



# Residential Life NEWSLETTER



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## Campus Life

### Homecoming

Homecoming is a special time to honor Washington Academy's history and traditions. As we welcome back alumni, current students join in dress-up days and games throughout the week. The celebration ends with a parade celebrating the many groups in our school, followed by an American football game and a homecoming dance.

This year, our international students created a float with the theme "Nations Among Stars," giving them a chance to represent their home countries. They also enjoyed attending the football game and homecoming dance.



### Karaoke and Campfires

Throughout the year, we spend time together around campus and in the dorms. This quarter, we had fun with campfires, s'mores, karaoke, and movie nights. We also discovered that many of our students are skilled musicians, and we have loved hearing them share their talents with us!



## Where We've Been

### Treworgy Farm

Treworgy Farm is a local, family-run farm that started in 1985. It has stayed true to its mission of giving the community a place to pick their own apples and pumpkins. Over the years, it has grown and is now known for its award winning corn maze and friendly petting zoo.

Our students had a great afternoon exploring the maze and enjoying the farm. They especially loved the café, which offers amazing ice cream, apple cider donuts, pizza, and other tasty treats!



**Peter Rabbit Corn Maze**



### Lubec

With shipping and fishing at the core of Maine's economy, lighthouses are important in our communities. One of the most famous being the West Quoddy Head Lighthouse in Lubec.

West Quoddy Head is famous for the hiking trails and views but most importantly, it marks the eastern most point in the continental United States.

Students got to enjoy a beautiful afternoon here taking in the views of the ocean and exploring the trails.

### Bar Harbor/Beech Mountain

Bar Harbor is a popular coastal town located on Mount Desert Island and serves as an entry point to Acadia National Park. It is a quaint town with many small stores and restaurants. It is one of Maine's most popular tourist stops. Students spent an afternoon here exploring Frenchmen Bay and visiting the many shops on Main Street.



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A small adventurous group of students chose to sign up to hike Beech Mountain with Mr. Farnsworth. These students left a bit earlier to begin their hike then met up with the larger group downtown. They experienced views that only Acadia National Park and the coast of Maine can offer.



## Student Highlights: Senior Sports

At the end of every sports season, Washington Academy takes a moment to recognize and honor our senior athletes that provided leadership throughout their careers as a Raider.

### Soccer

Over the years, our international students have proven to be significant contributors to our soccer program and this year is no different. Boys soccer coach David Whitney expresses this sentiment, "I'm thankful for the opportunity to coach WA students who hail from all over the world. The friendships created last a lifetime." This year, WA honored four senior soccer players. For the girls team, Johanna Kiland and for the boys team, Pau Castell Bover, Ada Gungor, and Zaedyn Philpott.



Johanna



Pau



Ada

### Zaedyn Philpott



Zaedyn has been an integral part of the Raider soccer team over his last four seasons at Washington Academy. Coach Whitney states, "It's been my pleasure to witness the athletic and personal growth which Zaedyn has achieved." We wish Zaedyn and the rest of the soccer team the best of luck throughout the remainder of playoffs.

### Volleyball

The WA Volleyball team has created a reputation for winning championships under the leadership of coach Corey Schwinn. In recent years, the Raider volleyball team has competed annually for the state title. This year they are looking to do the same.

We have four international seniors joining our volleyball team this year including Quynh Vo, Erika Rossi, Maria Vittoria Tomasi, and Arianna Pighi.



Vittoria



Arianna



Erika



Quynh

### Cross Country

The cross country team has enjoyed some exciting events both on and off the trail. They competed in a number of invitationals including the Festival of Champions, which includes over 1000 runners from all over New England. They've also explored historical places like Fort Knox and run trails along the Long Point Preserve and the Sunrise Trail.

The team recognized four international seniors: Nhan Trong Hoa, Arhan Ayvaz, Hasan Gulaldi, and Dung Tran.



Pictured Left to Right: Mrs. Anthony, Dung Tran, Mr. McClurg, Arhan Ayvaz, Hasan Gulaldi, Nhan Tong Hoa, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Campbell

### Math Team

Regarding the WA math team, Dr. Noah Dean states, "We are really excited for this year's Math Team! It is the largest team that we have had in my time at WA, and the energy that we had at our first meet was really fun to witness."

On October 9th, the team placed first at the Maine Association of Math Leagues Meet. WA will host the next meet on November 6th right here on campus. The final state wide meet is in April.



## Meet Our Team

The Washington Academy Residential Life Team consists of a mix of both personal and professional backgrounds and experience in education and residential life. They all have unique strengths and talents that contribute to the growth and success of our program. Mr. Campbell boasts the longest tenure in the Washington Academy Residential Life Program and serves as an English teacher and Drama Program Director on campus. This is his third year in the program. Dr. Amelia Winner follows Mr. Campbell in her second year. Dr. Winner also teaches math, is the Outdoor Club and Senior Class Advisor. Mr. Jim McClurg, Ms. Felicia Hill and Mr. Geoffrey Andrews are new to our program and WA, but have a plethora of experience in education and working with international students. Mr. Wilson Schersten, Ms. Danielle Metta, and Ms. Monica Audibert round out our staff this year. Mr. Wilson is working as an Americorp volunteer expanding our gardening program on campus. Ms. Audibert joins us as a special education teacher, and Ms. Metta works as student support staff member.



**Mr. Campbell**

Mr. Campbell has been a committed member of the Washington Academy Residential Life Program for the last three years. Mr. Campbell has a passion for education and a dedication to his students that is immeasurable. He is always willing to go the extra mile for both his students and colleagues and is an important member of our campus and residential life community.



**Ms. Hill**

Ms. Hill comes to us from Calais where she served as a support staff member serving students with disabilities. Originally from the state of Washington, she brings extensive experience in business and school lunch programming along with a deep passion for working with diverse communities.

Currently, Ms. Hill Serves as an Assistant Director of Residential Life and the Cates Dorm Director and has already proven herself to be an invaluable addition to our team.



Ms. Audibert



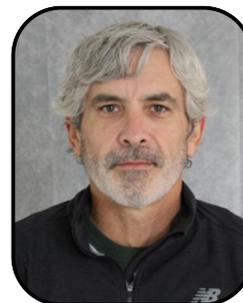
Mr. Wilson



Ms. Metta



Dr. Winner



Mr. McClurg

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### Upcoming Events

- 11/1- Lost on a Mountain in Maine (Movie Night)
- 11/2- Culturefest
- 11/7- International Dinner
- 11/16- University of Maine Hockey Game vs. Boston University
- 11/23- University of Maine Football vs. New Hampshire
- 11/30- Portland Lighthouse and Shopping Trip
- 12/7- Dorm Decorating Contest/Party
- 12/11- Cirque Holiday Show
- 12/14- Christmas Lights
- 12/18-12/21 Christmas Departure Dates
- 12/30-1/1 Christmas Break Return Arrival



**Stephanie Griffin**

Director of Residential  
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