cross country and indoor track to its offerings. Cross Country was brought back to MCI four years ago by former Athletic Director Earl Anderson. "Cross Country was a natural to bring back," Anderson stated. There was a history of cross country at MCI, it is a co-ed sport and was a great supplement to the co-curriculars offered at MCI at that time.

Indoor track coach Jessica Cardenas sought permission to begin the indoor track team this past year "due to the large number of kids who showed continual interest in having a team." For several years, MCI had sent up to four students to Lawrence High School through an MPA Cooperative Team agreement. However, "last year, there were so many students who wanted to participate, some students had to be told no because we were only allowed to send



L to R: Kate-Lyn George '15 competes in the long jump, Nevin Goewey '13 runs cross country, and Laura Horowitz '13 gets ready to throw the shot put.

a certain number of athletes," Cardenas explained. The indoor team was able to contract with Colby College to use their indoor facility for weekly practice and meets.

There has been a great response to the increased offerings, averaging fifteen to twenty student-athletes in cross country and twenty-five in indoor track, a good number for a first-year team. The spring track team is still the most popular and has a dedicated group of three coaches who split the events. Jason Allen is now serving his thirteenth season in the program,

tenth as head coach. He works with pole vaulters and hurdlers and splits the coaching of the jumps and runners with Cardenas. Lincoln Robinson has been assistant coach for two seasons and specializes in coaching the throwers. Finally, Cardenas has been the assistant outdoor coach at MCI for five years and has coached cross country for four seasons. She just finished her first season as the indoor track coach. The spring team has experienced great success, with four state champions and five conference champions in the past five years.

### Track & Field State Champions (past 5 years)

2008: Jenna Lorentsen '08, Long Jump, 17'3.75"

2010: Meghan Hughes '11, Shot Put, 32'3"; Discus 104'8"

2011: Craig Reazor '11, Pole Vault, 11'0"

2012: Natasha Wallace '12, Shot Put, 34'5"; Javelin, 109'6"

### Conference Champions (past 5 years)

2008: Amanda Asaro '08, 800 Meters, 2:26.52; 1600 Meters, 5:24.76

2010: Colby Patterson '11, 400 Meters, 52.60

2011: \*Meghan Hughes '11, Discus, 106'8"

2012: \*Natasha Wallace '12, Shot Put, 32'10.25"; Javelin, 114'0"

2012: Sammy Gachagua '12, Racewalk, 7:56.35

\* indicates winner of the Don Matheson Award for scoring the most points in field events at the KVAC Championship.





When Will Cu '13 first arrived at MCI as a sophomore in the fall of 2010, he was surprised by how big the campus was. Cu was born and raised in Vietnam's largest city, Ho Chi Minh, where he attended a private international high school for one year before coming to MCI. "At my old school, there was one building. MCI is like a college campus," stated Cu.

Cu was first introduced to MCI by then student Vu Hoang '11, the son of Cu's parents' friends. After hearing about MCI from Hoang, Cu's parents decided to send him to MCI. "My parents always wanted me to come overseas to study because they think it's better," he said. "They have always prepared me for it."

Though Cu had been learning English since the sixth grade, he had never visited the United States before coming to MCI. Being away from home for the first time, Cu felt the stress of settling in and making new friends. "When I first came here, I didn't know anyone so I joined the soccer team," he said. "That's when I first started getting to know people."

Making friends through soccer and other activities also helped him to become even more involved at MCI. "My friends pushed me towards a lot of things," he explained. "I played so many more sports and tried so many more things because of them." Cu was a member of the soccer team his entire time at MCI, becoming captain his senior year. He also participated in wrestling and track as well as the Key Club, Kindness Krew, Student Leadership Committee, Diversity Club and Science Outing Club.

Cu is very grateful for the opportunities he has had while attending MCI. There were fewer extracurricular activities offered in Vietnam, with basketball, cheerleading and soccer serving as

# The MCI Experience

## Friendship, Opportunity, and Diversity



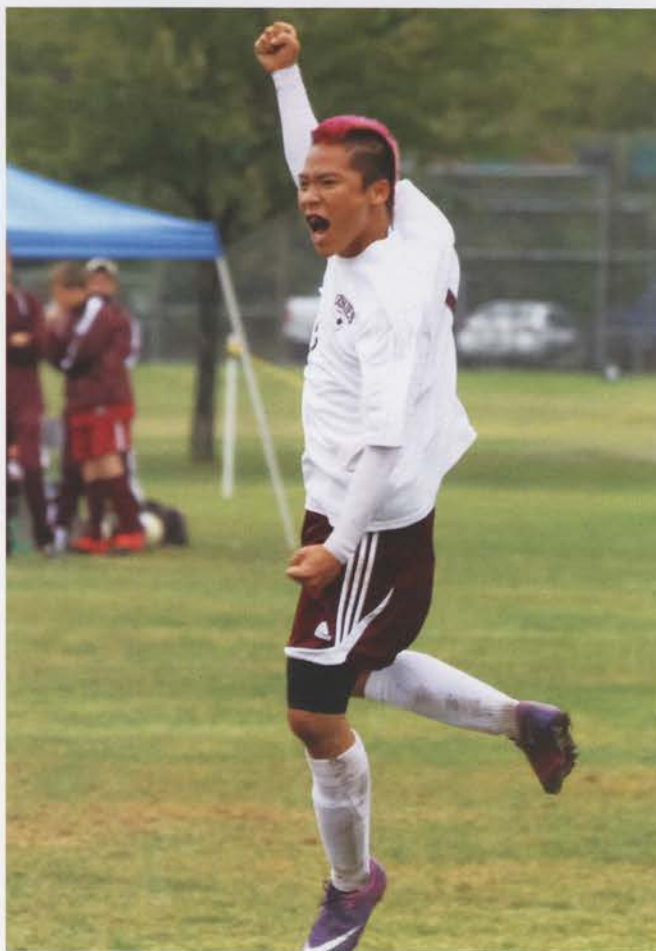
the only sports. "I really love [wrestling and track] and I wouldn't have had the chance to play them in Vietnam," Cu explained. In addition to athletics and other clubs, Cu also enjoyed participating in school sponsored weekend activities like attending an international food festival at UMaine and going on skiing and snowboarding trips at Sugarloaf.

Cu lives in the Hurd Honors dorm, sharing a room with Earth Vorachattarn '13 from Bangkok, Thailand. "At first it was kind of strange having a roommate but I like it because it has created a bond," explained Cu. "Being in a dorm makes you have more responsibilities. It's helping me get ready for college." Living in the dorm and having many friends in the Greater Pittsfield area has made Cu very appreciative of the diversity of MCI's student body. "It's really cool to see so many people from so many places and learn about their cultures. Diversity makes it more interesting." Cu has especially enjoyed meeting and getting to know several students from Norway this year.

Believing in the importance of cultural awareness and education, Cu has shared information about Vietnam in diversity events on campus. "The more people get out in the world and learn about other cultures, the easier it is to acclimate, easier than if they have never seen it before," he stated.

Cu is well-liked by both students and faculty. "Will truly exemplifies what MCI is all about," said faculty member Andy Beach. "Will came here from Vietnam and quickly embraced all kinds of new experiences. He has filled his life with friendships, challenging classes and varsity sports. Warmth and curiosity seem to flow out of him, and he just makes you feel good to be around."

This year Cu has taken a rigorous course load including Advanced Placement calculus, Advanced Placement biology, photography, sociology, English and history. Cu contrasts the learning style in Vietnam with that of the United States saying, "In Vietnam they force you to memorize things. Here, it's more about applying information that you study more than just memorizing what you just learned." Cu's favorite class thus far has been sociology with Andy Beach. "We talk about and analyze current events," explained Cu. "We analyze why people do things,




Cu (sporting a school-spirit hairdo!) celebrates a goal during the Homecoming soccer game.

how they interact with each other. I've learned a lot of new things in class and I view social interactions a little bit differently."

Next year Cu will attend Penn State, where he plans to study marketing. He would ultimately like to work in PR somewhere in Europe or the United States. However, that doesn't mean that he will leave Pittsfield behind. "I love it here because it's really peaceful, it's a small town, everyone knows each other. The people here are really nice. I go to my friends' houses almost every weekend and their parents treat me really well." Cu says that his friendships formed with both students and adults at MCI have "helped me be much more confident around people. It feels like home, I feel really welcome here. I will definitely come back!"





MCI's boarding program has offered a unique opportunity to hundreds of students from many countries, states, and towns throughout Maine. Through MCI, boarding and local students gain a different perspective about the world and a realization that people all over have much more in common than not. The students bridge multiple cultures and are transformed by the life-long friendships and mentors gained from their time at the School.

Below, three groups of alumni, from three decades, tell their stories about what MCI has meant to them.

### A Surrogate Family

Ali Foughi '80 arrived at MCI in the fall of 1978. His father, a commander in the Iranian Air Force, had trained in America and always dreamed of sending Foughi and his two siblings to school in the United States. The family planned for Foughi to attend MCI for two years and travel home during winter breaks and summer vacation. However, within the first six months of Foughi's arrival, life for his family in Iran turned upside down.

In 1979 the government of Iran was overthrown during the Iranian Revolution. Soon after, the Iran hostage crisis occurred, breaking down the diplomatic relationship between Iran and the United States. Though Foughi felt safe in Pittsfield, he still felt the tensions in the US and worried about his family at home. "There was a lot of resentment, not necessarily in Pittsfield or at MCI, but in the country about what had happened and some people could not separate people like me from the actions of the government," he explained. "It was difficult as a 15 year-old to experience this."

Over twenty years passed before Foughi set foot in his home country again and eleven before he was able to see members of his family. Foughi credits the support of Maine Central

Institute and the community with helping him get through that pivotal time in his life. "I certainly didn't feel any animosity from the School, from my friends, people in town or the teachers," he said. "I was comfortable and I was grateful."

While he was at MCI, Foughi was only able to speak on the phone with his mother once a month. "I had to grow up fast," Foughi stated. "I had to manage my limited money, had to make sure I was serious and did well in my courses. I had to learn to make friends. I had nobody here, no relatives. I was 15 years old. I was young, yet I had to behave like an older person. Out of that circle of friends [at MCI], I basically got the support I would get from my brother, my parents."

Foughi was also thankful for the diversity at MCI saying, "It was nice to be able to experience diversity at a young age and put an end to bias, fear and uncertainty. Having many American friends as well as friends from Latin America and Bermuda at the School helped me to get to know other people and relate to them. It was very positive for me. Now I travel to many parts of the world for business and pleasure and I don't have any fear of people."

## The Best of Both Worlds

Pictured: Ali Foughi '80 (top) and friends outside of Rowe Hall. From the 1980 *Trumpet*.



In addition to his friends, Foughi credits several MCI faculty members as having a profound impact on his life. On top of his list are David '57 and Marion Mosher. Though Foughi was allowed to stay in the dorm during the summer between his junior and senior years, the Moshers invited Foughi into their home in Burnham. Foughi fondly recalls not only math themed games around the dinner table but also learning how to chop wood and take care of the Labrador retrievers that David Mosher was training. "David treated me like one of the kids. He took care of me. I had to work like the others. It was wonderful to have parents - they were parents to me. It was a wonderful experience that has always been on my mind and heart."

Indeed Foughi believes that the relationships formed at MCI "were the foundation of [his] career and [his] life." Foughi still keeps in touch with classmates Jody Rowe Geary '80 and Peter Fendler '80. He returned to Maine in 2010 for his 30th Reunion and was able to surprise the Moshers with a visit. "You can imagine the emotions," he said. "When you go through an experience like that it stays with you for life and you want to do the same for others. The sum total of those years make us who we are in life. It's pretty precious. I would do it the same way. I wouldn't change anything. It was a great experience for me."

## A Home Away from Home

It all started with a phone call. Jaime Alonso '92, an exchange student from San Sebastian, Spain, ended up alone in Skowhegan, ME on Christmas Eve during his first year at MCI. "I didn't know who to call, so I ended up calling Aaron Cianchette ['92]," Alonso said. "When he realized I was alone, they came over and got me. I got to spend Christmas in Pittsfield with the Cianchette family. It was pretty special."



L to R: 1992 classmates Kim Fotter, Aaron Cianchette, Jaime Alonso, Colby Wyatt, Matt Duplisea and Sean Callahan at a recent gathering in Maine.

Alonso was placed at MCI through an exchange program. "It was the luck of the draw," he stated. "I really wanted to go to Maine. I had a friend who went there the year before and he said that it was beautiful, quiet and peaceful. I grew up in a city, so I kind of wanted something a little bit low key."

After arriving at MCI, Alonso quickly became friends with Cianchette and a large group of classmates including Sean Callahan '92, Kim Fotter '92, Matt Duplisea '92, Colby Wyatt '92 and Adam Francis '92, Alonso's roommate in the dorm. "I was embraced into [American] culture, I was accepted," he said. "I think everyone was very respectful of my culture. I felt very welcome here. *I felt like it was my home away from home.*"

Alonso and other boarding students, both international and domestic, were a welcome addition to the class. "I can't tell you how many times there were more international or boarding students at my house than day students," stated Cianchette whose mother, Lynne '69, worked as MCI's registrar during that time and "knew all the students."

Callahan, a student from Reno, NV, appreciated the diversity of the student body as it helped him adjust to life in Pittsfield. "I came from a diverse

background, so I was nervous about moving to a small town," he said. "I didn't expect much diversity and was pleasantly surprised."

Not only did students from the Greater Pittsfield area learn about new cultures from the boarding students, but they also got to introduce students to Central Maine. "We enjoyed showing Sean and Jaime things that were new to them that were common to us - things like snowmobiling and ice fishing," Duplisea explained.

Over twenty years later, the Class of '92 is still a close-knit group, with several members who get together on a frequent basis. "At my high school in Nevada, there were 700 people in my class. Fewer people showed up for my 20th Reunion there than my 20th Reunion at MCI," said Callahan. "There were a lot of things that brought the class together. Winter Carnival was a huge bonding time for classes. Also, teachers had a genuine interest in who you were, in your general well-being. Mr. and Mrs. Miller were especially good to us. They spent a lot of time with us."

Today, Fotter, Callahan, Duplisea, Cianchette and Alonso all live within twenty minutes of each other in Southern Maine. "I convinced Aaron to move back to Maine and when he



did, we all lived in a 10 mile radius. My family and I moved to Spain two months after he moved back and I never heard the end of it and now I am back,” Alonso chuckled. “My office is in Portsmouth, so I could live in New Hampshire. I chose to live in Maine because I am closer to them.”

Even though they live close by, work and family obligations make it hard to find the time they would like to get together. Still, they make a special effort and make plans to see each other at least one Friday each month. They have also created lasting traditions, like Friends Thanksgiving (inspired by the TV show *Friends*) where they meet for a Thanksgiving meal each year.

The bond forged at MCI has had a huge impact on their lives. “Trying to answer what impact they have had is like asking ‘what does your family mean to you?’” said Fotter. “You find what you are appreciative of in life are your close friends.”

“We stick together. It doesn’t matter how much time passes,” said Alonso. You go away for a year and come back and it’s like nothing changed. Those... friendships are my life.”

## The Best of Both Worlds

Joanna Lira '09 first came to MCI from Queretaro, Mexico as part of the Bossov Ballet Theatre program. Although an injury her second year prevented Lira from continuing to dance with Bossov, she chose to return to MCI and attend for all four years. “I fell in love with MCI,” explained Lira. “My junior year, my mom wanted me to return to Mexico, but I really wanted to stay.”

Lira was close to ballerinas in the dorm as well as students from several countries. “My senior year, I had three roommates, two ballerinas and one girl from Thailand,” she said. “I think one of the most fun experiences for me was



L to R: 2009 classmates Meagan Leibowitz, Mackenzie Dunton, Brandon Wilson, Nick Miller, Joanna Lira, Rachel Ross, Lydia Fortin, and Brandon Wright in Mexico.

to live in the dorms and meet people from different countries and be able to eat dinner with them. When I got back home [to Mexico] it was so weird to be in my room by myself. Now that I see that many people haven’t had the experience to know people from other places, I know how lucky I am.”

In addition to her dorm life, Lira became close to several students from the Pittsfield area. “I had the best of both worlds because I was friends with both boarding and day students and it made my experience a lot better,” explained Lira. “Because I am not from the country, I experienced the culture of Pittsfield.”

She met Lydia Fortin '09, now one of her closest friends, their first year at a movie night. “We started hanging out with the same group of people, especially during Winter Carnival,” said Fortin. “Towards the end of the year we became really close and by sophomore year, she was one of my best friends.”

“My friendship with Joanna not only gave me the benefits of what every good friendship brings - many laughs, support, and love - but also an introduction into a new culture,” said Fortin. “I find myself missing the diversity that I almost took for granted at MCI. I have friends from Romania, Korea, Vietnam, and Mexico. Not a lot of people can say that. The different

culture enriched my high school experience by opening my eyes to what the whole world has to offer as far as different foods, cultures and customs.”

One of the reasons that Lira gives for the strength of her MCI friendships is that high school was such a pivotal time in her life. “I was fourteen when I arrived at MCI, in many ways I grew up with them. I was there for four years and a strong bond developed, especially with my classmates.”

Immediately after their graduation, a group of classmates from 2009, Rachel Ross, Lydia Fortin, Nick Miller, Meagan Leibowitz, Brandon Wright, Brandon Wilson and Mackenzie Dunton, traveled to Joanna’s hometown to spend time with Joanna and her family.

They toured the downtown and visited many historical sites. “Seeing Joanna in her own country was amazing,” said Fortin. “The food, the dress, the mariachis, the architecture, everything was so beautifully different from America.”

Lira, who returned home to Mexico after MCI to attend college, will be graduating this summer with a degree in hotel management and tourism. She credits her experience at MCI with giving her tools vital for her career. “My English is one of the most important things that I can think of because it is so important in my career



# Hall of Fame and Distinguished Achievement Award Induction Ceremony

Reunion Weekend

Friday, August 2, 2013 ♦ 4:30 p.m. ♦ Savage Family Dining Room

*Join us in honoring four alumni who, by their accomplishments, service and/or support, have made extraordinary contributions to the School.*

## 2013 Inductees



Tania Rogers Carnrick '73  
Hall of Fame



Catherine "Kaye" Doyle  
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Hall of Fame



Ryan Fendler '45  
Hall of Fame



Donn Fendler '44  
Distinguished Achievement

For honoree bios please visit MCI's website, [www.mci-school.org/awardbios](http://www.mci-school.org/awardbios).

### The Best of Both Worlds, cont.

and in my life." She also sees the exposure to many cultures as very beneficial for her future career in the hospitality industry.

Though she lives in Mexico, Lira manages to visit Pittsfield once a year, normally during college breaks, so she can see as many friends as possible. In addition, she uses Skype and Facebook to remain in contact. "I talk with Lydia and Rachel a lot – every week – and we say that it doesn't matter that we are far away, our relationship is the same."

Last year Lira was able to return to MCI for the summer to work as di-

rector of staff and dorm director for Bossov's summer intensive program. "I think the community had a great impact on me – teachers, students, everybody. I saw a lot of people last summer when I was working. When they saw me, it was like I had never left. It was really good to see them again."

MCI and the friends she made here will always be an important part of Lira's life. She plans to return next summer for her 5th Reunion and many times in the future. "I can see myself in Pittsfield when I am 35 at Lydia's baby shower or Rachel's wedding, everybody's events. That feeling that I

can go back to Pittsfield and have it feel the same is rewarding. It makes it very valuable."



# Reunion 2013 ~ August 2 - 4

## Friday, August 2

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.	All-Day Registration in the Cianchette House	Cianchette House
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 with the Gerry Wright Trio (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 3

8:30 a.m.	5K Alumni and Friends Fun Run / Walk	Leaves from Founders Hall
9:00 a.m.	Registration, Historical Displays and MCI Bookstore	Savage Family Dining Room
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Reunion Brunch	Savage Family Dining Room
10:00 a.m.	Campus Tour	Leaves from Parks Gymnasium
11:00 a.m.	State of the School with Headmaster Chris Hopkins	Parks Gymnasium
12:00 p.m.	Campus Tour	Leaves from Parks Gymnasium
12:30 p.m.	Class Group Photos (50th Reunion and Greater Classes)	MCI Front Campus
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Reunion BBQ / Class Party Kick-Off	MCI Front Campus (Tent)
Immediately following the BBQ	Class Group Photos (5th Reunion - 45th Reunion Classes)	MCI Front Campus
3:00 p.m.	Class Parties for years ending in "3" and "8"	Check with your Class Agent for Party Locations

## Sunday, August 4

10:00 a.m.	Alumni Association Annual Meeting (All alumni are welcome)	Kinney Conference Room
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## 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.

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## Reunion Fees and Discounts

Attendees who register and pay by **noon (EST) on Friday, July 12, 2013** will receive the early registration discount. Those who register after July 12 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	\$17
Reunion Gala Only (for those not attending the Hall of Fame & DAA Ceremony)	\$15	\$17
The Alumni Association's "Summer Sno-Ball"	\$5	\$5
Reunion Brunch	\$10*	\$12
Reunion BBQ and Class Party Kick-Off	\$20*	\$22

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

### Young Alumni Discount (Classes of 2008-2013)



To welcome you to the Alumni Association, you are invited to attend the Reunion BBQ free of charge if you register by July 12.

## Alumni Association Golf Scramble

Hosted by Susie Reynolds Furrow '81

Friday, August 2 ~ 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](http://www.mci-school.org/reunion).



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

Friday, August 2 ~ 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

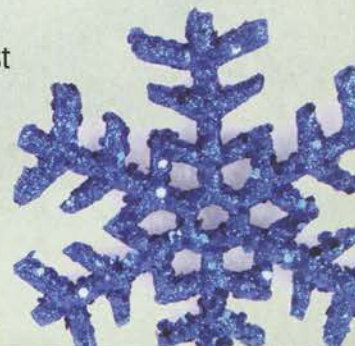
Did you miss attending the Sno-Ball while you were a student, or maybe always wish you could go again?

Now is your chance! Join your friends and classmates at the first annual Summer Sno-Ball!

*Formal dress encouraged.*

For more information,  
please visit

[www.mci-school.org/reunion](http://www.mci-school.org/reunion)







For most people, shipwrecks, pirates and lost treasure are stories of legend, brought to life only in the movies or novels. For Barry Clifford '65 they are part of everyday life.

Clifford grew up on Cape Cod, Massachusetts. He attended MCI his senior year as a boarding student at the recommendation of his former football coach who had come from Maine. After MCI, Clifford went on to receive his degree in sociology and history from Western State Colorado University.

Clifford worked for a few years as a teacher and football coach before returning to his true love, the water. "I was always very interested in swimming and snorkeling and then I got into scuba diving," said Clifford. "I developed an interest in history and started to realize that a great deal of history was submerged beneath the sea."

Now, Clifford is one of the world's best known underwater explorers, famous for finding the pirate ship *Whydah*, which was wrecked in a storm off Cape Cod in 1717. Clifford first heard the story of the *Whydah* from his uncle when he was young. A tale complete with pirates, lost treasure and even a witch, it was intriguing enough for Clifford to spend several years of research and exploration in his quest for the lost vessel.

In 1717, immediately after hearing news of the wreck, the governor of Massachusetts commissioned Captain Cyprian Southack, a local salvager and cartographer to recover any treasure from the ship. Southack reported that by the time he reached the area the ship's wreckage covered an area over four miles along

# Recovering History

## Barry Clifford '65 and the Legend of the *Whydah*



the shore and that any significant treasure was unobtainable, buried beneath the sand. Though the geography of the region has changed in the many years since the wreck, Clifford was able to use historical documents, including Southack's map, and knowledge of local waters and tides to determine the best location to begin his dive.

Clifford found the first evidence of the *Whydah Gally* in July of 1984, resulting in his favorite memory of the whole process. "The very first artifacts that we found, the very first trigger guard, the very first coin, those were the most important memories because they proved in my mind that we had the shipwreck." A year later, he and his crew found the ship's bell, which provided indisputable evidence that the wreck was indeed the *Whydah*.

The *Whydah* is the only authenticated pirate shipwreck ever discovered. Since its discovery, Clifford and his team have recovered over 200,000 objects including coins, cannons, rare Akan (West African) gold jewelry and organic material such as cloth, leather and even the remains of a pirate's leg, still encased in a stocking and shoe.

Recovery of the ship is a long, painstaking process, and is still going on after more than thirty years. The season for recovering the artifacts is short, between the end of June and the end of September. Because the *Whydah* sank so close to the shore (the recovery boat is only 1500 feet from the shore), weather conditions strongly affect the retrieval of artifacts. The ship shattered in the storm that caused its destruction, spreading it over a very wide area. In addition, Clifford and his crew must excavate through over 30 feet of sand to get to the artifacts.



Barry Clifford '65 diving in Haiti

Once each artifact is found, divers must record its location. Using computer analysis, they can use this information as a predictive tool to find additional items. When the ship sank, heavy items went straight down while lighter items went down at an angle. By mapping the location and size of the items, they can tell how the ship came apart and as a result, how it was made. Knowledge of the ship's composition allows Clifford and his crew to calculate where certain items should be located and where they should continue their recovery efforts.

## *The Legend of the Whydah*

The *Whydah* was originally designed as a slave ship, built to cross the Middle Passage as quickly as possible to minimize the loss of slaves' lives. In February 1717, Captain Sam Bellamy captured the *Whydah* in the Bahamas and quickly transformed the slave ship into a pirate ship. From February to April, Captain Bellamy looted over 50 ships in the Caribbean. Cape Cod folklore states that Bellamy then turned the ship to New England in order to rendezvous with his long-time love Maria Hallet, "The Witch of Wellfleet." Before he could reach her, a violent storm over Cape Cod shattered the *Whydah* on April 26, 1717, causing her to sink and quickly become covered with sand. Only two men from the *Whydah* survived the wreck and the ship's treasures were lost for nearly 300 years.

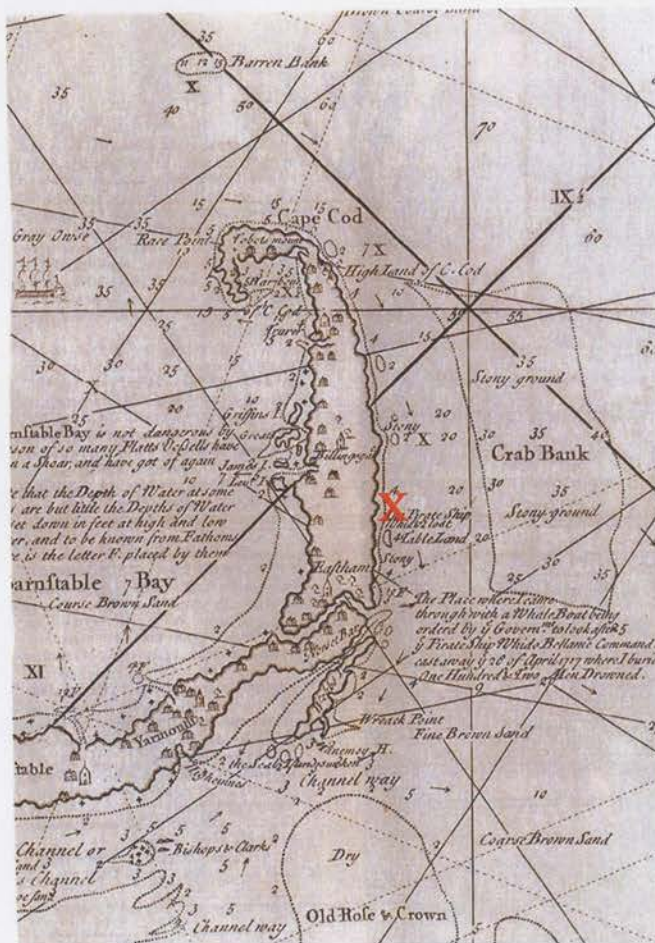


Recovery is complicated by the salt water that saturates all the artifacts. As soon as an artifact hits the air, the salt and air begin to react and, if left untreated, the object will start to crumble. With the exception of gold, all metal artifacts must go through time consuming electrochemical treatments that draw salt out of the metal by running electrical current through it.

In addition, grains of sand, shell particles, and minerals - most commonly calcium carbonate - build up on objects beneath the sea as they start to rust and corrode. This eventually forms a hard protective shell. These items, called concretions, make up a large percentage of the objects that have been recovered from the wreck. Removing the concretion from around the objects is a painstaking and tedious operation requiring conservators to x-ray the encased artifacts. After determining the shape and fragility of the object trapped within the concretion they use special tools to remove the artifact. The process can take days or even years depending on the size.

Though a labor intensive undertaking, bringing the artifacts to light is essential to uncovering a better picture of the life of the pirate, which is quite different from the distorted image made popular by books and movies. The artifacts from the *Whydah* may indeed offer the only glimpse into the material lives of pirates from that time period. "Every shipwreck is a time capsule," explained Ken Kinkor, project historian for the *Whydah*. "Every artifact tells what it was like at the time the ship went down."

A former teacher, Clifford believes strongly in his company's motto "Education through Exploration" and emphasizes the educational aspects of his work. Rather than selling the artifacts from the *Whydah*, Clifford chose to keep them together, and in 1996, established the Expedition Whydah Sea-Lab & Learning Center and the Whydah Pirate Museum in Provincetown. In 2007, he created a traveling exhibit titled "Real Pirates" that tours the country under the sponsorship of National Geographic. A second exhibit at the National Geographic Museum in Washington, DC opened on March 6 and will run there until September 2, 2013.



Captain Cyprian Southack's 1717 map of the *Whydah* wreckage, used by Clifford to help determine the location of the ship.

Clearly this is not just a job to Clifford, but a labor of love. 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. In addition, he is exploring some of the high mountain lakes in Colorado, looking for traces of early man and animals.

Clifford's zeal is driven by curiosity, a never ending quest to learn more about the people involved in the wrecks and to bring back the past. "In jobs like mine, you never retire," he stated. "Find something that you are really passionate about. Keep looking, keep exploring and broadening your horizons... it could be right there staring you in the face and it's just a matter of getting wet."

For more information on Clifford, the *Whydah Gally*, and the current exhibits, please visit [whydah.com](http://whydah.com).





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## Class of 1926

Congratulations to **Thelma Ham Hayward** who recently turned 103!

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## Class of 1938

The *Savannah Morning News* recently featured Capt. **Nicholas Craig** in an article entitled, "Savannah mariner had front row seat to history" (<http://savannahnow.com/exchange/2013-02-22/savannah-mariner-had-front-row-seat-history>).

## Class of 1942

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## Class of 1948

Class agent **Arey Bryant**: Do you realize that it was 65 years ago that we graduated? Where did the time go? I started to attend the MCI Reunions perhaps five or six years after I graduated. I remember seeing all these alumni who had graduated 50 or 60 years ago, and I thought to myself, "Look at all those old folks!" The thing is, we are the "old folks!" I hope to see you at Reunion on the 2nd and 3rd of August. **Tommy Millett**, I expect to see you there! We will go down to the Elks and have a "smile."

**Ted Bryant** helps organize monthly luncheons for the class and other alumni. They are typically at local restaurants, but the next one will be in the MCI cafeteria. Regularly attending classmates are **Charlie London**, **Bob Beattie**, **Joyce Beattie Williams**, **Marguerite "Peanut" Fowler**, **Helen Estes Cianchette**, and **Alice Shaw Patterson**. They would like you to know that anybody is welcome to attend.

Arey urges everybody to contact him so he can share the luncheon dates and get any updates from classmates.

**Ernest DeRaps** and his wife celebrated their 62nd wedding anni-



Donna Fowler, Helen Esty Cianchette '48, Charlie London '48, Carrie London '58, Gloria Beattie McNichol '53, Shirley Bryant, Theodore Bryant '48, Arey Bryant '48, Stanley Fowler, Perino Almonte '42, Suzanne Huff Mercier '63, MCI Asst Dir of the Annual Fund and Alumni Affairs Jared McCannell '98, Joyce Beattie Williams '48, Linda Ashton, Linda Lawrence Savage '63, Lawrence Savage '60, Marguerite Coolbroth Fowler '48, and Ralph Fowler '69 at a recent gathering in Newport.

versary and his 85th birthday. Five children along with their spouses and children attended. He recently welcomed his 11th grandchild and retired five years ago. He set up a studio in his basement and in connection with his book *Lighthouse Keeping*, painted all 65 lighthouses on the Maine coast in a year and a half. They will be on display and sale at the new Merrymeeting Art Center in Bowdoinham this coming May - September.

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## Class of 1950

Class agent **Virginia "Gini" Coolbroth Landry**: I had such a great time at my 80th birthday that I wanted to check to find out how the rest of the "old people" celebrated. The first response came from **Red Dunphy** who was 16 at graduation and won't be 80 until July 2013. Good grief, Red! I had no idea you were so young. He now spends his retirement monitoring his investments and time with his music. **Julia Jackson Rodenbeck** celebrated "having lived so long" with more than 100 family and friends. Julia, we knew that you would do it well!

**Barbara Morrell Neal** celebrated her birthday, her 60th wedding anniversary and her daughter's 50th

birthday in Key West. "Can you believe she hoped I wasn't freezing in Maine, and even added HA HA." Spending two years in the Navy before coming to MCI, **Joseph Poirier** married in 1983, has 5 children and 15 grands. He is retired from an electronics career and lives in Dalton, MA. **Harold Burbank's** 80th came and went "like a rocket ship" and he celebrated his 82nd in March. He enjoys his contacts with his former students, and is playing with the Shrine Band where he sees **George McGilvery**. They played together at MCI. Harold suggests that we all "keep on keeping on."

**Jerry Hallee** reports the recent addition to his family, the adoption of two girls from Ethiopia by his son and wife. **Mary Dysart Quint** had a fantastic trip to New York and two of her sons, **Doug '89** and **Steve '72**, live in the area. If you are in the Big Apple, look for Doug's ice cream shop in the West Village. She has heard that **John Wentworth** from California hopes to attend the MCI Reunion this summer.

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## Class of 1951

**Robert Vance** has reached 80 but still rides his motorcycle and hunts

with his crossbow and rifle. He enjoys his ministry at Laurel Baptist Church in Bellingham, WA and has been there for almost nine years. He travels annually on mission trips to a Central or South American country.

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## Class of 1952

Class agent **Al Wyman** has recently heard from **Amour** and **Loretta Doherty Brown '53** who reported that they have a son who lives in Alaska and a granddaughter in Brazil. They are looking forward to a chance to see the great grandchildren soon.

**Mahlon** and **Charlene Nickless '57** live in North Carolina. Mahlon reported a big milestone - he turned 80 this year. They are doing okay in spite of illness in the family. **Elaine St. Peter** now resides in Portland. **Al Wyman** is the recipient of the Joyce Packard Community Spirit award for the many hours he has spent working for the Pittsfield Historical Society.

**Beverly Turner Breau** shares that several other classmates attended the 60th Reunion last summer: **Armour Brown**, **Dave McGaffin**, **John Shaw**, **Phil Lenentine**, **Al Wyman**, **Jake Jacobs**, **Herman Roberts**, **Bob Knowles**, **Lynn Blood Stavros**, **Lois Snow Brooks** and **Jake (Maynard) Jacobs**. Other alumni and friends attending were **Loretta Doherty Brown '53** and **Faye Ellingwood Shaw '53**. Jake came from his home in Tennessee to repay Al for the loan of his MCI cap. We understand he bought himself one while here. Thanks to all those who come from long distances to join us locals. We would like to thank the School for the wonderful cookouts, luncheon, banquet and the attention given our 60th.

The MCI Alumni Office recently found information regarding long-time missing classmates: **Andy Michaud Jr.** passed away in 2001 and **Lynn Burdette Grant** is living in SC.

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## Class of 1953

Class agent **Catherine Doyle Moo-**



ers had a difficult fall and winter season after going through surgery for a broken hip, fractured femur and ankle following a fall, but she and Stirling still managed to get to Florida in January. They met with **Joe Perseille '49** in North Carolina on the way. In February, they got together with **Faye Ellingwood Shaw**, **John Shaw '52**, **Matt Scott** and Bev, and **Dale Ray Seaburg** and Bob for lunch in Brooksville, FL.

She hopes to have a "memory table" at Reunion this year and any contributions of MCI memories can be brought to her at any time or taken to Reunion during Saturday's morning registration. She urges all to make their reservations early and to mark their calendars now!

Recently deceased classmates: **Vaughn Philbrick** who passed away in January. Heartfelt condolences to his wife **Polly Hoskins Philbrick** and all the family. **Rev. Arthur Johnson '51** officiated at the service. **Hamilton Grant** who passed away in December and **Glenwood MacDougall** who passed away in March after battling liver cancer. Heartfelt sympathy goes out to all the families.

**Olive Hustus Blodgett** welcomed a great granddaughter in October 2011. **Matthew Scott** traveled to Florida for three months and then to the Gulf states in a motor home for two months before returning to Maine to care for his bees. He made presentations on his bees at Eagle Hill and Acadia National Park. **Gloria Beattie McNichol** wants to see every classmate at the 60th Reunion. Her son, **Stephen McNichol '73**, was in a serious snowmobile accident in March and was in Maine Medical Center in Portland.

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** is in Florida for three months and found a nice home in St. Petersburg. **Philip Coffin** had a quiet fall as he recoups from a hip replacement. He did enjoy a luncheon with classmates in June at the home of **Kaye Mooers** and looks forward to Reunion in August.

Good luck to **Dave Fenderson** who will be fishing in April for Atlantic salmon at his son's camp on Mirimichi River in New Brunswick. **Elizabeth Gagne Calise** reports that New York has been very cold and she is looking forward to time in Palm Beach with



Matt Scott '53 and Bev Libby, John '52 and Faye Ellingwood Shaw '53, Charles and Audrey Allen, Bob and Dale Ray Seaburg '53, and Kaye Mooers '53 and Stirling Thurston met for lunch in Brooksville, FL.

her friend Kenn. She hopes to make it to Reunion this year. **Faye Ellingwood Shaw** and **John '52** enjoyed a cruise to Nassau in December with their daughter, son-in-law and two grandsons. They enjoyed lunch with classmates in Brooksville, FL and try to get together once a year with classmates while in Florida.

Grandchildren are keeping **Priscilla Foss Rende** busy. The oldest grandson graduated from the Maine Maritime Academy and now works in Bangor. Another grandson graduated from Harding University in Arkansas. A granddaughter also attends Harding, while two other granddaughters are living and working on Long Island, NY. Another grandson will enter Cony H.S. this year.

**Sarah Chipman** encourages all to make a special effort to attend this year's Reunion. She is tired of snow and wants warm weather and green grass! **Eugene Cropley** enjoyed his annual trip to Vermont to be with his son **Tim '84** and wife. They toured the Rock of Ages granite and attended "The British Invasion" and viewed over 200 antique automobiles.

**Lou Pepin** is into his 17th year of dialysis. He is thankful to all that sent cards during his recent hospitalization and stay the V.A. Rehab Center. Most of his days are spent watching TV and reading books on his Kindle. He thinks Kaye has done a wonderful job keeping the class connected in spite of her recent set-backs.

**Charlene Hunt Call** and Maurice attended the wedding of their granddaughter in December. The new grandson-in-law is stationed in San Antonio, TX where they will make their home. One grandson is attending community college in Lewiston and their second grandson, **Morgan '13**, graduates from MCI in June.

**Gertrude Grignon Bizeau** has had a difficult year after going through by-pass surgery and spending many months in the hospital. **Thelma Senneking Vining** reports that **Cliff '55** has fought the battle with melanoma and after surgeries is now in a "clinical trial of a promising experimental medicine for melanoma." Good luck to him! **Cynthia Brown Johnson** and **Arthur '51** have had a busy fall with seeing friends and visiting those in the hospital. Their eldest grandson was married in October and a second grandson came home from Afghanistan for Christmas. The last few years about 35 extended family members have met at Boothbay Harbor to take the boat to Cabage Island.

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#### Class of 1955

**Dana Fields** and **Glenn Brown Fields '60** maintain a healthy portion of support to the medical profession in all of its branches, which keeps them quite busy. They send good wishes to all.

#### Class of 1956

Things are fine for **Sallie Sinclair Huot** in Saco. She keeps busy with various historical projects. "My history teachers at MCI would never believe it. My latest venture will be leading a walking tour through Saco for the Senior College. It should be fun."

#### Class of 1959

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#### Class of 1960

Class agent **Joan Basford Bradley** heard from **John King**. He is retired and living in Levant. He served in the USAF from 1960 through 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He then served stateside from 1984 to 1996. Upon retirement, he attended college and went to graduate school.

"Dull, dull, dull," is how **Delia "Dee" Young Bickford** describes her life - just the way she likes it. After raising a family and working for 42 years, she is happy just reading all kinds of books daily. She also occupies her time by going out to lunch, walking her dog and spending time with the family. Speaking of eating out, **Natalie McGuire**, **Sonia Mitchell Erskine**, **Patty Reynolds** and I frequently get together and eat out. We also include **Janis Withee LaHaie** when she leaves sunny Florida. **Norman Cain** reports that his daughter married last year and he instantly gained three more grandchildren. It was nice that he was able to attend our 50th Reunion a couple of years ago.

I am still busy selling books. Hope to hear from more of you for our next Alumni News.

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### Class of 1963

**Suzanne Huff Mercier** is planning to get together in Freeport with **Jean Bagley Margolis**, **Linda Cregno**, **Chick Susi Veilleux** and **Janet Viger Bryant** to catch up and make 50th Reunion and class party plans. Details to come! **Jean Bagley Margolis** makes her home in Beverly, MA with her husband. Their two children and two grandchildren live nearby.

**Chick Susi Veilleux** lives in Winslow. She and her husband became grandparents for the first time. **Linda Cregno** keeps very busy at the Seabasticook Valley Health's three facilities as the overall manager. She lives at the bottom of McCarty Hill with her two mismanaged large poodles.

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### Class of 1964

Class agent **Barbara Vigue Day**: Hi Class of 1964 hope you take a few minutes to share news for our class. As for me, I can't wait to see you all at our 50th (in 2014)! I have been busy getting my children's free gardening program for the spring & fall going. Over the years we have had over 1,000 children visit. Wonderful "anti-aging" to see how much fun children have playing in the dirt and planting for the fall. Recently talked with **Joan VanDerveer Gould** who is planning on coming to the 50th and **Bob Mercier** and his new wife who are planning on attending.

**Donna Brooks Rolfe** is enjoying her retirement. She loves to go camping with her children, **Kevin '86** and **Valerie '89** and her grandchildren. She is looking forward to the 50th Reunion in 2014. Alumni Association President **Ralph Damren** would like to announce the addition of two family members. "Our dog discovered two baby kittens abandoned in our back yard. Our hero rescue dog has adopted the two as her own. Our older cat has accepted the role of uncle!"

**Connie Baxter Marlow** is a filmmaker, photographer and writer on the road. She spends most of her time in New England, New York, Sedona, Santa Cruz and Aspen and has just published a book *The Trust Frequency: 10 Assumptions for a New Paradigm*. She also has a film *In Search*



Connie Baxter Marlow '64 with her children Alison, Consi and Jonny

of the Future: *What do the Wise Ones Know?* She has three grown children and one granddaughter who lives in Aspen. She hopes to attend the 50th Reunion and reports her 93 year-old father is living in Colorado. She invites all to view her website: [www.TheAmericanEvolution.com](http://www.TheAmericanEvolution.com).

**Jeff Hathorn**, his wife and two sons attended the annual Amelia Island Concor auto show with their 1959 Porsche Speedster D, which they have owned for 20 years. One son flew from Maui where he is a captain for Pacific Wings Airline.

Having become a Daytona Beach Shores, FL resident as of 2012, **Rita Flood Bubar** spends summers in Maine and the rest of her time in Florida. She retired from Cianbro at the end of 2011 after 34 years.

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### Class of 1965

Class agent **Larry Yeaton** has worked with the MCI Advancement Office to start a Class of '65 Facebook group page. Please search for it on Facebook and post your updates and news for the Class of '65! **Judith Reynolds Lane** posted on the group page that she lives in Bellevue, FL, has three children, eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. She works in an insurance office and is attending college online to get her bachelor's in healthcare administration.

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### Class of 1966

New class agent **Linda Abbott Morgan** has returned to Maine from Atlanta to be close to her elderly parents after many years away. She has worked for the last 15 years as a commercial interiors designer but is now "semi-retired." She has eight children, 19 grandchildren and currently resides in Newport. She would love to hear from more classmates.

**Barney Keenan** was surprised to see on the MCI website that he was the first PG to receive the Masters Cup. He said, "That makes it all that more special." He recently retired as College for Lifelong Learning Director for The University System of New Hampshire, Granite State College. In 2005, he received the New Hampshire Excellence in Education Award (EDIE Award) from the N.H. Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa as the "Educator of the Year" and the Community Counts Award from Northway Bank for his service in community and economic development. He was instrumental in the development of the Granite State College Mt. Washington Valley Technology Village and the Littleton Area Learning Center.

Along with her husband, **Kathy Sweet Waugh** has co-edited a book, *Pine Tree Pioneers*. It was released in September 2012 and is published by SamTeddy Press. It consists of twenty short stories of early Mainers (from about 1650 to 1916) and can

be purchased through Amazon.com. **Lance Browne** is living in Portland and still doing part-time masonry work. He has been married to Donna for 43 years in September. They winter in Florida for 4 to 6 weeks in December and January. He travels the country playing cribbage and recently came back from a swing thru California and Nevada. Currently, he runs two tournaments in Portland.

**Linda Harris Fortier** has lived in Bradenton, FL as a full time resident since 2004. Her mother still lives in Maine and her son is in Missouri with his nine year-old daughter. She works part-time as a cashier at an auto dealership. She still makes earrings, necklaces and bracelets which she sells at a local craft fair. **Anna Parker** plans to visit Maine the last half of June through the second week in August this summer, so is hoping to make Reunion. She remains busy with her barbershop music and hopes to become a certified arranger this summer. She also is very busy in her chorus both musically and administratively. Her third grandchild is on the way in June.

**Bob Elmer** celebrated his 41st anniversary in January and continues to work as administrator of The Elms Assisted Living Community and The Carriage House and Chestnut Cottage, two communities for those with Alzheimer's and other dementias, in Westerly, R.I. He lectures at The University of Rhode Island College of Nursing, was recently recognized by The Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA) as a "Champion for Seniors" for the 6th straight year, and was also inducted into the ALFA "Circle of Leadership" for "Exemplary Leadership and Business Acumen." Bob stays in touch with **John Gervais**.

Celebrating their 12th anniversary in May is **Dalen Mills** and his wife. They live in Port Orange, FL for half the year and the rest in Southwest Harbor, having driven back and forth 23 times. Dalen stays busy and is active in his church in Port Orange. He regularly kayaks and fly fishes for predominately redfish and speckled sea trout. They have four children and five grandchildren that keep them busy in the summer. A trip to Alaska is planned for June. He ran into **Wayland Magoon '65** in Acadia last summer. He welcomes all to



visit him in the summer (after he visits Alaska in June) and hopes to see many at this summer's Reunion.

**Judy Hobbs Webster** and husband celebrated 45 years of marriage in December, but have known each other for 50 years. They have 4 children, three grandsons, two granddaughters and still live in Gloucester, MA where Tom is self employed and Judy does payroll and accounts payable and receivable for their excavation business. They have two West Highland Terriers, two Maine Coon cats, and six kittens. Their time is spent boating, golfing, and reading. Their home is close to the ocean and they have lots of wildlife on their property.

Although **Dennis Lary** attended MCI ("one of my greatest and most successful post-secondary school endeavors"), he had to withdraw in the spring of 1966 due to a family illness. However, he ended up pursuing his M.Ed. in Secondary Administration and Instructional System Design from the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. Dennis acknowledged the impact both Mr. Bartlett and Mr. LaHait had on helping him build a very healthy self-image. He claims his whole teaching philosophy (comfort, confidence and competence) came from these two faculty members. Dennis has taught secondary maths and sciences for almost 30 years in both Maine and the Carolinas.

**Dan Oakes** has worked at Bangor Photo Shop for 35 years, has one daughter and enjoys his grandchildren. He invites any of his classmates to stop by the shop on Union St.

After retiring in November from years in the equipment financing business at GE Capital, Key Bank & Dell Financial, **Glen Robinson** just moved back to Ft. Meyers, FL. He was in the Dallas area for about 30 years and in Oklahoma City for the past six. He hopes to spend summers on Great Moose Lake in Hartland. He had drinks and dinner with **Dalen Mills** and **Norbert Young** and wives on the coast last year.

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Barry Clifford '65 with olympic medalist Billy Kidd

#### Class of 1967

Class agent **Sheilya Cookson Voter**: The Class of 1967 celebrated its 45th Reunion this past summer—time really does fly! My own news is that my husband, Dale, and I have finally left Burnham and are now living in Oakland, ME. The farm was just getting to be too much for us. I had a spinal fusion done and the results were amazing— if anyone needs a REALLY GOOD orthopedic surgeon in the Bangor area, I know her!" She wants everybody to know that class has an official MCI Class of '67 group page on Facebook and wants all to join, share some news, and start making plans for this summer's Reunion.

I got an email from **Tim McGowan** who said it was great to see so many people at last year's 45th Reunion, including: **Bobby Gould, Brenda Thompson Seekins, Doug Fernald, Erica Susi Noble, Fran Worthen, Linda Wallace Lavimodiere, Lorna Bubar White, Melissa Cianchette, Mike Wiers, Sheilya Cookson Voter, Valerie Stein Sinclair, Yvonne "Lolly" Susi '68** and **Sharon Hanson Ringuette '68**.

Tim is now retired and hopes to do some traveling and spending more time with family. He also wanted to thank Lolly for her gracious invitation to her home for an after party following the Alumni Luncheon. **Larry Morton** is a semi-retired manufacturing engineer who loves to follow the racing car circuit. His plans were to head south for some warmer weather.

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#### Class of 1968

Class agent **Sharon Hanson Ringuette** is working as an admissions RN for the VNA Care Network. "Louie and I enjoy camping, fishing and kayaking. Our daughters live close by and we have two wonderful grandsons. I can't wait to see everyone in August. It will be a practice run for our big 50. I think we will have at least one, if not two, nice venues for get-togethers over the weekend so plan to hang out, catch up and party!"

**Mary Ann Tilton Ware** is living in Vero Beach, FL near her mother and is still working. Her son graduated from the University of Tampa last May. She has been in touch with **Dawn Peterson Cox** who has retired to Winter Haven, FL. Dawn has two daughters. **Lolly Susi** is spending this spring in London directing musical theatre students. She is still acting but focusing more on directing and writing. She is developing her project "Why Survivors Survive" for UK television.

"Life is fun" says **Jean Hammond Watts** who is retired from teaching, loving every minute. She and her husband just visited the Grand Canyon. They will have six grandchildren by Reunion. **Rosemari Hatton LeMay**, "Mare", is doing "fine." She raised five children and is enjoying life in Wiscasset. She coordinates a community garden in the summer,

teaches basket weaving and loves to hike and kayak. **Martha Young Worley** and her husband live in Lynden, WA after living "all over." Three of their five grandchildren live close by. They are busy with church ministry and Marty works part time at Costco.

**Tom Soule** has two grown children and four "wonderful" grandkids. He earned two masters degrees and has been in education as a middle school teacher and a school principal. He enjoys his work and has been married 42 years. Retired from his job with the State of NH and after 30 years in Manchester, **Ellery Hathorn** and wife Rose Ann packed up and headed south. They will be snowbirds in the winter and will return to Unity Pond for the summer. They have two daughters and three grandchildren.

Making her home on beautiful Mount Desert Island is **Karen Perry**. She has her own business, Main Cottage Properties and her husband is the retired gardener. She says life is great with their two dogs. If you're ever in Southwest Harbor, ask anyone for "Drifty" and they will point you to Karen. Paul and **Kathy Starbird Warburg** are in Canaan for the winter but on Unity Pond every summer. They just celebrated their 40th anniversary. Their son and daughter are both married and they have an 18 month-old grandson. **Pamela Inman Frederick** and husband, **Terry '61**, live in Beverly Hills, FL. She is active in her church and the community choral. She loves to take care of her grandchildren and walks to stay in shape when it's not too hot.

**Darlene Kvingedal** is retired and writes that she has recently moved from Waterville to Vassalboro to be near her youngest daughter while she recovers from surgery. **Arline Daily Hillestad** has spent 28 years as executive director of a domestic abuse and sexual assault program. She received a lifetime achievement award for her work. She presently has an interim position in rural WI. She unexpectedly lost her husband in 2009. Arline has two daughters.

**Steve and Dora Barrett Miles** live in Pittsfield where he works for Evolve Technologies and she at Seabasticook Valley Health. They enjoy fishing, golfing and frequent visits to Walpole, MA to visit son, **Gavin Miles**



'93, his wife and their three grandchildren. **Pamela Humphrey Briggs** retired after 28 years as a clinical coordinator and triage nurse in Hamilton, MA. She has had "a pretty rough adult life" and so her husband said "let's play." She lives in Ipswich, MA and has a beautiful granddaughter.

**Cheryl Foster Duplessis** is up north in Greenville where she works for The Birches Resort. She is contemplating retirement and often speaks of Costa Rica where she has visited. She keeps busy visiting family in Jackman and socializing with friends in Greenville. **Norman Mitchell** is working for Walpole Woodworkers in Pittsfield. He says no retirement right now, but he's too young for that anyway. "Way to go, Norman!"

Many classmates follow the Class of '68 group page on Facebook. Some of them include, **Eleanor Brooks Getchell** who lives and works in Pittsfield and has four granddaughters, **Richard Lovely** who will be at reunion "if the snow is gone," **Harold Mosher** who lives in Hope, and **Stephen "Chip" Fendler** who lives in White Plains, NY.

**Eric Cianchette** called from Naples, FL where he resides when he's not at home in Falmouth. He is "not really retired" yet and keeps busy with his commercial real estate and hotel. He has five children and seven grandchildren. He hosts many family gatherings.

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#### Class of 1970

Class agent **David England**: **Susan '73** and I have weathered the winter. I even had the opportunity to run the snow blower thanks to Blizzard Nemo. We are looking forward to our annual April trip to FL and am hopeful we can connect with **Alan Litchfield** while there. Once we return the busy season begins. Hoping **Wendy (Murdock) Esposito** and husband will again make our house a stopping point when they come for the Westerly Art Festival in May. We always have some great laughs. We enjoyed receiving **Roy Milke's** Christmas letter. Roy and his wife are very busy keeping up with their three teenage sons who are not only great students but also find time for sports and other activities. They keep you young, Roy! So to all

classmates drop me line to keep us updated on all that's happening with you. Before we know it we'll be planning our 45th reunion!

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#### Class of 1971

Class agent **Laurie Fitts Loosigian**: Many in our class are getting connected through Facebook and LinkedIn. I just got a request to connect to **Rodney Leighton** and he lives in the Providence area and works as a facilities manager for Hayward Pool Products. **Milton Webber** and I saw **Jean Davis Zarate** last summer at Reunion with her mom and he also reconnected with **Peter Wales**. Milton works with a Special Olympics celebrity golf tournament each summer in Boothbay. Last year they raised \$42,000! He has also been in touch with **Nancy Fowler** and **Libby Winsor**, both grew up in Pittsfield.

Here are the classmates that I found on Facebook: **Linda Sweet Thornton** is living in Pittsfield and turning 60 this month. **Linda Viger Wiles** lives in Las Vegas and the last time I saw her in Maine she was visiting her brother and had to have emergency surgery at the Seabcooke Valley Hospital. **Mary Lloyd Smith** is in Scarborough and she has lots of photos of a little grandson, I believe. **Tom Mayhew** lives in Charlotte, NC and vacationed with a couple of grandchildren on the Outer Banks. **Joel Abbott** works at Tractor Supply and lives in Palmyra. **Johnna Furbush Farkas** lives in Georgia and has lots of Facebook friends.

I saw **Dave Harmon** and **Rodney Blake** on Facebook along with **Patricia Greene Halpin**, **Roxanne Souci** and **Sally Hodgkins Baker** who works at MCI. I tracked down **Deb Morancie Giallombardo** in Saint Albans where she and her husband are building a new house near their sons, **Jeff '98** and **Scott '00**. On a final note, be sure to pull one of your old gowns out of mothballs for the Alumni Summer Sno-Ball on Friday night of Alumni Weekend and then off to the Putter on Saturday after the Reunion events on campus! Hope to see you at both! Please let me know your news!

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#### Class of 1973

**Pam Frati Eggemeyer** just celebrated 20 years in Spirits in the Wind Gallery in Golden, CO. After five years working with the City of Golden, she presented the first two monumental bronze outdoor art pieces. Golden is known for its large array of western themed outdoor artwork. She received the Business of the Year Award in 2000 and works with artists locally and around the country.

**Richard Davis** and his wife are living in East Wilton. He is in his 12th year working as the town manager for Farmington. He is looking forward to the 40th Reunion. **Thomas Roland Jackson** will be married for 25 years this August. His wife is a legal secretary for a law firm in New Jersey, his son is with the Stapal Corporation and his daughter is a junior track star and Olympic hopeful at the University of Tennessee. He is a night manager on the NYC transit and plans to retire after 29 years this summer. He enjoys going on cruises and plans to do so during his retirement. He is looking forward to the Reunion this summer.

Class agent **Susan Smith England**: **David '70** and I have had a busy winter. Our jobs and some home renovations have kept us quite occupied. We are eager for spring and all that warmer weather brings. Our 40th Reunion will be upon us before we know it. Mark your calendars for the first weekend in August. As the planning begins, please send me any ideas you might have for celebrating this monumental event. Better yet, join our MCI Class of '73 Facebook group page and post your thoughts, watch for news about Reunion and connect with friends. I look forward to seeing and hearing from you!

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#### Class of 1974

**Susan Cianchette Koch** is living in Scarborough and works as executive director of the Maine Chapter of The American Institute of Architects. She also serves on the board of an alternative residential high school, The Community School. She stays busy with a cooking group, a vegetable garden, entertaining, biking, and walking the beach. She stills gets together several times a year with **Karen Cianchette Carville**, **Vera Lloyd Bryant**, and **Laura Cianchette**.

**Ivy Lary Yeo** and her husband have spent the last two winters in Florida. She is "somewhat retired" filling in at the Pittsfield schools. They have four grandchildren and a fifth on the way this September. **Patti Davis Buck** and her husband live in Brentwood, NH and enjoy biking, hiking and skiing. They are currently preparing for their daughter's wedding this September. Their son is in the Navy stationed out of Norfolk, VA and they are looking forward to his upcoming leave from his deployment in the Persian Gulf.

Once again **Mike Hatton** is making his way to the South Ocean and eventually will arrive sometime mid-February at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. He is master of an oil tanker owned by Maersk Line which is on charter to the United States government via the Department of Defense - Military Sealift Command. During the summer months, Mike takes the vessel north to Greenland in what is called "Operation Flying Goose" supplying fuel to Thule Air Force Base. When on vacation, he enjoys living in Florida with his wife.

Just completing his 30th anniversary at Bath Iron Works is **Rusty Hall**. He and **Dena '79** bought a camp two years ago, but he has unfortunately had to work away both summers, with this summer being no different. Rusty will be heading up a team that will be working on BIW's latest ship, the *USS Michael Murphy*, in Pearl Harbor from April through August. Dena still works at MCI as the human resource specialist and chief accountant. Son **Ben '01** works at Cianbro as a project manager. He and his wife **Natalia Mayhew Hall '99** live in Pittsfield with their little girl and are expecting another child this June. **Jay '04** is in Pittsfield and also works at BIW as a designer. **Jimmy '15** is a sophomore and daughter **Taylor '16** a freshman at MCI and both are playing sports.

**Syrena Thompson Gatewood** and her husband are retired and live in Belfast. They volunteer in the community, spend time with family, garden, and generally enjoy life. Their daughter, a mechanical engineer, lives in nearby Northport. Tim and **Donna Baker Dunton** have been married for 36 years and have lived in Dixmont since 1983. She is a registered nurse and the director of Infection Prevention and Control at EMMC. They have raised three chil-



dren, a son who lives in Jackson, WY, a daughter in Stowe, VT and another daughter who is a senior at UMaine at Orono. She loves any opportunity that brings family and friends together for great food, wine and music.

**Elaine Berry** had started an MCI Facebook group page about three years ago. It is a now a "closed" group, so that all MCI alumni can feel free to post messages that will only be read by the group members and not the public. There is also an *In Memorium* page. Elaine is anticipating a move to Portland, where her son, **Michael Sheehy '06**, is working as a chef.

Class agent **Vera Lloyd Bryant** was recently rehired at Cianbro as an IT business systems analyst. She had worked there for 23 years and then left to work for Tilson Technology Management in Portland in 2010. Vera got a taste of consulting and did some travel to Dubai, Germany, and Switzerland while working there. She is happy to be back at Cianbro and working close to home. She and **Kevin '75** have 2 children. **Maggie '10** is a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington studying rehabilitation. **Douglas '13** is a senior at MCI and was captain of the varsity soccer and basketball teams this year. Next year he plans to attend UMaine at Orono with a major in civil engineering.

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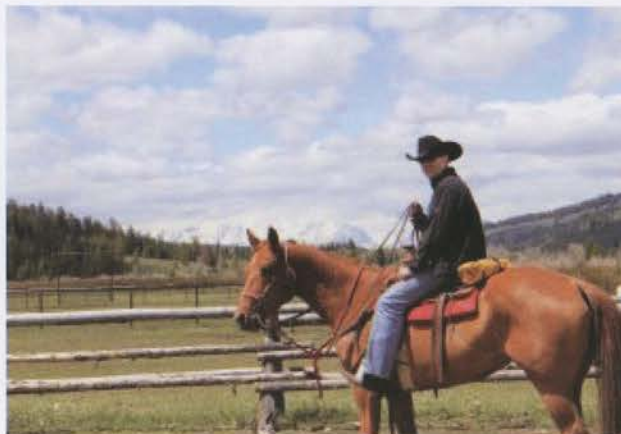
#### Class of 1975

Class agent **Ralph "Bud" Ingraham**: I am still in Pittsfield and still a merchant marine working on the west coast. I enjoy my music, golf, friends and family. **Kevin Bryant** is still in town and has a happy hour weekly on Friday. It is always good to see he and **Vera '74**. **Bart Kelleher** is in Miami working and soaking up the sun. He visits Maine when he can and still keeps his roots in P Town and Millinocket. He recently vacationed around the world (and took in the country music awards in Vegas). If you have some news to put in the *Alumnus* please email me.

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#### Class of 1976

**Ricki Abbott** called from Dexter to say all is well. His son and grandson live in Hartland.



Jim Richmond '79 in Jackson Hole, Wyoming

Class agent **Don Hallenbeck**: For those of you who remember him from our days at dear old MCI, coach Tony Hamlin secured his place in history at The MECCA, the old Bangor Auditorium, as being the coach of the last team to play there to get a boys gold ball. He's been in Milo these past 21 years and is now going to retire. I wonder if he still took his dog to class as he did with us?

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#### Class of 1977

**Erik Updyke** returned to Pittsfield from California over the holidays and stopped by the Advancement Office. Erik received the "2012 Leader of the Year - Public" award from the Southern California Chapter of the American Public Works Association.

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#### Class of 1978

**Robert Cianchette** is still living in NYC and happily working in administration for a small energy consulting company for the past 12 years. His wife recently "retired" and he wishes he could too in order to spend winters somewhere snowless, perhaps Key West or Sarasota, but that's not in his cards any time soon. Robert has recently reconnected with MCI as a member of the Board of Visitors and is looking forward to seeing old friends at the 35th Reunion this summer. "Best wishes and good health to all."

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#### Class of 1979

Class agent **Trudi Bickford Ames**: Well I was so glad to hear from fellow classmates and a wife. Thanks for sharing. I am hoping that next year, which will be our 35th Reunion, that we will have a great turn out as we usually do. It's so nice to get everyone together for good ole times. If anyone has any thoughts or ideas, please get in touch with me.

**Mark Stackhouse** had a stroke a few years back leaving his left side paralyzed. He has built a new house on a lake. He would like to host the Reunion party and will let classmates know shortly. Mark would love to reconnect with any classmates and welcomes any visitors. **Kathy Kelley** is living in Pittsfield and loving life. She works in Augusta as an admission / discharge nurse, the first time in over 30 years that she doesn't have to work weekends. She is having fun catching up with her Pittsfield friends and is looking forward to making many more memories.

From sunny southern California are **Jim Richmond, Lois Pease Richmond '78** and their daughter. Jim works as a director for a company affiliated with Johnson & Johnson. They have lived there for almost six years and are "patiently" waiting for another assignment on the east coast. When Jim is not working, they love to travel, primarily to Maine where they own a couple of lake properties that are being renovated. When in Maine, Jim loves to spend time with his brother, **Lance '86**. Fortunately for Lois, she gets to spend several months a year at the lake.

**Nina Hohman Rochette** still lives

in Brunswick and plans to revamp the downstairs this summer due to a leak over the winter. She just started a new job as office manager at Sunnybrook Village, a retirement community in Brunswick. Her husband works as a systems administrator in Bath. One son is a sophomore at Brunswick High School, another son lives in Augusta, while their daughter lives in Richmond. **Anthony Edith** and **Bonnie Hicks German** plan to get married this June. They started dating three months after the 30th Reunion. They are planning a destination wedding in Cape Canaveral.

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#### Class of 1981

**Anna Watson Peterson** noted that both she and **Sukie Berry McGowan** have seniors at MCI, "both of them are our youngest! **Peter R. Peterson '13** and **Katie Cronkite '13** will soon join the alumni as the Class of 2013."

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#### Class of 1982

Recently returning from Israel for a week to learn counter-terrorism tactics was **Robert Williams**, colonel of the Maine State Police.

#### Class of 1983

**Jack Mosher**, colonel and chief of staff of the Maine Army National Guard, was recently awarded the Legion of Merit. The award is given for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements.

#### Class of 1987

Still on the seacoast of New Hampshire is **Deb McCaughey-Gerrato** who is working three jobs (coach, salon & spa, and a boutique) and loving them all. Her son is turning 10 in August and she is really enjoying being a mom.

**Kathy Bouffard Kitchin** still calls Detroit home with her husband **Chip '88**, daughter **Ashley '12** and son **Trevor '14**. She has been the admin-



istrative assistant in the MCI Athletic Office for six years and enjoys it very much. Chip is the owner of Central Maine Golf Carts, Inc. in Pittsfield and Ashley is finishing up her first year of college at the University of Maine Augusta (Bangor Campus). Trevor is a junior at MCI this year. Some news she shares from classmates that she had spoken to recently is that **Lori Judkins Tozier** is happily anticipating the birth of her first grandchild in April. **Mike Roy** has sold his house in Pittsfield and has purchased a new one in Detroit and is looking forward to living in "the country."

Class agent **David O'Brien**: I still own a surveying and mapping business with **Stacy Brown '92** in Tampa, but I just had a new home built in Lithia outside Tampa. My family loves our new home and everything is great both personally and with my business. I stay in touch with 10 of my high school buddies with daily emails. It's quite funny how close the 10 of us still are after 25 years.

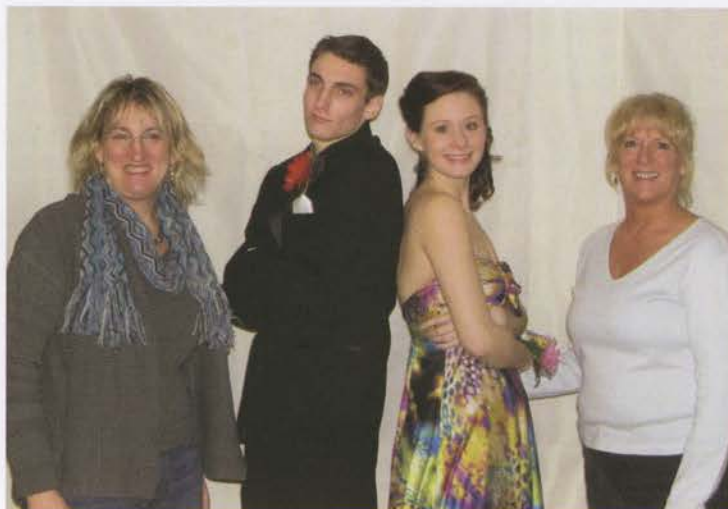
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#### Class of 1988

Co-class agent **CJ Mitchell**: I took a two week vacation to Italy back in May – visiting Rome, Venice, Florence, Tuscany and Monterosso – what a fabulous trip, I highly recommend Italy. I have also recently been pretty busy with building our new house – crazy amount of work required, but worth it in the end – due to move in around the middle of June. Other than that – normal crazy life raising four kids, busy job, coaching Bball and just being a dad.

Co-class agent **Loren LaValle Martin**: Still living in Concord, NH with my husband Dan and our youngest son Jacob. Dan and I both work for Avitar Associates performing mass appraisal work across the State. When not working, Jacob, 13, keeps us busy with all of his sports and school activities. Our oldest Jeff, 22, is in his fourth of five years at Penn State studying to be an architectural engineer. We are very proud of both of our boys. Our doors are always open if anyone would like to venture to NH. Anxiously awaiting our 25th and hope to see you all there.

**Jim Spencer** and his wife Annette



Anna Watson Peterson '81 with Martha "Sukie" McGowan '81 and their children, Peter Peterson '13 and Katie Cronkite '13 before the Sno-Ball.

and are now living in Saco. They work at Bayleys Camping Resort in the summer, while he works at a car lot in Gorham in the winters. "Livin the dream in sunny Saco, Maine." **Gail Reid** is excited for our 25th and that she still looks 18!

**Peter '86** and **Heidi Carron Frost** have lived in Palmyra for the past three years. She has worked at Seabasticook Valley Health for the past five years on the medical surgery floor and is training to work in the skilled care unit. Peter has been at CM Almy and Sons for 26 years and he still enjoys it. They will be celebrating 23 years of marriage. Daughter **Jayde '10** is taking a CNA class and in the fall will start nursing classes at KVCC or SMCC. Son **Austin '12** is almost 19 and is at SMCC in Portland taking graphic art design classes.

Moving once again, but now feeling settled is **Donna Deckert Handoe**. She now calls Joint Base Lewis-McChord outside of Tacoma, WA home. Her husband recently returned from his sixth major deployment and they are happy to be together as a family once again. Their son is enjoying third grade, Cub Scouts, swimming and track and field. Donna is volunteering with many Army programs, the PTA vice president, and recently became the volunteer coordinator for Santa's Castle (the base's program to ensure all soldiers' families receive Christmas presents).

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#### Class of 1990

**Peter Witham** is the front-man to Portland based rockabilly band "Pete Witham & the Cozmik Zombies" with **Steve Dunphy '96**. Pete toured for two years as lead guitarist with national recording act Spookie Daly Pride, opening for musicians such as Frog Brigade, Arrested Development, Bob Dylan, and other major bands. Since playing his original music, Pete has performed with many other national recording acts and a New England tour is planned for July. You can catch Pete's band regularly at The Frog and Turtle in Westbrook. Look for thier CD "Full Tilt!" in stores and on-line.

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#### Class of 1992

Class agent **Sean Callahan**: I recently attended winter carnival and worked on the 1st annual alumni snow sculpture. Watching the kids during Winter Carnival brought back great memories of high school. I am currently working with the Advancement Office on more alumni activi-

ties in the greater Portland area. The first one is scheduled May 23rd at 6 pm. More details to follow soon.

Celebrating her 14th wedding anniversary in September is **Becky Warger Howe**. Besides being very busy with a five and a seven year-old, she has decided to return to school where she is working on a BA in Early Childhood Education. Becky and her family live in Norridgewock in a house that they built themselves in 2007.

**Maureen McGivern Bianchi** got married in March in a haunted castle in the Prosecco valley of Italy. Maureen and her husband live in Bassano Del Grappa, Italy and both work for Diesel. She is the global female merchandiser for all of their collections in 88 countries. Maureen and her husband manage all fashion trends for those countries. The maid of honor was longtime friend **Courtney Barnes Dunbury**. Courtney and her husband live in Bourne on Cape Cod with their 13 and 10 year-old boys. She runs Courtney's Floral Creations in Falmouth, MA. Her work has been featured in wedding magazines and is the recommended choice for celebrity weddings on Cape Cod. She will be celebrating her 16th wedding anniversary this September.

**Vaughan Woodruff** is happily raising his family in Pittsfield with his wife. He owns Insource Renewables, a design/build firm focused on solar energy systems. Vaughan also provides technical writing and training for a variety of organizations and publications across the country. In his spare time, he's been working with the Heart of Pittsfield, a grassroots community organization focused on the revitalization of Pittsfield.

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#### Class of 1993

Co-class agent **Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo** writes: So great to hear from everyone!! I'm currently living in Quincy, MA with my husband Chris and my two children (Oliver, 3 and Dorothy, 15 months) who keep me quite busy!

**Andrea Ouelette McCannell** spent the holidays with **Jennifer Amara**



**Shaverdian** and her family and had fun at the alumni snow sculpture at Winter Carnival this year. She saw **Matt Stein** and **Donna Ward Stein '95**, **Tom Ward** and **Raegan Dunphy Ward '95**, **Jen Kuhlmeier Lebo** and **Kristin McCaughey Gagnon**. She is looking forward to the alumni "Summer Sno-ball" at Reunion.

Co-class agent **Kristin McCaughey Gagnon** writes: I am happily anticipating the Class of '93 Reunion and reconnecting with the old crew. A summer Sno-ball—seriously?! Oh I'll be there with my dancin' shoes on!"

**Scott Strom** is living in Virginia Beach with his two boys. He will be starting college for the first time this June after retiring from the Navy and plans to attend South University in Virginia Beach for physical therapy. **Bill Deck** is living in Orlando, Florida with his wife and three beautiful girls while working as the food and beverage director for the Hilton at SeaWorld Orlando.

**Catina Wakefield Bristow** is living in Grinnell, IA with her husband and two sons. She works in the medical field with Alzheimer's patients. Her oldest son will be turning 21 and the youngest will be graduating from high school and enrolling in the Marines. She plans to be entering a new chapter in her marriage called "empty nesters."

**Kerby Heath** is still in Columbus, OH with his partner. He is a nurse in the ER at the hospital associated with The Ohio State University, Wexner Medical Center. Living half a world away in Sweden is **Jennie Jarlebark Allard**. She has been a Coast Guard officer since 2001 but for the past three years has been studying (full-time, while also working full-time) and will have her BSc in zoology in May.

Newport is home for **Jeri-Lynn Whitaker Chambers** who is the state director for a human service agency called LifeShare. It provides adult and children's foster care services to individuals with intellectual disabilities. She greatly enjoys her work and her 21 and 17 year-old boys. **Deidre Heaton Corson** and her husband just sold their house and are trying to move closer to the ski resort with their two children and golden retriever. "I'm wicked excited

to come back for our 20 yr!"

**Tobey Joe Anderson** lives in North Carolina with his wife. **Laura Sanborn Holt** is married with two teenagers and is a licensed massage therapist working in Skowhegan. **Nikki Day Marcia** has been married for 15 years with a 10 year-old son and a 13 year-old daughter and works for Healthreach in Skowhegan as a hospice home health aide. **Carl and Sabine McKenna McAlpine** have been married for 16 years and have three girls, 15, 13 and 11, and two dogs. **Emily '16** is a freshman at MCI and attended the Sno-ball.

**Doreen Hardie Berry** resides in Thorndike with her husband and daughter. She works at Unity-Varny Agency Inc. as a licensed insurance agent. **BillieJo Ramsdell Foss** has been married for almost nine years, has four children and three step-children. She is attending school working on her bachelor's degree in psychology. **Andrea Orr Clifford** lives in Fairfield, CT with her husband and three boys. She gave up a career as an English teacher to stay home with her boys.

**Stacey Trautz Watson** lives in St Albans with her husband and daughter who is a junior at Nokomis. She works for Attorney **Mike Wiers '67**. **Jennifer Ouellette Frederick** lives in Gray with her husband and two year-old son. She is a AVP branch manager at a bank in Portland. **Angela McMann Jarvis** and two daughters reside in Burnham. She teaches pre-vocational special education at Lawrence HS and teaches speech and language at KVCC.

**Tracy Gillis Walker** has been with her husband for 11 years, has two children, and lives in Connecticut. She is a registered respiratory therapist at an area hospital in critical care and emergency medicine. For the last seven years, Tracy has been the clinical educator for a local college.

**Kathrin Veith** lives in Frankfurt with her family of five. She works for Lufthansa German Airlines working on their website and everything that goes with it.

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### Class of 1995

Class agent **Frannie Oviatt Rogers** is living right here in Pittsfield with her husband of almost twelve years and their three sons. Frannie is teaching language arts and social studies at Warsaw, and loves working with her fifth and sixth grade students. She has a small side business in photography and is currently training for her first half marathon this June. She is excited about her new role as class agent and is looking forward to catching up with everyone!

**Heather Neal** is living in Belgium with her husband and three year-old daughter. Heather is a stay at home mom who dabbles in digital design in her free time. She's planning a trip home sometime in July or August. **Krista Archer Franklin** is living just outside Jacksonville, FL with her husband of 2 years and a blended family with five children. **Teresa Cook Noble** is living in Pittsfield with her husband **Scott '92** and they have been married nearly 17 years. Son Hunter is 13 and son **Zachary '15** is 17 and a sophomore at MCI. Teresa works for John T Cyr and sons and Scott is working for the Town of Pittsfield as a supervisor for the Water and Sewer Department.

For nearly two years, **Cindy-Rae Holbrook Vinson** has been living in Kinsey, AL with her husband of almost 14 years and their daughter. **Shannon Smith Trask** is now living in Etna with her husband Rob and their four children. She just graduated from Empire beauty school and is working at Absolute Beauty Salon in Hermon. **Laura Frost Petrucelly** is living in Pittsfield with her husband of 14 years and their daughter. She is a stay at home mom and cares for her niece three times a week. She also teaches Sunday school at Calvary Baptist Church in Newport. **Melissa Hamm Plummer** resides in Burnham and has been married for ten years. They have one son at Warsaw and another at Vickery.

Living down in South Carolina is **Heather Klein** and her nine year-old son. She teaches piano, guitar, and general music education at the Low Country Piano Studio. She is humbled to be making a difference in the lives of the people in her com-

munity, the way that many of the teachers at Warsaw and MCI did for her. **Dan Stein** is practicing law in Fresno, CA and focuses on business litigation and developing his environmental law practice. Dan got married last year and plays regularly in two Central Valley bluegrass bands and is about to release his first album with Sycamore Bend. He and his wife enjoy gardening, their bonsai collection and their dog.

**Melinda Salisbury Gray** resides in Newport with her husband and daughter. She has worked at UTC in Pittsfield for almost eight years. Enjoying northern Virginia is **Jessica Englebaugh Milan** and her husband and daughter. She is pursuing a teaching degree for grades K-8. On the other side of the coast is **Sara Wright** who lives in Portland, OR and recently had a baby. She is trying to finish her MS while working with the local farmer's market, rowing, and bicycling. **Donna Stein** lives in North Yarmouth with **Matt '93** and their two girls. She works at L.L. Bean part time and in May will be participating in a triathlon in Freeport. They stay very active with skating, sledding and skiing and are looking forward to biking, hiking and camping this summer.

**Gabe Crate** lives in Los Angeles. He has neither pet nor child, but a lovely and talented girlfriend of seven years. Gabe is pursuing a career in the entertainment industry. **Annie Steele Duran** lives near San Diego with her husband and works for a local health system as a registered nurse specializing in infection prevention & epidemiology. They enjoy their pets, gardening, dancing, and traveling to visit family & friends in various corners of the country - especially those in Maine.

For almost five years, **Becky Garnett** has been living in western North Carolina and is starting to forget what snow looks like. No kids but two wonderful dogs by her side. Beck is the program director for a 24 / 7 / 365 crisis response team and loves the drama. She also celebrated her 16-yr kidney transplant anniversary in November and is doing great. **Megan Cianchette Kelley** lives in Quincy, MA with her husband and two daughters. She works at the law firm Fish & Richardson in Boston. **Jaime Gray** is still the port director with



U.S. Customs and Border Protection in Madawaska, the second busiest border crossing in the state.

**Brenda Reid** lives in Vassalboro. She has been working at TD Bank for three years and has worked her way up the ladder to assistant vice president of the Auburn call center. **Michelle Poulin Burtt** lives in China (Maine that is) with her husband, daughter and son. She graduated from Orono with her BSN and worked as an RN for nearly nine years before a career change to education as an ed tech III in the learning disability area. **Abby Friend Walker** lives in Skowhegan with her husband **Eric '96** and their two children. She is blessed to have a job she loves helping people feel their best with chiropractic care. **Raegan Dunphy Ward** is living in Burnham with her husband, **Tom '93** and is an ER nurse at SVH. They have two children.

**Joshua Butler** lives in London with his wife of 11 years and an overweight cat. He works as a key account manager for Bibendum Wine. Alongside getting the public to drink better wine, Josh enjoys DIY and helping his wife with her fledgling ballet school and traveling. They have upcoming plans for Cyprus, South Africa and New England. **Mary Wintle Savage** lives in San Antonio with her husband of 10 years and their twin girls. Mary works part-time as a physical therapist. They are anxiously awaiting her husband's military retirement within the year and returning to family and friends in the northeast.

Living down the road in Waterville is **Heather Hamilton Jabar**, her husband of eight years and their four children. She works part-time at the Harold Alfond Center for Cancer Care. **Alison Cropley Comissiong** is married to her husband of 12 years, **Jeff '90**. They have two girls and Alison enjoys athletics of all kinds, gardening, just about anything outdoors and cheering for her husband's football team. Finally, **Joy Lyons West** lives in Detroit with her husband of 11 years. She has three children and enjoys gardening and most crafts -- especially quilting!

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Kelli Brown Magoon '96 and her husband, Josh

## Class of 1996

**Garrish Wilder** lives in Auburn with his wife and 14 year-old son. He is currently unemployed and misses all the fun and memories from school. **Jessica Jordan** and her husband have three children (ages 13, 4 and 21 months) and are expecting a new baby in May 2013. She is pursuing a BA from Southern New Hampshire University. In addition to being a busy mom and student, she is also a DJ and has helped raise money toward droughts in Somalia.

**Jill Hart Watrous** and husband **Jason '94** have a 1 year-old son. She's worked as an occupational therapy assistant for Spurwink Services for the past 9 years and loves it. **Kelli Brown Magoon** continues to work for Eastern Maine Healthcare System in Brewer. She married her husband in September 2012 at home in Harmony. She enjoys playing on her husband's family farm.

**Heather Gray Csontos** recently accepted the role as class agent and can't wait to hear how everyone is doing. She lives in Clinton with her husband and three children, Sara, 5, Adam, 3, and Dana, 19 months and 2 dogs. She volunteers at St. John's Regional Catholic School where Sara is a kindergartener.

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## Class of 1997

**Aaron Rosen** and his wife are moving back to the UK in April, where she is finishing her PhD and he is a professor at King's College London.

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## Class of 1998

**Roland Bussey** is going to Saint Petersburg College, studying business, and tattooing on the side. **Paul Collins** is an industry manager at Google in Mountain View, CA. He graduated from the Haas School of Business at UC Berkeley in 2011. He and his fiancée just bought a house in San Francisco and are busily planning their wedding in May. **Kelly Jackson Hasselbrack** recently graduated from Northwest Nazarene University, summa cum laude, with a M.Ed. in reading.

**Jared McCannell** has been enjoying his new role at MCI and living on campus with wife Kelli and son Henry. They are happy to announce a new addition to the family (due later this summer). **Jen McKenzie** came back to Maine in 2003 and started working with technology in school districts in the area. **Charmaine Patel** is a physician working in the Division of Cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston. She studied biology and art at the University of Maine and graduated from the University of Vermont College of Medicine in 2007. She enjoys running, visiting family in Maine, and hopes to eventually return to practice.

**Melissa Caldwell Roberts** lives with her husband and son in Biddeford. Melissa is currently teaching fourth grade in Portland and training teachers at the Northeast Foundation for Children in the summer. While out on maternity leave, Melissa completed her certificate of advanced graduate study in educational leadership from the University of New England. **Teresa Smith Reynolds** is living in Burnham with her husband and three boys. **Elizabeth Smith** and her significant other are excited to announce they are expecting their first child at the end of May.

**Patrick Steeves** had a great time working on the 1st annual alumni snow sculpture at Winter Carnival this year. He is looking forward to seeing the Class of '98 at Reunion in August. He and wife **Nicole Cianchette Steeves '99** continue to reside in Pittsfield with their two boys. He is currently working in his 13th year at Cianbro Corporation. **Heidi Wilcox** is living in Etna with her 13 yr-old son and has worked for Irving oil for the last six years. **Manda Wright, her wife**, and two children still live in Maine. Christmas Eve they brought a new addition to their home, a black lab / boxer mix puppy.

Class agent **Jason Cummings** and his wife Christy are in Brookline, MA with daughter, Ada and newborn son, Charlie. Jason is still happily teaching.

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## Class of 1999

**Abigail Ross Varga** and her husband live in South Portland with their dog. Abbey is an attorney and practices civil litigation at the law firm Lambert Coffin. **Jenn Huff** is a mother of four girls and part-time worker for Maine General at Gray Birch as a CRMA/CNA. She is also a part-time scholar at CMCC and is in the process of writing a book.

**Stephen McCarron** is living in Pittsfield and has been married for nearly 11 years. He graduated from EMCC in 2008 with an associates in civil engineering, worked for Lane Construction until 2011, and is currently at Cianbro. He is the treasurer for the local Kiwanis Club, president of the



Central Maine Egg Festival, and a captain on the Detroit Fire Department. Steven has two girls.

**Maria Ushakova** stays in touch with **Eirik Vad** and through education, work and travel they both have been shaped into people who want to give back to their communities, their countries and change the world. Maria is active in charity work in Moscow, Russia where she lives. Eirik, inspired by her efforts, decided to relocate to Moscow and collectively they have founded the charity, Second Chance.

#### Class of 2000

Class agent **Michael Thompson** is currently deployed as a captain in the United States Air Force working as a maintenance officer. He is married and lives in Detroit. When not deployed, Michael is a firefighter / EMT at the Bangor International Airport. **Simon Fitts** is currently living in the Newport area, with his wife and two boys. He works part time at Sears in Newport while finishing up a 3rd business degree at Husson University. Simon still enjoys playing basketball and volunteering to coach local youth sports in his spare time. **Hilary Cofer Heap** lives in Las Vegas with her husband and her two year-old daughter. After graduating from law school, she joined the Clark County district attorney's office as a deputy district attorney where she prosecutes criminal cases ranging from simple misdemeanors to murders.

**Chris Lowe** joined the US Air Force in 2003 and is currently a staff sergeant. He has been deployed to Iraq twice and Afghanistan once, and will be deploying back later this year. Chris was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal for an Act of Heroism by responding to a gunshot victim at a local establishment. Chris and his wife, daughter and two step-children reside in Tucson. **Mayuko Toriumi McKnight** is married, lives in Vermont, and is starting nursing school this fall. **Scott Giallombardo** is currently working at MCI as an academic counselor. He built his home two years ago in St. Albans where he currently resides. **Justin Ladd** and **Jennifer Williams** are currently living in Scarborough and working in the greater Portland area. They are engaged to be married in June 2013.

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#### Class of 2001

**Ben Hall** works at Cianbro as a project manager. He and his wife **Natalia Mayhew Hall '99** live in Pittsfield with their little girl and are expecting another child this June.

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#### Class of 2002

**Kelly Williams Duplisea** lives in Brunswick and is working as a radiographer. She is married to **Adam Duplisea '96**, and has two children. They are very involved in cycling and will again participate in the 2013 Trek Across Maine this June. **Erin Fitts** has lived in Singapore since 2009 and is a teacher at St. Patrick's School, an all-boys Catholic secondary school. She is very involved with the school's championship soccer team. Erin has had the opportunity to travel throughout Asia, most recently to Vietnam. She says "As much as I miss Maine, Singapore has become my home away from home."

**Donna Russo Sawtelle** and her husband bought a house in Plymouth last September and their daughter just started kindergarten. She works as an ed tech at MCI. She adds, "It's so much fun being back, although I certainly didn't miss all the stairs in Founders!" **Dianna Cronkite Sullivan** lives in Lakewood, WA with her husband and their two children. She is currently working on her master's degree at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma for marriage and family therapy. She plans to graduate in December 2013. **Kathy Russo** lives in Bangor with her nine year-old son and has been working at a local hotel for about four years.

**Laura Robison** lives in the California's Bay Area with her fiancé, their new son and step-son. She is the manager of audience engagement at a tech media company in San Francisco where she's worked for the past five years. **Andrew St. Clair** lives in Malden, MA and is currently working at Oracle in Burlington, MA. **Amanda Quint Eason** and her husband recently welcomed their 2nd son in October, joining his four year-old brother. Amanda accepted a pro-

motion to clinician in the vascular intensive care unit at Tampa General Hospital. She is enjoying the challenges of being an assistant manager in an ICU.

**Jonathan Volpi** lives in Boca Raton, FL and works as an area coordinator for the Housing and Residence Life Office for Lynn University where he is also the assistant coach of cross-country. He also runs for an elite running team and actively competes in races from 5K to marathons. Lynn University hosted the 3rd and final presidential debate in October. **Ryuto Arakaki** lives in Bronx, NY with his wife and bulldog. He works in New York for Marubeni.

**Wassem M. Amin** is an associate attorney at Dhar Law, LLP in Boston where he also heads the firm's Africa and Middle East development initiative. Wassem earned his juris doctor, magna cum laude, from New England Law in Boston, graduating in the top 1% of his class. As part of his pro bono initiatives he is working on establishing an international non-profit to aid in the reformation of his home country, Egypt. Wassem has written extensively about Islamic finance and the Middle East.

Class agent **Kerri George** has been living in Sarasota, FL for almost seven years and works as a photographer for Blackstream Creative. She enjoys traveling the U.S. for photo shoots at various hotels. Kerri is also excited about her upcoming wedding this summer!

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#### Class of 2003

Class agent **Ashley Holt Morency** lives in southern Maine with her husband and daughter. She is working on planning a great 10th Reunion and can't wait to see everyone in August. Please feel free to contact her about Reunion.

**Brian Knight** lives in Rochester, NY, has been married for four years and has a four year-old girl. He works for Bed Bath & Beyond as a bridal consultant. **Matthew Nichols** lives in Bangor with his wife of almost two years. They are expecting a child in July. He is also working on a children's book. **Jarod Richmond** is teaching and

coaching football, basketball and track at Hall-Dale High School.

**Amanda Cowing Okuley** and her husband live in Lynchburg, VA with their dog and cat. She works full-time as a nurse in the ICU at a local hospital, teaches junior level nursing students at Liberty University, and will soon begin travel nursing to state-wide hospitals.

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#### Class of 2005

Class agent **Sarah Frost** recently took on this volunteer position for the class. Please feel free to contact her at her email address below or visit the Maine Central Institute Class of 2005 Facebook group page to leave a message, post an update or share other info, pics and memories.

**Ashley Currier** lives and works in Pittsfield as a 3rd grade teacher.

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#### Class of 2007

After almost five years with the Bank of America, **Emily Woodbury** is now the lobby supervisor for one of the smaller credit unions in the state in Hampden. She graduated from Husson University in 2011 with cum laude honors. During college she played field hockey, winning the conference championship her junior and senior year, and also studied one semester in Costa Rica. **Eliot Cochrane** currently resides in Japan where he teaches high school English. He will soon be returning to the States for a seasonal research position in Rhode Island.

**Hilary Bickford** is attending KVCC for occupational therapy with hopes of transfer to Husson University. She has a son who is now in pre-school. She is also employed with OHI where she helps take care of three elderly ladies who have intellectual disabilities. "I hope everyone is doing well!" **Jillianne Wrin Valeriani** resides in Norway, ME with her husband and son and works as a behavioral health professional for OT to Play. She is also a medic in the Army Reserves. **Amanda Hamilton Petersen** resides with her husband and two children



in Kennebunk and runs the rehab office for SMMC in Kennebunk.

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## Class of 2008

Class agent **Tyler Lepage** lives in Burnham, ME and recently graduated from Unity College with a bachelor's degree in conservation law. He is in the process of starting a small business which he plans to open in the spring of 2014.

Congratulations to **Jade Wells** and **Jacob Marcoux**, who were on the Dean's List for Fall 2012 at the University of Maine at Farmington. **Emily Fowle** is living in Portland and recently graduated from the University of Maine at Farmington with a degree in community health education and a minor in biology. She is attending the University of Southern Maine and working towards her master's degree in public health with a concentration in health management. **Erin Sherwood** lives in Pittsfield and is a single stay-at-home mother of a beautiful three year-old daughter. She is taking classes online for her associate's degree in criminal justice.

**Megan Bowman Foster** lives in Kennebunk where she is in the process of building her home with her new husband. She has worked for three years as the herd manager at Green Valley Farm in Newburgh. **Melissa LeBel** is currently living in West Haven, CT. She has her nursing assistant and medical assistant certifications and plans to start nursing school hopefully by fall of 2013. **JoAnna Carpentier** lives in Boston and works as a bartender. She graduated from Southern NH University with an associate's degree in culinary arts in 2010 and is now a student at UMass Boston, studying English and gender studies. She spends her free time dabbling in random art, DIY and writing projects.

After graduating from Lyndon State College with a degree in exercise science, **Jill Rancourt** works as a physical therapy assistant and personal trainer at Dockside Physical Therapy in Belgrade, ME. She lives in Pittsfield. **Heather Mosher** is currently living in Fairfield. She graduated from Empire Beauty School and has worked at Supercuts for three years. She is proud to report she is 70

pounds lighter than she was at MCI. **Anna Faulkner** is currently living in Pittsfield with her boyfriend and their four year-old daughter and 17 month son. She works at Argo and they are in the process of buying a home.

**Tiffany Richards Weston** lives in Canaan with her husband of three years and her three year-old son and seven month daughter. She graduated from the University of Phoenix with her associate's degree in elementary education and is currently a full-time student working on her bachelor's degree. Tiffany works as a cashier at Wal-Mart in Palmyra. **Jordan Paradis** lives in Brewer and volunteers at Ross Manor. **Mathieu Delaney** lives in Vassalboro and works for the government as a financial services tech. He attends the University of Maine at Augusta where he is studying justice studies and playing basketball.

Recently graduating with a bachelor's degree in communication sciences and disorders, **Hannah Snow** is now working towards her master's degree in speech-language pathology at the University of Maine. She is currently living in Orono. **Taran Silvia** lives all the way out in Billings, MT with her soon-to-be husband and 13 month-old daughter. They are planning on moving to North Dakota sometime this year. **Brittany Huff Shores** lives in Oakland, Maine with her husband and their four year-old and four month-old daughters. She is working as a CNA in home health. **Alyssa Ludden** lives in Pittsfield with her fiancé and son who is 4 years old and is currently working as a CNA at the Pittsfield Nursing Home.

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## Class of 2009

Congratulations to **Olivia Perkins** who earned the Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester at the University of Maine at Augusta, and to **Macie Peterson**, who earned the Dean's List for the Fall 2012 semester at the University of Maine at Farmington.

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## Class of 2010

**Terra Frederick** was inducted into the Kappa Delta Phi education honor society at Eastern Nazarene College during the fall of 2012, and made honor roll for fall 2012. **Maggie Bryant** is a junior at the University of Maine at Farmington studying rehabilitation. *The Morning Sentinel* recently published the promotion of **Andrew Denis** of Pittsfield, Company B, 3/172d Infantry (Mountain) Pfc for The Maine Army National Guard. Denis was promoted to the rank in January.

Congratulations to the following who were honored for the fall 2012 semester: **Meagan Ames**, President's List at Plymouth State University. **Jacob Hunt**, Dean's List at Northern Maine Community College. **Melanie Arias**, Dean's List at Union University. **Dori Condon** and **Marguerite Bryant**, Dean's List at the University of Maine at Farmington.

## Class of 2012

**Rikito Watanabe** now lives in Romania where he and his family have opened a fast food restaurant. **Michaela George** is attending the University of Southern Maine where she is majoring in health sciences and playing field hockey.

**Trey Vintinner** was named to the University of New England's fall semester Dean's List. **Paula Arias** was named to the fall 2012 semester Dean's List at Union University in Jacksonville, TN where she is majoring in mathematics with a minor in education. Paula is playing soccer for Union. **Ashley Kitchin** is finishing up her first year of college at the University of Maine Augusta (Bangor Campus).

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No class agent for your class? If you are interested in volunteering to be a class agent, please contact the Advancement Office at (207) 487-5915 or alumni@mci-school.org.

# In Memoriam

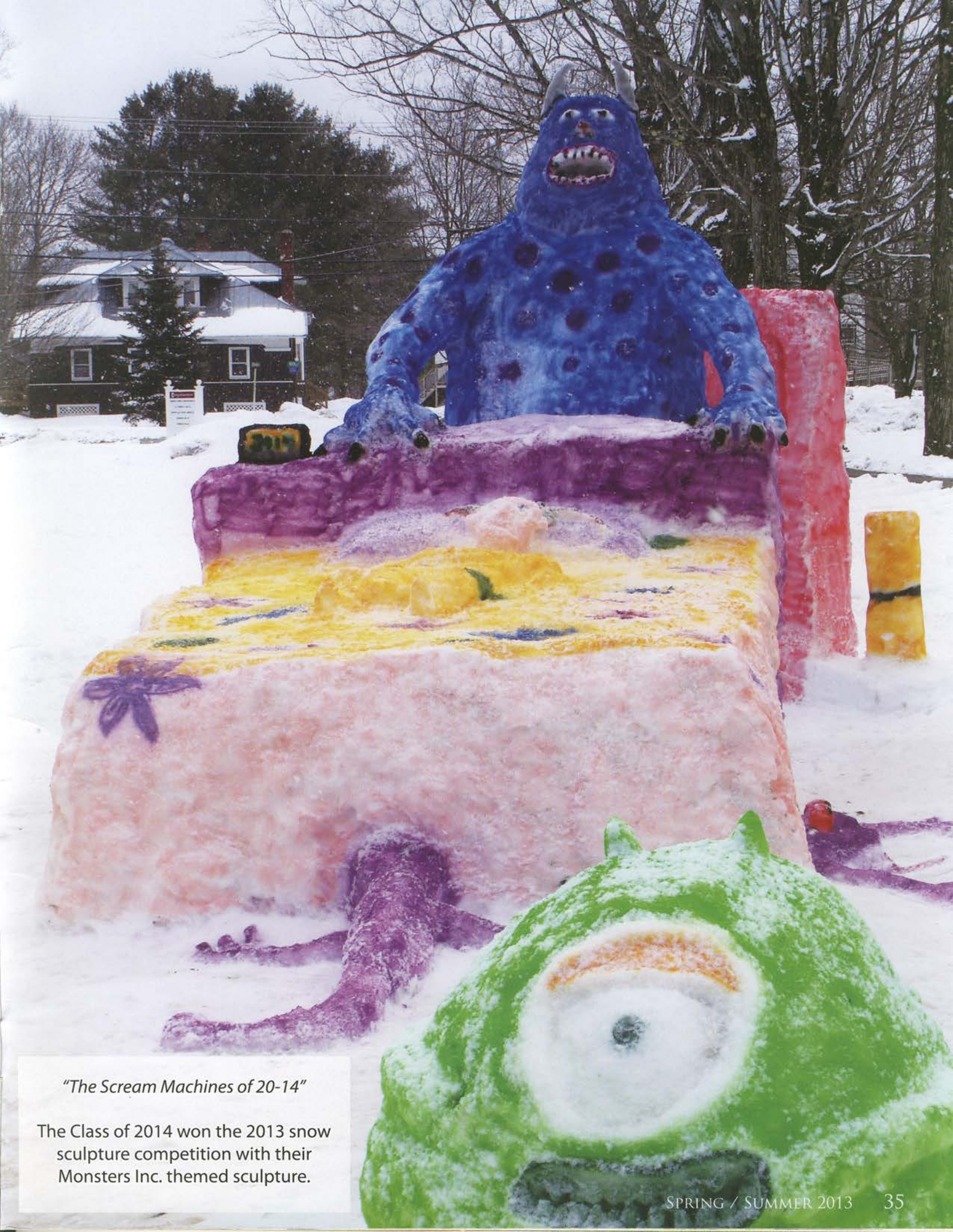
The Advancement Office was notified of the passing of these members of the MCI family:

Keith L. Jordan '32  
Edward E. Davis '34  
Harold A. Varnum '37  
Mary Gerow Jones '41  
Margaret Gosline Blaisdell '42  
Eleanor Emery Varney '45  
Lorraine Karam Bridges '46  
Larry Giovannucci '46  
Merlon P. Tilton '46  
Anthony J. MacHaj '47  
Milton R. Seekins '50  
James P. Violette '50  
Hamilton W. Grant '53  
Glenwood H. MacDougall '53  
Edwin Vaughn Philbrick '53  
Glenna Ames Proctor '55  
Dale F. Whitney '55  
Paul A. Nichols '57  
Verna Humphrey Southard '60  
Theodore M. Grant '64  
Robert R. Welch '65  
Ellen Sinclair Robbins '81  
Bruce M. Welch '84  
Scott E. Lovely '90  
Helene Staples

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.

**Correction:** In the Fall / Winter 2011 issue of the *Alumnus*, we incorrectly reported that Betty Mercier Susi '52 had passed away. It was actually Betty Susi, the widow of Paul Susi '46, who passed away. Our most sincere apologies for any confusion.





*"The Scream Machines of 20-14"*

The Class of 2014 won the 2013 snow sculpture competition with their Monsters Inc. themed sculpture.





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## *Save the Date!*

Senior Chapel ..... May 31

Graduation ..... June 2

Reunion Weekend ..... August 2 & 3

Hall of Fame / Distinguished  
Achievement Ceremony ..... August 2

Homecoming Weekend .. Sept. 27 & 28

Athletic Hall of  
Fame Ceremony ..... Sept. 28

MCI's Jazz Combo "Yield" with their Gold Award plaque, second place award and Outstanding Musicianship award from the State Jazz Festival. Students: Joseph Yeh '13, Walter Reuter '13, Carolyn Newhouse '13, Kevin Belgard '15, Ashley McFarland '14, Hannah Wardwell '14, and Jenn Chadwick '14