



MCI HALL OF FAME AND DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



2024 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

MCI's Hall of Fame was developed in 1983 for the purpose of honoring those alumni/ae and friends of MCI who, by their accomplishments, service and/or support, have made extraordinary contributions to the school. The selections are made by a nominating committee made up of a member of the Alumni Association Executive Committee, a representative of the Board of Trustees, the Headmaster, the Dean of Advancement, and a member of the faculty.

The Hall of Fame induction ceremony takes place annually on the Friday of Reunion Weekend.

Our Hall of Fame charter members include Alton E. "Chuck" Cianchette '48; Ival R. Cianchette '44; Sanger M. Cook '17; E. Robert Kinney '35; J. Dominique LaChance '31; Herbert Leonard '35; George Newhouse '54; George M. Parks 1885; Johnson W. Parks; Ann S. Parks; Edwin Purinton; Boutelle Savage; Alice Sinclair; Guy Susi '35; Clifford L. Wright '38; and Carl R. Wright '43.

The MCI Distinguished Achievement Award was developed for the purpose of honoring those alumni/ae and friends (faculty/staff) of Maine Central Institute who either achieved excellence while at MCI or who went on to achieve excellence after graduating or departing MCI. Nominees for this award will be accepted through the MCI website or may be submitted in writing to the Advancement Office. All nominations will be viewed and a selection made by the MCI Alumni/ae Association Executive Committee.



2024 Hall of Fame Inductee Dean Neal

Growing up in St. Albans, **DEAN NEAL** developed a love for music under the direction of music educators Jack Clifford, Bruce Brown and Stan Buchanan in MSAD 48/RSU 19. That love of making music was further developed through studies with Chuck Winfield, Tom Hoffman, Dave Demsey, and Don Stratton at the University of Maine and the University of Maine at Augusta. In 2020, Dean returned to RSU 19 as the Director of Instrumental and Vocal Music at Nokomis Regional High School and Music Coordinator for RSU 19 in Newport, Maine, where he manages the Performing Arts facility and now teaches Concert Choir, Vocal Jazz Ensembles, Jazz Combo, Digital Music Production, and co-teaches Stagecraft with his wife Lisa. He previously served as Director of Music at Maine Central Institute from 1990-2020. Together with the amazing music educators in MSAD 53 and MCI, Dean helped to grow the music program through the 90's and 2000's from serving 40-50 students each year to 140-150+ students. The music program in 1990 offered Band, Chorus, and Music Appreciation that eventually grew to provide Band, Chorus, Jazz Band, 2 Jazz Combos, 3 Vocal Jazz Ensembles, Piano, Guitar, Digital Music, Music History, and Music Theory and Songwriting. MCI's instrumental and vocal jazz ensembles became recognized and respected across the state and New England through outstanding performances at State jazz festivals and the Berklee College of Music Jazz Festival, reaching a high point in 2018 when the Vocal Jazz Ensemble Caravan won first place in the college festival. Dean has served as a guest conductor for numerous regional and state honors bands and jazz choirs, notably the New Hampshire All State Jazz Choir twice and Maine All State Jazz Choir. Dean has held MMEA and KVMEA Executive Board leadership positions and in 2018 he was featured in School Band and Orchestra magazine as one of "50 Directors Who Make A Difference." In the mid 2000's, Dean took his first steps in the musical theater arena and has since appeared in many lead roles at the Waterville Opera House and Lakewood Theater. He and his wife Lisa reside in Palmyra, Maine and are looking forward to building a cabin on Whites Pond in Palmyra this summer and just celebrated the arrival of their first grandchild in May!



2024 Hall of Fame Inductee Sue Haseltine '67

SUE HASELTINE '67 is one of our proudest MCI alums. The daughter of MCI faculty members, Sue grew up learning from the best in Frank Haseltine '40, who taught biology at MCI for many years, and Leona Haseltine, who was MCI's librarian. Both Frank and Leona were inducted into the MCI Hall of Fame for their service to the School in 1987 and 1993 respectively, making Sue a second-generation recipient of this prestigious honor. While at MCI, Sue was an active student, participating in Rifle club, Debate club, National Honor Society, Girls' State, and more. After graduating valedictorian of her class in 1967, Sue studied at the University of Maine, where she received her Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Science. She went on to receive a Masters and PhD in Zoology from Ohio State University and then joined the US Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) as a researcher stationed at the Patuxent Wildlife Research Center (PWRC) in Laurel, MD. Sue's research on the effects of organochlorine pesticides and metals in relation to bird populations and habitats eventually led her to become the Director of Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center in Jamestown, ND and then to become Assistant Regional Director for Refuges and Wildlife for FWS in Minneapolis, MN. After a stint supervising land and wildlife management programs in an 8 state region, she returned to research administration, leading programs at the regional and national levels for the National Biological Service and the US Geological Survey (USGS). As Chief Scientist for Biology and then Associate Director for Biology in the USGS, she was responsible for leading and supporting long term research programs carried out at 18 research centers and 40 Cooperative Research Units located at universities across the country. She was responsible for building long term science capacity and collaborative approaches with conservation and resource management agencies to address priorities in fishery and wildlife science, ecological change and policy issues of concern to US Department of Interior, OMB and Congress. Sue served on the MCI Board of Trustees from 2013-2022. Her brother, Frank Haseltine '64, currently serves as a Trustee. Sue is a member of the Heritage Society and has been a longtime supporter of MCI, just as her parents were. Sue currently resides in Haymarket, Virginia, and we at MCI are beyond grateful for her dedication and support to our school throughout the years. a number of parents, and graciously looks forward to all that MCI will do to further the tradition of education in Pittsfield, Maine.

2024 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



After graduating from MCI in 1984, **MICHAEL LYNCH** pursued a BS in Business with concentrations in Marketing and Management at the University of Maine and completed his MBA in Investment and Finance in May of 1989. In 1990 he became licensed in the Securities and Insurance business and began his career working in Southern Maine and New Hampshire. In 1992, Mike moved his practice back to Pittsfield where he continues to practice today, servicing clients in well over a dozen states across the country. His practice is primarily focused on management of assets for retired people, business planning, charity fund management and 401k management all through his business Northeast Planning Associates, Inc. Mike likes to tell people, “I work with people all over the country, but choose to live in Pittsfield, America.”

In 1993, Mike joined the board of Sebasticook Valley Hospital and became their Treasurer for the next 10 years. During that time, he was appointed to a committee to undertake the building of a healthcare system in Eastern Maine. After 3 years, Eastern Maine Healthcare System was born, which soon became known as Northern Light Healthcare. Mike served on the EMHS Board for 12 years, chairing the Executive Compensation Committee and the Investment Com-

mittee as well as serving on other committees. Eastern Maine Homecare was established by joining 4 state wide homecare agencies, where Mike served as Treasurer on the Board and was active on the Board for 15 years. After 32 years and over 19,000 hours of volunteer time, Mike has retired from most of his Board positions now and only serves on the Investment Committee.

In 1986 on a Christmas Break, Mike assisted Bud Jones and the Masonic Lodge with a Community Christmas Project for the kids of MSAD 53. In 1992 he joined the Meridian Lodge of Masons in Pittsfield, and for the last 15 years he has been Chairing that same Christmas Project which consumes most evenings from September through Christmas Eve, a labor of love that he shares with many other community members. For the few years that it was active, Mike served on the Board of Visitors for MCI.

Mike served 10 years on the Alumni Board at the University of Maine, chairing committees and working on a task force with the President of the University and Chancellor of the University of Maine System. He was a founding member of the University of Maine Senior Skull Alumni Interest Group and has worked as a mentor to a few University of Maine graduates entering into the investment world.

Spreading basic investment knowledge and money management techniques, Mike has taught in over 20 high schools around Central Maine through Jobs for Maine Grads (JMG) and local health classes. He has had the pleasure of assisting 3 MCI graduates recently with their senior projects. At one point in his career, Mike had thought about teaching at nearby colleges, but there are only so many hours in the day.

His weekends are filled with wake surfing, waterskiing, friends, family, travel, and anything that can bring a smile to another's face and his own. Mike and his wife Mareshah have recently purchased a motorhome and anticipate working remotely for parts of the next few years to see this great country of ours.

Mike describes his time at MCI as teaching him independence, giving him opportunities for leadership, and continuing his love of music and building lifetime friendships that are hard for many to understand. For more than 35 years, his squad of friends have made it a priority to get together over St Patrick's Day somewhere in the country where they reminisce about the fun they had, the great start in life that MCI gave all of them, and the opportunities available to anyone that avails themselves of said opportunities.

2023 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



2023 Hall of Fame Inductee Milton Webber '71

MILTON WEBBER, Class of '71 is a true son of Pittsfield and MCI. Growing up on the edge of campus in the house his grandfather owned, the sounds of the bell ringing and the sight of Founders Hall from his kitchen window were familiar reminders of the school. His official relationship with MCI began in 1961 when his mother, Betty (Knight) Webber started teaching home economics there. In 1970, George Webber would join his wife at MCI teaching drafting and shop. During his school years Milton was very involved in a variety of activities including several sports, Key Club, Arts Club, and others. He was mentored in his pursuit of art by Norbert Young, Sr. Mr. Young's tutelage appears to have paid off; after graduating from MCI in 1971, Milton attended the Portland School of Art (now MECA&D), and upon graduation Milton worked in advertising agencies as an Art Director/Creative Director. After twenty years he changed careers and worked for Walmart Distribution in Southern Maine and New Hampshire before retiring and returning to Pittsfield. Although he had always kept in touch with MCI, now he had the opportunity to give back in a personal way, helping out with school events and supporting the alumni office. He was a substitute teacher and taught art classes, mentoring many senior students with their projects. Eventually he joined the Alumni Association and then became Alumni Association President, learning from the best, former President Ralph Damren '64. Under Milton's leadership, the Alumni Association resurrected the Alumni Golf Tournament, by far the largest alumni fundraiser. The Association supported current students providing scholarships and funding for student activities including Winter Carnival and Homecoming, as it still does today. Milton's devotion and dedication went so far as to perform as the school mascot at the football championship playoffs. Milton and his wife Kathy operated The House Next Door Bed and Breakfast from their home next door to the campus. Over the years the house has seen many students and families from all over the world as they arrive and depart from school. Today Milton is as busy and energetic as ever. He manages to find time to keep involved in the doings at the school, leading by example in hopes that future alumni will follow suit.



2023 Hall of Fame Inductee Jane Woodruff '64

When thinking about the town of Pittsfield and who best represents this tight-knit community, few names carry as much weight as **JANE WOODRUFF**, Class of '64. After graduating from Maine Central Institute in 1964, Woodruff enrolled at Bates College, where she spent her junior year abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland before graduating with her Bachelor's from Bates in 1968. She would then go on to receive her Master's degree in Occupational Therapy from Western Michigan University in 1971. After completing her education, Woodruff would go on to work several jobs and serve many roles in the Pittsfield area to better her community. She was a substitute math teacher for MCI and Morse High School, before becoming a Vista volunteer for AmeriCorps and eventually an OT Aide at Augusta State Hospital. As a registered Occupational Therapist, Woodruff worked for 40 years in a variety of different settings in Connecticut, Illinois, and Maine. Woodruff served as the President of the Pittsfield Ski Club and Ski School Director, as well as District 3 Town Councilor and Mayor. She was on the MCI Alumni Committee for two years, and was an MCI Trustee for over ten years. Woodruff also worked on the committee to return 9th Grade and freshmen to Maine Central Institute. She is a member of the Pittsfield Recycling Committee, and was an instrumental member of the Pittsfield Bicentennial Committee. Today, Woodruff does all that she can to ensure that the beauty of Pittsfield does not go unnoticed or forgotten. She is the manager of the “Heart of Pittsfield” Facebook page, which circulates timely Pittsfield information, recognizes community members, and appreciates the nature and allure of Pittsfield. Woodruff also authored the book “Pittsfield - Then & Now” back in 2018, which details the history and heritage of the town and how it affects the Pittsfield of today. Jane Woodruff '64 has been a fierce supporter of MCI from the beginning through her involvement on various committees and through her parental guidance of four MCI graduates: Daniel '84, Scott '86, Vaughan '92, and Dana '97. She remembers fondly painting the Chuck and Helen Cianchette Math & Science Center with Don and a number of parents, and graciously looks forward to all that MCI will do to further the tradition of education in Pittsfield, Maine.

2023 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



2023 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient
Craig Sargent '73

CRAIG R. SARGENT, Class of '73, has had a storied and accomplished history during his time at MCI and beyond. While at MCI, Sargent was the Manson Award Winner and Scholar Athlete of the Year in 1973. That same year, Sargent was a member of John Dana's infamous 1973 Prepper basketball team which won the New England Championship in Worcester, Massachusetts by just one point. Upon graduation, Sargent was honored as the Post Graduate Valedictorian for the Class of 1973. Coming out of high school, Sargent decided to pursue a career in real estate, becoming a Licensed Maine Real Estate Salesperson at age 19 and a Licensed Broker at age 22. Sargent would serve as co-owner of Century 21 Sargent Real Estate Agency from 1979 to 1988 as well as founding the Sargent Insurance Agency in 1982, where he served as president for over 20 years and oversaw 12 different offices. That same year, he opened Sargent Appraisal Services, a real estate appraisal service that specialized in residential and commercial appraisals. Sargent Appraisal Services boasted 11 different locations and became the first accredited review appraiser in the state of Maine. Craig Sargent is the President and Co-Founder of the North American Insurance Alliance, Inc (NAIA). He established NAIA in 2009, with Debora Hillier, with the mission of helping insurance agents achieve greater profitability and business stability. Craig's extensive knowledge of the insurance industry, coupled with his business management acumen, has helped agencies throughout Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, South Carolina and Florida increase their market share. He was the sole owner until January 1, 2023. Of his many other businesses, Craig's proudest achievement is founding the Sargent Family Community Fund (SFCF). On average, each year, two homes are remodeled for senior citizens who are financially unable to maintain their properties. This year, they will be tearing down an unsafe garage, and replacing it with a brand-new structure. There will also be extensive landscaping and other home improvements. The second property is having its siding replaced and removing trees that were blown down all over the property. 80% of all funds for these projects are supplied by Craig and Sharon Sargent. As of July 2023, over 15 homes have been renovated through this foundation.



2023 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient
Bill Cunningham '70

WILLIAM "BILL" A. CUNNINGHAM II, is a Pittsfield native who graduated from MCI in 1970. While a student at MCI, Bill was a determined cross-country skier on the school's championship ski team coached by Mr. Boulrisse for all four years. He participated in the Key Club, Outing Club, Humanities Colloquium, and Summa Rerum. He served as business manager of the Trumpet, the school's yearbook, and as co-editor of Marsardis, the school's literary magazine. During his junior and senior years, Bill was awarded the George M. Parks Scholarship Prize, the Rensselaer Math and Science Medal, the Harvard Prize Book, the Paul W. Legge Physics Award and the Maurice L. Earle Award in History. He was the valedictorian of his Class of 1970. Bill graduated from Bates College in 1974 with a B.S. degree in Biology. He went on to earn a DMD degree with honors from the Tufts University School of Dentistry in June of 1977. Later that summer, he married Karen Lord of Marblehead, MA and in September opened his dental office in the house he grew up in that was built in 1916 by his great grandfather on South Main Street across from MCI. Bill practiced general dentistry nonstop for 35 years helping patients of all ages achieve healthy and pain free mouths. He always worked extra hard to ensure his patients had nothing to fear about their dental treatment. Because he had his dental office in his house, he did not mind being on call 24/7! During those busy years, Bill was also active in the community, serving as Cub Scout Den Leader, Scoutmaster of Troop 428, President of the Kiwanis Club, and a Deacon and Moderator of the First Congregational Church. Bill served as the 1978 Alumni Representative to the MCI Board of Trustees and, in more recent years, as a member of the MCI Alumni Association Executive Committee. Bill and Karen, now both retired, continue to live in the same house on South Main Street. Bill's current activities include helping the Pittsfield Historical Society, serving as an MCI Class Agent and trying hard to keep healthy by cross country skiing, Nordic skating, ice boating, fly fishing, hunting, swimming and walking daily, fat tire e-biking, kayaking, and ax throwing. He feels like he is almost back in school again, each time he and Karen walk across the busy MCI campus at the beginning of their daily 3 mile walk around the town.

2022 HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



2022 Hall of Fame Inductee John C. Manson

JOHN COLBY MANSON was born in 1830 in Meredith, New Hampshire. He graduated from the Univeristy of the City of New York Medical School (now New York University) in 1853 and was the first regular physician in Pittsfield around 1855. He married Mary Ann Lancey of Pittsfield, and the couple welcomed their daughter, Kate, in 1860. Kate would go on to attend and teach at MCI. Their son, John William Manson, was born in 1862. Manson began his Civil War service as a surgeon with the 24th Maine Regiment in 1862 before being honorably discharged for medical reasons several weeks later. Upon returning to Pittsfield, Manson resumed his role as the town's doctor. He served as an MCI trustee, and in 1871, made his most lasting contribution to MCI with the donation of funds for what would become the renowned Manson Essay Competition, which remains as one of MCI's proudest traditions. The competition has occurred annually for more than 145 years, where a select few students are given the title of "Manson Essay Finalists" and only one student achieves the coveted title of "Manson Essayist."



2022 Hall of Fame Inductee John W. Manson

JOHN WILLIAM MANSON graduated from MCI in 1877 before going on to receive his bachelor's degree from Bowdoin College in 1881 and his law degree from the Boston University Law School in 1884. Upon graduation he returned to Pittsfield to practice law. Manson joined the MCI Board of Trustees in 1905 and served for many years. His financial support of the school included a \$5,000 gift for Alumni Hall in 1928. He also served as the president of the Pittsfield National Bank for over twenty-five years in addition to practicing law. Manson was a member of the Maine Legislature in 1903 and 1904 and was the president of the Somerset County Bar Association and a director of the Main Bar Association. Upon his death in 1941, Manson bequeathed to MCI one fourth of his estate, which went to the school's endowment. His home was also given to MCI to serve as the residence for the school's headmasters. In 1926, Manson donated land to the Town of Pittsfield for the Mary Ann Lancey Manson Park, in memory of his mother.



2022 Hall of Fame Inductee Michael Duncan Wyly

MICHAEL DUNCAN WYLY is a native of Kansas City, Missouri. He took the oath as a Marine Private in 1957 and was commissioned a Second Lieutenant of Marines on June, 6 1962 upon graduation from the United States Naval Academy, Annapolis. Col. Wyly went on to serve a long and decorated career as a rifle platoon commander, Psychological Warfare Officer, Captain of Marines, and Commanding Officer, and moved through the ranks as a major, lieutenant colonel, and colonel. He served two tours in Vietnam and three in the Western Pacific, receiving the Purple Heart Medal, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" for valor, the Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Legion of Merit. After retiring in 1991, Colonel Wyly moved to Maine and founded Bossov Ballet Theatre, a pre-professional school and performing company devoted to classical ballet and formed around Russian Ballet Maestro Andrei Bossov, formerly a principal with Kirov Ballet, St. Petersburg, Russia. Colonel Wyly resides in Pittsfield, Maine, where he and his late wife, Linda raised their two daughters, Laura '99 (PhD) and Summer '00, graduated from Maine Central Institute.



2022 Hall of Fame Inductee Robert "Bob" Knowles '52

ROBERT "BOB" KNOWLES is a member of the Class of 1952 and is the husband of the late Rae Jean Knowles, a former trustee of Maine Central Institute. After graduating from MCI, Bob went on to lead a highly successful career in the medical imaging field as the owner and president of Maine X-ray Equipment, one of New England's largest distributors of X-ray film and chemicals (located right here in Pittsfield), eventually serving as the president of White Mountain Imaging, a X-ray chemical manufacturer that serves medical facilities across the northeast. Bob is perhaps best known in some circles for his contributions to stock car racing in Maine and beyond through his and his family's ownership of Unity Raceway. As owner and operator for over 20 years, Bob oversaw renovations including new grandstands, the transition to a paved track, an enlarged pit area, and new fencing. Following in Ed's footsteps, Bob was inducted into the Maine Motorsports Hall of Fame in 2008. Bob has been an active member of the Unity Rotary Club and Anah Temple Shriners.

2022 DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



2022 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Rex Fowler

The story of **REX FOWLER** and his band Aztec Two-Step is intertwined with the history of folk/rock music in America. Originating from a chance meeting at an “open mic night” in Boston in 1971, then taking their name from a poem by beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti, Rex and his music partner Neal Shulman went on to record four albums on Elektra & RCA Records, helping to usher the music of the 60’s into the 1970s and beyond. The duo performed worldwide, was critically acclaimed in major U.S. newspapers, reviewed in Rolling Stone magazine and appeared on numerous radio and TV shows including The King Biscuit Flour Hour, World Cafe, and David Letterman. With a career built on progressive FM and college radio, and non-stop touring over five decades, the duo appeared in concert with such notable artists as The Band, Bruce Springsteen, Bonnie Raitt, Donovan, Judy Collins, Jackson Browne, Carly Simon, Heart, The Beach Boys and many more. Now that Neal has retired, and performing primarily as a 5-piece band, Rex continues to expand his musical legacy alongside his wife Dodie Pettit, an accomplished musician and an original member of The Phantom of the Opera. Rex and Dodie first met during a recording session in 1979, then miraculously re-connected, fell in love, and married in 2018. Together, as the heart and soul of Aztec Two-Step 2.0, they continue to impress audiences with their dazzling musicianship, intelligent songwriting, and soaring two and three-part harmonies.



2022 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Lee Southard '64

A member of the class of 1964, **LEON (LEE) SOUTHARD** was a four year member of the baseball team, basketball team, and Key Club during his years at MCI. He served as his class secretary and was its vice president as a senior, and was the manager for the post grad football team. However, it was Southard’s four-year involvement as a member of the school band and his appearance playing trumpet in “Spotlight on Youth” that would portend his future achievement: a 50 year career as a one-man band from Maine to Florida with a strong, loyal following. Southard was one of the best high school pitchers in central Maine during his MCI baseball career, and he went on to set several pitching records at Thomas College in Waterville. While we all had childhood dreams of what we wanted to do when we grew up, very few of us realized them. Southard’s dream of some day pitching for the Red Sox didn’t happen, but his alternate dream of a career in music did. Being well known from Maine to Florida, his heart remains in Pittsfield, as echoed in his song “Highway to My Hometown.” He performed as the opening act in “Campus Capers, Alumni Style” sponsored by the MCI Alumni Association and held at the Pinnacle Ski Club in Pittsfield. These were held in the early 90’s and since then Lee has performed during reunion weekend at J.W. Parks Golf Course in Pittsfield.

2021 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS



2021 Hall of Fame Inductee Ed Miller

EDDIE MILLER graduated from Orono High School in 1976 before moving onto the University of Maine to earn a bachelor’s degree in Secondary Mathematics Education in 1980. After beginning his career as a teacher at Orono High, Ed accepted a job at MCI in 1983 where he remained until his retirement in 2019. He was awarded with a Faculty Chair in 2003. Ed met his wife Anne Vaughan Miller, then an English teacher at MCI, in 1985. Ed served as a dorm parent in Rowe Hall and Alumni Hall in his early years before he and Anne moved into their Pittsfield home to raise their two children, Nicholas ’09 and Cassandra ’15. In the classroom, Mr. Miller was known for his disciplined and effective instruction in geometry and algebra. During two stints as a football coach, Coach Miller served as a defensive coordinator while coaching the offensive line and linebackers. He also spent several years as an assistant coach on the baseball team. The image of Mr. Miller standing on a ladder to signal the start of Winter Carnival’s tug-of-war will be a familiar one to any student who participated in the festivities during Mr. Miller’s 32-year run as the man in charge.



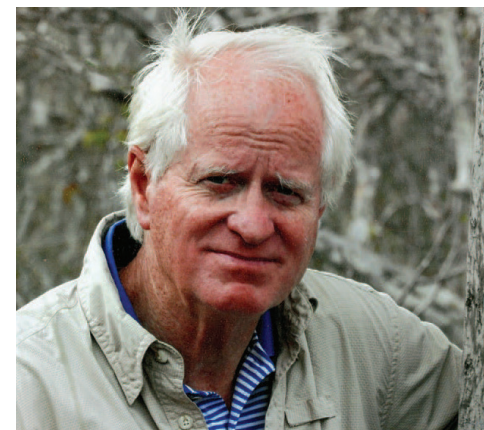
2021 Hall of Fame Inductee Andi Vigue '68

PETER “ANDI” VIGUE is a Pittsfield native who graduated from MCI in 1989. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Maine in 1993 and began working at Cianbro Corporation. Andi served in several capacities at Cianbro in his early years. He went on to earn a master’s degree in Business Administration from the University of Maine in 1998, and served as Cianbro’s Senior Vice President of Operations before being named President and Chief Operations Officer in 2018. As a student at MCI, Andi was a member of the soccer, football, basketball, and ski teams. He participated in Latin Club and Key Club, was honored as a selection to Boys State, and was recognized with the Rodney F. Jonhonet Scholarship. Andi continues to live in Pittsfield with his wife Emily Melvin Vigue ’88. His son, Gregory, graduated from MCI in 2016 as did his daughter, Caroline, in 2018. Andi is the son of Peter G. Vigue ’65 and Carole M. Vigue ’64. Andi served on the Board of Trustees from 2010-2019. He remains active in the alumni community and has been a generous and steadfast supporter of MCI. He also served as Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Troop 428, the same troop that he earned the rank of Eagle in as a scout.



2021 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Larry Morton

CYNTHIA “CINDY” MORTON grew up in Burnham and Pittsfield, graduating from Warsaw High School in 1970 and marrying **LARRY MORTON** soon after on July 4, 1970. Cindy ventured into her own business of embroidered apparel at Finyl Vinyl in 1997 after working for years at Northeast Shoe and then SAS in Pittsfield. Larry also maintained a working relationship with the MCI Football Boosters. He worked hard on different projects, beginning with helping Norm Mitchell film football and basketball games. He cooked hot dogs and fried onions in the original food trailer, and then aided with the light poles as an electrical apprentice hardwiring the panels. Although they didn’t hold any further office positions, Larry & Cindy gladly offered their support for many of the other team sports. Through Finyl Vinyl, Larry and Cindy formed a special bond through their dedication in outfitting the schools and sports programs, as well as businesses in the local communities. Cindy, passed away on October 7, 2020, after her courageous two year battle with cancer. She was born on August 7, 1952.



2021 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Chris Crowley '70

A 1970 graduate of MCI, **CHRIS CROWLEY** lives in Southborough Massachusetts with his wife, Elizabeth L. Crowley. He is the Executive Vice President and Treasurer of Polar Beverages, a company his family has owned and operated since 1882. After graduating from MCI, Chris earned a degree from Nichols College before he began managing the night shift at Polar Beverages’ Worcester plant for eleven years. The family also owns and operates Wachusett Mountain ski area, which is managed by Chris’ siblings Jeff, David, and Carolyn. Chris remains an avid skier, which he traces back to his time racing on the ski team at MCI. Recently, Chris and family secured naming rights for Polar Park, the home of the Boston Red Sox triple A affiliate, the Worcester Red Sox. An active community member, Chris served as the Sports Commissioner in Southborough for 18 years and has been on the Board of Directors at the local YMCA for six. Chris has also helped his brother and an employee build a school for disadvantaged youth in Kenya. Chris enjoys spending time on Cape Cod where he is an avid sailor and sail boat racer, and where the Crowley family continues to vacation together.

2019 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

GARY FITTS '69 has provided significant service and support to MCI as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a generous contributor to the Annual Fund and capital projects. Gary spent three years at MCI and attended Warsaw High School for his senior year. While he graduated from Warsaw, Gary later received an honorary diploma from MCI. The son of Gerald '47 and Jeannette Web Fitts '46 and grandson to Lewis R. Fitts '19, Gary was raised in the MCI community. Yet, Gary feels his time on the Board of Trustees taught him a lot about MCI. Gary retired from Cianbro in 2005 where he worked in human resources. Gary was instrumental in uniting MCI alumni with the alumni of Warsaw High School, which graduated classes in 1969 and 1970. Gary worked with Lynne Cianchette '69, Shelly Martin Drillen '69 and Dawn Peterson Cox '68 to explore the idea of bringing the alumni groups together. Gary and his wife, Amy, are the parents of Laura, Hilary, and Gavin and grandparents to seven grandchildren.

LINDA SHOREY '69 has devoted decades to giving back to MCI. Growing up in Palmyra, Linda's father, Leigh Shorey, would bring Linda and her sister to the Pittsfield Public Library every Saturday, and the three Shoreys would return to their dairy farm with stacks of books. Linda devoured her studies at MCI and was thankful that the school nurtured her interest in knowledge, curiosity and critical thinking. Since her MCI graduation, Linda has generously given back to her alma mater with her time, talents and financial contributions, supporting the MCI Annual Fund and capital campaigns. As a member of MCI's Board of Trustees, Linda has served with distinction. Linda spent time on campus attending classes, talking with students, faculty, and the academic department staff and took it upon herself to learn more about MCI today. In addition to chairing the education committee, Linda serves on the finance, investment, and executive committee. Her peers on the Board consider Linda to be very thorough in her work, a supportive alumna who is a tireless volunteer who is completely dedicated to MCI. Linda joins her aunt, Catherine "Kaye" Mooers '53, who was inducted into MCI's Hall of Fame in 2013.

This year's Alumni Association's Distinguished Achievement Award winner is artist and educator **TIM ROLLINS '73**, who passed away in 2017. After graduating from MCI, Tim attended the University of Maine at Augusta, where he received a degree in art. Tim then moved to New York City to attend New York University and study with conceptual artist Joseph Kosuth. In 1981, while working for a school in South Bronx, he developed a program that combined reading and writing with art for students with learning disabilities. The program eventually became K.O.S. or Kids of Survival, and the group exhibited as Tim Rollins + K.O.S. Within a few years, their art pieces were shown throughout New York City, Venice, Germany, and London. Under Tim's guidance, K.O.S. created several large-scale artworks that are on exhibit in museums all over the world. Tim and the six long-time K.O.S. members/artists conducted workshops in schools across the country and around the world to instruct students in the process of creating art for exhibition in their local museums. Tim is survived by his mother, Charlotte; his brother, Ron Rollins '74, and his sisters, Carlene Rollins '76 and Cindy Rollins McGrady '80, as well as nieces and nephews.



2019 Hall of Fame Inductee Gary Fitts '69



2019 Hall of Fame Inductee Linda Shorey '69



2019 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Tim Rollins '73

2018 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS



2018 Hall of Fame Inductee Deborah Rozeboom



2018 Hall of Fame Inductee Peter Fendler '80



2018 Hall of Fame Inductee L. Ross Fitts '78



2018 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Susan Haseltine '67

DEBORAH ROZEBOOM taught at MCI for 22 years and during that time wore many hats. When Rosalie Williams moved into an administrative position at the School, Deborah was hired as the chair of the English department. Deborah also is grateful for the efforts of Doug and Lori Cummings, who valued MCI's humanities programs and encouraged Deborah personally. Deborah's MCI memories are spread across the entire campus, she says, and all have a common denominator: be kind to our students. Of her past students, Deborah loves staying in touch with them. What mattered most to Deborah were the opportunities to interact with young students and give them a chance to have their lives broadened, enriched and enlivened.

While at MCI, **PETER FENDLER '80** was Key Club president. Peter refined his leadership skills by playing athletics all three seasons at MCI: football, skiing, golf, and tennis. The youngest of five Fender siblings to attend MCI, Peter graduated in 1980 and enrolled in Maine Maritime Academy. Peter's quick to point out that he did not graduate; he left Castine and became a licensed captain in the Merchant Marines. Peter's father, Ryan, was at MCI for two years, but transferred to the Northampton School during World War II. After Navy and college, Ryan returned to Pittsfield to raise his family. Peter, Ryan and brother Michael have all served on the MCI Board of Trustees. Peter is principal at HUB International New England, LLC, and Norton Insurance Financial in Cumberland. He lives in Freeport with his wife, Karen.

L. ROSS FITTS '78 pursued a degree in history after MCI, and since he graduated from the University of Maine, he's been a successful senior sales representative for northern Maine's dairy industry. MCI has always been an important part of his life. His late parents, Alice Wright Fitts '47 and Lewis Fitts '47, siblings Kirk '69 and Laurie '71 considered the school a central part of their lives and activities in the community. Ross explained that there are four generations of alumni named Lewis R. Fitts who graduated from MCI between 1918 and 2008, and school reunions are often reunions for his family, too. One of his proudest achievements is when his daughter Erin '02, who returned to MCI as a humanities teacher, received the Herbert K. Newhouse '23 Faculty Fellowship in 2018. Ross served on the MCI Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2017, where he chaired the student life committee and served on the executive committee.

The Alumni Association's 2018 Distinguished Achievement Award recipient is biologist and MCI alumna **SUSAN HASELTINE, PH.D. '67**. Throughout her career as a biologist, Sue researched the effects of environmental toxins, land use, and climate changes on migratory birds and other wildlife. She worked at the United States Department of the Interior's Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) and US Geological Survey (USGS) throughout her career. After working on research projects around the country, Sue became director of Northern Prairie Wildlife Research Center, the second woman in the FWS history to lead a major research center. She was Chief Scientist and then Associate Director for Biology at the USGS before retiring in 2010. Sue lives in Virginia and visits Maine regularly.

2015 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS



2015 Hall of Fame Inductee Robert Libby '48

After MCI, **ROBERT LIBBY '48** commuted to Colby College for two and half years. After military service in the US Navy, Libby began a career as a casualty underwriter at Continental Casualty Company (now CNA). At the same time he returned to college in the evenings and graduated from Northwestern University with a Bachelor's degree in Finance. Libby worked at CNA for 17 years before working at a subsidiary of Markel Corporation both in underwriting and management at all levels for an additional 17 years. Libby has served in various leadership roles at his church and also volunteers his time as an AARP Volunteer Tax Preparer. Libby has been a long-time supporter of MCI. He established the Robert H. Libby Scholarship, given out each year to a senior pursuing a degree in vocational education. Showing his high regard for his family, Libby also named the chemistry classroom in the Chuck & Helen Cianchette Math and Science Center after his brother, Blair Libby '46.



2015 Hall of Fame Inductee Anna Maria Parker '66

ANNA MARIA PARKER '66 received her BA in Speech Pathology and Audiology in 1970 from the University of Vermont in Burlington, Vermont. She was a legal secretary for 25 years and gave private piano and voice lessons for 10 years after that. In 1985 Parker was introduced to women's barbershop singing and has been an enthusiastic member of Sweet Adelines International ever since. She is a charter and emeritus member of the Royal River Chorus of Yarmouth, Maine, and is now in the Tucson Desert Harmony Chorus in Tucson, Arizona. In May 2010, Parker became the Sweet Adeline Region 21 Coordinator for the region's Arranger Development Program. She is a certified arranger in Sweet Adelines International and is in the process of becoming a certified Sweet Adeline chorus director. Parker has also been a church music director in Yarmouth, Maine and in Portland, Maine, and an organist in several churches. Parker has been a devoted volunteer for MCI, serving as a Class Agent as well as Reunion Gift Chair for her class. She has also been a long-time supporter, particularly of the School's Visual and Performing Arts Program.



2015 Hall of Fame Inductee Peter Williams

DR. PETER WILLIAMS (posthumous) earned a bachelor's degree from Northern Michigan University and a doctorate in education from Indiana University. Williams volunteered as a Peace Corps teacher in Sierra Leone, West Africa. He was a Fulbright specialist in South Africa in 1998 and spent four months teaching at Beijing Polytechnical University in Beijing, China. Williams began his career at Cianbro in 1975 as training director and completed his career as vice president of personnel and safety in 1985. After 10 years at Cianbro, Williams returned to the University of Maine at Farmington. He was chairman of the Department of Mathematics and Computer Science for a number of years, as well as the chairman of the Department of Science and Mathematics. Williams retired from the Mathematics Department at the University of Maine at Farmington in June 2004. Williams passed away in August 2004, the result of a motorcycle accident. Williams was a long-time volunteer for MCI, serving as a member on the board of trustees for six years and chairperson of the strategic planning team for math and science. In addition, Williams served as both volunteer Headmaster and Math Teacher and coached the MCI Ski Team.



2015 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Beverly Breau '52

BEVERLY BREAU '52 graduated from Eastern Maine Medical Center in 1954 as a Registered Radiological Technologist. She worked for nearly 30 years at Sebecook Valley Hospital in Pittsfield, where she was instrumental in establishing the first mammography unit. She was also the co-organizer for the first local Breast Cancer Walk for the Cure. Breau is a life-long volunteer, dedicated to her family and community. In 2014, she received the Spirit of America Award for establishing the St. Martin Library in Palmyra, Maine. She established a literacy program at the library and has continued to volunteer there for over 25 years. Breau has been a longtime member of the Order of the Eastern Star. As the District Deputy Grana Matron, she began a fund raising effort to support people studying for the ministry, which has spread state-wide. In addition to her other volunteer work, Breau has been a supporter of MCI and served as a Class Agent for 1952 for several years.

2014 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS



2014 Inductee Tom Gordon '61

TOM GORDON '61 is a proud life-long resident of Pittsfield. After graduating from MCI in 1961, he completed a post-graduate year at North Yarmouth Academy. Gordon then attended Nathaniel Hawthorne College in New Hampshire, majoring in economics. In 1964, when his father's health began to fail, he left college to take over Gordon Construction, the family business. Gordon is now the CEO of Hydro Grass Corporation, a company that specializes in soil erosion control equipment. Gordon is a long-time supporter of MCI, and served as a trustee in the mid-to-late 90's. During his time as a trustee, he was an active member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee and was a key figure in the sale of the JW Parks Golf Course. In addition to his support of MCI, Gordon served on the boards at Unity College and Lakewood Theater, as well as the Town of Pittsfield Industrial Park Committee. He is also a member of the Association of General Contractors.



2014 Inductee Carole Vigue '64

CAROLE DAILY VIGUE '64 grew up in Pittsfield, the daughter of James Daily '38 and Elaine Younger Daily '39. After MCI, she attended Farmington State Teachers College, receiving her degree in 1968. Vigue worked as a first grade teacher at the Manson Park School in Pittsfield, was a long-term substitute teacher, and a private tutor. Vigue has been a long-time supporter and top-level volunteer for MCI, often behind the scenes. In addition to her support of MCI, she served on the SAD 53 School Board, the St. Agnes Parish School and Council Boards, and the Pinnacle Ski Club Board. She taught Sunday School at St. Agnes and was also a member of Pittsfield's Hospital Auxiliary Club, the Athenaeum Club, and was a Brownie and Girl Scout Troop Leader. She was also involved with the Pittsfield Recreation Program, coaching softball and officiating field hockey games. Vigue is most proud of her husband, Peter Vigue '65, children, Andi Vigue '89 and Michelle Vigue Hodgins '97, and grandchildren.



2014 Inductee Barbara Vigue Day '64

After MCI, **BARBARA VIGUE DAY '64** graduated from Kennebec Valley Technical Institute as a registered nurse. She returned to MCI and worked as the school nurse from 1979 to 1982. Among various other positions, she worked for Dr. Bassler in Pittsfield for six years, and at Maine General Medical Center for fifteen years, thirteen of those as a licensed psychiatric nurse. Day's true passion has been volunteering both for MCI and in her community. She has been the Class Agent for the Class of 1964 for thirty-five years, helping to keep her classmates connected to each other and the school. In addition to being an agent, Day has volunteered for Girl Scouts of America, the Hartland/St. Albans Ambulance Service, the Children's Hartland Holiday Fund, and the Children's Gardening Club in Hartland.



2014 Distinguished Achievement Award Recipient Barry Clifford '65

BARRY CLIFFORD '65 is one of the world's foremost underwater explorers, famous for finding the pirate ship *Whydah*. The *Whydah* is the only authenticated pirate shipwreck ever discovered. In addition to the ongoing work on the *Whydah*, Clifford has other current shipwreck excavations off the coast of Venezuela, the north and south coasts of Haiti, and the north-east coast of Madagascar. He is also exploring some of the high mountain lakes in Colorado, looking for traces of early man and animals. In the spring of 2014, Clifford again made waves with his announcement that he has found Christopher Columbus' ship, the Santa Maria.

2013 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

TANIA ROGERS CARNRICK '73
RYAN FENDLER '45
CATHERINE "KAYE" DOYLE MOOERS '53

DONN FENDLER '44
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2012 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

DAVID FORTIN
JOSEPH VEILLEUX

DR. ALLEN DYER '63
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2011 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

LANCY CHRISTIE BRADSHAW
SALLY SMITH BRYANT '61
GARY COLE '68

PEARLE "SKIP" ETTINGER JR. '63
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2010 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

SCOTT CARTER '73
HELEN ESTY CIANCHETTE '48
DAVID MOSHER '57

JACK MOSHER '83
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2009 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

N. BLAKE BARTLETT
ALICE SHAW PATTERSON '48
PERSIS SMITH

BILL LABARGE '67
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2008 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

MICHAEL HODGINS '86
RAE JEAN KNOWLES
MAPLE YOUNG

JULIE TREADWELL
(DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD)

2007 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

NORBERT YOUNG JR. '66
JEFFERY HAZELL '79
THOMAS SAVAGE '74

BILL CARR
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2006 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

PETER BROOKS '83
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2005 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

DEAN HOMESTEAD '69
PETER BRADSHAW

BOB KINNEY '35
BUD HOMESTEAD '35
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2004 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

DOUG AND LORI CUMMINGS

DAVID SILSBY '49
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2003 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

RALPH DAMREN '64
ANTHONY FREDERICK '59
ROSALIE WILLIAMS

MALAKA "TOOKIE" RUSSELL
DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2002 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

BILL BALL '63
DR. RICHARD BOISVERT '62
HARRY ROWE '06

2001 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

MILTON LINDHOLM
GREGG PATTERSON '69
NORBERT YOUNG SR.
THE FOUNDERS OF MCI

(OREN B. CHENEY, NATHANIEL WEYMOUTH, EBENEZER KNOWLTON, GOING HATHORN, WILLIAM C. STINSON, LOT L. HARMON, JESSE C. CONNOR AND AURA L. GERRISH)

2000 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

ROGER B. PERCIVAL '45

1999 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

MICHAEL T. SAVAGE '62

1998 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

SUSAN SMITH ENGLAND '73

1997 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

LOUISE DOW
W. HOWARD NIBLOCK

1996 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

ALBERT L. CARD '49
HAROLD T. "TOM" CLARK '62

1995 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

FRANK B. "BUD" HOMESTEAD '35
TED SUSI '70

1994 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

RODERICK L. SMITH
HAZEL M. EARLE

1993 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

LEONA HASELTINE

1992 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

SENATOR MARGARET CHASE SMITH
PETER G. VIGUE '65
NORVAL "BUD" LEWIS
HARRY TRUE

1991 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

MICHAEL J. FENDLER '70
FRANK "PARNEY" KORIS '40

1990 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

MIRIAM McMICHAEL ROBINSON '25
MYRTLE MAIN SHERMAN

1989 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

KENNETH L. CIANCHETTE '42
E. BURNELL "BUN" OVERLOCK '24

1988 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

ROY U. SINCLAIR
ELMER W. LEONARD '39

1987 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

DR. ERNEST STEIN
FRANK HASELTINE '40

1986 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

JOSEPH R. CIANCHETTE
MALAKA "TOOKIE" RUSSELL

1985 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

PAUL BERTRAND '59
WILLARD W. LEHR JR. '54

1984 INDUCTEES AND RECIPIENTS

IVA CIANCHETTE CREGNOLE '35
PAUL W. LEGGE



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