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Dear Hill Family:



Now that we're some months into this school year, I find myself reflecting on my initial impressions of Hill. In my address to the community last January, I mentioned that the first person I met at Hill was Shannon Farrow, campus security officer, who greeted Mark and me at the Beech Street Gate House. Shannon's warm welcome seeded our impression of the campus and the school, and, in the following months, each new encounter with members of The Hill community unfolded in the same congenial way. I also discovered that many people I have crossed paths with during my 30 years in the independent school world as friends, parents of students, and former colleagues have Hill connections. Bob Kaufmann '58, former head of Deerfield Academy, gave me my first boarding school job in 1994, and Amanda Dougherty P'27, longtime Hill faculty member, and I worked at Westminster School together in 1998. The reach of The Hill family extends generations and is extensive, and the embrace of this community is strong.

During these first few months on campus, as I met some of the many people who make Hill hum, I came to further understand how this community reaches out and pulls you in. My campus rounds began with a stop at the Power House and Center for Campus Operations for a check in with Jerry Alderfer; a wave to Rhonda Custer as she made her rounds in her mail truck; a quick word with Brian Moser, assistant facilities director, to get a lay of the land or clarification about how things work; and a chance encounter with Louis Jeffries as he headed to the Archives in the Ryan Library to tend to his work. And on it goes. On our first night on campus, after a long day of unpacking, Mark and I walked out of Feroe House to join a boisterous block potluck hosted by Virginia and Bill Yinger '95 on their back patio. The next morning, we found ourselves in Cunningham Pool with a band of merry Hill faculty swimmers including Amy and Mark Agnew P'11, Dave Hoffman '01, and, of course, Dr. Kathy Malone. And in this way, relationships begin to form, and a sense of place is communicated.

Relationships have always been important, and today, when every day presents a new challenge—some big and some small—the ability to speak with one another, hear one another, to believe in one another, and lean on one another is essential. In this community, we work together to meet those big and small challenges, to prepare ourselves and The Hill for the day-to-day life at school, and to plan for the months ahead and the years to come. Strong relationships make that work possible and allow us to serve the School and our students best.

Hill's motto, "Whatsoever things are true," is apparent in each interaction that makes up everyday life—Shannon's warm greeting and the Yingers' generous invitation— and creates the foundation upon which Hill ties are formed. The *Strength of All* Campaign that concluded on June 30, 2023, at \$181.1 million, \$6.1 million above its initial goal, is a powerful example of the strength of those connections. This incredible support from our alumni and parents is an outgrowth of these ties. Their generous philanthropy is a marker of Hill's excellence and is essential to ensuring the future of Hill.

I will spend the rest of this year immersing myself in this community, putting myself fully into knowing its people and its history. While I will work hard to lead this special school to the fullest expression of its mission, my ultimate vision will be rooted in you—in all of you, in your expertise, and your passion for this place. We will honor our past, celebrate our present, and lean into Hill's future together.

In community,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen Devaney".

Kathleen Devaney
The Meigs Family Head of School



“ We will honor our past, celebrate our present,
and lean into Hill’s future together.



A^{to}Z WHAT'S GOING ON AT HILL

The Alumni **CHAPEL** is undergoing an expansion and renovation that includes adding air conditioning and balcony seating. Chapel services are being held in the CFTA this year.



Our **ADMISSION** team travels around the world throughout the fall meeting with prospective students and their families.



Athey Family Master Teacher of History and Social Sciences Chris Chirieleison '85 P'18 '19 '21 was named this year's **BRODY FELLOW.**

The tradition of seated meals in the **DINING HALL** is alive and well.



Check out **ESPRESSO** Yourself Book Café, a no-waste, non-profit book café and community learning space conceived by Hill's entrepreneurship and social enterprise classes.

A new era of **FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS** in Hill football began this fall with the dedication of Madden Stadium.

The **HONOR CODE** signing ceremony for students and faculty is held each September.



The newly designed and renovated Class of 1971 **GARDEN,** formerly the Headmaster's Garden, has quickly become one of the most treasured spots on Hill's campus.

The **INDUCTION** of the Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2023 took place on Friday, November 3. Read more on page 16.



On July 1, **KATHLEEN** Devaney officially became The Hill's 12th Head of School. Read more about Ms. Devaney on page 26.

During the annual **JUNIOR** Prize Day a number of special prizes for academic achievement were presented to students.



The Ellis Theatre Guild will perform three productions this year: *Clue*, *Prom*, and **LITTLE Shop of Horrors**.



The emotional, social, and **MENTAL HEALTH** of our community is a top priority. Hill is one of a few peer schools to provide 24/7 counseling services for students.



Dr. Catriona Miller '08, instructor of history and social sciences and co-director of the Humphrey Family Writing Center, was awarded a **NATIONAL** Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. See letter "W."

ON THIS HILL
we learn, lead, and succeed.

Hill

There are 20

REGIONAL CHAPTERS of the Alumni Association around the world. See letter "U."



Hobart's Run initiative is strengthening the School's relationship with our



POTTSTOWN neighbors and helping with revitalization efforts in the area. Scan the QR code to read more about their efforts.

The Shirley

QUADRIVIUM

Center is the hub of all science, math, engineering, and technology courses.



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This year, **STUDENTS** come from 28 states and 21 countries.



View a list of

UPCOMING EVENTS

being scheduled in Regional Chapters around the world.

The Beech Street **TENNIS** courts were renovated and a new tennis pavilion is being constructed.



The tradition from the early 2000s of winning teams ringing the **VICTORY BELL** after L'ville games continues today.

Did you know? The Humphrey Family

WRITING CENTER

is co-directed by two Hill alumni: Dr. Catriona Miller '08 and Dr. Mark Pearson '78 P'20 '24, Senior Master Teacher of English.



marks the spot for Reunion Weekend 2024. Save the dates June 7-9 for the big event!

DESTINATION HILL

REUNION 2024

This is Hill's 173rd academic

YEAR

when we culminate the celebration of 25 years of coeducation with a special event: May 3-5, 2024.



Davy Hall, the newest dorm space on campus, where fifth form girls catch some

Zzzs.

what's new in Hill Arts?

Awaken the
joy of creation
through the
visual and
performing arts.

-Hill Arts Mission

HARMONIOUS

Celebrating
Award-Winning
Fine Arts
and Theatrical
Excellence

In the realm of artistic and musical expression, Hill student talent knows no bounds. Throughout 2023, students involved in the arts were awarded several noteworthy awards and distinctions.



FIRST PRIZE
"Memories" by Jillian Richards '23



SECOND PRIZE
"Out of Box" by Adelyn Sim '24



HONORABLE MENTION
"Fog Walk" by Nash Basile '25 ▼



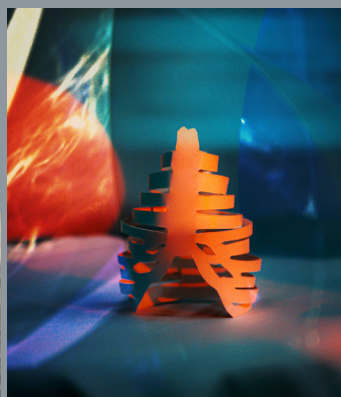
PURCHASE PRIZE WINNERS ANNOUNCED

The Hill School Purchase Prize was established to promote excellence in the visual arts. Each year, monetary prizes are given to students in exchange for their work. Their work then becomes a part of the School's permanent collection. Previous prize winners are exhibited throughout the campus as a recognition and celebration of the arts.

MASTERPIECES

THIRD PLACE ▶
"Bones and Tides" by Jillian Richards '23

FOURTH PLACE ▼
"A Morning in Philly" by Joseph Terreri '26



STUDENT-ARTISTS EARN FIVE AWARDS IN CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION

Each year, the Congressional Institute sponsors a high school Congressional Art Competition, the Artistic Discovery Contest, to recognize and encourage artistic talent in the nation and in each congressional district. Hill students received five awards.

OVERALL WINNER IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT: *"Who Survives"* by Cici Fang '24

THIRD PLACE:
"Out of the Box" by Adelyn Sim '24

◀ FIFTH PLACE:
"State of Mind" by Caroline Brandt '26

ELEVATING THE STAGE

Celebrating a Successful Performing Arts Season

Students and faculty took Hill's theatre productions and musical performances to the next level during the 2022-23 academic year. Here's a look back on a year filled with mesmerizing performances, heartfelt stories, and soul-stirring musical showcases.

COLORS | A DANCE CONCERT

Dance classes spent the spring term exploring the theme of colors and their connection to different styles, techniques, and emotions.



LES MISÉRABLES | MUSICAL

With a gritty and harsh perspective, the Ellis Theatre Guild performed the world-renowned Broadway phenomenon *Les Misérables* during the winter term.



SWEENEY TODD | MUSICAL ►

With original staging and design, the debut of a surround sound system in the Center For The Arts, and a talented group of student-technicians and performers, Hill's production of *Sweeney Todd* truly honored the late Stephen Sondheim.

◄ CLUE | PLAY

This student-led production of *Clue*, directed by Meredith Marks '24, had the audience in stitches in October 2023.



VISITING ARTIST PATTI LUPONE

Broadway legend Patti LuPone visited Hill's Center For The Arts to speak with The Hill community about her renowned career in the arts and film industry. Ms. LuPone graciously answered audience questions and gave insight into what life looks like as an aspiring star. Ms. LuPone's visit to campus was made possible through the recently established Class of 1968 Endowment for Student Creativity and The Arts.



Ride the Cyclone Takes Home Four Cappies

The Hill School's student-led production of *Ride The Cyclone* received four Cappie Awards. The Cappies program trains students to be critics by attending high school theatrical productions and writing reviews. At the end of each school year, student critics decide on the nominations. The following students earned awards by their peers for their roles in *Ride the Cyclone*:

Creativity Award For Direction | Tofe Akinyanmi '23;
Lighting Design | Payton Jobson '23;
Female Comedic Performance | Emma Herzog '24;
Female Vocalist | Joy Booth-Genthe '24.

Private Photography Collection of Trustee John Millar '84 Exhibited in Boyer Gallery



The Private Photography Collection of John Millar '84, Hill Trustee, was a featured exhibit in the Boyer Gallery last winter. The exhibit ran from January 20-February 23, 2023, with a reception held on February 9. While on campus, John met with students in Hill's photography and journalism classes. He shared why the photographs were meaningful to him and explained how he organized his collection. According to Joy Booth-Gente '24:

"Hearing from Mr. Millar was very inspirational, and I think it will help me think more about the message of my photography that I want to portray."

Visit www.thehill.org/arts for more Hill Arts news.

The Hilltones
and Hilltrebles
traveled to
Haverford
College for
the Ardmore
Rotary
Club's 2023
A Cappella
Charity
Competition
where they
won \$500. The
Hilltones and
Hilltrebles
chose
Pottstown's
Mission First
charity to
receive the
donation.



PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Hill's Orchestra and Jazz Ensemble, led by Senior Master Teacher of the Arts and Director of Instrumental Music Margaret Neiswender P'22, P'23, performed memorable numbers including Mozart's "Marriage of Figaro Overture" and Herbie Hancock's "Watermelon Man."



For more information about the
Arts news and events, scan this QR code.



"RISE, SHINE!" | A VOCAL UNITY CONCERT

Oaklawn-Tuttle Director of Vocal Music and Athey Master Teacher of the Arts Yoon Soo Lim P'17 '18 offered a Concert Choir course in December as part of H-Term. Students learned and practiced a collection of choral repertoires that were performed in collaboration with the Princeton Girlchoir.

2023-24 ARTS EVENTS

Judy Lupas, Kim Hoechst & Robert Rankin
September 8 - October 13, 2023 | Boyer Gallery

Fall Performing Arts Festival
October 13, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. | CFTA

Fall Dance Concert
October 20, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. | CFTA

Fall Musical: *Clue*
October 27-29, 2023 | CFTA

Perkiomen Valley Art Center Annual Juried Exhibition
October 30-December 15, 2023
Opening Reception:
Sunday, November 5 at 2 p.m. | Boyer Gallery

Winter Holiday Instrumental Concert
December 8, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. | CFTA

Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols
December 10, 2023 at 6:45 p.m. | CFTA

Michael Hower
January 12 - February 23, 2024
Opening Reception:
Friday, January 12 at 6-8 p.m. | Boyer Gallery

Winter Vocal Concert
February 9, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the CFTA

Winter Dance Concert
February 16, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. in the CFTA

Winter Musical: *Prom*
February 23-25, 2024 | CFTA

Teresa DeSeve (Boyer Gallery Exhibit)
March 20-May 3, 2024
Reception: Friday, April 5 at 6-8 p.m. | Boyer Gallery

Spring Performing Arts Festival
April 26, 2023 at 7:15 p.m. | CFTA

Spring Dance Concert
May 3, 2024 at 7:15 p.m. | CFTA

End-of-Year Student Art Exhibition
May 10-19, 2024
Opening Reception:
Friday, May 10 at 7:15 p.m. | Boyer Gallery

Spring Musical: *Little Shop of Horrors*
May 17-19, 2024 | CFTA



Most concerts are livestreamed
and recorded, and can be accessed
by scanning this QR Code.



HILL CELEBRATES ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME CLASS OF 2023

ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, during the Alumni Red Meat Dinner and the eve of the 136th Hill vs. Lawrenceville Game Day, The Hill celebrated the induction of the Class of 2023 Athletics Hall of Fame. The impressive class, which represents more than 110 years of athletics excellence, includes seven Hill athletes, one coach, and two teams.

The Hill School Athletics Hall of Fame Class of 2023

ATHLETE

James Biggs '58 GP'22

ATHLETE

James (Sandy) Van Kennen '62

ATHLETE

Theodore (Teddy) van Beuren '01

ATHLETE

Shannon (Summers) Zwoyer '05

ATHLETE

Deanna Mayza '13

COACH

Mark Nelson P'10 '13

TEAM

1984-1985 Water Polo

TEAM

2001-2002 Field Hockey

EXTRAORDINARY SPORTS ACHIEVEMENT

Willem (Butch) van Breda Kolff '41

WILLIS J. PIERRE MEMORIAL HALL

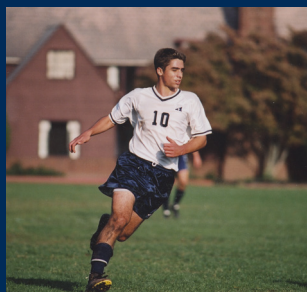
Harvey Hurd Lord 1899



James (Sandy) Van Kennen '62



James Biggs '58 GP'22



Theodore (Teddy) van Beuren '01 (His parents, Judy and Ted van Beuren '75 P'01 '05 '07, accepted the award posthumously on Teddy's behalf.)



Deanna Mayza '13



Shannon (Summers) Zwoyer '05



1984-1985 Water Polo Team Members: George T. Edelman, Victor A. Mestre, David J. Reavy, David W. Dietz, M. Truby B. Voisin, Coach Mark K. Nelson, Andrew F. Rocca, John E. Butler, Alfred J. Cooke III, Robert S. Kiesel, Gary K. Reinbrecht, John D. Corro, Coach John C. Schwambach, Jr., Robert K. Hartenstine, Jr., Thomas C. Brogan, W. Alan Woodard, Charles L. Harding, Thomas J. Sherry, Matthew W. Rocca



Mark Nelson P'10 '13



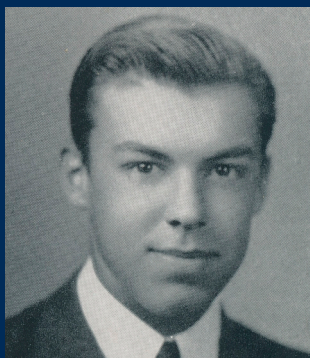
Harvey Hurd Lord 1899



2001-2002 Field Hockey Team Members: Kimberly S. (Lawser) Bishop, Briana J. (Keene) Bryant, Ashley E. Carey – Co-Captain, Brooke R. (Carey) Darlington, Johna B. (Capaldo) DeAngelis, Rebecca B. (Burbank) Gilstrap, Lauren L. (Nocella) Harrington, Chelsea M. (Sacks) High, Josephine A. Kurtz, Coach Jennifer A. (Sparacio) Lebo, Erin S. (Romig) Lipari, Xiaochan C. Liu, Heather S. McFalls, Brooke L. Strange, Sarah C. Vanderbeck, Dana E. (Shaner) White – Co-Captain, Ariel D. (Alberti) Wiegard



Scan the QR code with your mobile device to read more about each inductee and view tribute videos.



Willem (Butch) van Breda Kolff '41

MADDEN STADIUM

FUELS FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS ENERGY



The Hill School celebrated the first-ever “Friday Night Lights” football game and dedication of Madden Stadium, our new multi-sport facility, on September 8, 2023.

Located in the heart of Hill’s outdoor athletics complex at the Far Fields, Madden Stadium now serves as a centerpiece for football and lacrosse competitions as well as a gathering place for The Hill community. The School is grateful to The Hill Football Association, alumni, parents, and friends who have supported this project, including Pat Madden ’82 P’17, for whom the stadium is named.

Both Director of Athletics Seth Eilberg P’22 ’23 ’25 and Head of School Kathleen Devaney noted that facilities like Madden Stadium help to deliver on our athletics mission of providing an experience that emphasizes teamwork and character development and allows teams to compete at the highest level of independent school sports.

Pat Madden, along with Frank Puccio ’66, for whom the new press box is named, took the field with Ms. Devaney and Mr. Eilberg for the ceremonial ribbon cutting. After the celebration, it was time for Hill Football to take the field against Germantown Academy on their home turf under the lights for the first time in Hill history. The Hill community showed their Hill pride as they packed the bleachers and cheered on the Blues. While Hill put up a great battle, Germantown Academy dominated the game and won the home opener 45-21.

Madden Stadium features an artificial turf field, a scoreboard with full-color video display, an enclosed press box and filming platform, lights for night games, and a seating capacity for 700 spectators. The Hill School is grateful to the following individuals for their support:

Patrick W. Madden ’82 P’17 and Jennifer Madden
Louise H. Reed and The Estate of Mr. Alan Reed ’51
Frank S. Puccio, Jr. ’66
Scott M. Granowski ’79
Mark S. Richardson ’79 and Kathryn Richardson
Kirwan B. Elliott ’98 and Sara Elliott
John N. Hale ’71 and Suzan Hale

Two anonymous donors, who, in addition to supporting Madden Stadium, honored the legacy of Winnie and Dick O’Shaughnessy ’50 P’73 ’76 ’80 GP ’05 ’10 ’13, with the naming of the O’Shaughnessy Patio, which is adjacent to Madden Stadium and the Lehrman ’56 Pavilion.

Trailblazers Brunch

Celebrating 25 Years of Women's Athletics at Hill

ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4,

Hill vs. Lawrenceville game day kicked off with a special Trailblazers Brunch, celebrating 25 years of women's athletics at Hill and honoring those women involved in Hill athletics during the earliest years of coeducation. The keynote speaker for the event was Kathryn Malone, Ph.D., Elizabeth B. Blossom Chair of Humanities and Senior Master Teacher of Humanities.

Affectionately known by her students and colleagues alike as Doc, she previously served as Hill's Director of Studies for eight years and coached field hockey and lacrosse. Kathy is celebrating her 25th year at The Hill this year, but she has been an educator since 1983 and was a member of Yale University's inaugural women's lacrosse and field hockey teams.

A pioneer and trailblazer herself, during her talk, Kathy paid tribute to the coaches and players in those early years of coeducation at Hill who deserved to be honored for their efforts in building strong teams like Jennifer Sparacio, the 2001-02 field hockey team members, and Shannon Summers Zwoyer '05 who were inducted into the Athletics Hall of Fame the previous evening.

"Those of us who've had the privilege in participating in the process and of implementing significant change can only do so because of those who came before us and did the early rounds of heavy lifting," said Doc, also acknowledging the contributions of both Marian Threadgill P'02 '05 and Margie Ritchie Neiswender P'22 '23. The pair were instrumental in that "heavy lifting," with Marian managing the athletics office and Margie for her role as the first female to lead a varsity program and mentorship during those early years of women's athletics.

"You can only continue the change, if you've recognized the successes, but also recognize how much work it is and how exhausting it can be," noted Doc. "Recognizing and acknowledging the successes earns respect, but respect can't be earned if people don't know what you've done."

"There have been some challenges, to say the least, but the enticing, intriguing task of building a new culture, a new way of being for so robustly traditional institutions as Yale and Hill has been all I imagined and more," said Doc.

She continued: "We've made a lot of progress, but we're still dealing with the world where those are the default modes. There's a lot of history here and it's not meant as a criticism, but we have to be realistic about what we've accomplished and understand the context in which these pioneers have done what they've done, because it's so impressive."

"To the Pioneers here, all these amazing women: We need to be grateful for their success and the joy they found and shared with all of us, but also understand their perseverance."



You can listen to Dr. Malone's remarks in their entirety on The Hill's website or by scanning this QR code.



Kathryn Malone, Ph.D.

CHAMPIONSHIPS RECENT RECORD BREAKERS

A number of our student-athletes and teams celebrated personal and team milestones

Boys' Lacrosse team won the 2023 Mid-Atlantic Prep Championships over Everest Academy 15-12 on May 22, 2023.



Boys' Cross Country Wins MAPL For Seventh Time in Program History

The Hill School's boys' cross country team secured the Mid-Atlantic Prep League (MAPL) Championship trophy for the seventh time in program history on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Amidst cheers and anticipation, the live results screen revealed Hill as the champions by a mere two points over the host school, Peddie. "The entire team has been working very hard all year and progressing steadily," said Head Coach Chris DeLucia P'13. "At the conclusion of the championship race, there was no doubt that they had done everything they possibly could have, and coaches and parents alike were extremely proud of all they had accomplished."



Field Hockey Achieves Fifth Consecutive MAPL Title

Hill Field Hockey walked away with the MAPL Championship for the fifth consecutive time after defeating Lawrenceville 9-0 on November 4. In fall 2023, the team reached the PAISAA finals, falling 1-0 to Academy of Notre Dame de Namur.



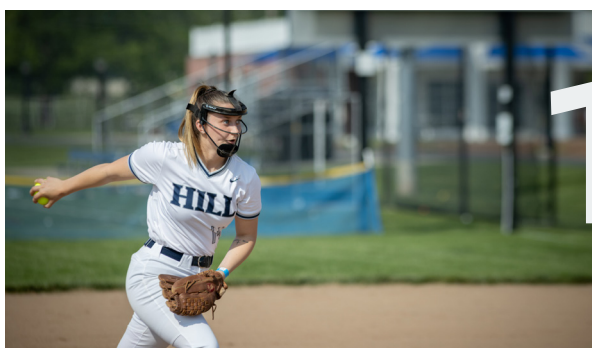
Girls' Lacrosse Annabella Schafer '23 reached a career milestone of scoring 100 goals while goalie Sam Cifra '23 reached a career milestone with 400 saves.

100



400

Softball pitcher, Aryanna Bodge '23, reached a season record with 100 strikeouts last spring.



100



Outdoor PAISAA Championships

Charlie Hewitt '25 came in first place in the javelin with a throw of 174'08"; **Nicholas Bressi '24** placed first in the 300m hurdles with a time of 39.76; Jake Voynar '23 placed first in the boy's long jump with a jump of 22'03".

HILL
ATHLETICS



Indoor and Outdoor Track and Field celebrated a number of impressive milestones

Outdoor MAPL Championships: Colby Dobek '24 placed first in the 100m dash with a time of 10.99; Lola Palmer '25 placed first in shot put with a final result of 34'04.50"; Charlie Hewitt '25 broke the School record in javelin with a throw of 192'10"; **Jake Voynar '23** placed first in the long jump with a jump of 22'05" and triple jump with a jump of 41'11".



Indoor PAISAA Championships:

Reagan Basile '23, **Rocco Bressi '23**, Jason Zhou '23, and Jake Voynar '23 won the 4x400 event with a season best of 3:40.75, while Quintin Craig '23 took the crown in the 55m with a time of 6.56.

Hill Relays

The Girls' Sprint Medley Relay Team of **Ella Kaplan '25**, **Sarah Kenvin '23**, **Riley Savage '25**, and **Colette Zidek '23** broke the outdoor School record with a time of 4:28.95. Track and Field Captain Sarah Kenvin '23 broke three individual records and was a part of a medley team record, broke the record in the 55m dash with 7.34 at the PAISAA Indoor Championships and the 60m dash with 7.93 at the Pennsylvania Track and Field Coaches Association (PTFCA) Indoor State Championships. In the spring season, she broke the School outdoor 100m dash record with a time of 12.49.



CHAMPIONSHIPS RECENT RECORD BREAKERS



Girls' Ice Hockey

Charlie Rauch '24 broke the Hill girls' ice hockey record for single season goals (24) and points (44) during the 2022-2023 season and holds the record for scoring in consecutive games, currently standing at 13. In December 2023, she surpassed the 100 career goal mark.

Bolded student names are featured in photos.

VISIT HILL ATHLETICS ONLINE FOR UPDATES
www.thehill.org/athletics



Wrestling

Hill Wrestling won the 2023 PAISAA Duals Championship on January 28, 2023 against The Kiski School, Germantown Academy, Abington Friends, and Mercersburg Academy. This year's PAISAA Duals are scheduled for January 27, 2024. Colby Isabelle '23 and Hunter Sloan '23 individually reached a milestone of 100 career wins. Colby is continuing his wrestling career at Brown University and Hunter is wrestling at Bucknell University.

Girls' Golf

The Hill School Girls' Golf team won the 2023 Girls' Golf PAISAA Championship on May 18, 2023. The team consisted of **Avery Cohen '26**, **McKay Allain '23**, **Audrey Choi '24**, **Coco Li '25**, and **Lulu Nakagawa '23**.



WHAT'S NEW IN ATHLETICS ON CAMPUS



ARENA STUDENT-ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT ROOM

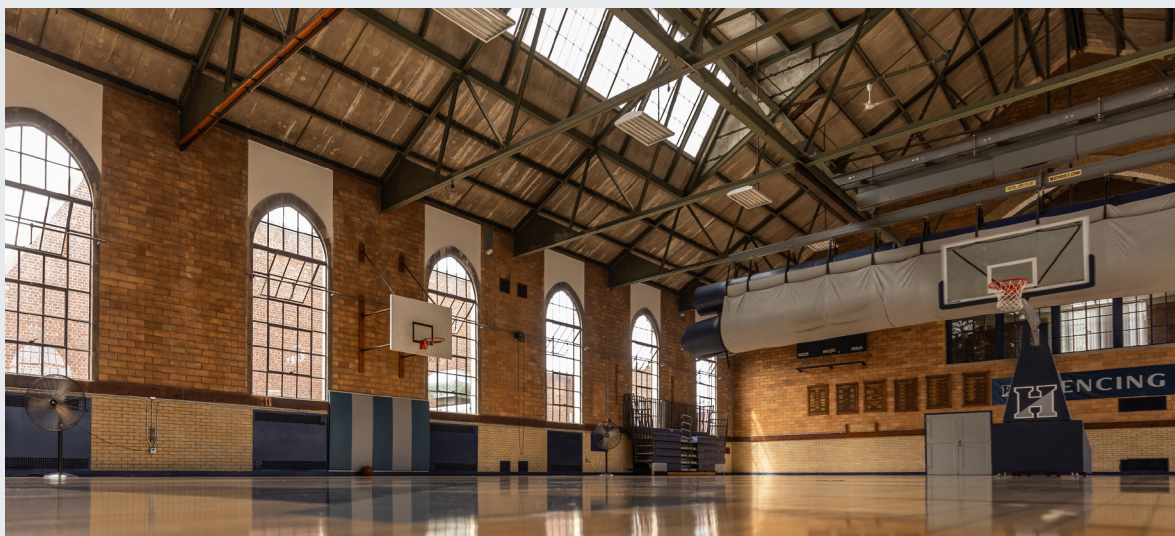
Thanks to the generosity of Barbara and Jody Arena '81, Hill's football, lacrosse, and wrestling teams now have a dedicated place for team bonding, holding meetings, and reviewing film together. Their gift honored all the Arena brothers: Jody '81, Scott '76, Harry, and Chip '67, who passed away in 2015.





SWEENEY GYMNASIUM

Historic Sweeney Gymnasium saw a major renovation and upgrade including new flooring, windows, roof, basketball hoops, and signage.



WEIGHT ROOM

Adjacent to Mercer Field House, the weight room recently underwent a renovation thanks to the generous support of the Wu P'25 family. The facility includes 8 Sorinex base camp dual sided half racks; custom cable configuration with 2 lat-pull downs, 2 low rows, and 2 cable columns; 2-in-1 leg extension/leg curl machine; 2 glute ham developers; 1 Pit-Shark; full dumbbell and kettlebell sets; an assortment of medicine balls, trapbars, TRX training systems; and various cardiovascular machines.

with Head of School

Kathleen Devaney

For the past 30 years, Kathleen Devaney has been a dedicated and passionate boarding school leader, having served as a teacher, coach, and administrator at Deerfield Academy, and for the last 25 years, at Westminster School in Simsbury, Connecticut.

During her time at Westminster, she served in a variety of capacities including Assistant Head of School, Dean of Students, and Director of Student Life, all while remaining a committed classroom teacher in the history department and coach of a variety of different teams. Before her appointment at Hill, Kathleen was the founding Executive Director of Horizons at Westminster since 2018.

Prior to joining the boarding school world, Kathleen worked in corporate banking in New York City and taught English in Germany on a Fulbright grant. She holds a B.A. from Bowdoin College and an M.A.L.S. from Dartmouth College.

Kathleen's husband, Mark de Kanter, a graduate of Westminster and a veteran boarding school teacher, coach, and administrator, is currently serving at Hill as an instructor of science, adviser, dean on duty, and assistant track and field coach. Kathleen and Mark have two children, Emmett, a senior at Harvard University, and daughter, Samantha, a sophomore at Boston College.

Kathleen Devaney, The Hill School's 12th
Head of School, photographed on campus
in July.



Kathleen Devaney

How did you know that The Hill was right for you and your family?

Before the official search process began back in early fall of 2022, Mark and I were in the area for a wedding and wanted to get a sense of the place. We hoped to do a quick drive-by visit, but we quickly realized that you literally can't drive through campus. What we hoped would be an inconspicuous trip turned out to be a little less so, with the many K-turns involved in getting us through campus. But I remember being struck by the buildings and the grandeur of the place. The layout of the campus, with central quads surrounded by both dorms and academic spaces, conveyed a sense of community.

Later, throughout the search process and in my subsequent visits, everyone we met was so clearly passionate and proud of The Hill's mission and invested in this community. Our three-day visit in December was an interview process for me, but it was also a chance for us to meet faculty, staff, and students, and all those meetings further confirmed the commitment to the educational mission by everyone here. After that visit, we knew, if I were offered the job, we would be joining a great team and institution, one which resonated with our values.



Ms. Devaney greets new students and parents during an opening of school reception.

What does it mean to you to be the first woman to be appointed Head of School in the School's almost 175-year history?

I am humbled, honored, and proud to serve as The Hill's 12th Head of School and Hill's first female head of school. In speaking with students, faculty and staff, members of the Board, and the two and a half decades of Hill alumnae with whom I have had the opportunity to interact, I have come to understand that my appointment, in some ways, is the full realization of coeducation at the School and that now some see a reflection of their identity in me. I certainly do not take that lightly.

Last January, after the announcement of my appointment was public, I saw that Hill girls' hockey was playing Canterbury. The game was only an hour away, so I drove to western Connecticut to cheer on Hill. I had my Hill gear on underneath everything because I wanted to be under the radar, so to speak. Before the team came back from half-time, I caught the eye of Assistant Coach Laura McConney and waved to her with my Hill gear then on display. At the end of the game, Head Coach Ari Baum insisted I go into the locker room with the team. When I went in to congratulate them on their win, the girls started proudly chanting, "We love women at Hill." I mean, how great is that?! That phrase means so many things—we love ourselves and our classmates; we love our female faculty and leadership; and as a community we love and appreciate women and one other.

I am a believer that communities flourish when everyone is seen and appreciated wholistically, regardless of their identity. Hill does that, and I intend to do all that I can to further strengthen that practice.



What will you prioritize in this first year as you settle in your new role?

I am focused on getting to know all things “Hill.” I am working to understand The Hill community from students, employees, the Trustees, alumni, and parents. I have been paying attention to the rhythms of the School—living here, working here, and establishing relationships with all the people who make Hill, Hill. The input of both longtime and new community members is important. The folks who remain at the core are the carriers of history. At Hill there is an incredible core, so we want to stay centered on that and build from that strength. At the same time, sometimes when you are new, you can offer a different, valuable perspective. The goal will be to decide how we keep moving forward and getting better while remaining true to the essence of the School.

What type of leader would you consider yourself to be?

I want to be a head of school who creates an environment where the people who are the experts—teachers, coaches, program leaders, dorm parents, and staff—can do their jobs to the best of their ability because they have the resources, collaborative support, and space necessary to do it. There are ways to do this very deliberately and intentionally, and I hope that I can create the kind of environment that empowers everyone to do the work and support one another.

I have spent my career in direct contact with students as a teacher, coach, and adviser, and I will relish all future opportunities to connect directly with students. Seated lunches are some of my favorite events of the week, as are attending games and performances. However, this position is more about supporting others who are doing that work, and that is my focus.

What have been your initial impressions of Hill and its relationship with Pottstown? How important is further strengthening community relations between the School and the town?

Both of my previous schools, Westminster and Deerfield, were set apart from the “downtown” areas. The Hill is very much a part of Pottstown and Pottstown a part of Hill—the two rely on each other. Everybody, both within The Hill community and around town, have been incredibly welcoming. As a history teacher, I am fascinated by the origins and story of a place as well as the people who bring that story to life. *(cont. on next page.)*



Students were surprised with donuts and lawn games during a fall pop-up advisory.

“ *I want to be a head of school that creates an environment where the people who are the experts – teachers, coaches, program leaders, dorm parents, and staff – can do their jobs to the best of their ability.* ”



Kathleen Devaney and her husband, Mark de Kanter, are veteran boarding school leaders with more than 60 years of experience combined.

I am excited to build upon the great strides and programs initiated by Hobart's Run—the fact that the School established this organization and prioritizes its relationship with Pottstown is phenomenal. One important thing to me personally is being a visible presence in our neighborhood. Even if I were not head of school, I would see it as my responsibility as someone new to and living in The Hill community to be involved in Pottstown—it is part of creating a healthy symbiotic relationship. Any independent school must have a public purpose for so many economic, communal, practical reasons. It is the right thing to do. Having our students really feel connected to Pottstown is also important, and is something both Twila Fisher and Cathy Skitko, leaders of Hobart's Run, are doing in myriad ways already.

Though you and your siblings did not attend boarding school growing up, you (and many members of your immediate and extended family) have spent the majority of your career/s in the independent/boarding school. What drew you to this life and vocation?

Part of the beauty of boarding schools is that there are so many homes within homes, and, in many ways, this rings true for my own family as well.

Kathleen Devaney

While I was spending a year overseas teaching in former East Germany in the early 90s, I remember the first day in the classroom and the realization that working in schools and teaching was where I really wanted to be. As that year ended and I considered my next job, a friend of mine with whom I played soccer in college and worked at Deerfield Academy shared an open position there. This was a perfect opportunity for me to do what I came to love. I was ultimately offered a job at Deerfield, and the rest is history.

I grew up as one of five children, and education was always important to my parents. My mother did not attend college, but my father, a manufacturing representative, attended Holy Cross as a day student. Their expectation was that we would get involved in all the activities our public school offered in terms of playing sports and club membership. Through all those activities, we developed different relationships and friendships.

In a boarding school setting, the power of the student-adult relationships increases exponentially, and that is the magic of these places. For a family choosing to send their child to a boarding school, what is special is the multiplicity of relationships students have with adults in their lives—their teachers, coaches, advisers, dorm parents. Mark and I have found that to be true for our own children during their time at Westminster and now as recent graduates.

So back to my own family's home within a home at boarding schools. I first met Mark when I was at Deerfield, and then we headed to Westminster where we spent the last 25 years—teaching, coaching, dorm parenting, serving as administrators, and raising our two children, Emmett and Samantha. My sister, Mary Kate, has been at Lawrenceville for 32 years and serves as assistant head of school and director of advancement; my brother, Tim, is currently a coach and teacher at Blair Academy; and my niece, Emma (Mary Kate's daughter), is also at Blair working in advancement. Living and working in boarding schools certainly has become an important part of our family's legacy.



Kathleen and Mark with their children, Samantha and Emmett.

The following remarks were shared by Head of School Kathleen Devaney with the community on September 6, 2023 during the opening of school Convocation Ceremony. Board Chair James L. Alexandre '75 and Trustee and the Head of the Search Committee Michael W. Harris '84 P'22 were present for the ceremony to officially present Ms. Devaney as the School's 12th Head of School.

Welcome to Hill and the 2023-2024 school year!

I met some of you last winter and spring, more of you in the past few days and I will work hard to get to know all of you as the year unfolds. There has been much for all of us to do, new people to meet, old friends to connect with, rooms to set up. And, if you are a football player—you preseason warriors—you may feel as though you've lived a lifetime since you arrived on campus three weeks ago back on August 19! But whether this is day two for you on Hill's campus or the beginning of your fourth year, we have all been busy with the work of connection.

This past May, the Surgeon General, Dr. Vivek Murthy, declared loneliness and isolation an epidemic in the United States. While the deleterious effects of disconnectedness is certainly not new to us, the idea that it can impact our physical health as well as our mental health might be. Dr. Murthy writes of these profound health consequences, equating the effects of loneliness, which were painfully exacerbated during COVID, to smoking 15 cigarettes per day in terms of how it changes life expectancy. But, most importantly, Dr. Murthy also writes of a remedy, of the "medicine" as he puts it "hiding in plain sight: social connection." As it turns out, we are good for one another.

Before I started work in July, Hill asked me to come to campus to meet alums over reunion weekend. Returning students, you had just left campus, but your experiences echoed in the voices of these alums, young and old, gathered in the The Class of 1971 Garden. I had the chance to address them, and I offered this thought on boarding schools. IRL—In Real Life—a reference to our existence outside of social media. A stand in for living, for shared experiences, for living in person, together. Boarding schools are the OG IRL. For you cringing, no worries, I'll stop using generation Y speak. In our lives here at Hill, in the dining hall, at seated meals, in Chapel, in the mojo, dojo, casa dorm room, if you will, on the field and the stage, in the common room and in the classroom, we are living, learning, connecting, and growing in community with one another. Now, more than ever, we see the value of boarding school in providing a level of shared experience and familiarity not experienced in almost any other part of life.

Now, I am not a Luddite, which as Dr. Miller can explain, is a reference to a group of activists in 19th century England who sabotaged industrial equipment because they feared automation was destroying society. We understand that social media, email, our instant communication...all of these tools have an essential place in our modern life, they help maintain connections with people far from us, and are ingrained in the workings of our school. I mean, WAVE, right?

But, connections require attention. One of the reasons why we prohibit cell phones and ear buds while moving on campus is that those devices preclude the opportunity to make that effort, as the devices create a bubble that communicates self-sufficiency, even if we're not. Stowing the phone and putting away the ear buds are intentional acts of opening ourselves up to the people in front of us.

Real connection happens in person. It happens in a shared struggle over the elusive translation of the *Odyssey* in Mr. Turner's class. In unraveling the complicated concepts of honors calculus in Mr. Higginbotham's math class, and in completing the demanding athletic preseason fitness challenge for Ms. Gomez. Real connections happen while triumphing as a team against Souderton High in water polo, and in nailing a choreographed dance number for the Back to Broadway! production last Saturday night.

And part of the beauty of boarding school is having the opportunity to meet people with different perspectives, people who will enliven a conversation by bringing their



own viewpoints to bear. Often, as we get to know each other, our energy is focused on finding similarities...what we like in common. And once we feel comfortable in our relationships, it can be easier to begin exploring the differences in opinions, the points where we disagree or see through different lenses. This year, part of our community-wide diversity initiatives will be Revisiting Courageous Conversations, an undertaking initially begun in 2020 to engage around difficult topics related to diversity, equity and inclusion. These conversations will involve all of us.

Making connections is not always smooth. Sometimes an initial conversation can feel awkward, like too much work. And we all have known the discomfort of feeling left out of a conversation, alone in a group, lonely surrounded by people. Everyone in this room has felt lonely. In that way, loneliness is a shared experience too, and empathy, which is born of shared experiences, can inspire us to reach out to that person who might at the moment be feeling alone. Be an agent of connection and allow yourself to connect.

So what else can we do to build connections? We can reach out to one another and take the time to share a smile or a laugh with someone. Relationships begin with the courage to give others a glimpse of ourselves and to offer and receive friendship.

We can extend invitations. Invitations are powerful. Since moving to Hill, Mr. de Kanter and I have been invited into many Hill spaces and we are thankful for the outstretched hands. The evening before we spent the first night in Feroe House, Dr. Malone and Mr. and Mrs. Yinger and so many others invited us to join a boisterous block party. It was great. No earth-shattering points of conversation were exchanged and no instant bonds were immediately forged, but the hand was extended, experiences were shared, and the embers of relationships were lit. And so it goes. Hold a door, greet people by name as best you can, invite someone to sit next you at dinner, ask someone to join you, someone new, as you walk to order a Mookie at the Grille, be the last to leave practice and walk next to the person who walks alone.

At Hill, we work hard to prioritize the people around us. By that I mean, the people we are with in person. Technology is awesome, AI offers an exciting new chapter, but the essential feeling of "mattering" of each Hill student comes from connections, from relationships built during our time and experiences together. Some of you have flown thousands of miles to be in person in this community, others are from much closer. Regardless of where you are from, it is the people around us, our relationships, ultimately, our connectedness that acts as the critical thread of this community.

As it turns out, we are the medicine hiding in plain sight, we are the medicine one another needs.

Thank you and let's have a great year.





Fun Facts about The Hill Alumni Association

The goal of The Hill School Alumni Association is to strengthen the ties between alumni and the School by sharing ideas and the experiences of its diverse membership. By taking an active role in The Hill School Alumni Association you can leverage the ties that mean the most to you.

1

YOU ARE A MEMBER.

Any individual who is a student at The Hill for at least a year is a member of The Hill Alumni Association.

2

IT CELEBRATES GENERATION OF HILLIES.

The Hill Alumni Association is a network of multiple generations of alumni. The Hill Alumni Association is 9,000-plus members strong.

3

IT IS DESIGNED TO CONNECT.

Through events, networking opportunities, and other programs, The Hill Alumni Association connects Hill alumni around the globe.

4

VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE MAGIC HAPPEN.

The Hill Alumni Association partners with volunteers—mentors, regional chapter leaders, affiliate group leaders—worldwide to help support alumni engagement activities.

5

IT HONORS EXCELLENCE.

The Hill School Alumni Association recognizes standout Hillies through alumni awards, such as The Hill School Athletics Hall of Fame.

6

YOU CAN HELP.

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It's a typical day. What are you doing?
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I'M VOLUNTEERING.

I'M TAKING A WALK IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD.

I'M WORKING.

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▶ BE A MENTOR

Help students and alumni navigate the “real world” by designating yourself as a mentor in the Hill Alumni Directory, participating in career networking events, hosting an industry specific event, or by sharing internship and job opportunities.

▶ BE A FAN WHO GOES BEYOND

Come cheer in the stands or be in the audience for a performance. Join an affiliate group to relive memories with other alumni with a shared passion. Support current Hill students in the pursuit of excellence as student-athletes and performers.

▶ BE AN AMBASSADOR

Support a regional chapter by encouraging alumni to gather to renew friendship, make new acquaintances, and form networking contacts. Leverage relationships to share Hill with prospective families.

▶ BE CONNECTED

Follow Hill on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram to keep up with Hill happenings. Share news of life events such as marriages, births, achievements, etc. Spotlight a fellow alumnus or alumna when you learn about their achievements.

▶ BE UNIQUELY YOU

Take time to see how Hill's impact extends far beyond graduation. Don't let the jump in the Dell be the end of the story. Keep your contact information current to stay informed about the School and upcoming events.

▶ BE A VISIONARY

The “mighty visions” for the School's future are shaped by generosity in all forms. It is alumni, parents, and friends giving of their time, treasure, and talent.



THE FULLY-PACKED, HIGH-ENERGY NOVEMBER 3-4, 2023 HILL VS. L'VILLE RIVALRY WEEKEND WAS THE PERFECT VENUE TO CELEBRATE SEVERAL HISTORIC EVENTS INCLUDING THE 136TH HILL VS. LAWRENCEVILLE GAMES; THE INDUCTION OF THE CLASS OF 2023 OF THE ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME; AND AN AWESOME OPPORTUNITY FOR CURRENT HILL STUDENTS AND HILL ALUMNI TO CONNECT WITH ONE ANOTHER AND SHARE IN SOME OF HILL'S GREATEST TRADITIONS.





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From Campus to Cinema and Back to Campus: An Alumnus' Journey in the Film Industry

Grady Craig '14

Grady Craig '14, VP Business Development & Operations at BondIt Media, returned to The Hill to speak with photography, video, and entrepreneurship classes. In his role at BondIt Media, Grady sources high-quality projects, and is responsible for investment structuring and analysis, business development, and managing operations. Students enjoyed learning about his professional involvement in economics, entrepreneurship, media and film. In addition, Grady participated in critiques of student works and answered questions about his time at Hill.



Hill Alumnus Shares Start-up Lessons with Entrepreneurship Classes

Mike Leasure '13

Michael Leasure '13 met with Hill's entrepreneurship and social enterprise classes to share his knowledge, insights, and lessons learned through his continued journey with the start-up he co-founded, HEARTio. HEARTio is a digital diagnostic startup using artificial intelligence to help emergency providers identify heart abnormalities more quickly, more accurately, and in a more cost-effective way. Michael, a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in supply chain management, now serves Hill as a part-time faculty member teaching economics and co-teaching Entrepreneurship and Social Enterprise and is co-leader of the Pottstown Chapter of Hill's Alumni Association.

Thanks to the alumni who return to campus to share their expertise and insights with students. Here is just a sampling. Follow @HillAlumni on social for more about the ways alumni connect with current students.

Exploring the Deep: A Marine Biologist Returns to Share Wisdom with Students

Jasmine Nyce '16

Jasmine Nyce '16, Station Manager at the Bimini Biological Field Station (BBFS) in the Bahamas returned to Hill as a guest speaker in Mr. Mark Nelson P'10 '13's biology classes. She shared a detailed and interactive presentation discussing her work with bull sharks in the Western Atlantic, pausing to let students test their marine knowledge. In addition to her role at BBFS, Jasmine is working on her M.S. degree in fisheries, where her thesis examines the movements ecology of bull sharks in the Western Atlantic.



Hill Alumnus Shares Journalism Experience with Students

Ian Millhiser '96

Ian Millhiser '96, senior correspondent for Vox who focuses on the Supreme Court and the Constitution and the author of two related books, *Injustices: The Supreme Court's History of Comforting the Comfortable and Afflicting the Afflicted* and *The Agenda: How a Republican Supreme Court Is Reshaping America* returned home to Hill to meet with students and journalism classes.

More than 80 students and faculty packed the Memorial Room to join Ian for an insightful discussion of his work regarding how the ambiguous phrases of the Constitution can lead to a too-powerful Supreme Court.

The following morning, Ian met with Hill's journalism classes to share more about his personal journey in the field, as well as the evolution of the journalism industry over the past 30 years as it relates to content and editorial decision making, advertising, medium (print, digital, social media), and ethics.

Class Notes submissions may be emailed to classnotes@thehill.org or submitted online. We encourage alumni and friends to submit appropriate news and photographs. Digital photos must be high resolution and print quality to be considered. We reserve the right to edit notes for consistency with *Hill Ties* magazine style and accuracy.

1941

John Sheldon grew up in Westchester County, N.Y. and attended The Hill and Cornell before being drafted in 1943 to battle in World War II, where he was involved in both the European and Asiatic-Pacific theaters. He was able to celebrate his upcoming 100th birthday with four generations in Ormond Beach, Fla. in early August 2022. John passed away on his actual 100th birthday on August 24, 2022.

1943

Class Secretary: MILTON GRAY

1944

1945

Class Secretary: ROBERT A. FEARON

1946

Jim Hanway and his wife, Betty Nordstrom Hanway, celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on May, 31, 2022 at their independent living retirement complex in Fort Myers, Fla. Their daughters, Susan and Nancy; son, **Bill '73**; and two of their five grandchildren, attended the celebration. Their sons, **Peter '73** and **Richard '81**, weren't able to attend.

1947

1948

Class Secretary: Samuel Humes IV

Sam Humes shared the following on behalf of himself and classmate, **Ed Lewis**, after returning to campus for their 75th Reunion: Thank you to Kathleen Devaney and Shelley Baumgarten for making the Class

of 1948's 75th Reunion Weekend an event that will long be fondly cherished. Among the highlights of the weekend were talking with fellow Hill graduates and current Hill faculty and staff. We appreciated seeing not only the impressive new facilities but also the treasured older buildings which we remembered so well – for me especially the reconstructed Dining Hall. And we were impressed by how well women had been integrated into the life and sports of The Hill in 25 years. Our memories were refreshed regarding how much The Hill's quality and rigor of teaching as well as the very personal and paternal interest our teachers took in us. Their concern not only prepared us for our subsequent education but also shaped our adult lives.

Sam Humes also reports: At least nine of us '48ers are alive and kicking. All nine were so engaged in what they are doing that they did not report any infirmities (although they may have a few.) We hope: **Jim Baker** is continuing to be active in politics! **Ely Goldsmith** is doing well in Texas. **Dan Havens** is busy reading and fishing in Oregon. **Frank MacManus** is enjoying life in Connecticut. **David Paton** exclaims that time flies, working with medical technicians and playing with grandchildren. **Henry Platt** reports that he and his wife just celebrated their 65th anniversary. **Tad Riley** also celebrated a 65th anniversary and coaches a ball team. **Colin Rosse** reminded me that I used to catch his steaming Far Fields pitches. Lynne and I enjoy keeping track of our six grandchildren and I am writing a book on the Mohawk Trail.

1949

Class Secretary: Alan B. Taplow

Alan Taplow reports: Many thanks to **Hugh Richardson** who served as our class secretary for many more years than I can

remember as well as to **Bob Leach**, who filled in these past couple of years. I'll be giving it a try for a while and will always appreciate calls and correspondence updating us about your activities and interests.

In a phone chat with Hugh, I learned he is at Canterbury Court, a senior independent living community in Atlanta. Like many of us, there are always a few health issues to address, and the community there helps to fill in the gaps. Hugh sends best wishes to all.

At last count there were a bit over 30 of us making it into our 90s, which comes to about 20% of our graduating class. Not at all shabby; however, it is wrenching to learn of those departing.

I heard that **Geoff Austrian** had died. You may remember that Geoff was *The Hill News* editor-in-chief during our sixth form year. He roomed with **George Bason**, who was also on the staff as managing editor. My recollection is that much to the dissatisfaction of the overwhelming Republican alumni, the courageous duo had the paper endorsing Harry Truman during the 1948 presidential election. Happy I had a chance to visit with both Geoff and George a year ago when traveling in the Boston area.

Then, this past winter I had a wonderful visit with **Bob Leach** and his wife, Laurie, at their winter home in Boynton Beach, Fla. Seems Bob has eased up on mountain climbing activities and his tennis game just isn't quite as active as it once was. Some of his family members, however, are nationally ranked, so he's still quite involved. He tells me he's keeping busy with two new jobs: one at Boston University; another with the Sports Med. Society. Spends most of the year in Wellesley, Mass. and in addition to his love of wife and family lists his current interests as reading, magic tricks, and some small fun trips. Says health is good enough to warrant staying around plus keeping in touch



with several good friends. *I am surprised that at times memories of The Hill creep into consciousness. Mostly good.*

Dave Twining wrote that he lives on a forested hill in the eastern foothills of the Oregon Coast Range. “I have a small vineyard of sorts and made wine for many years but not lately as the work of vineyard care has gotten a bit too much for me. In fact, the immediate surroundings of the house (about 14 acres) are beginning to resemble Sleeping Beauty’s Castle. I still maintain an interest in weather (as I did when at The Hill). I got a doctorate in atmospheric science some years back, but did little with it except to study climatology (yes, the climate will continue to change but the planet is in no danger of becoming a cinder). I also have a Cessna (C-182) which I still fly on rare occasions when the weather permits, although I imagine I am becoming a public danger! Shirley and I celebrated our 70th wedding anniversary and we now have 11 great grandchildren. We are both still in reasonably good health.”

Lee Sands reports he is still living in York, Pa. “My wife, Betty, of 63 years passed away in 1997. Was able to make our reunion back in 1997, but it looks like I’ll not be able to make any more. With some medical issues, (like another old song) ‘Don’t Get Around Much, Anymore.’ Says he is able to direct a couple selections for the Spring Grove Alumni Chorus as he is now the director *emeritus*! Of course he still supports the Phillies (wait till next year) and most of the Philadelphia teams and keeps listening to as much music as he can. Has been keeping email and Facebook contact with Marsh Rutter — “saw him last in 2019 after a concert by the LA Master Chorale when I was in California visiting family.” Has praises for a wonderful ex-student accompanist, Jennifer, who is “keeping me on my diet, taking me to my doctor appointments, and does most of my shopping.”



1.) John Sheldon '41 celebrates his 100th birthday with four generations of family. 2.) '48ers Ed Lewis and Sam Humes celebrate their 75th Hill Reunion during Hill vs. Lawrenceville Weekend in November 2023. 3.) '56ers Simon and Sheena Barrow with Rebecca and Steve Mach at the Barrows' country estate in Cowton, North Yorkshire, United Kingdom. 4.) Lyman Perry '56 and his wife, Kate.

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Marshall Rutter writes: “I have lived in Los Angeles County since 1959 and now Pasadena. My wife, Terry Knowles, and I are in a nice condominium along the Rose Parade Route. I practiced law for almost 60 years, in Los Angeles and Pasadena and retired just before the pandemic struck; fortunate, as the court system in LA County practically closed down. Currently keeping busy serving on our Homeowners Association and organizing periodic meetings of my Amherst College Class of 1954, two old-timers groups and a church group. My Zoom skills have, therefore, become pretty good. My wife is also retired, so in October we were able to go to her nephew’s wedding in Perugia, Italy and another of her niece in Minneapolis. The Master Chorale and the Los Angeles Philharmonic take up most of our concert hours, but we love going to The Getty Center and the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Most wonderful is the Huntington Library, Art Museum, and Botanical Gardens, one of America’s greatest hidden treasures.

John Roth was hit hard by Hurricane Ian. He writes: “Actually, it’s obvious the 90s are not part of the Golden Years. The 60s, 70s, and 80s were overall very nice, but the early 90s not so much. Many friends lost and too many health problems for Charlene and me. And then came Ian. We lost our house on Bonita Beach and now I’m dealing with five insurance companies while we are renting a house in Naples. We downsized our home in Zionsville, Ind. a couple of years ago and I no longer have a workshop for wood working which I really enjoyed. It was heart breaking to see the pieces I made and brought to Florida destroyed by Ian. On the upside, our family is doing well. Daughter, Patricia, lives fairly close here in Florida. Son, Chip, has a condo about 15 minutes away and John is in Indiana and rents a house close to us in Florida. Seven grands and four greats.”

Thorny Rice sent more typed notes than can possibly fit our allotted space – briefly, “since Hill days spent service time on the *USS Lowry*, and as the Navy promised, ‘seeing the world’ from the Far East to the Mediterranean, and Caribbean. Then for



many years on Wall Street, including a gig as marketing VP for Union Trust. With his wife, Doris, had two boys who followed the family career tradition of financial management. Having exhausted the blue pin stripe and tie routine, in 1985, moved to Hilton Head Island, purchased and is still running a property management company, looking after homes and villas for folks who rent them out during the year."

Ed 'Woody' Spurgeon says, "I enjoyed our last reunion. My only other contact with The Hill has been as a contributor to the Karl Pacanovsky Chair. He was the woodworking tsar, and I would not have survived without him. I am still in Darien, Conn. and very much alive. Dear wife, Trish, died two years ago but I have decided to stay put in the same house. We had a wonderful life together for almost 70 years. My children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren are scattered on the West Coast. But my friends are here, and I enjoy playing pickleball and bridge with them and enjoying the beautiful outdoors. I get to spend time with my family in the summer when I travel to my place in Hood River, Oreg. I bike and kite-board with them. I think that I may be the oldest kite-boarder in the Gorge. Best wishes."

Dave Pyle remembers many of the guys still on our current list. "Must have been clean living that contributed to our longevity. **Charlie Strait** was a best friend at Hill and beyond. We had initially planned to go to the same college, but I wound up at Williams and he at Amherst. Quite a guy. Brilliant. No pretense. We shared the same girlfriend. He married her. I'm off to sign a new one-year lease. Optimistic? Owner wants the house for a month a year and I get on a cruise ship. Dec. 22 begins six weeks at sea. Join me?"

Caleb Gates is still living in Denver. "We continue to go to our fishing cabin on the South Platte River from mid-May to mid-October. Play a bit of golf. Gave up tennis for fuzzy eyesight and shaky knees. Wife, Sidney, and all our kids, grandkids and one great-grand are all in good shape. Recently traveled from Boston, to Squam Lake, N.H., to Middlebury, Vt. to visit with many of

them, and at Middlebury took a course on extraordinary insects. Fascinating! I'm still on the Childrens Hospital Foundation Board — an amazing institution. Also on the board of Alliance for Choice in Education which raises scholarship money for families who want their kids to escape the public school system. Do a lot of reading and keep up on the investment world through *WSJ*, computer system, and investment managers. Family is delighted I don't make investment decisions anymore. Have given up driving which is a nuisance, but probably the smartest thing to do. Have a great Wheaton soft coat mix dog named Honey. She needs constant attention. Oh and we do play a reasonable amount of bridge which we love. Our friends are getting younger. Cheers. Life is good!"

Alan Taplow shares, "My wife, Maggie, died two years ago. After spending the last 22 years in rural Vermont, I've sold my home and now living in a condo in Tampa, Fla., near my son and family. Main activities are media conversion and book publishing for myself and others wanting to preserve old writings before they crumble. Enjoyed publishing over half a dozen books this past year and currently working on a pipeline of five or six more.

The above news was mailed to members of the Class of 1949 in June.

1951

Class Secretary: James M. Ballentine, Jr.

1952

Class Secretary: J. Bayard Snowden III

1953

Class Secretaries: H. Clinton Reichard and David B. Prince

1954

Class Secretary: Peter B. Stifel

Tony Coddington shared the following about lasting friendships, Hill ties, and tribute to classmate, **The Reverend William Peabody**, who passed away in October 2022: I got

to know Bill Peabody at The Hill, where we were both members of the track team and Christian Association, which with the help of Bill and others took on a new life in 1953-54. The following entry about the organization appears in *The History of The Hill School 1851-1976*: "In 1953-54 its membership was 160, reportedly the largest ever. Drives for funds and clothing were highly successful, and the Christian Association was asked to sponsor an underprivileged school in the South."

There is a photograph from the *Pottstown Mercury* of Bill and me presenting a check for \$800 to the Chair of the Pottstown United Fund. After graduation, we went our separate ways, Bill to Cornell and seminary, and I to Wesleyan and the U.S. Navy, before work with universities and non-profits. We did not cross paths again until our 50th Reunion at The Hill. Bill's good friend, **Bill Andrews**, also from Cincinnati and our class president, was not able to attend. Andrews' Yale classmate, **Ted Ames**, suggested we have a mini-reunion later the same summer to include Bill Andrews, which we did at his summer home in Tuftonboro, N.H. So, this group from our class, **Bill Andrews** (Sarasota, Fla.); Fran and **Ted Ames** (Portland, Oreg.); myself (New Hampshire); Betsy and **Bill Peabody** (Vermont); and **Rufus Safford** (New Mexico), decided to have annual Hill mini-reunions, which we have been doing every year, except the pandemic, since our 50th Reunion in 2004. We would alternate among Bill Andrews' summer home on Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., my summer cottage in the Berkshires, and the Peabodys' summer home in Vermont. Like fish stories, some of our Hill escapades seemed to grow in grandeur every time we met which resulted in many special moments and memories being shared. A constant at our meetings was the Peabodys' love and support for Proctor Academy. Our early reunions also revealed a surprise for some of the participants and that was Bill's considerable talent as an artist. The idea of a memorial at The Hill School originated when Bill Andrews died, and Rufus Safford was added when he died. Then, one of the spouses, Fran Ames, suggested that

it would make more sense to celebrate our Hill School bond, rather than two individuals, now three. So, a sapling Chestnut Oak that will grow mighty and strong as our friendship was planted by the Hill Dell in October 2022 with the following plaque inscription: In Honor of a Friendship | Ted Ames, Bill Andrews, Tony Coddington, Bill Peabody, and Rufus Safford | Class of 1954.

1955

Class Secretary: David S. Burr

David Burr reports: I draft these notes seven days after my 86th birthday...well into my 87th year. In 1976, in my 40th year, the odds of my making it to 86 were astronomical.

First, a little background, I called 15 of our classmates and additionally heard from **David Abernethy** and **Bill Speiden** in order to solicit news for these notes. Of the 105 graduates in our class in June 1955 about 60 of us are still living. Of the 60 I count five that are MIA...**Auman, Banks, Feroe, Page, and Wakeman**. If any of you have any information about these fellows, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Spoke to **David Snowden**, my roommate from third through fifth forms. He and Judy, his wife of 60+ years, have exchanged houses with David, Jr., moving from the country closer into the city of Little Rock. I call David whenever tornadoes threaten the area. To date, none have been close to them. He reports, "We have had some hellacious storms," but none of the tornadoes have hit them. David owned a farm in Stuttgart, Ark. until buying a company in Little Rock. He sold most of the farm, but a portion is a tenant farm and the rest as a wildlife preserve. Until recently he managed the reserve and tended to the land. Now he has turned the management over to his son and grandsons. They have a very popular Hunting Club on the property.

Frank Porter and I have been interested in the recent change of the Head of School at The Hill. I am very pleased with the appointment of Kathleen Devaney as Head of School as of July 2023. By the way, Frank

recently finished writing his second book, *What Now, Lieutenant*. His first book, *Semper Fee*, was published a few years ago. Both books are available on Amazon.

Arthur Bradbury lives in Dover, N.H. where he restores antique furniture and designs and builds custom furniture. Arthur has a website, rabradbury.com. I encourage you to check it out. I wish he lived nearby. I would like to restore a few things.

Bob McKean and his wife, Joan, live in Byfield, Mass. Bob and I share interest in gardening and he pursued his interest by taking courses on horticulture at the NY Botanical Gardens.

Austin Hoyt and his wife, Felicity, moved to South Dartmouth, Mass. several years ago. Austin shared interest in the changing of the guard at The Hill, so we were in touch a fair amount regarding breaking news. He was the last person in our class to visit with **Ted Price** before his passing. Ted's wife, Lisa, and I stay in touch. Lisa is still living in Chelan, Wash. Ted and I were close in earlier years because we both lived in NYC. I was pleased that we were able to reconnect most recently.

Phil Robinson and I stay in touch. When I was in Montecito in August 2019, Phil and I had lunch. Recently I have tried to reach Phil unsuccessfully. I was concerned because residents of Montecito were being asked to evacuate due to flooding. A mutual friend of ours reports that Phil and his wife of 50+ years, Maureen, did not have to evacuate.

Every December **David Abernethy** sends me a most appreciated holiday greetings letter and recap of the past year. David and his wife, Susan, live in a beautiful retirement community, The Sequoias, in Portola, Calif. Many of the residents of The Sequoias are retired faculty members from Stanford where David taught for decades. David allows that "Yes" The Sequoias is very beautiful, but sits directly on the San Andreas Fault. This past summer they were able to travel East to visit friends and return to Deepwood, the family summer homestead of 90 years on New Hampshire's Deering Lake. Covid had prevented them from visiting for a few years. The cottage is now in the capable hands of sons, Bruce and Brad. David reports enjoying

turns in his scull. Son, Brad, was instrumental in assisting "wobbly father" in and out of this wobbly craft. As most of us David had some health issues and received a stent to correct the problem. You have many of us who share the same experience, David.

Bill Speiden also writes a similar letter of greetings and 2022 recap. Bill and his wife, Joanne, are very active in local politics. Joanne is president of the Virginia Electoral Association. Bill and Joanne hosted their Congresswoman, Abigail Spanberger, who went on to re-election in 2022. Bill, too, suffered health issues. He had his 10th ankle operation and fourth joint replacement. It did not restrict him from cruising and daily trips on the Isle of Man and Shetland Islands or in Tromsø, Norway, 217 miles above the Arctic Circle. I am sure that Bill would be delighted to share his interesting letter with any of you.

Leon Harbold came back to Hill for the Bissell Invitational Wrestling Competition in early January. He reports that about 20 schools were represented. Leon stays in touch with **George Karr** regularly. George also has his own health issues.

John Grim contacted me. John has weathered the storm of chronic back problems. He is back on the golf course, continuing to shoot well under his age...no easy trick.

John Hunnicut is no longer doing public advocacy work representing underaged and under privileged children. Instead, he is very active in local politics. We had a short conversation. John went to Carolina and his brother went to Duke. This made for some interesting dinner conversations. This all came about when I told John that I had gone to Duke.

Eli Richman asked about our reunions since all have been canceled due to Covid. Our 70th is in 2025. Hopefully, the health crisis will be arrested by then, and we can plan on convening at that time. Hopefully, enough of us will hang on and be in shape to attend. Eli reported all new data which I appreciated getting from him. By the way, it would help me to hear from any of you who have moved in the last five to 10 years. Also, include your date of birth.



Howard Butcher gave me his insights on the Pennsylvania elections resulting in an amusing conversation. Howard is in very high spirits. He has health issues as well but has adjusted to them nicely.

Well, there you have it. In perusing the *Dial* 1955, I was awarded the person “Talks most says least.” My lengthy, current notes might require a special edition of *Hill Ties*.

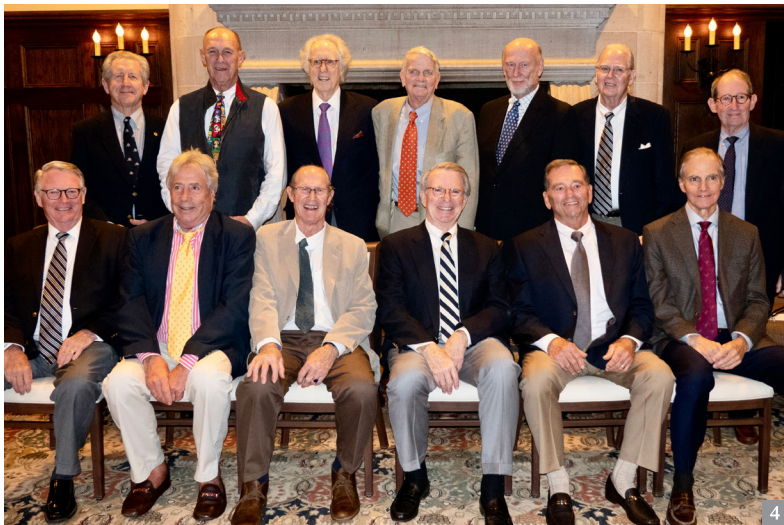
1956

Class Secretary: David D. Dodge

Lyman Perry was the recipient of the U.S. Naval Academy’s inaugural Craig Thrasher Service to Rowing Award for his outstanding service to the rowing community. Lyman celebrated a Hall of Fame career in the sport of rowing taking his plebe boat to an IRA Championship in 1957 and in 1960 taking the Navy Varsity to win the Olympic trials and represent the United States at the 1960 Olympics in Rome. In addition to his stellar collegiate rowing career, Lyman’s first decade in the sport includes a brief second experience as an elite athlete when ordered to Philadelphia by the U.S. Navy in the summer of 1963 to train for the 1964 Olympic Games. During this period, he joined the squad at College Boat Club of the University of Pennsylvania as stroke of Joe Burk’s elite eight, did some additional training at Fairmount R.A. and competed successfully as a sculler. In 1964 the U.S. Navy ordered him to return to the Naval Academy to teach navigation and to coach the lightweight plebes. He also was able to support the 1965 Navy Heavyweight Team, who went on to sweep the IRA National Championship. Between 1965 and 1968 he had resigned from the U.S. Navy, gained admission to the University of Pennsylvania’s Graduate School of Architecture, was recruited by Joe Burk to coach Penn’s freshmen lightweights while in graduate school, and joined the University Barge Club. He finished the decade continuing to scull and in 1970 was elected president of UBC. Lyman always found the time to give back to the sport in such ways as becoming a licensed referee and conceiving



1.) Steve Whelan '64 and his bride, Ann Partlow. 2.) Chris Stowell '61 and his wife, Gerry, with their two daughters, Julia and Therese, and grandson, Billy. 3.) Jim Weiskopf '62 and Collen Quinn '21 at a Furman University women's lacrosse game. 4.) John Clarke '61 receiving his master's degree in philosophy from the University of Edinburgh at their winter 2023 graduation. 5.) Bruce Burton '64 atop Mount Sherman in Colorado. 6.) Payton Reid '20 and Alan Rose '63 catch up at a Colby vs. Bowdoin football game.



1.) Wine enthusiasts and classmates Kneeland Taylor '65 and Nick Corwin '65 in Italy.
2.) '72 classmates David Davenport and Paul Sheehy. 3.) Scott Konrad '73 4.) Class of 1965 mini-Reunion
5.) '65ers Clay McEldowney and Sandy Sanders at Berkshire Country Club in May 2023.
6.) Ryan McEldowney '95, Kit Kuntze '70, Clay McEldowney '65, and Doug Schutte '71 cheering on Princeton
at the Eastern Intercollegiate Wrestling Association championships at the Palestra in Philly.

and organizing the first few iterations of the Head of the Schuylkill. Along with his Olympic teammate Bill Knecht, Lyman also surveyed and laid out a six-lane rowing course on the Cooper River in Camden, which, after several major improvements, is now a top-class 2,000-meter competitive racing venue. Throughout the succeeding decades, Lyman has been a regular masters' competitor for UBC in eights, quads, doubles and singles across the USA, Canada, England, Ireland, Holland, Portugal, and the Czech Republic, winning many gold medals and simply "enjoying the opportunity to still be rowing." Lyman has sponsored many candidates for admission to the Academy and has been a consistent and generous donor to several funds that benefit the institution and student athletes. In 2004 he was invited to become a trustee of the USNA Foundation, serving for over 14 years and was recently elevated to *emeritus* status.

1957

Class Secretary: Cyrus H. Adams

1958

Class Secretary: Gordon B. Aydelott

1959

Class Secretary: Stephen P. Elliott

1960

Class Secretary: Lloyd Saltus II

1961

Class Secretaries: James H. Vineburgh and Carl N. Raether

John Parlin's second book is entitled *The Macabre to the Mundane- Death, Life and Medicine in Marquette, Michigan in the Early 1900s*. John writes about this area where his family has had a summer home for decades. The book is dedicated to **Jon Stolz**, his closest friend for over 60 years and Hill classmate. Both John and Jon went to Trinity College and both became radiologists. JP retired in 2008. "Doc" Stolz, a Reading



native, was a local and national leader in a variety of professional organizations. JP and his wife, Tori, live in Cincinnati, Ohio, while Doc and his spouse, Sandy, live in Williamsburg, Va.

Phil Grantham, Chris Stowell, Jamie Moffatt and Jim Vineburgh have been in frequent contact. Jim writes, “Everyone is healthy and that is a real good thing as we all enter our 80th decade this year.”

John Clarke writes: In an effort to resist turning 80, I enrolled in a master’s degree program, studying philosophy at the University of Edinburgh - humbling, but ultimately successful. I graduated in November of 2023, evidence that one is never too old to learn.

1962

Class Secretaries: Richard G. Frank and Frederick C. Bingham

Jim Weiskopf was pleasantly surprised in early April at a Furman Women’s Lacrosse Game when he was greeted in the stands by **Colleen Quinn ’21**. Jim’s granddaughter, Amanda McCabe, plays varsity lacrosse at Furman University, where Colleen and Amanda are classmates. Jim and Colleen compared notes on their respective years at The Hill.

1963

Class Secretary: Richard P. Solomon

Alan Rose writes: “My grandson, Duke Ferrara, plays football at Colby College with **Payton Reid ’20**, and I had the chance to catch up with him after the Colby-Bowdoin game last fall. We discovered we both lived in Wendell on the first floor, a few years apart!”

Ward Cunningham-Rundles, M.D. writes he is known most commonly as “Dr. Ward.” He remains in private practice of Medicine and Clinical Immunology in Manhattan and is an active member of both New York-Presbyterian Weill Cornell Medical Center and the Mount Sinai Medical Center. Until 2005, he was an attending at the Beth Israel Medical Center of N.Y., where he was a member of numerous committees relating to quality improvement and patient care. He

was married for many years until his first wife’s death in 2009. He has been joyously joined with Diane Procter, a semi-retired architect, since 2013.

1964

Class Secretaries: Wayne A. Wentz and David Loring

Dave Loring writes: Class members appear to be taking more time to smell the roses but are not growing moss...some still at work, others engaged in post-career endeavors including volunteer work, more family time, creative and charitable endeavors, travel, outdoor adventures and even sports... pickleball anyone?

Bruce McMoran and Lynette are still working, albeit remotely, and moved to Pinehurst, N.C., where the U.S. Open will take place in 2024, along with our 60th reunion if my math is correct.

Dade Luckett is very busy running his architecture and engineering firm with five employees.

Steve Whelan practices financial transactions law full time in NYC and for 15 years has taught a section of an undergraduate course on Civil Liberties to students at Princeton University. Steve recently was appointed to the Legal Advisory Committee of the Academic Freedom Alliance, which provides counselling and legal representation for university faculty members facing administrative sanctions arising from “woke” complaints that their lectures or teaching materials are deemed insufficiently politically correct. Other Committee members include Nadine Strossen, former president of the American Civil Liberties Union, and First Amendment specialist Floyd Abrams. Steve’s wife of 43 years, Dr. Elizabeth Whelan, died of sepsis infection in 2014. Beth’s college roommate, Ann Partlow, had been close friends with Steve and Beth, and continued to see Steve socially following Beth’s passing. After a few years Cupid intervened and the couple were married on June 9, 2018.

The Hill has derived great benefit from the ongoing interest and support of **Tom Cleveland** in promoting leadership

development of students at the School. Tom and his wife, Barbara, enjoyed cutting the ribbon to officially open the new Student Leadership Center in October 2021. In September 2022, they had a chance to meet team captains, prefects, and other student leaders who indicated how much the program had helped them to do better in their leadership roles.

This program will surely help students not only be better prepared for college but to be more successful in life. Thanks to a Zoom/BridgeBase game started by a neighbor during Covid, Tom and Barbara have new Hill friends in Judy and **Bill Leckonby ’58**. Not only was Bill a quarterback at The Hill but his grandson, **Charlie Hewitt ’25**, is the current quarterback.

Speaking of Covid, **David Leng** found out one of the challenges of living in Hong Kong when he returned from a visit to his daughter, a graduate student in the U.K. He had to endure a three-week quarantine in a hotel room, had to pay for the room, could not leave the room or even open the window. Cameras were in the hallway to monitor any violations of the quarantine! David was delighted to have a visit from **Ted Chaloner** in 2019.

Charlie Milner might get a few tips from **Tom Cleveland** as Charlie plans to launch a leadership course in South Africa. He and his wife, Toby, have resumed their volunteer work there for a non-profit called the Good Work Foundation which operates in some of the same rural communities where Charlie and Toby started their work more than 20 years ago. Toby trains facilitators in English and math literacy, Charlie has focused on teaching personal finance for adults.

I had an enjoyable get together with Charlie and **Ted Baker**. We had a tour of the collection center of the world class Peabody Essex Museum and a good lunch visit. Ted is an accomplished artist who recently completed a challenging landscape “commission” for a client. He is a very handy guy who enjoys boating and has a wealth of equipment. Ted has become the tool guy for his neighborhood. My sister and her husband live nearby and appreciate the friendship and proximity of Ted and Hannah.

Jeff Bear and his wife, Chris, enjoy life in sunny Greece. He has been making art for years and now enjoys daily writing, tennis, trips to the beach, watching professional tennis, and an occasional trip to the U.K. to visit his daughter and granddaughter.

Our man in the U.K., **John Price**, has been weathering the ups and downs of the economy and politics with some frustration. Tempted to put his head in the sand on occasion, he enjoys going to the theatre and his club, The Garrick.

Jack Emmons, who dabbled with painting in his earlier years, started taking oil painting lessons a few years ago with a local artist, beginning with landscapes and progressing to painting portraits of his seven teenaged grandchildren!

Chap Hutcheson, my loyal roommate of four years, has retired from the company he co-founded in 1995, Crown Castle Inc. “It was a great run as our startup blossomed into a \$57 billion market cap business. A couple of months ago I retired as a managing director of Platte River Equity, a private equity firm founded with two of my Northwestern University fraternity brothers in 2005.” He continues to be a director of two privately held companies and is looking forward to more time with grandchildren, charitable endeavors and non-business travel.

Tim Howell has always had his eye on the future during his 40 years as a geriatric psychiatry clinician-educator at the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health. Now an *emeritus* professor he continues to be concerned about and helps to address the shortage of expertise in geriatric psychiatry. Looking back, he is proud of the fact that he established a geriatric psychiatry fellowship at the university to help address this shortage and served as its training director for its first 20 years. Another key effort with the help of colleagues was to set up a website as an information resource for professionals and family members caring for older adults with mental health problems. Well done, Tim!

Ted Chaloner has new involvements as a docent and proprietor at The Boston

Athenaeum and a partner in HandUp, a mattress recycling business in New Bedford, Mass. that was created to help immigrants and refugees (www.handupus.org). He is also an investor in a farm involved in reclaiming farmland in Maine to help new small farmers to get started in organic farming.

Houghton Hutcheson is very excited about the Houston Astros performance having been a fan since the original team.... the Colt .45’s who played their first game in 1962 while he was sitting in Mr. Tyrer’s English class. His father, **Thad Hutcheson Sr. ’33**, saved him a ticket stub which hangs, framed, on his home office wall. Houghton and Claudia are both retired but keeping busy with six grandkids and various church and non-profit activities, most notably substitute teaching in middle school at River Oaks Baptist School in Houston which Claudia attended as a young child. The school is co-located with the church where they were married 46 years ago. He started subbing at the peak of the pandemic when many teachers were out sick, and most kids connected to class via Zoom. He is still subbing when needed and says the kids really keep him on his toes “since they are often more knowledgeable of the subject material than I am!”

Bruce Burton and a fellow Foreign Service retiree did their annual summer hiking adventure out West. It featured “a bout with Covid, hiking up a mile-high peak twice, summiting 14,043’ Mt. Sherman once, scrambling into high canyons in Grand Tetons National Park and crawling through a hole in a cliff 500’ above the Arkansas Buffalo River.” Bruce reports he is looking forward to back surgery so he can “continue to do these age-inappropriate behaviors again.”

Hockey pal **Stod Melhado** continues his labor of love for rescuing retired racing greyhounds. He and Ky adopted their 17th dog, Mingo, who had broken his leg racing and now lives a life of leisure with three other male greyhounds at their home. Mingo will work in their outreach program “helping kids to learn about greyhounds and the importance of being kind to all animals.”

Bob Laughlin got married again for the third time to a “wonderful lady.” They live in Rye, N.Y. and NYC. He is 80% retired, working for himself and planning to do more travel.

Paul Dahlgren must have followed the Hill football games: “Sadly, even from my home in Conn., I can smell that unwashed L’Ville shirt.”

Terry Rowan reports “As a realtor, Covid precautions sidelined me from all necessary interacting, and I ultimately realized it was probably time and a good excuse to retire.” He hopes 2023 will be the year we can all get back to some sense of normalcy and looks forward to beginning his journey on the “new yellow brick road.”

Joe Moyer and **Milt/Matt Dillon** have renewed their close bond in recent years, having roomed together for four years at The Hill including a stint as prefects for Dr. Groten. Joe moved to Mass. from Pa. last year to secure “better and more focused” care for his wife, Suzy. He lives with his daughter, Whitney, who, along with her older sister, Chelsea, are the “joys of his life.” Whitney was married last summer on beautiful Thompson Island in Boston Harbor with Milt Dillon and his wife, Annette, attending. The Dillons have had considerable travel over the past few years partly thanks to Annette’s many years as a Director of Clinical Training which involved international travel. Milt’s favorite trip recently was to Iceland and included whales, puffins, snowcapped mountains, waterfalls, glaciers, and reindeer burgers! They planned a trip together to Spain, Portugal, and Italy.

Also taking the opportunity for travel is **Rick Goldmeyer** who is happily retired and had moved to Colorado from S.C. to live near his son’s family, following the loss of his wife to cancer several years ago. Rick spent three weeks in Scandinavia last summer and had plans for two long trips — South America and the rivers of Europe. He is active in his local community on a couple of governing boards, church, and “a bit of prison ministry when the prisons allow volunteers inside.”

Jack Neithammer and Maggie, in Louisville, see plenty of Maggie’s family



Rick Lee '68
and Chetan Bagga '01

RICK LEE '68 AND CHETAN BAGGA '01

A 30-Year Age Difference Can't Mute the Power of Hill Ties

Chetan Bagga '01 and **Rick Lee '68** are Hill graduates separated by more than 30 years. Over the past five years, the two have become close friends and business partners, built on the foundation of trust and their common alma mater.

Chetan founded Archetype in 2013, a consulting and investment firm specialized in the workplace benefits and people development sector. In 2017, the Archetype team was in the process of researching a firm when they discovered – thanks to LinkedIn – it was headed by another Hill School graduate, Rick. MeYou Health, where Rick served as the CEO, was an early-stage lifestyle behavioral change firm based in Boston.

Soon after this discovery, the two met and connected, sharing their knowledge about health care services and capital investing in health care. The industry being the largest employer in the U.S., finding each other was akin to finding a needle in a haystack. But, the bond between Rick and Chetan deepened even more when they discovered they share the same set of values in business:

More is better than less. Sooner is better than later. Don't work with jerks.

As their friendship blossomed, Rick introduced Chetan to potential clients, while Chetan inquired about purchasing Rick's smoking cessation division. Before they knew it, the horse trading commenced over al fresco dining in Chetan's Wissahickon backyard, a hole-in-the-wall restaurant in Boston's North End, and a breakfast nook in Vegas during a health care convention. Calling this a mentor/mentee relationship does not do justice to Chetan's keen instincts for transactions or Rick's spit-in-the-eye rejection of corporate conformity.

Leaping ahead five years, we find Rick a minority investor in Chetan's venture fund (Arc Alpha) and a limited partner in Archetype. Chetan, on the other hand, has invested in Rick's company Healthrageous, a lifestyle changing solution for seniors that leads with ready-to-heat-and-eat weekly boxes of meals. Not only have the two become good friends – they have become good business partners.

Serendipity defines how this odd couple became fast friends. The Hill School commonality underscores how these two people, and the community of alumni, can build a foundation of trust in an expeditious way. When you have a shared life experience, you can often skip the small talk and advance to honest, authentic sharing very quickly.

Both Chetan and Rick feel that they are at the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial partnership. The Hill School can take credit in their contributions to making health care better in our country.



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*Thanks to Chetan Bagga '01 and Rick Lee '68 for sharing their story above.
If you have your own Hill ties story to share, please reach out to Denise Spatarella at dspatarella@thehill.org or 610-705-1203.*



there, but Jack is dedicated to keeping up with family everywhere, visiting in Colo., Ohio, Pa., and Oreg. at least once a year. He also keeps up with the USMC and attended reunions in Asheville, N.C. and New Orleans as well as connecting with a small group of Marines locally. Jack and Maggie enjoy their annual winter “retreat” in Florida and had a spring visit to Hilton Head, S.C., one of their favorite places.

I was delighted to have a long visit with **Tom Chen** at my home while he was in Cambridge visiting his daughter and family over Thanksgiving week. He is excited about the soccer ability of his grandson who appears to have a very bright future in the sport. Tom and Laura were well prepared and made out fine in Hurricane Ian. Tom has taken up pickleball in Florida and is ready to ski in Utah with **Tom Pittman** and perhaps other classmates. He also keeps in good touch with **Wayne Wentz**, **Dick Dietrich**, **Jim Dare**, and **Jack Emmons**. We chatted at length about sports, skiing, memories of The Hill and our college years from classmates to teammates, coaches, and teachers. It warmed my heart to have this thoughtful visit from Tom, and to have all this news roll in from so many classmates around Thanksgiving as I have been missing Janet, the love of my life and wife of 40 years, who passed away last May, after several years battling Alzheimer’s disease. Jan loved our trips to The Hill and meeting so many wonderful classmates, wives, and “significant others.” Even in her last years when I spoke of those, she remembered best...Tom Chen, **Gerry Piki**, Wayne Wentz, and **John Price**, she would smile, especially when I reminded her that John once told her, in his most charming British accent, that she was a “lovely woman!” With thanks to John, I told her that many times since. Keep well my friends and keep in touch.

1965

Class Secretary: William H. Earle II

1.) Lee Mauger '74 2.) Levi Wolf '89 P'19 3.) Pete von Schoenermark '83 and son, Pete.
4.) Classmates from '74 during a mini-Reunion at Fallingwater in Mill Run, Pa. From left, Eddie Henderson, Sam Fry, Mike Dorsch, and Mac Jones. 5.) Ken Dizon '83 6.) Enjoying the beach in Bridgehampton, N.Y. are Bob Oberrender '78, Gerry (Oby) Oberrender '71, Peter Oberrender '11, Sam LaBranche '11, Turner Simmons '11, and Will Kister '12.
7.) Hill School Class of 1975 South Carolina Reunion.



1966

Class Secretary: Raymond B. Kelly III

Matt Williams writes: “Life is short, and a good friend from New Zealand lost her husband recently. To celebrate his life she and my better half, Landon Scarlett, and I, along with our two Cocker Spaniels, left our home in Davis, Calif. and completed a 3,500-mile, 12-day road trip through California’s Mono Lake, Death Valley; Nevada’s Valley of Fire; Utah’s Zion, Bryce, Devil’s Garden, Burr Trail, Escalante-Grand Staircase, Canyonlands, Arches, and Deadhorse Point; as well as Arizona’s Antelope Slot Canyons, Vermillion Cliffs, and Monument Valley; plus Colorado’s Mesa Verde, Million Dollar Highway, and Last Dollar Road. Red rocks in abundance. It was a cozy ride in our Camry. I recommend it to anyone who loves the natural beauty of the American West.”

1967

Class Secretary: James R. Murphy

1968

Class Secretary: Robert L. Potter

1969

Class Secretary: Peter Pierson

1970

1971

Class Secretaries: Sanford Groff and Doug Schutte

1972

Class Secretary: James K. Boyer, Jr.

David Davenport writes: “**Paul Sheehy** and his lovely wife, Kay, dropped by my home in Pahoehoe, Hawaii, during their whirlwind tour of the Big Island. We caught up as my husband, Robert Welsch, and I gave them a tour of our house and 11 acres of gardens. We agreed to not let another 50 years pass before getting together again!”

1973

Class Secretary: Thomas MacCabe

Scott Konrad was appointed North American Practice Leader for global insurance broker HUB International’s newly created nonprofit specialty practice (www.hubinternational.com/nonprofit), which helps charitable organizations to surmount their most pressing risk, insurance, and human capital challenges. “It’s a game-changing opportunity to galvanize and grow our existing client base — currently over 21,000 nonprofits accounting for over \$3.2 billion in annual premium — and it’s the perfect capstone to my 45-year global insurance career,” Scott recently noted. Scott has devoted the past half of his career to advocating for charitable organizations and is a nationally-recognized author and speaker on nonprofit risk and insurance themes. He and his wife, Candace, are empty-nesters with three dogs in Essex, Conn.

1974

Class Secretaries: Walter L. Boyer and D. Geoffrey Kerr

Lee Mauger joined **Levi Wolf ’89** at the law firm, Wolf, Baldwin & Associates, P.C. in Pottstown, where he has been practicing law for over 40 years. His focus is estate planning and administration.

1975

Class Secretaries: V. Neils Agather, Jr. and Tony Reid

Jim Henkleman sent a wonderful recap of a fun ’75 mini-reunion in South Carolina a while back: Eight members of the Class of 1975 gathered at the invitation of Frank and Julie Strasburger at their family beach house in Litchfield Beach, S.C. Some of us had not seen each other in 47 years and others more recently. Either way, it had been a while for all of us!

Frank Strasburger (South Carolina), **Chris Glockler** (Harvard), **Jim Henkelman** (Bucknell), **Murray Forbes** (Denison), **Robert Burton** (South Carolina), **Rob**

Bradway (Boston University), **Bill Bamberger** (UNC-Chapel Hill), and **Rick Schock** (UNC-Chapel Hill) have all walked different roads in their life but as any “Hillie” knows, all paths lead back to Pottstown.

Hosted by the Strasburgers the group was treated to homemade, full American Plan dining and, as anyone might imagine, a top-shelf cocktail bar. Hill experiences, both exhilarating and challenging, obviously dominated the conversation as well as sharing newer life experiences with each other, spouses, and partners. One of the highlights of the time together was watching partners and wives meet for the first time and become friends. Becoming a little bored with all the Hill talk, such bonding sometimes required the ladies taking over a separate room after tiring of hearing for the umpteenth time stories of athletic, academic, and nuisance prowess reeked upon Pottstown by the classmates! Of course, all the stories were true!

A little time was even found for watching some college football, enjoying the beautiful beach, and a fantastic dinner in town with matching shirts for all. Not sure if we looked like an ad for Grecian formula or an over-the-hill bowling team but we sure had a blast. It is fair to say that as we left there was great energy looking forward to our next time together. The hope is that it will be before our 50th Reunion in 2025 – time will tell. A special thank you to Shelley Baumgarten from the Alumni Office for providing us the Hill swag being shown off in the picture. It was greatly appreciated.

As the group departed on different days and times there was a strong feeling of attachment to each other and our alma mater that many had not experienced for some time. It struck all of us how strong that bond has remained even after many years and all of our life experiences. As anyone reading this knows when you spend four years of your life at The Hill that blood runs strong. It was a joy to tap into that vein! Lastly, the group would like to thank Frank and Julie for an experience we really cannot adequately explain. The preparation, hard work, hospitality, and love showered on us

from the moment we arrived set the tone for an amazing time together. We thank you both so very much.

Until we meet again!

1976

Class Secretary: John G. Osborne

1977

Class Secretary: William M. Barnum

1978

Class Secretary: John F. Satterfield

John Satterfield writes, “I spoke with **Stuart Ashmun** who lives in Austin, Texas and is employed by a local construction company as a site manager. He mentioned that he talks occasionally with his old roommate, **Peter Getz**, and that he was saddened to learn of **Bruce Spindler’s** death. Stuart and I reminisced about our sixth form year as managers of the varsity ice hockey team and how we tried to emulate one of Mr. Eccleston’s plays in an intramural game. We did not score, but we did get some recognition for trying from some of the varsity players.”

1979

Class Secretary: Kent W. Davis

1980

Class Secretary: R. Scott Hanling

1981

Class Secretary: Kevin Cullather

1982

1983

Class Secretary: Theodore S. Ridgway, Jr.

Ted Ridgway writes: People, we have some catching up to do. We might retread some facts, share stories you already know, provide updates that aren’t actually new. But it’s hard to know what people know

since it’s been so long. As we dust off the cobwebs from our last entry we find that Florida now has the greatest number of alums. Yes it’s true – the Sunshine State is apparently home to 16 members of the Class of ’83 (vs 15 for California, grrrrr Hammar). We checked in on some of them to see what the big deal was. And we discovered, life is pretty sweet in Florida! **Frank Speno**, who now calls Florida home even if he still spends summer at the Jersey Shore, celebrates the good life in Florida, saying, “You can’t ask for better weather. We have beautiful sunrises. True, we don’t have good cheesesteaks. But we’re working on it. And we just Door Dash Pats from Philly!” Frank and his wife, Krista, became grandparents with the birth of grandson, Tripp. No word yet on whether Tripp will be in The Hill Class of 2040, but the sweater looks good (thanks **Mike Menkowitz!**)

The Spenos see Alicia and **Phillip Hammarskjold** frequently – the Hammarskjolds moved from California to Florida a few years ago. Says Phillip: “It’s great, we love Florida. People are great and it’s easy to get everywhere.”

A bit farther down the coast, long time Floridian **Andy Conger**, who loves the great beach weather, writes, “I really enjoy taking long walks on the beach with Duke, our chocolate lab. I can’t imagine living anywhere else.” Andy and his bride of 22 years, Debbie, live in Boca Raton where they raised sons, Ryan and Kyle. Andy and Debbie get to travel quite a bit and sunrises and sunsets seem to be a destination focus. Focuses? Foci? **David French** – can I get a syntax read on this?

John Yonge gets Florida too, saying, “the weather is dynamic – extreme, and I’m always trying to raise the roof!” John and wife, Angela, enjoy the water, the weather, and vibe in St. Augustine. He says, “We recently hosted **John Shaffer ’82** and his son and had an awesome time out on the power cat. John was surprised to learn that St. Augustine has the second-best pizza in the country. We had a fantastic time!”

We got tired of hearing how great everything was in Florida and headed north. To New Jersey – they have great beaches

and an income tax, to boot! (try THAT Florida!!). We chatted up **Jim Crutchfield** in Glen Ridge where he’s lived for more than 20 years. Says Crutch, “I grew up in Pennsylvania and never gave Jersey much credit. But then I moved here from N.Y.C. and I love it. It’s an authentic place. They have a long growing season, great for farm-to-table veggies. It’s a great place to live and raise a family.” Crutch founded his own insurance agency about a decade ago after a long career in media sales. Jim’s two sons have charted paths out of N.J. but remain close – Carter is an accomplished chef in Ithaca, N.Y. and Jackson is a D1 lacrosse defenseman for 15th ranked St. Joe’s in Philly. Crutch would especially like to hear from out of town alums if they are in the area and is looking forward to seeing everyone at the 40th reunion.

We then went far north -- Toronto, where we caught up with **Rami Nazzal**. Andy Conger had graciously arranged a group call with Rami some time back. Rami shared: “Ok, let’s not have a pity party. My life took some tough turns after Hill. I developed multiple sclerosis in the mid-80s, although it didn’t get bad until a decade ago. It’s limited my mobility significantly, so I wasn’t able to attend the reunion, but, I manage. And it’s made me thankful to have friends. And, I’ve had a great life. I have three wonderful grown children – Omar, Aisha, and Yusuf. They each have successful careers and they’re happy. Most of my professional career was in academics – I taught business, economics, calculus, and statistics. I loved it. I earned a M.Ed. in 1999, and I really found joy in teaching.”

If you traveled on a line between Crutch and Rami you’d find Binghamton (well, you’d have to swim across Lake Ontario, but stay with me). In Binghamton, you’ll find the hockey studs **Matt** and **Mike Beach**. Says Matt “I have had a great life. I have three wonderful kids (Gianna, Anthony, and Dominic) and a beautiful wife, Lisa. I see my brother every day, and we live in a great place surrounded by friends.” Mike and his wife, Tami, and four kids, Jordan, Nick, Matthew, and Kayla, also live in Binghamton.



We had enough of the East Coast and wanted to put on some cowboy boots and see a rodeo. So we set our sights west and managed to catch up with **Ken Dizon, M.D.**, a cardiologist in Glendale, Ariz., just outside Phoenix. Ken writes, “I love it here – I’ve lived here for about 15 years since leaving the Cleveland Clinic and it really suits me.” Ken likes the weather and the southwest vibe of Phoenix. Dr. D cooks a lot, and it’s no exaggeration to say that the only time we’ve have seen such consistently beautiful dishes is in a really nice restaurant.

We wanted to go far west, and we landed in Silicon where we hooked up with **Mike Gold**. Mike, a U.C. Berkeley EE and CS grad, came to California right after Hill – and never left! Originally from Pennsylvania, Mike found everything he wanted in California: from the tech sector, where he’s been a software architect with Nvidia for 25+ years, to the fine wines he and his wife, Silvana, enjoy. Mike, a talented keyboardist while at Hill, has kept his skills sharp and would like to jam with **Pete von Schoenermark**, who Mike credits with true musical talent. Pete lives on the South Shore of Long Island.

Lastly, there is no point on the compass that would allow us to track **Greg Courter** – because he spends the year in three different places. In the summer you’ll find him in Michigan where he has coached women’s lacrosse at an elite level for 20+ years. His teams have a combined record of 258-36-2 and many of his players have gone on to success nationally and internationally. As fall progresses, you’ll find him in Taos, where he has an adobe and he chills in the art scene. When winter comes, he heads south to the Osa Peninsula in Costa Rica.

1984

Class Secretary: James L. Spencer IV

Congratulations to **Fritz Hamburg**, head coach of St. Joseph’s University’s baseball team, who coached the Hawks to its first-ever regular season Atlantic 10 title.

Earlier this year, **Paul Schlickmann**, Fairfield University’s vice president for athletics, was honored as one of 28 winners



1.) Krista and Frank Speno '83 2.) Krista and Frank Speno '83's grandson, Tripp 3.) '88 Classmates Andrei Herasimchuk and Bernhard Streitwieser in Amsterdam. 4.) Mike Gold '83 and his wife, Silvana. 5.) Graham Erlick, son of Andrew and Suzanne Peters-Erlick '05. 6.) Chris Northrup '81 and Ian Cross '94 still running after 34 years. 7.) Lee Mebel '94 and his son, Colton.



of the Cushman & Wakefield AD of the Year Award by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Paul is in his seventh year as the leader of Fairfield Athletics.

1985

Class Secretary: John M. Halliday

1986

Class Secretaries: Andrew McNally and R. Ross Baker

1987

Class Secretary: J. Michael Barron, Jr.

Congratulations to **Tom Walter**, head coach of Wake Forest University's baseball team, for leading the Deacons to the College World Series semifinals in June.

1988

Class Secretary: Robert E. Walley IV

1989

Class Secretary: Louis H. Kozloff

1990

Class Secretary: Ward McNally

1991

Class Secretaries: Duncan S. Banfield and Thomas A. Ridgway

1992

Class Secretaries: William J. Robertson and Jonathan W. Wimmer

1993

Class Secretary: Edward J. Strapp

Ed Strapp writes: 2024 is looking to be a very exciting year, as I will be supporting the United States Olympic and Paralympic Committee at two international events. I have been invited to be an athletic trainer at both the Youth Winter Olympics in Gangwon South Korea, and also in Paris for the 2024

1.) Nick Skitko '10 with his daughter, Cecilia Rose. 2.) Emily Gum '01 serves at the 12th Head of School of The Frederick Gunn School. 3.) '99ers Mike O'Brien and T.K. Parrish, then and now. 4.) Hillies attending the wedding of Katie O'Mealia '07 and Brendan Arkins in September 2022. Clockwise from top left: Jim O'Mealia '76, Jamie O'Mealia '03, Jenn Pflieger '07, Eugene Ballantine '07, Patrick O'Mealia '14, Harry O'Mealia '72, Katie O'Mealia '07, Brendan Arkins, Tina O'Mealia '08, Robyn Wicks '07, and Komal Sampat '07. 5.) John Oberbeck '10 and his bride, Lauren Clark, during their September 2022 wedding. 6.) From left: Paul Oberbeck '80, John Oberbeck '10, Brooks Ryan '10, Cooper Oberbeck '13 during John's wedding celebration in Tavarua Island, Fiji. 7.) Teddy Green, son of James Green '08. 8.) Gavin Grady '23 pinned Mike Rockovich '20 during the Naval Academy's service selection ceremony. 9.) Ezra Baker, son of Suzanne and Caleb Baker '04.



Summer Olympic Games. This has been a career goal for me, and I am excited to have been recognized and invited by the USOPC to support our team USA athletes at each of these Olympic events.

1994

Class Secretaries: Theodore G. Blake and John E. Kennedy

Brian Brotschul, Ph.D. is the Superintendent of Schools in Delran Township, N.J. and was recognized by the State of New Jersey as the 2021 Superintendent of the Year. He is an adjunct professor at Rutgers University School of Labor Relations, lecturing in workplace democracy, and he is at Seton Hall University consulting and lecturing in the area of school finance, in addition to overseeing quantitative research initiatives. Additionally, Brian has focused philanthropy work to support emerging servant leaders who seek to become school principals. He writes that he and his wife, Jill, live in Monroe, N.J. in a farmhouse and property that is nearly 200 years old and have six wonderful children - Julia studies at College of New Jersey (education); Gianna at Monmouth (nursing); Paige will be attending University of Vermont (education); Jack and Ella are enjoying high school and seek to pursue to careers in economics and theater, respectively. After 30 years away, he certainly looks forward to the 30th reunion.

Recently, Hill runners, **Ian Cross '94** and **Chris Northrup '81**, reunited on the campus of Powhatan School in Boyce, Va., where Chris coached Ian in track and cross country. Chris's influence was one of the reasons why Ian chose to go to The Hill. They are happy to report that 34 years later, they are both still running.

1995

Class Secretary: William N. Barnshaw III

1996

Class Secretary: Bradley R. Charron

1997

Class Secretary: D. Scott Detar, Jr.

Kyle Larkin writes: "I'd like to congratulate **Kevin Nolan** and his wife on the birth of their beautiful newborn daughter. I regret not being there for Kevin's wedding but wish Kevin and his family all the best; hope to visit soon! Last fall I completed my private pilot's course and now enjoy flying throughout the Northeast for work and for fun. Professionally, I accepted a new role at Casella Waste based out of Vermont, serving as their VP of Business Development and Regional Vice President over the Mid-Atlantic Region. I've been texting back and forth with **Elvis Percentie** in the Bahamas — he is doing very well. Lastly, my son, Brock, is attending Hill as a member of the class of 2027. I'm so excited to cheer him on!"

1998

Class Secretaries: Stephan C. Ott and Daniel C. McMains

1999

Class Secretaries: Matthew W. Holt, Michael P. O'Brien, and Manish N. Bhatt

2000

Class Secretary: William O. Bouvel

2001

Class Secretary: Natalie B. (Hannon) Finn and Ford Harrington

Congratulations to **Emily (Raudenbush) Gum** for being named the 12th Head of School of The Frederick Gunn School in Washington, Conn.! The Board of Trustees announced March 15, 2023, that she had been enthusiastically and unanimously selected to serve as head of school, beginning in the 2023-24 school year. Emily joined Gunn in 2018 as the Assistant Head for Teaching and Learning. She is the second female head of school appointed in the school's 173-year history. Founded in 1850 by Frederick Gunn, an outdoorsman,

abolitionist, and pioneering educator, the school is a coeducational, independent, college preparatory school for boarding and day students in grades 9-12/post-graduate.

2002

Class Secretary: Lawrence O. Clark

2003

If you are interested in serving as the 2003 Class Secretary, please contact Shelley Baumgarten at sbaumgarten@thehill.org.

2004

Class Secretary: Wallace G. Gundy

2005

Class Secretaries: Kathryn W. Hauch and John R. Dahdah

Caren Thompson is SVP of Research and Strategy at United Artists Releasing and celebrated a major achievement with the releasing of the movie *Till* this past fall. *Till*'s release is a major accomplishment for the civil rights movement and the continued fight for justice of Emmett Till. **Nicole Lauredan** attended the Los Angeles premiere with Caren where they had the incredible honor of watching the film alongside civil rights activist, Myrlie Evers-Williams, wife of Medgar Evers, as well as alongside the surviving family of Emmett Till. Nicole writes, "We had a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity of meeting Myrlie and hearing her wisdom and inspiration to continue seeking justice to make positive change in the world."

2006

Class Secretary: Christine E. (Wieand) Ding

2007

Class Secretary: Cortney (Cunnane) Teyber

Katie O'Mealia married Brendan Arkins at the Annisquam Yacht Club in Gloucester, Mass. on September 10, 2022.



2008

Class Secretary: Avery Harries

2009

Class Secretary: Jacqueline A. Yordan

2010

Class Secretary: Jennifer Kang

Nick Skitko and his wife, Stephanie, welcomed a baby girl, Cecilia Rose, into their family on October 11, 2023.

2011

Class Secretary: Anthony M. Urbano II

2012

Class Secretary: Sarah Allen

2013

Class Secretaries: Austen Parish and Auguste Boova

2014

Class Secretary: Jackson L. Crispin

2015

Class Secretary: Sahajpreet S. “Sunny” Saluja

2016

Class Secretary: Zachary J. Sheehan

2017

Class Secretaries: Marissa V. Letizio and Jay A. Carter

2018

Class Secretaries: Lyndsey Williams and Guryash Singh

Reed Bauer’s article “Taiwan’s Vast Surveillance Infrastructure: An Achilles’ Heel if China Invades” was featured in a summer edition of West Point’s *Modern War Institute*. Reed is a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army infantry. He is a Fulbright scholar and master’s student at National Chengchi University in Taipei, Taiwan.

2019

Class Secretaries: Amelia Sniffin and Euan Forrest

2020

Class Secretaries: Madison Lewis and Benjamin Crispin

Mike Rockovich, a senior at the U.S. Naval Academy, earned his aviation wings and was pinned by Gavin Grady ’23.

2021

Class Secretaries: Kiki Lange and Thomas Simpson

2022

Class Secretaries: Noah Toole and Adele Harris

2023

Class Secretaries: Joseph Asterino and Kerry Elliot

LOOKING BACK

CELEBRATING
the CLASS of
2023

The Hill School Celebrates its
172nd Commencement Exercises

On Saturday, May 27, 2023, The Hill School celebrated its 172nd Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises. During the ceremony, 158 students received their Hill School diplomas.

Prior to the Commencement ceremony, the Baccalaureate service was held in the Alumni Chapel where Assistant Head of School for Community Life Ari Baum addressed the sixth form class. The Class of 2023 then processed through a faculty gauntlet outside the Ryan Library, led by Senior Master Teacher of Science Mark Nelson P’10 ’13, Commencement Marshall, with the ceremonious sounds of bagpipes filling the air.

During the Commencement ceremony, the graduates were addressed by Jarry Zhu ’23, Sixth Form Commencement Speaker, and Ms. Robin Hauser P’14, award-winning documentary director for Finish Line Films and champion of women’s rights and social justice, who delivered the commencement address.



Scan the QR Code
for a Commencement recap.



LOOKING BACK



REUNION 2023

More than 300 alumni, along with their families and friends, returned home June 9-11, 2023 to celebrate Reunion Weekend. Highlights from the weekend included the Seventh Form Tea and 25th Anniversary of Coeducation, Back-to-School: Academic Sessions with Faculty, and milestones celebrated by the Class of 2018 (5th Reunion), Class of 1998 (25th Reunion), and Class of 1973 (50th Reunion). Ted Ridgway '83 was presented with the Big Dipper Award which is presented to a volunteer who has distinguished themselves through hard work, spirit, and determination.



Scan the QR Code for
a Reunion recap.

DESTINATION HILL



LOOKING AHEAD

SAVE THESE DATES!

**Celebrating
25 Years of Coeducation at
The Hill School**

May 3-5, 2024

Throughout the journey of the last 25 years, we recognize all those in our Hill family who have made our School a stronger, more vibrant community with their spirit, commitment, contributions, and perseverance, especially Hill alumnae who have gone on to accomplish remarkable things and create positive change in the world.

This not-to-miss weekend will include both alumnae-focused as well as full-community events. We are better, together, and it's time to celebrate!



REUNION | JUNE 7-9, 2024

We are ready to welcome you home with activities designed to help you reconnect with classmates, teammates, and faculty. Come experience what has changed over the years, while showing your pride in those traditions which have remained steadfast over time. Pack your blazer, H sweater, tie, or scarf and come back to experience Hill like never before!

ALUMNI EVENTS

Join us for alumni events on campus and around the world. This is a great way to stay connected with The Hill and to network with other Hillies.



Scan the QR Code to see a list
of upcoming events.

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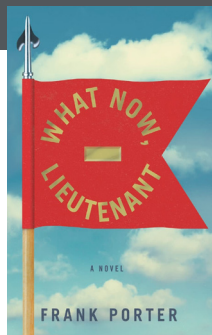
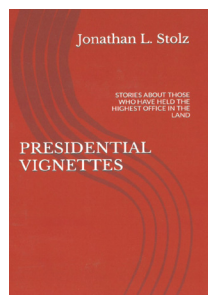
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or by contacting the author.

Presidential Vignettes

by Jonathan L. Stolz, M.D. '61

Presidential Vignettes unravels the multifaceted lives and political undertakings of those who were elected to the nation's highest office.

Jon is a retired physician who moved to Williamsburg, Va. with his wife, Sandy, in 2004 after 30 years of practice as a radiologist in Reading, Pa. In retirement, he has expanded his study of his longtime interest in U.S. presidents and the history of medicine. For 10 years, he shared his knowledge with others as an instructor at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the College of William and Mary.

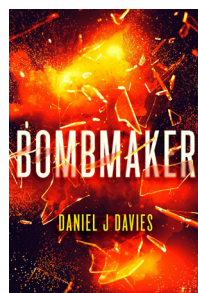


What Now, Lieutenant?

by Frank Porter '55

Besotted by the women who inflame, entice but usually elude or ignore them, *What Now, Lieutenant* tracks three men from the Second World War into the present century.

Frank lives in Cambridge, Mass., with his wife, Ann, and their small dog. He touched on the law in his 2018 novel, *Semper Fee*.



Bombmaker

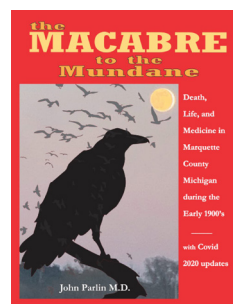
by Daniel J. Davies '99

A heart-pounding, non-stop, intelligent spy thriller that will have you gripped from the first page. Daniel J. Davies is the author of two other books, *Bread Alone* and *Seed*. He currently lives in Charlestown, Mass. with his family.

The Macabre to the Mundane—Death, Life and Medicine in Marquette, Michigan in the Early—with Covid 2020 Updates

by John Parlin, M.D. '61

While the book's primary focus is medical events in Marquette County's history since 1900, John includes a lot of background information about the history of medicine from ancient times. This area is meaningful to John because it's where his family has had a summer home for decades. Coincidentally, John dedicated his book to his best friend and fellow Hillie, Trinity grad, radiologist, and author, Jon Stolz '61. John retired in 2008 and he and his wife, Tori, live in Cincinnati, Ohio.



Counting Sheep

by Johnny Walsh '08

Meet Gus, a little sheep with big dreams. *Counting Sheep* is a tale of friendship and community and a story about never giving up on your dreams – at bedtime and beyond. Johnny is a writer, actress, and fiber arts fanatic originally from the Philadelphia area and now living in Los Angeles with her partner and rescue dog, Archibald.

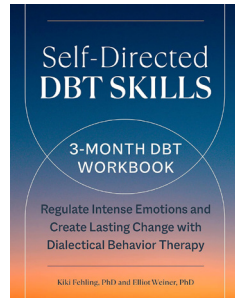
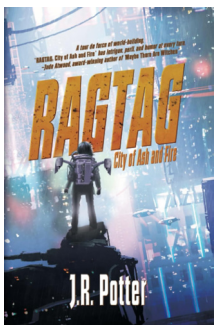


Hillies in Print

Ragtag: City of Ash and Fire

by J.R. (Jamie) Potter '01

Ragtag: City of Ash and Fire is a cyberpunk fairytale – a different Alice in a wonderless land. Ragtag follows his just-released *Thomas Creeper and the Purple Corpse*, the second novel in his adventure series. J.R. Potter is the critically acclaimed author and illustrator of the middle grade series *Thomas Creeper and the Gloombsbury Secret* (2021, Fitzroy Books) about a 13-year-old mortician's apprentice turned budding detective. He has published short fiction in *The Portland Review* and *Owl Canyon Press*, and, in 2019, he won the Kraken Prize for Middle Grade Fiction from Regal House Publishing. He currently resides at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Virginia with his loving wife and their five rescue animals. You can often find him on Twitter as @books2bridges or building fun things for his website www.jamesrobertpotter.com.



Self-Directed DBT Skills: A 3-Month DBT Workbook to Regulate Intense Emotions and Create Lasting Change with Dialectical Behavior Therapy

by Kiki Fehling, Ph.D. '07 and
Elliot Weiner, Ph.D.

Regulate intense emotions, change problematic behaviors, and build fulfilling relationships with this self-directed DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy) skills program. In this practical guide and workbook, you will develop skills in four key areas: mindfulness, distress tolerance, emotion regulation, and interpersonal effectiveness.

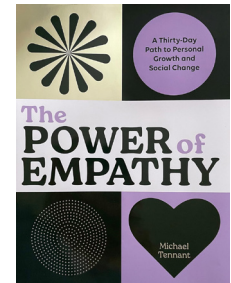
Kiki Fehling, Ph.D. '07 served as co-author of this workbook and is a licensed psychologist and DBT-Linehan Board of Certification, Certified Clinician™. Kiki specializes in borderline personality disorder, self-harming behaviors, and trauma, with particular expertise working with LGBTQ+ people.

The Well

by R. Chapman Wesley
(Robert C. "Wes" Wesley, Jr.
M.D. '67)

In *The Well*, Professor Anatoly Popov, an esteemed virologist and Russian-born defector, steals the world's deadliest virus from a U.S. counter bio-terrorism lab. His aim – to alter its properties with the remains of an interstellar meteorite to create a universal Cure, based upon an ancient Chinese legend. But the theft sets off a murderous clandestine multi-national competition for the ultimate bioweapon. Now with his time running out, Popov must pin his hopes upon Cmdr. Rex Lee, an ex-Seal medic and novice physician-scientist, and a desperate search mission in the Amazonian rainforest of Brazil to restore the promise of *The Well*.

Most recently, a cardiologist in private practice and in academic partnership with the Nevada Heart and Vascular Center of Las Vegas, this is his first novel.



The Power of Empathy

by Michael Tennant '00

Heal yourself to heal the world: *The Power of Empathy* is an informative and inspirational guide to building a better world through compassion, connection, and curiosity. With this 30 day approach, you can develop your empathy skills as tools for self-love and empowerment. Michael weaves together scholarly research with his personal journey of loss, substance use, anxiety, and depression to explore how empathy can benefit both our inner lives and our larger community.

Michael is the founder and CEO of Curiosity Lab, a purpose driven venture studio and consultancy that builds products and experiences that teach empathy. Also, he is the creator of the viral conversation card game *Actually Curious*, which has been featured by the *New York Times*, *Oprah*, and the *TODAY Show*.



The Hill School extends its deepest sympathy to the family and friends of the following members of our Hill family who we learned have passed away January 1, 2022-June 30, 2023. More information may be found within the online “In Remembrance” section of the School’s website at: <https://alumni.thehill.org/InRemembrance> or by scanning the QR code. Our online “In Remembrance” collection is updated regularly and included in the monthly alumni online newsletter, *Whatsoever Things*.

1940s

John H. Sheldon '41 died August 24, 2022, his 100th birthday.
George R. Moffitt, Jr., M.D. '41 P'72 '73 '75 died May 25, 2023.
Andrew J. Dossett III '45 died January 2, 2022. A tribute appears on page 64.
Malcolm B. Bayliss '45 died January 12, 2022.
John F. Faigle, Jr., M.D. '45 died March 30, 2022.
Robert M. Smith, Jr. '45 died December 8, 2022.
William M. Wilson '46 died April 10, 2023.
Jerry D. Freeble '46 GP'04 died April 11, 2023.
Emil W. Henry '47 died January 31, 2022.
Allen G. Clarke, Jr. '47 died February 1, 2022.
Ralph A. McClelland, Jr. '47 died October 2, 2022.
Charles F. Dunn '48 died December 20, 2020. A tribute appears on page 64.
Richard N. Billings '48 died March 4, 2022.
Hugh D. McKay, Jr. '48 died May 2, 2022.
Robert S. Reeves II '48 died July 28, 2022.
Robert E. Belfield '48 died October 28, 2022.
Robert R. Worth '48 died May 30, 2023. A tribute appears on page _____.
David E. George '49 died February 14, 2022.
C. Arthur Pearson '49, M.D. P'81 '84 GP'15 died May 13, 2022.
 A tribute appears on page 65.
Clarence I. Paulsen, Jr. '49 died June 11, 2022.
Geoffrey D. Austrian '49 died October 18, 2022. A tribute appears on page 65.
Arthur I. Robinson, Jr. '49 died January 12, 2023.
Percy R. Smith, Jr. '49 died February 21, 2023. A tribute appears on page 65.

1950s

Paul C. West '50 died January 9, 2022.
Harry Lucas, Jr. Ph.D. '50 died April 18, 2022.
Richard S. McLaughlin '50 died November 15, 2022.
Michael S. Annan '50 P'83 died December 18, 2022.
Joseph F. Johnston, Jr. '50 P'78 died January 3, 2023.
Harden L. Crawford III '50 died in April 2023.
Thorne B. Donnelley '51 died March 7, 2022. A tribute appears on page 66.
Herbert C. Upson '51 died November 2, 2022.
Clinton S. Raynor, Jr. '51 died November 7, 2022.
E. Thomas Sturges '51 died December 22, 2022.
Richard J. Cummins, Jr. '52 died January 1, 2022.
Andrew W. Edmonds '52 died January 14, 2023.
William E. Grohe, Jr. '52 died April 16, 2023.
Bennett D. Brown, Sr. '52 died June 26, 2023.
Peter S. Pauley, Sr. '53 died April 15, 2022.
Carter J. Cain '53 died May 18, 2022.
S. Wyman Rolph III '53 died July 28, 2022.

W. Robert Watt, Jr. '53 died November 9, 2022.
Ernest E. H. McCall '53 P'85 died December 17, 2022.
 A tribute appears on page 66.
Raymond E. Meagher, Jr. '53 P'84 died February 24, 2023.
Arthur M. Cottrell III '53 died March 16, 2023.
David S. Armstrong '53 died April 28, 2023.
Walter W. Pyper, Jr. '54 died May 31, 2022.
Colin J. S. Thomas, Jr. '54 died August 26, 2022.
The Reverend William N. Peabody '54 died October 19, 2022.
John E. Mainzer '55 died August 10, 2022.
William I. Westcott, Jr. M.D. '55 died December 30, 2022.
Frederick E. Schmitt III '55 died February 25, 2023.
W. Wayne Lake, Jr. M.D. '55 died in March 2023.
Charles F. Seivard D.Div. '55 died May 30, 2023.
Holt W. Page, Jr. '55 died June 21, 2023.
The Reverend Andrew Johnson '56 died June 2, 2022.
John Van Rensselaer '56 died January 25, 2023.
Samuel W. Horner III DVM '56 died in February 2023.
 A tribute appears on page 66.
D. Allen Quackenbos '57 died February 5, 2022.
Robert J. Funkhouser, Jr. '57 GP'10 died February 7, 2022.
Dr. James W. Harper '57 died April 18, 2022.
John J. Zillhardt '57 died December 3, 2022.
James E. Smale, Jr. '58 died February 2, 2022.
Albert T. Maurice, Jr. '58 died March 2, 2022.
Harry C. West '58 died April 7, 2022.
James J. Curran, Jr. '58 P'84 GP'18 died April 18, 2022.
Gunnar B. Bennett '58 died June 7, 2022.
Paul B. Keyser '58 died January 3, 2023.
Charles W. Johns '58 died April 19, 2023.

1960s

Murray B. Dey '60 died January 12, 2022.
George T. Rogers II '60 died July 10, 2022.
David H. Thomas '60 died August 7, 2022.
Douglas A. Grier '60, Ph.D. died February 15, 2023.
Philip A. Davies '61 died February 21, 2023.
David Y. Hinshaw '62 died in March 2023.
J. Henry Scattergood, Jr. '63 died April 28, 2022.
John B. Mersereau M.D. '63 died September 16, 2022.
Adam M. Albright '65 died February 25, 2023.
Jonathan H. Godshall '66 died January 7, 2022.
The Honorable Edward Griffith II '66 died January 24, 2023.
James M. Vipond '67 died August 13, 2022. A tribute appears on page 68.
Thomas A. Knapp '67 died September 7, 2022.

Families and classmates of alumni who have passed away who wish to submit a more extensive tribute to their loved one for inclusion in the magazine may do so. Submissions and photos, if desired, may be mailed or emailed to **Denise Spatarella P'22 '25 '27** at dspatarella@thehill.org or **The Hill School, 860 Beech Street, Pottstown, PA 19464**.

Andrew R. McKinney '67 died September 24, 2022.
Carlton A. Bates '67 died December 12, 2022. A tribute appears on page 68.
Timothy P. O'Shea '68 P'88 died April 27, 2022.
James C. Vogt '68 died November 21, 2022.
Raymond J. Funkhouser II '69 P'99 died February 4, 2022.
Richard B. Coombs, Jr. '69 died November 13, 2022.

1970s

David M. Zimmerman '70 died January 14, 2022.
A tribute appears on page 69.
Andrew S. DaMiano '72 died June 7, 2023.
Joseph A. Gioia, Jr. '73 died June 30, 2023.
Malcolm P. Knowles '74 died in December 2022.
Jay S. Loeffler, M.D. '74 died June 22, 2023. A tribute appears on page 70.
Joseph M. Williams '75 died March 26, 2023.
John T. Jackson, Jr. '77 died March 4, 2022.
John D. Barnhill '77 died June 2, 2022.
Carl D. Copeland '77 died June 9, 2023.
Andrew H. Wolfe '78 died December 26, 2022.
David L. Kim '78 died June 14, 2023.

1980s

Anthony N. Lagunilla '80 died June 28, 2023.
Andrew Y. Propes '81 died June 3, 2022.
Andrew F. Quinlan '81 died September 12, 2022.
Richard R. Wolfe, Jr. '84 died December 12, 2022.
Robert T. Eksten '89 died December 20, 2022.

1990s

Theodore M. Shell '90 died April 13, 2022.
Jonathan S. Bodarky '94 died May 19, 2023.
Jason L. Emilo '96 died December 12, 2022.
Kurtis N. Poulos '97 died April 26, 2022.

2000s

Jeffrey R. Bala '01 died February 1, 2023. A tribute appears on page 70.
Jessica C. Maillie '07 died in April 2023.
René Harris '15 died March 16, 2022.

Faculty & Faculty *Emeriti*

Thomas Eccleston III P'87 '88 GP'19 '21, former history teacher, assistant dean of students, and varsity football and ice hockey coach, died October 3, 2022.

Frank J. Groten, Jr. Ph.D. P'82, instructor of the Classics *emeritus*, died January 8, 2023.

David P. Giammattei, instructor of history *emeritus*, died February 16, 2023.

Dana Perry-Hunter, associate director of admission, died August 17, 2023.

Christopher Evans, learning support coordinator, died August 6, 2023.

Friends

Randy Sarles, an adjunct guitar, bass, and music theory instructor since 1988, died October 8, 2022.

Lauren Chapis, former Hill librarian, died November 17, 2022.

Tributes to faculty, faculty *emeriti*, and friends begin on page 70.



The following tributes were shared with us by family members of our deceased alumni specifically for inclusion in *Hill Ties*.

1945

His family shared that **Andrew Joseph Dossett III** passed away on January 2, 2022. Born to Larena Barbee Dossett and Andrew Joseph Dossett Jr. in Waco, Texas, he was raised in Beverly Hills, Calif. where he attended Hawthorne School and Beverly Hills High before enrolling at The Hill. Andrew joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1945. He enrolled in the Foreign Trade School, USC and joined the Kappa Sigma fraternity. In 1950, Andrew volunteered for the Korean War and served 11 months in a Marine line company. He owned two businesses, Andrew Dossett Imports Inc, which imported and exported high pressure ferrous and nonferrous tubing, and Seagull Marine, which imported British Seagull engines and Avon Inflatable boats, Avon White Water River rafts and various unique yachting equipment, including the first fiberglass bottom inflatables. On a rainy night in January 1969, Andrew, a passenger on a DC8 jet from Copenhagen approaching LAX, crash-landed four miles short of the runway in Santa Monica Bay. Fortunately, the plane had discharged most passengers in Seattle. Andrew, in the life raft business, assumed charge of deploying the plane's emergency inflatable rafts as all cabin crew perished when the plane struck and broke apart and the tail section sank. In all there were 15 fatalities, the first in LAX history. In 1984, Andrew sold his business and with his wife, Corinne, commenced ocean cruising with his 37-foot vintage sailing ketch, *Bonnie Doone*. Together they crossed the Atlantic Ocean three times and the Pacific Ocean one time—Singapore to Catalina Island. In 2003, Andrew made a solo passage on *Bonnie Doone* to Hawaii to earn the Joe Antrim "Race against Aging" Trophy for single handers over 75. Andrew was a member of the Newport Harbor Yacht Club, Cruising Club of America, and Ocean Cruising Club. Andrew leaves

Corinne, his wife of 50 years; daughter Andrea and Jim Sheya; son Ben and Susan Dossett; six grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents and sister, Julie Kennicott.

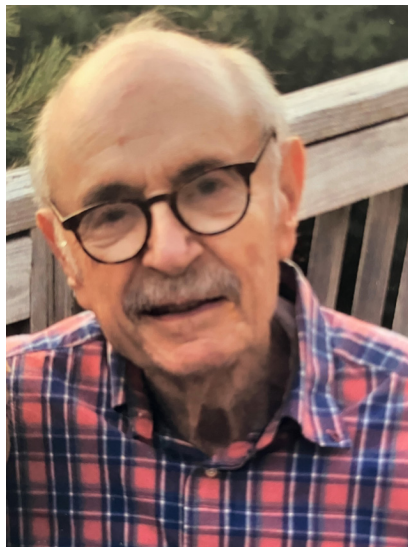
1948

Edward D. Lewis '48 submitted the following tribute for classmate **Charles F. "Toby" Dunn**, who died at his home in London on December 29, 2020. Toby came to The Hill in 1947 from Surrey, England on scholarship from the English Speaking Union. He was drawn to the Hobby Building by Paul Wescott, where he helped to hand print the literary magazine. With an interest in theatre, he made puppets, built a stage, wrote a play, and created a puppet show production. Toby was enrolled in the first humanities course taught by Paul Cancellor and Paul Wescott. After graduation in June, he toured the East Coast of the U.S. using his thumb. Returning to England, he served in the British Army, then started his own design firm in London. He is survived by wife, Karin Dunn, and sons, Giles and Piers.

Robert R. Worth died of melanoma at the age of 92 on May 30, 2023. He leaves his wife, Blaikie Forsyth Worth; sons, Alexi Worth (Erika Belsey Worth), Robert F. Worth (Alice Clapman), Monty Worth (Leslie Kernisan); and daughter, Eleanor Worth, as well as seven grandchildren (Tiber, Simon, Zack, Felix, Josephine, Roosevelt, Owen); and his brother, James Worth. Bob grew up in Wilmington, Del. and graduated from The Hill and Princeton University before serving in the U.S. Navy for nearly four years, largely in Japan, which provided him with a new and valuable cultural perspective. As a traveling textbook salesman, he worked for McGraw Hill and then W. A. Benjamin before founding his own company in 1966. Over the next several decades, Worth Publishers was

renowned for academic quality, and for their books' fine design, rare at the time. Worth textbooks, including Helena Curtis' *Biology*, Ian Robertson's *Sociology*, David Myers' *Psychology*, and economics titles by N. Gregory Mankiw and by Paul Krugman, were leaders in their fields. In one of many personal tributes received during his illness, a former employee recalled: "We had the best books. Period." Employees also remembered Worth's "incomparable" work environment. "We were the best compensated sales force in the industry. Bob made it possible for us to retire in much better circumstances than any of us would have imagined." In a tribute by authors and industry figures, Charles Linsmeier of Macmillan Learning wrote that "the educational publishing world has lost one of its titans." Bob was active outside publishing, serving on the board of the HKH Foundation, as president of the board of the Day School (now Trevor Day School), helping launch the *Adirondack Explorer* magazine, and restructuring the board at the Adirondack Museum at Blue Mountain Lake, N.Y. His last project was editing and shepherding through publication Stephen Sulavik's remarkable illustrated history, *The Adirondack Guideboat*. Tall and blue-eyed with a buoyant smile, Bob was a person of humor, modesty, and immense generosity. A dedicated supporter of civil rights and environmental protection, he revered the sciences and often introduced himself as an atheist, or "Quaker atheist" in a nod to his family origins. He enjoyed Manhattan, where he had lived since his 20s, but also had deep attachments to the Adirondacks and to Rehoboth Beach on the Delaware shore. In his final months, he spoke of his readiness to die, of the wonderful good luck he had enjoyed all his life, and of his ardent love for his wife, Blaikie. Earlier this year, they celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

1949



We learned from his family that **Geoffrey Austrian** died on October 18, 2022 at age 92. He was born in New York City to Beryl and Carl Austrian, attended The Fessenden School in Newton, Mass. and graduated from The Hill School in 1949. Geoff loved his time at Hill where he was chairman of *The Review Board* and *The Record*. He considered his experience at Hill formative in sparking his lifelong identity as a writer and editor. After obtaining a B.A. in English at Harvard, Geoff lived in New York City and spent six years with newspapers including the *Bergen Evening Record* of Hackensack, N.J. and *The New York World-Telegram & Sun*. As a business reporter for the latter, he covered the emergence of electronic computers of the 1950s when such firms as RCA, Daystrom, and General Electric were struggling to gain a foothold in the industry. His work led to a job offer from IBM. "Either they liked what I was writing," he recalled, "or they were trying to put me out of circulation." Over his 27 years at IBM, Geoff handled a wide variety of assignments, ranging from product publicity and press relations to public affairs and speech writing. During his last 12 years at the company, he served as a writer and editor of the company's former *Think Magazine*. He took early retirement from IBM in 1987. While at IBM, Geoff also wrote a biography of the inventor Herman Hollerith, who laid the groundwork for

the data processing industry with his punched card data processing system. At the book's publication in 1982, Professor I. Bernard Cohen of Harvard called it, "a major contribution to American scientific, technological, business, and social history." After retirement from IBM, Geoff met and married his wife, Natalie (Fritz) of 33 years and moved to Auburndale, Mass. In the following years, in addition to his writing, Geoff devoted himself to painting in oils and acrylics. An avid fly fisherman, he drew most of his inspiration from the streams and mountains of the West. He studied at the de Cordova Museum and was a member of the Lexington Arts & Crafts Society Painters Guild and the Villa Group of semi-professional artists. He enjoyed participating in the Newton Open studio events. While developing his own skills as a painter, Geoff wrote a biography of his great uncle Ben Austrian, whose tiny chick, titled "Hasn't Scratched Yet" became the symbol and motto of the Bon Ami Company more than 100 years ago. In addition to his wife, Geoff leaves two daughters from his first marriage, Dr. Susan Austrian of Chestnut Hill, Mass. and Sarah Austrian of New York City; two grandchildren, Emily and Matthew; and a great-grandson, Samuel.

C. Arthur Pearson, M.D. '49 P'81 '84 GP'15, affectionately known as Cap, died peacefully on May 13, 2022 at his winter home in Naples, Fla., surrounded by his family. He was 90 years old. Born in Rochester, N.Y. on January 21, 1932 to Pauline and Clarence Pearson, M.D., he attended The Hill and St. Lawrence University in Canton, N.Y., where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity and graduated in 1953. Cap served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and upon returning home after the war, he entered medical school at the University of Rochester, where he met and married his wife of 61 years, Judith Ann Frank. After spending his internship and residency years at Chicago's Northwestern University Hospital and Milwaukee's Lutheran Hospital, he began his medical career in Oneida, N.Y., where he practiced obstetrics and gynecology for 22 years with his partner, Dr. Earl Cline. During his Oneida years, Cap served as president

of the Central New York Gynecological and Obstetrical Society affiliated with Upstate Medical School and chaired the Four County Medical Society's ob-gyn section as a consultant at Hamilton Hospital. He also served on the advisory board for the nursing program at the State University of New York at Morrisville and as a preceptor for medical students. Cap formed a county Medicaid maternity clinic and was active in Planned Parenthood throughout his career. He volunteered his time as a board member of the Madison County Mental Health Society and served as both chief of staff and chief of obstetrics-gynecology at Oneida City Hospital. Cap was active in many community organizations in Oneida and particularly enjoyed his time as a senior warden at St. John's Episcopal Church, working as a board member and volunteer for the Salvation Army, and earning his pilot's license at the Stockbridge Valley Flying Club. In 1986, Cap and Judy began spending winters in Naples, Fla., where he remained involved in medicine with a private practice and volunteer work at the Collier County Clinic and Planned Parenthood. He was a founding member of the Retired Physicians of Collier County, a long-time member of the Royal Poinciana Golf Club, and a faithful parishioner at St. Paul's Episcopal Church and Trinity-by-the-Cove. Cap's greatest joy was spending time with his family at the Thousand Islands on the St. Lawrence River. He loved the outdoors, and through the years, the family enjoyed golfing, tennis, boating, skiing, and traveling together. In addition to his four children, Kim Pearson Bigelow (Martin) of Middleville, NY; Arthur "Larry" Pearson '81 (Dale) of Richmondville, NY; Douglas Pearson (Mary) of Macon, Ga.; and Norris Pearson '84 (Marguerite) of Troy, N.Y., he leaves a fond legacy of love for his grandchildren, Nathan Bigelow (Jenna), Heidi Pearson Erbert (Derek), Nicholas Pearson '15 (grandson), Caroline Pearson, Elizabeth Pearson, and Garrett Pearson. Three great-grandsons live in Kingston, Ontario.

Percy Robinson Smith, Jr., died peacefully at home in Wilmington, N.C. on February 21, 2023. Percy was born on Easter Sunday, April 20, 1930, in

Wilmington to Bess Lee Newton Smith and Percy Robinson Smith. After being a bachelor for 50 years, he married Lillian Duer James on August 2, 1980, the hottest day on record. He is survived by his wife and their two daughters, Lillian Smith Teer and husband, Michael Page Teer, Jr., and Eliza Smith Dunn and husband, Joshua David Dunn. He is also survived by four granddaughters, Emerson (Emmy) Elizabeth Teer, Lillian (Lilly) James Teer, Eliza McLauchlin Dunn, and Ann Marie Dunn; as well as his brother, William (Billy) Newton Smith, and wife, Jean Whiting Smith, and their five children, William (Bill) Newton Smith, Jr., Lisa Ten Eyck and husband, Pete, Allene Adams and husband, Jim, Jean Whiting Smith, and Elizabeth (Lizzy) Alderman Smith. After The Hill, Percy attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. After the death of his father in 1952, Percy returned to Wilmington to help his mother run the family car dealership Cape Fear Ford. Percy and his brother, Billy, attributed the success of Cape Fear Ford to the devoted employees. Percy loved the outdoors whether sailing, fishing or hunting and was known for his great sense of humor, kind heart, and generous spirit. He was a devoted husband and father who found joy in teaching his daughters a love of sailing and enjoyed spending his summers at the South end of Wrightsville Beach. He set the bar on so many things that are the foundation of a life well lived. He never had a bad day and always had a twinkle in his good eye. Percy was a life-long member of the YMCA and loved running in the annual triathlon with his dear friends, John Reid Murchison and Laurence Gray Sprunt. Percy was a Paul Harris fellow of Rotary International and life-long member of First Presbyterian Church.

1951

Thorne B. Donnelley died March 7, 2022 in Palm Beach, Florida at the age of 88. Barney Donnelley was born July 12, 1933 to Mary Barnes Donnelley and Thorne Donnelley in Kentucky. He primarily lived in Lake Forrest, Illinois and New Canaan,

Connecticut, before settling in Palm Beach. He was an accomplished hunter, fisherman, and tennis player, but most of all, a beloved husband and father. He was the great-grandson of the founder of the R.R. Donnelley Printing Company, where he began his business career in sales of the Yellow Pages. He would later go on to serve on corporate boards and participate in seed money investing. He graduated from The Hill and Tulane University, where he was part of both schools' tennis teams. He was part of the 1949-50 Tennis Team inducted into The Hill School Athletics Hall of Fame. An avid hunter, and fisherman, with a great passion for the outdoors, Barney was also a member of the All-American National Skeet Shooting Team in 1965 and 1966. He was a lifelong avid outdoorsman who traveled worldwide. He loved spending hunting season at Grand Island shooting ducks, and at his ranch in Garwood, Texas. His summers were spent hiking and fishing in Sun Valley, Idaho. During his time in Florida, you would find him bass fishing on Lake Mangonia, pompano fishing off of the beach, and trolling offshore. He was passionate and grateful for his doctors at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and therefore chose to donate his eyes for vision research. He treated everyone that he met the same, no matter what their station in life. As a result, was universally loved by many people from all walks of life and will be missed dearly by all who knew him. He is survived by his five children, Reuben, Naoma, Laren, Megan, and Erin; three grandchildren, Nikki, Nathan, and Madison, and his wife of 36 years, Monnie Donnelley.

1956

Samuel W. Horner III '56 Dr. Samuel Horner graduated from The Hill School in 1956. He was a key member of the undefeated 1955 football team as the team's top ball carrier. In the pool, he captained the 1955-1956 team that finished with a 9-1 record, losing only to the Yale freshman team. He swam on the record-setting 200 free relay and was the 50 free champion at Easterns that year. He was elected as captain of the 1956 golf

team but was unable to play, so he ran track. After graduating from The Hill he went on to play collegiately at the Virginia Military Institute where he received a B.S. in Civil Engineering. Sam then embarked on a three-year professional football career becoming the first Hill alumnus to play in a professional sports league. He played for the Washington Redskins in 1960 and 1961 as a running back, defensive back, punter and kick returner. In 1962, he was traded to the New York Giants where he was a back up defensive back and returned kicks-offs and punts. When he retired from the NFL he went back to the University of Georgia Veterinary School and after four years he received a DVM degree. In 1973 Sam was inducted into the VMI Sports Hall of Fame and in 2000 Sam was the Georgia Equine Veterinarian of the Year. In 2012, he was inducted into The Hill School Athletics Hall of Fame. Sam practiced equine medicine and surgery for 40 years in the Atlanta, Ga. area and retired again in 2008. Sam is survived by his two daughters, Helen Hamryka and Margaret Eglin, in addition to four grandchildren.

After more than 10 years of battling Lewy Body Dementia, **Ernest Ellery Hall McCall** died peacefully Dec. 17, 2022, in the company of his wife, Diane. About 15 years ago, Ernie submitted the following article to Princeton University for his 50th reunion. He tells his story the best: "How does one modestly sum up one's life? As a fifth-generation Oregonian, just getting into Princeton was an unexpected adventure. When it's all said and done, attending Princeton TWICE added the depth and insight needed to enrich and make sense of my years. Like any good life, mine has not been a straight line. There have been moments of fear, times of loss and sadness, and a ton of happy memories. What a grand adventure life has been! I was born January 10, 1935, in Eugene, Oregon, to Marian Schwarz and Ellery Hall. When I was five, my father was tragically killed in an automobile accident. Six years later, my mother remarried Calder McCall and relocated our family to the West Hills of Portland when I was entering the 6th grade. It was at Ainsworth Elementary School where I acquired many



of my lifelong friends, as well as my curiosity for the adventures life might have in store for me. I learned quickly that my zest for life and high jinks with the neighborhood gang didn't necessarily provide time for the academic achievement I knew was possible. Upon 8th grade graduation, I departed for The Hill School. Prior to entering Princeton in the fall of 1952, I worked like a dog to get out of The Hill School a year early, completing five years' work in four. I didn't love The Hill School, but anything so challenging and so far from home had to be good for me. After arriving at Princeton, my first two years were thrown to the winds in joyful celebration, and then I was thrown out! I grew up fast, thanks to the U.S. Navy and four years of flying AD Skyraiders from the U.S.S. Wasp (Atlantic and Mediterranean) and the U.S.S. Forrestal (Mediterranean). Moments from those days often flash past in my mind's eye. It seems like just yesterday that night was fast approaching while the U.S.S. Wasp wallowed through heavy seas, with its fantail tracing a giant Dutch roll, or described another way, the stern was rising and falling 100 or more feet while rolling in a figure eight. Landing in these conditions relied on the landing signal officer's judgment of the ship's movements and the landing aircraft's speed and position. The landing officer would flash a green light and order the pilot to cut power to the engine. The first pass ended in a "bolter," with the ship's deck falling away and the tailhook skipping over arresting wires. In front of me was a 3,000-horsepower engine. Add power smoothly but smartly; if added too quickly,

the aircraft will torque roll around the prop and spin upside down into the sea. Knowing this focuses one's attention. By the time the second pass commenced, it was dark and the stern was rising to meet the aircraft, which slammed into the deck, blowing both tires – which in turn pitched the aircraft forward into the wooden deck. It destroyed the engine, yet no one seemed surprised or upset. The time in the U.S. Navy definitely provided the adventure I had wished for. Post-Navy, while acclimating to civilian life, never having ridden a motorcycle before, I purchased my first BMW in Germany. In the dead of winter, I departed for Egypt. My motorcycle excursion led me through several mysterious countries including Turkey, Lebanon, Syria, and more. After a long exotic adventure, I arrived in Aswan and decided it was time to return home. I met and married a remarkable woman, Barclay Ball, from Raleigh, North Carolina. During the next 11 years, she bore our three children, and then, on the day I dropped our middle child off for the start of first grade, Barclay died of a malignant brain tumor. It was not fair! And for me, it was an exercise in character-building I did not need. With children and a business career, the next six years were a busy time. Every week, I flew to one of our company branches scattered from Alaska to Southern California, east to Colorado and Arizona, and here and there in between. One of the children was always with me as copilot. Eventually I remarried, then divorced. No one is perfect. The business grew, the kids grew, and life settled down to work, skiing in the winter, sailing and kayaking and motorcycling in the summer, and hunting in the fall. The teenagers were experts at staying one jump ahead of me. It was a tough race for a single parent. With 18 branches and over 400 employees shipping more than two million pounds of industrial chemicals per day, there was always something to keep me busy. Around the age of 50, and after 14 years of being president of our business, I decided I needed a mid-life crisis. I didn't want to miss anything. Even with my three teenagers, life was too orderly, so I decided to finish everything I had ever started. The shortened stay at Princeton had been a burr under my

saddle for a long time, so it was first on the list. It took two-and-a-half years to graduate with the fabulous class of 1987, exactly 30 years after my original class. This time I read every word assigned and audited enough courses for another year. My greatest fear was that I would be ignominiously tossed out a second time. I graduated with a freshly programmed brain and the curiosity to live a new and different life. The first adventure was to take my daughter, who had also just graduated from college, on a three-month 9,000-mile motorcycle ride through Chile and Argentina. One adventure led to another – probably of no interest except to demonstrate that I was doing my best to live life to the fullest. Managing a business, office work, and everything I did before belonged to another life. My oldest son graduated with honors from Princeton, followed by my younger son from Colorado College. Both later earned graduate degrees, and everyone finished on time. I had become a wily expert on student life, and was not about to be bamboozled into any of my kids needing five or six years to complete four years' work. At 62, when I least expected it, love caught me by surprise! Don't you believe lightning can't strike twice! Diane Forsgren proved it can! Wow! It took a couple weeks to clean up my act, but it was worth it and I have never looked back. She has brought new adventure and joy into my life every day. Diane wrote: "Ernie and I were married 25 years ago, and he then said two very special things. He promised that I would never be bored, and that we would go 'flat out until we can't go anymore.' He was true to his word. We have had a grand adventure together. Ernie's curiosity, intellect, and friendships have taken us around the world several times. Whether by plane, train, ship, or even bicycle, we experienced so many wonderful things together! How could we ever be bored? About 10 years ago, Ernie was diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia, the adventure we did not choose. Despite this particular itinerary, Ernie often has a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. I wonder what he is thinking. Is it a memory of a past adventure enjoyed at another time? Maybe it is the satisfaction of a life well-lived."

Ernie is survived by his wife, Diane Forsgren McCall; their five children, Ernest Barclay Hall McCall, Elizabeth Forsgren Thor, Marian Barclay McCall, Edmund Barclay Ball McCall, and Katherine Forsgren Kreutzer; and their six grandchildren; as well as one younger brother, Robert Hall McCall.

Ernie's daughter, Katherine, shared the following: *While Ernie's obituary doesn't necessarily highlight The Hill School as his favorite place during his youth, he always spoke highly of the school and credited The Hill for setting him on the path to his future... though that wasn't necessarily a DIRECT path! Ernie is a perfect example of "we are a sum of all our experiences and of all we have met." The Hill was a special place for him and the rest of his "grand adventure" was proof that it was well-worth it!*

1967

Longtime Class Secretary for 1967 **Carlton Albert Bates** died of cancer December 12, 2022 in Palm Springs, Calif., at age 74. He was born on April 15, 1949, in Morristown, N.J., to Louise Getman (Bates) Bristol and Douglas P. Bates. Carl's father died when he was 12, and two years later his mother married John W. Bristol, who became his stepfather. Carl grew up in New Jersey and attended The Hill where he excelled in academics and athletics, particularly on the lacrosse field. His talents took him to Yale University, where he earned All-Ivy honors in lacrosse and graduated with a B.A. in art history in 1971. After college, Carl worked as a builder, musician, and painter. Wearing silver body paint and a cape, he was the bass player for a rock band that once opened for Frank Zappa, though unfortunately they were booed off stage. In 1974, he joined a growing community of artists, architects, and free spirits on Prickly Mountain in Warren, Vt., as they embarked on innovative experiments in sustainable architecture, green technology, community planning, and what would come to be called the Design-Build movement. It was there that he made many lifelong friends, including John and Deborah Barkhausen, Christine Goulet, Neal Harrington, Pierre and



Mary Moffroid, Jim and Ellen Sanford, Dave Sellers, and Bill Wadsworth, among others. While building his own house on Prickly Mountain entirely from stone, Carl spent half of each year on a remote farm in Vara Blanca, Costa Rica, where he worked on his paintings. His work was shown in exhibitions in New York and Washington, D.C., as well as the Segunda Exposicion de la Nueva Pintura de Costa Rica at the Museo Nacional in San Jose, Costa Rica. In 2019, he had a solo exhibition at the Madsonian Museum in Waitsfield, Vermont. Most recently, his work was included in a group show, *Depicting Duchamp: Portraits of Marcel Duchamp and/or Rose Sélavy*, at the Francis Nauman Gallery in New York in 2020. Also included in the show was a work by his daughter, the artist Larissa Bates. It was in Costa Rica that Carl met his first wife, the late Patricia del Carmen Gutierrez y Chittenden. Patricia's sons, Juan and Sebastian, became Carl's beloved stepsons. Carl and Patricia were married in 1980, and welcomed their daughter, Larissa, in 1981. Tragically, Patricia died of cancer later that same year. In 1987, while performing in Warren in a Phantom Theater production, *Air Brains*, Carl met Tracy Martin, a dancer and actress from New York. They were married in 1989, and welcomed a son, Lucas, in 1992. Around this time, Carl launched his own stone masonry business, Pharoah Stonework; at times his employees included his son, Lucas, and nephew, Rufus. He also worked for many years as a snow plow driver on Prickly Mountain, and wrote an unpublished novel based on his

experiences, *The Plowman Chronicles*. Carl and Tracy were divorced in 1994. In 1995, Carl became life partners with the architect Lourie Savage Campbell and stepfather to her son, Spencer, whom he adored. Carl and Lourie were married in 2005. After retiring in 2010, they began living half the year in Palm Springs, Calif. Lourie was a loving and devoted partner to Carl, and provided extraordinary compassion and care for him during his years of illness. In Palm Springs, Carl continued his painting, took up biking and hiking through the desert canyons, and enjoyed pursuing two lifelong passions, birdwatching and golfing. He also closely followed Yale's lacrosse team and became an active participant on their online message boards. His passion for life, his booming laugh, and his characteristically optimistic outlook on his future never wavered in spite of his illness. The loving care he received from his wife, Lourie, along with the love of his large circle of family and friends, was surely a reason for his invincible positivity. Carl is survived by his wife, Lourie Savage Campbell; his daughter, Larissa Bates (David); his son, Lucas Bates; stepsons, Juan Carlos Brenes (Carolyn), Sebastian Brenes (Kathy), and Spencer Campbell (Laura); his sister, Louise Bates Satterfield (Calvin); his brother, William S. Bates; and two stepsisters, Barbara Bristol and Nancy Homer (Stephen), as well as his grandchildren, Emilia, Ana Lucia, Louise, Grace, Jack, Pilar, and Sebastian. He was predeceased by his older brother, Douglas P. Bates Jr., and his mother, Louise.

James M. Vipond, class volunteer, passed away peacefully and surrounded by his family on Saturday, August 13, 2022. Jim was born on February 17, 1948 in Scranton, Pa. to the late David Spruks Vipond and the late Florence Neumann Vipond. The Viponds moved from Scranton to Waverly where Jim (or Jimmy, to his family) spent his childhood before embarking on an educational journey that played an important role in shaping the incredible human he is known to be. In middle school he attended Eaglebrook ('64) in Deerfield, Massachusetts. While there he discovered his love for skiing which he enjoyed with grace through this

past winter. He then went to The Hill and established friendships that lasted his lifetime. He followed his family legacy and attended Williams College ('71) in Williamstown, Mass. to complete his B.A. in American studies where he also played tennis and soccer. He was extremely proud to be a Williams graduate, and it was one of his favorite places to visit year after year. It was at Williams he discovered his skill to imagine and create spaces that others cannot envision, leading him to the University of Pennsylvania ('77) to earn an M.A. in architecture. Jim had a successful and impressive career in architecture and planning including roles at the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Arthur Cotton Moore and Associates, and eventually establishing his own practice. His architectural masterpiece is his Waverly residence where he lived with the love of his life, Sharon. What began as an imperfect century-old farmhouse is now transformed into a piece of living art that considers every angle, creates purpose in every square foot, and beautifully compliments its surroundings. But, alas, Jim's story is much more than creating beautiful spaces. It's about how he applied that same level of detail to every action and interaction. He was genuine, engaging, and caring to everyone and anyone. He had an understated magnetism that made every room he entered and person he met better. Jim worked tirelessly to enhance his community, conserving countless acres, creating miles of walking and biking trails, preserving the beauty of historic buildings, and spearheading an ongoing effort to distribute tens of thousands of BOMBAS donation socks and hygiene kits to those in need. Jim was most dedicated to his family, and they were his biggest source of pride. His legacy will beam through his beautiful wife, Sharon York Vipond; his dedicated son, Winthrop (Wick) Vipond; daughter-in-law, Carolyn Miraglia Vipond; granddaughters, Emerson and Wynne Vipond; his loving siblings, Jonathan Vipond III (and spouse Tim Bunner), Linda Vipond Heath (and spouse, Robert Heath), David Vipond (and spouse, Jerry Bakka), nieces, nephews, and a vast and humbling support network of extended family, "family," and friends. Anyone who knew Jim Vipond knows that

it is impossible to summarize his life in a few paragraphs. He leaves behind an indelible mark, and a blueprint for a better world.

1970

David M. Zimmerman, an authentic Renaissance man in his private and professional life, a most honorable man, a man who was excellent company whether discussing history and culture, the best steak tatar, or arcane technical matters over a glass of wine, died on January 14, 2022. After two years of enduring end-stage cancer, he was felled by a major stroke. Born in Istanbul, Turkey where his father had a position with the fledgling Central Intelligence Agency, Dave was born into a unique environment where he was exposed to art, culture, religion, and the fascinating diversity of humanity. Growing up, he lived in Ankara, Turkey; Tangier, Morocco; Tunis, Tunisia; and Lagos, Nigeria. Between overseas assignments, his family lived in Bethesda, Md. At age 12, already possessing a high level of intellectual curiosity, he was sent to The Hill School for six years. There he became a self-contained and independent soul. Graduating in 1970, Dave entered the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. During many summers he was fortunate to work with experts on fingerprint identification, and with computers at the Center of Computer Sciences and Technology at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington, D.C. After receiving a B.S. in physics in 1974 from MIT—and completing the ultimate running goal, the Boston Marathon—Dave moved to San Diego to earn a M.S. in neuroscience from UCSD. Needing a place to live, he rented a room in an old bungalow in La Jolla. By chance, it had a shed to house his rapidly expanding electronics collection, and, by chance, it had a landlady named Jocelyn with whom he fell in love. The feeling was mutual. Halcyon days followed: indulging a love of fine dining and wine, frequenting used book and record stores and sales, and tent camping throughout the West from their 1973 super VW Bug convertible, Bix. They married in San Francisco in May

1979, settling in San Diego and ultimately, in the Mt. Helix community of La Mesa, which they loved. Lifelong lovers of books, they built an impressive personal library, traveled, entertained well, and hosted the renowned Neighborhood/Friends Christmas party for 33 years, a point real estate agents sometimes used in their offerings. He was on the Boards of the Grossmont-Mt. Helix Improvement Association and The Valle De Oro Community Planning Group. In 1977, Dave joined the founding technical staff of Photon Research Associates, later acquired by Raytheon Technologies, within the aerospace and defense industry in 2004. His interest in neuroscience was eclipsed by his love of physics, computer science, and engineering, and—except for a period of eight years as IT Director of the then Burnham Institute in La Jolla—he worked at PRA/RTX through his final days. He applied his skills and refined aesthetic sense to countless aircraft and space programs including fundamental contributions to the design and refinement of an entire new line of wide-area search sensors. Widely admired and respected for his brilliant analyses, in later years he was frequently chosen to present and defend technical concepts to Senior Pentagon leadership. He loved his work, and his colleagues, here, and in LA and Texas where he often traveled. Dave was a lover of nature. Lord Byron's "I love not man the less, but nature more" says it all. He was quietly proud of being number 11 on the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club's list of finishers who climbed the 100 peaks of San Diego County. He served on the Board of the Torrey Pines Association. He had a keen appreciation for music, was a woodworker of talent, and his search and appreciation for the ultimate gastronomic experience extended from Pavillon Ledoyen in Paris to the best Philly Cheesesteak sandwich in S.D. Besides being the quintessential problem solver, Dave is remembered for his fine sense of humor, for being a wise and contemplative man always available for sound, studied advice, for his kindness and honesty, and for his wonderful smile. Above all, he is remembered for his devotion and love for his family, and is missed beyond measure by his wife and companion of 47 years,

Jocelyn; his daughter, Kimberly Cooper (Randall); his son, Bruce Mahr; his son, Graham of La Mesa; four grandchildren, Bruce (Bo), Grant, Zachary, and Caitlin; and his mother, Myra Jordan Zimmerman of La Mesa. Dave is also survived by the current adored cats, Tolliver and Shay. He was preceded in death by his father, David Martin Zimmerman, Jr. in 2014.

1974

Classmate, fellow teammate, choir member and prefect, **Jay S. Loeffler, M.D.**, died on Thursday morning, June 22, 2023 after a brief illness. He was 67. Jay had a very distinguished career in medicine and science. Considered a pioneer in radiosurgery for cancer treatment, Jay served as Massachusetts General Hospital's Chief of Radiation Oncology for 20 years. He was the Herman and Joan Suit Professor *Emeritus* and Professor of Neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School and wrote more than 400 scientific publications and co-edited nine cancer textbooks. Jay and his wife, Dr. Nancy Tarbell, also a professor of oncology at Harvard Medical School, collaborated, treating and curing adults and children with cancer, their careers together lasting nearly 40 years. Jay had recently retired yet he continued to practice at Inspire Oncology in Naples, Fla. Jay became known to almost everyone in our class as "The Doctor." Indeed, science, medicine and especially deep, steadfast care for his patients and their families became more than a lifelong passion for Jay, it was an obsession. Jay grew up in Carlisle, Pa. and entered The Hill as a third former and graduated from Williams College in 1978. A gifted athlete, Jay co-captained the varsity soccer and baseball teams. His father, Jack, a wonderful and caring pediatrician, was Jay's lifelong mentor until his death. His mother, Jody, a devoted mother and schoolteacher, would travel throughout Eastern Pennsylvania to proudly (and loudly) cheer for her two sons at Hill School soccer games. John Loeffler '69 recently celebrated his 50th reunion. Mrs. Loeffler, now in her mid 90s, survives Jay as does Jay's sister, Jan Bergen. Jay and Nancy have three loving

children, Brian, Steven, and Avery, and one grandchild, Jack (Steven). A fellow doctor and Williams classmate of Jay's recently wrote the following:

"We all knew Jay as a dominant soccer goalie, but few of you knew his expertise as a doctor. My younger brother's wife was diagnosed with a low-grade malignancy brain tumor in her late 20s and Jay headed the Radiation Oncology team that treated her with radiation therapy. Jay could not have been more kind, compassionate, and caring to my brother and sister-in-law. He called me about his plans and was the consummate professional. His treatment was a success, she was cured, and she has raised three children and is still going strong now over 25 years later." The Doctor will be sadly missed by the Class of '74 and so many, many more.

(The above tribute was shared by Class Secretary Bill Kister '74.)

2001

Jeffrey R. Bala passed away on February 1, 2023, at his home in Pottstown, Pa. Born in Hackensack, N.J., on February 23, 1982, Jeff was the son of Wayne and Carole (Fuchs) Bala. Jeff graduated from The Hill in 2001. His love for Hill was deep and never-ending; he appreciated all it stood for and had much respect for all of his schoolmates and the staff. He furthered his education at Grand Canyon University, in Phoenix, Ariz., and received his undergraduate degree in psychology in 2018. He then completed his studies towards his master's degree in psychology, with a concentration in mental health and substance abuse counseling. Jeff was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa. He was in the process of making arrangements to earn the counseling hours required to go into the field. Jeff was a tough and fierce competitor on the ice rink and football field, and that carried through to his current sales position with Comcast. Most of all, Jeff was incredibly loyal to his family and friends. He had an endless love for dogs, especially his own, Jax and Dexter. He will be deeply missed by all who had the opportunity to know him. In addition to his parents, Jeff is lovingly

remembered by his brother and sister-in-law, Chris '97 and Katie Bala P'25 '27; his nephews, Joshua '25 and Jackson '27; his niece, Gianna; his grandmother, Marie Fuchs; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Faculty *Emeriti* & Former Faculty

Lauren Ann Chapis, former Hill librarian, passed away on November 17, 2022, weeks after enjoying her 56th birthday with family on October 23. Born and raised in Pottstown, Lauren was the daughter of Nicholas and Marilyn Chapis. Surviving along with her parents is her son, Gabriel Zurga; siblings Greg (and Lianne) Chapis and Anne (and Patrick) Chapis Hirn and their children Katie, Jason, Trexler, and Erikson. Lauren was an inspiration to her friends and family; she maintains a special place in all our hearts. She lived her life to the fullest and never let the fact that she was born with a major congenital heart condition define her life. She graduated from Pottsgrove High School where she played the drums in the marching band. Lauren attended the University of Delaware and then received her Master of Library Science from Drexel University. After grad school, she worked for 10 fulfilling years as a librarian at The Hill School touching the hearts of many students, faculty, and staff. Lauren enjoyed traveling, be it abroad with her family or zig-zagging the country on road trips with never enough CDs for the journey. Her life was filled with humor, music, and, of course, reading. She had a quick wit, great intelligence, and a determined way about her to defy the odds her entire life. The highlight of her life came when she adopted her son, Gabriel, following the loss of a baby daughter, Daria, who only lived for a few precious months. Lauren had an incredible amount of love reserved for Gabriel and her favorite role was that of a mother.

Randy Sarles, a longtime adjunct guitar, bass, and music theory instructor for Hill since 1988, died October 8, 2022 after bravely fighting a Parkinsonian disorder called Progressive Supranuclear Palsy

(PSP) for seven years. Randy taught many students and inspired them through his love and passion for music. He was a student and accomplished performer of the guitar for 60 years, having studied with numerous private instructors including with the legendary bassist, the late Al Stauffer. He began playing the guitar at age eight, performed professionally at the age of 13, and by 19 played regularly as the house guitarist at the Valley Forge Music Fair. After performing on the road with shows such as *Godspell* and *Grease*, Randy returned home to the Philadelphia area to begin a career in jazz, performing with jazz greats in and around Philadelphia. The Randy Sarles Trio was the house band at the Guest Quarters Hotel in Plymouth Meeting from 1987-1994. From 1990 to 1998 Randy was the music director and primary accompanist at Jenny's Bistro in Peddlers Village. He taught music full time since 1972 and owned and operated Sarles Music, a private music school, recording, and instrument repair facility. Since 1988, he was the guitar, bass and jazz improvisation teacher for The Hill, where he also conducted, directed and arranged for The Hill School Guitar Ensemble. Randy most recently played with the band Alchemy. He produced his own CDs titled: *Sound of a Soul*, *The Inner Urge*, and *Birds of a Feather*. His original songs and arrangements are part of the Philadelphia Real Book. He was much loved by his students. Randy was also skilled at woodworking and enjoyed golf and biking. Randy is survived by his wife of 38 years, Deborah; his sons, Sean Sarles, Matthew Stone, and Brett Stone, and seven grandchildren.

Tom Eccleston III P'87 '88 GP'19 '21, former history teacher, assistant dean of students, and varsity football and ice hockey coach, passed away on October 3, 2022 at the age of 82 in his hometown of Bedford, N.H. When Tom arrived at The Hill with his wife, Beverly, and sons, Tom, Greg, and Rick in 1983, he brought with him more than 20 years of stellar teaching, coaching, and mentoring experience as well as an iconic last name. Tom had the unique opportunity and privilege of assuming the roles and duties previously held by his own father, Thomas Eccleston,

Jr., legendary Hill ice hockey coach and Hall of Famer, for whom our current ice arena is named.

In Tom III's four years on The Hill's faculty, from 1983-1987, he made a lasting impact in the lives of his students and players. The 1987 *Dial* yearbook paid special recognition to Tom's service which read in part:

"The office of assistant dean requires patience, humor, compassion. The role of head coach cannot be played to its fullest without devotion, knowledge, and the leadership which makes a team mesh together. The task of the teacher cannot be undertaken without wisdom. Mr. Eccleston has all of these qualities."

In addition to his father, Tom Eccleston III's family Hill ties also include his son, Tom Eccleston IV, class of 1987, longtime faculty member, and current assistant head of enrollment management; son, Greg, a member of the class of 1988; and granddaughters, Tatum '19 and Tanner '21.



Tom received his undergraduate degree in 1962 from Bowdoin College and earned his master's degree in 1966 from Brown University. He began his lifelong vocation in education at Pilgrim High School in Warwick, R.I., where he spent his first 20 years teaching and coaching varsity football, hockey, and baseball. After his four years at The Hill, Tom and Bev returned to their New England roots and joined the faculty at the Holderness School, where they spent 10 years, and celebrated the graduations of Greg '88 and Rick '92 and Tom's induction into the Rhode Island Football Hall of Fame in 1992. In 1997, Tom and Bev made a move to Proctor Academy, from where they

ultimately retired in 2002.

Tom and Bev spent 55 years together as partners and best friends. About four months after Tom passed away, Beverly Fairbanks Eccleston passed away in Bedford on February 21, 2023 at the age of 81. While Tom was a loving husband, dedicated and present father, and great storyteller to his adoring grandchildren who called him "Bosco," Bev was a caring and devoted wife, mother, and "Nana" throughout her lifetime. Professionally, she worked in various administrative support roles at the schools where they lived. Tom and Bev are survived by their son, Thomas Eccleston IV and his wife, Heidi; son, Greg Eccleston and his wife, Jennifer, of Amherst, N.H.; son, Richard Eccleston and his wife, Janet, of Plymouth, N.H.; seven grandchildren, Connor, Tatum, Tim, Tanner, Claire, Michael and Hazel; and brother and sister-in-law, William and Mary Sue Eccleston. They were predeceased by their parents, Ruth and Tom Eccleston, Jr. and Albert and Anna May Fairbanks, and Tom's two younger brothers, Richard and Donald.

David P. Giammattei, instructor of history *emeritus*, passed away at the age of 87 on February 17, 2023. Mr. Giammattei, affectionately known as Mr. G., served on The Hill faculty from 1961 until his retirement in 1997. He and his loving wife, Ginger, who survives him, were devoted dorm parents to hundreds of students for many years. Upon their retirement, the couple established The David & Virginia Giammattei Prize for Excellence in House and Dormitory Parenting. Their legacy of service and love for The Hill continues through this annual award is given to an outstanding "Hill home parent," which reflects their belief that dormitory halls and houses are places for students to learn from faculty "parents" who care about each of their charges. The Giammattei family has shared the following tribute with The Hill: David Presby Giammattei was born on July 13, 1935 in Tarrytown, N.Y. He passed away quietly at home at Cornwall Manor, in Cornwall, Pa. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; his daughter, Virginia Barragan of Temecula, Calif.; and four grandchildren. He was the third

child born of Dr. Francis Giammattei and Mrs. Betsy Presby. He graduated from St. Andrew's Episcopal School in Wilmington, Del. In 1954, received his B.A. from Trinity College in 1957 and his M.A. in history from Boston University in 1959. He took other numerous fellowships to expand his knowledge base such as a history fellowship at Williamsburg and a General Electric Fellowship in Economics at Union College. He served the U.S. Army in Counter Intelligence for three years and later was asked by President Reagan to serve on the local Draft Board of Montgomery County, Pa. He began his career in teaching history at the

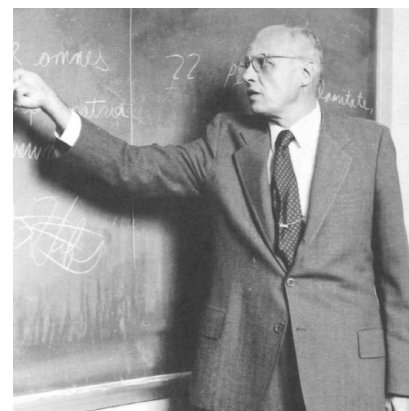


Hoosac School in Hoosick Falls, N.Y. from 1957 to 1959. It was "deep immersion" teaching five courses, running a dorm of 45 boys and being assistant director of athletics. After the Army, he began his 37 years at The Hill from 1961-1997. His wife, Virginia (Ginger), joined him in 1963. Over the years, he taught every course that was offered in the history department, including adding unique ones such as History of Change, Economics, and Government for eighth graders, where he was known to tell the boys, "you will know more about U.S. government than the average American." Over the years, he and his wife ran three dorms ranging in size from 16-27 boys. When they moved to a four-bedroom condominium on campus, day students taking his courses were invited to stay with them during snowstorms, so they did not miss his first period class. Some of his many other responsibilities included running the dining room, coaching of various far fields sports, being an adviser to various student organizations, and serving as chair of the History Department for 18 years. The G's, as they were known by all the boys they mentored and taught, still

continued providing their love, warmth, humor, encouragement, and hugs throughout the years. Then and now they were always available to listen and, when asked, giving honest answers. They both served The Hill and community at large with devotion and integrity. Wherever they have lived, their door has always been open or their phone answered no matter what the hour. David and Ginger retired in 1997 to their home near Lake Hauto, near Tamaqua, Pa., where he taught the AARP Senior Safe Driving School Course in three counties, served on the Lake Hauto Board, participated as a member of the Vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church in Pottsville, Pa., and volunteered with the church group in feeding the area homeless. In 2005, they moved to Cornwall Manor where David was involved in numerous resident committees and continued to teach the AARP Safe Driving Course in the local area until 2015. He was very active at the All Saints Episcopal Church in Hershey, Pa. as a member of the Vestry and numerous other church programs. In lieu of flowers, Mr. G. requested any donations be made to The Hill School in support of The David & Virginia Giammattei Prize for Excellence in House and Dormitory Parenting.

Frank J. Groten, Jr., Ph.D. P'82, instructor of classics *emeritus* and prominent Latin and Greek scholar, passed away at the age of 94 on January 8, 2023. Dr. Groten served on The Hill faculty from 1957 until his retirement in 1990. An alumnus of both Princeton University's Undergraduate and Graduate Classics Schools, prior to teaching at Hill Dr. Groten spent short stints at Lawrenceville, Groton, and Rugby Academy in England. In his distinguished years at Hill, Dr. Groten served as chair of the Classics Department and taught every Classics course offered by the School. He co-authored basic textbooks used to teach both Latin and Greek. The Hill Classics program thrived under Dr. Groten's tenure. He ably led a department of instructors that shared not only his high standards but also an appreciation and flexibility for working with students of all ages and levels. He was known to spend much of his free time offering extra help sessions for students who struggled

and always held the academic pursuits of students in the highest regard. Peer schools looked to Hill when modeling their own Classics' programs largely due to Dr. Groten's influence and expertise, and he built longstanding relationships with the Classics departments of several area colleges and universities, such as Princeton, Villanova, and Dickinson College to name a few. Each year, he brought nationally recognized Classics scholars to campus to lecture and serve as guest-instructors for the upper-level courses. Upon completion of Dr. Groten's chairmanship in 1986, perhaps fellow Hill colleague, Dr. James K. Finn, said it best: "Frank Groten's insistence upon good teaching and good learning in the Classics Department at The Hill remains a standard to which he has always held himself as well as his colleagues. With a Roman penchant for careful organization and Greek propensity for intellectual



growth he has kept his department on a true course. Under his direction the Classics Department has acquired a national reputation for quality. The legacy of excellence and stability which he now passes on makes him easy to succeed, but impossible to equal." Dr. Groten, along with his wife, Joan, an active member of the School's social/service group, Women of The Hill, raised their two children, Heather and Nils '82, on campus. Today, we remember the Groten's legacy of service and dedication with the yearly presentation of the Dr. Frank J. Groten, Jr. Prize in Classics and Groten House (913 E. High Street), a faculty residence named in their honor. After retiring from The Hill,

Dr. Groten and Joan, who survives him, moved to Wyomissing, Pa. Dr. Groten later served as an adjunct lecturer of classical languages at nearby Albright College for some time.

Christopher Evans, a newly hired learning support coordinator who began his tenure on July 1, suffered a cardiac arrest and passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, August 6. Chris is survived by his girlfriend, Stephanie Maria-Rios, and one-year-old child, Karter Maria-Evans. A 2019 graduate of Chestnut Hill College, Chris had most recently been working in the Norristown Area School District. He also had served as a college and career coach at The Lincoln Center for Family and Youth, an admission advisor and assistant men's basketball coach at Chestnut Hill, and was a positive behavior intervention and support coach, often combining his work with students and his fondness for playing basketball. Chris had only just begun his tenure at Hill, but in that brief time, Chris established impactful connections with colleagues in the Academic Office and members of the boys' basketball team.

Dana Alexis Perry-Hunter, associate director of admission, passed away peacefully on August 17, 2023 at her home. Dana was a loving daughter, a supportive sister, a fun aunt, adviser, and best friend. And she was an exceptional member of our Hill family. She embraced countless responsibilities during her 22 years at Hill in addition to her work in the Admission Office, including serving as an adviser, dorm parent, and sixth form adviser. For the past two decades, Dana traveled extensively across the country, talking with prospective students and families about life at The Hill. She was a beloved colleague and her reach extended well beyond the campus. She was the epitome of strength and positivity within our community, and her absence is felt deeply by all. Prior to Dana's time at Hill, she served as an account coordinator at Schneider/Shapiro Communications, a renowned boutique public relations firm in New York City. She graduated cum laude from Amherst College in 2000 majoring in political science.

Dana was a lifelong learner, who always won at trivia and any games of knowledge she played. From a child she was precocious about her environment, and had a photographic memory which allowed her to recall every detail of an encounter or words to music whether it was written in the 1950s or 2000s. Her love of music led her to compile an extensive music collection from which her little sister would often borrow. She often lamented that she wasn't old enough to be a contestant on the show *Name That Tune*. Family and friends maintain that she could have been a *Jeopardy* champion. Dana had infinite knowledge and curiosity across multiple subjects and disciplines. She was an avid reader and could engage with you about any subject. She was fluent in Spanish and had facility in several other languages. Her mind was simply masterful. Dana loved sports both as a spectator and participant. She watched baseball with her grandfather (Poppy), attended basketball games with her father, and was a diehard Eagles fan. She loved physical activities from sailing and riding horses competitively as a teenager to the high school cheerleading squad, and playing rugby in college. She was an incredibly giving individual always in service of others both at work and outside. Having struggled with Multiple Sclerosis for over 20 years, she was particularly sensitive to the needs of people with disabilities and actively supported a number of organizations focused on seeking cures and expanding accessibility. She often envisioned her life after The Hill School as being a consultant to boarding schools and organizations to make their buildings more accessible beyond the minimal ADA regulations. Dana was also a huge animal lover and gave to organizations dedicated to helping animals in need. She is predeceased by her dog, Veruca Salt (Vivi), and survived by her second fur baby, Rosa Barks. Dana was a cherished friend by so many and built communities of friends wherever she went. Her special way of lighting up a room with her smile, quick wit, and comedic timing was contagious and has been noted by many. She loved people and was energized by their possibilities making her a perfect fit for academia and The Hill School.

She once got to 22 cities in Europe in 31 days and returned with a cadre of friends across the globe. Dana had many friends in Baltimore County Maryland where she attended elementary, middle, and the first two years of high school before moving to Pennsylvania and Great Valley High School where she would graduate. Dana was active at her church, Covenant Presbyterian in Malvern, Pa., participating in youth groups and retreats. She leaves many friends in both areas. She is survived by her partner, Steven Corteal; her parents, John and Dolores; her sister, Briana; her brother, Marcus, and his spouse, Jennifer, and their three children, Christopher, Ava, and Nicholas; her sweet dog, Rosa Barks; and countless uncles, aunts, cousins, and family members. She is predeceased by Otis Perry. Dana will be missed tremendously, and we know that she will be keeping everyone in stitches in Heaven with her grandfathers, grandmothers, and family.



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The Mace is carried by the most senior faculty member who leads the faculty procession during the Commencement ceremony. Mark Nelson P'10 '13, Philip Rogers Mallory '04 Senior Master Teacher of Science, currently leads the faculty with 44 years of service to Hill.



The History of The Hill School Mace

The Hill School Mace is, to some students, only another symbol of the School. When the senior class is marching behind it, it will symbolize success, sadness, or long awaited relief. The Mace being used this year is the second of its kind. The first was burned in the Meigs House Fire. It was designed and created in 1965 by Mr. Karl Pacanovsky. Most of us knew Mr. Pacanovsky during his last years at The Hill as head of the arts department. He retired in 1972 after being at The Hill for twenty-eight years. At the request of the School, Mr. Pacanovsky returned to the school to recreate the Mace in time for graduation. The Mace, with a turned handle, and a carved rectangular head, represents over one-hundred hours of work. Mr. Pacanovsky's excellent reputation for his workmanship has been reflected in this Mace.

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