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## Greetings to the Fryeburg Academy Community

n this issue of *Scenes* as dedicated, I thought it would be fun to share pictures of my home, Fessenden House, decorated as you see to honor the Class of 2020 for the auto parade. My children teased me for hours the night before as I stood on miscellaneous and shaky things, inexpertly painting, erasing, and re-painting letters backward, more and more visible from the outside and lunatic-seeming in my efforts as the sun went down. They teased me with even less mercy the next day when the cars passed

quickly enough, with all so busy waving and cheering, that none of our graduates even saw it!

Nonetheless: like so many of your hearts, mine is full of love, admiration, and an extra measure of ongoing support for this year's seniors. They have been deprived of the traditional, culminating fruits of high school; even more basically, they've been deprived of their dearest friends' in-person company as the clock on their time together ran down. But from the mid-March beginning of our campus closure, FA's Class of 2020 has shown resilience, responsibility, and good humor. They feel cheated, yes... and they have been; they are disappointed. But they have kept their sense of proportion. They know, and have voiced the





knowledge, that so many other kinds of losses are far greater; this one, they'll overcome, even as they remain united by it. Beaming, they rode by us all that day toward their futures.

In this difficult moment, I wish you all health and safety, recovery, justice, friendship, and peace.

My best,

Mr. P. Mayo ERIN P. MAYO

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## FA's Transition to Remote Instruction

BY LAURA AYER Director of Communications



emote instruction. It's the latest trend that has changed our world in response to the global health crisis — challenging schools, universities, and colleges to rapidly navigate new tools and technologies and shift to an entirely new way of teaching. Video conferencing providers like Google Meet, Zoom, Microsoft, and WebEx are seeing a surge in use. In fact, recent statistics published online by Statista in a February 6 article, "E-learning and Digital Education - Statistics & Facts"— even before the national quarantine — project that the e-learning market worldwide will surpass 243 billion U.S. dollars by 2022.

What all of these digital tools have in common is the ability to video conference, enabling educators to "virtually meet" via their smart devices with students and each other. And with learning platforms such as Google Classroom, Blackbaud LMS, Adobe Connect, and Blackboard Collaborate, to name a few, students can communicate with teachers or peers through chat or email, review upcoming assignments, and post completed assignments directly to their "virtual classrooms." Teachers likewise may use these services to provide a variety of class materials — assigned reading, web links, and film clips, for example; they can record themselves working a problem and providing other demonstrations.

It's the videoconference capability paired with a selected learning platform that has enabled FA to continue its school year. "The Academy is a Google school, so it made sense to roll out Google Classroom and Google Meet for this need," says IT director Bruce

Hall. "We actually started the Classroom initiative last year. Most of our faculty were already using Google products, making the transition to Classroom less of an obstacle."

In addition to the Academy's readiness for launch of these technology initiatives, the willingness of FA's faculty to take on the new challenge of remote instruction was essential for a quick roll-out. "I think what I'm most impressed with is the fact that the Academy was able to launch a remote learning program immediately, well before many of our peer schools. Earlier in March, as the question of school closures began to look more possible, a small workgroup got started researching best practices and recommendations for online learning. They designed an alternative schedule and began troubleshooting. When the time came, we used a Friday in-service day to orient and train our teachers, and the next week, they went after it!" says head of school Erin Mayo. "You can't overhaul curriculum, pedagogy, and years of in-person experience in a day and nor do we want to — but our school's pivot into remote learning happened with remarkable speed and professionalism. Faculty and staff were unified and motivated by a passionate commitment to our students and families — their education and their well-being. There's no overstating this commitment."

And, with nearly three months of remote instruction behind them, FA faculty overwhelmingly feel that the new virtual classroom experience is going surprisingly well. In a late-April administrative survey, 80 percent of Academy faculty respondents identified as being "very comfortable" or "comfortable" with using Google Classroom and Google Meet to teach their online courses. Additionally, in a similar survey sent to FA students about remote instruction, 83 percent of respondents cited they were logging in regularly, with 63 percent responding that they were keeping up with classwork. One student commented, "I am keeping up to the best of my abilities. All my teachers have been very understanding of my current situation and have made accommodations for me to continue learning and

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completing assignments without causing me unnecessary amounts of stress. I am so grateful for all of my teachers right now."

Remote education, however, does not come without its shortcomings. Besides the apparent inability for teachers and counselors to meet in-person with students, there's also the ongoing barrier of internet access or slow speeds due to rising demands. In another survey comment, a student noted, "I have pretty bad WIFI, and I live in a rural area so there's no cell service. This makes it difficult to stay in touch with my friends and turn in my work as well." This problem is not just being felt in Oxford County's rural areas but across the state of Maine and throughout the country.

#### THE BARRIER OF SOCIOECONOMIC DISPARITY

According to a 2015 report published by the National Center for Education Statistics, "nearly 87 percent of U.S. households owned or used a computer at home, and 77 percent of U.S. households had access to the internet"—that's 23 percent of students without access, reported as being too expensive. That number has most likely grown, given the recent economic downturn. This socioeconomic disparity is of real concern for schools like Fryeburg Academy. "We are doing all we can to address the needs of our students and families during this remote instruction period," continues head of school Mayo, citing the school's provision of 128 Chromebooks for student use at home, as well as weekly drive-through supplemental food pick-ups for all Academy students who want it.

To help address technology barriers, the Academy recently responded to a connectivity survey issued by the state, resulting in Maine's Department of Education granting the Academy over 60 Wifi-enabled devices and hotspots, along with six months of free internet service for families to whom they're issued.

#### **OPPORTUNITIES TO INNOVATE WITH VIRTUAL CLASSROOMS**

While the Academy's remote instruction period poses a few barriers that are actively being addressed, it also provides a unique opportunity for FA's faculty to improvise and innovate with their lesson plans. Social studies instructor, Richard Taylor, comments, "I invited guest presenters from the Holocaust and Human Rights Center of Maine to present to my American Studies Honors class. Remote learning makes it possible to bring outside contributors from anywhere in the world into my [virtual] Classroom."

Social studies instructor, Liz Swayze, adds, "I've loved the opportunity for individualized instruction provided by remote learning. I can correspond with my students in writing about their work, and even workshop in real-time using Google Docs. I use Meet not just for class but also for conferences, particularly as students pursue independent research. The flexibility of the schedule affords me time to tailor instruction to each individual."

Other FA faculty members like FA's therapeutic counselor, Carrie Curtis, employs Google Classroom to check-in with her students to ensure they are feeling supported. She says, "I use Google Classroom to create individual documents for each of my students where I post a funny video and a thought of the day and pose a question for my students to respond and journal back to me."

#### THE FUTURE OF FA'S VIRTUAL CLASSROOM

With the uncertainty that surrounds the current global health crisis, Fryeburg Academy is preparing to offer a remote instruction option for students this fall for students who need it. "I've spoken to many of our returning international students," says assistant head of school, Joseph Manning. "And some are facing hardship in securing flights with so many unknowns. This is a great option for providing continuity in their FA education until they can get back to campus. Students can choose from one to as many as five dedicated, online courses with the Academy. The program will be available for newly enrolled students who need it, too."

Fryeburg Academy is hopeful that the launch of its online program will potentially open a new market to recruit both domestic and international students. "Our hope is that the online program will be compelling both for its price point as well as the value of its strong course offerings for prospective families," concludes Manning. "These are unprecedented times for admission offices, and we need to adapt to meet the changing needs of our students right now."

## **FA Math Team Captures 10th Consecutive** Championship

BY ERIK GUSTAFSON Math Teacher and Math Team Advisor



n March 4, 41 of Fryeburg Academy's top Mathletes boarded the bus for the final meet of the season at Telstar High School in Bethel, Maine. With sharpened pencils and well-oiled cerebra, the varsity FA squad was on their best game against the 14 other Pi-Cone North math teams from throughout West-Central Maine.

The Fryeburg Mars Team finished the season with a total of 1,373 points to capture their 10th consecutive regional title. Oxford Hills High School came in a distant second with 934 points, and the Fryeburg Jupiter Team garnered third place with 895 points for the year. Fifteen area math teams competed in five regular-season meets in the Pi-Cone North Region — one of the five geographic divisions in the Maine Association of Math Leagues.

Fryeburg is currently ranked eighth overall in the State, out of 140 teams, and is in second place in their division. Over 1,200 mathletes competed in the Maine Association of Math Leagues monthly meet this school year. Two Fryeburg Academy students are highly ranked in the State: Andrii Obertas '21 is in 15th place, and Kyle Fairfield '21 is in the top 30.

After the fifth and final meet of the year, the annual awards ceremony was held in the Telstar cafeteria. Ten FA Math Team members were awarded medals and cash prizes. In the Overall Awards, junior phenom, Andrii Obertas, won the gold medal as the High Point Scorer for the Pi-Cone North League with 256 points, junior Kyle Fairfield was second with 209 points, and senior Arvin Ma placed fourth with 183 points. Kathy Yang won the first place senior medal with 170 points, Jane Ma was the third-place senior with 155 points, and AJ Leach was awarded the fourth place senior medal with 151 points. Juniors Quartney Qian with 120 points and Kaia Devries with 118 points won second and third place medals in their class division. Crystal Chen and Lucy Wang scored 144 points 116 points, respectively, to place first and second in the sophomore class division.

Over 50 Fryeburg Academy students attended weekly practices and competed in Math Meets this year — the highest number of students on record for the Math Team. Jim Gibson assisted coach Erik Gustafson.



## Both FA's Arts Department and its Outdoor Learning Research Center launch new certificate programs to expand students' exploration and project-based learning in these fields.

## Certificate of Arts By MICHAEL SAKASH Arts Department Chair

his January, Fryeburg Academy Arts and Technical Arts faculty members Jen Bartlett, Steve Pullan, Bob Sheehan, Mike Dana, Mimi Rohlfing, Mike Sakash, and Bob Pulito welcomed the first inductees to the Certificate of Arts program. Through written applications and interviews with faculty, students shared their achievement in the arts and their plans for future study on and off-campus. This year's inductees were Jaden Fierman '21, Will Marshall '21, Grace Marshall '21, Brendan Simkins '21, Rose Schenstrom '22, Willow Carter '22, Naomi Harper '22, and Kacey-Jane Clark '21. These students have a variety of passions, including photography, film, music, theatre, painting, and illustration.

The Certificate of Arts program provides the opportunity for students to enhance their arts training through course work and extra-curricular offerings on and off-campus. The program also documents and celebrates the hard work of students who take full advantage of the variety of curricular and co-curricular Arts offerings at Fryeburg Academy. The program culminates in a

capstone project or performance that captures the scope of each student's creative work at Fryeburg Academy.

An unexpected bonus of the lunchtime meetings between applicants and faculty was the exchange of ideas and experiences from the various arts disciplines. Arts department chair Mike Sakash said, "As a school community, we learned about one another as students, teachers, and artists. The connections that were made during the year have already inspired collaborations among this new community, and we look forward to guiding our first group of students through the program, and the possibility of awarding the first Certificates of Arts during the 2021 commencement events."

Students may submit applications in the sophomore year up to the close of the fall semester, although exceptions may be made for students transferring to Fryeburg Academy as juniors. For more information on the Certificate of Arts program, visit Fryeburg Academy's website, or contact a member of the Arts department.



Back row (I to r): Arts department faculty members Bob Pulito, Steven Pullan, Jennifer Bartlett, and Mimi Rohlfing. Middle row (I to r): Naomi Harper '22 and Brendan Simkins '21. Front row (I to r): Willow Carter '22, Will Marshall '21, Jaden Fierman '21, Grace Marshall '21 with Arts department faculty members Michael Dana, Michael Sakash, and Bob Sheehan.

## **Certificates** of **Research Design** and **Adventure Education**

BY DYLAN HARRY Chemistry Teacher and OLRC Director

his coming fall will be an exciting time for experiential education at Fryeburg Academy. The new Research Design and Adventure Education Certificates represent an inversion and expansion of the Outdoor Research and Learning Center. "In previous years, the OLRC has sought to provide a self-contained program that integrated outdoor-oriented sciences, humanities, and outdoor recreation," says OLRC director Dylan Harry. "A lot has changed since the inception of the OLRC." Some of these changes include the acquisition of the lower field, construction of the challenge course and garden, the hiring of six new science teachers, a formalized collaboration with Tin Mountain Conservation Center, the creation of the Explore Program, the development of a significant outdoor gear inventory, and the creation of a new environmental science program within the science department.

"With so many ways for students to access experiential and environmental education, it no longer makes sense to run a self-contained program," continues Harry. "Instead, the new OLRC certificates will encourage students to explore many interests and academic tracks while providing a structure for a more meaningful connection between student's experiences and the environment."

10-11th grade students will be able to enroll in the Research Design (Honors) class and apply for the associated certificate program, starting in the fall of the 2020 school year. The RD certificate program will support students who are developing the skills needed to pursue their own projects and will include elective courses, mentorship, and community research partnerships. In these first years, the Research Design classes will primarily feature projects within the life sciences; however, there will be an emphasis on concepts that are applicable to research in all of the sciences. The development of additional programming for the humanities and for agricultural studies are two areas that we hope to explore as the program develops.

The Adventure Education certificate will launch the following year, in fall 2021, along with an associated after-school program. Also open to 10-12th graders, this program will feature dedicated OLRC staff that will run trips and workshops related to topics such as challenge course operation, hiking, mountaineering, technical climbing, wilderness first aid, and camping. Certificate aspirants will have opportunities to plan and run their own trips and will receive feedback on competencies such as trip safety, technical skills, leadership skills, and Leave No Trace Ethics.

All of these initiatives will heavily employ project-based learning, where students and instructors gather around complex scientific, practical, and social problems, and engage in repeated attempts to solve those problems. "The vitality of this learning modality comes from the back-and-forth movement between representation and reality; the problems become a mirror for each student's understanding of their own strengths and weaknesses and learning processes," concludes Harry. "Stay tuned for updates on the program as it unfolds over the next few years, and thank you for your support!"

## **Fryeburg Academy Hosts First VEX V5 Robotics Competition**

BY LAURA AYER Director of Communications

n Saturday, January 25, 2020, Fryeburg Academy welcomed 100 plus students from nine different schools from around Maine and New Hampshire as it hosted its first VEX V5 Robotics Competition. The day-long event was held in FA's Ada Cram Wadsworth Arena, where 21 robotic teams competed with the assistance of many volunteers. "We had over 20 parent, student, and faculty volunteers," says Dave Sartory, FA's technology integrator and robotics club advisor. "There was a massive outpouring of support from the coaches and volunteers from Kennett High School's robotics program who helped us navigate the complexities of hosting our first major event. The day would not have been as successful without their help."

At the competition, four FA teams competed with Fryeburg Academy's Team C (Ava Chadbourne '21, Sam Stoker-Ball '22, Mel Boeker '22, and Roze Schenstrom '22), earning an invitation to the Maine State Championships being held in South Portland on March 14, 2020. The Academy's rookie team Where's Peter? (Yeet Ercan '20, Andrii Obertas '21, and Quang Nguyen '21) made it to the final eliminations, and Kennett High School's power alliance of Team #5106A Alpha and #5106C Checkmate earned Tournament Champion Trophies. "While we didn't ultimately earn a trophy at the tourna-

At the VEX V5 Robotics Competition hosted by Fryeburg Academy on Saturday, January 25, robotic teams control their engineered robots (manually and autonomously) around the obstacle course during the daylong tournament. The object of the game is to attain a higher score than the opposing alliance by placing cubes in towers, or scoring cubes in goals.

ment," continues Sartory, "We're still a young team, and we competed against some outstanding schools with established robotics programs today. I look forward to continuing to build FA's robotics program and working with our club to gain more experience."

Currently, Fryeburg Academy has 20 active team members (13 competing and seven volunteer students). Additionally, the Academy's newly offered robotics classes already have over 36 students who are learning the VEX robotics system — a hands-on learning curriculum and robotics kit designed to teach high school students problem-solving, coding, and engineering. To learn more about VEX Robotics, visit <a href="https://www.vexrobotics.com/">https://www.vexrobotics.com/</a>.





# Celebrating Students In the Center and Thomas Shaffner Hall

BY DAWN GALE '81 Director, Academy Fund & Alumni Relations

heavy dose of snow, ice, and rain did not stop us from celebrating the completion and opening of our beautiful new dining hall on Friday, February 7. Alumni, donors, and friends joined our resident students for a celebratory dinner in the new Marion and Elroy LaCasce Dining Room in Thomas Shaffner Hall, which had opened as scheduled a month earlier. Guests enjoyed an amazing meal and got a feel for what the new FA dining experience is all about. Attendees selected entrees from three food stations, featuring menu items created by our talented kitchen crew, led by head chef, Alan Whitaker '77 and assistant chef, Johnny Anderson '03.

Chris Gordon '81 President, Board of Trustees, recognized the generous gifts, leadership, and craftsmanship that brought this project to its successful completion, including the architect for the project Mark Connor of Connor Architecture of Lexington, MA., a firm specializing in school and university projects, general contractor, T. Buck Construction of Auburn, Maine, formerly led by Academy 1974 alum Terry Buck, and project foreman Dickie Wentworth '86. Members of the building and fundraising committees were also commended for their efforts.

The wing is named for the late Thomas Shaffner, longtime FA trustee, parent, benefactor, and community advocate. Tom's generous support and leadership will continue to impact Fryeburg Academy and the surrounding community in the years to come.

Head of School Erin Mayo also thanked the faculty and staff for their support and stated, "This is the first major addition to the campus since the 'Phoenix Project' in 2009 enabled



 $(l\ to\ r)$ : Faculty members Mimi Rohlfing, Jeanette Chappell, and Ellen Raynsford.



Attendees at the *Students In The Center* Dinner Celebration enjoy a wonderful meal prepared by Chef Alan Whitaker in the new LaCasce Dining Room.

construction of both the new Gibson Gym and the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. I think it is tremendous to double the seating capacity for dining and to have so many of the faculty, students, and staff in here at the same time. It's a perfect place to come together and have a community experience." Erin also described students' appreciative reactions upon entering the facility for the first time when they returned from the holiday break. She said that one paid it the ultimate compliment of, "Wow, this is nicer than The Olive Garden!"

The second phase of construction is well underway with completion slated for early fall, in time for the 2020-21 school year. We are excited about the opportunities that the addition of new classrooms, the new Theodore P. Blaich post-secondary counseling center, and the student union will bring to our students, faculty, and staff.

We are forever grateful to the hundreds of donors composed of alumni, parents, faculty, trustees, staff, businesses, and friends who have made this project possible. We will continue to share photos and progress on our website as the project wraps up over the summer; we look forward to the day when we can once again open our doors to display and use this gorgeous, new facility.



(*I to r*): Arvin Ma '20, Lucy Wang '22, Patrick Malia '20, and Sinead Lounsbury '20 were among the evening's student ambassadors.





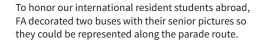


## Class of 2020 Car Parade

This spring's global pandemic meant that for perhaps the first time since the Civil War, Fryeburg Academy could not hold traditional commencement activities. But there was no way we would let the school year end without honoring the Class of 2020, so on Thursday, May 28, Fryeburg Academy and the community came out to honor the Class of 2020 along the parade route or watched the livestream broadcast online. It was a wonderful day to recognize their achievements and to show community support.



FA faculty members Michael Dana, Aicha Gadfa, and Jeanette Chappell (far left) cheer on the Class of 2020 as they turn into the faculty/staff parking lot.





Head of School Erin Mayo helps cheer on the Class of 2020 along the parade route.





Kade Johnson '20 holds a sign he designed with Janik Glave '20, who rode in the same vehicle during the parade.



Jackson Leavitt '20 rides in the back of a pickup truck with a humorous approach to his senior sign.



Matthew Gunther '20 waves to the spectators in his SUV, decorated with FA's ski team logo.



Sierra Lyman '20 and Kayla Willard '20 wave from the back of a pickup truck during the parade.



Kate Flynn '20 gives the "thumbs up" to spectators as she passed by along the parade route.



The Class of 2020 makes its way down Main Street during the parade procession.



## FA Farewells

BY LAURA AYER Director of Communications

Academy retirees this year include Charlie Tryder, Fran Pouzol, Ann Chappell, Jeannine Berube, Ellen Raynsford '75, and Nicole Cote-Crosskill '77 (Ellen and Nicole's pieces are in the alumni section). Collectively, these colleagues have given more than a century of invaluable service to Fryeberg Academy. Teacher, coach, counselor, dorm parent, athletic director, nurse, keeper of accounts, dean, advisor: each one of these individuals has filled any number of these roles at once and over time, all in support of our students and mission. We wish them each the very best in their second act.

**Charlie Tryder** 

harlie Tryder was born in Charlestown, MA, and was the youngest and only son of four children. The family moved to Pittsfield, ME where Charlie grew up and attended Maine Central Institute (MCI) — a local town academy in Pittsfield. From his four years at MCI, Charlie discovered his passion for town academies — specifically the opportunities of learning and engaging with students from around the world.



After starting his own family with two kids in tow — Chelsea '02 and Myles '03 — Charlie joined the Academy as an English teacher and dorm parent in Frye Hall in 1986. "When I got out of college, I was looking to get this way," says Tryder. "I knew Harry True from basketball camps who was the head of school at the time... I wanted my kids to experience rural Maine life and a town academy education." Charlie recalls his early years under headmaster Harry True when recounting the time he and a few fellow teachers were called into his office letting them know "it might be best to stop closing North Conway up on school nights.'

During his career at the Academy, Charlie also coached baseball, basketball, and was the assistant athletic director under Dan Turner, later assuming the athletic director role. "We share a common history with the Academy," says Dave Turner, FA's football coach and junior class dean. "Much of those memories encompass a lot of time on the courts and fields of Fryeburg Academy. Like my dad, Charlie had a passion for coaching kids

— not just in teaching them the fundamentals of the game, but instilling responsibility, respect, and how to be a good citizen in this community."

After an 18-year career at FA, Charlie desired a change and left to teach English at Gorham High School in 2004, where he remained until 2014, serving as Gorham High School's assistant principal for eight of those years. However, Charlie was not quite ready to retire and set his sights back to where he started at Fryeburg Academy. "I am grateful to head of school Erin Mayo who gave me the opportunity to come back to the Academy and finish my career here as the dean of student life," continues Tryder. "Professionally and as a parent, I think FA is so special because of the opportunity to be in a community where people from different parts of world, religions, and socio-economic backgrounds all somehow come together and are served by the mission of the school; it's an incredible task for town academies to pull off, and one in which I think the Academy excels."

..Charlie had a passion for coaching kids — not just in teaching them the fundamentals of the game, but instilling responsibility, respect, and how to be a good citizen in this community.

When asked to share a few other fond memories of his time at the Academy, Charlie responded, "Dan Turner saying good evenin' every time I passed him in a hallway regardless of what time of day it was...Lou Gnerre teaching me how to enjoy scotch and tolerate opera...watching "young" coaches like Sedge Saunders, Dave Turner, and Bob HB (I am sure there are others) develop their programs into annually competitive teams in incredibly strong conferences that house the most competitive Class B/C programs in the state...working with fellow MCI alums through the years like Stew Frost, Mike Ouellette, Ronny Rollins, and John Dow...but mostly, I will remember the students who found a way with support from adults to accomplish things that they didn't believe they could accomplish; and if I am really honest, that I didn't know that they could accomplish."

As for life after Fryeburg Academy, Charlie was recently remarried to Helen Andreoli and is building a new home in Munjoy Hill in Portland, ME where he hopes to continue to teach part-time, continue playing his guitar, reading, and writing. Charlie's steady and calm demeanor, his witty one-liners, and his wonderful contributions to the Scenes Magazine will be greatly missed. We wish him and his family the best and hope to see him in FA's bleachers soon — cheering on the ol' white and blue once again.

### **Fran Pouzol**



ran Pouzol hails from the midwestern state of Illinois where she was raised along with her younger brother, Mark, and younger sister, Mary. As a lifelong sports fan, Fran's love of sports really began during her college years at Western Illinois University, where she earned a Talent Grant to play on WIU's 1st Collegiate Women's Volleyball Team, ran Women's Intramurals, and studied and worked as a student athletic trainer.

In the 1980s, Fran and her husband Gerry, along with their young family composed of two daughters named Michelle '98 and Danielle and dog 'Bear', moved into Payson Mulford Hall as dorm parents. They lived in the dorm for about five years, eventually moving to Bridgton, ME. Around this time, Fran began working at the Academy teaching health as part of the school's reaccreditation requirements and later taught health and then physical education and coached girls' softball for a number of years. "As my kids got older and started playing sports, I decided to stop coaching at FA and coach the Bridgton Rec League," says Pouzol. You would often see me on the sidelines of soccer games, cheering for both teams back then as Michelle played for the Academy and Danielle played for Lake Region. I remember one particular year when John Atwood played them against each other in a soccer match during Michelle's sophomore year at FA. That was a crazy game to cheer on!

By the 1990s, Fran moved to special education after earning her MSpecEd from the University of Southern Maine. As strong as Fran's love for sports, many would say that her devotion to her students was as equally strong. "She was always willing to make that difficult call for a student, stay the extra hour, or give the additional support to help her students succeed," recalls Kathryn Dunham, a fellow colleague. "She was — in every aspect — a fearless advocate for these kids who needed someone on their side. I am grateful to have worked with her and called her a friend for all these years."

Along with advocating for her students as a special education teacher, Fran was also loved by the many resident students in Frye Hall where she returned as a dorm parent after her daughters grew up. "She was the BEST!," exclaims Trishala Manandhar '17. "I have some of my fondest memories from my four years living in Frye Hall. Fran was always that solid person you could go to for anything from an iron to a much-needed listening ear. She made my time at Fryeburg Academy special for me and many others — even despite being a Chicago Cubs fan!"

After nearly a 40-year career at Fryeburg Academy in various roles, Fran has finally decided to retire and return to her roots in Illinois, where she'll be that much closer to her beloved baseball team. Fran plans to live in Gurnee, IL with her dad to help take

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care of him; and no doubt, she'll try and catch a game or two at Wrigley Field, drinking her all-time favorite beverage — diet Mountain Dew — while cheering in the stands. We wish her the best in her next adventures, and we'll miss her exuberance during the long weeks of March Madness in Frye Hall's common room, her hidden talent for drawing and set design for the many FA productions in the LHE/PAC, and most of all, her dedication to her students.

"I always think that in every student there is some good," concludes Pouzol. You just need to know how to pull it out and bring it to the surface. I hope that belief and my example is passed on and honored by other teachers long after I'm gone."

## **Ann Chappell**

was one of eight kids growing up in Englewood, NJ, where I spent the better part of my teenage and college years protesting something... but managed to earn my degree from Marymount College of Virginia in 1971."

After graduating and newly married, Chappell lived with her husband for a few years in Oregon and Colorado before settling in



Maine in 1973, where they raised six children together (Tait '94, Abram '96, Asher '99, Sierra '00, Jonah '03, and Finn '06) — all of whom attended the Academy. "Next year will be the first year in over 30 years that the school will not have a Chappell on its campus," exclaims Chappell. "That's a wild realization. But actually Tait's wife Jeanette teaches here...so she'll pick up where I have left off."

While raising her family in Maine, Chappell worked for the MSAD 72 school district as an education technician. In 1999, Chappell began working at Fryeburg Academy and would be offered a dorm team position in Hastings Hall in 2001 and later a dorm parent and teaching position in 2006. Little did she know that she would spend the next 14 years as "Mama Chaps" — a beloved teacher and dorm parent by many at Fryeburg Academy. "My first live-in position was at Webster



### Chappell was also a part of the all-woman, football "chain-gang" which she hopes to continue after her retirement.

Hall," recounts Chappell. "I spent the next nine to ten years at Frye Hall, then Payson-Mulford, and finally ending with my six senior girls in Chase Hall, having had them all four years."

Chappell's presence was not only felt in the dormitories and classrooms, but also on the athletic fields. "I think one of the most fun memories is when Billie [L'Heureux] and I, during Homecoming, would sneak over to the maintenance shop and grab the F and A stencils propped against the wall," reminisces Chappell. "We'd spray the letters on the football field in preparation for the big game." Chappell was also a part of the all-women football "chain-gang" which she hopes to continue after her retirement.

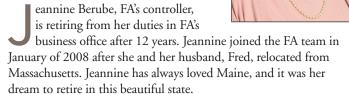
When asked why she thought Fryeburg Academy was so special, Chappell responded, "It feels like family and feels like home. I love the traditions here, like the ringing of the bell tower. I can still remember years ago on a Halloween night when I heard the bell ring from the other side of town while trick-or-treating with my kids, saying, 'Oh, my God, which teams are playing... we won!!' To me, that bell is the heart of this place.'

During Chappell's retirement, she hopes to do a lot more traveling (COVID-19 aside) and visit her daughter Sierra in September to witness her latest grandchild's birth. Chappell also plans to continue renovating her home in Brownfield, Maine, and going on long, summer walks with her mini golden-doodle, Harry. We wish Chappell the very best in her next endeavors, and we hope to see her out there on FA's 50yard line, marking one more first down for the Raiders

## **Jeannine** Berube

BY DAWN GALE '81

Director, Academy Fund & Alumni Relations



When the couple arrived in Maine, Jeannine answered an ad for an assistant business manager at FA. She has been an important part of the office ever since. She's always loved the challenge of accounting. "It's second nature to me and helps keep my mind sharp," she commented.

She is looking forward to spending time on her deck reading, doing yard work, knitting, and putting her new camera to use. She enjoys exploring trails in the woods and photographing nature and wildlife.

"I've loved working here with all of the wonderful people. I will miss the camaraderie and interaction but it's time for me to enjoy

Her co-workers will miss her as well and wish her the best: "It's been great working with Jeannine. She will be missed and I hope

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she has a wonderful retirement!," says Barb Mazzeo, Assistant Controller.

Payroll and human resources manager, Cristin Perreault, adds, "Jeannine loves her work as the controller and gives it her all. But her superpower is her huge heart. (She pronounces it 'UGE'). She is supportive of the Academy and its programs and is the first person to back a student fundraiser. She loves the community and I'm glad she'll be staying here in retirement. Jeannine wants the best for everyone and I wish her the best, too."

"It was great working with Jeannine during my years at the Academy until my retirement. We shared some creative skills — I made a quilt for her and she knit a sweater for me. I also appreciate the chance to help out in the Business Office these past few months. I have so enjoyed being with the rest of the team again. Relax and enjoy your well-deserved retirement!," concludes Nita Craig Barker '70, Business Office Associate.

All of us at FA wish Jeannine a happy, healthy, and relaxing retirement!



## 2020 **Fryeburg Academy**Winter Sports Awards & Photo Gallery

This year, we were unable to hold our traditional Winter Sports Awards Night due to COVID-19 but honored our studentathletes by gathering coach's comments about award recipients and posting them along with their respective awards on our FA Athletics Facebook page. Students were able to pick up their awards during the drive-thru, on Monday, May 18, 2020.



**ALPINE SKIING** *Back row (I to r)*: Assistant coach Jeff Juneau, Svea Olson '21, Olivia Krug '21, Matt Gunther '20, Ian Jacobson '22, Dana Hamlin '22, Aaron Zakon '22, Hogan Bemis '23, Braeden Harlow '23, Sasha Maguire '21, Corbin Blake '23, Grace Murley '23, and head coach Sam Dyer; *Front row (I to r)*: Marra MacMillian '21, Lucas Burford '21, Danali Jensen '22, David Bellis-Bennett '23, William Marshall '21, Nick Turner '23, Elsie Leonard '23, Samantha Winterbottom '23, Abby Winterbottom '21, Taylor Guenther '22, Eliza Thorne '23, Lillian Nylin '20

#### **BOYS' ALPINE SKIING**

Coach: Sam Dyer

Assistant Coach: Jeff Juneau
Coach's Award: Will Marshall '21
Coach's Award: Matthew Gunther '20

"Matt Gunther continued this year to be a strong force for the boys and was consistently our top finisher for slalom. He also scored some top ten results at the western Maine Championship race to help the boys take 1st as a team. He's been a strong presence to the team since he started four years ago always being in the top four scorers and I know he'll continue with his passion for skiing wherever he goes." — Coach Dyer

#### **GIRLS' ALPINE SKIING**

Coach: Sam Dyer

Assistant Coach: Jeff Juneau Coach's Award: Olivia Krug '21

Coach's Award: Abigail Winterbottom '20

"Abby Winterbottom has, without doubt, been a strong backbone for the women's team between her organization and strong performance throughout the season. Abby skied extremely well this season with multiple top-ten finishes and had some great runs that helped the ladies take 2nd in the Western Maine Conference Championships."

— Coach Dyer

#### **WRESTLING**

Coach: Chad Smith

Assistant Coaches: Travis Perry and Jake Thurston

**Leadership Award:** Job Fox '22 **Most Improved:** Chris Ricks '22

"Chris Ricks is receiving this Raider Award for the work and dedication that he put in during the offseason to better himself."

"Job Fox is receiving this Raider Award for the leadership and work ethic that he displayed every day throughout the wrestling season." — Coach Smith



WRESTLING TEAM Back row (I to r): Bryan O'Connor '21, Chris Ricks '22, Jarrett Ensor '21, Job Fox '22, Jaycob Lindgren '21, Luke Reinbach '21, Liam Friberg '22, and Simon St Pierre '21; Front row (I to r): Eddie Plessinger '21, Danny Darby '22, Graham Blood '22, Alagra Bartlett '23, Anna Plessinger '23, Jullian Lindgren '22 and Firdavs Islomov '21 (missing from photo)



#### **GIRLS' NORDIC SKIING**

Coach: John Weston Assistant Coach: Silas Eastman MVP: Alanna Nataluk '22

**Most Improved:** Samantha Carus '21

"Juniors, in their 3rd year of racing, often take significant steps. The combination of age

and experience creates separation from others. Sam Carus made significant progress this year in not just how she trained and practiced but in how she raced as well. She was much more focused and driven. A very unique accident late in the season would have put an end to many seasons, but I was very impressed with Sam's fight to finish the season. Sam is a goodnatured person, that always adds a bright smile to the ski room." Coach Weston



Coach: John Weston

Assistant Coach: Silas Eastman

MVP: Luke Dupuis '22

Most Improved: Elijah Howe '20

"Senior Elijah Howe has been a four-year member of the team and impressively worked to become a consistent top 20 skier in the Western Maine Conference. Elijah was the team's leader and worked hard to promote the team to attract new skiers. Always a free spirit, Elijah brought interesting conversation and a good laugh to every wax session and bus ride, but I was most impressed with how focused he became during races this year." — Coach Weston



FA Unified players: #51 James Littlefield '21, #42 Donnie Caulderwood '21 and #34 Jack Campbell '20



NORDIC SKI TEAM Back row (I to r): Head coach John Weston, Luke Dupuis '22, Elijah Howe '20, Isaiah Johnson '22, River Pullen '23, Heleri Partvei '22 Naomi Harper '22, Roze Schenstrom '22, Assistant coach Silas Eastman, Heleri Partvei '22, and Samantha Carus '21; Front row (I to r): Luke Dupuis '22, Isaac Twombley-Wiser '23, Jules Stanton '20, Lily Amazeen '23, Casey Jane Clark '23, and Tiffany-Amber Evans '22

#### **SPECIAL OLYMPICS**

Coach: Kathy Dunham

Assistant Coaches: Erica Fox and Jodie Hesslein

Most Improved: Alanna Ring '23

"This was Alanna's first state competition which presents every new athlete with many challenges. Alanna took everything in stride and with great determination to do her best in each opportunity. Her coaches were impressed by her perseverance and support of her teams in their competitions. Kudos to an excellent first run and we look forward to great things from her in the future." — Coach Dunham



UNIFIED BASKETBALL TEAM Back row (I to r): Head coach Kathy Dunham, Assistant coaches Frank and Jennifer Bartlett; Middle row (1 to r): Donny Calderwood '21, Trysten Fisher '23, Jack Campbell '20, Lucy Hodgman-Burns '21, and Dawson Jones '20; Front row (I to r): James Littlefield '20, Owen Ring '21, Kyle Mercier '20, Alanna Ring '23, Maggie Powers '21, and Ainsley Foster '23

#### **UNIFIED BASKETBALL**

Coach: Jen Bartlett

Assistant Coach: Kathy Dunham Raider Award: James Littlefield '21 Raider Award: Maggie Powers '21

"Maggie Powers is very nice to everyone. She is very helpful and getting the athletes involved and motivated in and off the court. She makes an effort to include all the athletes while supporting the mission of Unified Basketball."

"James Littlefield is a positive person, also trying to bring a smile to everyone's face. He works hard to improve his skills and is one of the leaders on the team. His has shone tremendous growth as a player this year **along with creating team connections!"** — Coach Bartlett



INDOOR TRACK TEAM Back row (I to r): Coach Kevin McDonald, Eylul Hancilar '21, Brody McGrath '22, Zechariah Hoeft '22, Padric McGrath '22, and Daniel Koo '21; Middle row (I to r): Assistant coach Trevor Hope, Mason Whitaker '22, Derek Maxim '23, Hannah Moore '20, Hope Duffy '21, Bridget O'Neil '20, Abigail Hewes '20, Maddie Mcintyre '20, Ella Baptista '21, Victoria Hayes '20, Mario Ballciti '20, and Owen Ring '21; Front row (I to r): Assistant coach Corrine Hope, Maddie Foreman '22, Katherine Trumbull '20, Astrid Eklund '23, Caileigh Crowe '22, Nyla Charest '22, Alanna Ring '23, Livia DeVries '21, Jordan Eastman '21, Jen l'Hommedieu '20, Luna Barrionuevo '21, JoJo Jensen '22, and Marcos Barrionuevo '22

#### GIRLS' AND BOYS' INDOOR TRACK

Coach: Kevin McDonald

Assistant Coaches: Trevor Hope and Fred Apt

Coach's Award: Padric McGrath '22 Coach's Award: Joseph Jensen '22 Coach's Award: Sophie Kummer '20 Coach's Award: Madison McIntyre '20



Madi McIntyre '20

"Madi McIntrye was a true blessing. Fantastic season not only at practice but also in competition. She had a huge P.R. in the hurdles. I will miss her dearly."

"Sophie Kummer is quiet and solid and she leads by example. Many times I looked to Sophie for her opinion

and was never disappointed with her answers. Very proud to see Sophie receive this award."

Coach McDonald

#### **GIRLS' BASKETBALL**

Coach: Coreen Eccleston Assistant Coach: Sarah Campney Raider Award: Merys Carty '20 Raider Award: Sierra Lyman '20

"Senior Merys Carty really stepped up for us this season. She has always been one of our best defenders, never standing down from a mismatch, (which often happens as a result of her small stature)! Her willingness to be physical and sheer determination resulted in her often being our leading shot blocker and rebounder. She was a crucial part

of our success in our full-court defensive pressure and her decision making in those high stake situations was impeccable."

"Senior Sierra Lyman has a true love for the game. So much so, that basketball became her only sport in which she fully immersed herself for each and every season. As a result, she has made huge strides since her freshman year and became our most consistent leading scorer for the past couple

to watch."

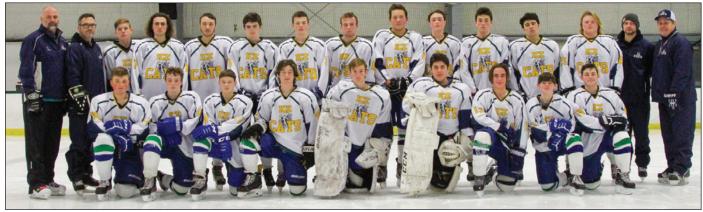


seasons. She really has been a fun and exciting player Coaches Eccleston and Campney



**GIRLS' BASKETBALL TEAM** *Back row(l to r)*: Katy McIntyre '22, Sierra Lyman '20, Kaylee Emory '20, Maddie Darling '20, Kayrin Johnson '21, and Emily Walker '22; Front row (I to r): Shelby Purslow '22 Emma Rydman '22, Brooke Emery '22, Camden Jones '22, and Merys Carty '20





ICE-HOCKEY TEAM Back Row (I to r): Assistant Coaches Mike Payne, Brian Woodson, Nick Lepage, and head coach Dave LePage; FA Ice Cat players: Payton McMurtray '23, Will Galligan, Owen Galligan '22, Bryce Micklon '21, Caleb Micklon '23, Eddie Thurston '21, Bobby LeBlanc '20, and Dom Zimmel '21

#### **ICE HOCKEY**

Coach: Dave LePage

Coach's Award: Bryce Micklon '21

"Bryce Micklon is the type of kid that any coach would love to have on his team. Make no mistake, Bryce is a natural athlete who is going to excel in any sport he chooses to participate, but it's all the other character strengths that make him remarkable. In his freshman year, Bryce was a standout for the Ice Cats as a player. When his sophomore year started, Bryce was injured and he knew he would not compete all season. Most players would just stop coming or only check in from time to time. Bryce showed up every day, doing what he can for the team and providing support for both players and coaches all year long."

- Coach LePage

#### **BOYS' BASKETBALL**

Coach: Sedge Saunders

Assistant Coaches: Sean Watson and Charlie Tryder

Coach's Award: Bobby Hallam '23 Coach's Award: Jack Watson '20

"Jack Waton was part of the basketball program all four of his high school years with the last two being on the Varsity. Jack was the epitome of a team player: He worked hard in practice, never complained or badmouthed a teammate, and did whatever was asked of him because he always put the team first. Jack improved every year and became a student of the game...he was always ready to perform when given the opportunity. We will miss his professional approach and team first attitude."

Coach Saunders



Boys' Basketball Team Back row (I to r): Assistant coach Sean Watson, Bobbie Hallam '22, Eli Mahan, Janik Glave '12, Will Hallam '23, Eloi Terricabras '20, Kyeni Musembi '21, Head coach Sedge Saunders; Front row (I to r): Armel Maloji '21, Roy Mugabe '22, Jack Watson '20, Calvin Southwick '20, Kyle Littlefield '21, Liam Quinn '23, and Ethan Bain '20



#20 Calvin Southwick '20 dribbles down the court for a two-pointer.



The 2019-20 Alpine Western Maine Conference Championship Team.

## Individual Sports **Awards**

HOWARD ROSS AWARD: Mr. Bruce Smith This award is given annually to a member of the Fryeburg Ski Community who has provided exceptional contributions to the ski program. Mr Bruce Smith is a 1967 State Nordic Runner-Up at FA and a member of the 2nd ever State Champion ski team from FA. A lifelong ski advocate and enthusiast and a most thoughtful and generous donor to the team. He is quietly responsible for many details and traditions of the team. He created the team logo of crossed skis over the FA seal, has donated many local ski artifacts to the ski room, donates sticker decals for all team members to have, and is responsible for the team vests. Skiing is very dear to him and he always thanks his coaches and teammates at Fryeburg for instilling the love of the sport. Bruce is still seen attending FA ski races around the region in support of the next generation of FA skiers. On a personal level, Bruce has been an inspiration to many on celebrating the rich history of FA skiing and the importance of continuing to build on that history by teaching skiing to others.

#### Western Maine Conference recognizes Seniors All-Academic (3.2 GPA):

Julianna Stanton Nordic Ski Abigail Hewes Indoor Track Sophie Kummer Indoor Track Madi McIntyre Indoor Track Bridget O'Neil *Indoor Track* Katherine Trumbull *Indoor Track* Matt Gunther Alpine Ski Abigail Winterbottom Alpine Ski Lily Nylin Alpine Ski Merys Carty Basketball Kaylee Emery Basketball Ethan Bain Basketball Janik Glave Basketball Kade Johnson Basketball Calvin Southwick Basketball Jack Watson Basketball Firdavs Islomov Wrestling

#### **All-Conference Selections:**

Matt Gunther '20 Alpine Skiing
Will Marshall '21 Alpine Ski
Alanna Nataluk '22 Nordic Skiing
Eliza Thorne '23 Alpine Skiing
Abby Winterbottom '20 Alpine Skiing
Bridget O'Neil '20 Indoor Track Honorable
Mention: 400

4x800 relay Indoor Track: Madi McIntyre '20, Hope Duffy '21, Bridget O'Neil '20, and Abigail Hewes '20

Calvin Southwick '20 All-Defensive Team Basketball

Job Fox '22 All-Conference SMAA-Wrestling

## Athletes who placed or were recognized in League Championships:

Western Maine Conference Basketball League Calvin Southwick '20 and Sierra Lyman '20 participated in the Western Maine Conference Senior All-Star Basketball games.

## Western Maine Conference Indoor Track Championships:

Bridget O'Neil '20 Honorable Mention-400 4x800 Relay: Madi McIntyre '20, Hope Duffy '21, Bridget O'Neil '20, and Abigail Hewes '20

#### Western Maine Conference Nordic Ski Championships:

Alanna Nataluk '22 won the Freestyle race; placed 3rd in the Classic to finish as the Western Maine Conference Nordic Pursuit Runner-Up

#### Western Maine Conference Alpine Ski Championships:

Eliza Thorne '23 placed 6th in the Slalom and 7th in the GS Samantha Winterbottom '23 placed 8th in the GS Abby Winterbottom '20 placed 10th in the GS Will Marshall '21 won the GS title and placed 5th in the Slalom Matt Gunther '20 placed 3rd in the GS and 7th in the Slalom

## **Western Maine Conference Team Runner-Up:** Girls' Alpine Team

## **Western Maine Conference Team Championship:**Boys' Alpine Team

## Athletes who placed in their State Championships:

Nordic: Alanna Nataluk '20 placed 6th in the Freestyle

Wrestling: Graham Blood '22, Job Fox '22, and Eddie Plessinger '21 all placed in the South Qualifier and moved onto the State Championships where all three placed 3rd, and 4th places respectively.

Indoor Track: Jen L'Hommedieu '20 was 9th in the 55 meters and Abigail Hewes '20 was 10th in the 800 meters

Alpine Ski: Will Marshall '21 placed as the Class A State Runner-Up in the GS and was 6th in the Slalom Matt Guenther placed 7th in the Slalom The Girls Alpine team placed in the Class A State meet

#### **New England Ski Team Qualifiers:**

Will Marshall '21 placed 6th at the Alpine Regional Shoot-Outs and represented Team Maine at the New England Championships, racing against skiers from all the New England States as well as Michigan and Wisconsin.

Alanna Natuluk '20 finished 3rd for U16's and 7th overall to also qualify for the Eastern High School Championships against 64 other athletes competing. Luke Dupuis '22 finished 10th for U16's, and 22nd overall against 91 other athletes competing.

#### **Class A South Sportsmanship Award:**

Boys' Alpine

#### **Three-Star Jackets:**

Awarded to athletes who have earned their Third Varsity letter Ethan Bain '20 Marcos Barrionuevo '22 Graham Blood '22 Lucas Burford '21 Donny Calderwell '21 Dana Hamlin '22 Danali Jensen '22 JoJo Jensen '22 Kade Johnson '20 Daniel Koo '21 Sierra Lyman '20 Will Marshall '21 Padric McGrath '22 Owen Ring '21



## Jack Campbell: A Competitor

BY CHARLIE TRYDER Dean of Student Life

he source of Jack's love for athletics is what draws most athletes to organized sports — the opportunity to compete. A competitor by nature, Jack explains his early love of football and sports in general, "I've always played sports and always loved competition and winning. Winning has always driven me. I love the feeling of beating the guy across from me and walking off the field victorious."

Football claimed the bulk of Jack's athletic attention, but he also competed as a member of the unified basketball and lacrosse teams. Unfortunately, current events cost Jack his senior year in lacrosse. Along the way, Jack earned All-Campbell Conference linebacker status as a junior and as a senior, the Partner Award in unified basketball, and he captained the football team as a senior. Impressively Jack met the challenges of his athletic world while also maintaining honor grades in a competitive academic schedule.

Jack started playing organized football in 3rd grade on a flag team, moved on to three years of rec tackle, two years of middle

school, and finally four years on the high school gridiron. Jack's love of football may be the result of both nature and nurture. He explains that his dad, Scott Campbell, is also a football enthusiast, "I have been playing football since I can remember. Football has always been such a big part of my life. My dad, Scott, played college football at Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. Some of my

earliest memories revolve around football. Having a catch with my dad in the backyard, watching his highlight tapes, and watching the Patriots."

While competitiveness can overshadow other elements of an athlete's makeup, it is easy to recognize that there is far more to Jack than his love of competition. Jack is known for an easy-going demeanor and good sense of humor; his two years of experience with the FA Unified Basketball team also illustrate his appreciation for community. "I love working with and helping out others," says Jack. "I love being able to share my love of sports with others. I have been able to make some great bonds and great friends that I most likely would have not made without Unified Basketball."

All of his athletic experiences along the way were enjoyable. Still, Jack believes that the run in football to the state championship game his junior year will stay with him the longest. "Every sports season has been special to me," continues Jack. "The most special, however, was the 2018 football season. Going to the state championship game and just the brotherhood on that team was amazing.

I loved each and every kid on the team like a brother. My best and most memorable game came that season as well. Week 6 going into Leavitt. I had like 10 tackles, an interception and we beat them 13-0. They were previously undefeated."

When speaking with Jack, it becomes evident that he is a reflective

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individual. He processes his experiences, their impact on him, and where he is going. Asked how athletics most influenced his life, he answers without a moment's hesitation, "I think I've become

> a better leader. I feel that I gradually grew as a leader as I got older culminating my senior year as captain of the football team. I am grateful and excited to try to correlate this to my future life. Athletics have also given me most of my closest friends. As I previously said, I've learned to love these teammates as friends and brothers."

Having enjoyed such a positive experience while involved in FA

athletics, Jack's advice for younger students is not surprising. "I would tell them to not take high school athletics for granted. My 4 years flew by and I wish I could go back and savor every last moment. I know that I will not take my last seasons of Unified Basketball and Lacrosse for granted."

FA will miss Jack Campbell's influence on the student body and school culture. His appreciation for the opportunities available in FA student life, respect for those around him, and his sense of purpose and work ethic when involved in an activity lift the community as a whole. Jack will attend the University of Vermont this fall, where his very proud mom, Marlies Ouwinga, claims she will visit him regularly, not just to see him, but to enjoy the Burlington vibe as well. The University of Vermont does not have football, so Jack plans to give rugby a shot.

Jack won't be held to a specific career at this time. He wants to experience college, process, and then make decisions, "As for my career I have absolutely no idea. I'm going to see where college takes me and just see where my life takes me."

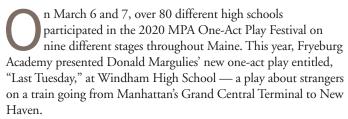


Jack Campbell was honored with the Citizenship Award at the Western Maine Conference Award Banquet on April 27 at Southern Maine Community College.



# Fryeburg Academy Performs "Last Tuesday" A One-Act Play by Donald Margulies





During the theatrical competition, schools must adhere to strict rules and regulations on time limits that each theatrical production must meet within an allotted 40 minutes, from start to finish. If a theatrical production exceeds 40 minutes, the play is disqualified. To say that performing within this time allotment is no small feat is likely an understatement. "There is a tremendous amount of work and coordination that goes into staging each aspect of the play from curtain call to the erection of stage sets by the teams performing," says director Eileen Avery. "Every cast and crew member has a special part to play to deliver these performances without a hitch."

This year, Taylor Gunther '22 was named to the All Festival Cast for her performance at the Festival and also received an award for Original Make-up. Crew members Maci Thompson '22 and Charlotte Lougee '22 earned special commendations for Original Sound Design.



#### Cast:

Actor #1: Michael Lawrence '22 Actor #2: Willow Carter '22 Actor #3: Abbigail Vaughan '20 Actor #4: Ethan Reinbach '20 Actor #5: Ayannah Ward '22 Actor #6: Owen West '22 The Child: Taylor Gunther '22

#### Crew:

Director: Eileen Avery
Tech Advisor: Whit Lucy
Stage Manager: Sam Stoker-Ball '22
Assistant Stage Manager: Heleri Partvei '22
Music Advisor: Mimi Rohlfing
Set Design, Building & Painting: Whit Lucy, Eileen Avery, & David West Costumes: Cindy Blanchard & Mia Milliken '24
Lighting: William Scheid '22
Sound: Maci Thompson '22 & Charlotte Lougee '22
Additional Tech Crew: Seth Ferguson '20 & Draven Fiori '22
Adult Chaperone: Caryn Blanchard



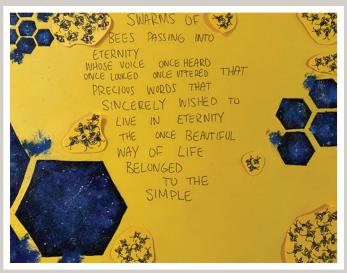
Willow Carter '22 and Michael Lawrence '22



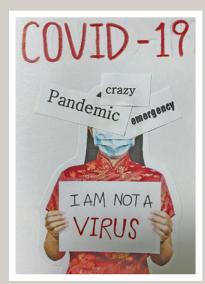
Abbigail Vaughan '20, Ethan Reinbach '20, and Ayannah Ward '22



LUCAS BURFORD '21



MAZY KARUZIS '22



MAY SHIN '23



EVA POSPISILOVA '20



GEORGIANA STEADMAN '23

## **Student Artwork** Gallery

During remote instruction, Mr. Pullan's visual arts students have produced a number of stunning projects that range from creating illustrated poems to learning the principles of gestalt theory that describes how humans typically see objects by grouping similar elements.



**GRACE MARSHALL '21** 



BRIDGET O'NEIL '20



**ALEXIS PARKER '20** 





We loved seeing so many of you in Florida!! Seated: Jackie Sullivan '61, Pearl Morse, Lisa Nelson, Margaret Hatch Eastman '64, Tinker Kiesman '65, Murrey Lord '64, Roberta Zebliski Lord '64, Irene Yoder, Dawn Gale '81; Second Row (I to r): Norm Hicks '77, Greg Hines, Joe Sullivan, Brenda Hatch Hines '77, Sandy Pendexter, Ralph Morse '69, Paulette Morse Grenier '65, Annie Morse, Charlie Morse '63, Bonnie Baker Berg '70, Bob Berg, Carol McGarigle '59, Jo Beth Banfill Holt '68, Erin Mayo, Dick Thompson '61; Third Row (I to r): Arnold Pendexter '64, Carl Pendexter '61, Ginny Seavey Chandler '61, Mac Harmon, Sandi Hicks '82, Miriam Butters Eastman '65, Marion Heald Brine '65, Narlene Hill, Harold Buzz Brine '66, Jimmy Hill '65, Pam Emery, Debbie Lord Dolley '67, Alan Emery '63, Stanley Dolley '60, Liz Adams Kiesman '65, Sharon Haley Day '65, Dick Day '61, and Bill Grover '58; Next Row: Jim Chandler '60, Lynn & Peter Mason '76, Holly Hatch Strange '81, Mark Strange, Mary Anne Snow, Dick Snow '64, Wanda Graves Kiesman '80, Roger Kiesman '71, Ken Yoder '67, Ron Kiesman '59, Tyler O'Keefe '14, and Nicholas Kiesman '14.

## Alumni Regional Events Fall 2019-Winter 2020

t was wonderful to see so many of you at our regional alumni gatherings this past fall and winter prior to the March shutdown. In October, our annual Portland-area gathering at Bissell Brothers Brewing brought in over 40 alumni and guests from the classes of 1957 - 2012. We had several FA faculty and retired faculty join in on the fun as well. We look forward to future events in the Portland area this fall.

In February, alumni and guests packed Blizzard's Pub for the annual Alumni Association Ski Night at Shawnee Peak. Discounted ski tickets, music by **Jeremy Holden '10**, a 50/50 raffle, FA swag giveaways, and drink specials all helped draw a huge crowd — its largest in recent years.

In early March, Erin Mayo and **Dawn Gale '81** traveled to Zephyrhills, Florida where 50 plus alumni and their guests attended the gathering hosted by **Dick Thompson '61** and **Margaret Hatch Eastman '64**. Once again, alums from multiple decades were in attendance and all had a great afternoon catching up with one another (we are already planning for next winter's event). Many thanks to Dick and Margaret for their efforts — they truly made this a special get together.

Later events were suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic but we hope to reschedule for the fall or early in 2021. We always enjoy seeing our FA friends, so keep checking our event listings on the website for future plans.

If you would like to help organize or host an area reception, please give **Dawn Gale '81** a call at 207-935-2001 ext. 3147 or email *dgale@fryeburgacademy.org*.



(I to r) Dawn Gale '81, Margaret Hatch Eastman '64, and Dick Thompson '61



Some folks even had custom t-shirts made for the event! *Seated:* Wanda Graves Kiesman '80, Tinker Kiesman '65, Liz Adams Kiesman '65; *Standing:* Roger Kiesman '71, Nicholas Kiesman '14, Tyler O'Keefe '14, and Ron Kiesman '59



Bill Grover '58 and Carol McGarigle '59



Ken Yoder '67 and Lynn Yoder



Joe Sullivan and Jackie Blake Sullivan '61



Sharon Haley Day '65 and Dick Day '61



**Portland Crew!** First Row (I to r): Melanie Ridlon Eldracher '81 and Pete Gale '83; Second Row (I to r): Johanna Eaton Rioux '81, Chuck Moody '81, Kristin Robiller Parker '81, Penny Sislane Williams '81, Robin Schrader Hoffman '81, Dawn Gale '81, Jessica Russell Battoni '81, Stephen Geneseo '81, Mike Hill '79, and Lora Lopes Marchand '77



Pete Gale '83, Kristin Robiller Parker '81, Dawn Gale '81, Penny Sislane Williams '81, Sherri Reagan, and Nate Goff '82



Katie Shorey '06, Meghan Bradley '11, and Dan Blais.



Pat Fox (FA former faculty) chats with Dan Gibson '08 and his wife, Rychel.



Bobbie Muse (FA former faculty) catches up with Andrea Longpre Macht '86 and Wendy Fox Hammond '86



Melanie Ridlon Eldracher '81 and Holly Johnson '81 at Shawnee Peak



Standing (I to r): Heidi Blake '82, Shari Charles Smith '86, Melissa Smith Holden '82, Victor Panno '82, Ryan Kelly '82; Sitting (I to r): Sheila Duane '82, Laurie Bresette Panno '82, Shelly Osgood Walker '82



Lexi Charles '17 and her friend TJ



Jennifer Richardson (FA Science Department Chair) and David Richardson '84



Molly Nelson '00 and her boyfriend, Mike Poissonnier



(I to r): Joe Shaffner '81, Sue Thorman Hodge '81, Sheila Duane '82, Holly Johnson '81, and Dawn Gale '81



(I to r): Robin True Smith '80, Bill Perry '80, and Sue Perry





Jim '58 and Mary Hannaford were awarded the 2019 Clemons Award by the Hiram Historical Society for their community service.

## 19**50**s

JIM HANNAFORD '58 and his wife, Mary, were recently honored by the Town of Hiram, ME, with the Spirit of America Award recognizing service oriented residents. Their photo was also placed on the cover of the Hiram Town Report and they received recognition from the state office. Last October, the couple was presented with the Hiram Historical Society's Hubert W. Clemons Award for Outstanding Service to the Town of Hiram.

### 19**60**s

JAMES ARCHIBALD '63 was elected as the new Chair of the Canadian Mirror Committee for the International Standards Organization (ISO) which develops standards on terminology, workflow, and language coding by the Standards Council of Canada.

OLIVER LEACH '63 writes, "It has been a busy year for us. Our two grandchildren keep us going all the time. I will never forget Fryeburg Academy and what it did for me."

MIKE BARTER '65 shares, "I spent my working career as a mechanical engineer beginning with designing equipment which later gave me the honor of developing equipment patented in the US patent office. I then began a successful endeavor (with a business partner) engineering and



Mike Barter '65 is enjoying retirement with his wife, Phyllis.

designing large, wood-fired boilers during the oil embargo. When the price of oil finally dropped, and the need to save fuel costs was reduced, I started designing wood handling systems to process wood for the production of wafer boards, or what is now called OSB board. The majority of my career I worked as a project engineer and manager building #6 oil steam powered electric generation plants, speciality system additions to nuclear power plants, large wind farms, gas fired power plants, and providing multiple quotations for the analysis and construction of new, and or updates on existing, power plants.

I finished my working career building, with my wife Phyllis, a 3800 sq. ft. insulated concrete house on the edge of the Smoky

Mountains in eastern Tennessee. This building, an open floor plan, provides us with extremely low heating and AC costs. The electricity for our home is generated by solar panels and the hot water is heated by a solar collector with large hot water storage tanks. Our view of the rolling hills and fields leading up to the mountains is something we enjoy and thank God for.

I have three sons from my first wife, and my wife, Phyllis (of thirty years), has given me a stepson who I consider my own.

Fryeburg Academy provided me with the mindset to use my creativity, channel my thoughts to be successful, and the education that helped make everything possible."

**ROSEMARY BOOTHBY** RANKIN '66 writes, "My family and I are healthy and managing during this



Rosemary Boothby Rankin '66 is enjoying time spent with her grandson, Joe.

uncertain time. My husband and I met on our Fryeburg Academy bus in 1966, and have been married for 49 years. We became parents to our daughter 35 years ago and thought that event was miraculous! Sixteen months ago, she and our son-in-law blessed us with our first grandchild. Joe's arrival has brought us even more joy than we could have imagined!

**DIANE WARREN JONES '69** shares, "As you know Edward passed away on May 13, 2019. We were married 50 years and together for 54. While he was with us I started writing a book on the history of North Fryeburg with a large chapter on Fryeburg Harbor. I have finished it and it will be available for sale around June 1. I do not know the price of it as yet as it's currently being edited and formatted.



Members and friends of the Hatch Family met in Florida in March (Starting from top left): Mark Strange (FA former faculty), Andrew Nelson, Charlie Morse '63, Elaine Morse, Carleton Pendexter '61, Steve April, Amiyla Sanborn, Pearl Morse, Ralph Morse '69, Casey Pride, Crystal Sanborn, Margaret Hatch Eastman '64, Ian Meserve, Holly Hatch Strange '80, Annie Morse, Liza Nelson, Brittany Morse, Aria Sanborn, Adam, Paulette Morse Grenier '65, and Sandra Peters.

#### **ALUMNI PROFILE**



### Nicole Cote-Crosskill '77

BY DAWN GALE '81 Director, Academy Fund & Alumni Relations

n 1975, Nicole Cote was finishing up her sophomore year of high school and making the decision where to spend her junior and senior years. Her local

school in Errol, NH, only offered instruction through the 10th grade. Although she had never heard of Fryeburg Academy, a good friend's dad was an alum and he recommended it to her. It's probably safe to say she had no idea that her decision to attend FA would be the beginning of a 40 plus year journey.

Nicole graduated from the Academy in 1977 and enrolled at Lesley College in Massachusetts to pursue a teaching degree. She was the only FA graduate at the school until the fall of her junior year, when '77 classmate (and future coworker) **KATHY WILSON DUNHAM '77**, transferred in. Nicole graduated with a B.S. degree in education in the spring of 1981.

She was hired by then FA Headmaster, Harry True, and returned to the Academy as a special education teacher. She also married FA science faculty member Scott Crosskill (now Cote-Crosskill) and for a few years, the couple lived on campus in the old Alumni building. Nicole wore many hats during her 39-year career at FA. At the beginning of her tenure, the special services department was located in Chase Hall where she taught alongside Barbara Douglass and John Urgese. The department grew to 14 members with the addition of the behavioral program, the independent skills program, and later the Learning Center. For many years, this team of educators was housed in the Alumni House and Nicole served as the special services coordinator from 1986-2009.

In the early '90s, when the use of technology in education was in its infancy, Nicole recognized the need to provide instruction for teachers on how to integrate technology into the classroom. She earned her Master's degree in this new field and spent several years assisting with this effort at FA. Eventually, it became too much to juggle both special services and technology so she returned her focus to the special services department full-time.

Her favorite memories include those years spent with coworkers in special services. She comments, "We all worked together as a team and supported each other. We had a 100% graduation rate, and we never lowered expectations for any of our students. It was a really great group of people."

Her co-worker **KATHY WILSON DUNHAM** '77 shares, "Nicole was the most conscientious teacher and advocate for all students. She would bring matters to my attention that were often student-driven, but always student-based. Our students always came first. She would spend weekends at the school preparing materials or directly working with students. Nicole led the Special Services Department with such expertise. As difficult as it is to keep up with changes in Special Education laws and paperwork, she always knew the correct procedures. She provided us with reminders and sticky notes (lots of sticky notes!) to keep us all on track. I have so much respect for her and the seen and much more unseen labor that she has given to Fryeburg Academy — and the hundreds or thousands of students' lives she has touched."

In 2009, Nicole again went back to school and obtained a second Master's degree in school counseling. She was named the director of the post-secondary counseling department and served in this position for ten years.

As for ending her FA career during these challenging times and having to counsel students from a distance, she comments, "It's definitely interesting keeping in touch with kids online. The kids are fine with it; they are used to it... it's their world. It's the adults who have a steeper learning curve." Nicole also volunteers for the Red Cross, so she is used to the online counseling platform. She finds this (Red Cross) very rewarding and will continue her work with the organization as there is a great need for and shortage of counselors.

Nicole feels blessed to have shared her career with her husband, Scott. They always enjoyed working together, and between the two of them, they dedicated an amazing 81 years (Scott 42 and Nicole 39) at the Academy! Scott and Nicole raised their two children, MITCHELL '02 and ASHLEY '05, and took great pride in watching their kids go through the Academy. They are grateful for the great education and positive experiences they both had. Nicole and Scott are looking forward to planning the next chapter and spending more time together with their kids and grandchildren. Mitchell and his wife are expecting their second child soon and Ashley is engaged to be married this summer -- there is a lot to look forward to!

Many thanks to Nicole for all she has done throughout her FA career. Best wishes to both she and Scott as they embark on their next adventure!



The Museum of the Bethel Historical Society with Randall H. Bennett, retiring executive director, is in charge of its publication. The title of the book is "North Fryeburg, Maine... The Life and Times of a Friendly New England Village." We are all also mourning the loss of our lifelong classmate and friend JODINE **BURNELL WEBSTER '69."** 

### 19**70**s

KENN KAMINSKI '70 is still building and repairing dry stone walls throughout the USA. His main activities include pickleball, bicycling, hiking, and rock climbing. You can check out his website at www.

internationalstonemason.com or email, Kenn at kjfkam@yahoo.com.

#### KAREN FOX GREY '71, SANDRA **EMERY CATTERSON '71, DEBBIE EAKIN** STOCKWELL '72, PENNY SNOW DOUGAY

'72, and SHEILA WATSON SMITH '72 all enjoyed their second annual girls' trip to Chattanooga and Nashville, TN, last September. Karen writes, "We enjoyed the Dougay's southern hospitality in Chattanooga and then spent three days in Nashville. It's so wonderful to still have the same friends from high school."

"Good friends are like quilts — they age with you, yet never lose their warmth."

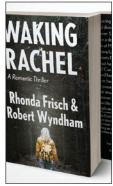
## 19**80**s

#### RHONDA MCBURNIE-FRISCH '81 is

surviving the quarantine with her family by going for lots of hikes and tackling painting projects. She also just published her first book — "Waking Rachel" a romantic thriller which is now available on Amazon either via

Kindle or paperback. She writes, "I started writing about eight years ago and it's been a fun, often humbling process. I have a second book almost finished that I hope will complement this first one - Mainers will find many references to local spots."

**DAVID ROHDE '85** has a new book out, "In Deep" — which refutes President Trump's claims about a "deep state" — and argues that the president is the one creating a parallel



Waking Rachel is the title of Rhonda McBurnie-Frisch's '81 new romantic thriller.

shadow government filled with like-minded loyalists. He was recently featured on NPR's Fresh Air show, discussing the release and content of the book. David is an executive editor of newyorker.com.

**SETY SADRI '85** writes, "I am currently living in Tehran, Iran. I am currently retired and living a life of leisure, and thanks be to



**ALUMNI PROFILE** 

## Ellen Rogers Raynford '75: FA's School Nurse

BY DAWN GALE '81 Director, Academy Fund & Alumni Relations

■ llen Raynsford will retire this June after serving for 29 years as FA's school nurse. Ellen, a member of FA's Class of 1975, moved to Fryeburg from Massachusetts before her junior

year in 1973. Her dad, RUDY ROGERS '49, wanted his daughter to enjoy a Fryeburg Academy education.

Ellen worked at Hicks Nursing Home while in high school, a career that would help influence her later decision to pursue nursing. Following graduation from FA, she spent a gap year working before entering Thompson School of Practical Nursing. She would later go on to earn her B.S. degree in nursing. Ellen returned to Fryeburg in 1990 with her two daughters, Andrea and Katie, and was hired as the school nurse in 1991. The family moved into the Cook House on campus.

At the time, she thought she would be at FA for a few years and move on to something else. But it soon became more than a job; it became a lifestyle. Her family became part of a larger community, and she feels very fortunate that her kids were given the opportunity to be part of it as well. Andrea graduated in '97 and Katie in '98, one became a nurse, and the other a teacher and both married FA graduates.

When asked to recall fond memories, Ellen shared, "Oh, so many ... my kids' graduations from the Academy; working with incredible colleagues who care so much about our students; and the way the Academy continues to grow to meet the needs of the students." When Katie was a senior cheerleader, the school needed a cheering coach. Ellen offered to take the position for the season and ended up coaching for eleven years. For the past ten years, she has also organized the Red Cross's annual blood drive on campus.

Ellen is looking forward to retirement. She and David purchased a home in Florida ten years ago and have since spent vacations and summers there. "We'll head down there at the end of June we like the heat, so the Florida summers are not a problem for us. We'll definitely be back here for vacations (they have a house in Brownfield)." She plans on working part-time work to keep busy.

"Dave and I walk around the FA campus and take in all of the changes. When we arrived, we didn't even have a science building. We look at the amazing growth and all of the beautiful new buildings. This small community of Fryeburg is so lucky — what a gem they have."

Congratulations, Ellen, on your retirement, and thank you for taking great care of our FA students for 29 years!



Dawn Gale '81, Holly Hatch Strange '81 and Mark Strange (former FA faculty) met up at the Florida alumni event.



This Fox / Evans family photo includes future Raiders Dakota, Sierra, and Cheyenne Fox (triplets!) and brothers, Michell and Andrew Evans as well as Cynthia Buck Fox '73, Peter Fox '65, Melissa Fox Evans '91, Erica Patch Fox (FA faculty), and Travis Fox '95.

God, all is well in Tehran. I have a blog where I post my short stories, poems, essays, etc. I recently finished a short story called

Cycle and the setting is based on my alma mater, FA.

The link to my blog and the story is below https://setytatiana.livejournal. com/17389.html

Please give my warmest regards to the staff at Fryeburg Academy."



Sedy Sadri '85 is living in Tehran, Iran and recently finished a short story based on FA.

## 20**00**s

**LESLIE GIBSON YOUNG '00** and her husband took a quick trip to the Bahamas to celebrate their fourth year of marriage but their first true anniversary — one of the many amusing parts about getting married on Leap Day. Leslie is still working in Marblehead, MA, as a family NP and greatly enjoying her job. She hopes to make it to the TWENTIETH reunion ("seriously, how did this happen?") and looks forward to catching up with some of you then.

SPRING SMITH MCKENNEY '02 writes, "SILAS '00 and I are hanging out at home here in Brownfield with our kids and enjoying the warmer days! We don't have a whole lot to update on other than that Lydia will start kindergarten this fall at a new charter school

that I've been working with a group of parents and educators (including two other FA alumni: **ETHAN MCKENNEY '02** and **JESSE BADGER '97**) to start in Conway, NH. It's a Waldorf inspired, outdoor focused school called Northeast Woodland Chartered Public School and we are really excited! I'm still also working in real estate for Coldwell Banker Lifestyles in Conway and photographing weddings and families for my studio — Spring Smith Studios."

**ASHLEE PURINTON CHAINE '03** writes, "Earlier this year I was inducted into the Fryeburg Area Rotary. My daughter Emily Chaine will be a freshman next year at FA, she is the current president of Early Act at the middle school and is looking forward to participating in InterAct."

**NICK JOHNSON '03** writes, "I moved to Los Angeles in April of 2019 and shortly



Wayne Farrington '72, Glenn Gilman '77, Susan Brown Farrington '77, and Caryn Robiller Braun '78 met up in Glendale, Arizona. Sue and Wayne rented a condo this past November in Phoenix. They had a fun month exploring Arizona together.



Celebrating in Nashville (*l to r*): Penny Snow Dougay '72, Sandra Emery Catterson '71, Karen Fox Grey '71, Sheila Watson Smith '72, and Debbie Eakin Stockwell '72.





Nick Johnson '03 and his girlfriend, Mildred Louise. now live in Long Beach, CA.



Ryan Kelly '82 (far right) attended the Marine Corps Ball commemorating the birthday of the Marine Corps.



Cody Smith '13 and Stephanie Mowry Smith '12 welcomed son, Nolan, on September 18, 2019.

afterward, I moved again to downtown Long Beach, CA, one block from the shore with my girlfriend Mildred Louis. I recently began my career as a geographic information systems analyst."

J'AIME CHATFIELD '04 lives in Rambouillet, France with her husband, Lelio, and works in admissions at the American University in Paris. She is fluent in four languages and her husband is a surgeon, practicing at a hospital in Rambouillet. They are hunkered down like the rest of us.

KATIE SHOREY '06 shared the news that a group from 2006 joined together for 2.5 hours on ZOOM. The group spanned 14 hours of time zones from California to Bangkok. The virtual gathering included, KATIE BLYNN, Amesbury, MA; NATTAPONG **NUT TASSAWONG**, Bangkok, Thailand; KATIE SHOREY, Westbrook ME; KEVIN PARK, New Jersey; PIPPA BAKER RABE (2.5 week away from giving birth!) Ventura, CA;

ALANA LANDANO, NYC, NY; CONNOR PATTERSON, Denver, CO; JAIMIE CRAWFORD, Fryeburg ME; KRISSY HORN, Portland ME; STEPHEN MEAD, Tigard, OR; and MADELINE POLIVKA, Red Lodge, MT. "We all went around and shared updates since FA (where we've lived, what we've done for work, personal updates), talked about how COVID19 is impacting our respective states (or countries) and shared memories from FA. It brought me such joy!"

**ELSIE RUSSELL '07** married Brett Brown in October 2019 and the couple now resides in Mahopac, NY.

JIMMY RUSSELL '08 and his wife, Julie, are the parents of a son, Neil Lawrence Russell, born in October 2019 in Naples, Italy, where Jimmy is stationed with the US Navy. Jimmy plans to start graduate school at MIT in the fall of 2020.

JESSICA DIPIETRO '09 recently joined the MWV Chamber of Commerce's board of directors. Jessica splits her time between systems and processing improvements and agent training for Badger Realty, office assistance for Tim DePietro Electric, and serving as the head coach for the U-10 Team at Cranmore Mountain Resort.

JIYOON KIM '09 writes, "I'm living in South Korea. This COVID 19 situation has definitely affected me and people here a lot. Security guards check my temperature whenever I go to the office and people wear facial masks everywhere. There's no lockdown here but to keep social distance, I tend to stay home and try to enjoy new hobbies (mostly handcrafts to kill time). At first, there were so many confirmed cases found around my home and work and I was a bit afraid but there is new information and briefings from the government and KCDC (Korea Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) everyday and the numbers are now going down. I hope we can get over this soon. Stay safe, Fryeburg!"



Silas McKenney '00 and Spring Smith McKenney '02 live in Brownfield with their two children Lydia and Brogan.



Ashlee Purinton Chaine '03 became a member of the Fryeburg Area Rotary Club earlier this year. (I to r): Attorney Andy Pierce, Attorney Peter Malia, Ashlee Purinton Chaine '03, and her family members, Olivia, Matthew, and Emily.

## Ellie Rhymer '08: A New York City EMT



Many thanks to Ellie Rhymer '08 for allowing us to publish the story below. Ellie is an EMT in NYC and has been on the front lines during the COVID-19 pandemic. This post was from her Facebook account at the height of the crisis. Thankfully, she says that things have settled down a bit. We are all thankful to Ellie and to all of our other front line FA family members for their incredible sacrifices in helping our communities through this

#### HEYA, NYC EMT, HERE. HERE WE ARE NOW.

In the same place where a stranger handed me a bag of N95s in the ER bay the other night, there is now a giant refrigerator truck parked.

It's not filled with frozen peas.

One of the elastics on my N95 broke. I think I can repair it when I get a chance, and I am lucky that I have that stash of flu season supplies I can draw from. My safety glasses are foggy from getting wiped with bleach. My hands are dry from washing.

I'm still supplied personally with personal protective equipment but there are places that don't have anything anymore. Nurses at another hospital are using trash bags as protective gowns, which is probably where EMS is heading.

People keep coming up to us and asking for masks. A lady asked for "alcohol wipes for my son" and then cussed my ambulance partner out when he told her we couldn't give her any.

The hospitals are full. Don't go. You won't get tested. You will get discharged home. There are hospitals with no ventilators left.

We received new protocols to make RMAs ("Refusal of Medical Assistance" — when the patient refuses assistance and/or transport) easier for these reasons. I suspect that EMS will be given new triage power very soon to triage outpatients at the scene who are not critical. The system can't handle non-critical patients right now and our protocols still say take everyone who wants to go.

Yesterday, we were dispatched to a healthcare facility to transport a critical COVID-19 patient and an elderly couple came running up to us when they saw us park the ambulance. They had been discharged from a hospital yesterday and told to go home by this facility, but they wanted to go to the emergency room so we had to take them; the critical patient upstairs had to wait for another unit to arrive. We never laid eyes on the critical patient — this is why the protocols are likely to change in my

opinion. They likely had COVID-19 but as "walkie talkies" they were likely discharged again immediately after their assessment. They are scared. You are scared. We are all scared. We get it. But there aren't any beds to take care of you. You must take care of yourself at home.

There's also no patient choice in the hospital any more at all. They go to the nearest hospital or they don't go anywhere.

I'm hanging in there but I'm *tired*. It's physically and emotionally exhausting to carry very sick people all day into emergency rooms where the triage nurses are NOT okay.

"Where are we going to put this one?"

"Where can he go?"

"I have five people waiting in triage. I can't do this."

"You shouldn't have brought her here. I can't keep her from getting sick. She's going to get sick now."

"They're dropping. They're just dropping."

The healthcare workers in your life right now need full taking care of. Donate meals to emergency rooms. Drop off soap, food, toothpaste to their homes. Take in their laundry. Take in their children. Take in their pets. Don't ask for updates or how they are doing. It's most likely "not good".

Someone sent ice cream cups to the ER yesterday and it was about the best ice cream I've ever had.

My neighbor wants to organize the building against the management company to demand residents be allowed to use the gym if they are "careful" (???). He's also planning to perform an amplified stand up set from his balcony. So, you know, I've also got that to deal with [my neighbor's antics] on top of everything.

Something I've noticed making me inordinately angry is civilians in N95 masks, especially when they are improperly used. I saw a dude jogging in an N95 in the park as I cycled by on my way to work. A woman with her nose out of the mask. A woman just holding the mask to her face when she walked close to someone. People wearing them with straps hanging down.

We can't get masks at hospitals anymore but you can wear one as a fashion accessory while you are "out for a stroll", I guess.

Stay home. Stay home orders are not just to "flatten the curve" but they are also an attempt to minimize things like trauma injuries. You do not want to go to the hospital right now, especially if it's because you've been hit by a car or fallen in a hole or been attacked by a subway rat. The hospitals are full and full of disease. Avoid them at all cost.

I'm taken care of. I have protective equipment; I have a safe home. I have a companion to take care of me.

I saw a dog riding a skateboard yesterday in lower Manhattan so that was pretty great.

Hang in there everybody. Wash your hands. Stay home. Don't flush wet wipes. Have empathy for essential workers. Take note of who is doing "essential" work and what they are getting paid to do it. Organize. Protect. May the world have soon more skateboard dogs than hospital refrigerator trucks.



### 20**10**s

NICOLE BODEAU '11 is a senior who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/Undergraduate Certificate in Counter Terrorism and Security/ Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration (MSCJA) program.

SEAN CHASE '16 was named to the dean's list for the fall 2019 at Lasell University in Newton, MA.

RENAE FOURNIER '16 was named to the dean's list at Plymouth State University for the Fall 2019 semester. Renae is a Business Administration major at Plymouth State.

ANNA LASTRA'16 is a second time recipient of Stonehill College's St. Thomas Aguinas, Patron of the Saint of Students' medal. Recipients for the 2019-20 academic year have the highest cumulative grade point average on their respective teams in conjunction with National Student-Athlete Week. Anna received this honor as a member of the NE10 and East Region Champion women's cross country team.

ROBERT PRICE '16 of Fryeburg, ME, was named to the dean's list Champlain College Dean's List for the Fall 2019 semester. Students on the dean's list have achieved a grade point average of 3.5 or higher during the semester.

JULIA QUINN '16 and LEXI L'HEUREUX-**CARLAND '16** have been friends since fourth



Co-captains Lexi L'Heureux-Carland '16 and Julia Quinn '16 wrapped up their basketball career in style at St. Joseph's College.

grade, and teammates through high school (soccer, basketball, and softball). After initially going their separate ways to different colleges, they both transferred to St. Joseph's College and reunited as teammates on the basketball court and served as co-captains their senior year. They helped secure St. Joseph's #2 seed in the Great Northeast Athletic Conference tournament.

Selected to the All-Tourney team, Julia had a quiet statistical day in the finals, scoring 4 points and collecting one rebound. Lexi, meanwhile, hauled down five rebounds and blocked

SJC proved to be a great fit for the former Raider dynamic duo — both academically (Julia and Lexi were named to the All-GNAC Academic squad) and athletically. Here's the stat line for the pair: 165 games played, 659 points, 345 rebounds, 200 assists, 86 assists, 99-18 overall record, 52-3 conference play, four

GNAC title appearances, and three NCAA tourney berths.

FEDERICO SARNO'S '16 artwork was chosen for the University of Hartford's Goldfarb Juried Student Exhibition. This exhibition, which includes works from the Hartford Art School's most talented students, was on display in the University's Joseloff Gallery through February 2020. The gallery is located on the UHart campus at 200 Bloomfield Avenue, West Hartford, CT. Each year, an invited juror chooses the art work to be displayed, and then selects two winners of the \$1,000 prize. The 2020 juror was Namulen Bayarsaihan, Director of Education, for the Aldrich Contemporary Art Museum.

WILL DAVIS '17 is a junior at Bates College and spent last summer researching the re-design of NS/PY 357 Computational Neuroscience with Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Michelle Greene. Will was among more than 240 students who received support from Bates in order to accept summer work that facilitated professional exploration and reflection about fulfilling future career paths. His research was funded by a faculty grant.

LAURA FRIEDMAN '17 was named to the dean's list at Curry College for the fall 2019 semester. Laura is a member of the Class of 2021, and is majoring in communications.

TAYLOR KRUGER '17 was recently named to the dean's list at Colby College for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2019-20 academic year.

THEO MCCALLUM '17 was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology



Members of the Class of 2006 got together for a 2.5-hour chat via ZOOM.

for the 2019 Fall semester.

**ETHAN SWAYZE '17** was one of nearly 30 Lebanon Valley College students studying abroad during the Spring 2020 semester. Ethan studied in Belfast, Northern Ireland. This program offers audio and music production majors the opportunity to fulfill major and Constellation LVC requirements at Queen's University, in Northern Ireland's capital city. Belfast is rich in Irish and British cultural heritage, which provides students with a unique educational experience. Ethan is pursuing a bachelor of music in audio and music production.

**EBONIE WALKER '17** is a student at Fairleigh Dickinson University's Florham Campus in Madison, NJ, and was recently inducted into FDU's Phi Zeta Kappa honor society for the 2019 fall semester. Eligibility for membership in the University's junior honor society is established by completing at least the first 60 credits toward an undergraduate degree with a cumulative grade point average of 3.20 or better.

**NICOLE DEPAOLO '19** was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester at the University of Vermont. Nicole is a neuroscience major in the College of Arts and Sciences.

**COLLEEN BULLARD '18** was named to

the dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester at Clarkson University. She is majoring in biomolecular science.

**EMILY CARTY '18** received 2019 NESCAC Fall All-Academic honors. Emily, a member of the Bates College women's cross country team, is one of 36 students on fall sports teams who received the honor from the New England Small College Athletic Conference. To be honored, a student-athlete must have reached sophomore academic standing and be a varsity letter winner with a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.50.

**COBEY JOHNSON '18** is a sophomore at University of New England was named to the 2019 All-CCC Football/First Team Offense. Cobev is a wide-receiver.

**TUCKER BUZZELL '19** was named to Husson University's dean's list for the Fall 2019 semester. Tucker is enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Sport Management program.

**GEORGIA STAFFORD '19** was named a 2020 National Young Arts Foundation winner and a finalist in voice. Georgianna was recognized for her caliber of artistic achievement and joins 686 of the nation's most accomplished artists in the visual, literary, and performing

arts. She was selected by an esteemed discipline-specific panel of artists through a rigorous blind adjudication process.

This year's award winners represent the top 9.5% of applications across ten artistic disciplines. YoungArts award winners gain access to one of the most prestigious programs for emerging artists in the United States in which they will have opportunities for creative and professional development throughout their entire careers.

"This recognition is well deserved," commented Mimi Rohlfing, Fryeburg Academy's music director. "Georgia demonstrated her extraordinary talent throughout her career at the Academy, earning many accolades and awards as a soloist and ensemble member at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival and Maine State Vocal Jazz Festivals. I'm certain in years to come, we'll hear more from this talented vocalist. It was a pleasure to work with Georgia and to watch her grow as an artist."

As a finalist, Georgia had the opportunity to participate in National YoungArts Week, the organization's signature program that provides artists with an intensive, weeklong and all-inclusive program featuring masterclasses, workshops, and mentorship from leading artists in their fields.

## A Message from the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations



Dawn Gale '81

Dear Alumni and Friends,

It is a very different kind of spring on the Fryeburg Academy campus. We are all missing the busy warm-weather activities, concerts, sporting events, field trips, art festivals, and all of the exciting events celebrating our wonderful class of 2020. We miss our students, faculty, staff, parents, alumni visits, and the energy that you all bring to

our school. However, it is great to see everyone join together and keep things moving forward in new and unchartered ways.

As you now know, due to the circumstances and uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel Reunion Weekend this August. We are committed to the health and well-being of our alumni, family, and friends, and we will celebrate classes of "0" and "5" together with

"1" and "6" next August 2021. I look forward to working with all of you to make the event a cherished celebration.

We hope to start planning smaller, regional gatherings in the fall and winter and will add locations to keep us all connected as soon as it is safe to do so. Please keep checking the alumni/events page on the FA website for updates.

Our fiscal year comes to an end on June 30. *Please help us reach our goal and make a gift to the Academy Fund*. Funds received will help us stay strong as we face the challenges and hardships that this current situation presents. Every gift, no matter the size, matters!

A **HUGE** thank you to all of our alumni who are serving on the front lines of this pandemic — we appreciate you and understand the sacrifices that you have made in order to keep the rest of us healthy and safe!

Be well, stay in touch, and if you know a 2020 graduate — make sure to show them some extra love and support!

Best to all,

**DAWN GALE '81** 

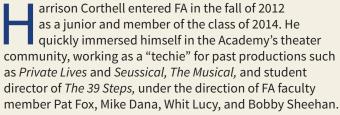
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#### **ALUMNI PROFILE**

## Harrison Corthell '14: Broadway Bound

BY DAWN GALE '81 Director, Academy Fund & Alumni Relations



Deciding to pursue theater in college, Harrison chose Westminster College (known for its technical theater program) in Salt Lake City, UT, where he graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts with an emphasis in stage management.

During our interview, Harrison laughed and admitted that he had been "temporarily disillusioned" with theater, and immediately after graduating from Westminster, he briefly pursued an entirely different field, working for the National Park Service as a park ranger in Salt Lake. While working for the park service, he earned his certification as a Wilderness First Responder through the Wilderness Medicine Training Center, as well as lead cave tours and expeditions, and developing Dark Sky programs (astronomy instruction).

In his graduate Statement of Purpose he shares, "During this time, I reflected on the amount of work I put into my dreams of working in the theatre. Every extracurricular activity since middle school, countless state and regional competitions, fringe festivals, two touring shows, not to mention \$50,000 toward a Bachelor of Fine Arts — I had never pursued a dream as relentlessly as I had pursued a career in stage management. My whole life led to my dream of being a production stage manager on Broadway. I remembered, during the summer after sophomore year of my undergraduate, I began to think about graduate school. I remember the only school that stood out to me was Columbia University. Remembering this, I realized how ingrained theatre is in my very being. So then began my renewed pursuit toward a career in stage management."

Soon after, Harrison was accepted into Columbia University's demanding graduate program in stage management — the only school in NYC that offers this type of graduate degree. The program consists of two years of academics, followed by a year of thesis work.

What is the job of a stage manager for a commercial



theater like Broadway? Harrison explains, "The job is the communication hub of all things artistic and logistic. Imagine a wheel with the hub in the middle and the spokes (made up of actors, directors, producers, and designers) coming out from the center to the rim. The stage manager is the hub holding everything together and keeping the pieces moving." The stage manager is in it from the start of a show — always preparing for the next phase, from development, scriptwriting, casting, rehearsals, tech rehearsals, opening, through all of the performances, maintaining the show, and then through the closing. The job and responsibilities change based on the phase that the show is in but always focuses on artistic maintenance and actor safety. He or she facilitates artistic creation and ensures that the artistic vision of the director is being realized.

At the time of our chat, Harrison was working on a few small projects and in school full-time.

I asked him what he felt were his most notable accomplishments to date and he replied, "Getting into the program at Columbia — and I just started working on Between the Lines, an Off-Broadway musical based on the book by Jodi Picoult and Samantha Van Leer. This is the most notable project I've worked on yet."

When he's finished with school, what's his dream job? To be on a Broadway team, the hustle won't stop, the freelancing won't stop, but he will be on Broadway.

We will keep up with Harrison and wish him luck with his Broadway endeavors. Find out more about him and his journey on his website: www.harrycorthell.com

#### My interview with Harrison took place in February before the quarantine began. Here is his April follow-up:

I am writing this on day 27 of quarantine in New York City. The Broadway League ordered all theaters to shut down on March 12 and I have been working from home ever since. Classes at Columbia have moved completely online as well. It is an unprecedented situation, to say the least. As a theatre artist whose work requires me to be in the presence of others all day, every day, it is hard to stay home. I am using this time to check up on friends and peers, as well as hone my skills to be ready for when the theaters open back up. When will that be? No one knows. The conservative estimate is June. Until then, I'll be in NYC hoping for the best!"

## REUNION WEEKEND, AUGUST 19-21, 2020 RESCHEDULED

The health and safety of our alumni and staff are paramount during this unprecedented time.

We look forward to celebrating the class years ending in '0', '5', '1', and '6' in 2021.
We wish you all good health and look forward to seeing you next summer!

## The Academy Fund

Our fiscal year is ending, so please consider making a gift to the Academy Fund by June 30, 2020

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Dawn Gale '81, Director, Annual Fund and Alumni Relations: 207-935-2001 ext. 3147

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KARYN KIMBALL BEKIT '76 on January 16, 2020

#### In Memoriam

We are saddened by the loss of members of the Fryeburg Academy community. We honor and remember them here.

JOHN SAUNDERS '70 on December 2, 2011 HAROLD "CHIP" SMITH, JR. '53 on November 23, 2018 RICHARD L. JONES. JR. '58 on March 5, 2019 THURL HUFF ALLEN '47 on May 23, 2019 **EUGENE H. TUFTS '54** on July 22, 2019 TONI WATSON '46 on August, 2019 LORETTA KYLLONEN McPEEK "60 on August 20, 2019 EDWARD BENNETT '62 on September 10, 2019 **ROBERT K. EDWARDS '55** on September 19, 2019 JOYCE SWEATT '62 on November 9, 2019 **JEFFREY ALANSKAS '83** on November 25, 2019 EMILY HALE DOBBINS '54 on November 26, 2019 KATHLEEN SNOW WALKER '40 on November 26, 2019 RALPH LEWIS '73 on November 28, 2019 CYNTHIA HAYDEN "BABS" MURDOCK '45 on December 8, 2019 MARK TRUE '82 on December 21, 2019 MATTHEW G. LEFF '84 on December 31, 2019 BEATRICE BAKER HEAD '45 on January 5, 2020 BARBARA DENNETT BARTON '45 on January 7, 2020 **JANETTE GERRY BENNETT '47** on January 9, 2020

FERNE LIBBY GARLAND '44 on January 11, 2020

**ROBERTA HENDRICK COSSAR '47** on January 23, 2020 NANCY WOODMAN MARTIN '60 on January 24, 2020 NAN GRAY JACKSON '58 on February 4, 2020 CHERYLENE HALE BOOKER '64 on February 4, 2020 **HEATHER DENNEY WILSON '94** on February 13, 2020 **ELIZABETH HURD DESJARDINS '49** on February 17, 2020 **PAUL C. FOX '54** on February 19, 2020 SYLVIA BUZZELL ANDREWS BUTT '58 on February 20, 2020 JODINE BURNELL WEBSTER '69 on February 22, 2020 DORENE ADAMS '83 on March 6, 2020 **JANET BRADEEN PALLISTER '52** on March 9, 2020 ROSALIE "RODIE" STEARNS WRIGHT '58 on April 2, 2020 PEGGY COLE THURSTON '62 on April 5, 2020 **HELEN SANBORN WALKER '38** on April 13, 2020 MARJORIE LANE SANBORN '51 on April 15, 2020 JOHN NESBITT '06 on April 28, 2020 **GARY WHITTEN '72** on May 3, 2020

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