



#### **SAVE THE DATE! 2024 REUNION WEEKEND**

Friday, August 16th, Saturday, August 17th & Sunday, August 18th

Celebrating classes ending in "4" and "9"

Friday, August 16

5 pm Senior Alumni (Class of 1974 and older) & VIP Cocktail Reception w/ Archive Display in the

Bion R. Cram Library

6 pm Senior Alumni & VIP Dinner (Class of 1974 and older) LaCasce Dining Room in Shaffner Hall

Saturday, August 17

9 am Alumni Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, & Girls Soccer Games

12 noon Barbecue Luncheon

Under Tents on the Quad (Open to all alumni and their guests)

1:30-3 pm Reunion Photos & Social Hour with refreshments & entertainment

School memorabilia available for purchase

2-3 pm Campus Tours leaving from the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center

4-6 pm Reception @ Saco River Brewing

Sunday, August 18 Discount Golf @ Kezar Lake

More events may be added. Invitations and registration forms will be sent out in April 2024. Please contact the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office to start planning your reunion event or want a class list. Let us help you make 2024 your best FA Reunion ever!

For a full schedule of events and photo times, please visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion

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## Greetings to the Fryeburg Academy Community,

Last week, I was officially installed as Head of School at Fryeburg Academy. It was a wonderful ceremony followed by a big home playoff win by our football team. The following are my remarks from the installation ceremony. I hope you find the stories from our long history and those shared in this issue of Scenes as inspiring as I do.

"I am deeply honored to serve as the 55th Head of School at Fryeburg Academy. I thank the Board of Trustees for giving me this opportunity and thank my 54 predecessors for leading this 231-year-old institution to where we are today.

In 218 BC, when Hannibal embarked on crossing the Alps with elephants, his men told him it was impossible. His response was, 'Inveniam viam aut faciam,' Latin for, 'I shall find a way or make one.' This was also the lifelong motto of one of Fryeburg's most famous residents, Admiral Robert Perry, who led the first expedition to reach the North Pole in 1909. Inveniam viam aut faciam is etched into his gravestone in Arlington Cemetery.

Over my 20 years at the Academy, I have come to believe that this expression guides many of my colleagues and board members and was certainly a guiding principle for many of our predecessors.

#### Find a way or make one.

I'll start in 1792 with the Academy's founding. A group of local leaders organized by Reverend William Fessenden petitioned the state of Massachusetts (as Maine was part of Massachusetts at the time) to incorporate the school. The state agreed, and Governor John Hancock signed the charter, and the trustees were granted 12,000 acres of land for the school's support. So began the eighth independent school in the country and the second independent school in Maine. Today, the Academy is the oldest of the town academies, still serving its public purpose by educating local students.

#### Find a way or make one.

Ten years later, in 1902, Daniel Webster, at the age of 21, became the school's leader. While serving as head, Webster stayed at the Oxford House Hotel. He picked up an evening job writing for Lieutenant James Osgood, the Register of Deeds. Through this side work, he was able to earn enough money to cover his room and board and to save his entire year's salary. When he returned to Hanover, he gave his earnings to his brother so he could pay his tuition at Dartmouth.

#### Find a way or make one.

In 1803, Amos Jones Cook, Daniel Webster's friend from Dartmouth, was appointed head of school. Mr. Cook introduced new methods, and the school grew in number and reputation, outgrowing its first building. In 1806, a new, larger building was erected on the site of the present Academy. This was a beautiful two-story building with a bell tower. Mr. Cook served as head for 30 years, making him the second longest-serving and one of the most successful in the school's history.

#### Find a way or make one.

When this second Academy building burned in 1850, classes were held in several buildings across town while a new brick structure, the current main building, was constructed and opened in 1853.

#### Find a way or make one.

Jumping ahead to 1922, Elroy LaCasce became the head of the school; his progressive ideas and development of practical courses helped the school's population to grow significantly. With the help of Harvey Dow Gibson and others, a new gymnasium was built, the athletic fields were expanded, and Curtis and Cutter Halls were added to the main building to meet the needs of the growing population. Mr. LaCasce served for 33 years and is the school's longest-serving head.

#### Find a way or make one.

In the fall of 2005, the Gibson Gym was unfortunately destroyed by fire. The Phoenix Project was launched immediately under the leadership of Dan Lee, David Sturdevant, and the Board of Trustees. Millions of dollars were raised through this campaign, and the Harvey Dow Gibson Athletic Complex, the Wadsworth Arena, and the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center were built.

Immediately following the fire, Headmaster Lee stated, 'There won't be anything that gets canceled because of this fire. We're going to make everything go.' Even though all of the football team's uniforms and equipment were consumed in the blaze, schools from across the state lent helmets and gear so the team could play their scheduled games. Wearing these spare uniforms, the team was nicknamed the Skittles as they played out their remaining schedule.



#### Find a way or make one.

In March 2020, with the arrival of the pandemic, Fryeburg Academy was one of the first schools in Maine to announce a move to remote learning. We aggressively prepared our teachers, and our students continued to learn remotely that spring through the efforts of our dedicated faculty.

Under the leadership of Head of School Erin Mayo and with the commitment of our faculty, we opened mostly in-person in the fall of 2020. By the time the 2020-2021 school year was completed, more in-person learning time occurred at the Academy than at almost any high school across the State of Maine and much of the country.

#### Find a way or make one.

Just two years ago, Mr. Brad Littlefield and Mr. Gerry Durgin of the Board of Trustees brought forth a proposal to install a turf field and lights. It was an idea that had been floated for many years, but the timing was finally right. Quickly, the FAScores Building and Fundraising Committees were formed. In just one year, the money was raised, and the stadium was built. Atwood Stadium has quickly become not only a great source of pride for the community and the athletic program, but it has contributed to greater student participation in athletics and an increase in fans.

#### Find a way or make one.

With travel restrictions and pandemic concerns, our boarding numbers dropped below 75. Through our hard work during the pandemic, our reputation grew, and as soon as it was possible, our admissions team traveled across the globe to meet with parents and students. This fall, we opened with our largest boarding population in the school's history, with more than 180 boarding students.

#### Find a way or make one.

So, as we go forward into this 55th administration of Fryeburg Academy, we must continue to carry out our mission: To serve our students, the local and global community, and the future by providing diverse learning opportunities, fostering achievement and inclusivity, and cultivating responsible citizenship.

To do this, we must rely heavily on our core values: Respect, Diversity, Community, Challenge, Support, and Growth.

So, although we don't know exactly what opportunities and challenges will come our way, we know that we are charged to carry on the legacy of those who came before us. We will have the courage to reach out for the things we cannot see, and we will be a part of the history of continuous growth of Fryeburg Academy and this beautiful campus.

But most importantly, like our predecessors, we will serve and build up the students who attend the Academy during our time here. We will help them grow, not just in skill and knowledge, but as humans. Inveniam viam aut faciam—Together, we will find a way or make one."

I am grateful for this community and for your support.

Thank you.

Joseph Manning Head of School



# Class of 2023 Commencement & Conferral of Diplomas

aturday, May 26, was a beautiful day for Fryeburg Academy's 229th graduation ceremony held on the front lawn of the Academy. Following the processional and invocation, senior choral members Rosa Tepe, Fiona Brosnan, Sam Vallee, and Charlie Anderson performed a gorgeous rendition of *The Star Spangled Banner*, and the Fryeburg Academy *Alma Mater*. Senior class president, Jacob Indeck, welcomed his classmates and guests and turned the ceremony over to class-selected speakers Eliza Thorne, Yeo Bondar, and Andrew Irwin.

Eliza Thorne of Fryeburg remarked, "Like puzzles with millions of unique pieces, our experiences here since that first day have all been different. Though I'm sure, we can all agree that Fryeburg Academy is a special place. It is not the buildings that make it so special, despite their rustic beauty, but the students and faculty between their walls."

Yeo Bondar of Ukraine spoke of her unlikely journey to Fryeburg Academy and shared, "So today, let's celebrate this, celebrate our 'maybes,' celebrate everyone who was and wasn't supposed to be here. And through this, let's come yet a little closer together so that when we part ways, we have a little something to hang on to, something that transcends all the 'maybes' and goes straight from one heart to another. Thank you so much, and congratulations."

Andrew Irwin of Chatham, NH concluded the class speaker portion of the ceremony, encouraging classmates to remember shared experiences. "We started high school with a set of expectations—that everything would go perfectly. Well, it didn't. And here we are now, 5,600 hours of school later, leaving high school with different expectations and skills. And although we all belong to different social circles, we have shared experiences that bond us together. Use them. Use them to reconnect over social media in 20 years. Use them to reminisce at a reunion. Use them to remember these years fondly. Things may not have gone according to our preconceived expectations, but there is plenty for us all to smile about."

Head of School Erin Mayo and President of the Board Christopher Gordon '81 conferred diplomas to the 163 seniors, welcoming them into the alumni ranks. Forty-two of our students received high honors, and 44 received honors.

Following the ceremony, students, families, friends, and faculty members gathered to celebrate, take photos, and say their farewells.



Eliza Thorne class speaker



Both Keyshaw Woitko and James Morrison received LaCasce Scholarships.



Head of School Joseph Manning (55) presents Yeo Bondar with the Gibson Memorial Medal.



Senior Class President Jacob Indeck welcomes guests.



George Mitchell Scholars: Polly Peirce, Bobby Hallam '22, and Gabe McKenney



Head of School Erin Mayo (54) with Astrid Eksund



Tristin Nylin and Ginger Priestman received the Head of School Award from Erin Mayo.



Ashleigh Bariteau marches into the graduation ceremony.



Back row, I to r: Hogan Bemis, Josh Wake, Corbin Blake Front row, I to r: Grace Murley, Sam Winterbottom, and Elsie Leonard



Bryce Richardson, Joao Teixeira Orlando, Dan Thomas (coach and faculty member), Cam Johnson, and Geri Daiu



Head of School Joseph Manning (55) with Brooke Gerry



Caleb Micklon and Ally Southwick



Andy Irwin senior class speaker



Soo Oh and Bryan Martinez Chavez received the Barbara Douglass International Ambassador Award.



Rosa Tepe, Violet Brosnan, Charlie Anderson, and Sam Vallee performed The Star Spangled Banner.



Chris Kwon and family members celebrate his achievement.

#### FRYEBURG ACADEMY **CLASS OF 2023 AWARDS**

16th Masonic District Award: Kevin J. Briggs, Zachary B. Eastman, Victoria (Audrey) L. A. Harris

The Philip G. Andrews Family Award: Seth J. R. Riddensdale, Chloe Sartory

Joseph R. Austin Football Award: Haden A. Fox, Gabriel McKenney Richard Beckhard Memorial Scholarship: James P. Morrison Theodore P. Blaich Social Studies Award: Chloe Sartory

Wallace Blake Scholarship: Kacey-Jane E. Clark Boyle Fund Award: Beverly A. Brooks, Bethany Burnell Brian Lunt '78 Memorial Scholarship: Kacey-Jane E. Clark

Brooks Family Scholarship: Bryce A. Richardson Terry Buck '74 Scholarship: Peyton B. McMurtray

2023 Certificate of Arts: Kacey-Jane E. Clark, Ava Frechette, Elsie Leonard,

Gege (Grace) Liu, MaryJane L. Owens, May Ki-ok (May) Shin Chatham Historical Society Award: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

Class of 1950 Award: Jaemin (Chris) Kwon

Class of 1972 Awards: Meredith A. Day, Patrick Harris

The Robert S. Crabtree Service Award: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

David Leddy Construction Technology Scholarship: Dylan J. Gilpatric,

Ashley D. Watson

Deans' Cup: May Ki-ok Shin

Denmark Lions Club Scholarships: Alegra B. Bartlett, Kevin J. Briggs,

Kacey-Jane E. Clark, Bryce A. Richardson

Jaden Dennery Armed Forces Award: Tristin Nylin Richard Denney Scholarship: Caleb R. Micklon

Barbara Douglass Intercultural Ambassador Award: Bryan R. Martinez

Chavez, Sooyeon (Soo) Oh

Drama Awards: Violet P. Brosnan, Ava Frechette

Embark Scholarship: Myla M. Gillis

Erickson Award: Gabriel (Gabe) S. McKenney John Fordyce Prize: Joao V. Teixeira Orlando

Charles E. and Blanche M. Fox Award: Bryan R. Martinez Chavez

Susan Harnden Fox Wrestling Award: Haden A. Fox

John Freeman Memorial Award: Bethany (Beth) E. Burnell

Ruth Shaw French Award: Abigail A. Paulding

Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association Awards: Andrew R. (Andy) Irwin, Ainsley C. Foster, Colton E. McCarthy, Bryce A. Richardson, May Ki-Ok (May) Shin, Hannah W. Nguyen, Eliza B. Thorne

Fryeburg Academy Soccer Award: Jacob P. Adams

Fryeburg Academy Spanish Award: Ava Frechette, Kyungyoon (Yuna) Lee

Fryeburg Academy Teachers Association Awards: Ava Frechette,

Abigail (Abbie) A. Paulding

Fryeburg Area Rotary Club Scholarship: Kevin J. Briggs, Ainsley C. Foster, Andrew R. (Andy) Irwin, Derek A. Maxim, Eliza B. Thorne, Michael J. Trumbull

Fryeburg Lions Club Scholarship: James P. Morrison, Meredith A. Day Fryeburg Recreation Department's Dick Cote Community Service Award:

Caleb R. Micklon

Gaige McCue Scholarship: Rylee A. McCabe Gibson Memorial Medal: Yeo Bondar

Priscilla MacGillivray Goff Award: Yunfei (Sophia) Sun

Graustein Award: Allison (Ally) M. Southwick, Gabe S. McKenney

Clifford L. Grav Baseball Award: Caleb R. Micklon Stella N. and Lawrence M. Gray Award: Daniel L. Day Stella Nickerson Gray Award: Sooyeon (Soo) Oh

Greater Lovell Land Trust Scholarship: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

Grover Women's Athletic Award: Eliza B. Thorne

James Hadlock '62 Memorial Scholarship: Caleb R. Micklon.

Thomas Ontengco, Eliza B. Thorne

George Haley Prize: May Ki-ok (May) Shin

Lester W. Hammond Jr. Award: Anna (Yeo) Bondar Cal and Sally Harnden Award: Derek A. Maxim

Peter Hastings '53 Memorial Scholarship: Noah K. O'Connell **Head of School Awards:** William A. Guthro, Virginia Priestman

Eldon W. Heartz Track Award: Jacob P. Adams

Dorothy P. Ingraham Award: Samantha (Sam) E. Winterbottom

Joan Irish Award: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

Flora Katsiaficas Scholarship: MaryJane L. Owens

Kendal C. and Anna Ham Charitable Foundation Scholarship:

Lilianah P. Amazeen, Ava Frechette, Magnolia W. Peirce, Pauline L. Peirce, Virginia (Ginger) Priestman, Seth J. R. Riddensdale, Chloe Sartory,

Eli T. Schor, Rosa M. Tepe, MaryJane L. Owens



FA celebrates generations: 2023 grads and alumni family members



Knights of Pythias Award: Bryce A. Richardson

LaCasce Awards: James P. Morrison, Shirkeyshaw (Keyshaw) M. Woitko

Ralph M. Larrabee Award: Anna (Yeo) Bondar

Lovell Lions Club Scholarships: Ainsley C. Foster, Caleb R. Micklon,

Grace E. Murley

Vincent Manoriti Memorial Book Award: Chloe Sartory

Paul "Skip" McBride Memorial Award: Owen K. Galligan, Eliza B. Thorne

Warren B. & John W. McKeen Educational Foundation: Caleb R. Micklon

Medical Staff at Memorial Hospital Scholarship: Hannah W. Nguyen

MELMAC Education Scholarship: Gabriel (Gabe) McKenney Memorial Hospital Healthcare Scholarships Volunteers

Scholarship Program: Ashleigh G. Bariteau

Priscilla Higgins Merrifield French Award: Kacey-Jane E. Clark

Milestones Federal Credit Union Scholarship: Ainsley C. Foster

Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship: Pauline (Polly) L. Peirce

Senator George J. Mitchell Wes Bonney Scholarship: Gabriel McKenney

Mountain Garden Club Alice T. Madden Scholarship:

Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

Eva Mulford Music Scholarship: Kacey-Jane E. Clark

North Country Cares Scholarship: Bethany (Beth) E. Burnell,

Rylee A. McCabe, Gabriel (Gabe) S. McKenney, Georgiana J. Steadman

Oliver Award: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

Rachel M. Osgood Scholarship: Ainsley C. Foster

Susan Souther Page English Certificate: Kacey-Jane E. Clark

Frank Petillo Memorial Excellence in Arts Award: Sooyeon (Soo) Oh

Major Clayton Warren Pike and Margaret E. Pike Science Prize:

Phuoc (John) B. Le

Pingree-Trumbull Scholarship: Ashley D. Watson

Poland Spring Good Science Scholarships: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin,

Gege (Grace) Liu, James P. Morrison

Tom Quinn Scholarship: Zachary (Zach) B. Eastman

Raider Pride Booster Club Awards: Alan K. Arthur, William (Will) A. Guthro, James P. Morrison, Grace E. Murley, MaryJane L. Owens, Eliza B. Thorne

Raiders Booster Coaches Awards: Haden A. Fox, Allison (Ally) M. Southwick

Walter A. Robinson Classical Prize: Ainsley C. Foster Charles G. Rutter Industrial Arts Award: Grady D. York

Madeline A. Savard Medical Award: Alegra B. Bartlett

Bill Sayles Award: Charles (Charlie) M. Anderson

Senior Esprit de Corps Award: Eliza B. Thorne, Grady D. York

Settlers' Green Outlet Village Scholarship: Virginia (Ginger) Priestman

Frank W. Shaw Post #137 American Legion Award: Georgiana J. Steadman

Denise T. Stacy Scholarship: Isabella (Bella) R. Lane Technical Theater Award: Seth J. R. Riddensdale

Tin Mountain Conservation Center Scholarship: Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin

Elizabeth W. Tinker Prize - Math: Kyungyoon (Yuna) Lee

Elizabeth W. Tinker Prize - French: Abigail (Abbey) M. Ontengco

Elizabeth W. Tinker Prize - History: Andrew R. (Andy) Irwin

Angel Torres "Tony" Book Award: Ashley D. Watson

Harry G. True Basketball Award: Camden (Cam) G. Johnson

Harry G. True and Sandra G. True Memorial Scholarship: Jaden T. Davis

Daniel E. Turner Award: Brooke L. Gerry

Andrew B. Welch, Life Science Award: Gege (Grace) Liu

**Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award:** 

Gabriel S. (Gabe) McKenney, Eliza B. Thorne

John F. Weston Award: May Ki-ok (May) Shin

White Mountain Milers Gretchen B. Hatch Scholarship:

Andrew (Andy) R. Irwin, Eliza B. Thorne

Worthington Foundation Scholarship: Jaden T. Davis, Meredith A. Day, William A. Hallam, Gabriel (Gabe) S. McKenney, Caleb R. Micklon, James P. Morrison, Noah K. O'Connell, Abigail (Abbie) A. Paulding, Jason (J.J.) A. Piper, Isaac A. Twombly-Wiser, Samuel (Sam) J. Vallee,

Shirkeyshaw (Keyshaw) M. Woitko



Soo Oh and Chloe Nkuranga Kampire



Haden Fox, Chad Smith, and Gabe McKenney

#### FRYEBURG ACADEMY CLASS OF 2023 College Acceptances and Matriculations

3IS (Paris, France)

Aberystwyth University

Adelphi University

Alfred University

Arizona State University (Main Campus)

**Auburn University** 

Auburn University at Montgomery

Augustana College

**Bates College** 

**Bentley University** 

**Berklee College of Music** 

**Binghamton University** 

**Boston University** 

**Bowdoin College** 

**Brandeis University** 

**Bridgewater State University** 

**Bryant University** 

California College of the Arts

**Cape Cod Community College** 

Case Western Reserve University

**Castleton University** 

**Central Maine Community College** 

Champlain College

**Clark University** 

Cleveland State University

Colby-Sawyer College

Columbia College (Chicago) Concordia University (Montreal)

CUNY Borough of Manhattan Community College

**CUNY City College** 

**CUNY Hunter College** 

CUNY John Jay College of Criminal Justice

Dean College

Dickinson College

**Doshisha University** 

**Drexel University** 

**Eastern Florida State College** 

Eastern Michigan University

Elon University

**Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University** 

(Daytona Beach)

**Emerson College** 

**Emmanuel College** 

**Endicott College** 

Fisher College

Florida Gulf Coast University

Florida Institute of Technology

Florida International University

Fordham University

Framingham State University

George Mason University

Gettysburg College

Hobart and William Smith Colleges

**Husson University** 

Indiana University (Bloomington)

**Johnson University Florida** 

Johnson & Wales University (Providence)

Keene State College

Kenyon College

Knox College

Leeds Beckett University (UK)

Lesley University

Liverpool John Moores University

Maine College of Art & Design

Marian University

**Marshalltown Community College** 

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts Massachusetts College of Pharmacy and

Health Sciences

McDaniel College

McGill University

Merrimack College

Miami University (Oxford)

Michigan State University

Montana State University

**Mount Holyoke College** 

**New England College** 

**New School** 

**New York University** 

**Nichols College** 

Northeast Technical Institute

**North Shore Community College** 

**Northeastern University** 

Northern Illinois University

Nova Southeastern University

Ohio State University (Main Campus)

Onondaga Community College

Oregon State University

Otis College of Art and Design

Pellissippi State Community College

Penn State University (University Park)

Plymouth State University

Purdue University (Main Campus)

**Reed College** 

Rochester Institute of Technology

**Roosevelt University** 

Rutgers University (Newark)

Saint Anselm College

Saint Joseph's College of Maine

Saint Michael's College

**Salem State University** 

Salisbury University

**Salve Regina University** 

Santa Barbara City College

Sarah Lawrence College

Savannah College of Art and Design

School of the Art Institute of Chicago

**School of Visual Arts Simmons University** 

**Smith College** 

Southern Illinois University (Carbondale)

**Southern Maine Community College** 

Southern New Hampshire University Springfield College

St. Lawrence University

St. Thomas University

Stonehill College

Stony Brook University SUNY at Albany

SUNY Buffalo State University

SUNY University at Buffalo

**Temple University** 

**Texas A&M International University** 

**Texas Tech University** 

The College of Wooster

University of Alabama University of Montana

University of Tampa

**University of Texas at Austin** 

**Thomas College** 

Tufts University

**University of Arizona** 

University of British Columbia

University of California (Davis)

University of California (Irvine)

University of California (Riverside)

University of California (San Diego)

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University of Central Florida

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University of North Carolina at Asheville

University of North Carolina Wilmington

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## Welcome New Faculty & Staff, 2023-24!

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

The 2023-24 school year brings a talented group of new faculty and staff to our community. We extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our newest team members.

**Nicki Chewning** rejoined the Academy community this summer as director of residential life. Nicki spent five years here as a biology teacher, dorm parent, and coach prior to leaving in 2004 and spending twelve years at Memorial Hospital as an imaging technologist. She returned to FA in 2012 to establish and direct the Outlook Program through 2018. At that time, Nicki moved into school administration in SAU 9 as director of the Mount Washington Valley Academy and Eagle Academy programs;

in 2022, she became Kennett High School's dean of students. Nicki's undergraduate degrees in Science are from UNH and SMCC; she also has an M.S. in Education from USM and has done advanced studies there in Educational Leadership.

In June, the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations expanded its team to include alumna **Keri Apt Montague '00** as an associate director. Keri has primary responsibility for the Academy Fund, our school's annual fundraising campaign, and alongside Dawn and Lakyn, she is a key steward for FA's alumni body. Keri received a B.S. in Sports and Recreation Management from New England College, after which she embarked on a career focused on parks and recreation administration in South Windsor, CT. In 2021, Keri and her family moved back to Fryeburg; she most recently worked for the town of Bridgton as deputy director of community development.

FA's Business Office has welcomed office associate **Belle Stafford**, who is responsible for accounts receivable billing, purchasing, and the daily operation of our campus store. Belle has a B.A. in German from Middlebury College and a breadth of experience in business and office bookkeeping and management, most recently serving as business manager at the Northeast Woodland Chartered Public School in Conway—Belle—the mother of FA alum Wells Stafford '19.



Back row, I to r: Michael Holtgrefe, Dwyer Grimes, Keri Apt Montague '00, Caitlin Johnson, Ian Factor; Front row, I to r: David Shepard, Dang Tran, Matt Freniere, Nicki Chewning, Emily Endor, and Jeannie Woodward

Artur Fass joins the admissions team as the Associate Director of Admissions. Originally from Estonia, Artur first came to the U.S. as an international boarding school student. He then attended Colby College and has made Maine his home ever since. For the past seven years, Artur has worked at Maine Central Institute, where he served in a variety of roles: humanities teacher, ESL department head, dorm parent, summer program residential director, director of partnerships, and admissions associate. He is also a live-in dorm parent in Frye Hall,.

Chris Clynes, originally from Rhode Island, joins the IT Department with 22 years of experience in multiple IT roles. For the last seven and a half years, Chris has been an IS Analyst for Keys Energy Services, the electric utility for the city of Key West, FL. His family recently moved to Fryeburg, and his daughter is a freshman at FA.

**Emily Ender** joins Leslie Stryker in the library as an aide. Emily is new to Conway-Fryeburg as of last spring. She is a Smith College graduate majoring in Latin and Greek and has lived all over the Eastern half of the US and two foreign countries. She also works as the External Relations Director for the Pope Memorial Library in North Conway.

**David Shepard, III,** takes over as coordinator of substitute teachers and testing (the role held by recently retired, Sally Gibson) and just moved to Maine from Georgia after 30 years in the school systems there where he held many roles, including teacher, coach, and administrator. He holds a B.S. from Troy State University, a M.Ed. from the University of Phoenix, and an Ed.S. from Columbus State University.

In academic news, we welcome, **Dwyer Grimes** to FA's Math Department! Dwyer hails from Sandy Hook, CT, and earned his bachelor's degree from Montana State University. He has taught for one year and enjoys fly fishing, drawing, baseball, running, and ultimate frisbee. Dwyer enjoys music, writes songs, and plays the guitar as well as the keyboard. He is a dorm parent in Frye Hall

Also joining the Math Department is **Matt Freniere**, of Wellesley, MA, who graduated from Colgate University with a double major in biology and sociology. Matt worked for two years in Boston as a research coordinator at Tufts Medical Center, assisting the Infectious Diseases Department with several clinical trials and studies. He is an avid skier and musician (he plays the piano, saxophone, guitar, and bass guitar).

The English Department is happy to welcome **Jeannie Woodward**, who was raised in Winthrop, MA, and earned her bachelor of arts in history with a minor in sociology at UMASS Amherst. After eight years of traveling, living and working at three western ski resorts, with a year in the middle on St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, she moved back East. Jeannie and her husband, **Dan Woodward '01**, live in Lovell with their two children, Vera (6) and Ellis (4).

Amanda Hayford joins us to teach film. She is a native of the Mount Washington Valley, graduating from Kennett High School and Keene State College in 2014 with a degree in film. After living in all four corners of the country, where she worked at ski areas, state parks, and theme parks, she moved back to New Hampshire to be closer to family. Her hobbies are skiing, snowboarding, filmmaking, crafts, and music. Amanda plays the mandolin and fiddle and hopes to learn the piano, guitar, upright bass, and banjo someday.

**Caitlin Johnson** is our new Arrow/Special Services co-teacher. Caitlin grew up in Hiram, ME, and she spent the last 10 years teaching in international schools, most recently at an American School in Hong Kong. She loves tap dancing, running, reading, and being outdoors and is excited for her first year at Fryeburg Academy!

Ian Factor, our new art teacher, received his formal training at the DeCordova Museum School in Lincoln, MA, the Museum of Fine Arts School, the Massachusetts College of Art in Boston, the Art Students League, and the National Academy in New York City while earning his B.F.A from the School of Visual and Performing Arts at Syracuse University and his M.F.A from the New York Academy of Art. When not teaching, running his non-profit gallery and center for the arts in Bridgton, or working in the studio, he can be found in the mountains snowboarding, mountain biking, hiking, kayaking, and practicing tai chi and kung fu. (see article on pages 12-13)

**Corrie St. Saviour** joins us to teach biology. Her education and work experience is in forest/ecological research, and she has taught science in formal and informal settings. She earned degrees from Rochester Institute of Technology (B.S.) and the University of Vermont (M.S.). Corrie first worked in the area almost 20 years ago but moved here full-time in 2010, eventually building a home, starting a maple sugaring operation, and a family.

The science department also welcomes **Alanna Yanelli**, who will teach environmental science. Alanna was born and raised in Sebago, ME. She and her husband now own the house she grew up in, and her daughter is a commuter freshman this year at FA. Alanna holds degrees from UMO (B.A.) and USM (M.S.) and has worked primarily as an outdoor educator; this will be her first year within classroom walls. She enjoys the FA school garden and hiking in the White Mountains.

**Dang Tran** is our new chemistry and physics teacher. He grew up in Vietnam and graduated from the University of Massachusetts/Amherst's College of Natural Sciences with a B.A in physics.

Ann Chappell has returned to teach ESOL! Ann is a veteran team member, working at FA from 1999-2023 in various positions, including Ed tech, teacher, residential life, tutor, and sub ... and she served as a live-in dorm parent for 14 years! Ann's six children are all FA grads.



## FA's New Art Teacher, Ian Factor, **Unveils His Vision for Visual Arts**

an Factor is the newest member of the Fine Arts Department and has big goals for the future of FA's visual arts. With a newly renovated space, he is off to a great start and excited about how things are going so far!

#### What is the most exciting aspect of joining Fryeburg Academy's Fine Arts Department?

"The opportunity to build a new visual arts program with new courses and a new focus, including coordinating and designing the newly renovated and equipped studio spaces, with such incredible support from the administration and wonderful colleagues. After teaching art and design for more than 20 years in higher education, opening and running my own non-profit art academies and working with students all over the world, coming "home" to the Northeast and Maine and becoming part of the special and unique community at FA is beyond exciting."

#### What are your hopes and vision for art at FA?

"To continue what Steve Pullan (my predecessor) had built —a welcoming and open environment for anyone to feel comfortable expressing themselves through the visual arts, but at the same time bringing a high level of academic, technical, and conceptual training to the students who are looking for, and are interested in that mode of education. One of the main points of this is to fully prepare the students who are focused on pursuing the visual arts past high school. This includes post-secondary training, art school, atelier training, and eventually working as a full-time visual artist. I plan to have more opportunities for the art students both inside the Academy walls and outside, regionally, nationally, and internationally. It's great how open and enthusiastic all of the art instructors are for collaboration and inter/cross-disciplinary programming for the students. This applies to so many of the instructors I've been speaking with in other departments as well. It really is such a healthy and important principle and practice that I see being explored and expressed here at FA."

#### How do you feel about your new space, and the impact will it have on the program?

"The redesigned and renovated studios are still a work in progress, and I plan to have things (more or less) completed by the end of this fall semester. I spent some time in the older



Ian Factor works with Kassidy Jordan '27 in the new studio setting.

studios before the work was started, and it's like night and day. The new studios are much brighter and more open. I have ordered all new furniture for the 2D studios where I teach Art I, Narrative Image Making/Illustration, the Portfolio Class, and run the Art Internship. We have a lot of new equipment, tools, and supplies that take the physical space and facilities of the art studios beyond many of the college and university art departments I've taught at.

I plan to spend winter break setting up the sculpture and ceramics studio with a new kiln, a new ventilation system, and a lot of new equipment and furniture to make the making more fun, easier, and more efficient for the students. I have a group of seven incredible Art Interns whom I've been working with daily to set up and organize all of the spaces, and every



New wooden H-Frame studio easels, high-end drafting tables, rolling storage carts and cabinets, new overhead LED lighting, as well as a portable studio lighting system are just some of the new acquisitions that give art students like Brie Charest '25 a more specialized and professional experience.

day, it feels closer to completion, so the process has been exciting and meaningful for all of us.

As the students spend more time in the studios and complete more work, we will get more work up on the walls and around the space. The creative energy of the studios will continue to evolve, and the spaces will feel more and more comfortable and welcoming while maintaining a sense of mindfulness, organization, and focus. I want the students to think of the studio spaces as *their* space, thus an extension of themselves. The spaces are a living, breathing entity, and as the students put more mind, time, and energy into the work they create, respecting the space, the tools, equipment, and supplies as they should their own selves, the spaces will reflect that. This will carry over to every other aspect of their lives."

#### How has your first semester at FA been?

"It's been an amazing first couple of months here. The staff and faculty are incredible, so welcoming, supportive, and encouraging. It's been an overwhelming amount of work since April when I began planning the space with Joe Manning, Joe Minnich, Mike Sakash, and so many other administrators, working with all of the contractors through the summer, ordering supplies, equipment, and furniture, designing all new curricula and courses, and going through all of the new faculty training and orientation. It's been a lot, and I'd be lying if I said it hasn't been exhausting! But the energy here at FA is so unique and so positive, and every night when I'm driving home, I feel happy about how much we've accomplished in such a short time, I feel grateful for the opportunity to build something so powerful and meaningful."



## **Ethan St. Pierre:**

## Scholar, Athlete, and Musician

BY CHARLIE TRYDER

hen describing Ethan St. Pierre, class dean, Sue Thurston, paints a picture of a carefree spirit. According to Thurston, if you meet Ethan walking down the hall you are likely to be greeted by a guy wearing a "smirky, almost guilty smile." Thurston's description suggests Ethan might be looking to cause some chaos, but she quickly follows up her description with a heartfelt compliment, "Ethan is just a wonderful young man! He's a good athlete, good musician, and good person overall."

Like many outstanding student-athletes at Fryeburg Academy, Ethan has explored a number of areas of student life. Along with playing soccer and skiing for four years, Ethan engaged himself in the music department along the way. Mike Sakash, the FA music director, describes Ethan's involvement in the music program enthusiastically, "Ethan has been an integral part of the music program since his freshman year. As part of the band, rock band, pit orchestra for FA's musicals, jazz combos, and big band he has performed with FA's groups in honors festivals, campus concerts, performances at the Fryeburg Fair, and jazz festivals throughout Maine. Ethan is not afraid of taking on challenges and works methodically to achieve his musical goals. In recent years, as Fryeburg Academy's groups travel to jazz festivals, his work with the rhythm section of FA's Big Band and jazz combos has received many commendations and awards. What makes his work in the music program so notable is the fact that he strives to make the group sound better as a whole, and does not seek the spotlight. This is a trait that I'm sure he brings to the soccer and skiing program."

Jim St. Pierre, Ethan's dad and youth soccer coach, also highlights the methodical and determined approach to improvement that Sakash mentions, "I coached Ethan for nine years in soccer, from kindergarten through 8th grade. He is so coachable, maybe the most coachable kid I've ever worked with. He will practice relentlessly at something until he gets it. Even as a four year old, he learned how to ride a bike because he wouldn't give up. From sun-up to supper, he was on that bike until he could balance. He is always trying to improve."

According to dad, Ethan was only occasionally annoying, "Besides the aggravating habit of always trying to hit a ball through my legs whenever I spoke to his teams, he was agreeable,



enthusiastic and has always been a positive, encouraging leader on the field."

Ethan recalls his soccer experience with dad positively while he speaks of his love for the game, "I've played sports since I can remember with my dad coaching until high school. Soccer has always been my favorite because my dad taught it when I was younger and it always gave me sort of immediate friends on the team."

The extensive experiences with soccer at the youth and middle school levels paid off for Ethan with a varsity position as a ninth grader. Raider soccer coach Bob Hodgman-Burns saw something special to keep him on the varsity team his first year at FA. When discussing Ethan's high school soccer career, Hodgman-Burns emphasizes Ethan's willingness to take on a role that is best for the team even if it doesn't serve his own self interest. Hodgman-Burns explains, "Ethan has been a varsity player since his freshman year. He is a captain this year and has anchored our defense all season. He was slated to play in the midfield this year, but I've had to use him in the defense because of our lack of experience back there. He has accepted this defensive role with enthusiasm and has never shown any disappointment in my decision. He is a good leader and player.

He manages his academic work along with his athletic and musical commitments very well. Ethan is an all around fine young man that I enjoy coaching."

Ethan's willingness to play defense when he hoped to step into a midfield position as a senior reflects a humility that is core to his make up. Ethan's description of his biggest takeaway from his athletic experience reflects this humility, "I am not sure what the right word is, but I learned how to commit to something even if you're not the best on the field."

For Ethan, the value of the athletic experience lies in large part with the camaraderie and bonds formed with teammates; "The best memories were running over to the keeper and ringing the bell after a win."

one of the humanities. While discussing his primary academic interest, it would not be surprising to see him study something social studies related, "History has always interested me. I took AP US history last year and I'm taking AP European history this year."

In this fall of his senior year, while finishing his college applications, Ethan shares the following message for future Raiders, "Start preparing for college. You don't have to pick one immediately, just make sure your transcript and reels are getting done."

Being the practical soul that he is, Ethan summarizes his FA experience straightforwardly. He recognizes that life sometimes is predestined and we have little choice at times, but that doesn't mean we can't make the choice to savor the opportunities we have, "Although I didn't have much of a choice going to Fryeburg Academy because my father works there, I wouldn't have chosen differently if I did."

Ethan's impact on the FA student life scene has been significant, though perhaps a bit understated. The reality is that all too often the squeaky wheel gets the oil, and Ethan just keeps moving forward with a quiet determination. He is the guy who goes about his business, contributes generously, and appreciates the opportunity that he has been given. Sakash, who hinted that Ethan's approach to music paralleled his athletic and academic approach, sums up Ethan's presence at FA succinctly, "He's a perfect example of the athlete, scholar, musician."

Another takeaway from his varied student life ventures is the theme of friendship. When asked what he values most from his experience playing athletics at FA, he points to the number of friends both local and from around the world that soccer brought into his life. For Ethan, the value of the athletic experience lies in large part with the camaraderie and bonds formed with teammates, "The best memories were running over to the keeper and ringing the bell after a win."

Ethan is not sure where he will be next year, but he definitely plans to attend college. He would like to play soccer and music, but he is not sure what he will major in or what he wants to do professionally in the future. He does, interestingly enough, know that he wants to minor in philosophy.

Academically, Ethan focuses on the humanities and more specifically history, so it would not be surprising if he majors in

### **Isabel Macht:**

## A Renaissance Woman

BY CHARLIE TRYDER

laying athletics at the high school level requires time management skills for any student-athlete, but for Isabel Macht, a three season athlete, a student council president, a musician, an actress, and an outstanding student taking a challenging curriculum, it was essential for survival. Isabel believes that it is her involvement in athletics that enabled her to hone her time management skills to a new level at Fryeburg Academy.

In the fall, Isabel runs cross country, and in the winter, she communes with the natural world while nordic skiing through the Maine woods. In the spring, Isabel returns to running as a member of the track team. It is not lost on her that she has a packed schedule, "To participate in athletics I have to make sure that I take care of classroom things like homework and practicing music. I happily do it all because I wouldn't want to go to school without athletics."





Unlike many athletes who tell of following their love of athletics at a young age, Isabel didn't start playing any of her chosen sports until middle school. At that time, she started running cross country and track, but it wasn't until high school that she started cross country skiing. She recalls the start of her nordic career, "I had never nordic skied before, but

I was convinced by my friends on the cross country team to try it, even though it was a tough decision, it was well worth it."

Nordic coach John Weston is pleased that Isabel made the decision to join the FAST group, "Last year was Isabel's second year on the team. She was the top racer for the girls all season and competed in every race. She has a warm personality and is involved in many school activities. She is the leader for the girls both on and off the trails."

Isabel doesn't have a favorite sport—or maybe you could say, they are all favorites, "I love all the sports I currently play equally but for different reasons. I love the small team vibe and the meditation of a long run alongside someone during cross country. I love the conversations I have had and the relaxation from school that only cross country gives. I love nordic because I get to be outside in the dark winters in Maine and enjoy how I can stay warm even though it is freezing. I love nature too. I love track for the endless opportunities to try new things."

Even when playing a particular sport, Isabel thrives on experiencing a variety of events. Her main event in track is the 400m, but she also runs the 100m, 200m, 300m hurdles, 800m, the 1600m, 4 x 100m, 4 x 400m, and has recently started doing the high jump. Track coach Trevor Hope touches upon Isabel's openness to new experiences, "Isabel was our captain for the last outdoor track and field season. She enjoyed participating in a lot of the relays and was willing to try new events. The past season she continued to work on high jump which she had started learning the previous season and qualified for states! Isabel is very coachable and has a lot of natural talent to go with it."

Beyond Isabel's talent, Coach Hope appreciates Isabel's influence on the team, "She is a very gifted athlete and leader. The younger athletes look to her for guidance and she always takes the time to demonstrate or direct them where to go or what to do. As coaches we always appreciate her commitment to the team and willingness to help."

In the classroom, Isabel loves studying Mandarin, science, and history. Her interest in history springs from the joy of "learning about the past and thinking about if I was in the positions of the people I learn about, what would I do?" While she loves learning

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the Mandarin language, she also values learning about Chinese culture. Science, and in particular developing a better understanding of the human body, also intrigues Isabel. The connection between sports and the classroom becomes clear to her in classes that study physiology, "I think that athletics has definitely added to my love

of human anatomy and food science because I am living proof that moving your body and one's diet can have immense impacts on you."

In addition to the hours spent doing classwork and athletics, Isabel has participated in musicals, both onstage and backstage. She plays the violin, but decided to try yet another instrument last year and took up the clarinet. And still other student life engagements include being student council president her junior year and a member of the Model United Nation club.

Isabel will be attending college next year, but she is not sure where at this time early in her senior year, but she possesses a clear idea of what she will study, "I plan on going to college (ah college applications) for nutrition science, sustainable agriculture and hopefully a masters in public health. I really want to help feed the people on this planet without killing the planet."

As Isabel thinks about what she appreciates about her FA experience, her mind turns to the FA faculty, "I appreciate how understanding teachers are to early athletic dismissals which shows just how much Fryeburg Academy is more than a classroom but a whole, kind, little world."

Reminiscing further, Isabel recalls her ninth grade year and offers this for guidance to the incoming classes at FA in the coming years, "As basic as this sounds, put yourself out there and join a club or two, and please please please join a sports team (preferably a running sport especially if you are unsure). You will make some of the best friendships. Also to the ninth graders who are only here to get into college, live in the moment and to the ninth graders goofing off, think big picture."

When listening to Isabel and the people who work with her, it is apparent that Isabel's interests, skills, and abilities possess both the breadth and depth befitting the Renaissance woman label. Along with the theme of broad and deep interests, another theme that courses through all of her pursuits is that Isabel cares about others. It is not surprising that she is interested in finding a way to help feed her fellow human beings in an environmentally sustainable manner. The Fryeburg Academy community will miss Isabel, but we all look forward to hearing of her future pursuits and her impact on the world at large.

## **FA Fall Sports Photo Gallery**

BY LAKYN OSGOOD ELA '12



Barbara Stumpf Artero '24 cruises along in the home cross-country race.



James Lougee '25



header in their game against Traip Academy.



Gabby Udoto '24 with a dodge in the game against Lake Region on the turf field.



Gunnar Saunders '24 makes a great catch in the home opener against Westbrook.







Oren Monteith '27 navigates the course during a mountain bike race.



Greta Hermanson '25



Sally Baptista '26 with a breakaway against Wells.



Cross-country team captains Isabel Macht '24 and Arkie Baptista '24

FA Golfers ready for action! Quin Hagerty '25, Sean Davis '24, Ethan Lord '24, Cody Davis '27, Quinn Dickey '25, Sam Day '25, Richard Massey '26, and Cam Chappell '27



The Raiders warm up prior to their home opener on September 8th against Westbrook. Despite multiple delays due to weather, the game ended with a high scoring Fryeburg win.

## Alumni Wrestlers Pay It Forward

hanks to the generosity of our wrestling alumni and friends, Fryeburg Academy wrestlers will practice and compete on a new, competition-sized mat this year. The new mat, featuring the FA center logo, serves as a reminder that Fryeburg wrestling is thriving.

Fryeburg Academy's Athletic Director, John Gordon '80, who is not only an accomplished FA and college wrestler but also a nationally recognized coach, couldn't be happier with the acquisition. He anticipates a bright future for FA wrestling.

"I am a firm believer that an important part of program building involves nurturing a supportive sport-specific community surrounding a team. Fryeburg Academy is unique and fortunate to have a committed wrestling network that crosses generations. In short order, an appeal to wrestling alums of FA, generated the funds necessary to purchase a third mat, which will serve the program and wrestling in Maine for years to come. We aspire to be one of the centers of wrestling in the state while catering to the ongoing development of Raider wrestlers. This third mat will support our interest in hosting regional, state, and invitational tournaments, along with supporting a growing youth wrestling program and creating camp and clinic opportunities. And it looks great! Thanks to the extended Fryeburg Academy wrestling community for their generosity, dedication, and ongoing support of the sport and the program—one of the original six in Maine high school wrestling!"



Chad Smith, director of campus safety and wrestling coach, Joey Fusco '24 wrestling captain, and John Gordon '80 athletic director are ready for the season to begin and are proud of the new mat.

#### Special thanks to:

Brendan Dagan '00, Doug Dagan '98, Lakyn Osgood Ela '12, John Gordon '80, Chris Gordon '81, Marc Greaney '87, Thomas and Susie Sudduth Hammond '93, Ryan Kelly '82, Paul '83 and Leigh Bucknell Kiesman '86, Scott Lebhar '76, Karl Leiter '70, Ken McDermith '84, James Pollina '69, Matt Rombaldi '93, Craig Urquhart '72, Josh Walker '06 and Wynn Resorts.





The alumni field hockey game always draws a crowd over Reunion Weekend

## **REUNION 2023: Tried and True and Something New!**

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eunion 2023 welcomed back favorite traditions and added a few new events to the mix. It was the laughter and stories shared over the weekend that made for a truly special event, leaving everyone with new memories and a renewed sense of connection.

The weekend kicked off in style on Friday evening with the senior alumni cocktail reception (first post-Covid) that had the Bion R. Cram Library buzzing with excitement. Several hundred guests enjoyed drinks and snacks while viewing the Archive Display created by **Barb Hill '74**. The event set the perfect tone for the Senior Alumni & VIP Banquet that followed in Shaffner Hall's LaCasce Dining Room, with Seafood Newburgh and Prime Rib back on the menu to everyone's delight. Head of School, Joe Manning, welcomed alumni and reminded them of the invaluable bonds they share and their important role as stewards of the school.

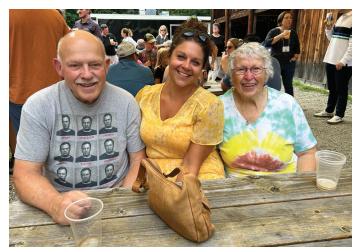
The highlight of the evening was the awarding of the prestigious 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award presented by **Dana Charles '83** to **Debbie Osgood Urgese '74**. Applause filled the room as Debbie accepted the award—a special moment for all in attendance.

The next morning, alumni descended upon the athletic fields, ready to show off their skills against FA teams. The field hockey action sizzled on the turf, while the boys and girls soccer teams battled it out on the grass fields. Each participating alumni received a commemorative t-shirt and were proudly wearing their FA swag.

The fun didn't stop there! The first-ever Reunion Barbecue kicked off at noon on the Quad and under the tents. Guests mingled, enjoyed amazing food, engaged in friendly lawn games, and were entertained by the musical talents of **Jeremy Holden '10** and Ed Bonello. Campus tours, led by FA students, and reunion class photos highlighted the afternoon.

Later on, the celebration continued with some folks heading to Saco Brewing for a taste of local flavor, while other classes ventured to off-campus sites for evening gatherings. Laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of nostalgia filled the air, making Reunion 2023 an unforgettable success.

Many thanks to all who contributed to making the weekend a success, and a special thanks to our chef, **Jonny Anderson '03**, and his incredible crew for going above and beyond, as always!



Former faculty Tom Ackley, with daughter Katie Ackley '03, and wife Sue Ackley at the Saco River Brewing social.



Janet Burnell Baker '68, Edward Thompson '68, and Alan Fox '68



The FA boys' soccer team played against the alumni comprised of classes ranging from 1988 to 2023.



Joey Bissonette '03 and wife Sarah Tilton Bissonette '06



Lisa Cote, Steve Cote '85, Gerry Durgin '68, and Ellen Durgin



Lori Royer Greiwe '03, husband Nick Greiwe, and Andrea Walker '03





Bailey Frost '11, field hockey coach and faculty member Dede Frost, Lainey Winslow, and Makayla Frost Winslow '14



Tim Pitman '83, Kim Charles Sturdevant '83, Craig Watson '83, and Mary Thompson Mohla '83



The Friday night banquet was held in the LaCasce Dining Room.



Reunion BBQ bartenders Travis Perry '87, Sheila Duane '82, and Chris Dutton '90



Katelin Urgese '02, Zach Urgese '04, Lucy Dumont, Hattie Paquette, Debbie Osgood Urgese '74, Doug Dumont, Violet Paquette, Camden Dumont, and John Urgese



Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations Dawn Gale '81 with Head of School Joe Manning

#### FA ALUMNI 2023 REUNION CLASS PHOTOS





Richard Walker, Bruce Nason, and John Pandora

Carol Brown Brooks



William Grover, Robert Chaplin, Arnold Harmon, and Dave Merrill



Back row, I to r: David Wood, Raymond Littlefield, Russell Record; Front row, I to r: Rhonda Maynard Rowe, Alan Emery, Kathy Stevens Woodbrey, and Harry Roberts



Back row, I to r: Gary McNeil, Alan Fox, Micheal Benson, Alonso Hill; Middle row, I to r: Peter Beliveau, Gerry Durgin, Edward Thompson, Donna Woodward, Betty Hill Kane; Front row, I to r: Joseph Brathwaite, Candace Snow Smith, Brenda Hitchcock Buzzell, Janet Burnell Baker, Lilla Day Ridlon, and Cathy Thompson Burroughs

#### FA ALUMNI 2023 REUNION CLASS PHOTOS



Back row, I to r: Thomas Hammond and Robin Brennan Wiley; Third row, I to r Kenny Fox, Gaye LaCasce, and Debbie Lovejoy; Second row, *l to r* Mary Downs Tubman, Darlene Wilson Brown, and Karen Wilson Brett; Front row, I to r: Richard Libby, Jayne Johnstone Libbey, Julie Burnell, Margaret McLeod Mills, and Brian Merrill

Back row, I to r: Lewis Bartlett, Brenda Bassett Cookingham, Dave Shoemaker, Cindy Nagy, Michael Sanborn, Richard Perreault, John Chandler; Middle row, I to r: Kelly Bell Lloyd, Philip McBain, Paul Legare, Dave Brochu, Joline Gushee, Lynn Deschambeault, Front row, I to r: Heather Johnson, Melissa Chace Trace, Becky MacGillivray Armstrong, Tom Sainato, and Michael Chaplin





Back row, I to r: Chris DeCesar, Fred Vincent, Charles Crowley, Fred Rogers, Jodie Barton Hesslein, Bonnie Fox, Kirk McDermith, and Steve Chase; Middle row, I to r: Allison McBurnie Williams, Gregg Lloyd, Jim Fay, Tom Riddle, Craig Watson, Debbie Wasilewski Fox, Tim Pitman, Kelly Morris Wilson, Donna Cram Piper, Michael Eastman, Kim Charles Sturdevant, Sherry Butters Allan, and Pauline Tibbetts Ames; Front row, I to r: Dana Charles, Bonnie Bodeau Boivin, Keith Boivin, Paul Kiesman, Vickie Pestilli Schubert, Maryann Eastman, Cindy Charette Charles, and Kelly Small Connell



Back row, I to r: Charles Lusky, James Day, Joel Clake, and Kit Trumbull Front row, I to r: Jason Ingargiola, Justin LaBarge, Beth Ann Douglass Lusky, Heather America, and Clayton Leavitt



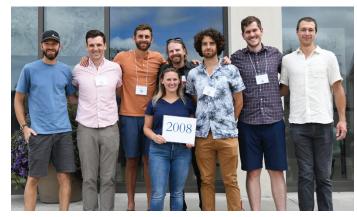
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Faith Barker Royer and Mark Royer



Back row, I to r: Andrea Newton Walker, Erica Martineau Maguire, Kristin Rolfe Mills, Doug Farnham, Jonny Anderson, Joey Bissonnette, Katie Ackley, Ashlee Purinton Chaine; Front row, I to r: Lori Royer Greiwe, Jessica Coffee, Christina Eastman McAllister, Renee Strange Farnham, Darcy Foster, Kelli Boutot Leavitt, and Mariah Whitney Nichols



 $\it L$  to  $\it R:$  Joe Stefano, Jimmy Russell, Joe Atwood, Nicole Pelkie Stefano, Andy Patterson, Terry Classen, Chris Bickford, and Nick Fox



Back row, I to r: Nathan Hutchins and Walker Day; Front row, I to r: Michelle Boucher, Courtney Bartlett, Christina DiPietro, Alexis DeLacruz Berg, Andrew Berg, Jake Thurston, and Tanner Wentworth

#### FA ALUMNI 2023 REUNION CLASS PHOTOS



Jacob Plummer, Sam Boorstin, Amelia Rowland, Elise Richardson, and Sophie Duane-Leavitt



Joe Atwood '08, wife Caroline Atwood, Nicole Pelkie Stefano '08, and Joe Stefano '08 at Saco River Brewing



Back row, I to r: Gerry Durgin '68, Alan Fox '68, Brenda Buzzell Hitchock '68, Jim Brown '61, David Wood '68, Cathy Buswell Wood '66, Carol Hutchins McGarigle '59, Bill Grover '58, Joyce Fox Kennett '64, Margie Smith Record '66, Kay Griffin Cossette '64, Russell Record '63, Rachel Charles Kuvaja '60, Richard Walker '48, Bruce Nason '48, John Pandora '48, Lola Largey Layne '57, Beth Grover Jones '66, Nettie Kimball Bennett '60, Pam Ennis Hilton '62, Alan Bennett '60, Barry Woodbrey '62, and Gaye LaCasce '73

Middle row, I to r: Peter Beliveau '68, Michael Benson '68, Donna Kiesman Woodward '68, Alonzo Hill '68, Betty Hill Kane '68, Alan Emery '63, Rhonda Maynard Rowe '63, Kathy Stevens Woodbrey '63, Harry Roberts '63, Robert Chaplin '58, Grace Madsen Leach '58, Carol Brown Brooks '53, Karen Fox Grey '71, Penny Snow Dougay '72, Kenny Fox '73, Mary Downs Tubman '73, Tri Chace '73, Richard Libby '73, and Julie Burnell '73

Front row, I to r: Joseph Brathwaite '68, Janet Burnell Baker '68, Cathy Thompson Burroughs '68, Jackie Blake Sullivan '61, Candace Snow Smith '68, Margaret Hatch Eastman '64, Lilla Day Ridlon '68, Carol Brown Brooks '53, Brian Merrill '73, Jayne Johnstone Libbey '73, Margaret McLeod Mills '73, Karen Wilson Brett '73, Darlene Wilson Brown '73, Debbie Lovejoy '73, and Robin Brennan Wiley '73







Pam Emery, Alan Emery '63, David Wood '63, and Cathy Buswell Wood '66

## DEBBIE OSGOOD URGESE '74 RECEIVES 2023 FRYEBURG ACADEMY DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS



ach year, the Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association awards the Distinguished Alumni Award to an individual who has rendered meritorious service to the school and/or community. This year, we are proud to award the honor to someone whose sincere kindness and warmth have enhanced the lives of so many.

Debbie Osgood Urgese is a member of FA's Class of 1974. She was involved in cheerleading, basketball, and track and was a member of the chorus, National Honor Society, and the Athletic Council. She completed her education at the University of Maine, receiving a bachelor's degree in speech communication and psychology.

After college, while working at a local bank, a colleague introduced her to Vision Quest—a program designed to guide troubled youth toward a better future by way of a hands-on, pioneer-type experience. The organization worked with kids ages 12-18 who had served time in maximum security detention centers but were committed to turning their lives around.

She had often thought about traveling across the country but never imagined it would be by covered wagon, covering 17 miles a day while caring for 87 boys and girls, living on 13 wagons pulled by 90 horses and mules. Her first wagon train adventure began on March 1, 1980, in Arizona and ended in November in Pennsylvania; another trip traveled from Pennsylvania to Bar Harbor, ME.

Debbie returned to the Fryeburg area, and thanks to an introduction from Mary Ellen Mackin (Brown), FA faculty member, and Debbie's former cheering coach—Debbie met and later married John Urgese, a science teacher at the Academy. Together, they raised two FA grads, Katelyn '02 and Zach '04.

In 1984, with two young children of her own, Debbie opened a daycare that would leave an enduring mark on the community and Fryeburg Academy families, as many in her care were FA faculty kids. Over three and a half decades, she cared for 105 children, creating a fun, loving environment that fostered healthy relationships and growth. Each child was welcomed into her extended family, where she poured her heart into nurturing them, sharing their triumphs, and creating wonderful memories. From handcrafted clothing to the joy of gingerbread house creations, Debbie made every day a journey of discovery.

A "Debbie Kid" was forever a part of her family, and when they left her care, she continued to be a steadfast presence in their lives, sending notes and attending sports games, dance recitals, and celebrations.

Beginning with her days as a student at FA, her role with Vision Quest, and 35 years of "Debbie's Daycare," her authenticity, gentle nature, and sincere desire to enrich the lives of those around her have created a legacy of love and community.



# 2023 Homecoming Highlights: Raider Spirit On Full Display!

ryeburg Academy students enjoyed a full week of homecoming activities, participating in friendly competitions between classes, including dress-up days, a pep rally with games, a bonfire, band performances, and a karaoke contest. All of this led to an action-packed weekend filled with athletic events and the Hall of Excellence Induction Ceremony on Saturday, October 14.

On Friday, alumni gathered at Saco River Brewing to celebrate and catch up before heading to Atwood Stadium to watch the mighty Raiders take on the Poland Knights under the lights. Raiders were victorious, ably handling their opponents 39–7.

On Saturday morning, 2023 Hall of Excellence inductees and guests attended a celebratory brunch in the LaCasce Dining Room, followed by the induction ceremony held in the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. This year, the following individuals and teams were honored: **Kit Foster '65, Wayne Farrington '72, Mark True '82, Jennifer Stacy Bartlett '93,** 

Charlie Berg '95, Heather Masse '00, and Fred Apt (Significant Supporter, Coach), and the 2008/2009 Softball State Class B Champions.

Later in the day, the boys' soccer team battled Wells, winning easily 6 to 1; and students wrapped up the weekend with the traditional Homecoming Dance held in the Head of School's barn, sponsored by the student council.

The Hall of Excellence was created in 2010 to further recognize the outstanding achievements and contributions in the area of extra-curricular activities by the school's many gifted and dedicated students and friends while maintaining the institution's integrity.

If you would like to nominate someone for the Academy's Hall of Excellence, please email the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations, 207-935-2001 ext 3131, or visit the Academy's website: www.fryeburgacademy.org/alumni.



The senior class was fired up for Homecoming!



Olivia Wentworth '24, Sally Baptista '26, and Natalie Berry '24



Back row, I to r: Paul True '88, Mallory Shaw, Sherry True Ingalls '76, Bill Ela '68, and Braeden True Front row, I to r: Bristol Shaw, Palmer Shaw, Kathy True Ela '78, Laureen True, and Kylene True



Anton Kravchuk '25 and Camden Blake '26



Bo Apt '04 and Cerise Humphrey '08 with their son Wesley at the recent alumni social at Saco River Brewing before the Homecoming football game.



Craig Urquhart '72, Susan Brown Farrington '77, and Wayne Farrington '72



Back row, I to r: 2023 Hall of Excellence Inductees: Fred Apt Significant Supporter, Charlie Berg '95, Chris Dutton '90, Desiree Ramsey Sawyer '09, Brylie Walker Young '10, Hannah Hill '09, Jacqui Bell '08, Ellen Head '09, Braeden True, Laureen True, and Kylene True; Middle row, I to r: Kit Foster '65, Wayne Farrington '72, Jennifer Stacy Bartlett '93, Heather Tripp Negri '09, Karissa Watkins McLellan '11, Cerise Humphrey '08, Charlotte Lewis '11, Michelle Rascoe '11; Front row, I to r: Maggie McConkey '12, Brianna Pelkie Day '12, and Ariel McConkey Clark '10



## 2023 Hall of Excellence Inductees

DAWN GALE '81 AND KERI APT MONTAGUE '00

he Fryeburg Academy community proudly welcomes the following individuals and teams into the Hall of Excellence. Their dedication and outstanding contributions have left an indelible mark on Fryeburg Academy and set a standard of excellence that will inspire future generations. We are honored to have them as part of our legacy. Congratulations!



#### **WAYNE FARRINGTON '72**

Wayne Farrington, Class of '72, was an active athlete throughout high school, earning seven varsity letters at Fryeburg Academy. In his freshman year, Coach Heikkinen convinced Wayne to join the wrestling team, which went on to win the Class C State Championship that year. Wayne himself became the state prep

champion in the 110 lbs. weight category. His successful high school sports career continued, with Fryeburg Academy securing first place in the Class B State and State Prep in 1971, winning the New England Prep Class C championship in 1972, and finishing as the runners-up in State Class B.

Apart from wrestling, Wayne was also passionate about golf and baseball. During the spring sports season, he chose to play baseball, occupying the position of second base and serving as the leadoff batter for all four years. In 1971, the team achieved an impressive record of 15-0 and secured the State Prep title. That same summer, Wayne set a course record while playing golf with Terry Adam '65 at Lake Kezar Country Club in Lovell, where he had worked as a caddy many years ago.

1974 Wayne enlisted in the U.S. Army and underwent basic training at Fort Polk, LA. He was subsequently assigned to the 25th Infantry Division at Schofield Barracks, HI, where he served with a combat support Company 4.2 mortar platoon. During his time in the Army, he also competed on the Army golf team, facing off against the Marines, Air Force, and Navy. After four years of active duty, Wayne continued his military service in the Army Reserve and became a senior instructor with the 76th Division Training Group based in Lewiston, ME. In 1984, he completed the Instructor Training Course as an honors graduate, an achievement he is particularly proud of.

Wayne furthered his education, earning a BS degree in business, and embarked on a career spanning over 29 years at

Hannaford's. In 1978, he married Susan Brown '77, an alumna of Fryeburg Academy. Wayne and Susan have a son, Scott '98, who also dedicated 24 years to military service and currently holds the position of senior resource Non-Commissioned Officer and Supervisor in the Joint Forces Headquarters Resource Office for the Pennsylvania National Guard.

While Wayne and Susan spend their winters in Florida, they enjoy their time at their home and camp in Sweden, ME. Wayne has been deeply involved with the Fryeburg Fair for over four decades and presently serves as an Assistant General Superintendent and trustee.



#### **MARK TRUE '82**

Mark True spent most of his childhood on the Fryeburg Academy campus, the son of long-time faculty member and later headmaster, Harry True. Mark was a member of the Class of 1982 and he excelled in the classroom and on the athletic fields and courts.

Mark entered FA during his sophomore year when his father returned as headmaster. He was a standout soccer, basketball, and baseball team member. He was co-captain of the soccer team his senior year and a member of the Western Maine Conference All-Star team his junior and senior years; he earned SYC honorable mention his junior year, first team all-tourney Class B and was a member of the 1982 State Championship Class C Baseball team. He was selected to the National Honor Society, Boys State, and was elected vice-president of his class as a senior.

Following graduation, Mark graduated and commissioned from the United States Coast Guard Academy. Mark continued to shine on the basketball court and football field, creating lifelong friendships there. In 2007, he retired as a Commander (Captain Select) after 21 years of dedicated and honorable active duty service; then, he continued to serve his country as a Federal employee, serving as a Port Security Specialist at the First Coast Guard District. His personal military honors include two Meritorious Service Medals, three Coast Guard Commendation Medals, one Coast Guard Achievement Medal, and one Coast Guard Letter of Commendation Ribbon. He was also the recipient of the Department of Transportation Secretary Award for Partnering Excellence for his outstanding teamwork with the

Port Security Grants Team post-September 11, 2001.

Always willing to volunteer, Mark had a passion to coach and mentor on and off the field, even if his children were not involved. Known as "Coach" by many, his advice and lessons were valued and appreciated. Mark treasured time with family and friends, whether it be at the beach, over the grill, or walking the dog.

Mark passed away at age 56, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his loving family—his wife, Laureen of 28 years, his children, Keegan, Braeden, and Kylene, and his siblings, Kathy True Ela '78, Sherry True Ingalls '76, and Paul True '88.



#### **KERMIT "KIT" FOSTER '65**

Kit Foster, Class of 1965, was a standout athlete during his time at FA. He earned six varsity letters in football, basketball, and track and was part of the 1963 State Class C Championship football team. He received All-Conference Honors in 1963 and 1964. In his senior year, Kit served as team captain for both the

basketball and track teams.

After graduating from the University of Southern Maine in 1971, Kit returned to Fryeburg Academy to teach biology and other science classes from 1971 to 1975. During this period, he also coached junior varsity football and freshmen basketball and led the track team to the 1974 Class C State Championship along with multiple prep titles.

In 1978, Kit began a 50-year career as a realtor, founding Foster Associates in Bridgton, ME. His accomplishments include being named Realtor of the Year in 1974 and becoming co-owner of ERA of Maine in 1988. In this role, he served as vice president of training and franchise sales, overseeing 48 ERA offices statewide. From 1992 to 1997, Kit was a national instructor for ERA's Top Gun Academy and later taught at the Maine Real Estate Training Academy, guiding 3000 students to become licensed real estate agents.

Kit played a pivotal role in the revitalization of downtown Bridgton and was involved in developing major subdivisions in the Lakes Region. He contributed to his community by serving on the planning board, comprehensive planning committee, and budget committee for the town of Bridgton. Kit also served as a trustee for the Congregational Church of Bridgton, coached a 4th, 5th, and 6th-grade boys basketball league, and worked as a ski instructor for the junior ski program.

Kit and his wife, Colleen, reside in Naples, ME, and have raised three children—Jason, Cory, and Jessica.



#### **JENNIFER STACY BARTLETT '93**

Jen Stacy Bartlett graduated from Fryeburg Academy in 1993. She has a deep love for FA that goes beyond words and has been a loyal and hardworking member of the FA community since her student days.

In high school, Jen was a dedicated

three-sport athlete. She played field hockey for four years and was not only a team captain but also received All-Conference honors during her senior season. During the winter, she excelled on the basketball court, earning the Marine Corps Distinguished Athlete Award and All-Conference honors in her senior year. In the spring, she played softball for three years before switching to track and field in her senior year, where she achieved runner-up honors in the 200 meters at the Western Maine Conference.

Jen didn't limit her involvement to sports; she was actively engaged in various school activities. Throughout her four years at FA, she participated in the Latin Club, Student Council, Key Club, Yearbook, Judicial Board, SADD, as well as the Photo, Spanish, and Varsity Clubs. In her senior year, she joined the school play cast and was selected to the National Honor Society.

Jen received her BA in education at the University of Maine/Farmington, where she played three years of field hockey before missing her senior season due to injury. Upon graduating in 1997, she accepted a position on the Fryeburg Academy faculty, earned a Master's degree from the University of New England, and has taught biology and photography—while also serving as a field hockey assistant coach, as well as the advisor for the yearbook, photo, and cross-stitching clubs, and a unified team coach.

Jen has also been actively involved in the school community. She has served as the president and officer of the Fryeburg Academy Teacher's Association and is a member and past president of the FA Alumni Association. Beyond her teaching duties, Jen has coached field hockey, basketball, and softball for Fryeburg Recreation.

Today, Jen is in her 27th year of teaching, and her passion for her school and students remains as strong as it was when she first started. She lives in Denmark with her husband, Juston '94, and they have raised two children who are also FA graduates—Brayden '19 and Alegra, who graduated in 2023.



#### **HEATHER MASSE '00**

Heather Masse graduated from FA in 2000. As a student musician, she was a standout from the start, one of the most talented singers/artists to graduate from FA. Heather was a four-year member of the Academy's award-winning vocal jazz ensemble, a soloist in chorus, held leads in the school musicals, was selected to

the All-State Chorus and Jazz Chorus, and was a multiple-year best vocalist award winner at the Berklee High School Jazz Festival in Boston, MA. She also earned varsity letters in soccer and track and was a member of the National Honor Society.

She studied at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston, MA, earning her bachelor's degree and continuing her musical journey, becoming well-versed in a variety of American song traditions, which influenced her more prevalent work in folk, pop, and bluegrass.

She joined the Billboard-charting folk group The Wailin' Jennys and has performed at hundreds of venues across the world. She was a frequent guest on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*, both as a solo performer and as a member of



The Jennys. On the show, she collaborated with artists such as Elvis Costello, Wynton Marsalis, Sheryl Crow, Renee Fleming, and Emmylou Harris. In 2008, Heather released *Many Moons*, an EP of jazz-inspired folk duets with pianist Jed Wilson. She followed that up with her first full-length solo album, *Bird Song*. Her solo debut on Red House Records, showcased her incredible alto voice and her superb songwriting. The title track "Bird Song" won her 1st prize at the International Acoustic Music Awards, and in 2012 she also won a prestigious Juno Award for the album *Bright Morning Stars*, with The Wailin' Jennys.

Hearther returned to her jazz roots in 2013 with *Lock My Heart*, an album of standards she recorded with piano legend Dick Hyman that had a long run on the jazz charts, and again in February 2016, with her album, *August Love Song*, released with the renown trombonist Roswell Rudd.

Heather continues to perform with The Wailin' Jennys, who are now on tour, supporting their Album, *Fifteen*, released on Red House Records, in October 2017. Their next album is in the works. Heather can often be heard singing duets with Garrison Keillor or performing at venues across the country with pianist Jed Wilson.

Heather currently lives in New Mexico with her husband, Ian, son, August, and daughter, Ida Rose.



#### **CHARLIE BERG '95**

Charlie Berg graduated in 1995 from Fryeburg Academy. While a student at FA, he was already preparing himself for a career in photojournalism and could often be found documenting the happenings around campus.

In addition to his artistic and communication skills, Charlie was a

cross-country ski team member and a prize-speaking finalist in 1994 and 1995.

After graduation, he attended Lyndon State College, earning a BS in Communication/TV News and Journalism in 1999. He then spent 15 years as a TV photojournalist, reporter, and producer at WMUR Channel 9 in New Hampshire and WCSH Channel 6 in Portland, ME. Charlie then co-founded a successful production company, Black Fly Media. He now works as a videographer, editor, and producer at MaineHealth in the marketing and communications department.

Charlie has earned many accolades throughout his career—he was hired by the FBI to produce a TV commercial to help capture the Boston mob boss, James "Whitey" Bulger, which led to his arrest 24 hours after airing on CNN; he was twice named the National Press Photographers Association Regional "Photographer of the Year" during his career in Maine TV news; and in 2022 he won a regional Emmy Award for his video documenting the chaos Maine Med COVID ICU nurses faced during the height of the pandemic.

Charlie has interviewed United States presidents, vice presidents, celebrities, professional athletes, and incredible everyday people.

If you check out his Facebook profile photo, you will see a photo of an elderly man in a thong standing behind him—the photo was picked up by AwkwardFamilyPhotos.com and widely distributed in wall and desk calendars, birthday cards, board games, coloring books, and was used to help promote Warner Brother's "Family Vacation" movie in 2015 starring Ed Helms, Christina Applegate, and Chevy Chase.

Charlie and his wife, Erin, live in Saco, ME, with their two kids, Sara and Nolan.



## FREDERICK C. APT, COACH AND SIGNIFICANT SUPPORTER

Coach Fred Apt navigated his role from a sports-loving Fryeburg Academy Raider fan to a Fryeburg Academy Coach in 1998. Having been an athlete throughout his childhood on the baseball field and in hockey rinks and continuing his passion for playing competitive softball in his

younger adult life, it was only a natural fit that he took on the coaching role. During Coach Apt's 23 coaching career years at FA, he had an impressive overall record of 248-40 combined on the softball field and the ice rink. He made 12 appearances in the Western Maine Conference league championships, six Western Maine regional championships, and four Maine State championships.

Fred's boys hockey team earned the first and only ice hockey championship in 2004. The team won three straight one-goal playoff games and claimed its first Western Maine Class B title. In post-season play, they first defeated Marancook 2-3 in double overtime, then defending champions Cape Elizabeth 2-1. Traveling to Lewiston to play in the Class B state championship game, the Raiders defeated Orono 7-4.

Fred's softball teams from 1998-2013 went 166-56. In the final seven years of that span, his teams posted a 130-10 record, winning five straight Western Maine Class B titles from 2008-2012 and State Championships in 2008, 2009, and 2011. In 2014, Fred retired, but his passion and love for coaching called him back. He returned after only a year away from the program and remained at the helm from 2015 to 2021. Fred captured his 200th win in 2017 with a 4-1 victory against Sacopee Valley. The Conway Daily Sun quoted, "My first win ever as a coach was Gray-New Gloucester, and my last was Gray-New Gloucester; that's pretty wild. I wish it hadn't been the last win" (in the regional finals).

When announcing his final retirement in 2021, Coach Apt shared with the Conway Daily Sun about how he would like to be remembered by his players; "I hope I'm remembered as someone who cared about them, was fair to them, and helped

them in any way I could in softball and in life. Many kids will always say on social media and I'll get emails—'You helped us. You taught us life lessons.' And like I said before, a lot of the stuff that we do, it's about life lessons, not about softball, but it'll play into it; they all play into each other."

Fred leaves a legacy as one of the all-time winningest coaches and state title holders in the school's rich sporting history.

Upon retiring from coaching, Fred and his wife, Ruthie, enjoy their free time on their boat in Saco, traveling the coast of New England and teaching his two young grandsons, Chase and Wesley, the love of sports and having fun together!

## 2008 & 2009 MAINE CLASS B SOFTBALL STATE CHAMPS

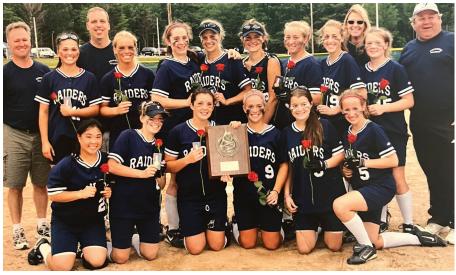
In 2008 and 2009, the Fryeburg Academy Raiders softball teams etched their names in history by clinching back-to-back Maine Class B softball state championships. These remarkable seasons boasted an impressive combined record of 38 wins and only two losses. Notably, the 2008 squad marked a significant milestone as the first-ever state softball championship for Fryeburg Academy. Following in their footsteps, the 2009 team secured another championship, solidifying their place as the only softball teams in FA history to consecutively win state championship titles. Both the 2008 and 2009 teams triumphed over Medomak Valley for the state title, with the 2008 Raiders winning 6-2 and the 2009 Raiders triumphing 2-1. At that time, the Raiders

became the fourth team in Class B history to repeat as state champions.

During the 2008 postseason, the Raiders exhibited unwavering dominance, winning all their playoff games. They conquered Wells with a score of 7-1, shut out Gray New-Gloucester 5-0, narrowly defeated Cape Elizabeth 1-0, and ultimately claimed victory against Medomak Valley with a 6-2 score.

The 2009 softball team continued their success by defending their Western Maine title at St. Joe's College, securing a 6-2 victory over Gray New-Gloucester. This victory propelled the Raiders to the state title game for the second consecutive year.

Both of these exceptional teams were consistently recognized and celebrated by the softball and school community for their teamwork, determination, and support for one another, both on and off the field. These players were more than a team;



2008 Team



2009 Team

they were a family. They exhibited remarkable synergy on the field, with each member contributing effectively to secure the team's first two state championships, and as they say, the rest is history.

Members of the 2008 and 2009 Teams included Coach Fred Apt, Assistant Coaches Chris Dutton, Kristina Stevens, and Wayne Rivet, Tri-Captains Cerise Humphrey '08, Hannah Hill '09, and Jacqui Bell '08, along with Candace Thompson '08, Ellen Head '09, Charlotte Lewis '11, Ariel McConkey Clark '10, Kaela Mitchell '10, Co-Captain Desiree Ramsey Sawyer '09, Tanya Randall '09, Kelsey Sheehan Giangreco '11, Heather Tripp Negri '09, Co-Captain Brylie Walker Young '10, Nicole Watkins '09, Anna Tupaj '11, Maggie McConkey '12, Brianna Pelkie Day '12, Karissa Watkins McLellan '11, and Michelle Rascoe '11.



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

Dear Alumni,

As we enter the holiday season, I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to those who play a crucial role in our efforts.

First and foremost, a big thank you to **Lakyn Osgood Ela '12** and **Keri Apt Montague '00**. I am incredibly fortunate to have co-workers with deep-rooted connections to FA in the office. In the world of alumni and advancement, institutional knowledge is invaluable; relationships are essential, and effective communication is key!

We extend our gratitude to all of you who keep us informed about your life journeys, share significant news, and contribute to the Academy Fund, perhaps in memory of a loved one or in support of a program that holds special memories for you. Your generous contributions have played a crucial role in transforming our school and beautiful campus.

We take immense pride in being more than just your typical high school; we are a town academy that serves a diverse and unique community and have done so for 231 years. We acknowledge our challenges and needs and celebrate the remarkable successes and stories that define us.

Thank you for being an integral part of our story. Please continue to share your FA memories, treasure your friendships, and stay connected as we move forward together.

Warm Regards,

Dawn Gale '81 Director of Advancement & Alumni Relations



FA's Advancement team: Keri, Dawn, and Lakyn



#### **AREA ALUMNI GATHERINGS**

Save the Dates! We are coming to you!

December 5, 2023: Phoenix, AZ Chelsea's Kitchen, 6 pm

March 4, 2024: Palm Harbor, FL Location TBD

April 24, 2024: New York, NY Fraunces Tavern, 6 pm

April 25, 2024: Boston, MA Dillon's, 6 pm

April 27, 2024: Bermuda Grotto Bay Resort, 6 pm

More dates may be added ....

Stay informed on upcoming events by following the Fryeburg Academy Office of Advancement & Alumni Relations Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages or by visiting fryeburgacademy.org/alumni.



## 19**50**s

PETER HATHAWAY '52 spent 45 years working in the Boston financial community. "I retired in 2001 and returned to Naples, ME, to restore the family's 1850 farm. Fryeburg Academy has changed a lot since our days —the dining room (and chocolate steamed pudding) are gone, as well as the boys' dorm, gym, and my roommates Phil Hedges and Bob Chadbourne. My fondest memories are of Elroy LaCasce, who was 50 years ahead of his time and a great humanitarian. I also recall the day a teacher asked if I had my driver's license so I could take a bus over to Lovell to pick up some students! Have you checked out the requirements to drive a school bus today?! I remember sneaking into the Fryeburg Fair, as I only had a dollar or two. It was a great life experience for me but tough on my parents as they struggled to come up with the \$450 for board, room, and tuition!"

**LESTER DARBY '56** "I still think about Fryeburg Academy and the great times I had there. This summer, I enjoyed spending four days with my five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A great-grandpa can't ask for more!"

## 19**60**s

JAMES ARCHIBALD '63 was an invited speaker at the Ninth Nitobe Symposium, which took place at the University of Turin (Italy) on July 28, in commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. He presented a paper on language rights—principles for implementing integrated language policies—and is an invited professor at the University of Turin.

**DAVID WOOD '63 and CATHERINE BUSWELL WOOD '66** drove to Saguache,
CO, (30 miles from their home) to attend an art exhibit by **GARY WILFONG '66**, entitled "Westerns."

**JEREMY COLPITTS '66** "I am retired from Critical Care nursing at Maine Medical Center/Portland after 29 years. I have two daughters one in Seattle, WA, and the other in Kumara,



Representing the Class of '72, Jamie Boschert Pandora and Penny Snow Dougay, with Class of 2023 scholarship recipients: Patrick Harris and Meredith Day

New Zealand, as well as four grandsons. We live half the year in Seattle and half the year in Rome, ME.

## 19**70**s

**KENN KAMINSKI '70** is still building and repairing dry stone walls and walkways in the USA. "I plan on traveling around Europe all next year or bicycling the Erie Canal and Empire State Bike Trail from Albany to the Canadian border. Please inform Marty Macfarland (70) I need my boots!"

**LORRAINE MILLS CROSSLEY '72** "I'm the proud parent of two, grammie to seven, and now a great grammie to one. Life is good."

**CLASS OF 1972** "Thanks to all Class of '72 donors who have made our scholarships possible. Please remember fundraising is still ongoing to ensure our "Class of '72" scholarship will become an continue to grow and be given out in perpetuity. No donation is too small. Every dollar gets us closer to our goal."

**GAYE LACASCE '73** was recently elected president of Harmony, Inc. (an international

and smaller version of Sweet Adelines). "My daughter, Alexa and I competed in Harmony, Inc. with another mom and daughter in a quartet called Aged to Perfection. We won the championship in 2019, and are busy traveling for a cappella events, shows, master classes, etc. During Covid, when no one was singing, my husband, Dan, Alexa, and I formed Family Feud—an a cappella trio—in our Covid bubble. Now we're getting hired all around the area, which is great fun, particularly as my granddaughter, Bellamy, tries hard to sing along!"

JAYNE JOHNSTONE LIBBEY '73" Our 50th was so much fun with just the few of us... imagine what it will be like as the numbers grow!!! For anyone who might feel intimidated or who is feeling disconnected, it's amazing what happens when you finally grow up! We are all as one, with so much in common, wanting to connect or reconnect, just for the fun of it. You will find yourself talking with classmates in ways you never felt was possible. The labels and the divisions are gone. We are all members of the Class of '73 and everyone matters! Please start planning for our 55th!"



David Wood '63, Gary Wilfong '66, and Cathy Buswell Wood '66 at Gary's recent art show in Saguache, CO.



Dan Signor, Alexa Beal, and Gaye LaCasce '73 make up Family Feud, an acapella trio.



Class news is important to show how we're all in such similar places in life. (Hint, hint-please contribute, even by sending one of us an email or connecting on Facebook!) We've got a great start and some wonderful volunteers—you won't want to miss all the fun in 2028!"

Jayne and her super-supportive husband, Denny, spent reunion weekend in Fryeburg before heading home to their home (and adorable granddaughter!) in Saco.

**MARY DOWNS TUBMAN '73** "I moved back to Maine to be with **KENNY FOX '73**. We're waiting on the delivery of our new home, enjoying retirement together, and planning a quick trip to Oregon soon. We both had a blast at reunion. Can't wait to see you guys again!"

RICK LIBBY '73 and his wife, Kathy, joined the reunion group, commuting from Auburn through lots of fog! Rick was glad to have the opportunity to connect with Coach Woodsome, who was on campus on the Saturday of reunion. Rick is super proud of his oldest granddaughter, Caitlan Saunders. She graduated from Texas Tech with a 4.0, went on and got her master's degree and is just about done with her doctorate. She plans to stay at Texas Tech and will be going forward to become an MD in their Sports Medicine program.



Kendell Clark '98 from Carlsbad, CA, writes "With my spouse, Meghann Hogan of FA as well, and our son Demar (5), we enjoy life in Southern California. While I have added smoking meat to my interests, I love spending time with my family, geocaching with my son and catching up with friends in any social capacity. I still play basketball in an effort to remain active and because I love the game."



There was a great group of FA folks in attendance at the lovely wedding of Connor Patterson '06 and his wife Catherine. Back row (I to r) Emily Hawley Walker '06, Josh Walker '06, Connor Patterson '06, Katie Blynn '06, Kyle Barker '06, Durland Barker '65, Brandon Soule '86, and Heather Soule Harris '90, Front row (I to r) Nathan Broyer '05, Lincoln Newton '06, Greg Strom (former faculty), and Taylor Patterson '10

**ROBIN BRENNAN WILEY '73** "I really enjoyed our recent reunion because it was so nice to visit with some people I haven't seen for

nice to visit with some people I haven't seen for many, many years as well as to visit with people I often see around town, but never actually visit with. I hope more will come to the 55th!"

JULIE BURNELL '73 "OK! Class of 1973! It was so wonderful to be at our 50th reunion! Fryeburg Academy has changed so much. I really enjoyed doing the tour of all the new buildings—what an amazing school FA has transformed into over the last 50 years! Our group may have been small, but I felt we all came together and had a great time laughing and enjoying each other's company. I know I did! I look forward to our 55th Reunion, and I hope we can convince a few more of our classmates to come and enjoy! On a personal note, I am still trying to retire from the dental field after 46 years ... this will be only my fourth try, hopefully for good!! Julie lives about 30 miles southeast of Pittsburgh, PA."

**TOM HAMMOND '73** "No big news, but I am headed back to Sarasota, FL, after a month in Maine. I love Florida in the fall when you can see the license plates changing color. I also like it because I see more of the grandkids when they think I live next to Mickey Mouse. Tom made the very sobering point that we have lost a lot of classmates—perhaps we should ignore the "every 5 year" reunion schedule and get together sooner!"

## 19**80**s

**KIM DIONNE** '80 Is looking forward to a visit to New Hampshire in late 2023 to see friends, family, and all the changes in The Valley! "I went to Key West in May to help with a Navy SEAL fundraiser organized by my sister.

MEL DIONNE VEAZY '86, and we have another in Fort Lauderdale in November. It never seems like work when it's in Florida! I'm still living on my horse farm in Kentucky, my current racehorse is a daughter of 2017 Kentucky Derby winner Always Dreaming. I'm hoping to get a big win from her this fall when she's ready to race!

I'm asking all my classmates to consider donating to Fryeburg Academy in honor of, or in memory of, a fellow classmate, student, employee, etc. Lastly, I'm headed to Bavaria and Scotland next spring, in search of long lost distant relatives, I hear I had a relative, an Earl, in Inverness, Scotland, who owned a castle,... and I was also told not to mention his name!? Bahahaha!"

ANA PEREZ AFZALI '85 continues with her research work on the Spanish Civil War. She is working on the English version of the book she published in Spain in 2022 "Gonzalo Pando Rivero: from Doctor to General in the Spanish Civil War." She also has an upcoming article publication in the Spanish magazine



Kim Dionne '80 is the proud owner of this beautiful racehorse.

# Catching Up With Jake Dunham '10

**DAWN GALE '81** 

ake Dunham '10, made a triumphant return to the Valley this past summer as he took on the role of director for "Newsies," a production by the Arts in Motion Theater Company. This high-energy musical graced the stage at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center for an impressive ten shows, each one leaving audiences captivated and earning rave reviews.

Curious about Jake's experience coming back to the Fryeburg Academy campus and collaborating with the talented cast, I had the chance to catch up with him.

#### Tell me how it was coming back home and directing Newsies?

"It was such a meaningful opportunity with Arts In Motion because, as a child, I grew up performing in many Arts In Motion productions. Directing at the Leura Hill Eastman PAC also carried great significance. From Bradley Street to Broadway, the opportunity to return to the PAC was a gratifying full-circle experience. There was also such honor in directing cast members who influenced me as a young adult, including some of whom were my high school teachers. However, I will admit the cherry on top has been the local community. My parents always taught me the value of leaving home in order to gain other perspectives in life. They would remind me that my community, my 'home,' will always be here and that whatever I choose to do, wherever I end up, I can always come home. In returning home, the unwavering support from the community has been nothing short of overwhelming. It was truly heartwarming to witness those who once nurtured and inspired



my artistic passions, still rallying behind this production. Words cannot express the gratitude I feel. My deepest thank you, to you all!"

#### What are you working on now and in the near future?

"I live in Grand Rapids, Michigan, as a freelance theater director and choreographer. Also, I serve as the Founding Artistic Director of The National Broadway Theatre, a professional theater company in Grand Rapids, and fill my time as a faculty member at The Grand Rapids Civic Theatre School of Theatre Arts, where I teach a variety of Acting and Musical Theater classes. I am currently directing the musical "Beauty and The Beast."

Will you return next summer to direct another Arts In Motion show?

"Absolutely! Mark your calendars for July! I will return to Arts In Motion to direct the musical *Legally Blonde* at the Majestic Theater in Conway. Then we will be back at The Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center where I will direct the Broadway hit, *Mary Poppins*! Arts In Motion has gone above and beyond, and hired ZFX flying company to give this production the high-flying effects it requires! You don't want to miss it! July 18-28, 2024."

"Contexto y Acción" coming out in the middle of September. She continues to lecture on historical topics for the Smithsonian in Spain and Portugal and to teach at Citrus College. Her son Jonathan announced his engagement this year and the entire family is delighted to welcome Shelby into the family. Ana and her partner Marcus continue enjoying life together and hope to travel to Spain again soon. They both visited Fryeburg Academy for the first time in 35 years in July, enjoying the musical "Newsies." "It is amazing how little the school has changed since I went there in the 80s.

I feel so fortunate to have had that experience. I had wonderful teachers and mentors."

**MARY WESTON DI NUCCI '85** "My daughter, Serena, is starting her freshman year at FA! Hard to believe....she's so excited for the many new opportunities!

**WILLIAM FITCH '85** "I am currently renting a cottage and moved to the beautiful historic horse district of Aiken, SC. Looking to buy but I keep getting outbid (laughing!) I think the perfect cottage is in my future! Now that my son is in college it's nice to live in the country after all those years in La Jolla, CA and Chicago, IL."

Barrit Randy Eldridge was born to **TIARA NORMANDIN ELDRIDGE '12** and **SEAN ELDRIDGE '94** on July 25, 2023, at the
Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH.
He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce. He joins
Claytin Pingree and Calen Eldridge.

19**90**s

#### HILLARY STACY ALLOCCO '99 and WILLY

**TRACY '99** are both rec directors. Willy is the Town of Brownfield's Rec Director and Hillary is the rec director for the Town of Denmark.



Ana Perez Afzali '85 stopped by for a quick visit.



Mary Weston DiNuccio '85 and her daughter, Serena, who is now a freshman at FA.



Rec Directors Willy Tracy '99 and Hillary Stacy Allocco '99



## 20**00**s

**JENNIFER SMITH KEATEN '00 from** Bridgton, ME writes "I recently opened my own veterinary practice, Mainely Veterinary Dentistry, in Windham, ME! I had always planned on owning my own practice when I went to veterinary school, but it took me some time to figure out the where, what, when, and how parts. I have always had a passion for veterinary dentistry, and after a lot of additional education after completing veterinary school, I decided to open a cat and dog dentistry-only clinic. Cat and dog teeth can have all the same problems that our teeth have, and it causes similar detrimental effects on their overall health as well. We do everything from routine cleanings to major oral surgeries. Come see me!"

**MONA ATTARCHI '01** is working full-time at a doctor's office. "Loved my time at Fryeburg!"

**DEN CHANDLER '03** and family are from North Beach, MD, writes "Den and his family (Breanna, Finn, and Lucy) recently left Ramstein Air Base, Germany, after a five-year tour. He is currently assigned to the 1st Airlift Squadron at Joint Base Andrews, Maryland. Den is serving as his squadron's First Sergeant as well as a Communications Systems Operator airlifting the Vice President, First Lady, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of State, and Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Prior to leaving Germany, Den led two teams through Operation Allies Refuge, reuniting 200 families in the largest noncombatant evacuation operation in history with 35,000 Afghans. "I hit

20 years of active duty in July, and my family and I plan to move back to New England when I retire from active duty. I will graduate from the University of Maryland in the spring with a BS in Information Systems Management."

IAN FERGUSON '07 "My wife Kat and I welcomed our first child, Griffin Ferguson, on January 14. He is a joy, and he even sleeps sometimes! We live in Tamworth, NH, where I am a chimney sweep and co-owner of Ledge Brewing Company in Intervale, and Kat works for Tin Mountain, a conservation non-profit. I have happy memories of FA and am hopeful that Griffin will someday attend, maybe even play soccer, ideally with HB as his ancient coach still yelling 'It's like Donkey Kong!' at every game. Maybe he will be a Nordic skier like his uncle ERIC '05, or star in plays like his uncle SETH '20. Who knows, but for now we are just excited that he has learned how to laugh."

KRISTEN HURD STACY '07 and MICHAEL STACY '04 welcomed their daughter Bria Beatrice Stacy on June 20, 2023, at 9:35 pm weighing 9lbs 1 oz. She will be cheering on the Lady Raiders this year while her mom coaches the varsity girls' basketball team! Go Raiders!

MAKENZI BROWN CAIN '10 and her husband Andrew welcomed Briggs Cayden Cain on April 20, 2023, in Pleasanton, CA.

Aubree Marie Robblee was born to **KRYSTINA ROBBLEE '14** and Dylan Anctil of Berlin, NH, on July 10, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She joins Ryker Cram (8) and Angela Robblee (2).

Bennett Davis Thibodeau was born to **MARIAH DAVIS '16** and Jordan Thibodeau on May 21, 2023, at Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are David Davis and **CAROL COLE DAVIS '87** of Lovell, ME, and Danielle Thibodeau.

**STARR LAMB PARMENTER '16** and **CODY PARMENTER '12** welcomed their son Clyde, on September 2, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. He joins Karsin

Wilkinson-Rall, (6), Tobias Wilkinson-Rall (4), and Aurora Wilkinson-Rall (3).

Carson Andrew Lundblad was born to **MADISYN SINGER LUNDBLAD '16** and Mark Lundblad of Albany, NH, on July 1, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. He joins Alexis Lundblad (13) and Ethan Lundblad (12).

**THEO MCCALLUM '17** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester.

**STEPH YORK '17** "I'm working on finishing my master's degree in Organizational Leadership with a graduate certification in Leadership of a Non-Profit and Human Resources Management at Southern New Hampshire University."

AMANDA WALKER TRENT '18 shares, "MATTHEW TRENT '16 and I were recently married and bought a condo in Old Orchard Beach, ME."

**JOSEPH TRUMBULL '18** was named to the dean's list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester.

**TUCKER BUZZELL '19** was named to the president's list at Husson University for the Spring 2023 semester.

**CAM GHADFA '19** graduated from St. Lawrence University and majored in art and art history.

**Casey Kneissler '19** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**LAURA LE '19** was named to the dean's list/ first honors at Clark University.

YIYANG "AUSTIN" WU'19 Received his bachelor's degree at Worcester Polytechnic Institute's 154th Commencement.

20**20**s

**SOPHIE KUMMER '20** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.



Jennifer Smith Keaten '00



Makenzie Brown Cain '10 with husband Andrew and son Briggs



Renee Strange Farnham '03 and Doug Farnham '03 are excited to share that their first child, a baby boy, is arriving in February.

**SONIA LEONE '20** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**PATRICK MALIA '20** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**NGHI "JENNY" NGUYEN '20** of Ho Chi Minh has been named to the President's List for the Spring 2023 semester at Georgia State University.

**KATHERINE TRUMBULL '20** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**AVA CHADBOURNE '21** was named to the dean's list last spring at Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

**KAIA DE VRIES '21** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**MADISON GRIFFIN '21** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**LUCY HODGMAN-BURNS '21** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**MARRA MACMILLAN '21** was named to the president's list at Husson University for the Spring 2023 semester.

**SHELBY PELKIE '21** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**LEAH CHARLES '22** was named to the dean's list at Husson University for the spring 2023 semester.

**AMANDA HOWE '22** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**JOSEPH JENSEN '22** has been named to the dean's list for the Spring 2023 semester at the University of Maine.

**KATY MCINTYRE '22** was named to the dean's list at Thomas College for the spring 2023 semester.



Den Chandler '03 and family

## Julian Zhu '21, Best In Show!

**DAWN GALE '81** 

ulian Zhu '21, was recently honored in the Boston Press Photographers Association College Photography Contest. His work earned him not only the top "Best In Show" award but also secured him first place, third place, and two honorable mentions.



Julian's "Best In Show" photo.

Julian is now in his junior year at Boston University, and continuing his academic journey in the College of Communication. He works in the field as a freelance photographer for the China Xinhua News Agency and serves as an Associated Photo Editor for the Daily Free Press. Additionally, he dedicates his skills as a student photographer for BU.

With a major in the field and a minor in film and television, he looks forward to a future in journalism. His ultimate goal is to become a photojournalist, contributing his talents to a media and press company.

#### Tell us about the contest:

"I learned about the Boston Press Photographer Association's (BPPA) Annual College Photography Contest from my friends who work at Daily Free Press, as well as some BU faculty members. They recommended I enter this competition."

"I was surprised when one of my pictures won the Best In Show and three of my other works, received recognition. I felt blessed and grateful that my work was appreciated and praised by the professionals in the photojournalism field. This recognition will definitely be a strong inspiration for me in achieving my future photojournalism-related goals."

#### What made you take this particular photo?

"I took the Best In Show photo during the annual Climate Strike March in Boston, last winter. I was on assignment, covering this event for China's Xinhua News Agency. What stood out was not just the little girl's serious expression, but the color as well: her pink sweater stood out from the black that surrounded her," he said. "Moreover, during a climate strike like this, this young girl can also be seen as a sign of hope."

"My other three pictures include an NYPD police officer standing in front of a cheering crowd during the Times Square New Year's Eve celebration; A young girl who gets emotional during a Ukraine War rally at Copley Square; and the annual Indian Holi celebration at Cummington Mall on the BU Campus."

Julian spent time on FA's campus over graduation weekend, sharing his talent and helping cover the event. We look forward to following Julian's great work!



Bria Beatrice Stacy daughter of Kristen Hurd Stacy '07 and Michael Stacy '04



Correction from Spring 2023 Scenes: #2 is Caleb Micklon '23

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n a heartwarming gesture of generosity, Hazel Thompson recently donated \$50,000 to the Scott A. Kelly Scholarship Fund at Fryeburg Academy. This gift was made in memory of her late husband, Richard "Dick" Thompson '61, honoring his deep affection for the Academy as well as his friend and former FA teacher, Scott Kelly.

The Scott A. Kelly Scholarship was originally established in 2014 by the members of Fryeburg Academy's Class of 1964. The scholarship fund serves as a tribute to the memory of Scott, a member of the Class of 1953 and a dedicated and beloved longtime member of FA's faculty and coaching staff. Scott Kelly passed away in March 2013, leaving behind a legacy that continues to inspire.

The primary purpose of the scholarship fund is to provide deserving students with the opportunity to attend Fryeburg Academy, even when financial constraints might otherwise prevent them from doing so. Scott Kelly's own life was profoundly impacted by a scholarship that allowed him to attend FA, and he often shared his gratitude and the belief that the year he spent at the Academy transformed the trajectory of his life.



Hazel Thompson presents this generous gift to Head of School, Joe Manning, and Sandy Kelly (Scott's widow).

Hazel's contribution not only honors the memory of Scott and Dick but ensures that future students will have the same transformative opportunities.

Thank you!

## Head of School's Wishlist: Please consider making a gift!

Scholarships to support student educational travel - \$500 ea. Novels / Classroom set - \$500 Textbooks / Classroom set - \$1000 Classroom Technology - \$1000 Scientific Calculators/Classroom Set - \$2000

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Wireless microphone and headset systems (10 sets) - \$950 ea. Mixer for FA's Music Program - \$1500 PA Speakers for FA's Music Program - \$2500

#### **ATHLETICS**

Football Shoulder Pads, 40 sets - \$11,500 (\$5,500 contributed, Fall 2016) 23 Sets Remaining - \$6,500 Dumbbell Set for the fitness center -(Customized with Raider Athletics' logo) - \$6,500 Five Man Blocking Sled / Football - \$7,200

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Greenery/Shrubs (as part of landscape master plan) - \$200 ea. Greenery/Trees (as part of landscape master plan) - \$500 ea. C. Earl "Bub" Osgood Memorial Garden improvements - \$10,000 Campus Directory Sign (2) - \$1,000 ea.

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14-passenger busses for transporting students-\$100,000 ea.

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There are many ways to ensure the future and the mission of Fryeburg Academy. The LaCasce Bequest Society was established in 1995, named for Mr. and Mrs. Elroy LaCasce, in honor of the LaCasce's years of commitment to the Academy (1922-1955). We encourage you to join this group of benefactors who wish to support our school through bequests or other estate directives, which often benefit the donor as well. For more information on planned giving options, please contact Dawn Gale '81. FA's Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations, at 207-935-2001 ext. 3147 or dgale@fryeburgacademy.org.

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**Terry Paul '62** on July 26, 2023

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

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Deborah Solvedt Tetreault '67 on June 8, 2023
Howard Perkins, Jr '65 on June 10, 2023
Ernest Toglul '05 on June 23, 2023
Douglas Jones '62 on July 3, 2023
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Michael Barter '65 on August 1, 2023

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Clyde Wiggin '53 on August 23, 2023

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