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The anticipation of my 25th Reunion next summer ha caused me to reflect on my four wonderful years of high school here at MCI and all that the School has provided me. The great friendships I forged, the excellent teach ers that challenged and supported me, the athletic and extra-curricular programs I participated in, and the life lessons I learned were all ingredients that prepared me well for today's world.

As MCI's Director of Admission for 16 years, I have witnessed the exciting growth of our school over almost two decades. This growth is reflected not only in our new buildings and recent renovations, but also within the academic, athletic, and extra-curricular programs as well These improvements provide today's students with even better opportunities than I had.

The Annual Fund plays a critical role in supporting the academic, athletic, and student programs here on campus I have chosen to support the Annual Fund each and every year to ensure that we continue to improve the valuable opportunities for today's students.

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Clint Williams '86 Director of Admission



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# Letter from the Headmaster

Dear MCI Family,

Regular recipients and readers of the *Alumnus* know that for the third year in a row, we at MCI are embracing a year-long School Theme; it is, for 2010-11, Health and Wellness. As always, we are finding ways to incorporate the theme into every area of school life. I look forward to sharing with you later my observations of our lessons learned and the challenges and successes related to Health and Wellness at MCI.



A sub-theme of this publication could well be "Signs of Progress" as you learn (if you've not traveled the Interstate by Pittsfield's exit 150 in the last five months) that the School is the first secondary school in the State of Maine to feature an Interstate 95 sign, and that handsome new signage is installed on campus directing visitors to key buildings, offices and programs.

Of course, these physical signs are of little significance when compared to the most important manifestations of progress at MCI which are evident daily in the lives of the students, faculty, staff and administrators both in- and outside the classroom.

The implementation of the 2010-15 Strategic Plan, adopted unanimously and enthusiastically by the Board of Trustees on June 19, is well underway, and we're moving forward in all areas of School life. On page 4 you'll see an executive summary of the main themes and goals from the overall plan—a working document of 48 pages broken into 11 subsections. Also, a first iteration of a new Campus Master Plan is under review.

Finally, though, everything we're doing already or planning for is centered around the present and future academic, moral, ethical, spiritual and physical health and wellness of students, and in this edition of the *Alumnus*, you'll see that we're highlighting our most important work, the preparation of MCI students in the classroom for life beyond their graduation by profiling the work of three outstanding educators.

We're firmly rooted in the history and traditions of MCI while embracing and adapting to the world of innovation and technology in which our students will be living, studying, working and playing when they move onto their post-secondary pursuits.

Enjoy this edition of the magazine and, as always, come home to visit and to see firsthand the vibrant school community and the beautiful campus.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hopkins

Christopher J. Hopkins Headmaster

On the Cover: Zack Littlefield '11, Will Cu '13, and Picabo Morrell '12 in the Ella Powell Room of the Powell Memorial Library.

# Maine Central Institute ■ 2010-15 Strategic Plan Executive Summary

Guided by its Mission, Vision and Values, Maine Central Institute has set ambitious and attainable goals within its comprehensive 2010-2015 Strategic Plan. MCI will allocate carefully all resources to drive sustainable growth and excellence and to enhance the School's competitive advantage.

MCI will ensure success by founding all initiatives on four key, interrelated cornerstones: Community—Curriculum—Place—Resources.

#### COMMUNITY

Maine Central Institute will be a nurturing, challenging, inspiring school, both in and out of the classroom, for students, faculty, staff, alumni and trustees. The School will enhance an environment which raises aspirations and seeks to provide transformational experiences and relationships and which pervades the community beyond campus boundaries.

The School will recruit and retain excellent students and faculty and will provide them with the tools and training necessary to be ethical, moral and inspirational leaders at MCI and in their homes, their communities, places of employment, and the world.

#### CURRICULUM

Maine Central Institute will provide students with a 21st Century education which celebrates intellectual achievement and prepares students with the academic, analytical and collaborative skills which give them the competitive advantage when applying to post-secondary pursuits. The School will confront all areas of the curriculum—academics, athletics, the arts, citizenship and leadership—to ensure that students are prepared to live healthy, productive lives and to make a difference.

#### PLACE

Maine Central Institute will provide outstanding facilities which support existing and future programs and which reflect the excellence to which students and adults aspire. The School will upgrade existing instructional, athletic, performance, living and socializing spaces, construct facilities for athletics and the arts, and ensure that funding for and installation of technology infrastructure are fully sustainable.

All initiatives will aspire to enhance the School's role as a community center for the Greater Pittsfield area.

#### RESOURCES

Maine Central Institute will ensure financial sustainability by enhancing the sources of non-tuition revenue. The School will engage in the most focused, ambitious effort to increase the Endowment in the School's history, will increase the Annual Fund by 20% per year, increase alumni participation from 5% to 11% by 2015, will maximize summer facilities usage and will seek new grants and program-specific funding.

MCI will exercise responsible financial stewardship to make certain that resources are applied only when they are supporting a vibrant, inspirational community of learning.



# New Faces @

#### DIRECTOR OF WMCI AND DRAMA



Rachel Damon graduated from Colby College in 2005 with a degree in American Studies and theater and dance. After graduating, Rachel spent two years as a documentary

film maker. She then worked as the director of the drama department at both the Allen Academy in Texas and the Landmark School in Massachusetts. At MCI, Rachel teaches Advanced and Beginners Video and Broadcasting; Theater Production / Drama I, II and III; Theater Production IV and Stage and TV Makeup.

#### HISTORY TEACHER

Hayley Didriksen graduated from Colby College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in history. As a Colby Cares About Kids mentor, South End Teen



Center volunteer and camp counselor, Hayley has a variety of experience working with youth. Hayley teaches three sections of Humanities History III/CP and one section of Humanities History II Honors. In addition, Hayley is serving as an assistant for the Bossov Ballet Theatre.

#### DIRECTOR OF MANSON HALL



Declan Galvin is a 2006 graduate from MCI and a 2010 graduate from Manhattanville College in New York. Declan received his bachelor's degree in eth-

nic studies, a major he self-designed. He has had experience working, living, visiting and being a part of community-based organizations throughout the United States, South America, Africa, the Middle East and South East Asia. At MCI, Declan serves as the residential director of Manson Hall and leads the Dorm Council.

#### ENGLISH INTERN

Abigail Hartford is a 2010 graduate from the University of Maine at Farmington with a bachelor's of science degree in secondary English educa-



tion. Abigail is the English intern and teaches three sections of Humanities English III/CP and coaches basketball in the winter. She is also a dormitory supervisor in Alumni Hall.

#### MATH TEACHER



Jon Janelle is a graduate from the University of Maine at Orono with a bachelor's of science degree in secondary education and a bachelor's of

arts degree in mathematics. He teaches AP Calculus AB and AP Calculus BC and helps out with math team at MCI. Jon also serves as a dormitory supervisor in Rowe Hall.

#### **BOOKSTORE MANAGER**

Suzy (Watson) Morton is the new MCI Bookstore manager. Suzy graduated from MCI in 1985 and received a B.S. in Retail Management from Thomas College



and an A.S. in Education from KVCC. Suzy previously owned and operated Hartland Ave Market in Pittsfield. She has also worked in all schools in SAD 53 including MCI- in a variety of positions for the past 10 years.

#### SCIENCE INTERN



Jessica Shrader is a 2010 graduate of the University of Maine at Orono with a bachelor's of science degree in biology. She served as a field assistant

at the University of Maine, conducting population studies of the spotted salamander, and also completed a biomedical research fellowship at the

Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratories. As the new science intern, Jessica teaches three sections of Earth and Space Science. She is also a dormitory supervisor in Alumni Hall.

#### HISTORY TEACHER

Jeremy Leon Taylor joined MCI's Humanities Department, teaching four sections of Humanities History I/CP and one section of a supported study hall. He



is a 2010 graduate of the University of Maine at Farmington with a bachelor's degree in secondary education and a concentration in social studies. Jeremy helps coach wrestling and also serves as a dormitory supervisor in Rowe Hall.

#### **EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIST**



Chris Talbot is a 2003 graduate from MCI and a 2007 graduate from the University of Maine at Farmington. He received his bachelor's degree in

secondary education. Chris served as the science intern at MCI during the 2007-08 and 2008-09 school years before leaving to become an Ed Tech at Warsaw Middle School. This year, Chris has returned to MCI and serves as an Ed Tech.

#### LATIN TEACHER

Lilah Terwilliger is a 2010 graduate of Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA, graduating cum laude with a bachelor's of arts degree in classical studies and history. At



Dickinson, she spent her senior year as the Classical Studies Department Latin 101 and 102 teaching assistant and Latin tutor. As the new Latin intern, Lilah teaches two sections of Latin I and one section each of Latin III and IV.

# School News

### The MCI - Aomori Exchange Program Celebrates 15 Years



Top: Kathy and Allison '12 Sinclair with Aomori students Misato Harako and Saki Yamaya. Bottom: Amelia Linde '11 learns calligraphy.

Since 1995 over 600 students from Aomori, Japan have participated in a culural exchange with MCI. Coordinated initially by Debra Hannigan, the former director of special services for MSAD 53, MCI first welcomed 42 students from Aomori South High School on November 5, 1995. Hannigan was part of the Maine delegation to Aomori when a sister-state agreement between the two states was signed in 1994. Her travels during the trip included a visit to the Aomori school where she and the Vice Principal came up with the idea for an exchange visit. Fifteen years later, on October 14, 2010, 38 students

from Aomori arrived in Pittsfield to continue the tradition. The students stay with host families during their visit and participate in activities with their families throughout their trip. The students also visited classes at MCI, gave cultural presentations at Vickery and Warsaw Schools and organized a thank you ceremony with performances for their hosts. The following students and their families hosted Aomori students this year: Meri Berthelette '12, Brittany Brann '12, Mikayla Cooper '12, Tiarra Gordon '11, Gabrielle LaGross '12, Shantel Lausier '13, Amelia Linde '11, Kendra Ludden '12, Adam Ogden '12, Alana Oliver '12, Craig Reazor '11, Andrew Schanck '12, Adam Shorey '14, Ryan Shorey '11, Allison Sinclair '12, Makayla Snow '14, Katie Wick '11, Mikayla Wick '14, Shakera Wone '12, Jorgi Young '11 and Josi Young '13.

### Signs of Progress

MCI can unequivocally state that we have something that no other secondary school in the State of Maine does. Thanks to the hard work of State Representative Stacey Fitts '80, Headmaster Chris Hopkins and other friends of MCI, travelers on Interstate 95 will now see more than

just the Founder's bell tower signalling that Maine Central Institute is off of exit 150. As of this summer, the Department of Transportation has added a Maine Central Institute sign to the bottom of the Pittsfield exit signs on both the northbound and southbound lanes. The State legislature's transportation committee unanimously voted for the sign after public hearings were held at the State House in Augusta. Headmaster Hopkins and other proponents of the endeavor testified to the importance of exposure to I-95 traffic for both MCI and Pittsfield. In addition to the signs on the interstate, MCI recently installed five new directional signs on campus. There will also be new signs added to all the buildings. The Classes of 1960 and 1985 generously donated money toward the campus signs as part of their 50th and 25th Reunion Class Gifts.



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Clockwise from Top: New building sign on Parks Gymnasium. The MCI sign on Exit 150 (northbound). New directional signage in front of Parks Gymnasium.

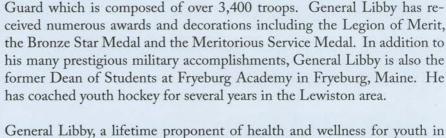
# School News

#### The Patterson Lecture Series Kicks Off Its Third Year

Major General John W. Libby, the Adjutant General of the Maine National Guard and Commissioner of the Maine Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management, spoke at the school on October 6th as the first speaker in this year's Patterson Lecture Series. The talk corresponded with this year's school theme of Health and Wellness.

The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management coordinates and administers the discharge of the Maine state government's responsibility relating to military matters,

> veterans, and civil emergency preparedness. It is responsible for the federal recognition and continuation of the federal forces structure, manpower, maintenance, fiscal operation and overall readiness of the Maine National Guard which is composed of over 3,400 troops. General Libby has received numerous awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star Medal and the Meritorious Service Medal. In addition to his many prestigious military accomplishments, General Libby is also the former Dean of Students at Fryeburg Academy in Fryeburg, Maine. He has coached youth hockey for several years in the Lewiston area.





Top: Major General John W. Libby. Bottom: General Libby and Colonel Jack Mosher '83 speak with Matt Thompson '12 and Jim Burke '11 after the presentation.

the State of Maine, provided during his talk the sobering fact that the age cohort for students today has a life expectancy less than that of their parents- reversing a multi-generational trend the other way. Maine ranks 37th in the nation for youth obesity and 29th in adult obesity. General Libby also

spoke about rising healthcare costs for obesity-related issues and the "5-2-1-0" model that is currently being adopted by many schools (Eat fruits and vegetables at least five times daily. Limit non school-related screen time [computers, television] to two hours or less daily. Get one hour or more of moderate to vigorous exercise every day. Consume no sugarsweetened drinks). He ended his presentation by challenging the School to focus on wellness - not just physical but also social, mental and spiritual. The next two speakers in the Patterson Lecture Series will be Maine Department of Health and Human Services Commissioner Brenda M. Harvey on November 17th and NASA Astronaut Stephen G. Bowen on December 10th.

### MCI Holds 5K Fun Run During Parents' Weekend

MCI held the first annual 5K Fun Run during Parents' Weekend on Saturday, October 9th. About twenty-five alumni, students and faculty participated

in the run which started and finished in front of Founders Hall. Gary Kersbergen '12 and MCI Latin Teacher Lilah Terwilliger were the first place male and female finishers. John Dean, MCI's Director of Student Life and Varsity Baseball Coach, organized the run, tying in the School's theme of Health and Wellness. Additional, longer runs that will take place throughout the school year are being planned. If anyone is interested in participating in or helping to organize a future run, please contact John Dean at (207) 487-3355 ext. 103 or jdean@mci-school.org.



Participants in the 5K Fun Run pass Alumni Hall on their route.

# Congratulations to the Class of 2010!

124 members of the Class of 2010 received their diplomas on June 6, 2010. Of the one hundred and twenty-four, 86% have post-secondary education plans (including 4% who will serve in the Armed Forces) and 14% will enter the workforce.

Alumni Hall Residential Director's Award -Nga Hoang Le

Andrew Cline and James Lovely Memorial Scholarship - Revelin Goewey

Athlete of the Year Awards - Melanie Arias, Patrick Hapworth

Betty Webber Human Development Award -Whitney Houston

Blaine K. Littlefield '99 Memorial Scholarship -Benjamin Glidden

Bowen-McCready '55 Athletic Scholarships -Melanie Arias, Patrick Hapworth

Bud's Shop 'N Save Scholarship - Katie Belgard Burnham Extension Association Scholarships -Regan Chase, Calvin Kersbergen

Christopher Dionne Memorial Scholarship -Breanna Brown

Cianchette Brothers Scholarship - Patrick Hapworth

CM Almy Scholarship - Bridget Connolly Cook Music Fund Scholarship - Shane Huffer Cummings Leadership Award - Whitney Houston Dale McDonald Baseball Award - Casey Egerton Detroit Good Cheer Club Scholarship - Katie

DJ Richards Memorial Scholarship - Dylan Penney Edna Reed Pittsfield Tuesday Club Scholarship -Melanie Arias

Elizabeth Crocker Memorial Scholarship - Abigail Rasmussen

Elks Lodge #2713 Scholarship - Courtney Frost Frank Haseltine Biology Award - Ling Tong Frank Haseltine Rifle Award - Jennifer Orchard Gary S. Dupill Sportsmanship Award - Casey Egerton

George Damren Memorial Scholarship - Colby Bradshaw

George J. Mitchell Institute Scholarship - Tessa Hathaway

George M. Parks Scholarships - Lauren Tata, Calvin Kersbergen

Gladys Gleason Scholarship - Marguerite Bryant Gordon Construction Corporation Scholarship -Ling Tong

Guy N. Patterson Memorial Athletic Scholarship -Revelin Goewey

Hancock Lumber Scholarship - Hattie Bickford Hazel M. and Maurice L. Integrity Award - Zhang Wang

Hazel M. and Maurice L. Memorial Award - Tessa Hathaway

Hurd Hall Residential Director's Award - Lishu Xiang

Clockwise from top: Valedictorian Calvin Kersbergen, Salutatorian Bridget Connolly, Headmaster Christopher Hopkins gives commencement speaker Kenneth Cianchette '42 a MCI pennant, AJ Denis and Melanie Arias sing the class song.

Ike and Stella Huff Girls H.S. Basketball Scholarship - Whitney Houston

Inspiration Award - Terra Frederick Ira Berry Chapter #57 Royal Arch Masons

Scholarship - Andrew Denis Iva Cregnole Softball Award - Merinda Kennedy Jill Quint English Award - Ian Adams

John Slagle Humanities Awards - Calvin Kersbergen, Tessa Hathaway

John Slagle Soccer Award - Casey Egerton Joseph P. Cassidy Science Scholarship - Zhang Wang

Josh Sawyer Memorial Scholarship - Casey Egerton Malaka Russell Field Hockey Award - Breanna Brown

Manson Hall Residential Director's Award - Quan Tran

Margaret Mosher Kohler-Havey Memorial Scholarship - Terra Frederick

Margaret Witham Challenge Cup - Jacob Frost Mark Porter Memorial Award - Matthew Guerette Marshall and Rowena Nash, Sr. Memorial Scholarship - Jacob Hunt

Masons Meridian Lodge #125 Scholarships - Regan Chase, Matthew Guerette

Maurice Hatch Memorial Scholarship - Garret Poulin

MCI Alumni Association Scholarship - Benjamin Glidden

MCI Citizenship Award - Linh Nguyen MCI Coaches Award - Whitney Houston MCI Dean's Award - Zhang Wang

MCI Dean's Residential Leadership Award - Quan Thanh Trang MCI Drama Club Awards - Benjamin Glidden, Tessa Hathaway

MCI Faculty Cup - Melanie Arias

MCI Key Club Scholarships - Melanie Arias, Kate LeGrand

MCI Masters Cup - Patrick Hapworth

MCI Mathematics Awards - Jamie Lawler, Abigail Rasmussen

MCI Soccer Boosters Scholarships - Melanie Arias, Jacob Hunt

MCI Student Council Scholarships - Melanie Arias, Benjamin Glidden

MCI/SAD #53 Music Boosters Scholarships - Melanie Arias, Mackenzie Chamness

MELMAC Richard W. Tyler Principal's Award -Breanna Brown

Michael S. Susi Football Boosters Scholarship -Patrick Hapworth

Myrtle Main Sherman French Award - Tessa Hathaway

Northeastern Scaffolding Services Scholarship -Dori Condon

Norval B. Lewis English Award - Regan Chase Patricia Payelian Memorial Scholarship - Breanna McLaughlin

Paul Legge Physics Award - Zhang Wang Peter Bradshaw Memorial Award - Katie Belgard Pittsfield Always Ready To Serve Club Scholarship -Quan Thanh Trang

Pittsfield Area Kiwanis Scholarships - Whitney Houston, Melanie Arias, Benjamin Glidden, Katie Dostie

Pittsfield Garden Club Botany Award - Megan Ames









Pittsfield Grange Scholarship - Meagan Ames Pittsfield Kiwanis Ideals Awards - Breanna Brown, Benjamin Glidden

Reny Charitable Foundation Scholarships - Casey Egerton, Garret Poulin, Kelly Gibson

Richard H. Pierce Family Foundation Scholarship - Whitney Houston

Ritchie McCorkill Memorial Scholarship - Kevin Booth Robbie Tibbetts Memorial Scholarship - Shane Huffer Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship - Calvin Kersbergen Roderic Smith Basketball Award - Jacob Hunt Rosalie Williams Speaking Award - Tessa Hathaway Rowe Hall Residential Director's Award - Phong Van Russell Family Scholarships - Marguerite Bryant, Calvin Kersbergen

Ruth Plummer Cook Music Awards - Melanie Arias, Mackenzie Chamness

SAD #53 Education Association Scholarships - Benjamin Glidden, Whitney Houston

Sanger Cook Track Award - Melanie Arias

Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union Scholarship - Katie Belgard

Sebasticook Valley Hospital Auxiliary Scholarship - Breanna Brown

SRVC Armand G. Breton Memorial Scholarship - Kevin Wakefield-Lovely

SRVC Automotive Technology Awards - Tyler Dodge. Ridge Lawn

SRVC Class of 1961 Award - Jamie Lawler

SRVC Cooperative Education Outstanding Student Award - Cassandra Brawn

SRVC Culinary Arts Customer Appreciation Award - Garret Poulin

SRVC Electrical Outstanding Student Award - Cody Southard SRVC Outdoor Resource Outstanding Student Award -Revelin Goewey

SRVC Scholarship Award - Revelin Goewey

SRVC Welding Outstanding Student Award - Dylan Penney Tammy Bodwell Memorial Scholarship - Manda Duke Teresa Kane Memorial Scholarships - Whitney Houston, Jayde Frost

W. Howard Niblock Scholarship - Blake Waterman Whitney Brynne Hammond Scholarship - Courtney Welch Wright Family Scholarships - Melanie Arias, Benjamin Glidden, Whitney Houston, Calvin Kersbergen, Jaime

Lawler

1. Class Marshalls Tyson Hunt and Whitney Houston lead the class. 2. Breanna Brown and Ling Tong. 3. Jamie Lawler, Abby Rasmussen, Tessa Hathaway, Calvin Kersbergen and Ian Babcock Adams wait for awards. 4. Senior Class President Ben Glidden receives the class gavel from Headmaster Hopkins. 5. Terra Frederick shakes hands with Headmaster Hopkins. 6. Dylan Penney receives his diploma from Chairman of the Board of Trustees Norbert Young, Jr. '66. 7. Colby Bradshaw happily shows off his new diploma. 8. Zhang Wang hugs faculty member Irma Cushing. 9. Katie Belgard hugs MCI librarian Heidi Cook. 10. The Class of 2010 celebrates their graduation.





"IT'S IN MY DNA," said Deb

Rozeboom. "I never had any doubt that I wanted to be a teacher. Rozeboom, the chair of MCI's Humanities Department, has been teaching English at MCI for eighteen years. She has spent her entire career in education, becoming a teacher at age twenty-one. After receiving her master's degree in secondary English education and secondary reading instruction from the University of Iowa, Rozeboom taught at the two-year and community college level in the Midwest until returning to her home state of Maine. At MCI. Rozeboom honors the Humanitites Department's tradition and philosophy of parallel teaching. About thirty years ago well known MCI faculty members John Slagle, Rosalie Williams and Ron Bessey conceived of a humanities design of instruction to replace the then traditional history and English classes taught at MCI. It was their belief that an integrated, more coordinated approach to these courses would help students better understand the interconnectedness of history, art, culture, literature, architecture, music

and dance. To that end, they designed parallel courses in history and English, with faculty teaching-pairs or -partners working together with the same students on related material at the same time during the school year.\* Students today still read such classics as *The Odyssey, The Crucible* and *The Grapes of Wrath*, while learning the history of Ancient Greece, the Salem Witch Trials and the Great Depression, concurrently.

That is not to say, however, that the curriculum has remained exactly the same. The department continually enhances courses with new materials and programs. One of the most successful additions was the incorporation of Poetry Out Loud into the curriculum. MCI first started participating in the Poetry Out Loud contest in 2008. Created by the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation, Poetry Out Loud encourages students to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. It helps them master public speaking skills, build selfconfidence, and learn about their liter-

ary heritage. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure that begins at the classroom level. Winners advance to the school-wide competition, then to the Northern Maine Regional competition, the state competition, and ultimately to the National Finals. All MCI students participate in the classroom competitions as part of their English classes. The school-wide competition has become one of Rozeboom's favorite nights of the year. "Last year more than one hundred people came out on a cold January night to hear poetry," said Rozeboom. "What is better than that?" Last year's school winner, Jorgi Young '11 of Pittsfield, was able to advance to the state competition that took place in the Waterville Opera House on March 5,2010.

Like Rozeboom, Heidi Cook returned to her home state of Maine after liv-

Last year more than one hundred people came out on a cold January night to listen to poetry. What is better than that?

~Deb Rozeboom

ing in California for twenty years. She earned her bachelor's degree in English from the University of California, Berkeley and her MLIS degree from San Jose University. As the library and media specialist at MCI, Cook works with teachers to incorporate information literacy and research skills into the classroom. With all of the new technology that is available there has been a shift in how libraries are used. In the past, information was harder to come by. If a library didn't have a book in its collection, a patron simply couldn't access it. Now, of course, audio and e-books are available for download online and search engines grant instant access to all types of information. As Cook sees it, a librarian is no longer someone who just procures information; now he or she needs to help students get the best information and teach them the skills in order to do so. "My job is to help students and teachers get the right information in the right format at the right time."

One of Cook's favorite projects to work on with students is her Manson Essay Workshop. Developed in the past few years, Cook works with eleventh grade students throughout the year. She begins by helping them find and refine topics and then shows students not only how to find appropriate sources using academic databases, but also how to use tools that they already know, such as Google, for academic purposes. As part of the workshop, Cook also covers citation, copyright and formatting issues. Another valuable project is the Freshman I-Search. All first-year students individually create a question that is meaningful to them. It could be that a student wants to learn more about what a career in forensic science entails or perhaps learn more about new treatment options for a family member who has been diagnosed with a medical condition. By learning new search techniques the student can answer or at least learn more about something that really resonates with them, making the



Adam Pomeroy works with Robert Cameron '11 and Hunter Tibbetts '11 in the student garden.

idea of research valuable and relevant. The I-Search Project also serves to get ninth graders comfortable in the library, making it more likely for them to come back for help in the future. "There are many other sources of information out there," said Cook. "The library needs to be a useful, safe and welcoming place to do the work of learning. Hopefully, by creating positive experiences for the students, they will continue to use and support libraries throughout their lives."

Another native "Mainer," Adam Pomeroy loves teaching science that incorporates practical applications. Pomeroy grew up in Farmington, Maine and received his degree in education from the University of Maine at Farmington. He currently teaches environmental science and botany, two of the Science Department's elective offerings. Though Pomeroy has also taught earth and space science and biology, his favorite course remains environmental science. "There are a lot of exciting developments and innovations in environmental science right now - geothermal energy, new solar panel designs, the emergence of green careers," said Pomeroy. "There is also a lot of practical field work that can be done locally." Pomeroy has taken his classes out to Manson Park for stream quality work, testing dissolved oxygen and pollution tolerance levels. He also spends

a great deal of time in MCI's student garden teaching about bed preparation, aeration, pH testing, propagation and companion planting. His students have the satisfaction of then seeing the fruit of their labors, literally, as all produce from the garden is used by MCI's Dining Services. For this year's Family Science Night, one of Pomeroy's classes will present a project on the usefulness of hydroponics (a method of growing plants using mineral nutrient solutions in water, without soil) versus regular container gardening. Family Science Night, origi-

nally called Science Celebration Night, began in 2009 as a way to showcase student science projects to parents and community members. The night, held in November, will be an open house format. Individual students and / or entire classes will present displays and demonstrations of projects that they have worked on thus far this year.

In order to advance environmental science at MCI to the next level, last summer Pomeroy became certified to teach an advanced placement section of environmental science by taking classes at the Schoodic Education and Research Center (SERC) campus in Acadia National Park. MCI advocates for graduate work like this, paying for the classes as part of the School's professional development program. Pomeroy is a proponent of taking advantage of courses and programs in Maine. "I am a believer in promoting Maine programs to students," states Pomeroy. "Of course I will also help them research colleges out of state, but there are some amazing programs in our backyard."

And really, that's what it's all about. Rozeboom, Cook and Pomeroy work diligently to prepare students for a lifetime of learning, balancing time honored traditions and emerging innovations while celebrating what both Maine and MCI have to offer.

Where are they now?
Whether they live locally or around the globe, MCI alumni are doing great things. Below are four "snapshots" of alumni then and now.





#### Rex Fowler'66

Rex is one-half of the celebrated folk/rock duo, Aztec Two-Step. In the late 60s, as a teenager from Maine, Rex followed the song in his heart - first to Boston in 1971 where he met his musical partner Neal Shulman, then on to New York City - where his songs began to take wing. Rex has also continued his artistic endeavors as a songwriter and performer, filmmaker and author-in-the-making with solo projects such as Image of Rex Stargazers, his 2008 CD of songs for kids of all ages; 200 Cadillacs, his 2004 critically acclaimed documentary film about Elvis Presley's gift of choice; and The B-Side of Success - An Unlikely Career in the Art, his soon-to-be realized autobiography. Rex also established a Classroom Concert Series program for college, high school and school-age children which is an ongoing variety of workshops created to inspire interest in the arts.





#### Laurie Fitts Loosigian '71

Laurie attended Colby College as a Travelli Scholar and graduated with a bachelor's degree in american studies. She then worked in fundraising at both Colby and the Maine Audubon Society and was the director of religious education for the Unitarian Universalist Church. Laurie has also worked as a conflict management consultant, leading bullying and sexual harassment workshops and peer mediation trainings. Currently, she and her husband Wayne both work at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire. Laurie loves spending time with her husband and children, Matt, Megan and Emma, as well as her mother, Alice '47, and her brothers and their families. She is very interested in farming and also works as an orchardist with Apple Annie orchard in Brentwood, NH. Among other things, Laurie is also a kayak instructor, a field hockey coach and referee, and is very involved with the Exeter Unitarian Universalist church.





#### **Jennifer Archibald Williams '81**

Jennifer has been a joint venture partner with Norwich Partners, which buys and builds hotels in New England and Florida, since 2003. She is also the Executive Director of the Children's Fund of the Upper Valley, which benefits local childrens' charities. She worked in higher education fundraising for 13 years, 11 of them with Dartmouth College. Jennifer serves as Chair of the Advisory Board of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation/ Upper Valley Region; Trustee of the Montshire Museum of Science; Trustee of the Children's Literacy Foundation; Member of the Board of Overseers of the Hopkins Center at Dartmouth College; and Member of the Upper Valley Land Trust Advisory Committee. Jennifer graduated from Dartmouth College with honors in French in 1985 and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration from New York University's Wagner School of Public Service. She lives in Norwich, Vermont with her husband Stan and their three children. She enjoys trail running, skiing, biking, Pilates, theater, dance, reading and travel.





#### Ari Zandman-Zeman '01

Ari came to MCI from Alaska, completing his post-graduate year in 2001. After enduring the rigors of a Division 1 collegiate basketball career at the University of Northern Colorado, Ari followed his dreams by joining the U.S. Peace Corps, where he was posted in Union Island of St. Vincent and the Grenadines in the Eastern Caribbean. He realized the necessity of finding a dynamic strength-training program that was practical for working abroad in a developing nation and created his exercise business, Rubberbanditz (http:// rubberbanditz.com). The company specializes in exercise bands that provide a functional training system, with the added bonus of utilizing inexpensive available resources. Ari is a mixed-medium exercise enthusiast and a certified personal trainer. He enjoys working out with rubber bands in out-of-the-ordinary places and believes wholeheartedly that fitness, flexibility, and fun are the keys to a long, healthy life.

### MCI Welcomes New Trustees

MCI is pleased to welcome two new and one returning member to the Board of Trustees.



Tim
Archibald '84
has been in
the design and
construction
industries for
over twenty
years, the past
several years
as principal /
owner of Han
Archibald De-

sign and Midwest Architecture Studio. He is a licensed architect in Illinois, Massachusetts, Colorado and Utah, is certified by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and is a member of the American Institute of Architects. He received his bachelor's degree in English from Middlebury College in 1988 and his masters of architecture from the Harvard University Graduate School of Design in 1995.



Jae Kwon
Han is the
CEO of the
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in Daegu,
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Sudo Corp.
manufactures handkerchiefs,
s carves,

gloves, umbrellas and fashion accessories for brands like Anne Klein, i.el'd, DAKS, Renoma, Pierre Cardin, Arnold Palmer and others. Their products are sold at department stores, discount stores, home-shopping channels, and internet shopping malls. Sudo has been widely recognized by Japanese and Chinese Department Store/Marts for its skill and quality. Han is the father of MCI student Dong Woo Han '12.



Michael
Hodgins '86
returns to the
Board of Trustees after serving as Board
Chair from
2001 to 2007.
Hodgins manages Bernstein
Shur's Augusta, Maine office.

He practices in general civil litigation including personal injury and commercial litigation in state and federal courts. Hodgins represents plaintiffs and defendants in matters involving significant personal injuries from product liability, motor vehicle, and premises liability accidents. Hodgins received his bachelor's degree from Dartmouth College in 1990 and his J.D. from the University of Maine School of Law in 1993.

## A Moment in History



The 1980 State Champions with Head Coach John Slagle. Members of the 1980 team: Tim Archibald '84, Mike Archibald '83, Richard Baker '83, Jeff Bickford '81, Mark Bickford '81, Mark Bois '83, Joe Burton '81, Danny Donnell '81, Mike Dow '84, George Dyer '81, Andy Haynes '82, Danny Howland '81, Dick Jacobs '82, Pat Jordan '82, Gary Jordan '81, Kenton Littlefield '82, Mike Lynch '84, Roger McAllister '81, Mike Ouellette '81, Dave Pierce '81, Kevin Quiet '81, Kevin Smith '81 (manager), Daniel Woodruff '84, and Steve Young '82.

This fall marks the thirty-year anniversary of the MCI men's soccer team's State Championship in what was perhaps the longest state championship game ever played. In November 1981, the men's soccer team beat Mt. View High School 2-1 after playing a full regulation soccer game with six additional overtime periods. The win came after a "shoot-out" where players had five seconds to go one-on-one with the goalie and make a shot.

# MCG Hall of Fame August 6, 2010







L to R: Norbert Young, Jr. '66, Chairman of the MCI Board of Trustees inducts Helen Esty Cianchette '48; Trustee Michael Hodgins '86 inducts Scott Carter '73; Helen Esty Cianchette accepts her induction into the Hall of Fame.







L to R: MCI Trustee Col. John "Jack" Mosher '83; Col. Jack Mosher '83 inducts his father, David Mosher '57; Scott Carter '73.







L to R: Former faculty member David Davis talks with trustee Tony Frederick '59; Ralph Damren '64, President of the Alumni Association, gives Col. Jack Mosher '83 the Distinguished Achievement Award; Deanna Leavitt Clark '60 and Marilyn Nash '60 greet trustee and former faculty member N. Blake Bartlett.

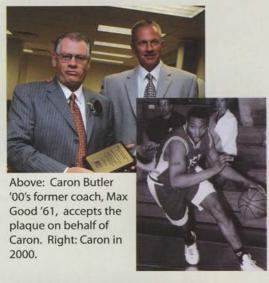


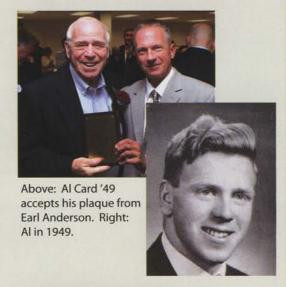




L to R: Headmaster Chris Hopkins welcomes attendees; Marion Mosher pins a boutonniere on David Mosher '57; attendees line up for dinner.

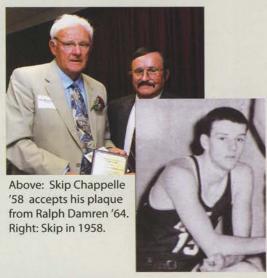
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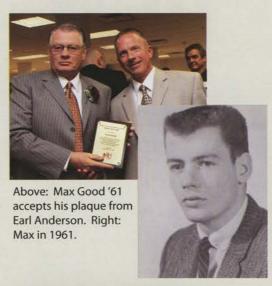






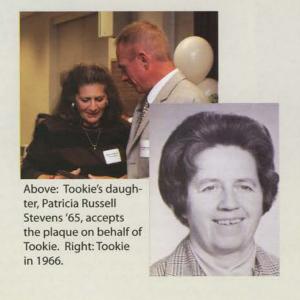
The Athletic Hall of Fame in Wright Gymnasium

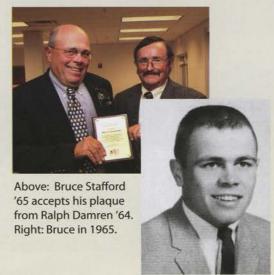






The 2010 Inaugural Hall of Fame Recipients







The 2010 Hall of Fame Plaques

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1. Members of the MCI Alumni Association Executive Committee: Nancy Shorey '82, Paul Bertrand '59, Nikki Steeves '99, Ralph Damren '64, Alice Patterson '48 and Michelle Hodgins '86. 2. Marilyn Nash '60 greets Dannette Libbey Dean '60. 3. Tania Carnrick '73 and Sylvia McNichol '74 peruse the historical displays. 4. Jerry Hallee '50 and Arey Bryant '48. 5. Eloise Bane '60 and Verna Southard '60. 6. The MCI Bookstore display. 7. Mike Thompson '00, Nancy Shorey '82, Shirley Bryant, Alice Patterson '48 and Theo Bryant '48. 8. The Class of 1960 listen to Headmaster Hopkins' welcome. 9. The Class of 1960 celebrates their 50th Reunion. 10. Marion and David '57 Mosher sing the School Hymn.

11. Headmaster Hopkins hands Deanna Leavitt Clark '60 her 50th Reunion gift. 12. Headmaster Hopkins hands Floyd Lawrence '60 his 50th Reunion gift.

# AUGUST 6 5 7, 2010







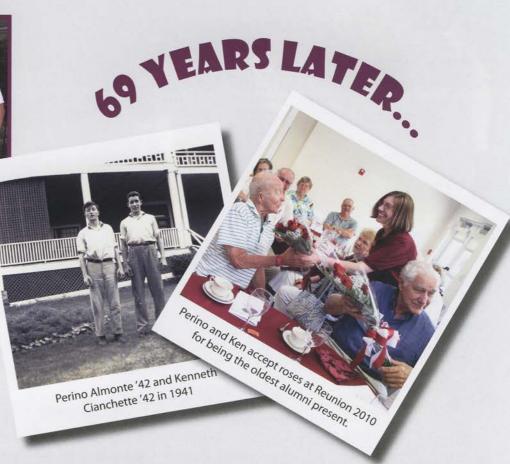








13. The Class of 1950. 14. Ralph Damren '64 presents Alice Patterson '48 with an MCI Chair in recognition of her retirement from the Alumni Association Executive Committee. 15. Paul and Julia '50 Rodenbeck. 16. The Class of 1960. 17. Kim Shorey '86 and Andy Beach. 18. Paul Bertrand '59, Tom Bertrand '90, Angela Bertrand and Merilee Caldwell. 19. The Class of 1965.



# 2010 Alumni Golf Open



L to R: President of the Board of Trustees Norbert Young, Jr. '66; MCI faculty members Mike Libby and Ed Miller look on with Ted Cianchette '76



Linda Kitchin, Joyce Williams '48 and Bette Bagley '54





L to R: Joe Salley '98, Headmaster Chris Hopkins and Scott Carter '73.

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#### John Dana Alumni Cup Challenge

The winners of the first annual John Dana Alumni Cup Challenge are the Class of 1980 Foursome: Peter Fendler, Ray Feegel, Stacey Fitts and Peter Kohler. Congratulations to Peter, Ray, Stacey and Peter!







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Team MCI Supports SVH Breast Cancer Walk





On the cold morning of October 16th, MCI alumni and students together raised close to \$300 towards breast cancer screenings and mammograms while participating in the Sebasticook Valley Health's annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walk.

Members of "Team MCI" included Suzy Morton '85, Nicole Steeves '99, Scott Giallombardo '00, Sally Baker '72, Jenna Tozier '11 and Julia Friend '84, as well as the 2010 MCI Boys Soccer Team!

Two members of Team MCI generously gathered outside donations from friends and family to add to the total-Sally Baker '72 collected \$90 and Jenna Tozier '11 collected an extra \$60. SVH had a great turnout for this annual event and Team MCI enjoyed the oppportunity to get out and support this important cause!

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Unrestricted AF (includes matching gifts)	201,080
Restricted Annual Giving	
Class of '59 Gift	1,545
Class of '60 Gift	5,240
Class of '85 Gift	275
Faculty Endowment	3,000
Hardwood Club	13,200
Music	1,000
Baseball	2,600
Drama Grant	1,000
Track Renovation	1,000
4 Mini Grants	3,078
Canoes, Trailer, Oars, etc.	10,000
Pant MOU Grant for Health	1,000
Chinese Language Class	500
Athletics in memory of Tookie Russell	1,595
Resiliency Run	600
Wright Gym Repairs	8,000
Electronic Pianos	3,625
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Rowe Hall	77
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Friends of Chris Dionne	722
Cassidy Scholarship	200
Inspiration Award	200
Melmac Scholarship	1,000
Marshall & Rowena Nash Scholarship	50
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Edna Reed Scholarship	125
Reny Charitable Foundation	3,000
Jack & Tookie Russell Scholarship	1,000
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James Randall Scholarship	590
Whitney Hammond Scholarship	50
Maurice & Hazel Earle Scholarship	300
Gladys Gleason Scholarship	200
Korean Scholarship	6,500
Roy & Alice Sinclair Scholarship	1,100
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Total Unrestricted and Restricted	458,340
Annual Auction 2010 Income	14,074
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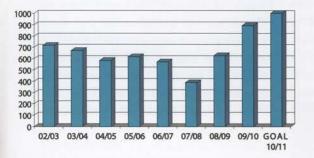
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Correction: Rebekah Kallgren '10's athletic accomplishments were incorrectly listed in the Spring / Summer Alumnus Magazine. In 2010, Rebekah received the following: KVAC Championships: Silver Medalist - Slalom, Silver Medalist - Giant Slalom; First Team All Conference KVAC - Slalom; First Team All Conference KVAC - Giant Slalom; Class B State Championships: Silver Medalist - Slalom, Bronze Medalist - Giant Slalom; and Member Maine State Selection Team - Eastern High School Championships. The editors regret the mistakes.

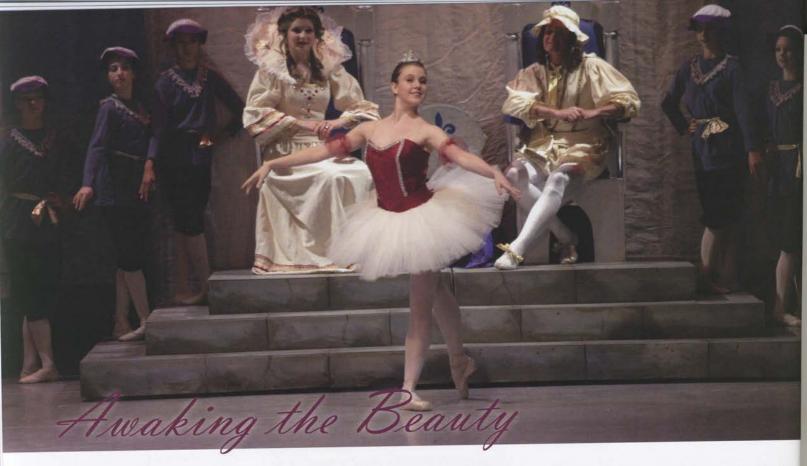
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by Colonel Michael D. Wyly, USMC (ret) Bossov Ballet Theatre

Tlove the intermissions as much as I the ballets we put on because I see so many friends, fans, who have gotten hooked on Andrei Bossov's performances. When we started Bossov Ballet Theatre a trusted advisor told me "You can't say you have 'community support' until you are drawing audiences that are not just moms and dads of dancers." If there was any doubt whether we have achieved community support, it evaporated Friday and Saturday nights at The Waterville Opera House with Andrei's The Sleeping Beauty when 700 persons bought tickets and attended. I saw many of the same faces I see at Christmas when we do our annual Nutcracker. Nutcracker at Christmas in America is an easy sell. Midsummer performances are another matter.

I saw in this summer's audiences the shop keepers I see in Waterville when I put posters up in their store windows to advertise our shows. I saw restaurateurs and clerks from the bank. We had

plenty of dance parents, too, of course, and they ranged from as far away as did the dancers: California, Michigan, Texas, Alaska and Florida. Our 64member summer troupe representing 23 states and one Canadian province who trained and rehearsed on the MCI campus and who formed the cast of The Sleeping Beauty came from twenty-three different U.S. states. I look at every one of them as a potential MCI student. Six joined us this fall from our summer ranks. Others, we hope to see as boarding students next year or the year after that. It is our annual summer program and the performance that culminates it that draws dancers to Maine and MCI. They experience the top quality instruction and fall in love with the beautiful campus.

What was especially heartening was a smattering of MCI employees, even in the summer. There was Ken Connors '77 of Maintenance and his wife, Mary '77, MCI's Accounts Receivable Clerk. There was Jared McCaw, Class of 2010, who did the slavish work of washing dishes for us in the cafeteria this summer. Jared has become an avid fan of

classical ballet at an early age. "It was all the characters - so many of them that especially awed me about The Sleeping Beauty," Jared said. He never misses a Nutcracker. He understands the work the dancers put into a performance but he gets the essence of ballet-going as well, when he says "I know how much they love what they do and I can feel it from the audience. That's why I go. I feel better about everything because I feel the dancers' joy." That these are the people who do the day to day hard work in business offices, maintenance sheds, and in the kitchen, not faculty or administration there to "show support", tells me our fans are real; their interest in the art is genuine, coming from the "grass roots" so to speak.

I saw two other representatives of MCI in the audience. Blake Bartlett, who taught here and now serves as a Trustee, and Betty Calise, Class of 1953, who came all the way up from her home in New York where she had seen a few of our MCI dancers when they performed in downtown Manhattan last March. And while six is not a large number of MCI affiliates, it is

the other 800 unaffiliated, those who come to the show because it's a great show, period, that mean we are doing something right.

The curtain opens on the Bossov Ballet at 7:00 P.M., with predictable inevitability as it has done for the last 15 years. For most shows, the audience is leaving the theater at about 9:00. But for The Sleeping Beauty it was pushing 10:00 P.M. and after three hours, they had lost none of their energy. Andrei cuts no corners when he does The Sleeping Beauty. "It is the quintessence of classical ballet," he says. A prologue and three acts. To a Russian trained in St. Petersburg, the city where the great composer Tchaikovski and choreographer Petipa together created The Sleeping Beauty back in 1890 to be performed by the very company that Andrei served for twenty years, the ballet is literally sacred. Peter Martins, Director of New York City Ballet, as well as most contemporary ballet companies in America, shortens and simplifies it. Not Andrei. And well he shouldn't. There is too much that is traditional as well as beautiful. Few schools or even professional companies have the wherewithal to recreate the classic choreography that has been passed down from teacher to dancer to new generations of dancers, now over a century. Few Americans know that it was the ballet that inspired the Disney movie, not the original 17th century Charles Perrault fairy tale, a story that the ballet's Russian creators changed significantly to make it the uplifting happilyever-after story that it is.

And its creators had yet another purpose in mind, as they worked towards the premier opening which the Imperial Russian Ballet would perform in the presence of Tsar Alexander III. The 1890's were a time of nostalgia in Russia's art communities, especially ballet; a time of harking back to days of grandeur. The art of ballet as we know it first flourished in France under Louis XIV,

whose record stands today unmatched as a royal patron of the arts, all of which flourished under Louis's reign. In the over-a-century that passed, however, it was as if - like the royal court in the fairy tale - all that magnificence had gone to sleep. In France there had been the revolution, the guillotine, tyranny, and repeated defeat in war, in Russia in 1812, at Waterloo in 1815, at the hands of the Prussians in 1870. During that time the torch of classical ballet had passed from France to Russia. It was time to wake up the grandeur again. And together the greatest composer and the most prolific choreographer in history answered the calling in the closest ever collaboration of composer and choreographer. It is well known that the ballet's mythical character, King Florestan XXIV, father of Princess Aurora, was meant by the ballet's Russian librettist to be the very persona of France's Louis XIV, reincarnated, fully identifiable in costume and manner. Not only would The Sleeping Beauty survive the Soviet years, but Director of the Imperial Theaters turned lead Ballet Artist of the Russian Federation, Fyodor Lopukhov, used it to convince the commissars that ballet must not be scrapped in the process of disestab-

lishing the monarchy and aristocracy. Ballet would, in fact, become an art appreciated by the common people, a phenomenon we see happening here in Pittsfield and down in Waterville.

Eleven MCI students and two returning alumnae danced in the cast of sixty-four. Alena Bystrova of Ontario, Canada, joined MCI as a junior this fall, having come to the Bossov summer program in 2009 and again this summer. She danced the role of the fairy who bestows upon the newborn Princes Aurora the Gift of Bravery and commanding temperament. Alena said it best: "Dancing in this ballet brought magic into my life, new friends, a new outlook. This performance was such a contrast compared to performances with other groups. Bossov Ballet creates magic. Whenever I think of The Sleeping Beauty now, for the rest of my life, I will remember the summer of 2010 and how the idea came to me to come to MCI as a year-round student, the beginning of the application process, realizing this would be my new home and my Alma Mater, the excitement that came over me and said "Yes, this is right."



Opposite page: Mollie Sharples '13 as the fairy who bestows upon the newborn Princes Aurora the Gift of Bravery and commanding temperament. Above: The 2010 Bossov Ballet production of *The Sleeping Beauty*.

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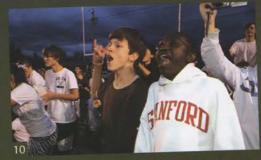






















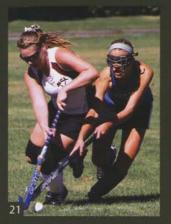














1. The Homecoming Parade arrives on campus. 2. Adam Ogden '12 pops a balloon in the class competitions. 3. Meghan Hughes '11, Cindy Lu '11 and Dylan Thibodeau '11. 4. The girls's soccer team (Picabo Morrell '12, Paula Arias '12, Ashley Kitchin '12 and Alana Oliver '12) has fun on their parade float. 5. Kelsie Chisholm '12. 6. Courtney Cody '13, Victoria Drake '13 and Katelyn Sousa '13. 7. Jordan Cram '13, Alex Weeman '13, Cameron Michaud '13, Emily Connolly '13, Keizer Turner '13, Brittany Noble '13, and Josie Young '13. 8. Claire Kerr '11, Taylor Gilbert '11, Daishon Knight '11, Coral Lu '11 and Vu Hoang '11. 9. Kris Prout '12, Gwen Snow '12, Meghan Orchard '12, Matt Thompson '12, Hillary Maloon '12, Adam Ogden '12 and Ryan Tozier '12. 10. Members of the Class of 2012 cheer on their classmates. 11. The freshman class celebrates. 12. Cheering Coach Jessica Talbot and Jennifer Chadwick '14 lead the MCI husky to the football field. 13. The football team runs through the cheerleader's banner at the beginning of the football game. 14. Tyler Maloon '11. 15. Trey Vintinner '12 returning kick for touchdown in big win over John Bapst. 16. The MCI Pep Band. 17. Brianna Losee '14. 18. Ryan Shorey '11. 19. Natasha Wallace '12. 20. Victoria Drake '13, Carolyn Newhouse '13 and Kassandra Brunette '11 celebrate a goal. 21. Kayla Michaud '11. 22. Jessie Seo '12. 23. The MCI Husky and a young fan.







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