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Hello, Raiders!

It's been a celebratory year filled with many reasons to be a proud Raider! I am quickly approaching thirty years at Washington Academy and still amazed at the spirit of the Raider family. Every year, we welcome excited new family members from local towns and around the globe. Their addition to campus brings new energy, new friendships, and the creation of new memories.

The joy of memories and their ability to unify and create spirit was apparent this summer when over one hundred alums gathered in the Gardner Gymnasium for the first time in five years (page 6). Being together again, telling stories, and celebrating the Old Academy's bicentennial (1823-2023) with song and cake created a sense of being home.

The celebration continued into the fall when the Board celebrated and honored Dr. John Gaddis '65. John retired from the Board after over thirty years of service to Washington Academy (page 8). His passion for being a Raider and his commitment to leading the school into the future have been extensive and impressive. John has left behind a legacy of service to ensure the Raider family continues to grow.

Raider spirit peaked during Homecoming weekend when the 2023 Class was inducted into the Washington Academy Athletic Hall of Fame (page 4). Friends, family members, and alums celebrated the induction of thirteen individual Raider athletes and the 1990 Cheer Team. Thirty-three years have passed since the memorable state championship was clinched. However, watching the Cheer Team seemed like yesterday (page 3). Tables were pushed together, photos were taken, and laughter was heard as the Team reunited to accept their honor.

This fall, faculty and staff also celebrated Mrs. Maker's selection as Washington County Teacher of the Year and finalist for Maine State Teacher of the Year (page 10). Mrs. Maker makes teaching look easy with hands-on learning, citizen science projects, and community and student collaborations. Outside the classroom, the Raider football team won the Maine Independent League Championship and returned to campus with a celebratory motorcade (page 11).

I am proud and honored to celebrate the Class of 2024's Top 10 students (page 12). These young Raiders will attend various colleges in the fall, pursuing impressive majors. They inspire us all. The National Merit Scholarship Program has selected Valedictorian Dakoda Davis as a National Merit Scholar Finalist. He is one of 16,000 students nationally who have received this honor!

Perhaps the greatest show of Raider Pride over the past year was the extensive work the WA staff and faculty members spent on re-accrediting Washington Academy. The process took two years to complete, and a New England Association of Schools and Colleges Committee visited campus twice for evaluation. The news arrived this fall that our re-accreditation was approved, and the work of our Raider family will allow for many more Raider celebrations! I hope you enjoy this spirit edition of WA Today, pause to reflect fondly on your WA memories, and celebrate being a Raider!

Judson McBrine
Head of School

Cheering for Champions

It was the first weekend in October 2023, and the campus was buzzing with homecoming activities and the third annual Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony - it was the perfect time to honor and celebrate the memorable spirit of the 1990 Raider Cheer Team. Although the members never cheered in the Gardner Gymnasium, their team presence was immediately felt as they pushed tables together in the front row to reunite and do what they did best: cheer for the Hall inductees.

There is no doubt how these Raiders clinched the Class C State Cheerleading Championship in 1990. Just as Head Coach Kathy Quimby Harmon '74 mentored their floor routines, Kathy retook center stage to highlight and honor the team's accomplishments as champions. Proudly, Kathy shared the team's preparation journey for that championship competition, including years of summer camp participation, endless practices, and the steady build of school spirit!

The Team was unique in its preparation, as their competitors were having their routines choreographed, these Raiders were determined to create their own routines as they continued to score high in creativity. Partner stunts proved challenging in these routines, so boys were added to the team for the first time. Keith Labonte '90 and Eric Tuck '90 were instrumental in providing the strength



1990 Cheer Team Honors: Front - left to right: Charlene Davis Cates '90, Michelle Gardner DeWitt '90, Theresa Gardner Barker '90, and Jessica Green Taylor '92. Standing - left to right: Coach Kathy Quimby Harmon '74, Jessica Taylor Turner '92, Paula Costley Maker '90, Laurie Moore Schoppee '92, Eric Tuck '90, Melanie Small Omlor-Fox '91, Jennifer Ackley Wickett '92, and Assistant Coach Michelle Farris Michaud '87 (Not Pictured: Keith Labonte '90 and Cheryl Davis Siemers '90)

to the team necessary for synchronized and difficult routines. There was still one more important goal for this team and its success, and that was incorporating cheers that encouraged crowd participation, creating undeniable spectator excitement. Coach Harmon fondly reflected on these moments, "School spirit was a continued upward climb. A high basket toss, 'High Flying Jessica,' added to the excitement,

causing Athletic Director Mr. Gardner to tell me to put a lid on it!"

In February 1990, at the Bangor Auditorium, the Team performed at its peak, winning first place out of forty-one competing cheer teams and becoming state champions. It is an unforgettable memory for fourteen Raiders, and their induction into the Hall of Fame will be a historical memory forever.





Individual Honors L-R: Ben Teer '10, Dean Crosman '75, Chianti Mrzarik '10, Milos Gautier '09, Taylor Seeley Foster '11, Judd Bragg '92, Chris Bridges '93, and John Francis, Jr. '92. (Not Pictured: William Holmes '60, David Armstrong '60, Bobby Guptill '66, Ken Albee '73, and Nate Davis '00.)



Athletic Hall of Fame 2023

The WA Athletic Hall of Fame was created in 2018 with the intention to honor those Raider student-athletes who have demonstrated exceptional athletic performance while maintaining important lifelong character traits, such as the ability to be a good teammate, solid individual commitment, and the desire to strive for excellence. Homecoming weekend, October 6-7, 2023, was the perfect weekend to celebrate the Hall's third class of inductees.

Campus was already spirited; however, the Gardner Gymnasium was filled with warm memories of Raider athletes and competitions from over seventy decades. Several coaches and teammates took the stage after a sit-down dinner to reminisce and bring the crowd together once again with Raider athletics. Thirteen individual Raider athletes and one team were inducted into the WA Athletic Hall of Fame. Mr. McBrine remarked about the evening, "It's such an honor to be in the same room with all of these outstanding Raider athletes."

Class of 2023 Athletic Hall of Fame Members:

David Armstrong '60, Billy Holmes '60, Bobby Guptill '66, Ken Albee '73, Dean Crosman '75, Judd Bragg '92, John Francis Jr. '92, Chris Bridges '93, Nate Davis '00, Milos Gautier '09, Chianti Mrazik '10, Ben Teer '10, Taylor Seeley Foster '11, 1990 Cheer Team - Theresa Gardner Barker '90, Charlene Davis Cates '90, Michelle Gardner DeWitt '90, Keith Labonte '90, Paula Costley Maker '90, Melanie Small Omlor-Fox '91, Laurie Moore Schoppee '92, Cheryl Davis Siemens '90, Jessica Green Taylor '92, Eric Tuck '90, Jessica Taylor Turner '92, and Jennifer Ackley Wickett '92, Kathy Quimby Harmon '74, and Michelle Farris Michaud '87

The fourth WA Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be held in 2025.

For a complete list of Hall of Fame members please visit the WA website at washingtonacademy.org

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Head of School Judson McBrine

2023 Trustee Tea



WA Board of Trustees Vice President Tara Bartko '88 with 2023 Distinguished Educator, William "Bill" Holmes '61.

The 27th annual Trustee Tea was held on campus, August 5, 2023. The event preceded the alumni reunion in the Gardner Gymnasium, which many community members attended. WA friends and family of the honorees were in attendance. For many, it was a small reunion, as guests celebrated the 2023 Distinguished Educator, William "Bill" Holmes '61, and the Distinguished Community Service Honoree, the Wesley Foundation.

Appropriately, Richard Gardner '57 introduced Bill and brought warmth and laughter to the room as he talked about his long-time friend. Bill Holmes was an engaged student, a Raider, and a well-rounded WA athlete, participating in basketball, baseball, and volleyball. After graduating from Washington Academy, he became a teacher and ultimately fulfilled his dream of mentoring and educating young people. He was a beloved teacher at Washington Academy for twenty-six years. His students described him as a teacher, coach, and friend.

WA Board of Trustee Dean McGuire '99 introduced the Wesley Foundation as the recipient of the Community Service Award. The Foundation has generously impacted youths within the area with donations to Little League teams, school athletic programs, student-athlete recognition awards and programs. Their growth as a foundation has enabled them to acquire land in Machias to build a youth recreation center. The news of the Center was announced at the Tea, making the event even more memorable. Mrs. Beckie Hennessey accepted the award on behalf of the Foundation.

The 28th Annual Trustee Tea will be held on Saturday, August 3, 2024.



Founders of the Wesley Foundation Lee and Kate Keeton '94



Mrs. Beckie Hennessey '90 accepted the 2023 Distinguished Community Service Award on behalf of the Wesley Foundation. (With WA Board of Trustees Vice President Tara Bartko '88)

2023 Alumni Reunion

The WA Alumni Association spent the past year planning the first in-person campus reunion in over four years. The Reunion, held on August 5, celebrated being together again and included a birthday party celebrating the Old Academy's bicentennial. Alumni Association President Michael Hinerman '69 has been hosting monthly meetings on campus with the Association officers to plan social events and fundraisers and improve alumni communication.

The first reunion after post-pandemic years was a success! Michael opened the event with alumni news as guests enjoyed dinner. Alumni Association Treasurer Kathy Harmon spoke about the first 200 years and the significance of the Old Academy to Washington Academy and its alumni. Kathy remarked, "My father, my brothers and sisters, my husband, our children, and I have all been educated within its walls and climbed and descended the stairs going to and from the classrooms as thousands of others have. Someday, I hope to take my great-grandchildren inside and that they enjoy the history as much as I and many others do. I think it's time to pay tribute to Washington Academy's oldest building by lighting the candles and singing, *Happy Birthday*." At that time, the Gardner Gymnasium erupted in song, and the Head of School Mr. McBrine cut a cake in celebration.

The evening also included a student update on the experience of being a Raider. Coleton Whitney '24 spoke about the opportunities he enjoys as a student-athlete and his post-secondary aspirations. Coleton shared, "I began my junior year with the experience of being a part of a very competitive varsity soccer team, which ended the season as the Northern Maine Finalists. My academic year was just as busy. I am interested in going to college for engineering, so my classes were weighted with science and math. I took honors physics, engineering, honors precalculus, and two early college classes. I have been busy!"

Noah Roos '23, was presented with the 2023 Alumni Association Scholarship and spoke about attending the University of Maine in Machias and pursuing an engineering degree. The Association awards the scholarship annually to a deserving Raider pursuing post-secondary education. Throughout the 2023-24 school year, the Association has been fundraising for the 2024 scholarship and recognizes the importance of the award.

The Association plans to announce alumni social dates later in the year and looks forward to celebrating together again in 2025.

If you are interested in participating in the WA Alumni Association and or planning the 2025 reunion please email development@raider4life.org



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A Lifelong Dedication

Washington Academy celebrates the remarkable journey and unwavering commitment of one of its most beloved alums and dedicated trustees, Dr. John Gaddis, D.O. For over three and a half decades, Dr. Gaddis '65 has tirelessly served Washington Academy, leaving an indelible mark that resonates in the hearts of many.

His relationship with Washington Academy began as a student, graduating in 1965. Dr. Gaddis' time at the Academy was marked not only by academic excellence but also by active engagement and leadership roles that foreshadowed his future commitment to the school and the East Machias community. As a student, he held positions such as class treasurer and president, exemplifying his early dedication to service and leadership. He also participated as a Raider athlete on championship cross country and basketball teams.

Dr. Gaddis' commitment to Washington Academy extended beyond his student years. He made significant contributions as an alum, serving on the Board of Trustees from 1987 to 2023. In this role, he played a pivotal part in shaping the Academy's policies, vision, and goals. During his time on the Board, the campus grew through the construction of the Gardner Gymnasium and Fine Arts Building, the addition of a successful international boarding program, new athletic fields, the Talbot Dormitory, and an active community garden. His extensive knowledge of the school and its history, along with his passion for education, made him an



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-Rhoda Hodgdon '68, local business owner and former Board member

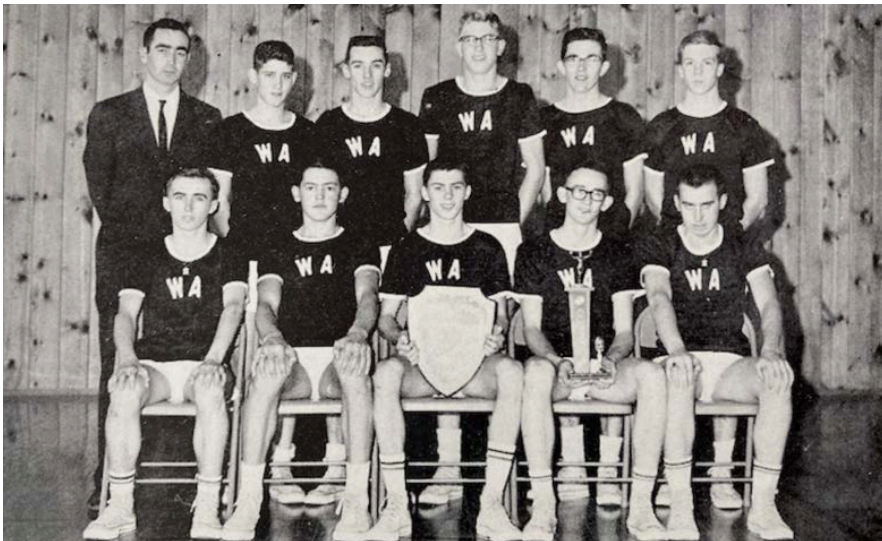
invaluable asset to the Board. Rhoda Hodgdon '68 is a WA alum and local business owner who served on the WA Board of Trustees along with Dr. Gaddis for many years. Ms. Hodgdon reflects, "Through meager budgets, less meager budgets, expansions, and no expansions, from doing things 'the old way' vs. doing things 'the new way,' John has remained a steadfast influence for the Board."

His achievements, both as a student-athlete and a dedicated trustee, are a testament to Dr. Gaddis' commitment to his alma mater. Throughout his life, he embodied the school's motto from his graduating class of 1965: "With fond memories of the past, we launch steadily ahead."

His passion for service was not only demonstrated by his work on the Board but also through his active involvement in the community. Dr. Gaddis has been known as a beloved family doctor in the community before recently closing his practice. As a practicing physician, he served as the WA school physician, providing school physicals to students. In 2016, he was recognized by the WA Board of Trustees with the Distinguished Community Service Award.

Mr. McBrine states, "Dr. Gaddis loves Washington Academy and cares very much for the people in our community. In my early years as head of school, it was not unusual for him to stop in during his lunch break, even though he had a hectic schedule, to see how I was doing. Even though he is no longer on the Board, he continues to stop in to offer help and encouragement for the school he loves."





Welcoming New Board Member



Brian Bragg '96 is a commercial airline pilot with United Airlines. After graduating from Washington Academy, Brian attended the United States Air Force Academy and graduated in 2000 with a bachelor of science degree in environmental engineering. After living away for twenty years, he returned to East Machias in 2020.

As a Raider, Brian was a student leader participating in Student Council and National Honor Society. He was also a three-sport Raider athlete and DAC All-Star.

Brian's return to the area reignited his passion for WA. He remarks, "I was humbled to be invited to sit on the Board and accepted because I have a great respect for WA and want to be sure my children will be able to have the great education I did." Brian believes education is a lifelong endeavor, and he is proud to be involved.

His son Brendan '25, is a current Raider and engaged student. He recently performed as a soloist at the WA Pops Night and had a major role in the WA Player's drama production, *Murder at the Book Club*.

Brian looks forward to his work on the Board and sending four more Raiders to Washington Academy.



Campus Stories

AmeriCorps Comes to Campus

Due mainly to the dedicated efforts of our AmeriCorps members Ashley Kromer and Mikaela Taylor, the spirit of service is flourishing in the Raider family. Supported by their AmeriCorps training and WA mentors, these young change-makers have brought boundless energy, passion, and commitment to our school, enriching the lives of the WA students and staff.

Mikaela Taylor serves as a youth mentor to students during 4th-period study hall and also extends her support to students from Passamaquoddy schools of Sipayik and Indian Township. Meanwhile, Ashley Kromer is nurturing growth in our school through the Sustainable Gardening & Agriculture class and her dedicated efforts in the WA Community Garden. As the liaison between the WA Administration, the Science Department, the Career Technology Department, and Healthy Acadia, Ashley has been instrumental in ensuring our students practice environmental stewardship while cultivating food and caring for our garden facility. Ashley devotes a significant portion of her day to hands-on engagement with students, ensuring a direct impact on their educational journey and an opportunity for mentorship.

Jennifer Craven and Sophia Doremus, AmeriCorps employees who supervise Ashley and Mikaela, express their joy at WA's commitment to the AmeriCorps experience. WA is proud to be a Goodwill of Northern New England AmeriCorps site where the spirit of AmeriCorps flourishes, participating in its movement and creating a lasting impact on the lives of our students.



Washington County Teacher of the Year



WA science teacher, Mrs. Colleen Maker, was named by the Maine Department of Education as the 2023 Washington County Teacher of the Year. She was one of eight educators chosen by the Department to move forward in the 2023 Maine State Teacher of the Year process and was ultimately chosen as one of the top four educators in the state.

Mrs. Maker teaches with a smile and is never seen without it! She works tirelessly to find “out-of-the-classroom” learning opportunities for her students and believes in building a student community that collaborates in citizen-science education.

Mr. McBrine, describes Mrs. Maker, “Her kindness and passion are balanced with expertise in science education. She has made sustainability of marine resources real for students, and demonstrated how impactful it is for their families and communities.”

Mrs. Maker now belongs to this elite group of Maine state educators and meets often with her peers to expand her current curriculum and teaching style. This summer, she will travel with the group to a professional development workshop in Colorado.

For a teacher priding herself on student and community collaboration, Mrs. Maker's community has now become much wider.

Raider Football Independent League Champions

This fall Raider football celebrated its second year as Maine Independent League Champions. The team was coached by Ian Pratt, Lupe Soto, and Jason DellaGatta. The competition for the team took them all over Maine and into New Hampshire.

The Team had a regular season record of 5-1 and a 2-0 playoff season record. The Raiders beat the Gladiators of Berlin, New Hampshire, for the league championship.

The 2024-25 school year will see Raider football returning to state high school competition in the small school eight-man competition. Washington Academy hasn't played at this level since 2019. The season will consist of eight regular season games and two playoff games. Athletic Director Justin Crosman '95 remarks about the return to the Maine Principals' Association competition, "Since WA is the only school in Washington County offering football as a sport, I am happy to have the program playing MPA teams as it continues to develop competitively."

The first home game is preseason and scheduled for August 24 against the Ellsworth Eagles.

Photo Below: Back Row (L-R): Dered Diaz, Blake Archer, Cameron Day, Izyck Archer, Phoenix Meyer, Hayden Melvin, Middle Row: Head Coach Ian Pratt, James Pratt, Shepard McCall, Jesse Brown, Noah Arruda, Xavier Sakom Newell, Assistant Coach Lupe Soto, Front Row: Assistant Coach Jason DellaGatta, Aiden Albertson Jr., Luis Mendoza, Jayden Mahar, Aryc Lamb, Brody Deal, William Ferguson, and Jayden Corey. Not Pictured: Adin Alley



2024 National Merit Finalist



The National Merit Scholarship Program named Washington Academy senior Dakoda Davis as a semifinalist at the beginning of the school year. The 69th annual National Merit Scholarship Program announced 16,000 semifinalists who will continue to the competition for 7,140 National Merit Scholarships worth \$28 million.

Dakoda is a well-rounded and engaged Washington Academy student. He is very active in Washington Academy student leadership as a class president, student council copresident, and a three-year member of the prestigious National Honor Society. Dakoda has been a high honor student throughout his years at Washington Academy. In the summer of 2023, he spent a week at the Consider Engineering Program at the University of Maine at Orono. Consider Engineering is a competitive program, with only half the applicants considered. Dakoda was one of two Washington County students chosen to participate. He also spent an additional week attending the University's Cohen Institute High School Leadership Program, honing his leadership skills and passion for civics.

Dakoda has recently been announced as the Class of 2024 Valedictorian and selected as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist. He is now eligible for 2024 National Merit Scholarship Award consideration.

When Dakoda isn't excelling in the classroom or being a student leader, he is the captain and runs with the Raider cross country and track teams. He is a four-year Raider athlete. He plans to attend the University of Maine (Orono) to pursue an engineering degree in the fall.

Class of 2024 Top Ten



1
Dakota Davis
University of Maine
Engineering

2
Emerson Morris
Undecided
Nursing

3
Crystalann Kloeber
University of Maine
Early Childhood
Education

4
Jonah Dean
University of Maine
Computer Science

5
Coleton Whitney
University of Maine
Engineering

6
Caden Schwinn
Husson University
Physical Therapy

7
Sadie Story
Husson University
Physical Therapy

8
Anna Patterson
Maine Maritime
Academy
Marine Biology

9
Chloe Kilton
University of Maine
Early Childhood
Education

10
Makenna Moore
Husson University
Psychology

Sandra Davis Scholarship



Sandra Davis graduated from Washington Academy in 1953. She was an engaged Raider whose classmates described her as always determined to do a job well. Sandy was an early leader as class president and spent four years at Washington Academy, where she was involved in various sports and clubs, excelling in all of them.

Upon graduation, Sandra was a dedicated alumna who was generous with her WA service and committed to giving back. She was always in attendance at alumni reunion events, and her passion for providing quality education to area youths was apparent in her service to the Washington Academy Board of Trustees.

Sandra's children were all Raiders, with Shelby Weems Salutatorian of the Class of '76, Alison Maxell Class of '78 Second Honor Essayist, Kendall Davis '81, Charlene Cates Class of '90 Valedictorian, and Cheryl Siemers Class of '90 Salutatorian. Most recently, her granddaughter Isabel Cates graduated as the Class of 2023 Valedictorian, and her grandson Ethan will graduate in 2025.

Sandra passed away on August 5, 2023, at 88. She generously bequeathed \$10,500 to support a WA scholarship fund. Sandra continues her relationship with Washington Academy through the scholarship, leaving a legacy of inspiration and making a difference in students striving for success beyond WA.

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Dawn M. Woodbrey '49

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George and Eleanor Fochesato '51
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Nancy E. Forrester '73
Kenneth R. Gardner '70 and Candy O'Brien
Bruce E. Hodgdon and Amy Hodgdon
Samuel Hostetter '05
Edwin and Dorothy Jessiman
Robert S. Mawhinney '75
Justin Morren '10
Darren '87 and Jennifer Prout
Jean Savard and Alison Savard
Gregory Smith
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Gwen S. Tupper '47
In memory of Clifford Tupper '48



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CLASS NOTES



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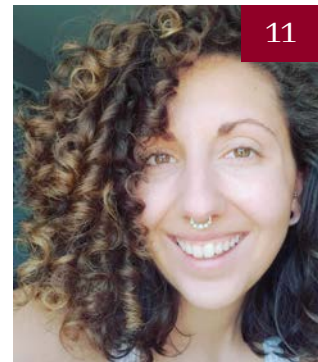
Justin Crosman became the Washington Academy Athletic Director this year. One of his most important goals in the new position is to ensure a positive athletic experience for all Raider athletes. In addition to his athletic director responsibilities, Justin is the newly appointed boys' varsity basketball coach and will be coaching the 2024-2025 season. Justin lives in Cutler, Maine, with his wife, Amy, and their three children, Reese, '25, Clay, '26, and Etta, '28.



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2009

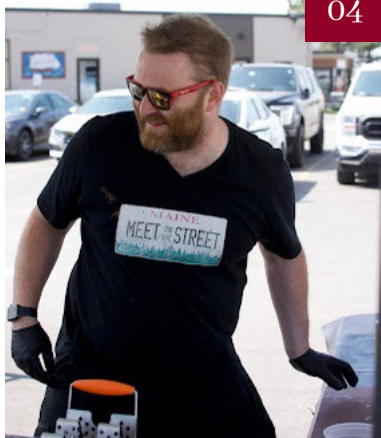
Dr. Steven Knowles is currently in his fifth year of practice as a Doctor of Chiropractic at Orono Chiropractic in Orono, Maine. He has spent the past four years happily residing in Orono with his wife Mary, and four children, Samuel (10), Addilyn (8), Jameson (6), and Finnegan (2).



11

2011

Chloe Barnett has been slowly making her way west, settling in Minneapolis in 2020 after completing her master's degree in genetic counseling at the University of Cincinnati. She currently practices as a reproductive genetic counselor. As part of her work, she is able to focus on patient advocacy within the reproductive justice and disability rights spaces. She also moonlights as a guest lecturer at the University of Minnesota Genetic Counseling Program. When not focusing on her work you can find her reading fantasy, playing D&D, doing pottery, or hanging out with her two cats and her partner, Ryan.



04

2004

Brice Bowman-Laberge moved to Chicago after high school, earning his undergraduate degree in cinematography from Columbia College. He then moved to New York City to advance his cooking skills with a prestigious position working under the famous Chef Harold Dieterle at *Kin Shop*. After his time in New York, Brice moved back to Maine and made cooking his full-time career. He worked as a sous chef at *Street & Company* for several years, leading events and catering for a local BBQ company. Then, in 2022, Brice started a food cart called *Meet on the Street* in Portland with his girlfriend Amanda. They slowly grew their menu, and with a great fan base, they expanded to a full-sized food truck that books dates year-round in the Greater Portland area.



10

2010

Shawn Leighton never lost his love for cheerleading! After high school, he was on a winning team at the US and World finals. Later, he was the head Varsity Coach at South Portland High School and coached in all-star gyms, winning titles in the US Finals and the D2 Summit. In addition to his cheer life, Shawn graduated from Spa Tech Institute in 2012. He worked his way to Lead Therapist and Esthetician at Massage Envy in South Portland, Maine, where he won New England Regional Esthetician of the Year - twice! Currently, he's living in Connecticut and working as Lead Esthetician Manager at Massage Envy. He and his partner, Stephen, have built an amazing life together, making memories and traveling all over the world.



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2018

Olivia (Wallace) Vose is an Empire Beauty School graduate and a lash stylist at Luxe Salon in East Machias, Maine. She most recently opened a clothing boutique, Risen Rose, in Machias. Olivia has always been interested in fashion and opened the boutique in January with hopes of expanding to other locations in the next few years. Olivia is a wife to Joshua Vose '18 and a mom to two young children, Grayson and Everleigh. She resides with her family in East Machias, Maine.



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2021

Lauren Hall recently graduated from the Aveda Institute in Augusta, Maine. She attended the Institute from September of 2022 to September of 2023 which offers cosmetology, barber, esthetician, manicurist, and instructor programs. Lauren is now a licensed hair stylist working at Luxe Salon located in East Machias. She is also an East Machias resident.



22

2022

Jazmin Carver is completing her fourth semester at the University of Maine, pursuing a bachelor of science degree in nursing. She is a two-year student-athlete on the Maine Black Bear Cheerleading Team. Next winter, Jazmin will be traveling to Panama with the UMaine International Nursing Team. She is also the Assistant Coach of the Bangor High School Varsity Cheer Team and a National Cheerleaders Association Staff member. As a member, Jazmin travels around the US to teach cheerleading to youths. She also spends her summers working as a CNA.



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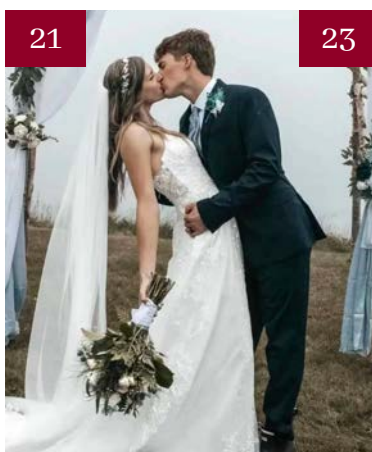
Jackson Lemieux and Savannah (Crowley) Lemieux were married on July 22, 2023, at the Little River Light in Cutler Harbor, Cutler, Maine. They live in Jackson's great-grandparents' house in Cutler with their ten-month-old chocolate labrador retriever, Minnie. Jackson attends the small engine program at Washington County Community College in Calais, Maine, and will graduate this May. Savannah is currently a hostess at Mason's Downeast in Machias, Maine.



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Chloe (Lyford) Lyden was married on June 17, 2023, at the Machias Valley Baptist Church in Machias, Maine. Her sister Kara Lyford '23, and friend Sabrina Dicks Covey '21, were in the bridal party. She and her husband Jason are building a house in Appomattox, Virginia, and are expecting a baby girl this June. Chloe and Jason are both graduating from Liberty University in Lynchburg, Virginia. Chloe is finishing a graphic design internship and will graduate with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Graphic Design.



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Caleb Campbell and Kate (Taylor) Campbell were married on June 24, 2023, in a field overlooking the Little Machias Bay in Cutler, Maine. Caleb works on a lobster boat, digs clams, and is a young entrepreneur. He and Kate recently launched their own business. Cutler Harbor Rentals, a four-room bed and breakfast, located in Cutler. Kate is an Education Technician at Elm Street Elementary School in East Machias, Maine.

IN MEMORIAM

- Bonnie (Ward) Merritt Dowling '86 - 2022
- Betty D. (Colbeth) Huntley '48 - 1/22/22
- Linda (Porter) Eldridge '60 - 1/6/23
- Ruth (Robinson)Crowley '52 - 1/16/23
- Abygail (Hooper) Cole '95 - 1/29/23
- Tim Durling '77 - 2/16/23
- Stanley Dennison '62 - 2/25/23
- Iva (Parsons) Pettegrew '50 - 2/28/23
- Logan Demerest '17 - 3/21/23
- George Harmon '74 - 3/30/23
- Greg Kuhns '72 - 4/7/23
- Patricia (Olsen) Sprague '61 - 5/6/23
- Robert Willey '72 - 6/1/23
- Melissa A. (Robinson) Mahar '89 - 6/3/23
- Mary (Flynn) Tuell '50 - 6/23/23
- Anna (Dempsey) Black '41 - 7/2/23
- Millard R. Cole, Sr. '41 - 7/13/23
- Sandra S. (Smith) Davis '53 - 8/5/23
- Marcia (Mason) Bernhardt '57 - 10/15/23
- Pamela B. (Bryant) Marsh '60 - 11/22/23



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An afternoon to honor and celebrate two individuals who have shown commitment, sincerity, and grace to our community

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MACHIAS WILD BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

AUGUST
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HOMECOMING WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER
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