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On the cover: Reflecting MCI's 2012-13 School theme of Kindness, the word "Kindness" is depicted in many languages. Garnet words represent the languages of MCI's multicultural student body (countries: Brazil, China, Hong Kong, Korea, Norway, Russia, Taiwan, Thailand, United States, and Vietnam).

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# FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

We all can recall that our high school years were not without challenges. In fact, for many they were some of the toughest of our lives. Physical changes, entrance into the world of young adulthood, the establishment of adolescent “pecking orders”... these and many other teen phenomena often made this four-year span in our lives full of little cruelties which fed our insecurities and challenged our ability to persevere. It was, and is, true at Maine Central Institute and every other high school public or private, boarding or day.

That’s why I am so proud of the way the MCI community has responded to this year’s theme: Kindness.

Many students and faculty who have attended or served at other schools before arriving at Maine Central Institute say that ours is a much kinder place than others. However, rather than leaving well enough alone, the community has embraced Kindness unlike any of the themes which have come before and is seeking to get even better. The most powerful manifestations of this goal are very simple in nature, and they happen on a daily basis—doors are held open for others; eye contact, smiles and salutations are more frequent; “Please,” “Thank you” and “I’m sorry” are recognized for the power these simple statements hold; kind comments are replacing even well-intended, affectionate teasing that can cause accidental hurt.

Though Ben Franklin’s *Poor Richard’s Almanac* didn’t include this as one of its many famous maxims, it seems sure that he would have agreed with the saying: “If you take care of the little things, the big things will take care of themselves.” So it is with Kindness, and so the MCI community, and by this I mean more than ever the students themselves, are engaged in random acts which demonstrate care, selflessness, forgiveness and tolerance. In a nation which (except in times of crisis) seems increasingly to celebrate selfishness and the quest for personal gain at the expense of others (just watch any of the myriad “reality TV shows” for a few, painful minutes), I am once again proud that MCI is stubbornly holding on to the values you remember as central to the School’s mission and identity. We are being counter-cultural by holding on to the core values and traditions present when the School was founded, while at the same time looking ahead to the future needs of our students and overall community.

I know that there is a long tradition of Kindness at MCI because I have met so many alumni here on campus or during my travels, and I’ve been the beneficiary. Thank you for your care for and kindness toward this great old school, and please enjoy this issue of the *Alumnus*.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hopkins  
Headmaster



“Kindness, I’ve  
discovered, is  
everything in life.”

~ Isaac Bashevis Singer



## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

I thoroughly enjoyed the MCI publication this time. It was extremely informative and a pleasure to read. I remain proud of the fact that I was privileged enough to attend and graduate from such an excellent school. Mrs. Earl, Ms. McDougal, Bev Cushman and Bert Pratt each had an enduring impact on the life I chose to pursue. Mr. Pratt gave me the tools *and* knowledge to attend college on scholarships and work study. Teaching children has provided a marvelous career. Thanks to all at MCI.

Joanne Withee '55

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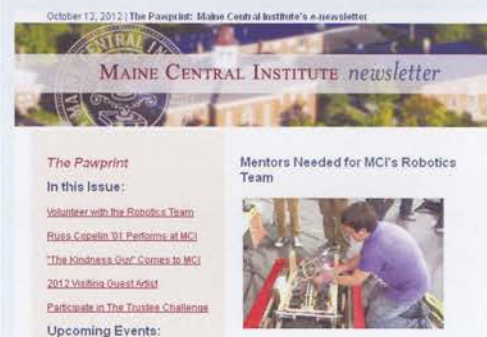
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# SCHOOL NEWS

## "The Kindness Guy" Visits MCI

Michael J. Chase spoke at MCI on October 9 as part of the Patterson Lecture Series. Affectionately known as "The Kindness Guy," Chase is an author and inspirational speaker. Considered an expert on the subjects of kindness and positive behavior, he is one of today's most sought-after teachers in the field of personal and spiritual development.

In 2007, Chase founded The Kindness Center with the vision of creating a more peaceful and kindhearted world. He is a main presenter at Hay House's renowned "I Can Do It" conferences. He spoke at the HOBY Conference 2012 and speaks at schools and businesses throughout New England. His book, *am I being kind: how asking one simple question can change your life and your world*, is a guide to personal transformation.

Chase shared his background with students, telling them about abuse, depression, and acts of unkindness in his childhood. "Unkindness was like a disease in my family," said Chase. "I had to make a choice." After a life-changing revelation in his mid-20s, Chase became determined to improve his life and help other people. "Kindness is the secret to happiness.

I realized simple acts of kindness had taken me out of my head and into my heart," said Chase. "When you are thinking, speaking or acting in a kind way, you can't be depressed."

*"Everyone deserves the same act of kindness. An act of kindness is straight from the heart, not because you want something in return."*

Chase went on to talk about doing random acts of kindness, suggesting small things that can make a difference in people's lives. "Everybody deserves the same act of kindness. An act of kindness is straight from the heart, not because you want something in return."

He highlighted the dangers of bullying, especially online through Facebook, telling the audience to "really think about everything you put out there." Chase closed his talk with the importance of both giving forgiveness and being able to receive kindness from others.



Michael J. Chase



# SCHOOL NEWS

## MCI Soccer Team Hikes for Kindness

On Sunday, August 19th and Monday, August 20th, the boys soccer team traveled to Baxter State Park to camp at Katahdin Stream Campground and climb Mt. Katahdin. In addition to enjoying one of the state's most amazing destinations, building team chemistry and working on leadership qualities, the soccer team connected their trip to MCI's 2012-13 school theme of "Kindness" by raising money for a charity of their choice. Members of the team were sponsored for how far they climbed and for reaching the summit. With donations from MCI community members, the boys soccer team raised over \$300. The money raised went to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy ([www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org)) to help maintain the trails that the team members enjoyed.

"In my seven years of working in education I have never been as proud of a group of individuals as I was on this trip," said Soccer Coach Scott Giallombardo '00. "What originally had started out as a 'team bonding' activity quickly turned into an opportunity to share kindness (our school theme) and to give the boys soccer team a chance to provide leadership within our school. Of the 23 soccer players that made their way to Baxter State Park to climb Mt. Katahdin, only three had ever been to this area of Maine, or previously reached the summit of this mountain. As the idea was introduced to the team early in preseason, you could already sense the pride and excitement growing in each of the boys as they anticipated making their way up the Hunt Trail as a team."



The boys soccer team on Katahdin



Left to Right: Peter Fendler '80, Norbert Young, Jr. '66, Clint Williams '86, Tim Archibald '84 and Mike Hodgins '86

## MCI Trustees Inspired to Hike Katahdin

Not to be outdone by the boys soccer team, a group of MCI trustees hiked Mt. Katahdin on October 18, the day before the fall board meeting. President of the Board of Trustees Norbert Young, Jr. '66 was joined by Dean of Admissions Clint Williams '86 as well as trustees Peter Fendler '80, Tim Archibald '84 and Mike Hodgins '86.

The group climbed to the summit using Cathedral Trail and returned in the dark using headlights via Saddle Trail. "MCI provided adult supervision for the four trustees in the form of Clint Williams," said Young. "It was a terrific adventure for all made so by mutual care, concern and a lot of kindness."



# SCHOOL NEWS



## MCI Receives Grant to Build Greenhouse

Maine Central Institute recently received a STEM4ME grant of \$4,285 from the Fast Track Grant Program of the Maine Community Foundation to build a greenhouse on the School's campus. The greenhouse will be approximately 12' x 12' and will be energy independent, with solar panels and radiant (forced air) heating. MCI's students will help determine the best orientation for the greenhouse, will help with the construction and will be responsible for growing and maintaining the plants. The greenhouse will grow hearty leafy greens, tomatoes and other vegetables for use by the School's Dining Services. A statewide organization with offices in Ellsworth and Portland, the Maine Community Foundation partners with donors and nonprofits to strengthen Maine communities. For more information, visit [www.mainecef.org](http://www.mainecef.org) or call 1-877-700-6800.



Tyler Sigston '16 works on the robot at the competition

## MCI Forms Robotics Team

MCI's newly formed robotics team is looking for adult volunteers who can help them design and build robots! Adult mentors with skills in carpentry, engineering, programming and electrical design are needed. Robotics competitions are becoming more popular in Maine and provide engineering math and science experience in a real-world setting. Currently consisting of eleven students, MCI's robotics team has participated in one competition thus far and is looking to compete again in December. "I was so impressed with all the students," said Robotics Team advisor Jaime Kearney after attending a competition. "They were professional, collaborative and doing really high-level math and physics on the spot." If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Jaime Kearney at [jkearney@mci-school.org](mailto:jkearney@mci-school.org) or (207) 487-3355 ext. 201.



The MCI Key Club at the SVH Breast Cancer Walk

## MCI Raises over \$600 for SVH Breast Cancer Walk

On Saturday, October 13 a large group from MCI participated in the Sebasticook Valley Health's 18th Annual Breast Cancer Walk. Participants included the MCI Key Club, the boys and girls soccer teams and MCI alumni and parents. The money raised will directly benefit individuals in the area with free breast health services.



# NEW FACES @ MCI



George Bevis is an ED Tech I, assisting students in classes and working with students one-on-one and in small groups.



Christina Hughes is an ED Tech I, assisting students in classes and working with students one-on-one and in small groups.



Donna Sawtelle is an ED Tech I, assisting students in classes and working with students one-on-one and in small groups.



Rachel Chisholm is an ED Tech I, assisting students in classes and working with students one-on-one and in small groups. In addition, Rachel lives in the Shorey Apartments and assists with residential duties on campus.



Jared McCannell '98 is MCI's assistant director of alumni affairs. He lives in Alumni Hall with his family and is excited to be back on campus working with alumni in the Advancement Office.



Sam Scogin teaches two sections of Humanities History II, two sections of Honors Humanities History II and one section of Humanities History III. He also is a dormitory supervisor in Manson Hall.



Nicole Cournoyer '06 teaches five sections of health classes during the fall term and four sections of health and one of nutrition in the spring. She will be coaching varsity girls' tennis and is a dormitory supervisor in Alumni Hall.



Kelli McCannell is the director of Alumni Hall. She oversees all students and residential staff in Alumni Hall and coordinates all residential activities.



Lonnie Thompson is an Ed Tech III, assisting students in classes and working with students one-on-one and in small groups. He lives in Manson Hall with his family.



Karen Curtis teaches AP Calculus BC, Integrated Math I, CP Geometry, and CP Algebra IB. In addition, she advises the Math Team and is a dormitory supervisor in Alumni Hall.



Sarah McKeown teaches Algebra IB, Algebra 2A and three sections of AP Calculus AB. She also assists in the Music Department and is a dormitory supervisor in Alumni Hall.



Megan Thompson is the director of Manson Hall where she resides with her husband, Lonnie, and two children. She oversees all students and residential staff in Manson Hall.



Brett DeGrasse is a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor and has joined MCI's Wellness Center as a personal counselor.



Patrick Nelson teaches two sections of ESL Writing, two sections of ESL Literature and Writing and ESL Humanities English III. In addition, Patrick is a dormitory supervisor in Rowe Hall and assists in the after school ESL program.



Guang Yang teaches two sections of Chinese I and two sections of Chinese II. He also acts as a family liaison and serves as a dormitory supervisor in Rowe Hall.



# THE ARTS @ MCI



Stella Choi '12's senior project painting now hangs in the stairway of the JR Cianchette building



Kat Smedberg '13 works in MCI's dark room during photography class



## Russ Copelin '01 Performs at MCI

Russ Copelin '01, Alaska's only professional touring ukulele artist, performed at MCI on October 3 as the first artist in the 2012-13 Performance Series. In addition, Copelin met with MCI music students during a classroom workshop following the performance.

Copelin attended the University of Maine at Farmington, graduating in 2005. Copelin started his career in New England as a professional entertainer in 2005 and has been playing constantly since. After three published albums with the Sween Machine record label, one independent release, and several tours back and forth across the continent with East Coast bands, Copelin moved to the interior of sub-arctic Alaska. He has played as far west as Hawaii and as far east as his roots in Maine and is constantly writing and adding new material to his ever expanding set list.



MCI's Drama Team takes advantage of the beautiful fall weather and rehearses for their fall production of *Guys and Dolls* on the front campus.



## Lahana Palencia '13 Earns Placement in All-State Jazz Choir

MCI senior Lahana Palencia earned placement into Maine's All-State Jazz Choir. Palencia is one of eight alto voice part singers selected for the ensemble from state-wide auditions which were held in Augusta, Maine on October 12. The group of 32 singers that make up the choir will be working together in the first week of January with guest conductor Dr. Cathy Jensen-Hole from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst.



# Athletics @ Maine Central Institute



The fall sports season started with pre-season practices on August 13. There were approximately 145 students participating in MCI's seven fall interscholastic athletic programs.

Homecoming activities began on Wednesday, October 19 with morning meeting; classes and teams met in

## Fall Season / Homecoming 2012 Recap

the evening to begin work on their parade floats. Activities Thursday evening began with the parade followed by class competitions and a bonfire. The pep rally on Friday afternoon kicked off a weekend of home athletic contests. The cross country team began the weekend's athletic events with another home meet followed by a football booster tailgate / barbeque leading up to the football game that evening. Following brunch on Saturday morning, many members of the fall athletic teams along with parents and community members braved the rainy weather and showed their support of the field hockey, girls soccer, and boys soccer

games at Manson Park. The weekend activities wrapped up with an alumnae field hockey game on Sunday morning.

The golf team ended the regular season with a 7-2 record and placed third in the KVAC. They competed and qualified as a team, and also had one individual qualify for the State Championship matches held October 6 and October 13, respectively. The field hockey team made it to quarter finals, cross country competed in the KVAC championship meet and boys and girls soccer finished strong, almost making it to the playoffs. Football and cheering had an influx of young team members and saw great improvement through the season.

## MCI Inducts Four into Third Annual Athletic Hall of Fame



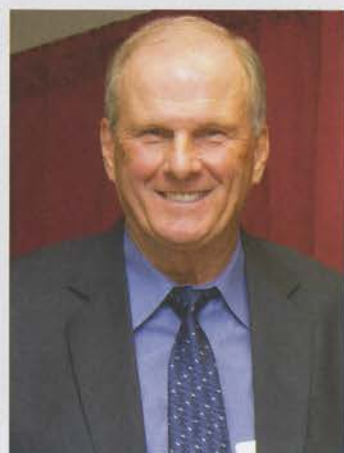
**Paul Bertrand '59** was a contributing member to the MCI Football Boosters' inception and was pivotal in the successful campaign that raised money for the installation of lighting on MCI's football field. He has contributed numerous hours to MCI in various volunteer and leadership roles.



**Rod Smith**, who was inducted posthumously, held the positions of athletic director and biology teacher at MCI from 1945 until his retirement in 1972. He also coached MCI soccer, baseball, girls basketball, PG basketball and field hockey. Susan Smith England '73, Smith's daughter, accepted the award on his behalf.




**Beth Staples '82** played field hockey, basketball and softball at MCI, earning MCI's Female Athlete of the Year award. Staples has coached at the University of Maine, Colby College and the Searsport District High School. She also won multiple Maine Press Association awards for sports writing.



**Archie Tracy '60**, who graduated from Bangor High School in 1959, was a post-graduate student at MCI. He was named to the All-New England Prep School Team and was inducted into the New England Basketball Hall of Fame as a result of his time at the School.

Go to [www.mci-school.org/hof](http://www.mci-school.org/hof) to see past inductees and to nominate future candidates.





"I believe that leadership is action, not position," states Hannah Emery '14. "Taking on the roles that I have this year is about doing, not about status. It's not about recognition and titles, it's about what you do." Emery, a junior from Detroit, Maine, is a hard worker who highly values success. She is an honors student taking Advanced Placement classes and has a diverse range of interests. Emery is also a three-sport athlete and captain of the soccer team, is the Student Council secretary, a member of the Key Club, the Student Leadership Committee, National Honor Society, Captains Club and the Science / Outing Club.

In addition, Emery is a co-founder and member of the Kindness Krew. The Krew began last year as Sammy Gachagua '12's senior project. "His passion for kindness was contagious," explained Emery. "It was something he cherished and was very personal for him. He was able to touch each and every one of us and it opened my eyes to what a difference kindness can make in someone's life." Through the senior project and the leadership of the Kindness Krew, Gachagua was able to collect over 3,000 pairs of shoes that he later delivered to an orphanage in Kenya. Primarily as a result of the impact of the project, students, faculty and staff chose kindness as the 2012-13 school theme.

Joining the Kindness Krew was a "perfect fit" for Emery. "I've gained a lot of confidence in myself and learned a lot in the past year." Before Gachagua graduated from MCI, he asked Emery to keep the Kindness Krew going and to make sure that it was not forgotten.

Emery has assumed her new responsibility as a leader on campus. "Personally, it has been very difficult to build confidence to take charge," she said. "Last year I was behind the scenes. The challenge is to step up and keep kindness going through my day, and also spread it."

# Cherishing Kindness

## Hannah Emery '14's Mission for Kindness On Campus



Thus far Emery is doing a fantastic job. She led the planning of this year's opening of school activities, all designed around kindness. She was also instrumental in bringing this year's first Patterson Lecture Series speaker, Michael Chase, to campus (see page 6). "My goal is to create an environment where kindness is really cherished and promoted as an everyday act. I hope future students who attend MCI learn how important kindness is."

Already Emery has seen changes on campus. "People react differently. It's made them think about how they act towards each other," she said. "At the Clubs and Activities Fair, there was a huge sign-up for the Kindness Krew. People are enthusiastic and excited to see what we have to offer. It's a really diverse group of kids with a strong passion for kindness."

Today there are over fifty students in the Kindness Krew. The Krew has three areas of focus for the 2012-13 school year: the MCI community, the local community and the global community. Though the Kindness Krew has three faculty advisors, it is student-led and activities are student-initiated. There are many projects in the works, and they are hoping to continue the tradition of Gachagua's shoe drive or a similar



MCI's Director of Counseling Jodi McGary '96, "The Kindness Guy" Michael Chase and Hannah Emery '14

large project in the spring.

The projects won't stop this spring. Emery plans to continue striving towards her kindness goal next year and even after she leaves MCI. "Kindness has really affected me. The people I've met have changed how I think and act. Kindness is a part of my life."

## A Kinder Campus


In addition to the efforts of the Kindness Krew, MCI students, faculty and staff have increased their kindness efforts both on and off campus. Recently the MCI Key Club partnered with the American Red Cross to hold a Blood Drive on campus. They also volunteered their time to do Halloween activities with area children. Several groups are in the process of collecting donations for food pantries and charities such as the Warm Winter Fund, Coats for Kids, and St. Jude's Hospital. In addition, the 9th biannual Community Service Day took place this fall with over 400 students, faculty and staff going out into the community to help area residents with fall clean-up, visit nursing homes, work with children in area schools, and other activities.



Students and faculty rake leaves outside the Pittsfield Public Library on Community Service Day.



# Kindness in Action



While this year's school theme of kindness has encouraged people on campus to focus and think more carefully about their thoughts and actions towards others, kindness is not new at MCI. MCI students have always valued kindness and continue to demonstrate what they have learned after they leave campus. Through their work, volunteer, or day-to-day activities, MCI alumni are striving to make a difference in the lives of others.

In their own words, three alumni explain their passion as well as their inspiration to do acts of kindness.

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## PAUL RIECKHOFF '94

Paul Rieckhoff attended MCI as a Post-Graduate in the football program. Originally from New York, Rieckhoff came to MCI on the recommendation of his high school coach. "As a kid, I spent summers vacationing in Maine with my family and always loved it, so I thought it could be a great fit," explained Rieckhoff. Rieckhoff enjoyed his time at MCI, and fondly remembers the people, especially his host family, the Oliveiras. "They were kind, generous, and tremendous ambassadors for MCI and the entire state of Maine," said Rieckhoff. "They made me feel at home—and taught me how to snowmobile!"

After MCI, Rieckhoff attended Amherst College, graduating in 1998. That fall, Rieckhoff enlisted in the Army Reserves before beginning a career on Wall Street. After participating in the rescue efforts at ground zero after the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, Rieckhoff volunteered to go to Iraq.

In 2004, after returning from Iraq, Rieckhoff founded the Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America (IAVA). The IAVA is the first and largest nonprofit, nonpartisan organization for new veterans, with over 200,000 Member Veterans and supporters nationwide. IAVA describes itself as a "21st Century veterans' organization dedicated to standing with the 2.4 million veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan from their first day home through the rest of their lives." The IAVA's mission is "to improve the lives of Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families."



Why do you think that you are so passionate about what you do?

*I'm passionate because the mission of LAVA is so important. I am honored to be able to represent so many amazing young veterans across the country. And they inspire me every single day. When I travel nationwide, and hear their stories of triumph, service and courage, it drives me to be a better leader every day.*

Who inspires you / has inspired you to do acts of kindness? Was there anyone at MCI who inspired / influenced you?

*My Nana (my great grandmother) was the most kind person I ever met in my life. She immigrated to America at age 14, able to speak no English at the time. She taught me to be generous, be considerate, and to take care of others, especially your family and friends.*

*Mr. and Mrs. Oliveira definitely inspired me too. Their example of warmth and generosity is something I will never forget.*



**JENNIFER ARCHIBALD WILLIAMS '81**

Jennifer Williams and her four brothers grew up in Pittsfield. After MCI, Williams attended Dart-

mouth College, graduating in 1985. She worked in educational fundraising for almost 15 years, mostly with Dartmouth.

Since 2003, Williams has been a joint venture partner with Norwich Partners, which buys and builds hotels in New England and Florida. She is also the executive director of the Children's Fund of the Upper Valley, which benefits local children's charities.

The current focus of the Children's Fund is helping underprivileged children have experiences that they wouldn't have without the Fund's aid. Another initiative is combating childhood obesity and helping to get children outside. As part of the Fund's initiatives, Williams recently set up a cross country team at a school with limited athletic programs and lots of risky behavior among students. "I was a runner at MCI and at Dartmouth," said Williams. "Running taught me about a love of outdoors and how to push myself." Through the Children's Fund, Williams was also able to establish a grant that allows students to get vouchers for free sneakers. The program increased the school's athletic participation by 50 percent.

Why do you think that you are so passionate about what you do?

*Working with kids is a great investment. Adults are important too, but if you can help kids to form really great life-long habits, it is a small investment with a potentially much bigger return. There is the possibility of making a really big change in kids' lives. It's hopeful. I find it really uplifting to work with kids in general. They are full of hopes and dreams and are generally very optimistic.*

Who inspires you / has inspired you to do acts of kindness? Was there anyone at MCI who inspired / influenced you?

*My parents were very involved in the community and growing up there was a sense of always giving back. When I was 23 or 24, I started working in fundraising. I got to see really great examples of philanthropy, really pure philanthropy. In its purist form, a fundraiser IDs a need with a potential donor and matches that need to allow someone to do good.*

*The teachers at MCI, John Slagle in particular, influenced me. They really pushed me to do my best and had faith that I could accomplish things. They had high expectations for me that made me have high expectations for myself, a higher self-esteem.*



**KRINA PATEL '98**

Krina Patel came to MCI when her family moved to the area from New Zealand. After MCI, Patel received her bachelor's degree from the University of Maine at Orono, her master's degree from USM, and her law degree from Suffolk University. In

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# Congratulations to the Class of 2012

115 members of the Class of 2012 received their diplomas on Sunday, June 3, 2012. Thank you to the many alumni and friends who have provided awards and scholarships to help the students in their future endeavors.

ALUMNI HALL RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR'S AWARD: Zhen Shuai  
ANDREW CLINE AND JAMES LOVELY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:  
Ashley Dionne

ATHLETE OF THE YEAR AWARDS: Paula Arias, Trey Vintinner  
BETH HATHAWAY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Matthew Thompson  
BETTY WEBBER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AWARD: Michaela George  
BLAINE K. LITTLEFIELD '99 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS:  
Michaela George, Matthew Thompson

BOWEN-McCREADY '55 ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Paula Arias, Trey Vintinner

BUD'S SHOP 'N SAVE SCHOLARSHIP: Gabrielle LaGross  
BURNHAM EXTENSION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Gary Kersbergen  
CHRISTOPHER DIONNE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Taylor Wright  
CM ALMY SCHOLARSHIP: Allison Sinclair  
COOK MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP: Gary Kersbergen

CUMMINGS LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP: Samuel Gachagua  
DALE McDONALD BASEBALL AWARD: Zachary Fortin  
DETROIT GOOD CHEER CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Hillary Maloon  
DJ RICHARDS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Austin Frost  
ELIZABETH CROCKER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Samuel Gachagua

ELKS LODGE #2713 SCHOLARSHIP: Hillary Maloon  
FRANK HASELTINE BIOLOGY AWARD: Vy Phuong Dang  
GARY G. KITCHIN '67 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Ashley Kitchin  
GARY S. DUPILL SPORTSMANSHIP AWARD: Paula Arias  
GEORGE DAMREN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Mason Lasselle  
GEORGE M. PARKS AWARD: Andrew Schanck  
GLADYS GLEASON SCHOLARSHIP: Gabrielle LaGross  
GUY PATTERSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Taylor Wright  
HANCOCK LUMBER SCHOLARSHIP: Cameron Neal  
HAZEL M. AND MAURICE L. EARLE INTEGRITY

SCHOLARSHIP: Jiadong Chu  
HURD HALL RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR'S AWARD: Jiadong Chu  
IKE AND STELLA HUFF GIRLS H.S. BASKETBALL  
SCHOLARSHIP: Kylee Alton

IVA CRENOLE SOFTBALL AWARD: Allison Sinclair  
JILL QUINT ENGLISH AWARD: Acip Aslan  
JOHN SLAGLE HUMANITIES AWARDS: Andrew Schanck,  
Taylor Wright

JOSEPH P. CASSIDY SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIP: Vy Phuong Dang  
KIWANIS IDEALS SCHOLARSHIPS: Michaela George, Mason Lasselle  
MALAKA RUSSELL FIELD HOCKEY AWARD: Michaela George  
MANSON HALL RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR'S AWARD: Xiaojian Guo  
MARGARET WITHAM CHALLENGE CUP: Samuel Gachagua  
MARK PORTER MEMORIAL AWARD: Jacob McGowan  
ROWENA AND MARSHALL NASH, SR. MEMORIAL  
SCHOLARSHIP: Zachary Fortin

MCI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Michaela George  
MCI CITIZENSHIP SCHOLARSHIP: Michaela George  
MCI COACHES AWARD: Allison Sinclair  
MCI DEAN'S AWARD: Allison Sinclair  
MCI DEAN'S RESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP SCHOLARSHIP:  
Samuel Gachagua

MCI DRAMA CLUB AWARD: Gary Kersbergen  
MCI FACULTY CUP: Paula Arias  
MCI KEY CLUB: Paula Arias, Kelsie Chisholm, Ashley Kitchin  
MCI MASTERS CUP: Gary Kersbergen  
MCI MATHEMATICS AWARD: Zhen Shuai  
MCI SOCCER BOOSTER'S CLUB SCHOLARSHIP: Paula Arias, Ashley Kitchin

MCI STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP: Paula Arias,  
Allison Sinclair

MCI/SAD #53 MUSIC BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP: Cody Hodgins  
MELMAC RICHARD W. TYLER PRINCIPAL'S AWARD: Taylor Wright  
MICHAEL S. SUSI FOOTBALL BOOSTERS SCHOLARSHIP: Adam Ogden  
NORVAL B. LEWIS ENGLISH SCHOLARSHIP: Paula Arias

PATRICIA PAYELIAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Ashley Dionne  
PAUL LEGGE PHYSICS AWARD: Zhen Shuai

PETER BRADSHAW MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Andrew Schanck  
PITTSFIELD ALWAYS READY TO SERVE CLUB  
SCHOLARSHIP: Mason Lasselle

PITTSFIELD AREA KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIPS: Paula Arias,  
Kelsie Chisholm, Michaela George, Ashley Kitchin,  
Allison Sinclair, Trey Vintinner, Taylor Wright

PITTSFIELD GARDEN CLUB BOTANY AWARD: Megan Orchard



*We, the MCI graduating class of 2012, will do great things, and I know this for I have already seen us do great things. I have seen us succeed academically and athletically. I have seen our genuine talent in artistic expression and emotional character. I have even seen us rally to the aid of people worlds away, sending hundreds of pairs of shoes to people in Kenya whom we will most likely never meet. It is unavoidable that we will face hardships in our lives. However, as I have seen from us in our time here, we will overcome these hardships. We will not let adversity define us, but rather we will define ourselves by overcoming our adversities.*

- MCI Valedictorian Andrew Schanck



PITTSFIELD GRANGE SCHOLARSHIP: Klyee Alton  
 RENY CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS: Jiadong Chu,  
 Mingchen Deng, Linh Thi Khanh Nguyen  
 RITCHIE McCORKILL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Ashley Kitchin  
 ROBBIE TIBBETTS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Alana Oliver  
 RODERIC SMITH BASKETBALL AWARD: Adam Ogden  
 RODERICK AND ROSELLA MORRISON MEMORIAL  
 SCHOLARSHIP: Hillary Maloon  
 RON ROGERSON SCHOLARSHIP: James Farr  
 ROSALIE WILLIAMS SPEAKING AWARD: Gary Kersbergen  
 RUSSELL FAMILY SCHOLARSHIP: Paula Arias, Mason Lasselle  
 RUTH PLUMMER COOK MUSIC AWARDS: Gabrielle LaGross,  
 Cameron Neal  
 SAD #53 EDUCATION ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP: Paula Arias,  
 Michaela George, Gabrielle LaGross, Taylor Wright  
 SANGER COOK TRACK AWARD: Trey Vintinner  
 SCTC AUTOMOTIVE TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP: Riley Hicks  
 SCTC CARPENTRY INSTRUCTOR'S SCHOLARSHIP: Katie Berryman  
 SCTC COOPERATIVE EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS AND  
 TOOL AWARDS: Melissa McCaslin, Megan Orchard, Kayley Orcutt,  
 Antonietta Rizza  
 SCTC CULINARY ARTS CUSTOMER APPRECIATION SCHOLARSHIP:  
 Cameron Neal  
 SCTC DIGITAL AND GRAPHIC ARTS MOST DILIGENT  
 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP: Austin Frost  
 SCTC EARLY CHILD EDUCATION AWARD: Ashley Dionne  
 SCTC OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP AND SKILLS AWARD:  
 Megan Orchard  
 SEBASTICOOK VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
 SCHOLARSHIP: Paula Arias  
 SEBASTICOOK VALLEY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION  
 SCHOLARSHIP: Matthew Thompson  
 SEBASTICOOK VALLEY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY  
 SCHOLARSHIP: Acip Aslan  
 TAMMY BODWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP: Taylor Wright  
 W. HOWARD NIBLOCK SCHOLARSHIP: Gary Kersbergen  
 WHITNEY BRYNNE HAMMOND MEMORIAL  
 SCHOLARSHIP: Kayley Orcutt



Clockwise from top: Michaela George marches out with her classmates; Sammy Gachagua says goodbye to MCI teacher Kim Shorey '86; Paula Arias and Trey Vintinner receive the Athlete of the Year awards; Salutarian Vy Phuong Dang gives her salutatory address during Senior Chapel.

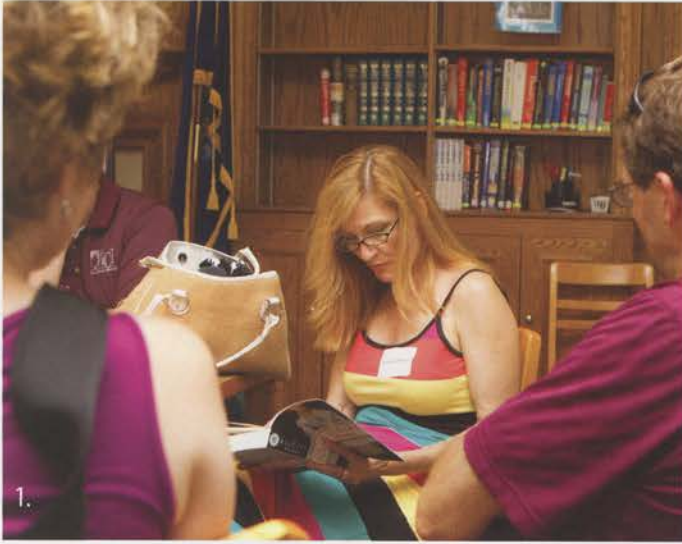
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For more Graduation photos, please visit [www.mci-school.org/graduation2012](http://www.mci-school.org/graduation2012)





# Reunion 2012 - August 3 & 4







The Class of 1952



The Class of 1962 - 50th Reunion



The Class of 1967



The Class of 1982

Photos on opposite page: 1. Vicki Sobota '82 reads from her book at the alumni book signing / reading. 2. Board of Trustees President Norbert Young, Jr. '66 leads a campus tour in Powers Hall. 3. Assistant Director of Alumni Affairs Jared McCannell '98 with his son Henry (MCI Class of 2029). 4. Sean Callahan '92 and Laura Norris '92. 5. Jean Carnes '62 greets Preston Carter '62. 6. Nelson Newhouse '79 and George Newhouse '54 laugh with Doug Cummings. 7. Hall of Fame recipient and current trustee David Fortin with Norbert Young, Jr. '66. 8. Hall of Fame recipient Joseph Veilleux with Norbert Young, Jr. '66. 9. Distinguished Achievement Award recipient Allen Dyer '63 with Alumni Association President Ralph Damren '64.



The Class of 1992





In 1939, twelve year-old Donn Fendler '44 was hiking to the summit of Maine's Mt. Katahdin when he became separated from his family. Nine days, and hundreds of scratches and bug bites later, Fendler was successfully reunited with his family. What came of the adventure is one of Maine's most enduring and beloved books, *Lost on a Mountain in Maine*.

Two years later, on September 9, 1941, Fendler entered MCI as a residential student.

You came to MCI from New York. How did you end up in Maine? What ties does your family have here?

*My family has been coming up to Maine since 1935. My twin brother, Ryan, and I went to Iona Prep in New York. Dad knew people in central Maine and sent us to MCI. We lived at MCI as boarding students. The Navy took over the dorms for their naval pilots and there was no room for us.\* We returned to New York and ended up graduating from the New Hampton School in New Hampshire.*

After your experience on Katahdin, there was a parade and you met President Franklin D. Roosevelt. That seems pretty overwhelming for a 12 year-old. What do you remember the most about the experience?

*I tried to get out of as many things as I could. I was a 12 year-old boy. Seeing the President was quite an affair. I was presented [the Army / Navy Legion of Valor] medal in the Oval Office. The President was very cordial, very nice.*

Did your MCI classmates recognize who you were? Did they ask you about your experience?

*My classmates treated me like everyone else. They would ask questions, but it was no big deal.*

What was your MCI experience like?

*It was great. I loved it there. My favorite teacher was Sanger Cook. He was the English teacher and a coach. He was a great guy. My classmates were all terrific.*

# The Man and the Mountain

## Donn Fendler '44 and his life since Katahdin



**What did you do after you finished high school?**  
*I went into the Navy for 2 years then went to college where I got my commission. After college I joined the Army and was in the Army for 28 years. So I was in the services for a total of 30 years.*

**You have your book, a graphic novel and now a movie in the works. The story has persevered for over 70 years. Why do you think people are still so passionate about your experience?**

*It took me a long time to figure it out. People in Maine can relate to my experience. They are rugged outdoor people -- hikers, climbers -- with nature in their backyard. In the 1970s, the book became required reading in Maine schools. It took off and never stopped. The second book was for a new generation of kids. It was for kids who don't like reading. We've tested it and it seems to have worked.*

**How did the original book come about?**

*My dad met the author and based on what my father wanted the book written on, we went to Joseph Egan's summer place on Cape Cod. He asked me a lot of questions and we talked about the experience. My father wanted the book written to teach kids about what determination and faith can do.*

**The graphic novel?** *I had known the author for a long time. We had toyed with the idea of a kids' illustrated book. It was not successful because it was too long. Down East then came up with the idea for a graphic novel.*

**The movie?** *It's being done by a couple of young men, Ryan Cook and Derek Desmond. Ryan is from Waterville. They just finished filming a trailer and are using that to raise funds. The trailer should be out by Thanksgiving or Christmas.*

**You are well-known for visiting schools and meeting with students. Why do you enjoy meeting with the students? Why do you continue doing it?**

*I am trying to tell them what determination and faith can do. What I learned from it. It taught me to be responsible for my actions, strengthened my faith in God*

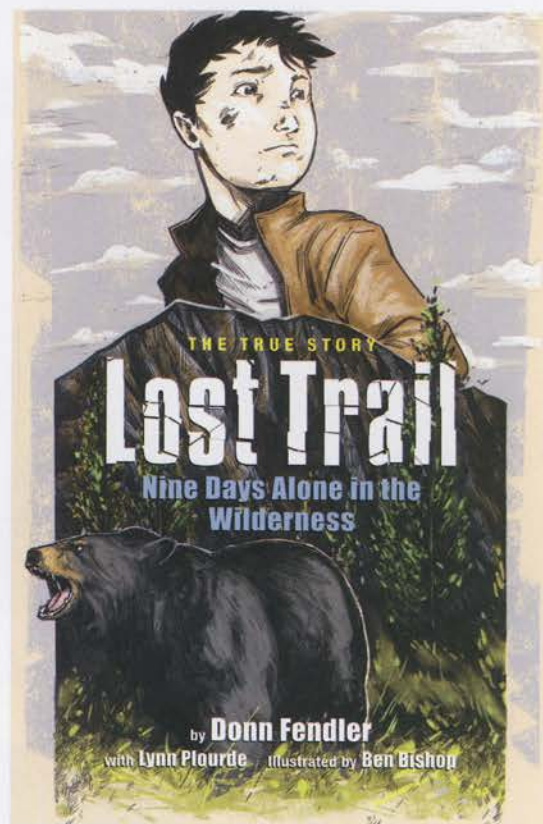
*and prayers and taught me about the love of my family. I have been going into schools for 22 years. I meet great kids and great teachers in schools big and small and get to see more of Maine.*

**What are your visits at schools like?**

*At the schools, I talk about myself and tell the story. I also run a 10 minute DVD that is actually an 8mm film from 1939. It shows the kids what it was like 73 years ago. I also sign a map or book and talk with each kid there.*

**What is the most common question that you receive from school children?**

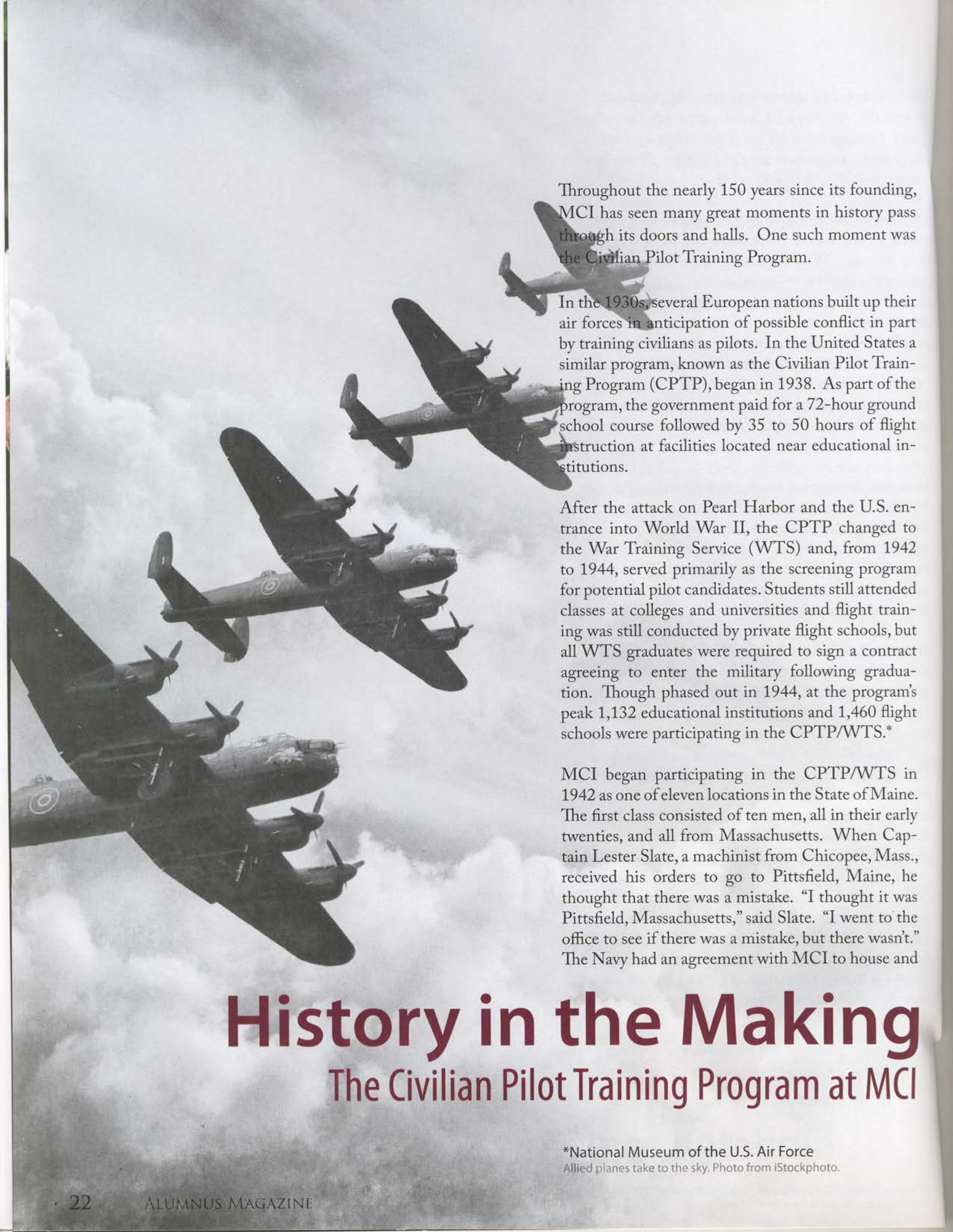
*Were you scared?*



The cover of Fendler's graphic novel, *Last Trail*.  
Courtesy of Down East Magazine.







Throughout the nearly 150 years since its founding, MCI has seen many great moments in history pass through its doors and halls. One such moment was the Civilian Pilot Training Program.

In the 1930s, several European nations built up their air forces in anticipation of possible conflict in part by training civilians as pilots. In the United States a similar program, known as the Civilian Pilot Training Program (CPTP), began in 1938. As part of the program, the government paid for a 72-hour ground school course followed by 35 to 50 hours of flight instruction at facilities located near educational institutions.

After the attack on Pearl Harbor and the U.S. entrance into World War II, the CPTP changed to the War Training Service (WTS) and, from 1942 to 1944, served primarily as the screening program for potential pilot candidates. Students still attended classes at colleges and universities and flight training was still conducted by private flight schools, but all WTS graduates were required to sign a contract agreeing to enter the military following graduation. Though phased out in 1944, at the program's peak 1,132 educational institutions and 1,460 flight schools were participating in the CPTP/WTS.\*

MCI began participating in the CPTP/WTS in 1942 as one of eleven locations in the State of Maine. The first class consisted of ten men, all in their early twenties, and all from Massachusetts. When Captain Lester Slate, a machinist from Chicopee, Mass., received his orders to go to Pittsfield, Maine, he thought that there was a mistake. "I thought it was Pittsfield, Massachusetts," said Slate. "I went to the office to see if there was a mistake, but there wasn't." The Navy had an agreement with MCI to house and

# History in the Making

## The Civilian Pilot Training Program at MCI

\*National Museum of the U.S. Air Force  
Allied planes take to the sky. Photo from iStockphoto.



feed the program participants. "We stayed in the girls' dorm," explained Slate. "They moved the girls out and moved us in."

There were six flight instructors and one ground school instructor utilizing one classroom at MCI and two at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport. As one of the only locations in Maine where the airport was in walking distance, the class would march from MCI to the airport in the mornings and march back in the evening. They were taught aerology (weather) and navigation in ground school with the remaining time taken up with flight training. "There were six planes – Aeronca TALs – one pilot would fly with one instructor," said Slate. "We would be with one instructor for several flights and then change to a different instructor for a check ride to test how we were doing."

The first class lasted ten weeks, running from September 10, 1942 to November 10, 1942. The CPTP paid for the lessons, room, board and uniforms, but the students didn't receive any pay. "We had to pay for our laundry. Before the program, I was a machinist," said Slate. "My last check was \$110, which was a lot of money then. I was always loaning money to the other guys, but every single one of them paid me back."

Of course not all the money was for laundry. "We were free in the evenings," Slate reminisced. "We had to be in the dorms by 10:00 p.m., weekends we had to be back by midnight. We would walk into town and visit stores on Main Street, the Lancey House." Though the CPTP students didn't take classes with MCI students, they still had the chance to interact with them. Slate met his wife, Maxine Pushor Slate '43, through the program. "I met my wife bowling. My wife's girlfriend's father owned the bowling alley [in Pittsfield] and I met her there."



Captain Lester Slate completes his first parachute jump at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport on his 90th birthday in 2012

Photo by BDN Maine

Through his 40-year military career, Captain Slate logged over 9,000 hours in the air. He served in the US Navy in WWII and afterwards transferred to the Coast Guard where he was a rescue pilot during both the Korean War and Vietnam. Now 90 years-old, Slate believes he is the only remaining member of the first CPTP/WTS class at MCI.

Though Captain Slate no longer flies planes, he can't get them out of his blood. On his 90th birthday, Slate decided to treat himself by skydiving for the first time. He completed his jump on July 15, 2012 at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport. "We were trained [in the Navy], but we weren't allowed to make parachute jumps unless it was an emergency. I knew Pittsfield had a skydiving program and I wanted to come back to where it all started."



MCI is compiling a historic record of those alumni who served or are serving in the US Armed Forces and seeks your help. If you, a friend or relative is a veteran or on active duty, please email [alumni@mci-school.org](mailto:alumni@mci-school.org) with the following information: name, class year, branch of the Armed Forces, and dates served.



## Kindness in Action cont.

her daily job, Patel is a lawyer and lobbyist in the Boston area. Her philanthropic activities occur mainly outside of work.

Patel is a founding board member of the Boston Young Health Professionals. Community outreach is a requirement of membership in the organization. They organize monthly events with local organizations such as Big Sisters of Greater Boston, Cradles to Crayons and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless, covering all aspects of health care including nutrition and homelessness. "We are trying to use careers in healthcare to positively impact society," Patel explained.

Patel also recently raised over \$3,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. "It was a personal goal," she

said. "My dear friend died of leukemia. I knew that there was nothing to do directly to help her, but I wanted to make a difference."

**Why do you think that you are so passionate about what you do?**

*I think that there is so much time in a day. People have very busy lives but I've realized that you can still do so much with your time. We have an obligation to help each other. If you are in a position to help someone, you should do it. There are so many ways you can help. It takes very little to touch people's lives - mentor a child, help the elderly, even spend time with someone. There is no better feeling than knowing that you have made a difference.*

**Who inspires you / has inspired you to do acts of kindness? Was there**

anyone at MCI who inspired / influenced you?

*I think in various areas of my life I have come across people, but much comes from within. I really think it's something in me. I wouldn't feel complete without doing something. If I can spend one hour everyday, it's really fulfilling. You do see benefits and see people change. I also think that people can inspire other people to volunteer.*

## Looking for Some Great Gift Ideas?



**Check out MCI's Online Bookstore!** The top five best-selling items, pictured above, are currently featured. Go to **[www.mci-school.org/bookstore](http://www.mci-school.org/bookstore)** for some great treats for the MCI-fan in your life! Additional items can be purchased by contacting the Bookstore at [bookstore@mci-school.org](mailto:bookstore@mci-school.org) or (207) 487-3355 ext. 227.

Featured above: MCI Huskies Full-Zip Hoodie \$25.00, MCI Huskies Flannel Pants \$25.00, Mens Golf Shirt \$25.00, Womens Golf Shirt \$25.00, Sports Duffle Bag \$10.00



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**Class of 1938**

**Nick Craig** is 92 and until recently, reported to having carried a single-digit golf handicap for years. He won the British Senior Golf 70 and older category at the age of 73. He has two daughters and was widowed twice. Nick golfed in France and Italy this past May and will be recognized in May 2013 in London, England at the commemoration of the Battle of Atlantic as one of the youngest ship masters (unlimited license-any ocean-any gross tonnage) in WWII.

**Class of 1940**

**James Merrill** spent a week at Shagg Pond in Maine with his son and son-in-law. Unfortunately for them, it rained most all week, was cold, and the fish weren't biting, but they had a wonderful time.

**Class of 1942**

**Herbert Scribner** shared that his granddaughter, **Danielle Scribner '02** got married on June 9, 2012.

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**Class of 1946**

Class Agent **Donna Hodgins Graham** shares that **Stanley Wyman** and **Joyce Almonte Wyman** spent 62 beautiful years together, before Joyce's passing in January 2011. Stan is busy writing a book and has had recent conversations with **Desmond Fuller '47** and **Jeanette Webb Fitts**. Des is in Plano, TX near family members and doing quite well. Stan and Jeannette were our reps at Reunion. She also had a lengthy call from **Sidney Shuman** who lives in Foxboro, MA.

**Doris Goodrich Button** retired her snow and water skis, ice skates, Remington 37 target rifle, Kenneth Smith golf clubs, cello, and her



Polly '49 and Jack Glavine with their son Jim

Velkorussian Moshie (Samoyed) who was a Canadian and American Champion. She still keeps busy with the Seacoast Repertory Theatre, bridge and town affairs. She also reports on her many grandchildren who are all very successful in their own right.

**Blair Libby** and his wife left Florida in June for a 10 day visit in Maine. They had a bite to eat in Newport and ran into "**Bobby**" **Beattie '48** and then took a tour of the MCI campus and toured the Cianchette Math and Science Center to check out room 303, the Blair Libby Chemistry Lab. "It's still there with the identifying slate plaque at the door. I walked the building for twenty or more minutes." He was surprised to see a picture of himself and the rest of the football team in the trophy cabinet at the front door.

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**Class of 1947**

In May, **Barbara Kennedy Bradbury** and a friend took a cruise to the Bahamas, St. Martin, swam with the dolphins, and enjoyed a carriage ride through. They had a great time on the ship playing games and sunning themselves.

**John and Phyllis Frederick Luke** couldn't attend Reunion because of health reasons and unfortunately **Bob Sirois** couldn't make it from Iowa.

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**Class of 1948**

**Ernest DeRaps** recently spoke at the Pittsfield Public Library about his book *Lighthouse Keeping*.

Condolences to **Marilyn Gerry**, whose son, **Steven Gerry '68**, passed away.

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**Class of 1950**

Life has been busy for **Julia Jackson Rodenbeck**. She celebrated her 80th birthday in August with over 100 friends, stays active in her church, and is still working part time. She plans to celebrate the 50th year of business in July 2013, having co-founded Schmidt Progressive LLC in 1963. Furthermore, her 12th great grandchild is due to arrive in October. There are 47 members in their immediate fam-

ily so she tries hard not to disappoint them.

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**Class of 1951**

**Bob Vance** still rides his motorcycle, hunts, and serves as the associate pastor of the Laurel Community Baptist Church. Almost every year, he leads a team to Nicaragua, Peru, or some other field to perform missionary work. He fondly remembers his days at MCI – living in the men's dorm with Edward R. Stanley. He quit school his freshman year, but Mr. Stanley encouraged him to return. Bob eventually became the Valedictorian. His other favorite teachers were Maurice and Mrs. Earle. **Norman Levasseur** and he dominated the mile run and cross-country in the state for three years. "I always tried my best to beat Norm, but the closest I ever got was about 12 inches."

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**Class of 1952**

**Armour Brown** and **Loretta Doherty Brown '53** celebrated 59 years of marriage, traveled to Alaska, and welcomed another grandchild this year.

**Class of 1953**

Class Agent **Catherine Doyle Mooers** reports she and Stirling hosted a pot luck gathering of classmates in June at their home on Salmon Lake where they also celebrated the 59th anniversary of **Armour '52** and **Loretta Doherty Brown**. **Jennifer Voter Beane '97** joined from the Alumni Office. Classmates also gathered at various restaurants monthly. She also attended her 59th reunion at MCI. On August 23rd, she welcomed her fifth great grandchild. The family of the late **Jacki Smith Bennett** thanked the many MCI classmates



who attended her service. Donations in her memory may be made to MCI's Annual Fund. The class lost 3 other classmates recently: **Constance Given**, **Donald Pushor** and **Phillip Buker**. Condolences to all their families.

**Cynthia Brown Johnson** and **Arthur '51** were thankful for the gathering on Salmon Lake as was **Loretta Doherty Brown** and **Armour '52**, who also welcomed their second grandson this year and travelled to their son's 50th birthday in Kodiak, AK in August.

Celebrating their anniversary (50th) August 12 was **Priscilla Foss Rende** and husband Frank. They have three sons and eight grandchildren.

Also celebrating their 57th anniversary on November 22 is **Charlene Hunt Call** and husband Maurice.

**Barry Twitchell's** son retired from the USAF in Pensacola, FL, is now a pilot for American Airlines, and has built a place in Steuben, ME.

**Dave Fenderson** is volunteering almost full-time at the Maine Maritime Academy. The U.S. Navy destroyer he served on is now on loan to the National Park Service in Charlestown, MA. His son acquired property on the Mirimichi River in New Brunswick so he plans to spend some time there. Dave and wife Margaret will be in London in September.

**Joyce Hunt Rowe** went to Reunion in August and she and husband Dick plan to go to Florida for three months this winter.

Expect to see **Thelma Sennett Vining** and **Cliff '55** in Ft. Myers, FL as they just purchased a home there.

Enjoying their summer in Maine and Reunion at MCI was **Philip Coffin** and his wife, Maria. They also vacationed in St. Georges, FL, and celebrated the first birthday of their great-grandson.



The Class of '53 at Kaye Mooers'53 and Stirling Thurston's home

**Gloria Beattie McNichol's** granddaughter, **Martinique McNichol '97** got married in October and granddaughter, **Monique McNichol '09** graduated from UMA from the Veterinary Technology Program in May and got her VTNE license in August. Gloria and her brother, **Robert Beattie '48**, recently attended a Beattie reunion in Leeds, Quebec.

For the spring *Alumnus*, please send news to my winter address: Kaye Mooers, 8029 Picketts Ct., Brooksville, FL 34613 (Tel: 352-596-7960) e-mail: K.Mooers@juno.com.

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#### Class of 1956

**Judith Burke Simonton** is having a wonderful 2012 in spite of some physical problems. She tells anyone who will listen that she will do all she can to follow doctors' orders, then plan to live another 30 years, having fun along the way. She says Camden is one of the ten prettiest towns in Maine (per *Down East Magazine*). Even though she can't see well enough to drive any more, friends come to get her and she is "on the road" almost every other day. Give her a call at 207-236-2919 the next time you come through.

#### Class of 1957

Living in Newport Beach, CA is **Dianne Starkey Khoury**. She has two children, a son who is a biochemist and a daughter who is a systems engineer. Dianne is an adjunct Professor of Art at nearby Orange Coast College and also serves as an informal mental health judge for her county. Her cousin, **Sandra Stanley Yount**, lives in Chattanooga, TN, works in real estate, has one daughter and one little granddaughter. And Dianne's brother, Rannie, lives in northern CA, is retired, and has two children and no grandchildren. She is on Facebook and would love to hear from classmates.

#### Class of 1959

Class Agent **Marylou Tompkins Pray** wrote to say, "although it was only our 53rd Reunion, we had a pretty good turnout. We went to lunch under the tent on campus, then to **Paul Bertrand's** for more laughs and fond memories. It was great to see old classmates. We haven't changed much, a few more pounds and a lot of gray hairs. Paul and Marilee were great hosts. Attending were **Nancy Ross Cameron**, **Lucille Smith Webber**, **Dennis Haggerty**, "Buzz" Belanger, **David Pattee**, **Red** and **Ellen Hinton MacMichael**, **Tony Fredrick**, "Laddie" Dysart, **Phil Theriault**, and **Charlie Armstrong**. Let's do it up big for our 55th in two years."

Marylou also shared that she met up with **Martha Menendez Mourkas**, **Nancy Ross Cameron**, and **Rocky Elias**, along with their spouses, in Bath for a lovely dinner and great conversation.

**Bill** and **Jeanne Tedesco** are now living in Leesburg, FL.

Recently finishing his 86th full marathon is **Tom Hallee** and he is on course to complete his 100th sometime in 2013. He and his wife, Eileen, will travel back to Australia in November for the Total Eclipse Marathon one day before his 71st birthday. Still working part time, and spending winters in their wonderful Hawaii condo.

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#### Class of 1960

Class Agent **Marilyn (Sam) Nash** reports that she has moved back to Berkeley, CA.

**Archie Tracy** was inducted into MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame on September 22, 2012.

**Joan Basford Bradley**, **Sonia Mitchell Erskine**, **Janis Withee Lahaie**, **Natalie McGuire** and **Patty Reynolds Goodblood** vacationed at Pemaquid Point this summer. They took a day trip to Monhegan Island and took in a number of historical sites in the Pemaquid area. Joan had a great grandson born in April of this year.

**Brian Rogers** passed on June 22nd, 2012 at the Maine Veterans Home in Caribou, Maine. While at MCI helped the basketball team win the Eastern Maine Championship. He served in the Air Force and received a meritorious award for saving a man's life. He was an insurance agent for 50 years and upon retiring moved back to the "County" and enjoyed hunting and fishing. He is survived by three daughters and five grandchildren.

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**Jean Carnes** would like to thank MCI and its hard-working staff for its excellent work in helping organize this summer's 50th Reunion. She said attendees had a wonderful time reminiscing and reconnecting with old classmates and it is hard to believe that half a century has passed. Jean noted that it was wonderful to tour the campus, hear Headmaster Hopkins speak on "The State of Our School," and thought the food was superb. Many people came together to enjoy the party at the Duplisea home on Sibley Pond, where it was especially fun for the Rosebuds to lead the group in singing "It's My Party!" "My thanks to everyone who made this an event to remember. Can't wait for our 60th!"

**Betty Jane Nathaniel's** twin girls live just minutes away from her in Hawaii, while her son lives in Anchorage. She has four grandchildren and keeps busy with the community association and neighborhood boards, as well as three social clubs. She has been host to a foster child and a foster family in the past and finds that rewarding. She would love to hear from more classmates.

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### Class of 1964

Tending three gardens is keeping Class Agent **Barbara Vigue Day** busy. She is retired after 35 years in the medical field, and is looking forward to fall for the local gardening children to see what they planted in the spring. Her memory of MCI is the day President Kennedy was shot, and hearing of it while in Mr. Alfred Murray's history class.

**Carolyn Dutil Belanger** is enjoying retirement and spending time with her granddaughters. She and **Leo "Buzz" Belanger '59** are looking forward to going to Florida in fall. The person she remembers most at MCI is Norbert Young, Sr. in industrial arts class.

Retired from Edwards after 35 years, **Donna Brooks Rolfe** has enjoyed camping this summer. The thing she remembers most about MCI is Mr. Remick's math class, and the project of having to figure how many gallons of paint it would take to paint a house!

**Dorothy Creasy Ackerman** recently visited her family in Missouri. She has been having fun with her four granddaughters. She looks forward to seeing all her good friends at their 50th Reunion.

**Charles Philbrick** and Rae have been helping out with the pool business while they are in Maine, but are heading to Florida this fall. Charlie retired from the railroad after 40 years, as well as their Citgo gas station. They have been enjoying three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. They both said they'd be happy to help out with the 50th Reunion celebration.

**Joe Barnes** and wife **Karoldene '65** enjoyed a trip to Canada and Norway this summer, fishing for Atlantic salmon. Karoldene is retired from Northwest Airlines and is looking forward to grouse hunt-

ing with her French Brittany, Millie. She hopes to see her good friends from MCI at Reunion.

**Linda Tozier Dean** was busy moving this summer into their 31' RV in Hermon, ME. In February 2012, she had total knee replacement but went back to work on May 1st. They sold their home in July and had four days to move and store their things. She is looking forward to retiring from the hospital next year. Her memories of MCI are that of Headmaster Ed Stanley and Gerald Richards' driver's ed class.

Enjoying walking, visiting her children and grandchildren, and reading kept **Joan VanDerveer Gould** very busy this summer. She is now retired from nursing and is planning to buy a treadmill so she can still walk when it storms. The things she remembers most about MCI are her friends and carefree days.

Now retired from Hinckley & Sons, **Leslie Allen Hinckley, Jr.** is enjoying family, his collectible cars, and racing cars. His wife Susan passed away in 2004 and although he misses her, he has three children and seven grandchildren all living locally. The things he remembers most about MCI are PG Basketball, baseball, and dorm life - growing up! He also remembers the respect he had for the PG basketball coach.

**Tom Pierce** has been recovering from knee replacements. He is retired from Rochester Electric, and plans a trip to Hershey, PA and Nashville, TN soon. The thing he remembers most of MCI is being suspended for sneaking out of the dorm after hours to meet a friend.

**Patricia Elkins Pratt** and her husband traveled in June to Utah, Arizona and Colorado for their 46th anniversary. She is planning a trip to St. Augustine, FL soon to attend a wedding. She is still working part time and reports that their son is in his fifth year of good health with his kidney and pancreas transplant.

Attending a concert last summer at Tanglewood in Lenox, MA was **Tom Smith** and wife Connie. Tom plans to work until at least April 2014, when he'll be eligible for Social Security. The thing he remembers most about MCI was the time **David Mendenhall** hung his new designer blue jeans to dry out the front window of Rowe Hall. Needless to say, Mr. White, the dorm master, was not happy!

**Glenda McMann Weymouth** spent the summer traveling, camping, hiking and biking. She retired from MaineGeneral Medical on July 1, 2012 as a hospital buyer. She plans a 12 day bus tour in September and a week in Washington, DC in October. She has one great granddaughter.

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### Class of 1965

**Terry Higgins** and wife Peggy just returned from a trip to Washington, Idaho and Montana. They also had a chance to visit with his daughter who lives in Olympia, WA. The remainder of the summer was filled with playing with his grandson at his Lake Winnipau-suke camp and taking in his other daughter's opening at the Maine State Museum where she is the historical curator. Terry connected with **Wayland Magoon** and they hope to meet up to play golf and remember the old times at MCI. Terry is semi-retired and running his company doing transportation logistics.

**Judith Reynolds Lane** has been living in Florida for 17 years, is attending college online, has four children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild on the way. She is semi-retired and enjoying it very much.

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### Class of 1966

From Class Agent **Anna Maria Parker**: "I didn't make Reunion this year due to obligations in Arizona, but I had a lovely later one in September at Chris and **Norb Young's**, along with **Vicki Boetsch Harriman**, Liz and **Dalen Mills**, **Linda Abbott Morgan**, and Charles and **Kathy Sweet Waugh**. As usual, a wonderful time was had by all. I spent 3 delightful days in Gloucester, MA with **Tom and Judy Hobbs Webster** during Schooner Fest over Labor Day Weekend. That Judy is one fine cook!"

"**Eileen McMann Wright** writes that she and her husband **Kenton Wright '60** now live on the west coast of Florida. Since her children have become independent, she has cultivated her talent as a painter and is thoroughly enjoying it."

"Finally, it occurs to me that in four short years we will be celebrating our 50th (!) Reunion, and MCI its 150th. I think we need to come up with something stupendous to get a lot of us back to Pittsfield for that one. As always, I'd love to hear from you."

Also reporting on the get-together at Norb's is **Dalen Mills**. He brought the Trumpets from 1965 and 1966 that spurred some memories for sure. He said there was some wonderful conversations which embellished the truth, some great food, and Norb and Chris' house. It was all too brief, but a great time was had by all.

**Bob Elmer** celebrated his 40th anniversary, was named a Champion for Seniors by The Assisted Living Federation of America (ALFA) for the 6th consecutive year, was inducted into the ALFA "Circle of Leadership," and in 2011 was named "Outstanding Alumni of Dedham (MA) High School. He and **John Gervais** are still in touch regularly and although it's been some time since he has been back in Pittsfield, he has fun memories of his days at MCI. Especially of Mr. Haseltine, **Dave Mosher '57** and **Anna Parker**.

**Roger Lesch** retired from the Rockport, MA Police Department



L-R Linda Abbott Morgan '66, Dalen Mills '66, Kathy Sweet Waugh '66, Vicki Boetsch Harriman '66, Anna Parker '66, Norb Young '66

in October 2012 after 36 years of service. He has been actively involved with SeniorCare, received an award from the Alzheimer's Association for his work with the Safe Return program, and has been a board member of both the Rockport Council on Aging and Action, Inc., and has chaired the Rockport COA board.

Sweetser in Saco recently hosted its 6th Annual Vehicle Fair and CEO **Carl Pendleton** was represented in his 1978 Triumph Spitfire. Sweetser is one of Maine's most respected mental health agencies and serves 19,000 children, adults and families statewide.

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### Class of 1967

Retired from the U.S. Air Force and Sam's Club for 15 years and living in Jacksonville, NC is **Timothy Fahey**. He has three boys, one daughter, and four grandchildren. During his Air Force service in Germany, Timothy was responsible for President George H.W. Bush's security on two visits to Rhein-Main Air Base. He coached basketball at the command level and his teams reached the Air Force Championship, European, Med and Turkish Championships. "I wish MCI noth-

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**Jim Rowe** sold his business near the end of 2008, retired a year later, and has been a substitute teacher in Cape Elizabeth for the past two years. He and his wife, Judy, also enjoy traveling and playing golf. Having reconnected with some classmates on Facebook, he would love to hear from more of the "New Dorm crowd."

### Class of 1970

Class Agent **David England** says, "Hi from Rhode Island. **Susan '73** and I have had a great summer, spending some time on the golf course as well as biking. We also find time to do some cruising in a 55 T-Bird that we found a few years ago. We enjoyed a visit from **Wendy Murdock Esposito** in May and hope to see her again at another area art festival in October. We have been vacationing in the Englewood - Boca Grande, FL area

each April. Having lived in Sarasota for a while, I like the Gulf Coast and all that it has to offer. I continue to work as a plumbing contractor and will probably do so for a few more years until Susan is ready to retire. It has been great hearing from many of you. Please continue to e-mail me - I haven't yet found my way onto Facebook although Susan has. Looking forward to our 45th."

**Alan "Litch" Litchfield** is spending summers in New Hampshire and winters in Englewood, FL. He and Martha Wetherbee have been married for ten years and Alan still smiles about the fact that he asked her out on a date some 40 years ago and she said, "NO!" They don't have children so their flex time has not been impacted by family requirements and responsibilities. Alan's mother is living in Venice, FL and will turn 95 in October. **Bruce Williamson** visited in Florida with his family several years ago. "I guess I am really an old Yankee, if I don't hear from someone, they must be okay and if I don't need help with anything, no need to call! Or, maybe I'm just lazy!"

**Rich Power** resides in St. Paul, MN and works in the paper industry, reporting to have the same office for 34 years. He has a 27 year old daughter from his first marriage. Rich lived with his second wife for 19 years before marrying on vacation in Maui in 2010. They plan to retire next year to their lake home in northern Wisconsin. He still ski races competitively under the Nascar sanctioned umbrella.

After graduating as a PG, **Scott Keller** went on to Maine Maritime Academy where he graduated in 1974 with a BS in marine engineering. He still sails as an engineer and has been all over the world, on rivers, oceans, seas, all on various vessels with several companies. Scott resides in Maine, is married, and has four children and eight grandchildren, and enjoys classic cars and motorcycles. You can find him on Facebook, and e-mail him at s.keller51@gmail.com.

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### Class of 1971

**Connie Poulin Lowe** is retired and living in Camden where she watches her granddaughter and volunteers at her school. She has two boys, one who lives close and one who moved to Tennessee to further his education.

After working thirty years in cable television, **Dave Allen** is getting ready to retire. He spent most of the '70's playing in a rock band, had three children in the '80's, divorced in early 2000, and has five grandchildren. He re-connected with MCI music teacher Glenn Jenks, after Dave discovered his trove of ragtime CD's. He would love to reconnect with his former roommate, **Tim Dingle**. "I've enjoyed reading about the school and would really like to visit sometime."

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**Cecilia Lary Stone** and her husband are living and working as missionaries in the US Virgin Islands. They have a summer place on Webber Pond just outside of Augusta and have two sons and six grandchildren.

From Bedford Hill, NY is **Bonnie Abbott** who is a personal assistant / estate manager for a private business owner. She has seven grandchildren, the most recent born in June 2012 to her son Donald who resides in Pittsfield. Her daughter **Tracy Gillis Walker '93** is a respiratory therapist at a Norwalk, CT hospital and teaches respiratory classes at Norwalk Community College. She has two children Kylee, 14, and Kameron, 9. Her other daughter, Michelle, lives in Waterville with her two sons. While her father Russell, 87, lives in Hartland.

Palmer, AK is been home to **Deborah Debay Keefe** for the last 22 years. She works for the school

district during the year and at Independence Mine State Historical Park in Hatcher's Pass during the summer. She has four daughters, one in Maine, one in Alaska, and her twin girls are each attending Colorado State and Southern Oregon. Husband Kevin works at Providence Hospital in Anchorage. Deborah travelled to Australia last year to go to her sister's wedding and enjoys an occasional trip to Hawaii. She would love to hear from classmates and can be reached at hatcher'sview@mtaonline.net.

### Class of 1973

From Class Agent **Sue Smith England**: **David '70** and I are well and enjoyed a beautiful summer. Spent quite a bit of time with family and friends as well as biked and golfed a bit. Enjoyed Reunion Weekend in August and recently started my 34th school year. Retirement is yet a few years away. David and I look forward to fall as life quiets down once the tourist season ends. I enjoy Rhode Island's long falls and early springs; however, I do miss a good old snowstorm. By the time March arrives we begin to think about our annual April vacation in Florida. We have been going to the Englewood-Boca Grande area for a number of years. We enjoy the Gulf coast and its beaches. Please mark your calendars for August 2-3, 2013 as it will be our 40th Reunion. **Scott Carter, Tania Rogers Carnrick** and I spoke at Reunion about the need to start planning now, so please set aside that weekend. We look forward to seeing you all.

**Steve Barden** and wife Carol are busy with running their bed and breakfast (Carol's Garden Inn) in Durham, NC. He has an IT job with the Durham County government. His parents moved from Maine down to Durham ten years ago, buying the house right next door. Sadly, in July, Steve had to put his mother in an assisted living facility. He has connected with many classmates via Facebook and would love to hear from others.

From the other side of the country is **Pam Kelley Rogoski** who lives in Hoodspoor, WA with husband Dave. They spent 32 years in the airline industry, the last 16 years in Chicago working for United Air-

lines and raising two boys. Dave retired in 2007, so they took a year off to motorcycle from Chicago to the bottom end of South America (Ushuaia, Argentina). They now live in Washington where Pam has started a second career as a project manager for the State of Washington. They are building a new house on the border of the Olympic National Forest, where they plan to spend summer, while living in Arizona during the winter. They have two sons who remained in the Chicago area. She would love to hear from other classmates and is on Facebook. "If anyone finds themselves in Seattle or Portland, give a shout!"

Working for the NYC transit subway system as the night time manager for the "J" line is **Thomas Jackson**. He and wife, Levy, have been married for 25 years and they have two children, Thomas Jr. and Brittany. Thomas Jr. works for the Staples Corporation and Brittany is a track star (on a "watch" list for the Olympics in 2016) at the University of Tennessee.

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**Michael Hatton** has recently commanded the US motor tanker Maersk Peary to both polar regions. In January, he was at McMurdo Station in Antarctica, which serves as a scientific base supported by the National Science Foundation. The delivery is called "Operation Deep Freeze" and will supply enough fuel to last a full season. In July, Mike went to Greenland. This mission supplies the US Air Force enough fuel to last a year for the "Defenders of the Arctic." You can find information on each mission via Google by searching Maersk Peary. He is living in Florida with his wife and will be visiting Maine this fall.

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### Class of 1977

**Craig Littlefield** reports on his grandchild, Noley, who has recently started school in Pittsfield. They enjoy going out for breakfast, hitting the local playgrounds and eating at McDonalds in Newport. **Judy Bennett Frost** is the manager at this location.

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Class Agent **Trudi Bickford Ames** (trudikevinames@yahoo.com) writes: "Hello Classmates, Well it's been 33 years can you believe it? I still live in Pittsfield with my husband **Kevin Ames '77**. Our daughter **Meagan '10** is in her third year at Plymouth State. Hope to see you all at the 35th in 2014. I have heard from a few classmates..."

**Kelly Breau Fitts** married **Lewis "Ross" Fitts III '78** on August 1, 1981 and have two children, **Erin '02** and **Lewis '08**. Erin graduated from UMaine in 2006 with a BA in history and then graduated from UMaine a year later with a MA in the art of teaching. Erin lives in Singapore teaching history at an all-boys Catholic high school. Lewis is finishing a degree at UMaine with a double major (English and teaching). Kelly works for RSU19 in St Albans as an ed tech 1. She en-



joys hiking, tennis, walking, biking and traveling. She recently travelled to Singapore to visit Erin with her sister **Jodi Breau Morra '77**. On winter weekends you can find Kelly at Alford Arena watching the men's hockey team.

**Bob Ballard** and **Lana Weymouth Ballard '83** have been married for 27 years. He has worked for Sonoco Products for 30 years and still plays wallyball in the winter and golf in the summer. He stays in contact with **David McGowan**, **Steve Lancanster** and **Nelson Newhouse**.

Down 95 a bit in Biddeford lives **Karen Copley Holmes** who is a claims processor at Medicare. Also living with her is son **Trafton '03** who works as a landscaper. They recently went to Austin, TX for the wedding of her oldest son **Bryce '01**. She reports that her dad **Eugene '53** is doing great. "Give him a honk if you see him sitting on the porch." Karen hopes to touch base with all at the 35th.

**Maria "Pint" Donnell Farmer** lives in Detroit with her husband of 29 years. They have 2 children and 2 grandchildren. Their son lives in Las Vegas and their daughter continues her education to be an aero space design engineer. Unfortunately, Maria is not working due to injuries she sustained in a 1999 truck accident. She manages to keep busy with her church.

**Jeff Hazell**, who owns Bar Harbor Lobster Co. in Orlando, FL, will start on a 18,000 square-foot expansion there. The project will include a 10,000 square-foot freezer with 2,000 pallet position, a live lobster holding facility and a receiving dock. The project will likely finish up in October, assuming there's no hurricanes. This will essentially double the size of his existing building. The seafood distribution company, which also has restaurants and a retail center, has gone from 163 employees in 2009 to 224 employees today.

Always getting closer to retirement is **Craig Lary**. He and wife Terry



The Class of 1981 at their Reunion Class Party

have been married for 24 years, have two sons and have lived in Hartland since 1983 where they have 3 horses. Terry has been driving trailer trucks for 28 years, but is able to stay in New England and is home most every night. 9th grade teacher, **Floyd Humphrey '59**, got him interested in flying airplanes and he has been doing so since the age of 18, getting his license at 20.

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#### Class of 1980

**Belinda Lawrence Laflamme** continues to enjoy her work at Skowhegan Family Medicine, seasonal with H & R Block, Notary and her hobby of photography. Belinda and husband Carl enjoy relaxing at their Embden camp. One son is in Colorado while another is at UMaine studying to be an athletic trainer. Sadly, they had to lay their dog away in April. She hopes everyone is doing well.

Living in Hudson, NH is **Anne Stauble Reynolds** and husband, Bill who have been married for 29 years. He has his own independent adjusting company. They have four beautiful daughters (the last who graduated high school this past year) and one grandson. Anne has

just begun working for Herbalife, a health and wellness company, as an independent distributor.

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#### Class of 1981

There was an informal get-together at **Martha "Sukie" Berry McGowan's** house during Egg Festival. Also in attendance was **Mike Ouellette**, **Janet Quint Sanford**, **Nancie Breau McLeod**, **Darryl Hendricks**, **Jerry Tolman** and wife Michelle, **Melodie Leighton Stanhope**, **Carla Mumich-Goldstein**, **Jeff King**, **Anna Watson Peterson**, **Laura Pomerleau Henry**, and **Cheryl Paresson Austin '82**.

Mike decided to get serious about bicycling again and is planning to log 800 miles by the end of September. Still living and teaching at Fryeburg Academy along with MCI alum **Stew Frost '80**, Mike and his wife are dorm parents and are huge fans of the Academy music program. Both their daughters have won state vocal jazz championships and their son is a freshman and is the school's top drummer. He has seen **Darryl Hendricks** and **Ed Hodgins** at past state music festivals.

**Tina Jones White** and her husband recently retired from state government, but soon after she was diagnosed with MS. Tina went back to work part-time in April as a landscape gardener on a private island. She would love to hear from classmates and can be reached at twolincoln@roadrunner.com.

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#### Class of 1982

Graduating from KVCC with a nursing degree and now a RN is **Kathy Audie Sinclair**. Her daughter **Allison '12** graduated from MCI in June and was senior class president and Student Council president, and is attending USM. Son **Matthew '08** is crew chief in the US Marines and is currently serving over in Afghanistan. Kathy took the summer off to spend with her daughter and just recently started filling out applications for jobs. She says it is an exciting time in her life right now. "Life is good!"

#### Class of 1983

Living in Palmyra, ME for 21 years is **Lana Weymouth Ballard** and **Bob Ballard '79** who have been married for 27 years. They have two children, Bobby, 21 and Nikki, 19. Bobby is a senior at USM and Nikki will be a freshman at UMO in the fall. "We will be living off macaroni and cheese for about a year while both kids are in college!" They don't get to many alumni activities but thought it nice to share an update. However, they do see several alumni at the local golf course.

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#### Class of 1987

Class Agent **Dave O'Brien** got a

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Kathy Sinclair '82 and her daughter  
Allie Sinclair '12

big group from '87 together at his camp in Burnham to celebrate the 25th Reunion (see Class of '87 photo; in attendance, though absent from the photo was **Lori Judkins Tozier**). Later that night, the Class of '87 reconvened at the Pinnacle to meet up with other classmates unable to attend the camp party earlier (including **Chris Veysey**, **Jeff Howes** and **Barbara Pome-roy**).

Classmates in the photo are: (back row from left to right) **Todd Maloon**, **Jason Fenderson**, **Glenn Steadman**, **Brent Brooks**, **Nate Allen**, **David O'Brien**, **Gary Soucy**, **Jim Jensen**, **Jon Humphrey**, **Mike Roy**, **Teresa Morse Jones** (in between front and back row). (Front row from left to right) **Wendy Petroskey Hopkins**, **Sheri Booth Ouellette**, **Kathy Bouffard Kitchin**, **Deb McCaughey Gerrato**, **Melinda Huff Nyman**, **Laurie Flood-Jensen**, **Traci Hanscom Ennis**, **Karen Pike Fecteau**, **Charlotte Reynolds**, and **Denise Reid**.

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As community partnership coordinator at Maine Historical Society,



The Class of 1987 at their Reunion Class Party

based in Portland, **Larissa Vigue Picard** has a wide variety of responsibilities. In addition to facilitating collaborative digital history projects in a variety of towns and cities across Maine, she handles all of MHS's social media, schedules the society's annual series of public programs, and runs a winter book group. Larissa, who lives in Topsham with her husband Curtis and son Nicholas, 8, was also elected recently to the Topsham Public Library board of trustees. In addition, she sits on the board of the Maine Council for Social Studies.

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#### Class of 1989

**Kate Burden Thomas** reports that she has been living in Hampstead, NH since 1999 and has been married 16 years. Now that she has three daughters, she appreciates the small town way of life and the lack of opportunities to get in trouble (she says she never got into trouble in HER small town). Plus, as her 3 girls point out, she knows everyone due to an inability to say "no" to volunteering. She recently changed careers from project management with a publishing focus to working in her town library. She is the information technology librarian and manages the library's

computers and web/Facebook presence. She's living the American dream with a huge mortgage, terror about paying for college for her daughters, and trying to pay off a minivan that she doesn't want anymore!

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#### Class of 1992

Class Agent **Sean Callahan** reports: "I live in Windham with my amazing girlfriend of 2 years, Wendy, my 9 year-old daughter, and our Bernese Mountain Dog named Otis. I work in marketing as a product manager for IDEXX Laboratories. On a personal note I wanted to thank everyone who attended Reunion. It was great to get caught up with everyone. Those that could

not make it were definitely asked about and missed.

**Adam Francis** joined the practice of Ernst & Young in Washington, DC after 14 years advising members of the U.S. House of Representatives. Adam and his wife Morgan celebrated their 11th wedding anniversary in July and live in Arlington, VA.

**Laura Norris** lives in Westlake Village, CA with her longtime boyfriend Darius and their dog, Cooper. Laura has become an avid runner completing two full marathons and numerous other distance runs. She uses this activity to release stress from her 16 year career at Morgan Stanley. Laura came to the 20 Reunion and thought it was great fun. Earlier last year, Laura and Darius visited Maine and spent time with Class President **Chris Heaton** at his bar in Bar Harbor. To stay in touch with Laura, use 626-484-4960 or asklobo@gmail.com.

**Jaime Alonso** has moved back from Spain with his family after 6 years of living in his homeland. He lives in Dayton, ME with his wife Debbie, three kids, and a dog named "Mafia." He works as a director of soccer for Selects Sports Management.

Living outside Cincinnati is **Colby Wyatt** and his wife, Amy and two boys. They will be celebrating their 15 year anniversary this December. Colby finished his residency at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital and he is a pediatric pulmonary cardiologist. He still has his 1985 BWM motorcycle that he rode in high school street legal and running!

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#### Class of 1993

**Kristin McCaughey Gagnon** lives in Greenfield, NH with her husband Tim and son Drew in their adorable house they built.



She recently got together with **Jen Kuhlmeier Lebo**, **Heidi Salley Ackerman**, **Andrea Orr Clifford**, **Jennifer Amara Shaverdian**, and **Andrea Ouellette McCannell**. Jen lives in Quincy, MA with her husband Chris and their two children and arrived at Kristin's in Lebo-style, which is always sassy and fun; sporting her "I Love Bacon" t-shirt, ready to get the party started. Heidi lives in Braintree, MA with her husband Justin and their two girls. She arrived with chocolate peanut butter cookies which gets "ooooos and ahhhhhs" every time. Some things never change! Andrea lives in Fairfield, CT with her husband Peter and their three boys. Prior to Andrea's arrival, she had two soccer games, a bake sale, a beach clean-up, and made a chili all before a 9 a.m. departure to NH. Her boys keep her busy. Jennifer lives in San Diego with her husband Armin and her two boys. She enjoys laughter, silliness and good eats with her girls....oh and to definitely witness the resurrection of dance costumes of past. Andrea and husband Aaron reside in Pittsfield, ME. The hurdles she has to jump through just to get to a Girls Weekend (quite impressive given she is the only one of us that made the Alumnae Field Hockey Game)! Not to mention what she has to do daily with 6 kids involved in everything under the sun!

**Darren Englebaugh** simply says, "Go Huskies!"

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#### Class of 1995

**Frannie Oviatt Rogers** writes that she and her husband live in Pittsfield with their three sons, Gavin, Brady and Miles. She is returning to teaching this year at Warsaw Middle School after a few years of staying home with her children and operating a daycare, acting as director of recreation for the town of Pittsfield, and has a photography business that keeps her busy in her spare time.



The Class of 1992 at their Reunion Class Party



The Class of 1993 "Girls Weekend"

**Heather Neal** has been living in Belgium for the past three years with her husband and two year-old daughter. She's a stay-at-home mom and part-time student learning Dutch.

**Daisuke Kamata** wrote in on Facebook about "another reunion in Yokohama with MCI J crew! Thank you Hiro-san (**Hiro Suzuki '94**) & Koji-san (**Koji Umezaki '94**)! "Always good to have great Senpai!"

#### Class of 1996

Class Agent **Jodi Cummings McGary**, "Hi Class of '96! I'm in Pittsfield, working at MCI as the Special Education Coordinator and Director of Counseling. My husband and

I have three awesome kids, Laney, 6, Emma, 4, and Ryan, 2. Life is good and very busy. Hope you are all well!

**Paul Lizotte** spent 12 years in the US Army and has been around the world twice. He is living in Harmony, ME with wife Stephanie and their three children.

**John Houghton** lives in Charlotte, NC and is working as a veterinarian.

**Rick Berry** has relocated to Nashua, NH from Denver in the past few weeks. The move was employment motivated as he started a new role with TIAA-CREF as the director, institutional affiliated business de-

velopment.

**Roger Brown** lives in FL and plans to attend the Great American Beer Festival in Denver in October.

**Bryan Harvey** lives in Bermuda and is a head programmer for a local TV station. "Been wanting to get back to Maine ever since I left. Anybody want to adopt a Bermudian?"

**Adam Duplisea** lives in Brunswick with his wife Kelly and two children Samantha, 4, and Ethan, 2.

Having been in the Navy for just over 15 years, **Charles Shaw IV**, works as a recruiter in Anchorage, AK and is getting ready to go to Pearl Harbor for three years in December. He is married and has two beautiful daughters.

**Robin Amaral Livesey** lives in Fredericksburg, VA, has 3 children, Tabatha, 15, Nathan, 12, and Blake, 5 months, and is a licensed insurance agent for Geico.

**Angie Curtis** lives in Saint Albans, but plans to relocate to Pittsfield soon. Her daughter is now 17 years-old and a high school senior. Angie works at Argo marketing in Pittsfield.

**Michelle Day Imobersteg** is living in Charlotte, NC, married with 2 puppies, a horse, a cow and cat.

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#### Class of 1997

It was great to see several classmates during Reunion Weekend. **Jen Voter Beane**, **Sarah Loring Allen**, **Aric Friend**, **Teri Jean Grant**, **Kelly Thayer Louder**, **Deedra Jensen Braley**, **Liz Martins Ross**, **Melissa Wallace Tenney**, and **Dana Woodruff** (see photo) attended the class party held at the Pinnacle.

#### Class of 1998

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



Recently moving to Brookline, MA with his wife and daughter, **Jason Cummings** works as the Modern Language department head at Beaver Country Day School. They are expecting a son in January.

**Kristi Connors Rossignol** and husband **Derek '92** live in Weeks Mills with their two children. Kristi is a microbiologist with the Maine Centers for Disease Control.

**Yosuke Uchino** has lived in Tokyo since graduating from UMass, currently works for a trading company and is enjoying raising his 2 year-old son with his wife.

Living in Hampden with her husband and two children, **Karen Brown Hawkes**, works as the director of community health and education at Sebasticook Valley Health.

**Elissa Poulin Moore** works at Kelly Smith Printing in Newport and lives in Plymouth with her husband, daughter and son.

Settled in the Phoenix suburbs with his girlfriend, **Chris Becker**, works in information security for the local government and runs an IT tech support company.

**Becky Kitchin Clewley** is a cosmetologist and is working on her accounting degree. Widowed in 2007, she moved back to Pittsfield in 2008 with her twins.

**Joo Yi** lives in Seoul, Korea. In 2010, she received her MBA from China Europe International Business School, and works as the team leader for the strategy and planning team at Tencent Korea.

**Teresa Smith Reynolds** works at Unity College and lives in Burnham with her husband and three sons.

**Dave Cook** resides in West Palm Beach, FL and is an import merchant.

**Manda Wright** lives with her partner and two kids and is a stay-at-home mom.



Hiro Suzuki '94, Koji Umezaki '94 and Daisuke Kamata '95 met up in Tokyo



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**Heidi Wilcox** lives in Etna with her son and works for Irving Oil/Circle K.

Staying busy is **Michelle Dunphy Ashton** who is a stay-at-home mom, does cosmetology work and looks after her husband and two children.

Working for Kimberly Clark in Toronto, Ontario, **Ian Madeiros** is a shopper marketer and was married in 2011.

Practicing as a civil engineer in Plymouth, **Aimee Young** and her significant other live in Brewer, ME.

Working for Military Sealift Command as a marine engineer, **An-**

**drew Salaoutis** still lives in Burnham on the defunct family farm.

**Josh Johnson** lives in Stratham, NH with his wife, son, and two daughters.

**Kim Wyman O'Connell** is recently married and lives in Unity, ME with her family of five.

**Andrea Kane** and her husband live in Hopkinton, NH and is fortunate to stay home with her two boys.

**Carrie Duprey Gilbert** works for Sodexo Food Service at Colby College, is married and has a 9 1/2-month-old boy.

**Joe Salley** and his wife have a 1-year-old son and live in Pittsfield. Joe works as a property appraiser with Maine Revenue Services.

**Kellie Noris Brooks** practices physical therapy in the Pittsfield, is married to **Wesley Brooks '93**, and has a six year-old.

Moving in 2010 from Vail, CO to Bethel with his fiancée, **Taylor Danielson** works at Sunday River as a leisure sales manager.

**Jared McCannell** recently moved back to Pittsfield with wife Kelli. They both work at MCI and are enjoying raising their 2 year-old son, Henry, on campus.

Residing in Glenburn with her significant other and their two dogs, **Elizabeth Smith**, works as a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner at a psychiatric hospital in Bangor.

Practicing as an attorney and a lobbyist, **Krina Patel**, works at The Suffolk Group, a legislative affairs firm in Boston.

**Samantha Gilbert** is employed with USPS and has three beautiful children.

Living in Los Angeles for ten years, **Holly Barnes**, has studied acting, worked in fashion and started her own cheesecake company called The Dessert Flirt. She and her husband (a former Red Sox pitcher) just had their first baby girl 3 weeks ago.

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**Class of 1999**  
**Shannon Davis Ring** and **Tyler Ring '01** were married on Homecoming Weekend - September 22nd.

Hoping to see some MCI classmates during Christmas, **Jason Neal** is getting ready to leave Ko-



rea and move to Aberdeen, MD.

**Faye Mack** is living in Machias with her husband and daughter. They own and operate Fat Cat Deli. Their recent news is welcoming a new baby girl.

**Nikki Cianchette Steeves** just started her 5th year as the associate director of admission at MCI. She resides in Pittsfield with her 2 boys, Cole and Drew, and her husband **Pat '98**. They will celebrate their 10 year anniversary on October 5th.

Recently moving to Seattle from Maine, **Emily Parkhurst** has taken a new job as a technology reporter for the *Puget Sound Business Journal*. She won last year's Society of Professional Journalist's Sigma Delta Chi award for investigative reporting for a series of stories on "therapeutic restraint" of Maine's school children.

Living in Pittsfield with his son and 4 dogs, **Josh St. Clair**, has been working for TRC Solutions, an engineering firm, as a designer in Augusta. He also coaches JV basketball at MCI. Most of his time revolves around youth sports as well as MCI athletics.

**Anna Sidorova** currently lives in Paramus, NJ and works as a financial analyst at Mercedes-Benz USA headquarters.

Owning an in-home family child care and caring for 12 children keeps **Cheryl A. King** busy. She lives in Hermon and has 2 boys and one girl.

Riff Johnson (**Jared Sullivan**) lives in Troy, ME and has changed his name since high school, "Haha. More people know me as Riff Johnson now (my stage name)." He has been playing music for a living for the past two years and is trying to make his new band famous.

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#### Class of 2001

**Russ Copelin** is an accomplished ukulele artist and has recently completed a tour through Alaska as a touring artist for the Alaska Tourism Board. He recently returned to MCI to kick off the Performing Artist Series and also led a workshop for a small group of MCI students. You can find "Ukulele Russ" on Youtube.

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#### Class of 2002

After receiving her master's degree from the University of Maine in August 2011, **Megan Ladd** is currently working as the Healthy Maine Partnership Project Director for Coastal Healthy Communities Coalition at the University of New England - College of Osteopathic Medicine. Meg is getting married in October 2012, she and her fiancé live in Biddeford with their two dogs.

**Wassem M. Amin**, who came to MCI from Egypt, is now (officially) a corporate law attorney in Boston.

#### Class of 2003

**Katelyn Gallagher** was recently married in September at a beautiful ceremony and reception at Sugarloaf.

**Linda Dunphy** still lives in Pittsfield with her fiancé and their 6 year-old son and almost 1 year-old daughter.

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#### Class of 2004

**Alexis Swan** is running as a candidate in Bermuda's next General

Election for the Opposition. She earned a Bachelor's degree in psychology at Alliant International University in 2008. She currently works at Colonial Insurance as a Medical Administration Auditor.

#### Class of 2008

As co-captain of the University of Southern Maine's wrestling team his senior year, **Cinjin Goewey**, was selected to the 2012 Pilgrim Wrestling League All-Academic squad. Goewey, a 2011 NCAA Scholar All-American as a junior, posted a 19-14 record this season for the [USM] Huskies wrestling at 149 pounds.

**Ben Badeen** has played for four years on the men's basketball team at Holy Family University, a Division II school in Pennsylvania. He is majoring in management marketing, and plans to go to graduate school.

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#### Class of 2010

**Shannon Dacey** is competing on Franklin Pierce University's women's rowing team.

#### Class of 2011

Just finishing basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas, **Robert Cameron** was nominated by his Tech Sgt. as top airman out of a class of 740. Greg Fortier, his former advisor at MCI said, "I am beside myself with pride in this young man."

**Tiarra Gordon** moved to Michigan and is enrolled in Grand Rapids Community College Nursing Program.

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

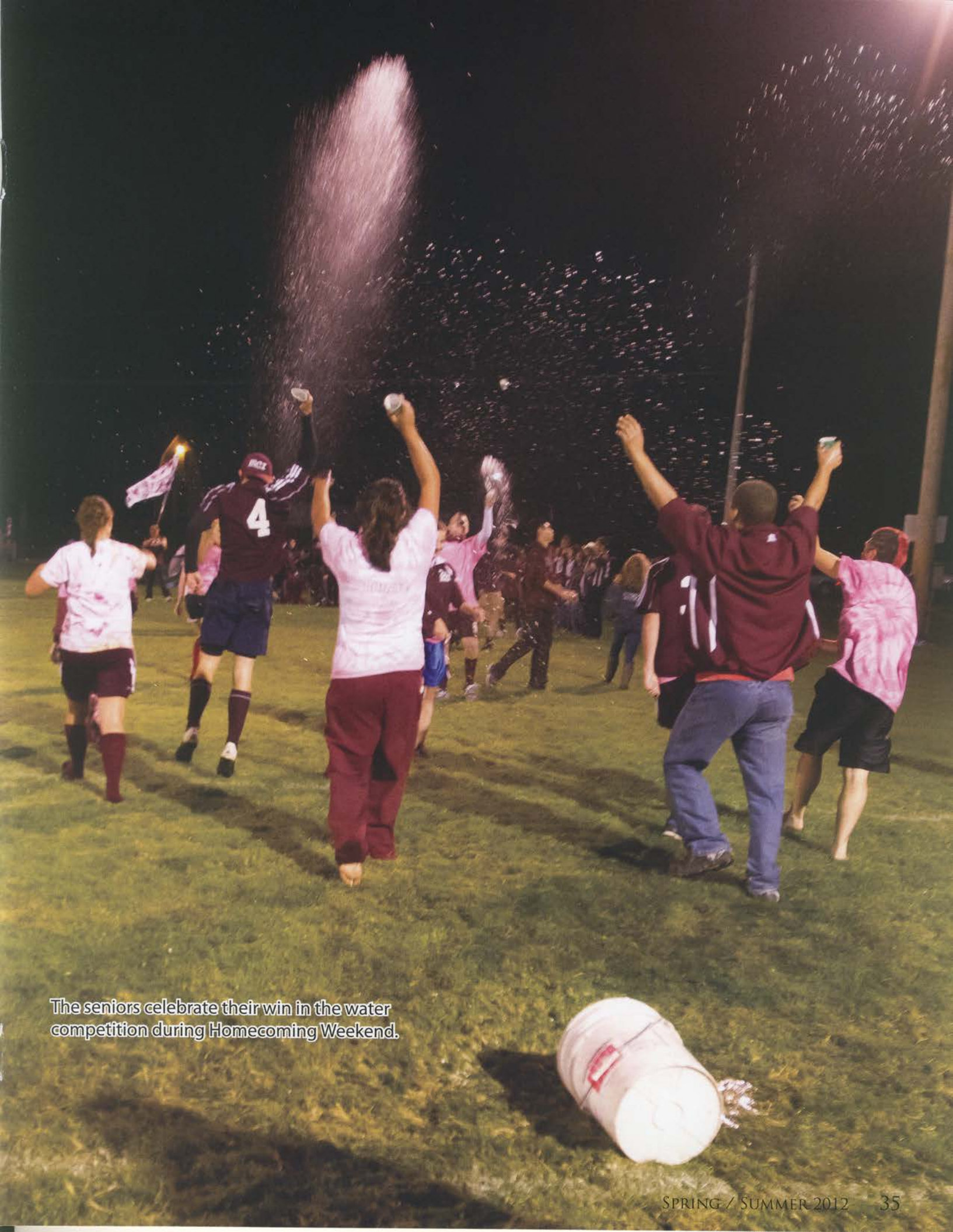
## In Memoriam

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

Iris Hubbard Rosenthal '31  
Helen Bailey Brown '33  
Norman A. Rogers '36  
Arlene Bryant Wakefield '41  
Dorna Bryant Bubar '42  
Raymond C. Humphrey '44  
Thomas F. Staples '47  
Robert Cray '49  
Frank L. Gould '50  
Betty Mercier Susi '52  
Donald V. Pushor '53  
Jacqualyn Smith Bennett '53  
Philip R. Buker '53  
David MacLean '54  
James L. Reid '55  
Eleanor Lewis Wadsworth '58  
Brian P. Rogers '60  
Wilma Erskine Fitzgerald '60  
Marion Pattee Allard '61  
Bonita Vigue Breingan '61  
John Corrao '61  
Joyce Moody Palmer '61  
Wayne B. Hartford '62  
David S. Smith '64  
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Ralph A. Dunphy '65  
Betty Campbell Gagne '67  
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Richard K. Peppard '73  
Carol Rines-Lambert '77  
David Smith '90  
Dekker S. McNally '95  
Kylee Berry Gendron '97  
Logan M. Bickford '98  
Frederick Allen '03  
Haley C. McGlinchey '12  
Alexandria R. Ferland '14  
Delmont Chase  
Debra Hannigan  
Richard MacGown

Our deepest condolences go out to families and friends of those who have passed on. The Advancement Office tries its very best to record accurately 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.





The seniors celebrate their win in the water competition during Homecoming Weekend.





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- Graduation .....June 2
- Reunion Weekend ..... August 2 & 3
- Hall of Fame / Distinguished Achievement  
Induction Ceremony ..... August 2

