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HEAD OF SCHOOL LETTER

Greetings to the Fryeburg Community

s the calendar turns to November, I am always amazed at how quickly the fall season passes here at Fryeburg Academy. One of my favorite activities is observing the changing color of the leaves on the trees across and around the campus. Some begin changing color in early September, while others hold onto their summer green until well into October. But by the end of November, dormancy will have reached them all, and the brilliant show that was fall will have come to an end until next year. In some years, the colors are brighter than others, and in others, the season lasts longer. In some special years, both happen at the same time.

This fall at Fryeburg Academy has been one of those special years on campus, but in this case, I'm not referring to the foliage. I instead refer to the spirit on campus, the engagement of the student body, the efforts of our faculty and staff, and the invaluable support of our community. While successfully launching new offerings in electricity, aviation, agriculture, art, and afterschool programming, we are also stronger than ever in many long-standing programs. Close to half the student body was engaged in the pursuit of athletic excellence this fall sports season. Our boarding students number nearly 200 from more than 35 countries, and almost 150 new day students joined us, not just from our local schools but from families that have moved into the area from across the country. In a new initiative, 30 eighth-graders from Molly Ockett School began taking language and algebra courses at the Academy in preparation for joining us next fall.

For those of you who have had the opportunity to visit campus over the past few months, you've seen that we continue to make improvements to enhance the student experience at the Academy. Beautiful renovations to the exterior of Gibson Hall accompanied many smaller but significant projects around campus. Our larger landscape and parking lot improvements to the north end of the campus are nearly complete, and the first phase of our baseball field improvements is in motion. The annual commitment, hard work, and generosity of so many alumni, friends, and the board of trustees ensures that our facility continues to improve for each successive class.

Finally, I want to congratulate our fall athletes, who achieved the level of post-season play across the board for the first time in memory. I compare these teams to those trees that hold their leaves a little longer. At the time of this writing, our football team is holding their metaphorical leaves for a few weeks longer and seeks to end their season with a win. I'm hopeful that when you read this, it will have happened, but if not, their efforts this season will be remembered. Win or lose—I'll remember them as a team that embodied the hard work, dedication, positive attitudes, and kindness that I have seen across our student body this fall. This is an outstanding community, and I am proud to be a part of it.

With gratitude,

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Joseph R. Manning Head of School

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"In recent years, the building has become a prime spot for impromptu collaboration as students study, record, and take breaks to play music with their friends." –*Mike Sakash, Arts Chair by Dawn Gale '81*



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Students from 35 countries unite in the annual flag ceremony during Fryeburg Academy's October All-School Meeting, celebrating the diversity of their global community.



Mike Sakash, Arts Chair, with music students in front of Gibson Hall.

ON THE COVER: Student musicians pictured on the steps of the renovated Gibson Hall, home of the Fryeburg Academy Music Program for 30 years. The building, built in 1924 as the school's first gymnasium, turns 100 years old at the end of the year!

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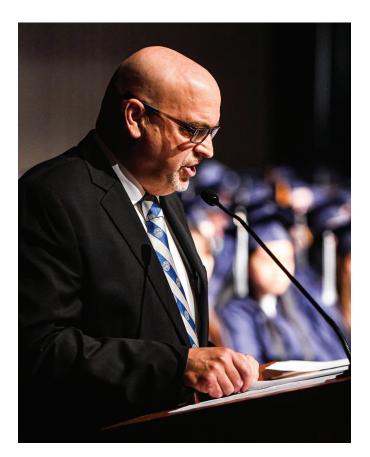
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2024 Baccalaureate Address

BOB PULITO INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY INSTRUCTOR



y warmest welcome to the Class of 2024, family and friends, and my Fryeburg Academy colleagues. I am honored to have the opportunity to share this Baccalaureate Address with you today. This is a good time to speak to you. Everything is easier now. If it were 1987, and you were my first graduating class here at Fryeburg, I would not be able to lean on Red Bull, Alexa, my Samsung GS 22 Platinum, and most importantly, I would not have been able to have "Chat GPT" write this speech for me. How times have changed!

You, the Class of 2024, are a great group of young adults. You have chosen me to bid you farewell from Fryeburg Academy on the most important weekend of your high school careers. I am thankful to be up here, and I must say that I appreciate each and every one of you. This is the weekend where you say goodbye to high school and embark upon your futures. It seems like you just visited this campus on "step up" day.

Let's take a look at your first day of school four years ago. You were incoming freshmen traveling a narrow "footpath" to the doors of Fryeburg Academy. That "footpath" widened as you began to spend time here. Read the banners on the lamp posts along the walkway on each side of the library: "Support," "Challenge," "Growth," "Community," "Respect," and "Diversity." During your time here, you have experienced, grown, and lived by these values. That footpath that you traveled coming here has now become the "road" that you will take as you leave here. You are well prepared for your journey, but I do have some advice that I'd like to share with you as you make this transition. Before I start, though.....Landon Felix..... please travel this road in a hybrid vehicle, not your turbo-charged ServiceStar lawn tractor. It's too loud, and it may be distracting to others.

First, slow down at times to enjoy the beautiful things that you will experience. When I went back to school for my Tech Arts teaching degree, my summer job was as a sternman on a lobster boat out of Camp Ellis, Maine. Heading out to fish on clear days, the sunrise over Wood Island and Monument Island in Saco Bay was always spectacular. To this day, it's like a photograph in my mind. Fast forward about forty years. I am again looking out over Saco Bay and those same two islands. This time, it's almost sunset, and I'm sharing the view and the "salt air" with Eli, Livne, Idan, and Gal after a University of New England football game. The photograph in my mind now is the peacefulness of the ocean and four Israeli students having fun at the water's edge at Biddeford Pool, an ocean away from their home. On this day, at this moment, I am thankful for the experience just as I was forty years ago when I headed out to fish aboard the "Leona III." Yes, some of the best things in life are free!

Secondly, be patient. You will find yourselves in situations when you feel like you are not seeing results as quickly as you would like to. Take a deep breath. In my years of teaching Advanced Wood Technology class, I have had students build everything from intricate pieces of furniture to boats and 16' cedar strip canoes. It's a long school year. The excitement of starting these projects in September can sometimes diminish and turn to frustration by the second semester. Will the project ever get finished? This is where the craftsperson begins to lose patience. My advice when this happens is to "downshift" gears, stand back, and evaluate the work that has taken place. What steps have you completed in your work up to this point, and what steps remain in order for you to cross the finish line?

Items created in Technical Arts have a Product Plan which consists of three things; a list of steps to manufacture the product..... A working drawing to help visualize the finished piece..... and a Bill of Materials, the list of specialty items one needs to complete the project. Visualization is important. So, when you find yourself growing impatient, slow down a bit and regather your thoughts. Evaluate your "Product Plan," as I've witnessed with students so many times, you will stand back and like what you see when you admire the finished piece. Patience leads to quality results.

Develop and maintain a solid work ethic. Don't "pass the buck" and rely on others to get something done that is your responsibility. As Vince Lombardi once said, "The only time success comes before work is in the dictionary." Work hard. Others will notice and appreciate your effort and outcomes. In a career, this will lead to respect, promotion, and financial gain. I do not know many people who would **not** want to be referred to as a "hard worker." You all have worked hard in the classroom, in athletics, in the labs, on stage in music and theater, and in your clubs and activities. When faced with adversity, make sure to press on. In football last fall, we lost to Leavitt 45 to 8 to open our season. So, as in any sport, what happens next after the loss? The team has to get back to work to improve. We did just that and won the next weekend, and the following weekend, and every weekend thereafter until we were back in Turner, Maine playing Leavitt again for the Class "C" South Regional Championship. The EDD's, or everyday drills that players were doing in August and still doing in November, were not fun. They are hot and buggy in August and cold and wet in November. They were uncomfortable, yet they were a contributing factor leading up to a rematch with Leavitt. They also played a part in Logan Walton and Gunnar Saunders being selected as All-State athletes. Do not underestimate the smallest components of work preparation. Hey Logan, we sure will miss your midfield post-game backflips after our wins, but fortunately, Freddie Francis has offered to continue this tradition next season!

Do not forget the things that you are passionate about! They are your fuel; they are what you should think about when you're having a bad day. They will always be with you, and you can share them with others. Sierra Rullman—keep painting. What you create is beautiful, and it needs to be shared with others! Sydney Shaw—keep playing basketball, and when your playing days are over, coach the game to others, and watch that passion ignite in youngsters just like it did with you. Tyler Bartick keep flying. I'll meet you at the Fryeburg Airport in 10 years, and you can fly me down to Sanford for breakfast! And can we please take the Vashon Ranger R7 when we go?....and wait a minute.... maybe we won't have to rent it, because you'll own it! Spencer, Joey, and Jonah—keep welding and working on those vehicles. I'm searching for that 1954 Ford F-100 pick-up truck like my dad used to have. If I find one, I'm hiring you to return it to "showroom" condition. I will stick to the original tires and rims for it, so I guess Sam Johnson won't be picking those out for me! Austin Dorner—when you host your fishing show on ESPN in six years, "Big Boats and Bigger Bass!" could you pencil me in for a guest appearance? Kaitlyn, Jennie Noh, Sevval, Emily, Lauren, Hunter, Soleil, Chloe, Brian, and others—there is an audience out there already waiting for what you are about to accomplish next in music and theater! Dustin Rhoda.....please keep me posted on how Joey Logano and Ryan Preece, those NASCAR drivers from Connecticut are doing! Natalie Berry, when our E.F.A. (Future Farmers of America) program is thriving in five years, I'll look forward to your visit to the Academy to speak to students about the "start-up" days of the program.

Consider the following two quotes: The first by Nelson Mandela.... "There is no passion to be found playing small, in settling for a life that is less than the one you are capable of living."

And the second by Maya Angelou: "My mission in life is not to merely survive, but to thrive; and do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style."

In closing, I have a few more things that I feel strongly about and would like to share with you.

Embrace a healthy lifestyle and stay active.

Spend time outdoors in nature and do not take it for granted.

Maintain a sense of humor and keep laughing.

Be prepared for many ups and downs throughout your life. Know that you have the tools to weather the storm and that it is always okay to ask for help from others if you need it.

Embrace opportunities that come your way, even if they scare you.

Appreciate the relationships that you have with others and learn from them.

Be a lifelong learner and try new experiences outside of your comfort zone.

And, lastly, In the words of Henry David Thoreau: "Go confidently in the direction of your dreams! Live the life you've imagined."

Thank you, Class of 2024, and congratulations! You will be missed.

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Congratulations to the Class of 2024

he strength and diversity of Fryeburg Academy's Class of 2024 were on display as students, parents, and friends gathered over Memorial Day Weekend to share goodbyes and welcome the exciting next chapter of their lives.

The Baccalaureate service on Friday, May 24, was a memorable event. It featured a heartfelt speech by student-selected faculty speaker Bob Pulito, musical performances by senior chorus members, and an awards presentation. The events continued with the annual senior car parade before families gathered for the senior dinner celebration in the LaCasce Dining Room.

Saturday's commencement ceremony took place under clear, sunny skies, where 160 graduates, led by co-class presidents **Natalie Berry** and **Arkie Baptista**, gathered to share their final moments as Fryeburg students. Natalie and Arkie warmly welcomed guests and introduced the class speakers, who offered words of inspiration and encouragement.

Emily Chaine challenged her classmates to "step outside your comfort zone and confront the discomfort because it is in those hard but temporary moments that you'll experience true growth and get closer to your full potential. I say this in the best way possible..... May you all be uncomfortable!."

Arkie Baptista reminded his peers to stay connected. "Fryeburg Academy ... is the perfect place to meet new people at our age. The relationships formed here are important. Very rarely will you find a high school that connects this much of the world. You can find a group of people you love to play music, throw a frisbee, or go skiing with, so don't stop. Make an effort to stay connected.

Tyler Smith shared his perspective: We should always give our best effort, no matter the situation, and focus on the positives instead of letting the negatives weigh us down.

More senior awards followed, culminating with the presentation of the prestigious Gibson Memorial Medal, awarded to **Tyler Bartick** of Fryeburg. This honor is given each year to the senior who embodies the best of Fryeburg Academy in scholarship, school citizenship, and character.

The ceremony concluded with Head of School Joseph Manning presenting diplomas to each graduate, offering personal congratulations and words of encouragement.

To the Class of 2024: Congratulations! You will always be part of the Fryeburg Academy family. Stay connected, and thank you for leaving such a memorable mark on our school's history. We can't wait to see where your next adventures lead you.



Co-Class Presidents Natalie Berry and Arkie Baptista.



Tyler Bartick was awarded the 2024 Gibson Memorial Award.





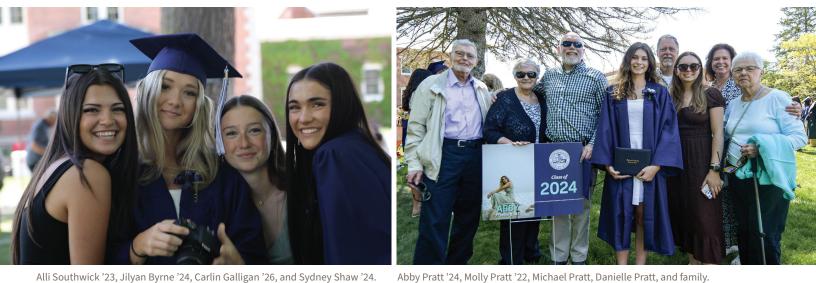
Class speaker Tyler Smith.

Head of School Joe Manning presenting Gabby Udoto with her diploma.



Emma Keaten, Tammy Keaten, Ryan Keaten '95, Connor Keaten '27, and family.

Yunji Chang '24 and Jungae Kim



Abby Pratt '24, Molly Pratt '22, Michael Pratt, Danielle Pratt, and family.



Jiwon Choi '24 and Jeehoo Lee '26



Derek Potter '94, Darby Potter, Josh Greenblatt, Mary Pipilas, Harper Greenblatt '24, and Hannah Babineau '96 enjoy the Senior Class Dinner.



Emily Chaine graduation speaker.



Mike Sakash, Shellie Sperling Sakash '95, Emily Sakash '22, Kaitlin Sakash '24, and Barbara Sperling.



Gunnar Saunders proudly displays his diploma.



Ethan St. Pierre and Arkie Baptista enjoy the Senior Car Parade.



Our graduates entering the armed forces include Ryan Kenerson (US Navy), Aiden Garland (US Army National Guard), Tyler Bartick (US Air Force), and Ethan St. Pierre (US Army National Guard).

FRYEBURG ACADEMY CLASS OF 2024 AWARDS

The Philip G. Andrews Family Award Sierra Rullman and Ethan St. Pierre Joseph R. Austin Football Award Gunnar Saunders Aveda Institute / Maine Scholarship Mia Grandchamp Richard Beckhard Memorial Scholarship Isabel Macht Theodore P. Blaich Social Studies Award Ethan St Pierre Wallace Blake Scholarship Chloe Longpre Boyle Fund Award Jordin Booker Brooks Family Scholarship Jacob Sparks Terry Buck '74 Scholarship Spencer Adams and Landon Felix Certificate of Arts Jiwon Choi, Soleil Huang-Dale, Brian Lucy, Kevin Lucy, Gideon Richard, Sierra Rullman Class of 1950 Award Spencer Adams Class of 1972 Award Natalie Berry Robert S. Crabtree Service Award Olivia Wentworth Cranmore Employee Scholarship Ryan Meade Deans' Cup Barbara Stumpf Artero Dearborn Scholarship Thom McClurg and Hunter Tripp Denmark Lions Club Scholarships Sean Davis, Mark Mageles, Olivia Wentworth, and Timothy Watson Richard Denney Scholarship Emily Chaine Barbara Douglass Intercultural Ambassador Award Eli Deri and Kardelen Lacinok Drama Award Hunter Tripp Barbara Eastman Memorial Award Kaitlyn Sakash Embark Scholarship Haedin Fisher and Tayla Gross Erickson Award Idan Or John Fordyce Prize Emerson Hall Charles E. and Blanche M. Fox Award Boone Douglass Susan Harnden Fox Wrestling Award Joseph Fusco The Robin and John Freeman Award Taylor Gross Ruth Shaw French Award Jiwon Choi Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association Awards Emily Chaine, Zack Emery, Ethan Fenderson, Emma Keaten, Kevin Lucy, Maya Mahan, Melanie Perreault Fryeburg Academy Soccer Award Ethan St. Pierre

Fryeburg Academy Spanish Award Tammy Brain and Kaitlyn Sakash Fryeburg Academy Teachers Association Awards Soleil Huang-Dale and

Jihwan Do Fryeburg Area Rotary Club Scholarship Arkie R. Baptista, Natalie M. Berry,

Emily Chaine, Zack Emery, Noah Jacobs, and Abby Pratt

Fryeburg Fish and Game Association Maggie Albert

Fryeburg Lions Club Scholarship Natalie Berry and Emily Chaine

Fryeburg Recreation Department's Dick Cote Community Service Award Emily Chaine and Zack Emery

Gibson Memorial Medal Tyler Bartick

Priscilla MacGillivray Goff Award Kaitlyn Sakash

Graustein Award Isabel Macht and Boone Douglass

Clifford L. Gray Baseball Award Ethan Lord

Stella N. and Lawrence M. Gray Award Spencer Adams

Stella Nickerson Gray Award Yunji Chang

Greater Lovell Land Trust Scholarship Sierra Rullman

Grover Women's Athletic Award Marta Bajic

James Hadlock '62 Memorial Scholarship Emily Chaine, Jordan Dutton, Zack Emery, and Emma Keaten

George Haley Prize Tammy Brain

Kendal C. and Anna Ham Charitable Foundation Scholarships Soleil Huang-Dale, Maggie Albert, Sierra Rullman, Kaitlyn Sakash, Ethan St. Pierre, Natalie Berry, Jonah Densmore, Boone Douglass, Gideon Richard, and Samara Santos

Lester W Hammond Jr. Award Tyler Bartick

Cal and Sally Harnden Award Emily Chaine

Peter Hastings '53 Memorial Scholarship Haedin D. Fisher

Head of School Awards Ana Maillett and Gabriella Jacobs

Eldon W. Heartz Track Award Arkie Baptista

Dorothy P. Ingraham Award Brian Lucy

Joan Irish Award Isabel Macht

Flora Katsiaficas Scholarship Melanie Perreault

Knights of Pythias Award Landon Felix

LaCasce Awards Natalie Berry and Hunter Tripp

Ralph M. Larrabee Award Jiwon Choi

Lovell Lions Club Scholarships Spencer Adams, Maggie Albert, Emily Chaine, Austin Dorner, and Laura Myers



The Senior Certificate of the Arts recipients from left to right: Brian Lucy, Jiwon Choi, Sierra Rullman, Soleil Huang-Dale, Gideon Richard, and Kevin Lucy.

FA GRADUATION 2024

LRVC Student of the Year Helena Landry Brian Lunt '78 Memorial Scholarship Arkie Baptista Maine Blue Collar Scholarship Tanner Tripp Vincent Manoriti Memorial Book Award Arkie Baptista Masons Scholarship Mia Grandchamp and Samara Santos Paul "Skip" McBride Memorial Award Eli Deri and Logan Walton Gaige McCue Scholarship Emma Jordan and Connor Williams Clark McDermith Service Award Mark Mageles and Olivia Wentworth Warren B. & John W. McKeen Educational Foundation Isabel Macht and Olivia Wentworth

Medical Staff at Memorial Hospital Scholarship Emma Keaten MELMAC Education Scholarship Chole Longpre and Helena Landry Priscilla Higgins Merrifield French Award Jordan Smith

Senator George J. Mitchell Scholarship Samara Santos

Mountain Garden Club Alice T. Madden Scholarship Maggie Albert and Samara Santos

Eva Mulford Music Scholarship Gideon Richard

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award Ethan St. Pierre

North Country Cares Scholarship Michaela Hulsey, Jacob Sparks, and Maring Wing

Oliver Award Soleil Huang-Dale

Rachel M. Osgood Scholarship Isabel Macht

Oxford County Education Association - Retired Educational Assistance Award Soleil Huang-Dale and Emily Chaine

Susan Souther Page English Certificate Sierra Rullman

Frank Petillo Memorial Excellence in Arts Award Sierra Rullman

Major Clayton Warren Pike and Margaret E. Pike Science Prize Jihwan Do

Pingree-Trumbull Scholarship Timothy Watson

Poland Spring Good Science Scholarship Maggie E. Albert

Raider Pride Booster Club Awards Arkie Baptista, Natalie Berry, Emily Chaine, Zack Emery, Isabel Macht, Mary Wing

Raider Booster Coaches Awards Arkie Baptista and Emily Chaine Walter A. Robinson Lily Day

Charles G. Rutter Industrial Arts Award Joseph Fusco and Jacob Sparks Madeline A. Savard Medical Award Maya Mahan

Bill Sayles Award Thom Mcclurg

Senior Esprit de Corps Award Brian Lucy and Kevin Lucy

Settlers' Green Outlet Village Scholarship Soleil Huang-Dale and Samara Santos

Frank W Shaw Post #137 American Legion Award Laura Myers

Denise T. Stacy Scholarship Soleil Huang-Dale

Technical Arts Contribution Award Spencer Adams, Tyler Bartick, Owen Burford, Devin Conder, Jonah L. Densmore, Austin J. Dorner, Landon Felix, Ethan Fenderson, Joseph Fusco, Samuel Johnson, Asher McKenney, Ryan Meade, Lamar Smith, Tyler Smith, Jacob Sparks, Hunter Tripp, Austin Warren, and Timothy Watson

Technical Theater Award Noah Jacobs

Tin Mountain Conservation Center Scholarship Maggie Albert Elizabeth W. Tinker Prize - Math Jiwon Choi

Elizabeth W. Tinker Prize - French Chloe Longpre

Elizabeth W. Tinker Prize - History Zack Emery

Angel "Tony" Torres Book Award Landon Felix

Harry G. True Basketball Awards Gunnar Saunders and Sydney Shaw

Harry G. True and Sandra G. True Memorial Scholarship Chloe Longpre Daniel E. Turner Award Zack Emery

United States Air Force Appointment Tyler Bartick

Constance Warren and Henry Warren Andrews Award Spencer Adams Andrew B. Welch Life Science Award Maya Mahan

Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award Arkie Baptista and Emily Chaine

John F. Weston Award Arkie Baptista

White Mountain Milers Gretchen B. Hatch Scholarship Arkie Baptista, Emily Chaine, and Isabel Macht

Worthington Foundation Scholarship Asher McKenney, Jacob Sparks, Tanner Tripp, Mary Wing, Natalie Berry, Dom Bond, Devin Conder, Jonah Densmore, Zack Emery, Soleil Huang-Dale, Thom Mcclurg, Albert Miller, and Hunter Tripp



Camillo Catana Vallemani, Lorenzo Catana Vallemani, sister, and Elena Zampetti.



Boone Douglass, Joey Fusco, and Jillian Drew celebrate their accomplishments.

FRYEBURG ACADEMY CLASS OF 2024 College Acceptances and Matriculations

Adelphi University Albright College American University Arcadia University Arizona State University (Tempe) Assumption University Augustana College Bates College **Beloit College** Bentley University Binghamton University Boise State University **Bowdoin College Brandeis University** Bridgewater State University Calvin University **Carnegie Mellon University** Case Western Reserve University **Central Maine Community College Champlain College** Clark University **Clarkson University** Cleveland State University Coastal Carolina University Colby-Sawyer College College of the Atlantic Concordia College at Moorhead Concordia University (Montreal) Connecticut College Cornell University **Curry College** Daytona State College Dean College **Diablo Valley College** Dickinson College **Drexel University** Eastern Florida State College Elon University **Emerson College** Emmanuel College Endicott College Fairfield University Fashion Institute of Technology Florida Atlantic University Florida Gulf Coast University Florida International University Franklin & Marshall College Franklin College George Mason University George Washington University **Georgetown University** Gettysburg College Gonzaga University Goucher College Hampshire College Hobart and William Smith Colleges Hofstra University Husson University Indiana University (Bloomington) Ithaca College Johnson & Wales University (Providence) Kansas State University **Kean University** Keene State College Lasell University Lawrence University Lewis & Clark College Lindenwood University

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Faculty Spotlight: Erica Folsom

MELANIE ALLEN DEAN OF FACULTY

Years of Service to FA: 12

Subject(s): Mandarin, Chinese Culture and History

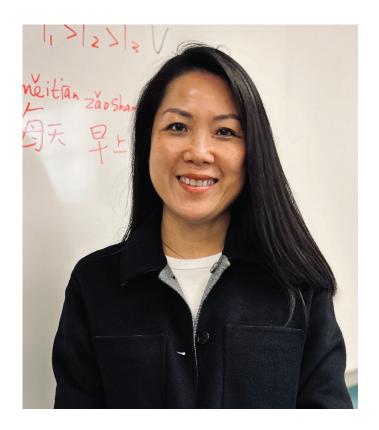
Other Roles: Grade advisor, and supervisor of extracurricular cooking activities.

Fun Fact: I showed a talent for calligraphy during elementary school. One of my teachers from back then wanted to cultivate this talent in me and asked me to meet her every day after school to practice. I resisted initially because I wanted to join my friends who were happily playing outside. All the while, I was stuck in the classroom, drawing the exact figures repeatedly until I got them right. Eventually, however, I came to enjoy calligraphy. I ended up practicing on my own and was rewarded for it. Now, I can teach calligraphy to my students, and I remain deeply grateful to that teacher.

Background: I was born in a small city in Guangxi Province in southern China. In college, I studied accounting. When I graduated, all the students in my class were hired by banks. I started as a teller, worked my way up to branch manager, and then to senior auditor at the Bank of China's regional headquarters, where I was responsible for auditing all the bank's business in Guangxi Province. In 2010, I immigrated to the United States, married my husband, and began working for Fryeburg Academy.

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

I love my Mandarin classes. Teaching Chinese language and culture is my passion. I feel like a gardener, sowing Mandarin seeds. I am thrilled when I see the plants growing well. I just received an email from a graduate, Isabel Mächt '24, who told me she would study in the Netherlands and continue to study Mandarin there. I am very proud of my students, and it is very satisfying to know that, as a teacher, I have enriched their lives by equipping them with tools to help them on their life journey. That, to me, is a success. :)



Advice for students?

Attitude is the key to success, especially an attitude focused on particular academic goals. Respecting your own needs and adapting your learning strategies to your needs will be central to academic success. All the while, keep a positive attitude and be kind to others. While negativity wastes energy, kindness and positivity create energy and build camaraderie and lifelong relationships that will help you through any difficulties that life might throw at you in the years ahead.

Faculty Spotlight: Stew Frost

MELANIE ALLEN DEAN OF FACULTY

Years of Service to FA: 38

Subject(s): Algebra II, Statistics, and Geometry

Other Roles: Dorm parent, dorm team member, FATA officer, FATA Negotiations team member, baseball coach (assistant for varsity and JV)

Fun Fact: I have a collection of over 10,000 comic books!

Background: Stew grew up in Pittsfield, Maine. He attended MCI, which is a town academy just like FA. His parents were very supportive, and he was the first person in his family to attend college. After college, it took him a few years to land at teaching as a career. Still, once he decided to pursue education, he worked nights as a computer operator at Cianbro and commuted to Orono to take education classes during the day. He was all set to begin student teaching at a local high school when he got a call: FA's then-current head of school, Harry True, who had been the head at MCI when Stew was a student there, offered him a job. He met the future Mrs. (Dede) Frost on campus during his first year. They have two adult daughters, Bailey '11 and Makayla '13.

Why did you become a teacher?

I love math. It's that simple. I wanted to communicate in a way that was easy for others to understand.

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

Algebra II because it's challenging enough to keep me interested but not too complex to overwhelm students.

What are a few adjectives to describe yourself as a teacher? Consistent, fair, hardworking, respectful.



How do you motivate your students?

I model the behavior I expect them to have by getting graded work back on time and offering helpful feedback. They will get a sense that I am invested in their education. I wouldn't expect anything from my students that I would not expect of myself.

Advice for students?

Sometimes, students can't see what's in front of them in the present, so they shouldn't close doors to opportunities that may be realized at some point in the future. Even though you might not understand why you are doing something at the time, you may not have had enough 'life' experience yet to see why it matters. So keep those doors open!



Welcome New Faculty & Staff, 2024-25!

MELANIE ALLEN DEAN OF FACULTY

The 2024-25 school year brings a talented group of new faculty and staff to our community. We extend a warm and enthusiastic welcome to our newest team members.

Chris and Emily Strahler return to the Academy as teachers and dorm parents. Chris is a member of the Math Department. He graduated from the University of Michigan with a B.S. in Mathematics and Physics Education. Emily holds a B.A. in Urban Studies from Wellesley College and an M.A. in Educational Leadership from Columbia University. She is a member of F.A.'s History Department. The Strahlers came to the Academy in 2006; Chris taught Physics and Math; Emily taught and served as Director of Residential Life and Admission Associate. Together, they also founded our Ultimate Frisbee program. In 2016, they moved abroad to live and work at a Swiss boarding school, coming home to the States in 2022 to join The White Mountain School faculty. They are excited to return to the place where it all started. Chris, Emily, and their two children live in Frye Hall (in an apartment they know from previous inhabitation!).

Dan Kaschub also returns to us. In the Spring of 2023, Dan served as a student teacher under Mike Sakash, and now he officially joins the faculty as Choral Director. Dan graduated from USM with a Bachelor of Music Education. Last year he taught General Music, Band, Chorus, and Rock Band at Buxton Center, Steep Falls, and H.B. Emery Elementary Schools. Dan credits Fryeburg Academy students and teachers for helping put him on the path to becoming a confident and capable educator, and he relishes returning to the Academy to give back what he has received.

Austin Treat is the newest addition to our English Department. Austin graduated from UMass-Amherst with a B.A. in Political Science and a minor in Comparative Literature. After college, he spent several years in Los Angeles working in the film industry. Upon returning east, Austin worked as an Ed Tech in the Gorham School District before beginning the ETEP program at USM. and completing his M.S. in Education. He has written and published short stories throughout his work and school life. Austin looks forward to bringing his compassion, political science background, and literary experience to his students.

Avery Bondar joins us as a part-time art teacher specializing in ceramics. She earned a B.A. in Management, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship from Clark University and spent twelve years working in the corporate world before becoming a full-time ceramicist. She trained at the Harvard Ceramics program and opened her own studio in Stoneham, MA, where she offered classes to a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and skill levels.



Back row, I to r: Doug Walker '02, Chris Strahler, Dan Kaschub, Christina Genest, and Austin Treat *Front row, I to r:* Emily McDonnell, Laura Meldrum, Tim Whiton, and Avery Bondar.

Avery looks forward to contributing to the vision of the rejuvenated visual arts program at Fryeburg Academy.

Doug Walker will be the instructor for our newly-established Electrical Technology program. Doug is an alumnus of Fryeburg Academy and has lived and worked in the area since his graduation. He trained at SMCC and established a well-respected electrical business in the Mount Washington Valley. Over the years, Doug has acquired a comprehensive understanding of industry codes, standards, and best practices. He has used this knowledge to train apprentice electricians, and now he is eager to share this knowledge with Fryeburg Academy students. Doug's son, Owen, is a sophomore at FA.

Tim Whiton is the newest member of the Social Studies department. Tim graduated from Gould Academy and earned a B.A. in Political Science and History from Bates College. He earned an M.A. in History and Philosophy from Montana State University and completed Ph.D. coursework (ABD) from U. Maine-Orono. Tim has been a Nordic ski coach at both U. Maine-Presque Isle and Gould, and at the latter, he also taught history. His most recent position was Executive Director of the New England Ski Museum, located in North Conway and Franconia Notch. Tim is eager to return to the classroom, hoping to engage young people by connecting history to real life.

After a year of playing a vital support role in our Chemistry classes, **Laura Meldrum** is officially joining the Science Department. Laura earned a B.A. in Biology at Dana College, a B.S. in Nutrition at Cedar Crest College, and an M.S. in Human Nutrition at the University of Bridgeport. She had an 18-year tenure at a Georgia high school, where she taught nearly every type of science one can imagine, English, Special Ed, and even Spanish. Laura and her husband, David, moved to the area last summer to make their dream of having a farm real. When David took a position at the Academy, Laura's experience came to light and she was pulled in, too. Laura and David's daughter, Ren, is a junior at FA.

Kristina Stevens returns to the Academy for her second stint as Special Services Coordinator. Kristina holds a B.S. in Exercise Science from Montana State University and a M.S. in Special Education from USM. Kristina first served as the Special Services Coordinator at FA from 2009 to 2013. She then moved on to Gould Academy, where she held a variety of positions, including Dean of Athletics and Director of the Academic Skills Program. From there, she moved to Mt. Abram High School, where she served as Interim Principal, Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, and Special Education teacher. Kristina looks forward to continuing to develop programs that are student-centered and meet the needs of the Academy.

We welcome **Emily McDonell** to the School Counseling Department. Emily holds both a B.A. in Government and an M.Ed. in Counseling & Human Development from St. Lawrence University. After finishing her Master's, she worked at her alma mater as a career counselor and internship coordinator. She has recently worked at Molly Ockett as an Ed Tech and long-term sub. While she has enjoyed that experience, she is eager to get back to building relationships with individual students through counseling. Emily's sons, Sam (freshman), and Will (junior), are students at FA.

Dylan Chase is our new Dean of Campus Safety. Dylan graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a B.S. in Neuroscience and Behavior and has held positions in Maine School Administrative District 52, working in school safety. He most recently worked for the Maine School Management Association in Augusta as the Deputy Risk and Safety Manager.

FRYEBURG ACADEMY'S SCIENCE & ENGINEERING FAIR MAY 6, 2025! BE A PART OF IT!

The science department is excited to announce the first Fryeburg Academy Science and Engineering Fair (FASEF), which will be held as a series of competitions within the science classes and will culminate in a final evening of competition and presentations on May 6th in the Performing Arts Center. Student finalists will stand by their posters and interact with judging panels after school and will be available to discuss their projects with the public from 6:30-7:15 pm, followed by an awards ceremony. Science faculty members seek interested alumni and community members who can contribute to this initiative through gifts to the Head of School Wishlist, offering mentorship to students as they develop their projects, or participating as judges during competitions. Please contact the department chair, Dylan Harry, with questions or interest (dharry@fryeburgacademy.org) and mark your calendars for this upcoming evening with our future scientists and engineers.



Anna Stasiuk '25



Electrical Technology Program Now Underway!

ryeburg Academy's new Electrical Technology class is off to a great start, with Doug Walker '02 leading the way. This double-period, year-long course, available to 11th and 12th graders, focuses on careers in electricity, safety, basic electrical principles, tools and their usage, and residential electrical technology. With the class size capped at 14 students, there are plans to introduce an advanced class next year.

"I was interested in teaching this class for various reasons, including personal development," Doug shares, "but primarily because I've noticed a shortage of tradespeople in our local community and surrounding areas. I feel empowered to encourage more young people to consider a career in the trades. As our reliance on technology increases, so does the demand for people who can implement it."

When he's not at Fryeburg Academy, Doug runs his own electrical business but enjoys his new role at the Academy. "I've enjoyed this new chapter in my life—it's been both challenging and rewarding. Now that I've gotten my feet wet, I'm finding my rhythm. This past week, we tested wire terminations, installed load centers, and ran branch circuit feeders for our ongoing project. I'm continuously experimenting with different lesson plans and figuring out the best ways to deliver my content. Overall, it's been an overwhelmingly positive experience."

Doug also expresses his excitement for the program's potential: "I'm thrilled that Fryeburg Academy has made this program a reality. I truly believe that everyone can benefit from learning about Electrical Technology. We're all surrounded by electricity, but many people don't really understand how it works. This program has the potential to inspire students to pursue a trade, which is something I'm very passionate about."

Doug is grateful for the support. "Some students even tell me that Electrical Technology is their favorite course. I find myself smiling a lot during class."



Doug Walker '02 enjoys sharing his knowledge with students installing outlets and switches.



Ian Hyunjae Kim '26 and Alimzhan Amirkul '26

Alimzhan Amirkul '26 Places First at the Farmington Open Chess Tournament

he Farmington Open Chess Tournament, held on National Chess Day at the Farmington Maine Community Center, saw its second year of intense competition. With 32 players aged 10 to 78, including four former state champions, the event drew a talented field from across New England. Over \$1,000 in prizes and five impressive trophies were awarded.

In the top-ranked Moose Division (USChess rating 1500+), 16-year-old Alimzhan Amirkul '26, a FIDE chess master, earned the title of Farmington Open Champion and a \$150 prize. Another FA competitor, Ian Hyunjae Kim '26, also showed great promise at the competition heading into the Maine school competition season. Alimzhan beat last year's champion to secure the win.

The Fryeburg Academy Chess Club has ten students and meets weekly. Faculty advisor Kathleen McLaughlin looks forward to the scholastic competitions in March when the students will compete in the Maine Scholastic Individual and Team Tournament. Last year, the team placed third in the state.

Regarding FA's chess star, McLaughlin shares, "Alimzhan, a junior from Khazikstan, is new to Fryeburg Academy and has a lot of enthusiasm and talent. It will be exciting to see how the season unfolds. All of the students support, offer encouragement, and teach each other. They have done a fantastic job representing Fryeburg Academy."



Michael Malia:

Finding Life Long Friendships on the Athletic Fields

BY CHARLIE TRYDER

M ichael Malia grew up in Fryeburg and started playing sports as a boy at the recreation level. Athletics played a meaningful role in Michael's development growing up in this idyllic rural New England town. Flag football, tee ball, little dribblers, and even skiing at Pleasant Mountain filled his childhood days and evenings. He recalls the familiarity of playing with teammates he grew up with while being coached by family and friends, "We had fun. My dad (Peter Malia) and my friend Jagger's dad (Rob Knapp) coached me in all three sports for most of my childhood."

After the storybook start to athletics at the youth level, the COVID pandemic interrupted Michael's athletic career at the middle school level as teams could not play. On the other side of the pandemic, Michael continued developing his passion for athletics. A committed three-sport athlete, Michael played football, basketball, and baseball as a freshman. As a sophomore, he was one of two tenth graders who made the varsity basketball team, and according to Raider basketball coach Dan Thomas, he held his own in practices even though Michael was younger than most of the roster. Raider basketball fans might remember a now memorable game with Greely that is one of Michael's greatest memories as an athlete, "My sophomore year, I was on the varsity basketball team that lost 117-115 in 8 overtimes to Greely, which went down as one of the best basketball games in Maine history."

Unfortunately, Michael missed his junior basketball season due to a labrum injury in his shoulder suffered the previous spring, but he impressed Coach Thomas with his dedication while he was injured, "He came to practice every day and competed in as many drills and exercises as he could. The injury never stopped him from supporting his team and being engaged on the sidelines. Michael has consistently shown that he is a man of character and does so by leading by example. The boys all respect him because he shows up every day and sets the tone with his hard work and dedication to his teammates."

Another treasured memory for Michael is the Raider football team's run to a regional final at Leavitt his junior year.



The Raiders knocked on the door to a state championship game when they took Leavitt—the eventual state champions—to the final minute of the southern championship game. Malia is again playing football as an outside linebacker and tight end this fall as a senior, and Coach David Turner says all of his hard work is paying off. After receiving clearance in spring of his junior year to start lifting, Michael committed to the weight room. While he excelled as a junior in football, Turner sees a difference in Michael this year as a result of the time in the weight room, "Michael really came on last year as a junior. He was a really, really good outside linebacker against the run. He led us this spring and summer and got guys in the weight room. He is a really physical and strong player now because of his hard work. I could see Michael playing college football at this point."

In baseball, Malia played some outfield and designated hitter as a sophomore before the labrum injury, but Raider coach

Greg Allain believes that he will be a corner infielder this year and hit in the middle of the order. The Raiders will welcome Malia back to action according to Allain, "He was a productive player as a sophomore, and we missed his bat in the middle of the order last year. The good news is he is healthy now, and we should have him this spring."

Like Turner and Thomas, Allain emphasizes that Michael's impact on the team extends beyond what he does on the field. For Allain it is Malia's dedication that impresses him most, "He attended practices and games even when he couldn't play. Players voted for captains for the following season, and he was selected as one of the three captains. It says a lot that they selected him as their captain even though he didn't play."

When you hear Michael explain how important his teammates are to him, you start to understand his commitment to his teams. The opportunity to both continue relationships with childhood



friends while also welcoming individuals from around the world into your life is one of the most unique opportunities for students at Fryeburg Academy. These relationships have been central to Malia's experience, "One thing I enjoy about athletics at FA is the brotherhood and family the teams create throughout the season. Especially in my junior and senior years, there have been more and more dorm students joining us on the teams, and bonding with my teammates has been special. Many of my close friends I knew before high school, but between dorm students and commuting day students, I met many amazing people that I will never forget. I appreciate them all very much and will miss them when everyone goes their separate ways."

Michael's commitment to his teammates mirrors the commitment he sees from his coaches. Finding mentors who help develop lifelong skills and extend a high school athlete's support system is valuable, and in Michael's experience, his coaches have provided him with valuable guidance around some of the most important norms of society—the ability of many people to work together for a common cause. Michael shared his observations of his football team, "My football coaches, Coach Turner and Coach Jones have helped me develop as a player and team leader. They have a difficult job of integrating new football players every year into an efficient football team, and I appreciate all they do for us. On the gridiron, there is no choice but to come together as a unit and work together as a team, and that is a valuable lesson off the field as well."

Along with enjoying athletics, Michael has taken advantage of the strong and diverse academic program at FA. In his junior year, Michael studied woodworking and metalworking, and he enjoyed this introduction to tech arts. He studied aviation during May Term of his ninth and tenth-grade years, and he is currently enrolled in Exploring Aviation. Not many high schools offer aviation courses, but Michael is considering a future related to this field, "That is definitely something I'd like to pursue later in life, and it has been great to learn more about the aviation field."

At this point in Michael's senior year, his future plans are open. He intends to go to a four-year college, but he has not decided where at this point. He plans to study business, but he wants to see what opportunities present themselves in college before making any final decisions about a career.

Knowing that he is wrapping up his FA time, Michael offered this sage advice for young people about to enter Fryeburg Academy's halls. When asked what he would pass along to eighth graders about to start high school, he provided a straightforward and encouraging message, "Although the school may seem daunting at first, there are many opportunities for you to make the transition easier. There is something for everybody, whether it is athletics, music, or clubs. Within these extracurriculars, you will find lifelong friendships, which are very important to maintain throughout your high school experience."

Phoebe Sartory: *Welcoming Challenges with No Fear*

BY CHARLIE TRYDER

he lure of the Academy drew Phoebe Sartory's family to the Fryeburg community when she was young. Phoebe's father, David Sartory, started as a technology teacher at FA when she was in elementary school, and plans to get her there were already in place. Phoebe recalls, "I grew up in Bartlett, New Hampshire, and moved to Fryeburg when I was 11. My Dad had already been working at Fryeburg Academy for a few years, and my parents knew they wanted me and my older sister to go here, so we moved when my sister Chloe was entering her freshman year. I am so grateful."

The Fryeburg Academy community is grateful for Phoebe's arrival in return. The rich student life program has both engaged Phoebe and benefitted from her presence. Her passion for soccer, basketball, and lacrosse allowed her to become a leader in the



FA community. Phoebe started playing basketball and soccer around the third grade, and in the eighth grade, she added lacrosse to her athletic repertoire. A three-sport athlete, Phoebe hopes to play lacrosse in college even though it was the last sport that she took up.

Phoebe's four-year Fryeburg Academy journey includes many highlights. Being selected as a Phoebe succinctly describes her appreciation for athletics. "I really like the sense of community I get from each of my teams." as well, "Phoebe can be a vocal leader, but I often find she lets her play, intensity, and focus speak for her. Her teammates can recognize the passion and commitment and this helps to elevate the entire team's play."

Basketball coach Kristen Stacy recognizes that hoops is not Phoebe's first sport, but she earned the Coaches' Award as a junior nonetheless. Stacy describes Phoebe as a coach's dream—

self-motivated, selfless, and hard-working. According to Stacy, "Phoebe gives it her all and is ALWAYS asking how she can improve. She's always seemed to be mature for her age, and she will always choose to lift her teammates up and do what's best for the team."

Phoebe is not sure where she will be next year at this time, but it will involve college. She is also not certain what she will study, but she knows that whatever she does in life will grow from her empathy and compassion towards others. The openness Phoebe embodied when starting the sport of lacrosse relatively later in life reflects her thirst for new experiences. Her plans at this time are still general and her future wide open. When asked what she would like to do in life, she explains, "I want to be able to help people, but I am not quite sure how yet. I plan to go to college in Massachusetts and play lacrosse. I am going to go in undecided so that I can explore and find something that I am really passionate about."

Phoebe's athletic experiences at FA have made a lasting impression on her. She enjoyed soccer this fall and is excited for her upcoming basketball and lacrosse seasons. As much as she lives for the competition, it is more than the practices and games that bring her meaning. The bonds, the experiences, the laughter, the wins, the losses, the bus rides, the dinners—all with teammates—are what she carries with her. Phoebe succinctly describes her appreciation for athletics: "I really like the sense of community I get from each of my teams."

Contemplating her experiences, Sartory offers this advice to students following in her footsteps. Her message to future FA students is straight forward, "Challenge yourself, but try and cut yourself some slack at the same time. Putting in your best effort is important, but sometimes you have to remember that high school doesn't determine your whole life, and that you don't have to be perfect. Don't forget to try new things, join a club, branch out. Clubs and athletics are helpful in so many ways, and you gain a group of people who are there for you in all aspects of your life."

Whatever Phoebe ends up doing, Coach Stacy tells of a part of her makeup that makes one feel that she will be successful regardless of the obstacles along the way. According to Stacy, "Even if all the odds are stacked against Phoebe, she sees it as a challenge she believes she will overcome, rather than an excuse to quit. Phoebe Sartory NEVER hesitated when given a job to do. She worked hard with a smile and welcomed challenges with no fear because she knows they make her better. She wants to be better, all the time."

captain in soccer this fall was an honor, as was being selected for the coach's award in basketball as a junior. Yet it is in lacrosse where Phoebe has made her biggest mark. A Raider Award winner as a sophomore and a captain, team MVP, and Western Maine All-Conference member as a junior, Phoebe's lacrosse experience has helped her understand the value of hard work, develop leadership skills, and appreciate team chemistry. Perhaps most importantly, the experience brought her joy, "My biggest highlight at FA so far is my junior season with the lacrosse team. We made huge steps for the program and I got to be a leader for a sport that I love. We got our first wins for the program and bonded as a team."

Phoebe's connection with her coach, Mackenzie Krol, has been powerful, "Coach Krol has had a big influence on my life at FA. She has been a mentor and role model for me and has always made me feel comfortable and helped me perform my best. She makes me excited to go to practice after school, and gives me confidence in each of my games. She supports me in my other sports as well, making an appearance at my soccer and basketball games and cheering me on. I am so appreciative of her and how she has impacted my life."

The admiration is mutual. Coach Krol describes Phoebe as a natural athlete who has focused on becoming a leader as well. According to Krol, Phoebe shapes the team culture by setting a tone of dedication and caring about the sport of lacrosse. It is not all a grind with Sartory; however, as Krol points out Phoebe is a fun-loving soul. Furthermore, Krol goes on to say that Phoebe is a great bridge between the team and the coaches.

Krol noticed a real growth in Phoebe as a junior. Her leadership skills grew after she made a very intentional decision to focus on how to mentor and lead teammates. Along with leading her teammates with her focus and determination, her perspective and calm impacted the team culture as well. The Raiders won the Western Maine Conference Sportsmanship Award, and Phoebe's vocal communication with officials and her example of what Coach Krol calls "how we talk to one another" fostered a healthy and competitive culture that obviously was recognized by officials and coaches around the league.

Krol sums up Phoebe, "She models what we want from athletes. She has an academic presence and is a great student, always representative of the FA community in her social life, and she's a good friend and community member."

Not surprisingly, Sartory displayed her athletic and character strengths in soccer as well. A captain this fall, Coach David Hart notes that her leadership contributes to the soccer team's culture



FA Fall Sports Photo Gallery

BY LAKYN OSGOOD ELA '12, HOLYM HAN '26, AND JENNIFER STACY BARTLETT '93





Jocelyn Roy '25



Gonzalo Andrino Garcia Perrote '27

Kailey Clynes '27

The Mountain biking team ready to start a race.



Jagger Helwig '25



L to R: Cameron Chappell '27, Sam Day '25, Quin Dickey '25, Quinn Hagerty '25, Alex Allain '26, Cody Davis '27, Kyle Infinger '28, Henry Hill '28, Delaney Dutton '26, Bryson Herlihy '27, Britton Davidson '28, Rich Massey '26, Will McIntyre '28, Gavin Boucher '28, Noah Day '26, Fredrick Holst '26, and Logan Anderson '28.





Tucker Barnaby '26

Phoebe Sartory '25 celebrating with teammate Sally Baptista '26 after her goal.



Reagan Wilson '28



Senior golfer Sam Day '25 placed second in the State of Maine. Pictured here with coach Chris Dutton '90



Dodge Mixer-Bailey '26



Benny Arnason '27



Sophia Brown '26



From Gibson Gymnasium to Gibson Music Hall 1924-2024 The 100-Year Journey of Fryeburg Academy's Iconic Building

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

n 1924, the long-anticipated Gibson Gymnasium was opened on the Fryeburg Academy campus. As far back as 1900, Academy trustees had recognized the need to expand athletic facilities. Several attempts to build a gymnasium failed due to a lack of funding. However, in 1920, when Mrs. Page, a local homeowner, informed the Academy that her barn would no longer be available for student basketball activities, the trustees, led by Harvey Dow Gibson, realized they could not delay the project any longer.

Excerpt from the 1925 "Bell" ----

"The Harvey Dow Gibson Gymnasium is 40 ft x 80 ft, with a 9 ft concrete basement beneath the entire building. At the entrance are double doors, flanked by two pillars on each side. The steps are

made of concrete. Bleachers to seat 225 are located on one side of the main floor. The clear floor space measures 79 ft by 30 ft, and the main room has an arched ceiling 22 ft high at the center. It is finished in clear southern pine. On October 9, 1924, under the direction of Colonel J. Steward Barrows, the cornerstone of the new gymnasium was laid. Mrs. Ella Fogg-Hasty, preceptress of Fryeburg Academy, was chosen to put in the first shovel of cement. This was followed by remarks from Caleb A. Page, a former Principal; Headmaster Elroy LaCasce; Mr. McIntire; and Colonel Barrows. Afterward, each pupil threw in a handful of mud 'for luck.' Work progressed rapidly, and by January 7, 1925, the building was completed, and the new gymnasium was opened to the public and friends who had worked so long and earnestly for its completion. The Alumni (basketball players) played against the Academy team, resulting in a score of 21 to 17. More than 250 guests enjoyed music for dancing."



The 40 ft by 80 ft gymnasium featured seating for 225 guests.

The first Gibson Gymnasium as it neared completion in 1924.



The new building quickly became more than a gym, hosting school socials and celebrations of all kinds for many years. However, Fryeburg Academy's student population continued to grow, and so did its athletic needs. In 1955, the Gibson Recreation Center was built with funding assistance from Harvey Dow Gibson's estate. The older gym became known as the "girls" or yellow gym and housed female physical education classes through the 1980s. The space continued to be heavily used for study halls, class meetings, overflow athletic practices, adult sports leagues, and local rec basketball. Over time, the building started to show its age.

Meanwhile, across campus, the music program had outgrown Gordon Hall, a small one-room building that had served music students from the 1970s through the mid-1990s. F.A. musicians needed more space, and thanks to help from parents and local alumni, the 1924 gymnasium became home to F.A.'s music program. Donated windows, lumber, and paint transformed the facility, creating four practice rooms, office space, and a recording studio. It has since been a thriving hub of musical activity with chorus, band, and other ensembles making the old gym their home for nearly 30 years.

The building turns 100 years old this fall, and over the summer, with generous support from the Davis Family Foundation, the

exterior received a much needed renovation. The building now has fresh paint in a new color, along with newly installed windows, exterior lighting, paved walkways, and foundation work. While interior renovations are still ongoing, the building has never looked better.

Michael Sakash, FA's Fine Arts Chair and music director, shares his thoughts on the importance of the space:

"Many students start their day in Gibson Music Hall, practicing or studying, and many of those same students return after school to attend rehearsals, practice for ensembles, or listen to music. During our jazz rehearsal season, from November through May, you'll find students working in this building from 7:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. In speaking with the students in recent weeks following the completion of the renovations, I've learned that they appreciate the somewhat quirky feel of the space due to its age and its transition from a gym to a music space. They also value the history of this building, with its photos of award-winning music ensembles from the past thirty years, tokens of success on the walls and shelves, and posters of past events with illustrious guest artists. In recent years, the building has become a prime spot for impromptu collaboration, as students study, record, and take breaks to play music with their friends."





The Class of '74 celebrates 50! Back row, *l to r*: Skip Cadigan, Tom Hastings, Peter Atwood, and Clyde Watson; *Third row, l to r*: Stephen Fox, John Schneider, Sean Keough, Gene Lord, Kathy Richardson Lord, and Jack Coombs ; *Second row, l to r*: Jon Delli-Priscoli, David Jillson, Dianne Ward O'Neil, and Martha Grover Holden; *Front row, l to r*: John Davey, Patty Cogswell, Kathy Haley Day, Debbie Osgood Urgese, Tracy Bell Mason, and Ronald Briggs

REUNION WEEKEND 2024

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Reunion 2024 was fun and festive as alumni gathered over the weekend to reconnect and celebrate. The activities started on Friday with the Senior Alumni & VIP reception in the Bion Cram Library, followed by a delicious dinner in the LaCasce Dining Room, during which **Mary "Beth" Grover Jones '66** received the 2024 Distinguished Alumni Award. Saturday was filled with competitive and well-attended alumni sporting events, the unveiling of the historical portrait of Daniel Webster (gifted by **Jon '74 Deli-Priscoli** and his wife, Jennifer), a BBQ luncheon—complete with entertainment and a Photobooth—and an afternoon reception at Saco River Brewing. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the weekend's success, especially **Jonny Anderson '03** and his kitchen team, who never disappoint; **Barb Hill '74** for her thoughtful and archival displays in the library; and **Lakyn Osgood Ela '12** for her tireless dedication. A heartfelt thank you also goes to our reunion volunteers, whose efforts ensured everything ran smoothly and everyone had a great time.

We look forward to seeing you at next year's reunion on August 22, 23, & 24!



Mary Ellen Brown, Debbie Osgood Urgese '74, Tracy Bell Mason '74, and Penny Snow Dougay '72



Christina DiPietro '13, Sully Briggs '14, Tyler O'Keefe '14, and Eric Hannes '14





Zala Henry-Samuel '09, Messay Hall '09, and Joli Wesley '09

Rosemary Boothby Rankin '66, Beth Grover Jones '66, and Margie Smith Record '66



Back row, I to r: Amy Kelly Brito '95, Ellen Durgin, Crystal Coen Drew '97, Jamie Willoughby McIver '97, Haley Cook '96, Erin Sylvia Haidu '97, Keri Apt Montague '00, Jen Stacy Bartlett '93, Dede Frost, Stacy Eastman Crichton, Lea Guptill Tilton '06, Beth Grover Jones '66, Katie Ackley '03, Desiree Ramsay Sawyer '09, Jasmine Ramsay '15, Brylie Walker Young '10, and Makayla Frost Winslow '14; *Front row, I to r:* Hillary Stacy Allocco '99, Jennifer Greene Coen '89, Madison Davis '14, Rya Davis Thibodeau '16, Nicole Watkins '09, Bailey Frost '11, Jess Blasi '01, Lilah Felix '21, Abigail Paulding '23



Director of Athletics John Gordon '80 and Pat Williams '79 at the alumni soccer game.

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Jennifer Delli-Priscoli, Jon Delli-Priscoli '74 (and family), and Joe Manning, Head of School, unveil the Bishop Portrait of Daniel Webster, a gift from the Delli-Priscolis.

Hazel Thompson, Sandy Kelly, and friend, Jesse



Back row, I to r: Pat Williams '79, Wyatt Andreoli '12, Jordan Kruguer '16, Jared Schrader '14, Mark Schrader '82, Jeremiah Schrader '17, Jake Schrader '12, Danali Jensen '22, Graham Blood '22, Dameon Doe '22, JoJo Jensen '22, Noah Hart '18, Dana Hamlin '22, Will Galligan '21, James Littlefield '21, *Front row, I to r*: Marcos Barrionuevo '22, Manny Baptista '19, Jacob Evelath '26, Grady Pierce '28, Jared Schrader '14, Dan Waterhouse '02, Luke Allocco '99

Steve Randall '69, Bill Ludwig '69, Steven Jones '69, and Linda Brown Dutil '69



Back row, I to r: Cassidy Strange '26, Yazi Azel '09, Hannah Sawyer '08, Lexie Gagnon '27, Lillia Vishnyakov '26, Katie Tracy Trunk '01, Haley Spofford '26, Burke Callen '26, Meg Clement '26, Eden True '26, Bryleigh Gerry '28, Presli Knapp '28, Campbell Barnaby '28, Kaylan Forrest '28, Sarah Shackford '25; *Front row, I to r*: Kate Owens '26, Kassidy Jordan '27, Solana Manning '28, Ollie Chaine '28, Joli Wesley '09, Zoe Daigle '25, Messay Hall '09, Sally Baptista '26, Phoebe Sartory '25, Coach Kayrin Johnson '21, Kailey Clynes '27, Liv Lindsey '27, Avery Bariteau '27, Savannah Kellas '28



Jen Stacy Bartlett '93, Juston Bartlett '94, Angela Stacy Nelson '99, Adam Nelson '99, Lori Libby Stacy '77, Rusty Stacy '75, Bria Stacy, Kristen Hurd Stacy '07, Michael Stacy '04, Luke Allocco '99, and Hillary Stacy Allocco '99

ALUMNI REUNION 2024 CLASS PHOTOS



Ronald Kiesman, Carol Hutchins McGarigle, and Richard Monson



Back row, l to r: Jim Wilfong, David Hicks, Larry Gallagher, Richard Snow, and Arnold Pendexter; *Front row, l to r:* Bill Gibson, Barbara Libby Altbaum, Kay Griffin Cossette, Margaret Hatch Eastman, Joyce Fox Kennett, and Jim Oliver

Back row, I to r: Bill Ludwig, Barbara Smith Perry, Stephen Randall, Linda Brown Dutil, Stephen Jones; Front row, I to r: Sheryl Emery, Donna Eastman Light, and Sharon Lewis





Back row, I to r: Jimmy Pitman '65, Jim Brown '61, Roger Roberts '62, Barry Woodbrey '62, Kenneth Yoder '62, Richard Monson '59 Middle row, I to r: Ralph Morse '69, William Grover '58, Beth Grover Jones '66, Nettie Kimball Bennett '60, Rachel Charles Kuvaja '60, Grace Madsen Leach '55; Front row, l to r: Barbara Smith Perry '69, Donna Eastman Light '69, Carol Hutchins McGarigle '59, Carol Brown Brooks '53, Jacqueline Blake Sullivan '61, Kathy Stevens Woodbrey '63, Charles Woodward '68, and Mareen Woodward Steiner '56

ALUMNI REUNION 2024 CLASS PHOTOS



Michael Hill, Diane Gushee, Greg Hastings, and David Charles



Back row, l to r: Jeff Seavey, Ken McDermith, John Hammond, Darrell Whitley, Deena Buffington, and Mike Arocho; *Third row, l to r:* Gabor Siklosi, Donal O'Callahan, Alan Eastman, Marianne Patten, Barbara Gushee, David Richardson; *Second row, l to r:* Heather Peterson Sawin, Betsi Johnson, Cheryl Ridlon Moeykens, Lesa Day, and Linn Charette Tripp; *Front row, l to r:* Sue Paul, Cheryl Turner, and Lori Smith Jardine



Back row, I to r: Jennifer Hicks Charles, Amy Wilfong, Craig Ela, Eric Allder, middle row L to R Tommy Leach, Marc Webster, Cheryl Irish, and Kathy Zinavage; *Front row, I to r:* Meridith Baker Perry, Wendy Buffington Stearn, Jason Roy, and Jay Burnell



Back row, I to r: Jeremy Roy, Juston Bartlett, and Jimmy Kiesman Front row, I to r: Berniece Bedard, Eric Smith, and Jeff Ellis



Back row, I to r: Adam Nelson, Jesse Smith, and Andrea Nicoletta; Front row, I to r: Nathan Holbert, Will Tracy, Ryan McIver, Angela Stacy Nelson, Luke Allocco, and Hillary Stacy Allocco



Back row, I to r: Linsey McFarlin, Katie Trafford Fadden, Tiamo Wright, Christian Wilfong, Philip Remington, and Michael Stacy. Middle Row L to R Brittany Giberson Burke, Jenna Jackson Laura, Kelli Park, Amy Wright-Mead, Bethany Scully Jackman *Front row, I to r*: Lawrence Rugg and Crystal Robbins Lacasse

Back row, I to r: Joli Wesley, Jacob Fillebrown, and Jesse Sawin, Front row, I to r: Messay Hall, Nicole Watkins, Jennifer Solter-Jones and Zala Henry-Samuel





Sully Briggs, Tyler O'Keefe, Eric Hannes, and Emily Ouellette



Back row, l to r: David Jordan and River Lusky, *Front row, l to r*: Manny Baptista, Stephen Huff, and Bethany Allen



A Message from the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations

Dear FA Alumni and Friends,

We've had a great summer and fall at Fryeburg Academy—blessed with beautiful Maine weather throughout reunion and homecoming weekends, and even the Fryeburg Fair. Our fall sports season was a success, with all teams advancing to post-season play. Now, as the season wraps up, we're looking forward to the opening of our all-school musical, *Amélie*, in just a few weeks. There's always something exciting happening on campus!

As we plan for 2025, we're excited to share several alumni events and gatherings, providing opportunities to reconnect with other FA friends. Mark your calendar for the following:

- February 28, 2025 Alumni Ski Night | Pleasant Mountain, Bridgton, ME | 6-9 pm
- March 15, 2025 Men's and Women's Alumni Basketball Games | FA Athletic Center
- March 2025 NYC & Philadelphia Area Visits | Locations TBD
- April 26, 2025 Bermuda Gathering | Location TBD
- May 1, 2025 Boston Area Alumni Reception | Dillon's, 6-8 pm

Additional events will be announced, so be sure to visit fryeburgacademy.org/alumni/events for the latest updates.

Thank you to everyone who made 2024 a memorable year. We look forward to reconnecting, sharing stories, and making more memories together in 2025.

Wishing you all a very happy holiday season,

Dawn Gale '81, Keri Apt Montague '00, Lakyn Osgood Ela '12



SAVE THE DATE! 2025 REUNION WEEKEND

Friday, August 22, Saturday, August 23, & Sunday, August 24

Celebrating classes ending in "5" and "0"

Friday, August 22

4 pm	Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association Business Meeting/Bion R. Cram Library
5 pm	Senior Alumni (Class of 1975 and older) & VIP Cocktail Reception w/ Archive Display • Bion R. Cram Library
6 pm	Senior Alumni & VIP Dinner (Class of 1975 and older) • LaCasce Dining Room in Shaffner Hall
Saturday	/, August 23
9 am	Alumni Field Hockey, Boys Soccer, & Girls Soccer Games
12 noon	Barbecue Luncheon • Under Tents on the Quad (Open to all alumni and their guests)
1:30-3 pm	Reunion Photos & Social Hour with refreshments & entertainment • School memorabilia available for purcha
2-3 pm	Campus Tours leaving from the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center
4-6 nm	Reception @ Saco River Brewing

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Sunday, August 24

Discount Golf @ Kezar Lake Country Club

More events may be added. Invitations and registration forms will be sent out in early May 2025. Please contact the Advancement and Alumni Relations Office to start planning your reunion event or to request a class list. Let us help make 2025 your best FA Reunion ever!

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

MARY "BETH" GROVER JONES '66 2024 DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD WINNER

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

he Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association presents the Distinguished Alumni Award each year during reunion weekend. A committee reviews nominations and selects an individual who—"has rendered meritorious service to the school and/or community."

Beth fits this description perfectly, and we are honored to celebrate her many contributions to Fryeburg Academy.

Beth Grover Jones '66 has worn many hats at Fryeburg Academy, making it difficult to summarize her contributions in one short article. During her student years, Beth was a four-sport athlete, excelling in softball, field hockey, and basketball. She received All-Star recognition as a field hockey goalie and a softball catcher.



L to r: Jennifer Jones, Luke Jones '05, Beth Grover Jones '66, Peggy Grover Pinkham '68, Martha Grover Holden '74, and Robert Holden.

Beth also enjoyed the arts and was a four-year chorus member. After FA, she graduated from Husson College, where she continued to participate in basketball, softball, and field hockey.

Beth worked for GE Credit Corp and then Noyes Tire Company, where she was reputed to be the first woman tire salesperson on the Eastern Seaboard. She joined the Fryeburg Academy faculty when then-Headmaster Phil Richards hired her to teach. Beth lived in Frye Hall as a dorm parent and taught math and business law. After a brief return to Noyes, Headmaster Harry True convinced her to return to the Academy in 1979, where she stayed until her retirement in 2018. Over the years, Beth taught math, typing, office practice, business management, and business law. In the early '90s, she took a one-year sabbatical to complete her MBA at Husson University.

In addition to teaching, Beth coached field hockey and softball, served as a dean, a dorm parent, a bus driver, and an IT department technician. She served as the president of the FA Alumni Association for four years and led the FA Teachers Union on three separate occasions. In 2012, she was inducted into Fryeburg Academy's Hall of Excellence in recognition of her athletic and extracurricular achievements. Her son, Luke, is also an FA grad—a member of the class of 2005.

What truly makes Beth exceptional is her compassion, kindness, and genuine care for her friends, family, and community members. Since retiring from the Academy, Beth has spent most of her time volunteering. She is active in her church, is a current member, and served as the president of the Oxford County United Parish. She stands in as Minister when one is not available. Beth is a member of the Oxford Union Association of Maine UCC, the Retired Teachers of Oxford County Association, and the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War,—and as one of the younger members of the Grange, she is the "go-to" driver, transporting displays to several county fairs throughout the season. She cooks weekly for church suppers, drives friends to doctor appointments, and takes care of her wonderful granddaughter, Leona, who recently turned three.

Beth stays connected with FA and currently serves on the Hall of Excellence Committee and continues as a member of the FA Alumni Board of Directors. In 2012, she established the Grover Women's Athletic Scholarship at FA, awarded to a graduating senior girl. She is committed to growing the award and has recently endowed it to ensure it continues in perpetuity. Beth keeps in touch with the recipients as they make their way through college and is honored and proud to see them become happy, successful, and meaningful members of their communities.

Beth loves Fryeburg Academy, and she has spent most of her life showing us all what true dedication looks like.

Raiders Celebrate Homecoming 2024

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

ver the beautiful fall weekend of October 18 and 19, Fryeburg Academy students, alumni, family, and friends celebrated Homecoming and inducted nine new individuals and two teams into FA's Hall of Excellence.

Following tradition, students enjoyed a festive week with themed dress day contests. On Friday afternoon, the school-wide assembly featured class competitions, including tug-of-war, musical chairs, dress-up relay, and pool-noodle fencing. The Student Council did a great job organizing a week of exciting events and capping it all off with a Western-themed dance under a tent on the quad Saturday evening!

Friday evening, Atwood Stadium was packed as Raider fans gathered to watch Fryeburg Academy football battle the Wells Warriors under the lights. The student pep band was in full swing, and fans enjoyed complimentary snacks provided by the Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association. The game was an intense, back-and-forth contest, and despite a close 20-21 loss, the Raiders left it all on the field. Raider pride was on display, and the team's effort earned them admiration from everyone in the crowd.

On Saturday morning, Hall of Excellence inductees and guests attended a celebratory brunch followed by the induction ceremony held in the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center. This year's inductees are Carol Rosenblith '66, William "Bill" Ela '68, Dwight "Ike" Roberts '72, James Osgood, II '85, 'Kurt Ela '96, Brendan Dagan '00, Mariah Whitney '03, Stephanie Jette Wetzel '05, and Erlon "Bucky" Broomhall (Significant Supporter, Coach). The 1963 and 1965 State Champion Football teams were also celebrated, bringing former teammates back together and rekindling memories of championship seasons.

On Saturday afternoon, alumni and guests gathered at Saco River Brewing for a Homecoming reception and enjoyed a complimentary beverage! Thanks to all who made the weekend a great one!



The 2024 Hall of Excellence inductees, *Back row, I to r*: Lawrence Perry '66, Joe Austin '67, Ike Roberts '72, Stephen Feeney '67, Don Bean '65, Brian Smith '65, Ron Colter '64, David Hicks '64, and Arnie Pendexter '64; *Front row, I to r*: Gerry Durgin '68, Jim Osgood, II '85, Bill Ela '68, Erlon "Bucky" Broomhall, Kurt Ela '96, Stephanie Jette Wetzel '05, Kit Foster '65, Larry Gallagher '64, Stephen Smith '65, Bob Hatch '64, BIll Gibson '64, and Thomas Larkin '66





L to r: Nancy Canty, James Canty, Stephanie Jette Wetzel '05, and Jula Frost

Members of the 1963 and 1965 football teams. *Back row, l to r*: Arnie Pendexter '64, Kit Foster '65, David Hicks '64, Brian Smith '65. *Middle row l to r*: Joe Austin '67, Ron Colter '64, Larry Gallagher '64, Bill Gibson '64, Bob Hatch '64, Don Bean '65. *Front row, l to r*: Stephen Smith '65, Tom Larkin '66, Lawrence Perry '66, David Greenidge '66, and Stephen Feeney '67.



Freshmen excited for their first Homecoming Pep Rally.



Dennis Ela '67 Hall of Excellence member with cousin Bill Ela '68 2024 Hall of Excellence inductee.



Shelley Osgood Walker '82 Hall of Excellence Member, Jim Osgood '56 Hall of Excellence member, and Jim Osgood, II '85 2024 Hall of Excellence Inductee.



Legendary coaches — Bucky Broomhall, Paul McGuire, John Atwood '71, and Brett Russell '56



Student spectators enjoyed the Friday Night Homecoming football game with a Wild West theme.



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e are proud to introduce the newest members of Fryeburg Academy's Hall of Excellence. This class of nine individuals and two championship teams embodies the true spirit of excellence with their dedication, perseverance, and commitment to their sport, art, community, and/or school. We honor them as outstanding members of the Fryeburg Academy family and celebrate their achievements and accomplishments.



FA ALUMNI

CAROL CHILD ROSENBLITH '66

Carol Child Rosenblith graduated from Fryeburg Academy in 1966. Entering as a junior, Carol was a high honor student and a national merit finalist. While at Fryeburg, she was involved in chorus, the musical, the dramatic club, one-act plays, the French club, and the Mercury staff. After graduation, she earned her

B.A. from Bennington College with a major in music and a Master's in Music from the New England Conservatory in vocal performance. Throughout her career as a lyric soprano, she performed with chamber ensembles and orchestras throughout the East and Mid-west of the US, with additional concert performances in London and at the Pro-Corda Festival, Leiston/Aldeburgh, UK. Broadcasts on MPBN and CBC (Montreal). She was a founding member of the Musical Arts Consortium, serving as managing director from 1984 to 1994. From 1979 to 1996, Carol performed regularly with the Yellow Barn Festival of Putney, VT, and "Music from the Yellow Barn" touring ensemble, as well as performing and premiering works by notable American composers.

In 1997, Carol and her husband, Eric Rosenblith (a legendary violinist and instructor), founded the International Musical Arts Institute, which was in summer residence at Fryeburg Academy for 17 years. Carol served as administrative director and performed in various chamber works and concerts. Eric, the artistic director, passed away in December 2010, and IMAI presented its final concert at FA in July 2015.

The International Musical Arts Institute of Fryeburg was a month-long summer classical music festival. It was a gathering of classically trained musicians ranging from young professionals and career-bound advanced-level conservatory students to established artists with international reputations. IMAI has attracted over two hundred musicians over the years, representing some thirty nations on five continents, providing a setting where young, aspiring professional musicians and seasoned artists could collaborate, share ideas, and learn from each other. IMAI presented a summer series of 16 classical chamber music performances in Fryeburg and many other concerts at various locations in Northern New Hampshire.

Carol's talents extend beyond music. In her late 40s, she took up ice skating. This interest became a passion that led her to begin training under a Boston-based ice dance coach and obtain bronze-level status in ice dance coaching. She taught Basic Skills/ Learn-to Skate for over 15 years at the Ham Arena in Conway, NH, and at various rinks in the Boston area; in addition, she was the head of her own tot/parent and adult programs at the Ed Burns Arena for the Arlington Massachusetts Recreation Department. In 2008, she began to work with special needs children in the Adaptive Skating Program in Boston, and she continued with that program for the next ten years. She became a certified USFS Learn-to-Skate instructor/coach, and in 2009, she attained a registered PSA (Professional Skaters Association) rating in group instruction.



BILL ELA '68

Bill Ela '68 is well-known for his golfing talents, but during his time at Fryeburg Academy as a member of the Class of 1968, he was an accomplished skier and baseball player. Bill raced alpine for all four years of high school and was an important member of the 1967 State Champion team. Additionally, he played baseball

for four years (third base), with three years spent on the varsity team. Despite his later success in golf, Bill will tell you that baseball is his favorite sport—a passion he's had since he was eight. At Fryeburg Academy's graduation, he was honored with both the Dick Turner Baseball Trophy and the Charles Rutter Industrial Arts Award.

After graduating, Bill attended the Wentworth Institute, where he earned a degree in building construction and architectural engineering. He returned to the Mount Washington Valley and established a successful business, building high-end homes for over 50 years. Among his many notable projects, he's particularly proud of the historic restoration of the Felsengarten property in Bethlehem, NH. Although his career as a builder kept him away from golf for nearly a decade in the 1970s, Bill reconnected with friend and golf pro Larry Gallagher, which reignited his passion for the game. Over a span of 25 years, he won the North Conway Country Club Championship 14 times, including at age 68, making him the oldest champion in the club's history. During his peak, he maintained a 2-handicap, the lowest at the club at the time, and has also been the men's senior champion for multiple years.

Bill has generously volunteered his time with the Conway Rec Department, supporting both junior ski and golf programs.

Bill and his wife, Kathy True Ela '78, reside in Conway, NH, where they enjoy spending time with their two children and four grandchildren.



DWIGHT "IKE" ROBERTS '72

Ike Roberts was a standout athlete whose talent and leadership strengthened every team he played on.

At Fryeburg Academy, Ike was a three-sport athlete, excelling in football, basketball, and baseball all four years. In 1971, FA's football team captured the Prep School Championship. During his senior

baseball season, Ike was selected as the captain. His achievements and leadership did not go unnoticed—at graduation, the Fryeburg/ Lovell Kiwanis honored Ike with the '72 Citizenship Award.

Ike's passion for sports extended well beyond his high school years. For 30 years, he was an important member of Fryeburg's Men's Softball League, serving as president and coach while earning MVP honors. He played for another 30 years with North Conway's Men's Softball League and was named MVP in 1983. His athletic pursuits were diverse—he played, managed, and was league president in Portland's Twilite Baseball League, competed for a decade in Conway's Men's Basketball League, and participated in a Conway Men's Hockey League, as well as the American Legion Post 95 Baseball League, playing with Rich Gale, a future ML pitcher.

In addition to his athletic contributions, Ike dedicated over 35 years to volunteering as a firefighter, many of those years as captain. He is active in the North Fryeburg Community Chapel.

Professionally, Ike worked for LA Drew in construction for 26 years before launching his own business in 1999—Ike Roberts Builder. He and his wife, Ruth, reside in Chatham. Their two children, April '95 and Joe '99, are proud Fryeburg Academy graduates, as is their grandson, Bryce '22!



JIM OSGOOD II '85

Jim Osgood graduated from the Academy in 1985. While at FA, he was a four-year member of the football and basketball teams and played three years of baseball, earning eight varsity letters. During his senior year, Jim was captain of both the football and basketball and baseball teams. Always one of the first to rally classmates to promote Raider Pride, his classmates selected Jim as the member of '85 with "Most School Spirit" in the yearbook superlatives.

Jim was also a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council (Class President, three years), Varsity Club (founding member and president), and Yearbook. He was selected as the Boys' state alternate, and at graduation, Jim received the Erickson Award. Following graduation, he attended Bryant College and the University of Southern Maine, where he earned his associate's degree in business.

He married Andrea Smith Osgood '86 and raised his family in Fryeburg, where he became an integral part of the community, specifically in youth sports and Fryeburg Academy. As his family grew, he coached for ten years for Fryeburg Recreation—girls' and boys' basketball, baseball, and t-ball; spent 20 years on the Fryeburg Recreation Board (four years as president of this board); 20 years on the Fryeburg Academy Alumni Board, (served as president from 2001-2003); and three years coaching AAU Basketball for middle school-age athletes. He also served as the JV girls' basketball coach at FA.

Jim has served on many committees and volunteered time for community projects, including the Vincent Manoriti Memorial Baseball Field, clearing land for the Fryeburg Rec Field of Dreams, and the Fryeburg Rec Golf Tournament.

In 1987, he began working for the family business, Fryeburg Osgood Brothers, before starting Osgood's of Ossipee in 1995. He sold the business in 2007 but continues to manage it.

Jim's three children, Vincent '07, Cody '09, and Lakyn '12, are all Academy graduates. He enjoys woodworking projects and spending time with his kids and eight grandchildren.



KURT ELA '96

Kurt Ela '96 was a leader in the classroom, on the stage, and on the athletic fields during his time at Fryeburg Academy. His enthusiasm and energy were evident in every aspect of his school life, setting him apart as a dedicated and driven individual. Following his time at Fryeburg, Kurt pursued his passions and built a successful

career in the acting and film industry.

As a student, Kurt was a member of the National Honor Society, FA Jazz, and Rock Band. He served as Vice President of his class for three years and then as Senior Class President. In athletics, Kurt was a four-year member of the soccer team, captaining the team his senior year, and a four-year member of the Nordic ski team, where he was also captain his senior year. He also played varsity baseball for two years. In addition to all of this, Kurt was the lead in multiple school musicals and theater productions. At graduation, he received the Soccer Award, Drama Award, Bill Oliver Award, and was honored with the Gibson Medal for his leadership and achievements.

Kurt earned his B.A. degree from the University of Southern Maine, majoring in theater, and then headed west, where he is now a dynamic actor and creative force in the entertainment industry. Best known as a series regular on Paramount's *Side Hustle*,



Kurt has also captivated audiences with recurring roles in *Strange Angel, Mighty Med*, and *Trial and Error*. A highlight of his career was collaborating with the iconic Kermit the Frog on *The Muppets* TV show, a moment that he will never forget.

In addition to his acting achievements, Kurt is an innovative filmmaker. In 2019, he and Kipp Tribble wrote, produced, and starred in CHAR MAN, entirely shot on iPads and phones, which found distribution with Indie Rights. This project reflects his creative vision and adaptability in the evolving landscape of filmmaking.

Kurt is also active in commercials, with multiple successful campaigns for brands like Quicklane, Ameristar, and Dairy Queen. He is represented by Brandy Gold at Talentworks and Laina Cohn at CT Media, and he continues to seek new opportunities that challenge him as an artist.

Kurt has been married to Gwen Ela for over 12 years now, and they have one son, Kolten, who Kurt coaches in soccer and baseball. When he isn't forcing his son to hike up a mountain, he has come to realize how much he loves watching birds and looking at plants. But he thinks that could be a sign that he is over the age of 35.



BRENDAN DAGAN '00

Brendan Dagan graduated in 2000 after a stellar career on the cross-country course, wrestling mat, and track. While at Fryeburg Academy, he was a four-time All-State Wrestler, the 2000 State Champ, and the tournament's Outstanding Wrestler, with 118 career wins. He was named to the All-Conference team

during 11 of his eligible 12 seasons running and wrestling. He was a two-time state champ in track and field, a two-time New England 6th-place finisher, and part of the 4 x 800 track state championship record-holding team.

Brendan graduated from Hofstra University, where he was the team captain and the 10K school record holder from 2001 to 2006. At Hofstra, he also met his wife, Jen, a fellow cross-country runner.

Brendan continued with his love of running, making it a career with Jen; the couple worked as independent contractors, working and timing hundreds of road races throughout New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. Over ten years ago, they moved to Long Island and co-founded Elitefeats, a successful NYC area endurance event company. The crew at Elitefeats works on pre-race organization, including e-commerce, social media, and promotional marketing. Their team comes in on race day, sets up the event, and helps coordinate the volunteers. In a typical year, they work on just over 600 events annually. Elitefeats is the largest organization in the country, working with small road races. Last year, over 150,000 participants crossed their finish lines—more than the Boston

Marathon, NYC Marathon, and Chicago Marathons combined! The USATF National Track and Field Officials Committee has

recognized his service to the sport with an Outstanding Service Award and the USATF Long Island MVP Award.

He is a USATF-L1 Board member and co-founder of The Never Stop Running Foundation, a 501c3 non-profit. Brendan recently served as a running coach for an athlete qualifying for the 2024 Olympic Trials.



MARIAH WHITNEY '03

Mariah Whitney, a member of the Class of 2003, left her mark on Fryeburg Academy as both a top student and an accomplished athlete. At graduation, she was awarded the prestigious Gibson Medal, a testament to her all-around excellence.

Her athletic achievements at Fryeburg Academy were many. As captain of the

2002 girls' state cross-country championship team and a member of the 2001 and 2002 state champion Nordic ski teams, she played an essential role in securing these titles. She was also part of the 2003 Telstar Relays Mixed Team Championship and the 2001 Maine J2 team. Mariah earned All-Conference honors in 2003 in both cross-country running and Nordic skiing. In addition to her leadership on the Nordic and cross-country teams, she was a four-year member of the track team.

Academically, Mariah was equally impressive. In addition to the Gibson Medal, she earned the Susan Souther Page English Medal, the Tinker Math Prize, the Marion Rogerson Scholarship, the Priscilla Higgins Merrifield French Award, and the Ralph Larabee Award. She was also selected to receive the Western Maine Conference Citizenship Award, highlighting her well-rounded achievements.

Outside of sports, Mariah was actively involved in plays, the National Honor Society, and the Interact Club.

Mariah then attended Colby College, graduating in 2007 summa cum laude with a B.A. in French Studies and Art. She was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and skied on their D1 Nordic ski team for two years.

Today, Mariah resides on the West Coast in Portland, Oregon, with her children, Tilda (8) and Roger (6). She is a self-employed accountant working for women-owned, small businesses. She continues to give back to the skiing community, serving as treasurer and youth ski coach at Teacup Lake Nordic Club in Mt. Hood, Oregon, where she also acts as a liaison with the US Forest Service.

STEPHANIE JETTE WETZEL '05

Stephanie Jette Wetzel is a graduate of FA's Class of 2005. She was a four-year cross country running team member and captain for two years. She won All-Conference and All-State honors and was a three-time New England qualifier. Stephanie



was also a two-year varsity basketball player before switching to Nordic skiing in her junior and senior years, qualifying for the New England Championship in 2005. She earned four varsity letters in track, along with All-Conference and All-State honors, and was the 2005 All-State Champion in the 800-meter race and a four-time New England qualifier.

In 2005, Stephanie became the first athlete to represent the Academy in indoor track at the New England Championships in the 800 meters. At graduation, Stephanie received the Senator George Mitchell Scholarship, the Lovell Lions Club, the David Mason Rec Scholarship, and many other awards.

Following FA, Stephanie attended USM for a year before transferring and graduating from UMO. While at USM, she was second in the record books for the 1000-meter race. At UMO, she was part of the New England champion 4x800 team. She earned top-five performance honors in Black Bear history in the 1000-meter and 4x800 relay, was on the All-Academic team, and earned Dean's List status six times.

She returned to Fryeburg in 2013 as a math teacher, dorm parent, and Mountain Biking coach. She also coached the Molly Ockett ski team for two seasons.

She continues to train and compete, racing in the pro-cyclocross circuit. She was the road cycling New England champion and a multi-time Queen of the Mountain Achievement Award winner in stage races including the Tour of the Dragons, Killington State Race, and Tour of Washington County. She has also won the race up the Mount Washington Auto Road and pro-stage races in Colorado, California, and throughout New England, Ireland, France, and Belgium.

She was the overall female winner in the 2024 Dover 5K Race Series.

Stephanie and her family now live in Somersworth, NH. She is in her 15th year of teaching and is the proud mom of James and Matilda!



ERLON "BUCKY" BROOMHALL, SIGNIFICANT SUPPORTER

One could write a book about Bucky Broomhall's contributions to the history of youth skiing in New England, particularly in Nordic skiing. His remarkable influence has earned him a place in multiple Hall of Fames including the Vermont Ski Hall of Fame, the Vermont Principals Association's

Hall of Fame, two Hall of Fame selections in Colorado, and the Maine Ski Hall of Fame. Over the years, Bucky has been recognized countless times for his pioneering contributions to the sport.

Originally from Rumford, ME, Bucky dedicated his career to creating opportunities for young skiers. Although his time at Fryeburg Academy spanned only two seasons, he established a team model and culture that left a lasting impact on FA's Nordic program. His legacy at Fryeburg extended far beyond those seasons, as his vision for a comprehensive cross-country and ski jumping program set the foundation for future generations.

Bucky served in the Korean War from 1951-55 and then enjoyed a successful collegiate career racing for the Western State College Cross Country Ski Team. In 1966, he moved to Bennington, VT, to oversee a total ski program for children of all ages, from kindergarten through high school. Under his leadership, the school's ski teams excelled. He coached cross-country, jumping, and downhill, winning five Vermont high school state championships and guiding at least 25 skiers to the Junior Olympics. In 1968, he was one of the first coaches in the nation to develop a girls' team, taking the first girls' team to the Junior Olympics. Among his many accomplishments, Bucky created the Torger Tokle League, now known as the Bill Koch League, which focuses on high school ski development and was selected by the Lake Placid Olympic Committee as an official for the 1980 Winter Olympics.

During his time at FA, with the full support of Headmaster Phil Richards, the Academy's Board of Trustees, and local landowner John F. Weston, Broomhall began creating a cross-country ski course. Collaborating closely with Howard Ross, head of Fryeburg Academy's Maintenance Department, Broomhall helped clear a three-mile Nordic trail next to Stark's alpine slopes. Without modern mechanical grooming equipment, the course was packed entirely with snowshoes sourced from an Army surplus store.

Once the cross-country course was complete, attention shifted to building a 20-meter ski jump. Using plans developed by the United States Ski Association, Broomhall oversaw the construction of an artificial jump hill and outrun, requiring significant excavation. The jump was situated in such a way that skiers would gain speed after landing, and the jump record was believed to be an impressive 72 feet.

In an amazing feat of coordination and effort, Fryeburg Academy hosted the 1961 State of Maine Class A Championship Ski Meet, marking the beginning of a legacy that would influence the school's Nordic and alpine skiing programs for decades to come.



THE 1963 (CLASS C) & 1965 (CLASS B) FOOTBALL TEAMS

O=In the early 60's, Fryeburg Academy football celebrated two state championships. Coached by the late Joseph "Buck" Austin, himself a member of the Hall of Excellence Member, the teams dominated the Class "C" and then "B" South before capturing State crowns in 1963 and 1965.

Class C 1963 Results: 7-1 Class B 1965 Results: 8-0



1963 Team

Coached by: Coach "Buck" Austin, Coach Hammond, Coach Godfrey, Coach Harrington (JV Coach) Arnold "Sonny" Pendexter '64, Clyde Arnold '64, David Hicks '64, Harold Foster '64, Colin Hurd '64, Robert Hatch '64, Fred Locke '64, Geoffrey Sutherland/Captain '64, William Gibson '64, Robert Mitchell '64, Larry Gallagher '64, Ronald Colter '64, Gary Linnell '65, Phillip Wilson '63 PG '64, Dana Hoyt '65, Carey Graffam/Manager '65, John Roberts '65, Peter Clifford '64, Stephen Smith'65, Kit Foster '65, Jeffrey Shaw '65, Kenneth Tinker Kiesman'65, Richard Smull '65, Herman Leo Coombs'65, Brian Smith '65, Cecil Barker'65, Donald Bean '65,, Robert Wheatley '66, Jeremy Colpits '66, Maddison Stalmuke '67, David Pineo '67, Joseph Austin '67, John Watson '67, Dale Locke '67, Albert Brewer'66, Stephen Feeney '67, Wendell Sweatt '67, Roderick Cleveland, II '67, Stephen Dearborn '63, Bruce Smith '67, William Newbegin '66, John Pendexter '64 /Manager



1965 Team

Coached by: Coach "Buck" Austin, Coach Hammond, Coach Soule, Coach Theobold, Coach Godfrey, Joel Bean '66, Bob Gerry '66, Frank Joyal '66, David Greenidge '66, John Phelan'66, Joseph Tinker'66, Thomas Larkin'66, John Roy '66, Lawrence Perry'66, Kenneth Knight'66, Russell Ross '68, Stephen Feeney '67, Brian Hill '67, Joe Austin'67, David Casano '67, Robert Kolodjay '67, David Malo '67, Gerry Durgin'68, Bob Magavero'68, Herbert Rathbun '68, Brent Horten'68, David Morway'69, Peter Neff '70



MANORITI MEMORIAL FIELD RENOVATION

HONOR THE PAST, BUILD THE FUTURE

The Latest on FA's Manoriti Memorial Baseball Field Renovation

The first phase of construction on the Manoriti Memorial Field has begun. Crews are working on the new infield, the scoreboard is on its way, and new fencing will be installed soon. Fundraising continues for the second phase, which begins next summer and will include new dugouts, backstop, and seating. We need your support to help make all of this possible.

Please consider a gift today. Visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/manoriti-field or scan this QR code to learn how to honor and memorialize teammates, coaches, and classmates. Naming opportunities are available!



19**40**s

CLAYTON '47 AND GLORIA HORNE '49 BURNELL celebrated 75 years of marriage on September 8, 2024. Congratulations!

19**60**s

RONALD SAUNDERS '62 visited Negro Mountain African American Historic Site on June 15, 2024. The marker commemorates an unknown African American frontiersman who died May 24, 1756, fighting alongside Col. Thomas Cresap during a battle against Indigenous American French Allies.

JAMES ARCHIBALD '63 chaired the annual meeting of the International Standards Organization's (ISO) committee on terminology workflow and language coding at its June meetings held at the European Parliament in Brussels.

KAREN SHOE LARKIN '67 "En route to a wedding in Rhode Island, we stopped at a diner in Connecticut. The man in the next booth asked where we were from, and we started talking. I told him we'd gone to Fryeburg Academy, and he asked what year I graduated. He said you may know my wife when she comes in. Indeed, I did one of my best friends—**MARIANNE GARNER FENTON '67**. We hadn't seen each other since graduation. I'm so glad to be in touch again. It was meant to be."

19**70**s

CAROL SMITH MACK '72: "In December and January, I will be a great-grandmother to two



Karen Shoe Larkin '67 and Marianne Garner Fenton '67



Craig Urquhart '72, Jamie Boschert Pandora '72 presented Natalie Berry with the Class of 1972 Scholarship at Class Night.

baby boys—my first!!! I have three kids and 16 grandchildren, two of them married. Don Emery and I can't wait for our 55th reunion in three years! Our 50th was beyond awesome!!"

JOHN DAVEY '74 "I retired a few years back from a career as a hotel executive. I can honestly say it never felt like work. We now reside in Upton, MA, empty nesters of two great children. My son is a software engineer, and my daughter is a landscape architect. Life is good. In retirement, I created 'The Peter S. Davey Youth Golf Initiative' which sponsors Lovell, Stoneham, Sweden, and Stow boys and girls to junior memberships (ages 8 to 17) at Lake Kezar Country Club. Our 50th reunion was wonderful reconnecting with my classmates and touring the campus. Cheers J.P."

GLENN GILMAN '77 "I retired at the end of April and am enjoying working on restoring old tractors, nature photography, and genealogy. I'm finding ancestors who had an impact on American history and would like to write their stories. We are planning trips with and without our RV. My three sons each have a son—all boys!"

PATRICK WILLIAMS '79 not only trained and ran in the Lovell Old Home Days 5K race,



Pat Williams '79 pictured running in the Lovell Old Home Days 5k this summer.

he laced up his cleats and enjoyed playing in the alumni soccer game over FA's reunion weekend. Go Pat!

19**80**s

KIM DIONNE '80 is planning a trip to NH in late 2024. Hoping to catch up with JOHN NORRIS '80 and JERRY KIESMAN '80. Both are still such good friends. Always enjoy seeing JOLINE GUSHEE '78, too. My sister MELISSA **DIONNE VEAZEY '85** and I went diamond digging at Crater of Diamonds Arkansas in May 2024. We met some great locals including one who discovered the famous Strawn diamond. My horse won big at Churchill Downs while we were in Arkansas, and the locals joined in on the winning bets. I also attended two Navy SEAL fundraisers in Florida this past year. I donate artwork, which includes a custom-painted mini Bourbon barrel. Hoping everone can make our 45th reunion next year!!!

ALAN EASTMAN '84 retired as a private investigator in March 2021 after 22 years. "I've expanded my contractor's business and remarried



Ana Afzali '85 pictured with her new book.



ERIN HAIDU-SYLVIA, CLASS OF 1997



I am a busy personal trainer, a mom of two teens, and happily married to my wife, Melissa. We own a dental practice in Topsham. I love hanging out with my family and friends (near and far), traveling, and constantly pushing myself to learn something new. I was a competitive all-natural figure competitor in 22-23, and now I am training for my first marathon next month, The Marine Corps Marathon. I love a good challenge, putting my body and mind to work, know I will reach any goal.

Alina Gagne, now Alina Eastman, in May 2022. Life is good!"

ANA AFZALI '85 presented her latest book about the Spanish Civil War at the Spanish Military Historical Library in Madrid, Spain, in April. In May, the Malibu Times published an article about her research. She recently celebrated an intimate wedding ceremony this past summer.

SUSAN SMITH '85 "My grandson is a sophomore at FA, and it's been great visiting the school; it brings back great memories! The school offers so much—I highly recommend it!"

TRACY MACDONALD YARBOROUGH '85

"I had a wonderful family trip to Scotland and England. We saw many historical sites and beautiful countryside. My son Andrew is currently in Aberdeen looking for an archeology job. He received his Master's Degree in Archeology this year. I have been working in the child development field since 1988. I still love it, and it keeps me young at heart."

19**90**s

JOAN CRESSY MCBURNIE '90 "23 years at Harvest Hills Animal Shelter as the Executive Director. I love seeing alumni at our fundraisers, including **MIKE MOWRY, '87**, at our 18th Golf and Tennis Tournament at Bridgton Highlands Country Club in Bridgton, ME."

ERICKA GRIMARD BOUDREAU '91 "After several years together, my beloved soul mate Henry J. Woods, Jr. and I finally took the leap! We eloped to Nashville, TN, and were married on February 29, 2024—Leap Day! Never having had my own children, I am now the proud stepmother of two incredible young men, Blake and Jared. Henry and I reside in Nashua, NH, and take frequent trips to Fryeburg to visit my parents, who still live there. I would love to catch up with old friends whenever I am in town!"

ANDREW WILFONG '91 "Hello all, here's a quick catch-up ... my family and I are living about an hour north of Cincinnati in the city of Oxford. We built our home a few years back and enjoy country living. My wife, Snow, is a makeup artist and sells makeup when she's not homeschooling our two sons, Garith and James. Garith is a senior, and James is in the third grade. We enjoy spending time together and finding new adventures wherever they may take us. This past winter, I took a ski trip to Alaska with my old buddy JOHN JEALOUS '91. We had an amazing time, and hanging out with John again was great. I was promoted to Lieutenant for the Evendale



Mike Mowry '87 with Joan Cressy McBurnie '90 at a recent golf tournament.



Ericka Grimard Boudreau '91 and husband Henry Woods.

Fire Department at the beginning of this year and love my new position and job. As the saying goes, 'If you find something you love to do, you won't have to work another day in your life.' I look forward to my next Reunion in '26. Until then, I hope everyone is well and enjoying life."

AMANDA MOORE COOPER '94 "After 23 years of teaching, I took a new role in the education arena as a UniServ Director for the Maine Education Association."

JASON GREY '96 "Hi from the Sunshine State! 2024 has been an exciting year for me. In 2022, I took a job for Carnival Corporation, the parent company of Carnival Cruises, Princess Cruises, Holland America, Seabourn Cruises, and P&O Australia with the shoreside Health Services department as a Supervisor of Medical Facilities, and this spring, I was promoted to Manager, Medical Facilities. My amazing team of Miami-based coordinators manages the medical facilities and medical equipment on 65 ships globally. I've been very fortunate to continue some traveling– mostly visiting our ships in port, but making the occasional trip to a foreign shipyard to visit ships during both dry-dock refurbishment projects and new construction. Since starting in 2022, I've been involved with adding eight new ships to our fleet!"

PATRICK EMERY '99 "My wife and I have been married for 16 years. We have two sons; one is out of high school, and the youngest is a sophomore at the Academy. I have been a member of the Fire Department for 20-plus years."

20**00**s

KERI APT MONTAGUE '00 and Kevin Montague welcomed Liam Sean Montague on July 5, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. He weighed 7 pounds. He joins his brother, Chase (6).

LESLIE GIBSON YOUNG '00 continues to work full-time as a family nurse practitioner in



Mini reunion in Myrtle Beach! Class of 1999: Layne Millett Woodward, Luke Allocco, Matt Almy, George Woodward, Hillary Stacy Allocco, and Kylie Card Almy '00 met up for some fun in the sun.

Ron Colter '64 Thank you for your service

Ron Colter, a decorated Vietnam Veteran, served in the US Marine Corps 3rd Battalion 1st Marine Division during the Vietnam War in 1967 and 1968. Ron was awarded three Purple Hearts for injuries sustained in combat, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal, to name a few. In 1968, Ron received an honorable discharge and returned home to West Springfield, MA. He enjoyed a three-decade career at Titeflex Corporation, retiring after 31 years in 2008.

Since his discharge, Ron has spent many years actively engaged in the West Springfield community. He is noted for donating his time to numerous community and charitable causes, especially youth sporting events. For many years, Ron took on the role of coach for the junior high football team, as well as coached fifth and sixth-grade basketball and baseball. He was also an active participant in West Springfield's adult softball league.

Ron's community service extends far beyond the playing field of youth athletics. He has acted as a mentor to many discharged veterans and assists with the local PTSD program. Ron is proud to be a member of the Disabled American Veterans. He also spends many hours each week bringing food to the elderly through the Meals on Wheels program. Leading up to every Veteran's Day remembrance, you will find Ron and his grandson Alex placing American flags on the graves of our fallen heroes in local cemeteries.



Ron and his wife Ann are both retired and enjoy vacationing at their summer home in Hyannis on Cape Cod with his family. On a hot summer's day, you might see Ron driving around town in his cherry red Mustang convertible.

If you are a veteran and would like to share your story with us, please send your information to: alumni@fryeburgacademy.org or mail to: Alumni Relations / 745 Main Street/ Fryeburg, ME 04037.

Marblehead, MA. She lives in nearby Lynn with her husband, Dan, and daughter, Gemma (4). She has recently taken up some creative pursuits watercolor, photography, and carving rubber stamps. She is hoping to make it to FA for the 25th Reunion next summer!

CHRIS CHAFFEE '03 has been named the Mt. Washington Valley Area Director for Advantage Kids. Over the past five years, Advantage Kids has worked with over 150 children in the Mount Washington Valley area. The program focuses on developing sportsmanship, wellness, and personal development through tennis instruction. Advantage Kids is an NH non-profit dedicated to youth development through tennis, yoga, and education activities. Chris was a stand-out player and later a coach at Fryeburg Academy and has been the program's USTA Tennis Prol since its introduction to the valley back at the Cranmore Tennis Center.

ASHLY ROGERS '04 "I have my Master's degree in Youth Development from Rhode Island College and work at a middle school as a behavior therapist. I have three boys: twins (14) and a 7-year-old. I love traveling with family and spending summers in Maine."

HEATHER HALEY BOUCHER '06 "After 14 years in MA, my husband **PAUL BOUCHER '03**

and I have relocated back to Maine. Our beautiful daughter Ellie is now eight years old and is loving growing up in Maine and being surrounded by so many friends and family. Paul and I both work remotely from our home in Fryeburg, where Paul works in marketing for a Massachusetts-based insurance company, and I work in Executive Recruitment for the Walt Disney Company."

KATIE SHOREY '06 "Hi everyone! I am still working in the economic development space (with both Live and Work in Maine and Startup Maine). I brought back the annual entrepreneurship conference this past May after a four-year hiatus. We'll host it again next May,



Liam and Chase Montague are the sons of Keri Apt Montague '00 and Kevin Montague.



Heather Haley Boucher '06 with husband Paul Boucher '03 and daughter Ellie Boucher.



Ashly '04 with her husband Justin, and three sons Bryce, Ethan, and Landon.







I am currently finishing my Master's degree in social work after having completed a Master's in social policy abroad. Living and studying internationally allowed me to learn a new language and conduct academic research. My research on drug policy has taken me across Europe, and I actively serve on several boards, including Kappa Delta Phi, Agape Maine, and the National Association of Social Workers. I conduct training sessions and work in non-profit management as a casework supervisor with a focus on substance use. I am still proudly based in Maine, where I continue to enjoy the connections and support I gained at Fryeburg Academy. The Academy's emphasis on diverse perspectives and cultures has profoundly influenced my appreciation for global viewpoints and my career in social work.

so follow along at www.startupmaine.org. My big news is that my partner, Brock, and I bought a house in Auburn! I would love to catch up with anyone in the area."

EMILY HAWLEY WALKER '06 and JOSH WALKER '06 started ultra-endurance running a few years ago and completed their first 100-mile race this summer, the Jigger Johnson 100-miler, which ran through the White Mountains from Waterville Valley to Conway and back again. "Coming back home to the White Mountains for our first 100-miler made it extra special, and we had a blast!"

AURORA WINKLER '06 "Hi everyone! I've been keeping busy since my days at Fryeburg Academy. I'm still pursuing my passion for art, creating abstract paintings. I'm thrilled to share that my business, Art Agent Maine, just celebrated its seventh anniversary! It's been an incredible journey representing and promoting fellow Maine artists and reselling private estate collections. I'm so grateful for my connections in our vibrant art community. Personally, I'm building a life here in Maine with my partner, DANIEL MALCOLM '08, and our two little ones. Balancing family and work is quite an adventure! This fall, I'm honored to have my work in a juried show at the Boothbay Regional Arts Foundation, opening October 5th. I also recently participated in exhibitions in Portland, ME, and even participated in a show in Amsterdam! If you'd like to catch up or see what I'm up to, you can find me at www.artagentmaine.com or www.aurorawinklerart.com. Hope you're all doing well!"

TYLER THURSTON '08 and his wife, Erin, of Naples, ME, welcomed Cole David Thurston on July 26, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. He joins his brother, Cash (2). Grandparents Sue (FA Dean) and Jim "Fuzzy" Thurston (former faculty, dean, and coach) of Fryeburg, ME, are thrilled!

HALLEY ALFONO LATULIPPE '08

"My husband Roland and I were married in 2019 and welcomed our spunky, fun-loving son Rhett Dominick in 2021. I have worked for Lewiston Public Schools for the last eight years as a special education counselor in the elementary setting. I also own a small licensed nursery focusing on indoor houseplants."

NICHOLAS WILSON '10 and his wife, Savannah, announced the birth of Vivienne Leona Wilson on September 18, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She joins Blake Wilson (4).

ASLYN DINDORF '11 "I received my doctorate of physical therapy (from Simmons College in 2017) and am now practicing as a pelvic floor specialist in New York City. My husband, Leo Moses, and I met in the White Mountains and were married in my parents' backyard in 2022. My sister **AMBER DINDORF '14** and **MAKENZI BROWN CAIN '10** were my maid and matron of honor."

KYLE BONNER '13 and Alexis Jaeger of Naples, ME, welcomed Julian Hendrix Bonner on July 25, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH.

NATHAN HUTCHINS '13 and COURTNEY BARTLETT '13 announced the arrival of Kennedy June Hutchins on May 3, 2024, at the Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She joins Kason Eastman (8). The grandparents are MARYANN EMERY HUTCHINS '75, of Fryeburg, ME; and Melissa and JASON BARTLETT '92 of Brownfield, ME.

CONNOR SHEEHAN '13 was inducted into the Maine Wrestling Hall of Fame in August. Connor capped his 130-3, three-time state champion career at Fryeburg Academy with the 2013 New England Championship.

JORDAN KRUGUER '16 "My wife DAYNA THIBODEAU '16 and I celebrated our wedding with close friends in France, including



Gemma, daughter of Leslie Gibson Young '00 and Emery, daughter of Dan Gibson '08. Both are granddaughters of Sally and Jim Gibson (former faculty).



Halley Alfono Latulippe '08, husband Roland and their son Rhett.



Josh Frye '19 at his recent graduation from the Massachusetts State Police Academy and Caroline Condon '19. Caroline graduated from St. Anselm College in June 2023 with a BSN and now works at Lahey Hospital.

multiple Fryeburg Academy alumni from the Class of 2016.

CATHERINE ASHLEY '16 is a multimedia designer and performance artist based in Providence, RI. Her work is designed to interrogate and challenge societal understandings of temporality and the motivations of biological processes. Incorporating backgrounds in film, animation, design, music composition, and theater performance, she creates installation-based work situated under the umbrella of time, gesture, and performance emphasized by visual and auditory experiences. As an educator, Ashley prioritizes mutual learning and development through collaboration, iterative processes, and self as medium. She holds an MFA in Digital + Media from RISD and a BA in Film + Media Arts and Theatre Arts from American University.

SKYLER COLLINS '17 and Richard White announced the birth of Salem Jane White on September 5, 2024, at the Memorial Hospital Family Birthing Center. Her maternal grandparents are Karin and **ROBERT COLLINS '95**, and her paternal grandparents are Debi and JOHN HUBBARD '93.

ERIKA HUNTER '17, of Ossipee, NH, announced the birth of Emmie Grace Hunter on on July 30, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She joins her sister, Adaline Hunter (1).

JASMINE WARD '18 and MICHAEL HAMILTON '14 of Brownfield, ME, welcomed Raelyn River-Bea Hamilton, born on July 23, 2024. She joins Rowan Miles Hamilton(2½) and puppy brother Scout(2½).

JOSH FRYE '19 graduated from the Massachusetts State Police Academy as a member of the 90th Recruit Training Troop in October 2024. He will start his career as a Trooper in A Troop.

LINH "LAURA" LE '19 earned a degree from Clark University in May 2024.

20**20**s

NGHI "JENNY" NGUYEN '20 was named to the dean's list at Georgia State University for the Spring 2024 semester.

PAIGE O'CONNELL '20 and Preston Frye of Naples, ME, announced the birth of Raelynn Ann Frye on June 28, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH.

ABIGAIL WINTERBOTTOM '20 of Buzzards Bay, MA, was among 625 students to graduate at Stonehill College's 73rd Commencement on Sunday, May 19, 2024.

AVA CHADBOURNE '21 was named to the Worcester Polytech Institute's Dean's List for academic excellence.

ANNELISE BEDAN '22 was named to the Champlain College Dean's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

WILLOW CARTER '22 shares that she accepted a vocal teaching position at Page Music Lessons on Newbury Street in Boston, MA!

ETHAN NEMETH '22 is in his third year at the University of Pennsylvania. This past summer, he interned at the Penn Museum, learning about possible careers. "Through this program, you get a full understanding of all the different career options within the museum field, which is super useful for me. It's a cool internship program." Ethan's internship was through the Summer Humanities Internship Program (SHIP) administered through the Center for Undergraduate Research and Fellowships.

AVA FRECHETTE '23 of Conway was named to the dean's list at Salve Regina University during the Spring 2024 academic semester.

SETH RIDDENSDALE '23 was named to the Champlain College President's List for the Spring 2024 semester.

ROSA TEPE '23 was named to second honors on the Clark University Dean's List. This selection marks outstanding academic



Grace Condon '18 and Madi McIntyre '20. Grace earned her PA degree from Springfield College and Madi her undergraduate degree.



Emerson Hall '24 is playing football for Gettysburg College.

NOAH HART, CLASS OF 2018



I'm proud to announce that my Senior Thesis film, LEO (2023), from Purchase College, has recently won Best Student Film at the Long Island International Film Expo. Lots of hard work and time went into making it, and its recognition is well deserved. I'm currently in the process of writing my first of many feature films. When it's ready for production, I will also direct it. In addition to my filmmaking, I've been building custom apple boxes for film sets and working on other woodworking projects and commissions to build my portfolio. This is all preparation for my woodworking business, which I will start later this year. When I can, I will also work on film photography. Shooting on film is an enjoyable and exciting experience, and I look forward to working on my first photo book this year.

achievement during the Spring 2024 semester. **EMERSON HALL '24** was happy to start his first year of college football at Gettysburg College!

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Hunter Tripp '24 and Ash Rabideau '24 at the University of Maine.

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Will Brooks '60: A Lifelong Advocate for Firefighters DONOR PROFILE

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

Will Brooks has had a fascinating career, particularly in the Canadian Fire Service and Mental Health fields. Throughout his journey, he has held several notable positions, including Director of the Nova Scotia Firefighters Benevolent Fund, Ambassador for the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and Founder and Director of the Canadian Museum of Firefighting History. Additionally, he served as President of PsychWell Associates of Canada, and as a consultant, clinical director, professor, and private practitioner in psychology and counseling. Will is also a prolific writer, and has published numerous articles throughout his life.

After graduating from Fryeburg Academy, Will earned a B.A. in English from the University of Maine, followed by an M.A.T. in English in 1965. He completed his Ed.D. in Counseling Psychology from Northern Illinois University in 1968.

Will has received numerous honors and awards over the years, including a 1992 Citation from the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation of Nova Scotia for his exceptional service in establishing the Nova Scotia CISD programs for firefighters, the 1993 President's Award, the Meritorious Service Medal for his role in establishing the Fallen Firefighters Foundation, and the prestigious Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for regional, national, and international efforts on behalf of Canada and the Canadian Fire Service.

His firefighting career began in 1957 with the Cornish Maine Fire Department. He later served in various capacities across Canada in multiple fire departments. Now retired, Will enjoys photography, writing, working with computers, and staying engaged in all aspects of firefighting. He also has a deep love for antique firefighting equipment and owns the first pumper purchased by the Royal Canadian Air Force after World War II as well as a 1913 Model T Ford chemical hose wagon.



Will received the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal for his efforts on behalf of Canada and the Canadian Fire Service.



Will is a collector of antique firefighting equipment.

He fondly remembers his days at Fryeburg Academy and maintained a close friendship with his classmate, Alan Bennett. After Alan passed away last summer, Will graciously donated a piece of land in Hiram, Maine, to the Academy in Alan's memory. Fryeburg Academy will honor Alan's legacy, thanks to Will's generosity.

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- Scholarships to support student educational travel \$500 ea.
- New classroom novels class set \$500 ea.
- Textbooks /classroom set \$1,000 ea.
- Classroom technology \$1,000 ea.
- Digital Microscope (Science) \$1,200
- UV-Vis Spectrophotometer (Science) \$2,500
- Set of mini-PCR brand thermal cyclers and gel electrophoresis machines for DNA analysis \$3,000
- Sponsorships for "Promising Young Scientist Awards" awarded to FA Science Fair winners who will compete at the State level - \$600 ea. per student

ATHLETICS

- Football Shoulder Pads \$6,500
- Five Man Blocking Sled for Football \$7,200 (partially funded \$5,200 needed)
- Travel Duffel Bags for Team Equipment (multi-sport use) - (45 qty needed) \$75/ea.
- Hudl Livestream Technology (to stream FA sporting events) - \$5,000
 Daniel E. Turner Fitness Center Plyo Workout Boxes (set of 5) - \$2,800

FINE, PERFORMING, AND TECHNICAL ARTS

- Wireless microphone and headset systems for theater productions (6 sets still needed) \$950 ea.
- 16 Channel PA Mixer for FA's Music Program \$1,000
- Grand Piano for Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center (partially funded) \$60,000

OUTDOOR LEARNING & RESEARCH CENTER School Garden:

- Matching funds for GreenHouse construction project: \$5,000
- Hoop house automated rolling sides kit \$2,500

Outdoor Adventure Programs:

- Canoe Trailer \$5,000*
- Outdoor equipment for camping and mountain climbing \$2,500

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS (AS PART OF THE CAMPUS MASTER PLAN)

- Greenery/Shrubs \$200 ea.
- Greenery/Trees \$500 ea.
- Steel Outdoor Benches \$1,000 ea.*
- Granite Benches 2,500 ea.*
- Lighted Pathways \$20,000 ea.*
- C. Earl "Bub" Osgood Memorial Garden improvements \$10,000

Please visit www.fryeburgacademy.org/give to make your contribution. *Contact the Advancement Office to discuss naming opportunities.

In Memoriam

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

Jessica Swasey '01 on January 8, 2023 Bryan Flynn '01 on March 19, 2024 Elwyn Wheaton '80 on April 19, 2024 Andrea Barker Fillebrown '78 on April 29, 2024 Patricia Perry Ware '57 on May 29, 2024 Patricia Leach Swett '60 on May 25, 2024 Harrison Homans '46 on May 27, 2024 Judith McLeod Tardif '68 on June 2, 2024 Jane Lord Dutton '71 on June 3, 2024 Dorothy Eastman Jones '48 on June 9, 2024 Juan Bradley Smith '58 on June 13, 2024 Robert Record '55 on June 25, 2024 Gertrude Eastman Leach '62 on June 26, 2024 Carlene Bartlett Colbath '52 on July 10, 2024 Gene Bliss '60 on July 11, 2024 Richard Bucknell '56 on July 11, 2024 Donald Trafford, II '84 on July 17, 2024 James Ensor '93 on July 26, 2024 Charlotte Watson Eastman '53 on August 2, 2024

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