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## HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER

### *One last time: greetings to the Fryeburg Academy Community!*

**M**y decade as head of school here draws to a close, and I am reflecting on this place, its history, and its people as an educational force. We are unified in understanding that our highest value is in helping those we teach, and those we lead, to name their choices and have the power to make them. When we are at our best, we challenge our students into greater consciousness, in the words of poet Mary Oliver, of their “one wild, precious life.”

To have served here in this way is a profound, enduring honor, and coming to know so many of you is a delight that has dwarfed difficulty.

Academy, Academy, my devotion e'er will shine!

My best,

**ERIN P. MAYO**

Head of School



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FA students attended the Maine State FFA Convention at UMaine Presque Isle Campus on May 11-12, along with 200 other students from the state. They competed in Nursery and Landscape and the Creed Speaking Career Development Events, volunteering, attending workshops, and socializing with other FFA members. FA's Nursery and Landscape team (Dakota, Charles, Gretchen, and Natalie) placed 2nd in the state, with Dakota Fox placing 1st overall and Charles Day placing 4th. Enna Carbone also placed 4th in the state in her Creed speaking contest. (l to r): Charles Day '25, Natalie Berry '24, Dakota Fox '25, Gretchen Harding '25, and Enna Carbone '25

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# Erin P. Mayo: An Educator at Heart

BY MELANIE ALLEN DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, AND SUPERVISOR OF INSTRUCTION



Erin Mayo with her husband, Peter Gurnis.

Vast improvements to the physical plant? Check. The institution of an all-school meeting? Check. Growth of the boarding population to its most significant levels in years? Check.

These are but a handful of Erin Mayo's accomplishments over her decade at Fryeburg Academy, all of which have had a meaningful impact on the school community. While a list like this captures and celebrates what Erin has done, a list doesn't capture or celebrate who she is.

First and foremost, Erin is an exceptional communicator. Be it on the podium at all-school meetings, in the PAC with faculty, in a missive to parents, or just in a quick email, her writing skills are masterful, and her eloquence and presence in front of an audience are commanding. Anything coming from Erin has real importance and has been carefully crafted.

Erin also embodies seemingly impossible dichotomies. When a situation requires being decisive and tough, she engages tenaciously. But when consideration and gentleness are necessary, she listens before acting. Faculty had an afternoon social on a

school lawn about a year ago. Suddenly a squeal of tires broke the calm. Soon two men were in the street, standing outside their respective cars, on the verge of a fight. Erin did not hesitate before striding into the street to calm the situation, calling the rest of the faculty on-lookers to "Stand back!" as she dove in. On the flip side, this is the same woman who sits with students who come to her office, listening to their stories with empathy, their ideas with curiosity, and their needs with attention; the same woman who, during the throes of Covid, convened teachers to give them an opportunity to detail how difficult the year had been. For an hour and a half, she furiously took notes on what they shared, stopping only to ask clarifying questions. From there, she looked in those notes for patterns of troubles and set to find ways to remedy them.

Similarly, Erin is serious when need be, yet casual and fun when the situation allows. In her first year at FA, Erin encouraged the faculty to participate in a flash mob at an all-school meeting. When "What does the Fox Say?" blasted through the speakers, teachers jumped up from their seats, donned masks, and danced in the aisles. But this is the same person who, nine years later, would send a powerful and unambiguous message to the broader FA community declaring our support for Ukraine; the same person who has asked faculty and students to consider the vital matters of diversity, equity, and inclusion, and to face the complicated, emotional issues of racism and prejudice.

But the quality that holds the most importance for most of us who worked under her at FA is this: Erin is an educator at heart. As someone who was in the classroom full-time for

nearly 15 years and who still teaches frequently, she knows the daily elations and frustrations that come with teaching. She knows how it feels to have a pile of papers to grade, how it feels to reach a struggling student, and how much energy it takes to stand in front of a group of teens every day, using all the tricks of the trade and all your will to keep them with you. She was one of us, so we trusted her to lead us.

Erin's absence will be palpable. We will miss her particular leadership, her winning personality, and, of course, her incomparable

Halloween costumes. But she leaves us to share her time and talent with another school community, which will undoubtedly be as enriched by her presence as we have been.

Thank you for giving yourself to FA, Erin, and here's to all you will offer to Doane Academy.

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Head of School Erin Mayo cheers on the Class of 2020 during the car parade down Main Street.



Erin addresses students and faculty at a morning all-school assembly.



Erin and her son, Gunnar Gurnis '19, meet with alumni in Beijing. (l to r) Xiyao "Sherry" Wang '13, Wenhua "Kimmy" Ji '13, Gefei Li '13, Erin, Gunnar, Yanqi "Robinson" Jian '14, and Hengliang "Andrew" Yao '13.

Enhancements to Fryeburg Academy’s campus during Erin Mayo’s ten years of service as Head of School are significant and include two successful capital campaigns: *Students in the Center* and *FA Scores!* Over \$3 million in funds were raised to build new facilities and improve the Academy’s buildings and grounds.



Campus improvements included more flowers and plantings, lighting around the campus’ pathways, and new adirondack chairs installed throughout the Academy’s grounds.

In the summer of 2017, the FA Film Workshop and Media Center underwent a total remodel, complete with new paint, windows, and modern furniture.





The acquisition of 686 Main Street (Admission and Alumni Relations Building), along with 63 acres of land adjacent to the Saco River and the barn was instrumental in establishing a central location for the Academy's Outdoor Learning and Research Center. A 30-foot climbing wall and challenge course were later added to the property.



Construction of four competition tennis courts on Howe Street offer students and faculty alike more opportunities to play and compete.



Enhancements to the student recreation quad included a new tennis and basketball court, outdoor ping-pong table, firepit, and seating.



***FA Scores!***—a \$1.5 million capital campaign—launched in the fall of 2021 to build a synthetic turf field suitable for multiple sports and included seating for 640 spectators, sports lighting, a new scoreboard, press box, and sound system, as well as various parking improvements.



The John H. Atwood Stadium affords players and their spectators the excitement of Friday night games played “under the lights.”

**Students in the Center Campaign** launched in the spring of 2018 during the Academy's 225th-year celebration. The \$3.9 million fundraising endeavor was instrumental in erecting the new Thomas D. Shaffner Hall, complete with the LaCasce Dining Room, Theodore P. Blaich Post-Secondary Counseling Center, and the renovated T. Scott Gamwell Student Union.



The 10,000-square-foot space in the new LaCasce Dining Room expanded the seating capacity to 342 (originally 180 in its former space).

Located on the upper level of Shaffner Hall, the Theodore P. Blaich Post-Secondary Counseling Center houses three world language classrooms, three bathrooms, a conference room, and four offices.



Thomas D. Shaffner Hall—a 21,600-square-foot facility—houses the LaCasce Dining Room, Theodore P. Blaich Post-Secondary Counseling Center Suite, and the renovated T. Scott Gamwell Student Union.



The T. Scott Gamwell Student Union offers students comfortable seating with a built-in fireplace and large-screen LCD TV.



Also in the Gamwell S.U., the student test kitchen with a modern glass garage door offers convenient cooking access for gatherings and events.

## Fryeburg Academy Students Place 1st and 2nd at the Maine State Science Fair

LAURA S. AYER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

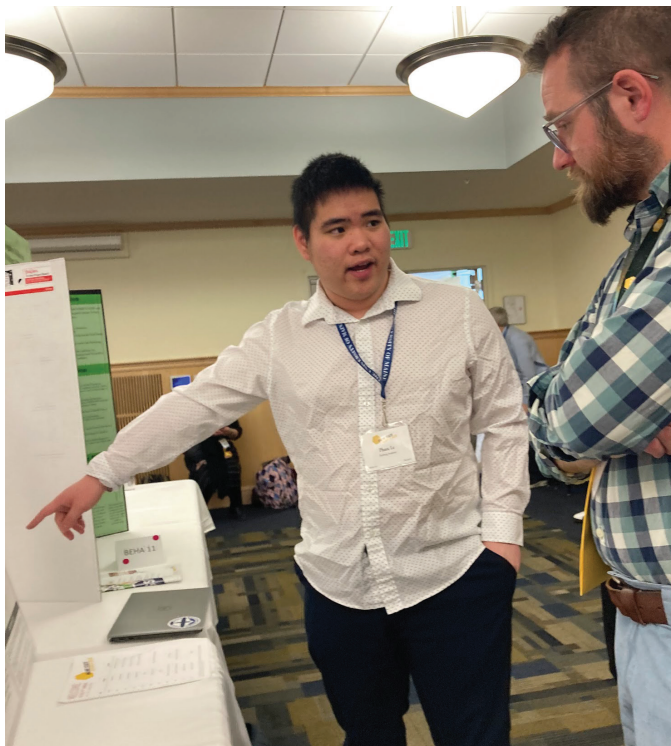
Three Academy students were recognized for their outstanding science projects on Saturday, April 1st, at the Maine State Science Fair held at the University of Maine Orno. May Shin '23 and Jiwon Choi '24 took first place in the Plant Sciences (Growth & Development) category out of ten submissions with their project entitled "The Effects of Arbuscular Mycorrhizal Fungi and Mushroom Substrate on the Plant Growth and Soil Characteristics for PE Microplastics-Contaminated Soil." The pair studied the effects of arbuscular mycorrhizae and mushroom substrate on plant growth in soils that are contaminated with microplastics.

Additionally, the duo earned a special award from the Association for Women Geoscientists and won second place overall for the state of Maine, which qualifies them to compete in May at the Regeneron International Science and Engineering

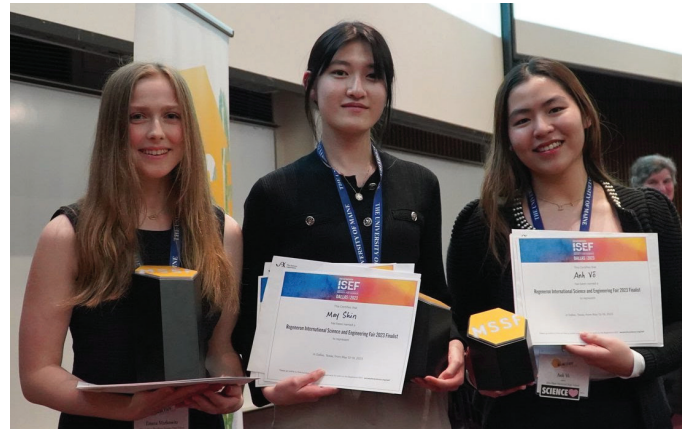
Fair in Dallas, Texas. Choi was also awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from The University of Maine's College of Engineering.

Senior Phuoc (John) Le was awarded second place out of 11 entries in the Behavioral Sciences (Clinical Psychology & Neuroscience) category with his project entitled "The Effect of Native Tongue on Pitch Perception and Differentiation."

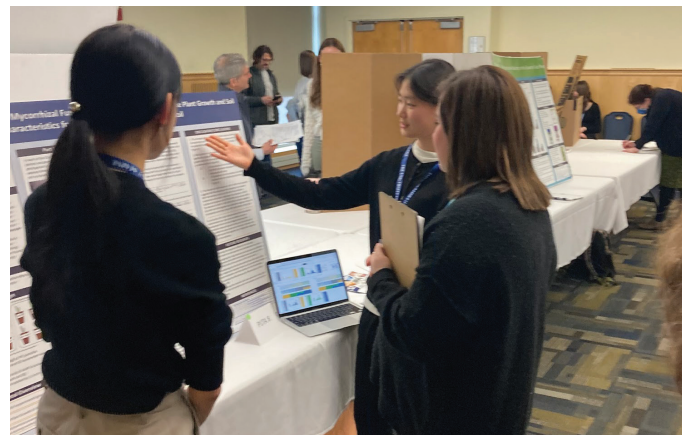
The Maine State Science Fair (MSSF) is an exciting opportunity for Maine high school students to pursue their interests in science and engineering and present the results of their projects to fellow students and expert STEM professionals. MSSF is open to all students from all public, private, parochial, and home schools (grades 9-12) throughout Maine and is organized by The Jackson Laboratory and Reach, a program of the MMSA. To learn more about the Maine State Science Fair, visit <https://www.maine-state-science-fair.com>



John Le '23 explains his behavioral science project concerning native tongues at the Maine State Science Fair.



May Shin '23 (middle) holds the finalist award certificate.



Jiwon Choi '24 (far right) and May Shin '23 (left) talk to a judge about the effects of fungi on microplastics found in soil.



## Fryeburg Academy Becomes the First FFA Chapter Member in Western Maine

LAURA S. AYER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Fryeburg Academy is pleased to announce it has joined the National Future Farmers of America Organization (FFA) in an initiative to grow its agricultural programming. “After several months of research, it was important to me to bring FFA to Fryeburg because it will open up more opportunities for our students involved in agriculture education here,” says Jennifer Solter-Jones '09, FA science instructor and school farm manager. “Whether it be through leadership development, new learning opportunities, or a chance to serve our community, this organization directly ties in with what we are trying to do with our program, so it is a natural fit to have our own chapter.”

Nationally, FFA is the largest student-run organization in the country, with over 850,823 FFA members aged 12-21, in 8,995

chapters and all 50 states, including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. “With that [reach] comes a wide variety of local and national opportunities,” continues Solter-Jones. “Opportunities to gain and practice leadership skills, learn more deeply a variety of aspects of agriculture, travel both within the state and nationally, attain scholarships, meet and make new friends, and make a difference in our community.”

Additionally, the Academy is one of the first schools in the area to start an FFA chapter. “We plan to host state FFA officers for a leadership workshop later this year,” concludes Solter-Jones. “I look forward to working with students to find creative ways to support our local community and build our chapter membership and involvement in the coming year.”

# FA Robotics Earns Spot at the VEX World Championships

LAURA S. AYER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

The Fryeburg Academy robotics team named 20005B “Free Cheese” earned a coveted spot at the VEX World Championships held in Dallas, Texas, on April 25-27th.

The team finished the qualification matches at States undefeated and in first place, earning them the number one seed in the final bracket out of 48 teams. “We took first place in the Skills Competition, which combines driver skills and autonomous programming skills,” says David Sartory, FA’s technology instructor and robotics coach. “Our first-place position in the tournament also was the highest season score in all Maine rankings, ultimately earning the team’s space at Worlds.”

The inception of FA’s robotics club was formed during the 2017-18 academic year and primarily student-led by the Academy’s first Ukraine Global Scholar (UGS), Tonia Zakorchemna ’19. Six years later, another UGS student, senior and team captain Yeo Bondar, took the team to Worlds for the first time this year. “We began in an unused dorm room with two students and have grown to include around eight competition team members and another six club members each year,” continues Sartory. “Since that year, we’ve expanded multiple times and now have a beautiful full-time lab adjacent to the computer lab. The students built it, and it reflects them in every way. It’s truly their space, and they have earned the school’s trust by handling the gear and the space well.”

When asked what skill set the team employed to yield such a successful outcome, Sartory states the team is well known for being a great alliance partner. “The entire VRC program relies on effective use of mostly random partnerships, and our 20005B is helpful, cooperative, and fun to work with,” continues Sartory. “Their well-deserved Sportsmanship Award, chosen by a team of judges who spend the day watching the tournament and interactions between teams, is further proof. In addition, this team took the challenge seriously and, partway through the season, realized that they could be more effective by ignoring one of the larger aspects of the game (shooting discs) and focusing more on fast and accurate movement and a powerful endgame, allowing a partner more time to focus on discs. This strategy paid off repeatedly.”

The team’s debut at its first VEX World Championship was a success. “This was our first robot to make it to worlds, and we had a great time,” says Sartory. “We learned so much from



Team captain Yeo Bondar '23 and Chloe Sartory '23 hold their first-place banner and Robotics Skills Award.

playing and competing with the 800 plus teams in attendance. Our team finished in the top half, which we were thrilled about! We got to be a part of a major international event celebrating these students’ hard work.”

As for the team’s future goals, they hope to recruit more students to participate in the club. “I feel we have reached a great spot in our growth, but I’d love to see more of the teams reach three to four more students each, which is when dividing the work gets truly interesting,” concludes Sartory. We’re attempting to reach out to more students who don’t realize their skills are needed and valuable on a robotics team. Everyone assumes you need to want to build robots, and obviously, that’s a part of it, but the reality is so much more interesting. We need artists, designers, planners, people who love organizing, athletes who understand competition and strategy, coders, scouts, and researchers. I’m hoping we can use some of this momentum to get more kids involved in the less-obvious parts of the program.”





Front (l to r): Min Chae Kim '25 and Jennifer Kyurim Noh '24  
 Back (l to r): Gege Liu '23, May Ki-Ok Shin '23, Jiwon Choi '24 and Jeehoo Lee '26

## Fryeburg Academy Wins Three Consecutive Years at the Biomimicry Institute's Youth Design Challenge

LAURA S. AYER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

From tackling the issues of microplastics and urban heat islands to addressing clean energy solutions through the use of wind turbines and underwater solar panels, the Biomimicry Institute's 2022-23 Youth Design Challenge (YDC) winners have offered unique, nature-inspired ideas to solve local design challenges. The YDC, now in its sixth year, serves as a bridge from core concepts to advanced project-focused STEM learning for middle and high school students worldwide.

This year, the YDC received a record 177 submissions from 16 countries and addressed a wide array of sustainable goals. Among the record-breaking submissions was Fryeburg Academy, which placed 3rd nationally with their submission entitled "Eco Beaver Geotextile: Resilient Infrastructure for Soil Erosion." "This is the third consecutive year that Fryeburg Academy placed at this event," says Jennifer Richardson, FA's science teacher and biology club advisor. "We won first place in the 2020-21 Youth Design Challenge, winning the Problem Definition Award for our MorphoBrick concept, and again in 2022, capturing second place with our Syntrichia Hydrotrap design concept. I am so proud of our students for their hard work and passion for creating more sustainable solutions for our planet."

The team's project focused on improving the soil erosion around the Jockey Cap trail area. "The beaver dam inspired

this year's project—a concept they applied to the outer layer of their design, serving as a soil enrichment layer that increases biodiversity and lessens the impact of runoff," continues Richardson. "Just below that layer is a supporting hemispherical-cushion layer that "biomimics" the umbrella-like [effect] of Yareta leaves—essentially increasing the soil's capacity to retain moisture and nutrients. The team also used the unique bent hooks called the scolex (head) of the pork tapeworm to adhere and strengthen parts of their design to the soil, preventing it from readily moving even on the steepest slope of the trails."

To learn more about Fryeburg Academy's YDC project, please visit <https://bit.ly/YouthDesignChallenge23> or visit [biomimicry.org](https://biomimicry.org) to learn more about the institute.

## Students Shine at Fryeburg Academy's Annual Prize-Speaking Night

After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Fryeburg Academy held the 33rd Annual Prize-Speaking Night, re-establishing a tradition treasured here since 1988. The event is a culmination of public speaking study and speech deliveries in all English classes over the course of two weeks. A semi-finalist round includes numerous speakers delivering their speeches for all of their grade-level classmates and faculty/staff judges; finalists move on to compete in an evening event at the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. Speech contestants are judged on their speeches' content, delivery, and style. This year, Yeo Bondar '23, Rayna Wales '25, and Arkie Baptista '24, took first, second, and third place, respectively, and Harper Greenblatt '24 received an honorable mention. Congratulations to all on this great achievement!



Left to right: Yeo Bondar '23, Arkie Baptista '24, and Rayna Wales '25

## Sally Gibson Retires!

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS



It's truly difficult to envision the dining room without the presence of Mrs. Gibson! After dedicating countless years to monitoring the lunch lines and ensuring that students followed the rules, she is now embarking on a well-deserved retirement. Of course, Sally was much more than just the “dining hall lady”—

her official title for many years has been Substitute Coordinator, making her the number-one go-to substitute teacher and managing overall coverage when faculty members were out. “I enjoyed it—I loved the variety and the challenge that every day brought,” Sally fondly recalls.

Sally first arrived on the FA campus in the fall of 1981 alongside her husband, Jim. Jim Gibson had been hired as a science teacher, and Sally soon found herself taking on dorm duty. The following year, the Gibsons moved into Frye Hall, where they resided for several years before eventually purchasing a house in town and raising their three children—a house they still call home to this day. Sally and Jim thoroughly enjoy living in the village and attending FA performances and other events. She always made it a point to connect with students during her lunch duty and let them know how much she appreciated their efforts.

One of Sally's favorite experiences was hosting boarding students during vacations and/or longer. “Our first was Victor Masipa from South Africa in 1989, who spent the year with us, and our most recent was Julian Zhu from China, who stayed with us for the summer when COVID made it difficult for him to travel back and forth to the US. He felt that if he went home, he would not be able to come back for his senior year.” Over the years, Sally and Jim have had the pleasure of hosting students from various countries, such as Vietnam, Korea, Rwanda, the USA, and China, at their home. Sally still keeps in touch with some, like Lionel from Rwanda and Henry from NYC, who occasionally send her texts to check-in.

Although Sally took on the full-time substitute coordinator role in 1995, she has worn many hats throughout her FA career. She has served as the AP test administrator, national Latin exam

administrator, and FA's staff coordinator for the Interact Club. During the pandemic, Sally could often be found lending a hand by helping to distribute lunches and breakfasts at the drive-through outside of the dining hall (she will miss the FA kitchen crew!). Sally is also active in her church and is one of the leaders of the Fryeburg Dinner Bell.

As Sally looks ahead to her retirement, she eagerly anticipates spending more time with her three adult children, **Leslie '00**, **David '02**, and **Dan '08**, and her grandchildren. She is also an avid hiker, walker, and Nordic skier. She plans to put her name on the substitute list, but she will carefully choose the days, reserving the best ones for her skiing (she enjoyed 52 days of Nordic skiing this past winter) and hiking adventures.

Best wishes for a wonderful, well-deserved retirement!

## Margaret Cugini Farewell

LESLIE STRYKER LIBRARIAN



After 24 and a half years, Margaret Cugini is retiring from her career at Fryeburg Academy. She was also the innkeeper at the Main Street Bed and Breakfast for most of those years, giving our residential students and their families a very personal connection to the school.

Margaret joined Fryeburg Academy in January of 1999, working nights and Sundays as a library aide in the original library in the main building (currently Jim St. Pierre's room). A few years later, Margaret began working for Residential Life, supervising different afternoon activities. After the new library opened, she transitioned to working the afternoon at the library, thus spending most of her afternoons, evenings, and Sundays proofreading essays, suggesting books to read, tutoring when needed, and conversing with those practicing their English and maybe missing home a bit.

The Goldberg Gallery in the library lobby also fell under her care. Tasked with ensuring a diversity of media (paintings, sculpture, photography) from local artists to be displayed in this public gallery, she brought many creative and inspiring art collections to us and the community for our enjoyment and appreciation.

Margaret enjoyed all aspects of campus life over the years, as she judged Dorm Olympics and speeches, cooked with dorm students for the International Food Festival, and attended countless performances at the Performing Arts Center. While Margaret was indispensable as an aide in the library for these many years, doing all of those library tasks, what counted to the students and her, and what we'll all remember, are the relationships she made, her humor, compassion, and friendship. Thank you, Margaret!

# Longtime FA Faculty Members Set to Retire

LAURA S. AYER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



We recently had the pleasure of speaking with two of our beloved high school teachers who are departing after many years of dedicated service. Stephen Pullan IV, a visual arts teacher at our school for nearly two decades, and Michelle Seavey, a math teacher for even longer (24 years!), shared their thoughts on their time here and what they will miss the most.

When asked about their fondest memories, both teachers recalled moments where they witnessed their students' growth and success. Pullan shared a heartwarming story about seeing one of his special needs students make incredible breakthroughs on the potter's wheel despite being legally blind. Seavey expressed her joy in teaching Algebra II Honors to a class representing nine countries one year, often chatting about cultural differences and similarities through lunch periods.

As they prepare to leave, both teachers expressed their gratitude for the support and encouragement they received from their colleagues. They also shared their excitement for new opportunities and adventures. "My partner Meredith and I are excited to be moving to an island off the coast of Maine," says Stephen Pullan. "We will be sailing, exploring, creating art, and generally going wherever the wind blows us, including the Caribbean when it gets cold."

"The plan [after the Academy] is to shift back to the private sector where I'll work remotely," replies Michelle Seavey. "I'm hoping to travel and see parts of the world I learned so much about from my students over the years."

Pullan and Seavey agreed that their students had significantly impacted their lives when asked what they would miss the most about the Academy. They spoke of the bonds they've formed

with their students and the joy they've experienced watching them grow into young adults. "Thank you for trusting me to teach you, for keeping me grounded, and for reminding me daily that the next generation is compassionate, resilient, curious, bold, and empathetic," says Seavey. "A piece of my heart will always be here at FA."

"Follow your dreams," concludes Pullan. "Be kind. Always do your best. If you fail, try again. Don't create walls for yourself—don't believe those who would say you're not good enough or lucky enough to succeed. Just keep on keeping on, and you will make it!"

As we say goodbye to these two exceptional teachers, we can't help but feel grateful for the impact they've made on our school and our students. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and hope to see them again soon.

# FA Faculty Member Named as a DOE Teacher Leader Fellow

LAURA S. AYER DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS



Faculty member James St. Pierre was among five Maine educators named to the prestigious Department of Education's Inaugural Class of Teacher Leader Fellows this year. "Being a teacher leader means connecting and helping others connect. It means gathering the ideas and experiences of the

teachers in the state and sharing them in manageable, practical, and efficient ways. We have such a great array of professionals whose knowledge can elevate all students, so to be one of the leaders bringing them together is a privilege," says St. Pierre

James St. Pierre is a national board-certified teacher with thirty years of teaching experience at Fryeburg Academy. He has taught courses in English and biology and served as the English department chair. In addition to his work at the secondary level, St. Pierre holds the position of Lecturer at Granite State College and Western Maine Community College, where he has taught as an adjunct for two decades. He holds a master's degree in English Literature from Middlebury College and has presented at state and regional conferences regarding the medium of comics. He is married with two sons and enjoys making comics in his free time.

As part of this recognition, St. Pierre and the other Teacher Leader Fellows will provide educators across Maine with weekly updates on resources and materials, host monthly professional learning opportunities, and maintain webpages with rich and informative content.

# FA Winter/Spring Sports Photo Gallery



WMC All-Conference Athletes Gunnar Saunders '24 basketball, Syd Shaw '24 basketball, Mina Milosevic '24 basketball, Hogan Bemis '23 Alpine, Holden Edenbach '25 Alpine, Chandler Thorne '25 Alpine, and Jacob Adams '23 Indoor Track and Field.

Bryce Richardson '23



Senior All Academic Team (GPA of 3.2 or higher) Kacey-Jane Clark Nordic, Myles Garland Ice Hockey, Elsie Leonard Alpine, Andrew Irwin Nordic, Gabe McKenney Wrestling, Caleb Micklon Ice Hockey, Grace Murley Alpine, Ally Southwick Basketball, Samantha Winterbottom Alpine, and Isaac Twombly-Wiser Nordic.



Maddie Beckwith '25, Emily Chaine '24, Enna Carbone '25, Barbara Stumpf Artero '24, and Amber Gagnon '24



Mina Milosevic '24 and Syd Shaw '24



Carla Pintor Gali '24 received the Coaches Award from coach Kristen Hurd Stacy '07.



Goalie Kylie Prouty-Allen '25 preparing to make a save.



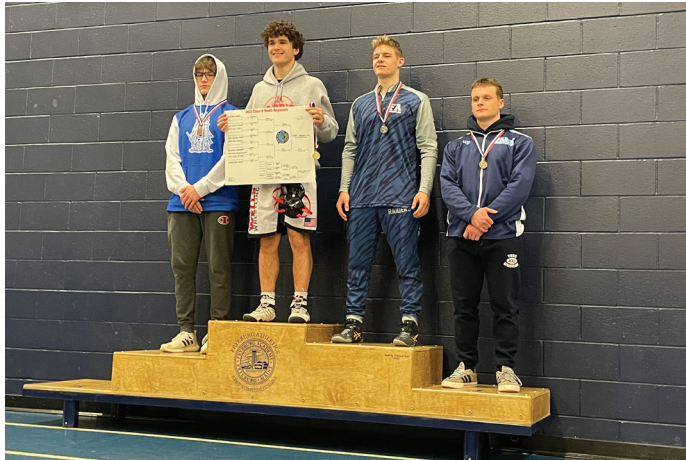
Reid Irwin '25 with a shot on the goal to score 1 of the 14 points against Westbrook.



Jacob Adams '23 with coaches Corinne Hope and Trevor Hope receiving his certificate of participation for competing in the Indoor Track and Field New England in Boston.



Arkie Baptista '24 executes the long jump. Photo by Rachel Sharples (Conway Daily Sun)



Haden Fox '23 earned third place at the wrestling regional tournament.



JoeGreta Hermanson '25, Isabel Brito '26, Carlin Galligan Fusco '26



Ally Southwick '23 and Carlin Galligan '26.



Three Star Jacket recipients Corbin Blake '23, Elsie Leonard '23, Emerson Hall '24, Syd Shaw '24, Russell Carbonaro '25, Jagger Helwig '25, and Chandler Thorne '25.



Owen Galligan '23



Gabe McKenney '23

# From Ice Cream Stands to the Slopes: Sam Winterbottom

CHARLIE TRYDER

Sam Winterbottom grew up in Onset, Massachusetts, where she worked at her parents' ice cream shop from an early age. If you took a trip to the Cape, Onset more specifically, and frequented Perry's Last Stand in Sam's childhood, you might have seen her helping out. If you saw her after she turned 12, you would have seen her working officially. And at 16, Sam became a manager and worked 35-45 hours a week, which she still does today.

While developing a strong work ethic during the summer as a child, Samantha and her family frequented eastern New Hampshire and western Maine in the winter where she honed her ski skills. On the slopes at the age of 4, Sam's skiing journey led her to a number of ski mountain teams over the years. She raced for Wildcat Mountain until she was 12, then switched to the Gould Sunday River team for a more competitive experience and skied there until her junior year at Fryeburg Academy. When her junior year ended, Sam made a decision, "I decided I was all done with USSA races and wanted to focus more on having fun with my last year racing."

While Sam can't recall exactly what drew her to the ski world (after all she was 4) and athletics in general, she knows what kept her connected, "I'm attracted to the community a team creates, the love, support and compassion from teammates. The valuable skills you earn from playing multiple sports like leadership, problem solving, and discipline. But what I love the most about sports is the passion and drive it creates for the athletes. Nothing has made me grow more as a person than sports. Sports have forced me to grow mentally tough."

Sam's ski experience at Fryeburg Academy unfortunately hit some moguls that were beyond her control; her time as a high school athlete will go down as the covid era. After a promising beginning to her Maine Principals Association ski career, covid rudely interrupted her accomplishments. Sam placed 6th at the Western Maine Conference Championships and 8th at the state meet in giant slalom as a ninth grader. The conference and state meets were canceled her sophomore year due to covid, and there were no WMC races during her junior year. As a final insult, poor snow conditions caused the state meet to be canceled after her first run as junior.

The losses of conference and state championship opportunities did not keep Sam from learning about herself through her ski experience. While her inability to attend the meets that likely would have defined her career, Sam grew in other ways. Listening to her, you wonder if the frustration of losing out on opportunities doesn't also get filed under her use of the word "failure". Sam might be the poster for resiliency during the covid era when discussing her athletic experiences, "As I reflect on my athletic experiences at FA, what I've gained is the acceptance of failure. I used to believe that the only good outcome from a game or a race was a win. After every bad race or loss I used to cry, or just replay what I did wrong all night. But now after a bad outcome I'm thankful for the opportunity to fail and look forward to improving. This doesn't mean I don't strive to win anymore. But it does mean that now when I lose I see it as an opportunity to improve and not just a loss."

Sam also played softball and soccer her ninth and tenth grade years, but decided to switch to field hockey in the fall as a junior and senior; she took the spring off in order to spend more time training in the gym. The switch to field hockey was challenging for Sam because soccer played a big role in her life to that point, "This was a difficult transition for me because I had played soccer since I was 6. But I practiced hard and grew a love for field hockey."

Coach Dede Frost welcomed Sam's presence on the team in field hockey, where she once again demonstrated remarkable resilience along with a business-like approach. Frost described



her time as part of a long standing successful field hockey program, “Sam worked incredibly hard to learn the game quickly and master the many skills of the game. She was determined and committed to making herself a more versatile player and earning more playing time. Sam was willing to try new positions to find the right fit and to help out her team. Sam is a born leader and is able to create an enthusiastic atmosphere for her teammates.”

As usual with competitive and skilled athletes, Sam used her strong work ethic and character to excel in the classroom and community as well. Sam was on the honor roll her ninth and sophomore years, then became a high honor student her junior and senior years. She entered the National Honor Society as a junior. In addition to the classroom and athletic world, Sam participated in the Interact Club all four years in high school and served on the board as the secretary this year. The quality of character Sam brought to the FA community is evident in ski coach Sam Dyer’s choice to award her the Coach’s Award as both a junior and senior.

For members of the Fryeburg Academy community wondering about the impact of a turf field on student life, Sam is a fan. When describing the highlights of her FA experience, she brings up the turf field, “During my time at FA I would have to say the highlights consist of sports events, both watching and playing them especially during my senior year with the new turf field.”

She also enjoyed a number of FA’s long standing traditions, “The homecoming bonfire is one of my favorite traditions, along with spending free periods at the beach with friends, and getting an A on a test I thought I failed.”

The most memorable experience for Sam, however, was her last state race in Rangeley at the state meet this winter, “Although the races didn’t go as planned for any of the skiers on my team, I’ve never had more fun than I did exploring a new mountain with the team I’ve been with all four years. I’ll never forget my last run ever when the team, my parents, and my coaches were all waiting at the bottom to congratulate me and hug me. It’s definitely one of the best memories I’ve made during my time at FA.”

Sam will be missed in the FA community next year, but her future is pulling on her. She will attend Bryant University, and she will major in business management and minor in economics. She looks back at her FA experience warmly and looks forward to reaching Bryant, “I am extremely excited for this opportunity and can not wait to move in this September.”

A lot happens in four years of high school. Talk to a ninth grader and a senior and you are reminded of the changes in perspective that take place. And as always, ninth graders are more inclined to listen to seniors in their high school than an older generation. Knowing this, the fact that Sam is one of the student-athletes providing direction for younger student-athletes is a breath of fresh air. When asked to leave some advice for incoming ninth graders and underclassmen at FA she offers up the following thoughts, “Challenge yourself both academically and physically. Join the sport even if you’ve never played it before. Be welcoming to all. Be prepared for your classes. Ask all the questions you can think of, and reach out for help when you need it.”

## *From the Virgin Islands to Lovell, Maine: Jacob Adams*

CHARLIE TRYDER

Jacob Adams moved to Lovell, Maine, from St. John in the Virgin Islands at 11 years old. Not knowing much about Maine, he wondered about what his new home would be like. His destination was a mystery to him. In his young mind, he wondered what life would be like in his new home, “The one thing that I was interested in was the idea of snow. The temperature really got to me the first year here though.”

Understandably moving at 11 brought challenges, “Everything was really alien to me. I was the only person at the New Suncook School that didn’t really know what was going on. I didn’t know what to do or what was happening.”

With time Jacob settled in with his new life, “I figured it out after some time, and everything was good after.”

As is frequently the case when young men move, athletics helped Jacob find his place in the Lovell and later the Fryeburg community. He started playing soccer and running track in





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St. John, so he continued when he arrived in Lovell. Both sports appealed to him even early in life, “I started playing soccer when I was about 6 or 7 years old, and I always liked to run. I really just liked to run around the track. It’s the first thing you see when you walk into a stadium, and even as a toddler I would run the track.”

Getting involved with athletics fed the competitive side of his personality. Jacob recalls that the source of his motivation was clear even as a child, “I just wanted the sense of winning. I always hated to lose. The glory of winning while competing against people who feel the same way that I do keeps me playing.”

Upon entering Fryeburg Academy, Jacob stepped in and started on the varsity soccer team as a ninth grader. Jacob was an all conference player his sophomore and junior years, but as a senior he was marked regularly, and according to Raider coach Bob Hodgman-Burns, this affected his stats. He was named honorable mention all conference regardless.

As a senior captain, Jacob led the Raiders to a semi-final game, where they lost 1-0 to the eventual state champions, Yarmouth. Hodgman-Burns reminisced about Jacob’s career, “He played striker for us and started all 4 years. He is a really nice kid. I think he is my leading goal scorer since I have been at FA. He scored a huge goal to win our overtime quarterfinal win over #2 seeded Lincoln Academy this year. He is a big, strong, and talented athlete. He had a hat trick against Lake Region in a 4-3 win. He will be tough to replace.”

As successful a soccer career as Jacob had at Fryeburg Academy, track is his chosen sport. Over his four years of indoor and outdoor track, Jacob competed in the sprints and long jump. Track coach Trevor Hope, who worked with Jacob in the long jump, summed up his results from this year, “His main event is the long jump and for indoor he also consistently raced in the 55m dash. This season he broke 7 seconds for the first time (6.94). In the long jump he went a distance of 22 feet 3 inches which put him with the 2nd farthest jump in the state of Maine for this season and at 157th in the nation for high school.”

Hope continued, “He responded very well to the training we did in the last 3 weeks of the season. He went from 21 feet 7.5 inches to his new PR in that time. I think he is mostly still working off of natural talent and has the potential to go much further with more training. We look forward to the outdoor season with him and if he commits to his training, we’ll see some great improvements.”

Long time FA track Coach Kevin McDonald followed up Hope’s assessment of Jacob’s skills, “He is a very gifted individual. I do not believe we have even scratched the surface of what he is capable of. His best event is the long jump where he has a best of 22’3”. He is exceptional in the sprint events

and relays, but the long jump is where he shines.”

MacDonald shared an interesting story while discussing Jacob’s accomplishments, “Last year the kids gave me a card of thanks at the end of the outdoor season, Jacob signed it and wrote 22’3”. So all indoor track season I kept asking him,

where is that jump? It’s kind of freakie that on the last day at New Englands he jumped 22’3”.”

There are many highlights from Jacob’s track career at FA but he believes that he will carry his experience at the New Englands with him forever. When asked about his most meaningful memories, Jacob responded, “The primary thing that stands out is competing at the Reggie Lewis Arena at the indoor New Englands. I went my junior and senior year.”

He also believes that this year’s soccer experience will stand the test of time in his memory, “The run we made in soccer was really special. I felt like I was a big part of it and we were a good team really helping each other.”

Somewhat quiet and reserved by nature, Jacob feels that his athletic experiences at FA have helped him develop into a much more confident individual. Jacob talked about the changes athletics helped him undergo, “Personally I have gained a lot of leadership qualities. When I was younger, I was really just quiet and wanted to do my thing. As the years went by I had to start to speak up and influence people around me to do better than they did yesterday. I started trying to elevate the play around me and make myself and the program around me better.”

As for advice for younger students at FA, Jacob encourages younger students to soak in everything, “Just experience your time. Don’t jump the gun and get preconceived impressions on things. Experience different things and get a sense of what it really is like. You have to fight through any questions that you might have. Put your head down and grit your teeth whether it is sports or academics.”

Jacob is still not certain what he will be doing in the fall, but he knows that he wants to continue with track. He is currently leaning towards the University of Houston or Texas Tech as his next destination. Having handled the move from St. John to Lovell, one suspects he is prepared for this next transition.

Competing at the level Jacob hopes to compete at is a challenge many would shy away from due to a fear of failure. One gets the sense that Jacob thrives on challenges at this point in his life. When asked why he wanted to go to school in Texas the competitor surfaced and he responded immediately, “That is where the real speed is.”

The Fryeburg Academy community and athletic programs will miss Jacob next year, but he leaves behind a legacy of approaching new challenges with humility and confidence—and a desire to compete.



FA Band performs at the Fryeburg Fair.

The FA Band at Homecoming gets the crowd and players excited about the game.

## FA Music: Year In Review

MICHAEL SAKASH ARTS DEPARTMENT CHAIR

The 2022-2023 school year has been memorable in the music department. The jazz program's continued success and growth in the string program brought new students together in a wide variety of musical ensembles throughout the year.

Following the annual band, chorus, and rock band performances at the Fryeburg Fair, we focused on the fall musical *Anastasia*, directed by Brynn Dutelle. Supporting a fabulous cast, our string players, wind players, and percussionists combined to fill out the largest pit orchestra yet at Fryeburg Academy. Many of these string players participate in FA's Valley Strings chamber orchestra. This ensemble,

directed by Phil Marshall and Ellen Schwindt, has grown each year and now shares the stage with the band and chorus for our fall and spring campus performances.

Throughout the year, members of the jazz program prepared for the spring term's jazz festival season. This year three jazz combos, the FA Big Band and Vocal Jazz, traveled to jazz festivals throughout Maine. At the Maine State Instrumental Jazz Festival, FA's Big Band and the "Reverb" combo received the gold medal for their performances. In addition, FA's "Milestones" and "Diatonic" combos received silver medals for their performances. Several students also received outstanding musicianship awards for their individual performances, including violinist Isaac Houghton '25, saxophonist Griffin Gillis '25, and vocalist Zoe Daigle '25.

At the Maine State Vocal Jazz Festival, the Vocal Jazz ensembles earned the silver medal. Vocalist Zoe Daigle was



l to r: Andy Irwin '23, Chloe Sartory '23, Lilia Vishnyakov '26, Brian Lucy '24, Will Guthro '23, Kevin Lucy '24, Owen Reinbach '25, and Griffin Gillis '25 at the District II Instrumental Festival.

also recognized at this festival with an outstanding musicianship award. All members of the rhythm section, including drummer Ethan St. Pierre '24, bassist Polly Peirce '23, and pianist Gideon Richard '24, also received outstanding musicianship awards for their performances.

A highlight of this year's spring concert, featuring the chorus, band, and Valley String ensemble, was a collaboration between FA's technical arts students and the band program. Students in Bob Pullitto's metal design class designed and fabricated several non-traditional percussion instruments for an adventurous and high-energy band piece titled "Foundry." This modern work for wind band includes thirteen percussionists playing a wide variety of metallic instruments inspired by the rhythmic sounds heard in a steel mill. Since this collaboration, students in the technical arts have continued to design and fabricate percussion instruments.



FA Cast members of the 2023 One-Act Play production, "10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse", take a moment to pose for a photo before going on stage.

## FA's One-Act Play Survives the Zombie Apocalypse!

BRYNN DUTELLE MUSICAL ARTS TEACHER

This winter, students participated in the 2023 Maine One Act Festival. Traveling to Thornton Academy in Saco, nine total Class A schools spent the weekend of March 10-11 performing for one another in tandem with eight other sites around the state.

Fryeburg Academy performed *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* by Don Zolidis. The show takes four apocalypse survivors while two narrators guide the audience through different survival tactics. Through each method, some survive while others succumb to the zombies. Some methods include sacrificing the weak, leaving the planet, and overwhelming firepower.

Many awards are given at the One Act Festival through two categories: All Festival Cast Awards and Special Commendations. All Festival Cast Awards were awarded to Lily Bryan '26 for the role of Susan and Fiona Brosnan '23 for the role of Christy. Special Commendation awards were given to Fiona Brosnan, Wrenn Roberts '25, and Elsie Leonard '23 for special effects makeup. Lastly, our zombie ensemble won an ensemble award. Zombies included Sally Baptista '26, Elsie Leonard, Brian Lucy '24, Kevin Lucy '24, Seval Pulent '24, and Stormie Stevens '26.

At the festival, students from participating schools watch each other, engage in community-building activities, and receive comments and scores from a panel of judges. The two-day festival continues to be a highlight of the drama program, and students are anxiously waiting for next year's performance.



Dear FA Alumni!

As we approach the end of the academic year, things are bustling here at the Alumni & Advancement Office at Fryeburg Academy! We have some exciting news to share with you.

We are thrilled to introduce **Keri Apt Montague '00** as our new Associate Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations. Keri joined our team on June 1, and we are confident that her experience and fresh ideas will make a positive impact on our alumni engagement and Academy Fund development efforts. Alongside **Lakyn Ogood Ela '12** and myself, we look forward to the new energy that Keri will bring to our office.

In April, we had the pleasure of reconnecting with a large group of our Bermudian alumni at the Grotto Bay Resort. Special thanks to **Ian Rawlins '85**, **Renee Thomas '84** (Trustee), and **Glenn Tucker '92** for their help in promoting and hosting this fantastic event. We eagerly anticipate our next visit and the opportunity to strengthen our connections with past and future FA alumni.

We are also excited to announce a change in our reunion schedule this year. As we move past the challenges of COVID-19 and take into consideration feedback from our alumni, we are bringing back the traditional dinner on Friday night for senior alumni. On Saturday, we will be hosting a fabulous barbecue—open to alumni of all ages—with entertainment and class photos. For more information, please visit [www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion](http://www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion). If this is your special reunion year ('3 or '8) and you would like to receive class lists or be involved in the planning, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

On a personal note, I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Erin Mayo and wish her the best of luck in her new endeavors. It has been a privilege to work alongside her during her time here at Fryeburg Academy, and we are grateful for her incredible accomplishments. Thank you for bringing me back to FA, Erin, and best wishes for your next chapter.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support and involvement with Fryeburg Academy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or feedback.

Best regards,  
Dawn Gale '81  
Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations



Christina DiPietro '13, Susan Hannes '09, and Dawn Gale '81 at the Boston alumni gathering.

## Keri Apt Montague '00 Joins Fryeburg Academy's Advancement and Alumni Team!



On June 1, we welcomed Keri Apt Montague as the new Associate Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations. Keri is a member of the class of 2000 and

a distinguished three-sport athlete. Her exceptional athletic and leadership skills were recognized when she was inducted into Fryeburg's Hall of Excellence in 2016.

During her tenure at Fryeburg Academy, Keri earned a remarkable 11 varsity letters in field hockey, basketball, and softball. She was chosen as team captain for three seasons in field hockey, received numerous awards, including the coaches' award and MVP award, and was named to the All-State Team and All-Conference team multiple times.

After graduating from FA, Keri pursued her passion for sports by earning a BA in Sports and Recreation Management from New England College. She continued to excel in field hockey at the collegiate level and was named the CCC Freshman Player of the Week in 2000. Keri's leadership skills were once again recognized as she captained the team during her senior year, and her team won three Commonwealth Coast Conference championships and participated in the NCAA Championship Tournament from 2000 to 2003.

Keri's professional career has been equally impressive. She served in a senior administrator role for South Windsor Parks and Recreation Department in Connecticut from 2008 to 2021, and most recently held the position of Deputy Director of Community Development for the town of Bridgton, Maine. Keri, her husband, Kevin, and son, Chase (5), live in Fryeburg and are looking forward to being part of the FA community.

Keri is eager to connect with and promote FA alumni and strengthen the alumni and donor relationships at Fryeburg Academy. Please stop by the office and say hello to her!



## 1950s

**AL GILPATRICK '53** "Still going strong. I've cut back work to three days a week but have been with the volunteer fire department for over 20 plus years. Have been married to my wife Ann for 41 years and we enjoy life on our nine acres, with our two horses, one dog and two cats."

**ANNE MCKEY BATCHELDER '54** "My husband and I returned to Tamworth, NH, a few years ago and we enjoy trips to Fryeburg for the Met Hi-def Opera broadcasts, a great resource for the area. We always wish that the students would attend some of these broadcasts!"

**ANNE HARRIS BUGBEE '54** "I visited FA two years ago with my family. Even though I was only there for my senior year it was one of the most significant experiences of my life."

**NANCY SCHILDBERG HOGAN '56** Nancy is back in New England near her son and his family. Her sister and brother-in-law **KAREN SCHILDBERG PIKE '58** and **A.O. PIKE '57** are only 30 minutes away. A resident who moved in shortly after her in the community she is in also went to the Academy. Small world.

**BEVERLY LANCASTER GOLDSTEIN '57** "I live in Bare Foot Bay, Florida in the winter and play lots of golf. I'm still going strong!"

**JULIANNA GRECOE '57** has fond memories of her time spent at FA. She retired five years ago after enjoying a long career as a psychiatric nurse practitioner. "I enjoyed working with clients and colleagues. Julianna is widowed and spends part of the year in Florida playing bridge which she finds fun and challenging. She has two college-aged grandchildren.



Our sincerest apologies for omitting this great photo of the class of 1952 enjoying their 70th reunion last August! Pictured left to right Al Stearns, Alice Perreault Leavitt, Richard Eastman, and Mary Lorton Wilson.

**ROBERT CHAPLIN '58** "I'm still truly enjoying retirement after seven years. He worked at Hannaford for twenty eight years."

## 1960s

**JAMES ARCHIBALD '63** gave two talks in April in the context of a lecture series on legal translation co-sponsored by ISIT, Paris-Panthéon-Assas University and the University of Turin. The lecture series is part of the graduate programs in Intercultural Communication and Translation and International Strategy and Diplomacy. Archibald is a professor in Turin's Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures and Modern Culture.

**OLIVER LEACH '63** "All is well with our family. We are caring for our grandkids, helping them get off to school and home each day. Our grandson is in first grade, and our granddaughter is in pre-k. They both are very active.

Our grandson is plays little league and hockey while our granddaughter loves Irish dance."

**ROBERTA ZEBLISKI LORD '64** is now living in Greenville, SC. **MURREY '64**, passed away in 2020. He is greatly missed by his three children, eight grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

**BETTY HILL CROWSON '65** "I am still working! I published my third self-help book last year and this is my 27th year of facilitating spiritual retreats throughout the northeast. During my time off, I travel with my partner Randy. We have a great fondness for Europe, especially Portugal, where we spend several weeks each year. Life is good."

**PATRICK KIERNAN '65** is living a wonderful life in The Villages, Fl. "I am a retired Master Sergeant / US Army and served in Vietnam in 1966 and again in 1969. I have a son who teaches advanced math and science in Georgia. My wife and I celebrated our 53rd anniversary in March 2023."



Stephen Wilson '62, Laurie Lane, James Reed, and Mary Poyner Reed '77



Kenny Fox '73 and Mary Tubman '73



Scott Lebhar '76 with his wife, Eva.

**SALLIE GRIMES MACISAAC '65** “After 58 years and many, return to sender notes, one of my best Chase Hall friends, Sherry Paine and I, were reunited!! Although there’s never enough time to catch up on each other’s life adventures, we gave it a great try! It was a wonderful visit, with the promise of many more!!”

**JEREMY COLPITTS '66** “We are enjoying retirement and spend half a year in Washington and half a year in Maine. So far so good!”

**KEITH LAWRENCE '67** “I enjoy receiving the FA news, it is uplifting to see the changes Fryeburg Academy has made over the years.”

**JOAN BANFILL HOLT '68** “What a pleasure to find fellow alumni **Terry Adams '65** and his lovely wife staying in the same RV Resort as us this winter in sunny Florida!”

## 1970s

**ANITA CRAIG CARSLY '70** married Len Carsley on July 23, 2022. “I play golf several times a week and love to sew—mostly quilts now. However, I just bought a sewing machine that does embroidery, and I look forward to learning a new skill. We plan to go on a cruise in the next year or so.”

**THAYER DUFRESNE '70** After graduating from FA, Thayer attended and graduated from Wentworth Institute in Boston. “I was in the building construction industry for 45 years, my first job was with the Austin Company building a 12-story office building in Philadelphia.” He then moved on to natural gas transmission. He and his wife now live in Florida.



Elbridge Russell '72 and his wife Linda traveled to Switzerland to visit daughter Katie Russell Koetke '10, husband Paul, and son Matias. Elbridge, Katie, and Matias are pictured at the top of the St. Moritz Olympic bobsled run before they took a trip down the run!

**KENN KAMINSKI '70** is still building and repairing dry stone walls throughout the USA. He enjoys yoga, pickleball, biking, hiking, and rock climbing. He is off to Europe in 2023 or 2024 to hike and camp. You can check out his website [internationalstonemason.com](http://internationalstonemason.com).

**ALVINA BLAKE DAY '71** “Life is only as good as you make it with the help of GOD, family and friends.”

**MELINDA CHACE BRACKEN '72** “Still enjoying pictures and memories from our 50th reunion. What an amazing class we have! I recently had the incredible opportunity to travel to Antarctica. It was the trip of a lifetime. Whales, penguins, seals, birds, glaciers, mountains, and icebergs as big as skyscrapers. The Drake Passage ~ oh my what wind and waves. Zodiac Cruises with international scientists sharing their knowledge.”

**MARGARET MCLEOD MILLS '73** “I married Rick Towle in May 2017. I’m enjoying retirement with him and traveling across the US with our travel trailer.”

**MARY DOWNS TUBMAN '73** “Hi everyone—I came up to our 45th reunion in 2018 and reconnected with fellow classmate, **KENNY FOX '73**. In 2022, I moved back to Maine and

Kenny and I are building a life together. Here’s to our second chance of love and happiness!!”

**REV. NEIL WILSON '73** had the honor of opening the Maine Senate with prayer on February 16, 2023. He was invited by Senator Lisa Keim. **NEIL '73** and wife **DONNA WALKER WILSON '75** recently retired after thirty-six years in the ministry serving UCC churches in Maine, Indiana, Michigan, and New Hampshire. Neil is serving the Lovell Maine UCC, part-time in his retirement, and residing in Lovell.

**GEORGE “SKIP” CADIGAN '74** “My wife Debbie and I are enjoying retirement in Bridgton. I ski three or four days a week at Pleasant Mountain. I can hit the woods to go hunting right from our yard just like I did while growing up in Lovell. In the summer we spend a lot of time at Moosehead Lake.”

**SCOTT LEBHAR '76** “What I remember most about my time at FA was the brotherhood in our senior housing that happened immediately. **CHRIS BISHOP '76, BRAD TREXLER '76, MIKE HARRINGTON '76, JOE CAMEL '76, AND DAVID VASQUEZ '76** and I all instantly bonded. I remember walking back to the dorm in the winter on a snow-carved paths and running around campus, cutting weight each week with my wrestling brothers. This effort resulted in going 12-1-1 during the regular season, taking second at regionals, and fourth in the state at 112 pounds in Bangor. I fondly remember coach “Bear” Brown and his wife Mary Ellen. I also played baseball and we had an excellent team in '76. **SCOTT LOVEJOY '77** and **DAVID VASQUEZ '76** were great teammates.. My experience at FA taught me the discipline I needed to excel in a successful broadcast career since 1980. I went to college in So Cal and was a walk-on for the baseball team. I owe a lot to FA and the staff and will always treasure my experience in '76. My wife and I live in Jupiter, FL, where she teaches part-time and I am still in the radio business.”



Mark Boisvert '82, Terry MacGillivray '81, Joe Shaffner '81, and Shannon McKeen '81 at Joe's 60th birthday.



Neil Wilson '73 pictured at the Maine State Senate where he led the opening prayer.



Scott Davidson '98 and Rebecca Johnson Davidson '98 with sons Peyton '24 and Britton.



FA wrestling alums Craig Urquhart '72, Keith Durham '72, Brian Merrill '73, and Wayne Farrington '72 enjoyed watching the first home wrestling match this season.



Chris Rothermel '94 shared this photo of his six sculptures being moved to a permanent studio in Maine

**CHRystal  
RICHARDSON  
ANDERSON '84**

Bermuda  
(shown here with  
fellow alum,  
Lisa Wingood Woodley '81)



In 2020, Crystal, who considers herself a traveling evangelist, was at Camp Lejeune, where she had set up a camper in an RV park and was ministering to retired military personnel, residents, and people on vacation. When the pandemic caused both the Bermudian and American borders to close, she had to change her plans

“In 2014, I was ordained as an evangelist, and then in 2018, I became a chaplain through the CICA International Chaplaincy Association.” After several years with Glory Temple New Testament Church of God, Crystal decided to take her ministry abroad.

In 2020 Crystal had planned to spend three months evangelizing in Holy Ridge, North Carolina, visiting prisons, shelters, and hospitals. “Covid shut everything down. Instead of going to visit these places, I communicated with folks via telephone,” she said. While the pandemic continued to unfold, the Black Lives Matter movement amplified with the deaths of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. Crystal found herself in the midst of it, and she continued to reach out to those in need.

“It was an honor to be able to spread my message during this most difficult time,” she added.

Now safely back in Bermuda, Crystal continues her mission—going out into the community, reaching people where they are, and supporting them through whatever trials they may be experiencing, and introducing them to a God who loves and cares for them. She also works the front desk at the Willowbank Resort in Sandy's Parish, Bermuda!

*Crystal attended the Fryeburg Academy alumni reception in Bermuda this past April—it was great to catch up with her!*

**RICHARD BEEBE '78** “I just passed the five-year mark working for BlueCat Networks and was promoted to Partner Enablement Manager for Professional Services. BlueCat is an amazing company to work for. I love it! This past July, I flew myself to Oshkosh, WI, for AirVenture, the world's largest airshow. I had a great time and it was wonderful (but hot) making a long cross-country flight again. Since my last update, I retired from the Experimental Aircraft Association's board of directors after 15 years.”

**PATTY COOMBS POND '78** is the Mountain Classroom Director at Proctor Academy and a faculty member since 1985. The Mountain Classroom is an experiment in community living with outdoor adventure experiences and place-based academics.

**MICHAEL WEEKS '79** is the Minister of National Security for the government of Bermuda.

**LINDA RAYMOND BONNAR-IVERY '81** “I've been living in Brunswick, ME, since 2003 with my husband David and crazy mini labradoodle named Harlie. I'm the director of a Speech/Language Therapy Program for a non-profit agency, and have worked for them for the last 26 years! I have an amazing son and step-son, and two years ago, I became the grandparent to an amazing little boy who keeps us very busy!”

**CRAIG BREEN '81** “I am retired from the Air Force and working on a civil service retirement. Beth and I have eight beautiful grandchildren spread around the country. When we married after graduation most folks in Fryeburg said we'd never make it, yet here we are 42 years later, still killing it!”

**HOLLY JOHNSON '81** planned to cross-country ski as much as possible last winter and to focus on her nature photography.

**MARYANN EASTMAN '83** “After many years in retail (33 or so) and then seven years in hospitality, I finally landed back in Fryeburg as the newest Library Director at the Fryeburg Public Library! My first love has always been books and I could not be happier; I am loving my work and my co-workers. Stop by and say hello, I am there Monday through Friday!”

**1980S**

**TRACY LANE '80** Is living in Sweden, ME, working as a caregiver through several agencies. She is a 40-year certified CNA.



Heidi Parmenter '98 and her son.



Craig Breen '81 and his wife Beth Carlson Breen '80.



**ARLAN LITTLE '83** I've started my music management company "Jumpshot Music Management."

**DONNA CRAM PIPER '83** "I'm a grandmother of two and a mother of four."

**KAREN LIBBY BACCHIOCCHI '85** "We are still in Lovell but have moved back to our first home for now. Our family is in "wedding mode" now—an exciting and happy time for both of our children."

**MARIA BASSETT '85** "On September 30, 2022, I married my longtime partner, Kai Han, in a small and swift ceremony at City Hall in New York City."

**COOPER CAMPBELL JACKSON '85** is now the Senior Vice President/Business Affairs, for the video game company Electronic Arts (EA).

**ANDREA LONGPRE MACHT '86** "Hey, All! —one child graduated from FA. last May (now at USM)...one more to go in 2024! I'm on campus most days. If you haven't visited FA in a while, get in touch, I'll gladly provide an update (alongpre207@gmail.com). It's certainly interesting to be a parent after being a graduate —many familiar faces and places. Be well!"

**LISA DANFORTH MCGEE '86** "Hi, I have been driving a bus for SAD #72 for many years. I'm happily married to my husband Gerard (34 years). We have two children Thomas (wife Kayla), and Leiann (husband Joshua '08),

and five amazing grandchildren—Ellie, Amelia, Lucy, Austin, and Charlotte. I'm looking forward to the next reunion."

**ROBERT HUBLEY '87** "My wife Wendi, son Pika(11) and I live on a houseboat in Seattle. It's just far enough from the snow to visit it on weekends, but happily, I do not shovel it anymore. Wendi is an oceanographer at University of Washington, and I ended up as a computational biologist at a non-profit research institute. Pika wavers between paleontologist and video game developer, depending on the day you ask."

## 1990s

**ROB HOITT '90** "I've begun a three-year term as a member of the Association for Talent Development's National Advisors for Chapters Team. Essentially, I will be supporting local community leaders who are in turn supporting corporate talent development professionals in their communities. Learning is as essential to our being as eating or breathing, and so helping equip the people who will help our working learners develop and grow is something I am very passionate about. All my best to all my fellow Raiders!"

**ANDREW WILFONG '91** "Hello everyone! My wife Snow and I have been living here in the greater Cincinnati area for about 20 years. We have two sons. Garith (16), and James (6). Both boys are home-schooled by Snow, who is also a full-time makeup artist and sells makeup for a company out of Utah called Saint. As busy as she is, she still manages to make it look easy. She's an inspiration! We recently purchased

**ERIC KING '86**  
(Lake Forest Park, WA)



"I spent the better part of the last two years at a shipyard in Vigo, Spain overseeing the conversion of an oceanographic research vessel for philanthropists Eric and Wendy Schmidt. The Schmidt Ocean Institute research vessel FALKOR (too) is one of the largest and most advanced privately owned ships of its type dedicated for deep sea exploration; the Schmidt's have made the ship free to use year-round by scientists from around the world for the purpose of advancing oceanographic research, discovery, and knowledge, and to catalyze sharing of information about the ocean. We openly share what we are studying in near real-time and are currently in the process of planning where on the globe to operate FALKOR (too) through year 2032." <https://schmidt-ocean-institute-launches-new-research-vessel>.

land out in the country where Snow designed, and I built, our dream home. We moved in last August and couldn't be happier!



Renee Strange Farnham '03, Emily Heggie' 13, Rich Tompkins '08. Emily and Rich own and operate "The Rec Game" a mobile gaming company for events and weddings featuring pool, cornhole, minigolf, and more! Renee is the Events Chair for NACE (National Association for Catering & Events) of Maine and invited them to be part of a monthly networking event!



Connor Moody '17, Patrick Moody '13, Meghan Cassily Moody '09, Morgan Garrett Conner '10, Meghan Moody Schwartz '10 and spouse David Schwartz, Jessica Wright '07, Elizabeth Delmonico '09, Lisa Jackson with spouse Alex Garrett '10, Esme Marie '10 with spouse Terry Classen '08, and Breezy Classen '10.



Pictured from left to right: Nick Landano '16, Dayna Thibodeau '16, Chase Coen '16, Matt Boucher '16, Rodrigo Araujo '15, Markus Schneider '16, Ben LeConey '16, Jordan Kruguer '16, Ali Down '16, Bob Price '16, Ben Darling '16, Sean Chase '16, Patrick Carty '16





Katie Shorey '06 at a recent presentation where she was the keynote speaker.



Devin LaCasce Heaton '11 married Neil Heaton in April.



Jen Solter Jones '09 pictured with her mother Barbara Johnson Solter '81 boiling sap to make maple syrup for Jen's science class. Jen is a teacher here at FA.

I'm in my 13th year as a full-time firefighter/paramedic for a suburban department just north of Cincinnati. I started a Home Inspections business back in 2017, which I recently closed the doors on. To adjust to the changing housing market, I decided to start another business, "Xtra Hand At Home" which focuses on home repairs and renovations. So far, I'm as busy as I want to be. I hope and plan to attend my next reunion and seeing some old friends."

**AMANDA REMINGTON DEUBNER '93**

"My husband and I live in central Pennsylvania with our daughter and I work in the finance office at Susquehanna University. We are doing well and enjoying the craziness that comes with having a teenage athlete."

**MATTHEW MCGRATH '94** writes, "**LAURI**

**CRAIG MCGRATH '94** and I moved to Georgia in December—something we have talked about for 20 years. Our youngest, **BRODY '22**, graduated from FA with honors! He now is studying 3D animation at the Savannah School of Art and Design. Our eldest, **MCKENNA '19**, is studying Occupational Therapy at USM and will receive her bachelor's degree in May—and then on to her DOCTORATE! We are so proud of both of our kids. Lauri and I will celebrate 24 years married in July, and who knows how many years we've been together? She would probably say too many. If any of our classmates ever make it to Savannah, look us up!"

**CHRIS ROTHERMEL '94** is "Thrilled to be back home in Maine with our family of six and a new permanent sculpture studio now in Maine, USA. Many thanks to Rose and **Colin Micklon '94**, Jane and Roger Williams, Rhonda Poliquin, Wendy St. Pierre, Meg Dyer, and Fryeburg Academy for making us feel welcome and supporting us during the transition."

**REBECCA TOWNE '97** "I am medically retired from law enforcement after 14 years as a police officer. I have a travel blog/vlog, *The Roving Oak*, and sell stationery that displays my travel photos."

**SCOTT DAVIDSON '98 AND REBECCA**

**JOHNSON DAVIDSON '98** will celebrate their 20th wedding anniversary in August of 2024. "Our son Peyton will graduate with FA's class of 2024, and our son Britton will graduate from Molly Ockett in 2024. I currently work for the MSAD#72 school district, going on 16 years. Scott works for the Town of Lovell!"

**HEIDI PARMENTER '98** "After living in Phoenix, AZ, for 18 years, I'm moving back to Maine with my 16 year old son in August to be closer to family. I will try to make it to the reunion."

**2000s**

**BRANDON MOORE '00** "Living in Northern Virginia with my beautiful wife and three kids. We both design devices for Stryker's Spine Division and have been doing that since graduating high school."

**LAUREN LAPLANTE TRIPP '00** was named to the SNHU President's List last fall.

**EMILY DEMILLE HARMER '01** and her husband, Dan, own and operate a veterinary clinic in Price, UT.

**JUSTIN CHAFFEE '03** Co-wrote the independent feature film *Grumpy Old Santa*.

It was filmed in East Texas in December 2022 and has a target release date of November 2023.

**MARIE CHERRY RAPPA '03** "I accepted a job with Target in January and moved to Pennsylvania with my husband and four cats. I'm making my way back to the Northeast after spending time in GA, TX and AR. Glad to be back to cooler temperatures and four seasons!"

**DAN STURDEVANT '03** "I currently serve as Head of School at Optima Classical Academy and live in Charlotte, NC, with my wife Christa and our daughters Elsa, Claire, and Liesel."

**TAYLOR LUCY '04** recently became the new owner of Lucy Hardware in Intervale, NH. The business was previously owned by his uncle, Nat Lucy.

**KATIE SHOREY '06** "I moved back to Maine in 2015 and it was the best decision! I'm currently living in Portland and have been working for Live and Work in Maine since 2019. Our nonprofit's mission is to promote career opportunities as well as Maine's top-notch quality of life. We create marketing campaigns, organize community events, execute programs and projects, and collaborate with employers and state agencies. I also run Startup Maine, a volunteer-led nonprofit that brings together people in the entrepreneurial space

**SPARROW SPAULDING (JENNIFER GOOD) '90** (Beatrice, NE)



(Now known by her pen name Sparrow Spaulding) wrote an award-winning memoir of her childhood called *Riding Standing Up* in 2019. In 2022, she released her second book, *Uncaged*, which details her theory of personality called Facet Theory, and is a deep dive into trauma recovery. She is now a retired psychotherapist turned consultant and went back to school to become a nutritionist. She helps people heal mind AND body and is currently working on her third book, her first attempt at fiction. She and her husband just bought a turn of the century home they are renovating and also just found out they will become grandparents this year!"



and promotes Maine's startup ecosystem. In my spare time I am always trying new restaurants, traveling (most recently Croatia, Ireland and Portugal), hiking, spending time at camp (Hiram), and hanging with my friends, family and boyfriend, Brock. If you're looking to move back to Maine, find me on LinkedIn!"

**IAN FERGUSON '07** and his wife, Kathryn, welcomed their first child, Griffin Ferguson, on January 14th. 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 on 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 to laugh.

**VINCENT OSGOOD '07** and his wife, Hillary, welcomed Abigail Tait Osgood December 5, 2022, in Portland, ME. She joins brother, Asa(5), sister, Raelynn(3), and brother dog, Fenway, a goldendoodle(8). The grandparents are **JAMES '85** and **ANDREA SMITH OSGOOD '86** of Fryeburg, ME, and Rebecca Hall of Cortez, FL. The great-grandparents are **JAMES OSGOOD '56** of Fryeburg, ME; **ROGER SMITH '62** and Carol Smith of Stow, ME; and Lawrence Tait of Zephyrhills, FL.

**JASON SARCIA '07** and Ashlie Kidder of Center Conway, NH, welcomed Oliver Andrew Sarcia on March 24, 2023, at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME.

## 2010s

**SARAH FLAHERTY '11** "I have been having a hard time since being recently diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis but am a shift lead manager at Dunkin' Donuts in Norway, ME. Despite my struggles, my son turned five in April and I have lost 180lbs, and I was happy to see my high school sweetheart **GEORGE NEWCOMB '09** this past summer (see photo)."

**RACHAEL JOHNSON '10 AND CODY BUTTERS '10** are the parents of Wynn Charlotte Butters born on March 3, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She joins Puggles, Luna and Frankie. Maternal grandparents are Mark Johnson and Debra Johnson and Mary Bastoni Rebmann and Tom Rebmann. The paternal grandparents are **PAUL BUTTERS '79**, and **CORI SMITH HAMILTON '90** and Ed Hamilton.

**DEVIN LACASSE HEATON '11** and Neil Heaton were married on April 21, 2023 in Sacramento, CA. They live in Sacramento with their two rescue dogs, Phobe and Jackie.

**MEGHAN MOODY SCHWARTZ '10** shares, "On November 6, 2022, we surprised guests at our 'engagement party' with a wedding ceremony behind the Oxford House Inn in Fryeburg."

**TAYLA HAMILTON '12** welcomed her son, Camden Douglas Hamilton March 17, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. His aunt is **AMBER HAMILTON '19**. The grandparents are **MELINDA LEWIS HAMILTON '89** and **DOUGLAS HAMILTON '88**. Great-grandparents are **DONNA THOMAS LEWIS '63** and **CARROLL LEWIS '63** of Fryeburg; and Jean and the late **HARVEY HAMILTON '58** of Fryeburg.

**SAVANNA HOWARD '12** and Joshua Reid welcomed Austin Lewellyn Reid on Dec. 16, 2023, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. He joins two sisters, Callie(8) and Mckenna (4).

**SAGE HENNESSY OSTROM '12** "We moved to Sweden, ME, and welcomed our newest

**MATTHEW SEAVEY '97**  
(Cary, NC)



is Vice President of Research & Technology Acquisition at NightHawk Biosciences, a company focused on accelerating the discovery and development of novel medical countermeasures to defend against emerging biothreats. He is also the founder of BlueSky BioAdvisors, LLC., a firm focused on finding solutions for the biotech industry. Matt's daughter, Sejal Seavey, is 17 and plans to attend college in 2024. Matt has continued his love of travel and photography, which started at Fryeburg Academy under Greg Strom. Follow him at CarpeLuxCapture.com.

addition Laney Grace Ostrom last fall. She joins her sister Macey and brother Tate Ostrom."

**MEGAN VITTERS JONES '13** married Bengerman Jones in 2021 and their daughter Athena Fae was born in 2022.

**TANNER WILSON '13** "In June 2022 I married the love of my life and we spent an amazing honeymoon in Cabo San Lucas. I also accepted a Content Marketing position at Viewpoint School in Calabasas, CA."

**AMANDA LEE RIVERS '14** and Noah Joseph Rivers of Fryeburg, ME, welcomed Jack Lee Rivers on November 22, 2022, at Memorial Hospital. He joins Nora Lee (3).

**ANGEL ESCALANTE '15** "I went to Plymouth State University and graduated with a Sports Management Degree. I now work for the Boston Red Sox as a tour coordinator. I began as an intern in 2018 and have been here ever since. Being an FA dorm student gave me



Vincent Osgood '07 with wife Hillary Osgood, and children Raelynn, Asa, and newborn Abigail.



Sage Hennessy Ostrom '12 pictured with husband Evan, and children Macey, Tate, and newborn Laney.



Olivia Pelkie Vajentic '18 and husband Ryan Vajentic in Japan.



Ellen Bacchocchi '13 and Christina DiPietro '13 at the recent Portland Alumni reception.



Tanner Wilson '13 with wife Taylor Wilson on their wedding day.



Cayle Johnson '15

an interest in traveling due to the friendships I made with international dorm students. I ended up studying abroad in college and have enjoyed traveling as a hobby ever since.”

**CAYLE JOHNSON '15** “As of April 1, 2023, I have officially taken over as the second executive director of Scribners Mill Preservation, Inc. located in Harrison, ME. I am looking forward to taking this amazing opportunity and growing this living history museum into something more incredible than it already is.”

**MATT BOUCHER '16** “In March, a dozen FA alumni traveled to Dublin, Ireland to celebrate the wedding of **BEN LECONEY '16** and his amazing wife, Jess. This was our first time being all together in the same room since graduation, and what an occasion for this mini-reunion! We wish them all the best and were overjoyed to join in the celebration!”

**BRAIN GONG '17** “I earned a bachelor’s degree from the University of Rochester in electrical engineering, and currently at the University of Pennsylvania working on my master’s degree in EE.”

**THEO MCCALLUM '17** was named to the dean’s list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

**ZAC MERCAUTO '17** “I recently accepted the role of Assistant Manager of tickets, season passes, and central reservations at Loon Mountain Resort in Lincoln, NH.”

**KELITA ALARCON '18** “I graduated in May 2022 from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts with a bachelor’s in interdisciplinary studies and a concentration in psychology and social science. After college, I began working as a behavioral analysis technician for Centria Autism.”

**JOEY TRUMBULL '18** was named to the dean’s list at Rochester Institute of Technology for the fall semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

**OLIVIA PELKIE VAJENTIC '18** “After graduating from Fryeburg Academy I was married to Ryan Vajentic on January 1, 2020. When my husband then joined the United States Airforce, we moved to Okinawa, Japan in late 2020, and have been living the dream. We just received news we will be going to England to live for the next few years. Who knows where we will move to after England!”

**TUCKER BUZZELL '19**, a junior at Husson College was selected to the Division II/III All New England college division team in November by the New England Football Writers. Tucker continued his run of postseason awards adding to a list that includes Noontime Sports All-New England First Team and Commonwealth Coast Conference All-Conference First Team. He led the conference with 118 tackles and 11.8 tackles per game, ranking top five in the country in both

categories and dominated this season in the middle of the field for the Eagle’s defense, picking off four passes to lead the team including two in one game. Additionally, he recorded 56 solo stops and 62 assisted tackles to go along with 13.5 tackles for loss and one sack. He was named defensive player of the week three times including back-to-back weeks. Tucker is the son of **JACKI EASTMAN BUZZELL '90** and **RICK BUZZELL '87** of Lovell, ME.

**LINH “LAURA” LE '19** was named to second honors on the Clark University Dean’s List. This selection marks outstanding academic achievement during the Fall 2022 semester.

**RIVER LUSKY '19** River teaches first grade at the Molly Ockett School in Fryeburg Maine as she finishes up her degree in Elementary Education from the University of Maine at Farmington, and will graduate in May 2023!

**ZOE MAGUIRE '19** was named to the dean’s list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2022.

**MCKENNA MCGRATH '19** “I will be graduating from USM in May with my Bachelor’s in Social and Behavioral Sciences and then continuing into my second year of working towards my Doctorate in Occupational Therapy.”

**FAITH MITCHELL '19** accepted a job at Politico as a Business Development Associate in Arlington, VA, upon graduation from the Catholic University of America



George Newcomb '09 and Sarah Flaherty '11.



Yiang “Brain” Gong '17

## 2020s

**Ross Bass '20** “I recently changed locations in new Hampshire along with a promotion to salon manager for West Lebanon’s PetSmart while pursuing my DVM for veterinary practice.”

**MERYS CARTY '20** was named to the dean’s list at Bates College for the fall semester ending in December 2022.

**MATTHEW GUNTHER '20** “After taking a gap year, I am attending UNH/Durham and am in the class of 2025. I ran a successful painting business over the summer of '22, am an avid traveler, and keeping up with my music.”

**MADI MCINTYRE '20** was named to Springfield College's 2022 Fall Dean's List.

**NGHI NGUYEN '20** of Ho Chi Minh has been named to the President's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

**LEXI PARKER '20** “I spend most of my time farming these days and I'm almost finished with my undergraduate degree in social work. Spring is fully here in western North Carolina and we've all been enjoying the green pastures and time in the sun. It's calving and lambing season so there are tons of cute babies running around. When I'm not working on the farm or studying for class, I spend my time reading, hiking, volunteering, or working in the garden. Life has been so good to me and I am so grateful to be here.”

**ABIGAIL WINTERBOTTOM '20** has been named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Stonehill College.

**SAMANTHA CARUS '21** had an impressive performance during last year's NCAA regionals, was the top runner for the Colby Sawyer Chargers after racing her way to 46<sup>th</sup> place with a time of 23:47.5.

**MARRA MACMILLAN '21** has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Fall 2022 semester.

Marra is enrolled in Husson's Master of Business Administration (MBA)/Bachelor of Science in accounting program.

**WILLIAM MARSHALL '21** is a Lasell University student, and adventured behind the scenes at ABC Studios!

Lasell University's News and Entertainment Marketing course was taught this past semester by Senior Vice President of Marketing and Creative at ABC News, Alan Ives. In November, Will's class -- took an immersive trip to New York City to meet with industry professionals and get an inside look at entertainment production, interactive design, and news marketing. The group visited the sets of “Good Morning America” and “The View,” took a tour of ABC, and sat in on editing and graphic design production sessions with members of Ives' creative team. They also met with Sarah Weldon, senior editor at Yahoo!, and visited the Museum of Modern Art to take in an exhibit on interactive design.

**CHRISTINA SCHEID '21** was named to the dean's list for the Fall 2022 semester at Springfield College.

**MELANIE BOEKER '22** “Hi there everyone, old friends and those who are new to Fryeburg Academy! For around six months now, I've been living in the Shinjuku area of Tokyo, and boy have I gotten a good chunk of stories to tell. I came to Japan with the goal of learning the local language, and although I'm nowhere as close to fluent as I'd like to be, I've made countless friends. Over my time here, I've visited many shrines, dined nightly at izakayas, seen two of the three massive mechs inhabiting the country (Gundam), and gained a better understanding of independence and being able to manage oneself in the long run. Of all my experiences, nothing tops how I, over the course of these past few months, cemented myself in the staff of a local Okinawan restaurant (沖縄パラダイス). Although I don't formally work there, I often play the traditional Japanese drums for the daily live shows they host, and occasionally translate for tourists who find themselves at the joint. They are as close to family as I've felt outside of my own flesh and blood, and I couldn't be happier to have met all of the staff and other locals— they truly shaped my experience in Japan to be the best it could be.”

**HANNAH PLOWDEN  
GUILFORD '13**  
(Fryeburg, ME)



“Since starting my own company Heart and Hammer Homes, I have won numerous awards and have been highlighted in publications internationally as an interior designer. I was recently recognized as one of NKBA's Thirty Under 30 Class of 2022, honoring outstanding young professionals sponsored by Delta Faucet Company and Signature Kitchen Suite. This year my husband, Cody Guilford, and I will expand our following with a tv show episode on the Magnolia Network, hoping it will help us continue to grow our business.”

**LEAH CHARLES '22** has been named to Husson University's Dean's List for the Fall 2022 semester. Leah is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in criminal justice program.

**BRIANNA LORD '22** “I've been a student at SMCC for almost a year and it's honestly the best thing that has happened to me. I met my boyfriend here along with so many other good people. Teachers in high school will always try to prepare you for college and take it seriously but here at SMCC it's so easy. Just be yourself and do your work.”

**Katy McIntyre '22** was named to the Fall 2022 Dean's List at Thomas College in Waterville, ME. Katy is a member of the soccer and softball teams at Thomas and was recently awarded the Gold Key Award for Emerging Leadership. This award is given annually to six first-year students who exhibit exceptional leadership skills.



Angel Escalante '15 at Fenway Park.



Lexi Parker's cows enjoying their pasture.



Melanie Boeker '22 shared a photo from her time in Japan.



# Alumni Area Receptions —Sharing Stories and Memories!

We enjoyed traveling and reconnecting with FA alumni during the fall and winter of 2022/2023. They were fun, upbeat occasions as we gathered together at Bissell Brothers in Portland, ME, Frances Tavern in NYC, Grotto Bay Resort in Bermuda, and Dillon's in Boston to share stories and memories and catch up on each other's lives. The events provided an excellent opportunity for alumni from different generations to meet, connect, and network.

We are already planning new and exciting events for our alumni community in 2023/2024 and welcome suggestions and feedback on how we can better serve our alumni network. We look forward to seeing you all again soon, and thanks for joining us!



Adam Shorey '10, Lexi Rudisill, Yazi Azel '09, and Katelyn Shorey '06



Jay Moravitz, Ellen Bacchiocchi '13, Kari Jones, Gretchen Bacchiocchi, and Peter Bacchiocchi '11



Hannah Sawyer '08, Terry Classen '08, Dan Broyer '09, Dan's wife Vivian and daughter Alina, Dylan Anderson's wife Nolan, and Dylan Anderson '09



Peter Gale '83, Mike Hill '79, and Jessica Russell '81



Joe Manning, Glenn Tucker '92 with his wife and daughter



Renee Thomas '84, Joe Manning, Michael Weeks '79, Dawn Gale '81, and John Gordon '80.



Alumni Area Receptions continued



Rob Waters '08, Jimmy Russell '08, his wife Julie, and Head of School, Erin Mayo.



John Gordon '80, Ian Rawlins '85, Alphonso Caesar '88, Robert Wheatley '88, and Jonathan Soares '87



Renee Thomas '84, Crystal Richardson '84, Noreen Bean Bartley '78, Andre Goins '83, Sharon Davis Carlington '84



Corey Beaton '10, Njemile Phillip '14, and Joel Rhymer

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

ACADEMICS

- Visiting Author/Speaker series - \$1,000 ea.
- Scholarships to support student educational travel - \$500 ea.
- Bulletin Boards for Science Classrooms - \$425 ea.

ALUMNI, MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

- Nikon D850 Camera - \$2,500

ATHLETICS

- Football Shoulder Pads, 40 sets - \$11,500 (\$5,500 contributed, Fall 2016) 23 Sets Remaining - \$6,500
- Portable Scoring Table for outdoor athletic events - \$5500
- Strips of artificial turf for indoor sled training (2) - \$560/ea

HOWE STREET TENNIS COMPLEX

- Spectator Seating - \$25,000
- Tennis Backboard - \$25,000

OUTDOOR LEARNING AND RESEARCH

- Future Farmers of America - Fryeburg Academy Chapter Start-up Items:
  - 10 FFA Official Dress Jackets, Scarves, and Ties - \$820
  - Classroom set of FFA Handbook - \$200
  - Chapter Banner - \$115
  - Plaque Station Marker Set - \$139
  - Equipment for transporting, washing, prepping, and refrigerating OLRC garden vegetables - \$6,000
  - Jackets, gloves, boots, and sleeping bags for winter camping (20 sets needed) - \$500 ea.
  - Backcountry XC skis, boots, & poles /(20 sets needed) - \$450 ea.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS

- 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) \$1000 ea.
- Refreshed Building Signage \$500 - 1000

# THE LACASCE BEQUEST SOCIETY

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](mailto:dgale@fryeburgacademy.org).

## *In Memoriam*

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

**JAMES CURRIE '55** on November 18, 2021  
**WILLIAM BUGBEE '77** on June 6, 2022  
**JUDITH REYNOLDS DEMILLE '64** on August 18, 2022  
**DONALD QUINCY '52** on October 17, 2022  
**STEPHEN TRUE '56** on November 17, 2022  
**DANNY BARKER '69** on November 19, 2022  
**JAQUES DUPUIS '21** on November 20, 2022  
**MARY MADDIX CURRIE '58** on December 29, 2022  
**ALBERT NELSON, JR '72** on January 2, 2023  
**MARY WHITE RICHARDSON '45** on January 2, 2023  
**DARRELL KEATEN '68** on January 7, 2023  
**RICHARD HEIKKINEN '62** on January 8, 2023  
**PATRICK WALCH '76** on January 20, 2023  
**GLORIA MCDONALD CHARLES '58** on January 29, 2023  
**NANCY CHARLES LAYNE '54** on February 6, 2023  
**HERBERT HURD '73** on February 22, 2023

**PAULA TETZLAFF HINMAN '63** on February 23, 2023  
**TINA RICHARDSON CALLANAN '80** on February 26, 2023  
**GLENNA LEAVITT ROBERSON '54** on February 28, 2023  
**GEORGE MAYO '69** on March 11, 2023  
**IAN WHEELER '06** on March 15, 2023  
**ROLAND "ROLY" WILEY '47** on March 18, 2023  
**CHARLES PERKINS '47** on March 21, 2023  
**HELEN BRYANT MORGAN '48** on March 25, 2023  
**JOHN MCSHERRY '63** on March 30, 2023  
**RICHARD "DICK" THOMPSON '61** on March 30, 2023  
**ELMER "LUKE" SEWALL '37** on April 20, 2023  
**GEORGE H. FERNALD '51** on April 29, 2023  
**C. RICHARD LACASCE '46** on May 3, 2023

To read full obituaries, please go to:

[WWW.FRYEBURGACADEMY.ORG/IN-MEMORIAM](http://WWW.FRYEBURGACADEMY.ORG/IN-MEMORIAM)



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## 2023 REUNION WEEKEND

Friday, August 18th,  
Saturday, August 19th &  
Sunday, August 20th

Registration is open! Visit [www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion](http://www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion), email [alumni@fryeburgacademy.org](mailto:alumni@fryeburgacademy.org), or call 207-935-2001 ext. 3131 to purchase tickets or inquire about the weekend!

### Friday, August 18

- 5 pm Senior Alumni (Class of 1973 and older) & VIP Cocktail Reception w/ Archive Display in the Bion R. Cram Library
- 6 pm Senior Alumni & VIP Dinner (Class of 1973 and older)  
LaCasce Dining Room in Shaffner Hall  
Ticketed event (\$55 pp)

### Saturday, August 19

- 9 am Alumni Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, & Girls Soccer Games
- 2 pm Barbecue Luncheon  
Under Tents on the Quad (Open to all alumni and their guests)  
Ticketed event (\$25 pp)
- 1:30-3 pm Reunion Photos & Social Hour with refreshments & entertainment  
School memorabilia available for purchase
- 3-4 pm Campus Tours leaving from the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center
- 4-6 pm Reception @ Saco River Brewing

### Sunday, August 20

Discount Golf @ Kezar Lake (contact the alumni office for your coupon).

For a full schedule of events and photo times, please visit [www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion](http://www.fryeburgacademy.org/reunion)