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Greetings to the Fryeburg Community

On the cover of this issue of *Scenes* is a great photo from the first Fryeburg Academy science and engineering fair. This new event builds on the tradition of healthy academic competition at Fryeburg Academy. Throughout this issue, you'll find stories of these events, the prize speaking competition, robotics team competitions, Latin scholars, and more. I was very impressed by our students' work at the fair. The projects were wide-ranging, well-researched, and presented well. I'm especially thankful to the teachers and the science department who guided these students throughout the year and took on this endeavor for the first time. We hope this is the first of a new tradition that will go on for many years. In addition to our event at the Academy, we've had students compete in the local MWV STEM Expo and at the Maine State Science Fair at UNE. We also have qualified students attending a national science fair later this year.

As we enter the final weeks of the school year, we prepare to say goodbye and celebrate the class of 2025. It's a strong class comprised of scholars, athletes, musicians, artists, and a very kind group of people. I know they will represent the Academy well in the world.

I'd like to thank Dawn Gale '81 and her team in the alumni office for putting together this issue of the *Scenes* magazine. It's an excellent compilation of events that happened here on campus over the last few months, and it's a great way to catch up on the happenings of our alumni from around the world. Thank you all for supporting Fryeburg Academy and our mission. We appreciate your gifts, support at the games and events, and supportive words throughout the year. Fryeburg Academy continues to be a special place, and you're a big part of it.

Joseph R. Manning
Head of School



Joe Manning welcomes students to Dorm Olympic festivities (left) and alumni to Founder's Day brunch (right).

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Fryeburg Academy's Science and Engineering Fair

DYLAN HARRY SCIENCE DEPARTMENT CHAIR/OLRC DIRECTOR

While history and culture often move in cycles, science is a method that relies on progression—steadily building toward the discoveries that transform our world. This year at Fryeburg Academy, the promise of science and engineering came to life as 164 students rolled up their sleeves to design and carry out original research projects for the inaugural Fryeburg Academy Science and Engineering Fair (FASEF).

Although a small number of FA students have participated in state and national competitions in the past, this year marks a turning point. The expansion of the science research program signals a commitment to making student-driven inquiry a cornerstone of the FA science curriculum. Any student may enter the FASEF competition, but honors science students are required to compete and are encouraged to seek support from Research Enrichment Program faculty Laura Meldrum and Matt Freniere, as well as a growing community of peers, parents, and community partners who volunteer their mentorship and resources.

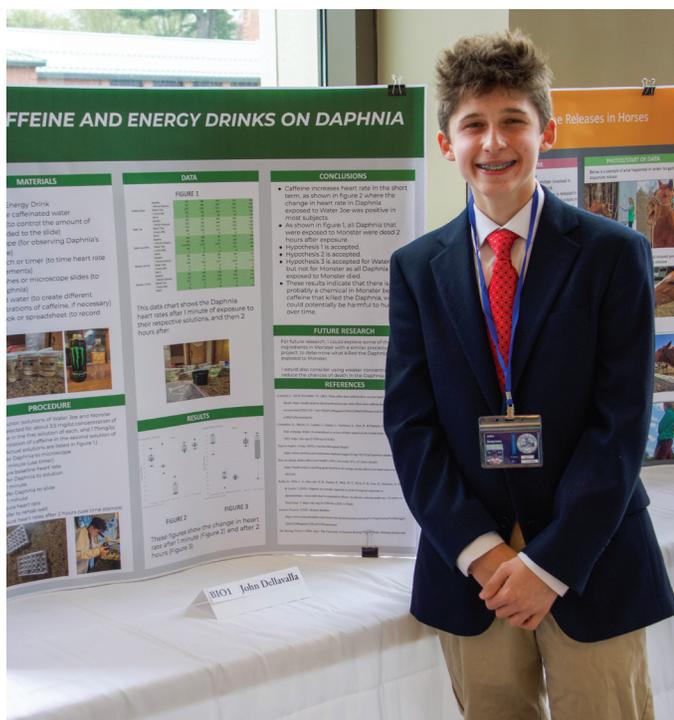
From their inception, science fairs have encouraged students to consider the pragmatic social and ecological impacts of their research, and this year's projects reflected meaningful investigations into real-world problems. **Serena DiNucci '27** worked to create less toxic and more lightfast paints using natural pigments and vitamin E. **Matthew Bariteau '27** examined the relationship between cellulose, hemicellulose, and lignin content in firewood—research with practical implications for any Maine resident who heats with wood. **Elise Dunn '26** investigated how water temperature affects the survival of E. coli, a study inspired by concern for swimmer safety in the warming Saco River. **Enna Carbone '25**, who works with a water quality monitoring organization, engineered a water collection device that's already been adopted by the organization. Other students conducted surveys and statistical analyses to explore the effects of phones and social media on mental health, sleep quality, and academic performance.

Students also tackled global challenges, including:

- Enhancing plant resistance to drought using hydrogels, biochar, and mineral treatments
- Developing microbial fuel cells that harness energy from plants
- Synthesizing new materials to remove dyes and phosphorus from polluted water
- Investigating solutions to antibiotic resistance, insulin resistance, and microplastic contamination
- Using machine learning to improve sign language communication and automobile safety

My early experiences with science fairs were less than inspiring: dim gymnasiums, questionably edible foods, and rote demonstrations. Years later, I entered the classroom again, this time as a teacher, and wondered if it would be possible to cultivate the creative energy that I had felt while performing undergraduate research at the University of Vermont. Through conversations with colleagues and a push from a few motivated students, the decision was made to enter into the Maine State Science Fair—despite my lingering doubts. Not long after, I found myself accompanying two of them on a JAX Lab-funded trip to Dallas, Texas, where they had qualified for the Regeneration International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF).

That trip confirmed my belief: science fairs have the power to change lives. At both the state and national levels, students



John DellaValla '27 won the MESA Peer Choice Award.



Simon Ngo '25

can earn full-tuition scholarships, research assistantships, grant funding, and even patents. As depicted in the 2017 documentary Science Fair, incredibly gifted students from around the world come together at ISEF not just to compete, but to share cultures, celebrate ideas, and nurture the kind of global collaboration that will be necessary to solve pressing issues like climate change, pandemics, and resource scarcity.

As Science Department Chair, I have found it deeply rewarding to support students and teachers in bringing their projects to life. With significant effort, a vague and messy idea can evolve into a real and unique contribution to the scientific community. At FA, our science courses lay the foundation of essential skills and knowledge. From that base, students are encouraged to connect their research to institutions, opportunities, and ideas that extend far beyond the classroom.

With the proliferation of open-source datasets, coding platforms, and AI-assisted technologies, science fair participants now have access to unprecedented tools for discovery. To support this shift, FA's science faculty have been updating curricula, outfitting lab spaces for research, and cultivating a culture of healthy competition and collaboration. This year, we also began a rewarding collaboration with MESA at Molly Ockett Middle School, sharing judging support and building excitement for science research at younger ages.

Perhaps the most encouraging sign of all—even before the dust settled from this year's competition—students were already back



Students prepare to present their projects to the public.

in the science building, eagerly sketching out ideas for next year.

As the science research program continues to grow, we welcome alumni involvement—whether as mentors, judges, or supporters. Together, we're building a culture of curiosity, creativity, and courage that will serve our students—and our world—for years to come. Many thanks to those who contributed to this year's program.

Faculty Spotlight: Alanna Yanelli

MELANIE ALLEN DEAN OF FACULTY

Position: Science Teacher

College/ Degrees: B.A. Ecology and Environmental Science, UMO; Masters in Teaching and Learning, University of Southern Maine

Years of Service: Two years

Subject(s) taught: Environmental Science

Other roles you have at FA: School Garden, Envirothon Club co-lead, dabbling in outdoor programs.

Fun Fact: We have two rescue dogs over 80 lbs each and a cat we found in the woods as a kitten.

Background: Mrs. Yannelli was born and raised in Maine. She attended college in Alaska and Bar Harbor before completing undergraduate work at the University of Maine / Orono. Her sister is a professor at UMaine, and her mother taught elementary school for 27 years. Her grandfather was a country doctor in Hiram who graduated from Fryeburg Academy.



Why did you become a teacher?

I took Environmental Science in high school, and it made me realize how exciting learning can be when you're curious, connected to your place, and your teacher cares deeply. Learning is lifelong, and my students teach me things every day. Plus, it was either teaching or going to live in the woods, which is still a possibility...

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

While each class is different, I genuinely enjoy any time we can be outside, discovering things and making connections.

What are some adjectives to describe yourself as a teacher?

Compassionate, genuine, humorous, supportive, and thoughtful.

How do you motivate your students?

I make a concerted effort to connect with students and build a space where they feel seen, comfortable asking questions, and know that being uncomfortable and not knowing is important to our growth as learners.

Is there anything from your experience as a student that has influenced you as a teacher?

I had a teacher who made fun of every wrong answer, which led me to stop talking in classes. So, I try really hard to build discourse and discussion into class. I also do not like memorizing things to take a test, so I ask my students to engage, lean in, and use their thinking skills to build their knowledge and connections.

Advice for students?

Be curious. Ask questions. Work hard. Keep growing and learning, far beyond any grading.

Faculty Spotlight: Michael Ouellette

MELANIE ALLEN DEAN OF FACULTY

Position: Spanish and French Teacher

College/ Degrees: Evangel College (now University), B.A. in French, Spanish, and Education

Years of Service: 29 years!

Subject(s) taught: Spanish and French

Other roles you have at FA: Mr. Ouellette was a live-in dorm parent for 15 years and has been a soccer and basketball coach.

Fun Fact: Mr. Ouellette met his wife in a cave. He has also knitted beautiful sweaters.

Background: Mr. Ouellette, aka Señor, grew up in Pittsfield, Maine. He attended MCI, a town academy like FA, so he grew up with “dorm kids.” He had a paper route throughout school, requiring him to get up at 4:30 each morning. After college, he lived in Florida with his new bride for a year before returning to New England. Mr. Ouellette’s three children grew up on FA’s campus, and he now has two grandchildren. He loves and is so proud of his close family. He also loves to ride a bicycle, throw a Frisbee, and work with wood.



Why did you become a teacher?

When I was a sophomore in high school, I took French, and I just got it. I started correcting the teacher and helping all my classmates. I did a good job and loved languages, so it seemed obvious to become a language teacher.

What is your favorite class to teach and why?

I love the younger kids. They are so energetic, and they like my style. I enjoy the more advanced work I can do with older students, but the younger students laugh at everything I say.

How would you describe yourself as a teacher?

Passionate. Grateful. I try to find teaching moments all the time. The kids are the stars in my class. I teach through them, and I try to find real-life applications.

How do you motivate your students?

Pesetas! In class, I award “money” for participation or showing that students interact with Spanish outside of class.

Is there anything from your experience as a student that has influenced you as a teacher?

In college, I had a Spanish professor who was the sweetest man. I do so many things that he did. For example, he used his hands to create visuals for grammar and pronunciation points—waving his fingers and hands. He also made noises to go with his explanations, and I do that, too.

Advice for students?

If you are serious about language, keep going. Live it; go somewhere; make a career out of it. Also, have fun and do what you like, but help others. That’s where the absolute joy is. Get off your phone every once in a while and slow down. Keep it under “fawty.” (Anyone who knows me will know what I mean.)

An Ode to Robotics

MELANIE ALLEN DEAN OF FACULTY

In the late fall, Fryeburg Academy played host to such a tournament. Twenty-five teams from 12 schools, totaling nearly 100 students, came from as far as Bangor. The tournament was held in the Wadsworth Arena, and for the uninitiated among us, let me tell you, a robotics tournament is nothing short of astonishing.

Four 12' x 12' fields were set up for the tournament, two of which had cameras trained on them so action could be live-streamed onto a massive screen for all to see. Announcers had high-quality audio aided by smaller screens displaying match schedules and results. Rows of tables and chairs, known as “the pits,” were set up so each team had a place to prepare their bots. Last but not least, an amazingly well-stocked concession stand anchored a corner, providing lunch and endless snacks to the competitors.

The high school and middle school participants arrived on campus around 8:00 am, left around 4:00, and were engaged that entire time. The challenge presented to them was to create a wheeled robot that could pick up and stack as many six-inch rings as possible and do so as fast as possible. Extra points could be earned if a team’s robot could climb or hang from a tower stationed in the middle of each field. Over the

day, approximately 125 two-minute matches occurred, with teams rushing back to their pits to tweak their designs between competitions. In addition, at some point during the day, each team was required to explain their design process to a panel of seasoned judges.

To be honest, I don’t know where the five FA teams ranked at the end of the tournament. I also confess that I didn’t ever watch a full match. But despite my lack of focus on those seemingly essential aspects of the event, I noted this: An incredibly diverse group of young people gave up a whole weekend day for this tournament—and to do so, they probably had to get up earlier than they do on a regular school day. These teens and tweens chose to spend what likely amounted to 12 hours away from the easy, solitary entertainment of phones or video games, instead eagerly and earnestly working together in person to solve problems.

Moreover, Coach Dave Sartory and his volunteers’ commitment and follow-through in organizing and executing this gigantic event reminded me of how talented and dedicated our FA faculty is.

If, for whatever reason, you find yourself needing a dose of inspiration or hope for the future, look no further than a robotics tournament.



Brady Chappell '26, Haruki Takagi '25, Jisoo Lee '25, Tomona Arai '27, and Ufuk Soylemez '25 proudly display their robot!

After School Enrichment Program

Our new after-school enrichment program was launched in the fall and offers popular opportunities for boarding and day students. The offerings run on Mondays and Tuesdays after school and follow the athletic season. It is a requirement for 9th and 10th grade boarders who are not playing a sport but is open to all other students. The participation is also strong among day students, who comprise about 40% of the program, encouraging interaction and friendships between our local, boarding, and international students.

Offerings change from season to season and include ceramics, working in the school garden, advanced weight training, outdoor adventure, set design, cooking, science research, volleyball, robotics, introduction to instrumental music, book club, Pleasant Mountain snow sports, and dance.



FA Welcomes 27 New National Honor Society Members

On March 17, Fryeburg Academy inducted 27 new members into the B.W. Tinker Chapter of the National Honor Society, recognizing their accomplishments in scholarship, leadership, service, and character. Membership in the National Honor Society is among the highest honors a high school student can receive. Congratulations to the following new inductees:

New Senior Inductees

Lillian Kiley
 Minchae (Clodine) Kim
 Matthew Kim
 Jisoo Lee
 Michael Malia
 Anna Stasiuk
 Haruki Takagi
 Alexis Wentworth

New Junior Inductees

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 Rylan McBride
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 Arthur Osborne
 Logan Smith
 Pavlo Tsybran
 Lilia Vishnyakov

New Sophomore Inductees

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 Olivia Stacy
 Brennan Slosberg
 Mona Wilson

2025 Prize Speaking Contest

LAURA AYER DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

On March 18, our school community celebrated the finalists of the Academy's Annual Prize Speaking Contest. This annual event promotes essential skills in communication, critical thinking, and leadership. Outstanding students were selected based on their impressive performances during the semifinal rounds earlier this month on March 13.

The finalists presented their speeches to peers, family, and community members at the Leura Hill Performing Arts Center. The FA Band performed during intermission to enhance the evening's festivities, followed by light refreshments. Each speech was judged based on criteria including content, structure, delivery, fluency, and poise.

Congratulations to the following students for their exceptional accomplishments! First place: Zoe Daigle '25; Second place: Barbara Zhalezniak '27; Third place: William McDonnell '26. Honorable Mentions: Sarah Priestman '25; Elise Dunn '26; and Camila Luna '27



Read All About It—*The Raider Report*!

HOLYM HAN '26 / EDITED BY CATIE NIPPINS '25

Founded at the start of this school year, *The Raider Report* is Fryeburg Academy's student-run newspaper club.

Led by club founder **Holym Han '26** and faculty advisor Mr. O'Keefe (**Tyler O'Keefe '14**), the club has grown into a dynamic group of over twenty active members despite its short history, with new contributors joining regularly.

The idea for *The Raider Report* first emerged in April 2024 when Holym Han and several Student Council members envisioned a student-led platform that would share news pertaining to Fryeburg Academy and the Fryeburg community to compensate for the absence of a "news platform" in the school. Thus, *The Raider Report* newspaper club was born and has grown into a fully operating news outlet as of the 2024 fall semester.

Since its official launch, the club has run strong throughout its first school year. With meetings every Tuesday during lunch, the newspaper club has been publishing new, complete issues every two weeks so the FA community can stay updated with current school news. *The Raider Report* is distributed in physical form across campus—in the Library, the Performing Arts Center (PAC), and the Student Union (SU)—and digitally through its own dedicated website. The website was fully developed by Fryeburg Academy student, **Anton Liesnoi '26**, and has been a key factor in spreading word of *The Raider Report* throughout the community.

The Raider Report's continued publication, updates, and changes are thanks to a committed team of writers, editors, and publishers. Each week, writers and editors collaborate to create and develop current, engaging articles, while a dedicated publishing team transforms their work into a polished newspaper format. Key club members include Club Manager and Publishing Team Leader **Holym Han '26**, Writer-in-Chief **Lilia Vishnyakov '26**, Editor-in-Chief **Catie Nippins '25**, Programmer **Anton Liesnoi '26**, and Publisher and Designer **Serena DiNucci '27**, who not only writes articles covering the arts regularly but also designed the *Raider Report* logo and layout.

Despite its short history, *The Raider Report* has already achieved significant milestones. One of the most notable accomplishments was its collaboration with the local newspaper, the *Conway Daily Sun*. This collaboration allowed *The Raider Report* to publish one of its strongest articles in the *Daily Sun*,



The Raider Report crew meets weekly, successfully reviving student-led journalism on campus.

elevating the *Report* to new heights with new connections and recognition from the Fryeburg and Conway communities. The first collaboration resulted in an article written by Catie Nippins '25 for *The Raider Report* about the MWV-FA Ski Team, printed as a special edition article in the *Conway Daily Sun*. This collaboration was marked as a key event in this club's short history, displaying the limitless opportunities a student-driven club can achieve locally.

Overall, *The Raider Report* has successfully built a student newspaper in the Fryeburg Academy community and revived student-led journalism that has been absent at Fryeburg Academy for the last decade. We hope it continues to be an active news platform in the future. (To view *The Raider Report* online, visit "<https://sites.google.com/view/faraidereport/raider-report>" on any internet browser.)

With Gratitude to Dawn Vitters: A Champion for Students!

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS



Joining FA in 1997, Dawn Vitters quickly became known for her unwavering support of students. As a member of the Special Services Department, Dawn brought connection and purpose to every interaction, shaping the lives of hundreds of students for nearly three decades.

Whether supporting residential students in her early years or guiding young adults in the Life Skills program in her final chapter. As she looks ahead to a well-earned retirement, Fryeburg Academy honors Dawn and thanks her for her contributions.

What will you miss the most about the Academy and the school community? I think I will miss the “family” atmosphere and the friendships that are formed over time when you are a part of FA. The friendships that are created over time.

Are there particular students, colleagues, or experiences that have had a lasting impact on you? There are too many students to name. Joe McMurdo-Minnich has always been my go-to person when I need advice or a shoulder to lean on. Fran Pouzol was always my partner in crime, writing IEPs, etc.

Kristina Stevens is someone who I always look to for advice, and I am so glad she was back for my last year.

If you could go back and give advice to yourself as a first-year teacher, what would it be? Seek help when you need it. It is not a sign of weakness.

How do you hope your students and colleagues will remember you? I hope they remember me as a teacher who cared about her students and wanted the best for them.

What are your future plans, adventures? We are going to Pennsylvania this summer, and I look forward to working on my quilting and crocheting. My best plan is to be a full-time Oma to my granddaughter.

Director of Studies, **Joe McMurdo-Minnich '01**, “Dawn has been a sounding board, a shoulder to cry on, and a frequent phone buddy! Above all, no matter what role or task, she was (and is) always a supporter and advocate for her students within and out of the special education process. She’s a big-hearted teacher and person who never loses sight of what we’re here for—students and their needs! From her first day to her last year, Dawn has been a respected and valuable member of our community and lives, and I’ll miss her dearly.”

Congratulations and best wishes in retirement!

Latin Scholars Honored

LAURA AYER DIRECTOR OF MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS

On April 10, during the All-School meeting, Mr. Manning, the head of school, along with Ms. Paulding from the world languages department, recognized the following FA students for their outstanding performance on the National Latin Exams: **Arthur Osborne '26** and **Olivia Piccinali '25**, both of whom earned Gold Medals; **Beatrice Lunghi '25**, who received a Silver Medal; and **Everett Helvie '28** and **Camila Luna '27**, who achieved Honorable Merit.

Over 100,000 students from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and 20 other countries—including Australia, Belgium, Belize, Canada, China, Greece, Italy, Japan, Korea, New Zealand, Singapore, Switzerland, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom—participated in these exams.

The exams featured a rigorous assessment of various levels of Latin, including Advanced Latin Prose and Advanced Latin



Poetry. Each exam included 40 questions covering grammar, comprehension, mythology, derivatives, literature, Roman life, history, geography, oral Latin, and the relevance of Latin in the modern world.

2024 Maine Class C State Champions:

On November 23, 2024, the Fryeburg Academy Raiders defeated the Hermon Hawks 28–0 to capture the Class C State Football Championship—our first state title since 1965!

The team was made up of an amazing group of student-athletes. The overwhelming outpouring of enthusiasm, support, and connection from our student body, alumni, and friends made this achievement even more special. It was a powerful display of Raider spirit—bridging generations and uniting our community.

Athletic Director, John Gordon '80, could not be more proud of the team and coaches, *“For those associated with the program and the Academy, the 2024 football season offered a treasure trove of moments, memories, and relationships. In the truest sense of team play, contributions and impact came from players up and down the roster. It was exciting to watch the mid-August and early season discovery process of trying to figure out who fit best and where, while evolving into a championship team that dominated playoff opponents by a combined 114-0 through the postseason. None of it was random. The team chemistry, energy, and devotion to one another was inspiring and nurtured by our veteran coaching staff. That’s championship behavior! We’ll be sharing stories about the '24 Raiders for years to come!”*



Fryeburg Raiders

Congratulations to our senior players: Aron Gadolla, Jagger Helwig, Freddie Francis, Michael Malia, Biel Saavedra, Daniel Ruiz, Ricardo Schulz, Malik Sow, Nolan Harriman, Luke Staires, Holden Edenbach, Anton Kravchuk, Geza LaBancz, and Dusan Grbin.

Our juniors: Ty Boone, Peter Bruno, Gabriel Souza, Aiden Fournier, Merrick Iacozili, Camden Blake, Zane Tully, and Rylan McBride.

Our sophomores: Conner Keaten, Tristan Knudsen, Robbie Hazlewood, Miguel Castillo, Benny Arnason, William Campbell, Javier Diez, Alonso Navarro, Sam Lively, Anthony Bond, Kayden Akinbode, Eddie Yin, and Charlie Scott.

Our freshmen: Jake Manno, Gunnar Johnson, Silas Sanborn, James Doherty, Brannock Gagnon, Griffin Harriman, Jameson Witchley, John Callen, Rutger Daigle, Brady Chalmers, and Emilio Rojas, mgr.

Head Coach David Turner '88 led the team alongside assistant coaches Dave Jones, Brian Turner '90, Gio Defazio '11, and Bob Pulito. David Turner was named Coach of the Year by the Campbell Conference and Class C Coach of the Year by the Maine Football Coaches Association. Dave Jones was named Assistant Coach of the Year by the Campbell Conference.





FA Sports Photo Gallery

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



Lexie Gagnon '27



Merrick Iacozili '26



Ricardo Schulz Queiroz '25



Avery Barriteau '27 runs the relay while teammates Eden True '26 and Reagan Wilson '28 cheer her on.



Addison Valente '28 with a three-point shot against Cape Elizabeth.



Hugo Cantalejo Delgado '25 blocks a layup during a game against Lake Region.



Oren Monteith '27



Serena Di Nucci '27



Geza Lebcz '25 captured the state title in the Maine Class B 285 weight class.



Elsie Mageles '28 takes a shot during one of our home unified basketball games.



Hugo Cantalejo Delgado '25, Bundo Bundovski '25, Phoebe Sartory '25, and Jagger Helwig '25 were selected for the Senior All Star Game.



Alex Allain '26 delivers a strike.



Presli Knapp '28 on the mound with Caelin McIver '27 at first base.

FALL & WINTER SPORTS AWARDS

Congratulations to the following student athletes recognized for their dedication and outstanding performances during the Fall 2024 athletic season.

ALL ACADEMIC (Seniors with a GPA of 3.2 or higher)

AJ Navarro (boys soccer), Russell Cabonaro (boys soccer), Aidan Clement (boys soccer), Gabe Grace (boys soccer), Carter Welton (boys soccer), Mia Astraukas (cross country), Mirabelle Knowles (cross country), James Lougee (cross country), Owen Reinbach (cross country), Bri'Anna Evans (field hockey), Dakota Fox (field hockey), Greta Hermanson (field hockey), Hazel Lewis (field hockey), Haley Littlefield (field hockey), Gwen McDougall (field hockey), Catie Nippins (field hockey), Jocelyn Roy (field hockey), Rayna Wales (field hockey), Holden Edenbach (football), Freddie Francis (football), Nolan Harriman (football), Jagger Helwig (football), Michael Malia (football) Malik Sow (football), Luke Staires (football), Grace Audette (girls soccer), Juliana Pacini (girls soccer), Phoebe Sartory (girls soccer), Sarah Shackford (girls soccer), Sam Day (golf), Quin Dickey (golf), Quinn Hagerty (golf)

ALL CONFERENCE

Field Hockey:

Haley Littlefield / First Team All-Conference
Jocelyn Roy / First Team All-Conference
Elise Dunn / Second Team All-Conference
Addison Valenti / Honorable Mention

Golf:

Alex Allain / First Team All-Conference
Kyle Infinger / First Team All-Conference

Boys Soccer:

Andre DiMolfetta / First Team All-Conference
Aidan Clement / Honorable Mention
Gabe Grace / Honorable Mention
Carter Welton / Honorable Mention

Girls Soccer:

Sally Baptista / Second Team All-Conference

Cross Country Running:

Reagan Wilson / Second Team All-Conference

Football:

Daniel Ruiz: Player of the Year / First Team All-Conference
Holden Edenbach / First Team Offensive Line All-Conference
Anton Kravchuck / First Team Offensive and Defensive Line
Ricardo Schulz / First Team Special Teams All-Conference
Jagger Helwig / First Team-Defensive Back All-Conference
Ty Boone / First Team Defensive Backs All-Conference
Malik Sow / First Team-Linebacker All-Conference
Michael Malia / First Team Linebacker All-Conference
Geza Labancz / First Team Defensive Line All-Conference
Aron Gadolla / Second Team All-Conference
Freddie Francis / Second Team All-Conference

3 STAR JACKETS

AJ Ayala, Greta Hermanson, Anton Kravchuk, Alex Allain, Sophia Brown, Myles Coleman, Andre DiMolfetta, Rylan McBride, Rich Massey, Kaelen Moser, Cameron Chappell, Abe Grace, Oren Monteuth

RAIDER AWARDS

Kyle Infinger, Sam Day, Mia Astraukas, Trixie Lougee, Miles Davidson, Myles Coleman, Haley Littlefield, Jocelyn Roy, Delaney Forrest, Juliana Pacini, Aidan Clement, Gabe Grace, Michael Malia, Holden Edenbach

Congratulations to the following student athletes recognized for their dedication and outstanding performances during the Winter 2025 athletic season.

ALL ACADEMIC (Seniors with a GPA of 3.2 or higher)

AJ Navarro (boys basketball), Bojan Bundovski (boys basketball), Hugo Delgado (boys basketball), Jagger Helwig (boys basketball), Matthew Kim (boys basketball), Michael Malia (boys basketball), Jocelyn Roy (mgr. boys basketball), Rosalyn Lounsbury (girls basketball), Phoebe Sartory (girls basketball), Emma Carbone (indoor track and field), Aidan Clement (indoor track and field), Freddie Francis (indoor track and field), Lillian Hicks (indoor track and field), Hazel Lewis (indoor track and field), James Lougee (indoor track and field), Ricardo Schulz (indoor track and field), Haruki Takagi (indoor track and field), Geza Labancz (wrestling), Sandro Luck (wrestling), Adrian Luck (wrestling), Callum Preston (wrestling), Owen Reinbach (Nordic skiing), Tommaso Baccarini (alpine skiing), Daniele Canzi (alpine skiing), Russell Carbonaro (alpine skiing), Lorenzo Dubbioso (alpine skiing), Holden Edenbach (alpine skiing), Reid Irwin (alpine skiing), Mirabelle Knowles (alpine skiing), Juliana Pacini (alpine skiing), and Chandler Thorne (alpine skiing).

ALL CONFERENCE

MWV Ski Team:

McKenna Lennon/All-State Team

Alpine:

Merrick Iacozili/ All-Conference Team

Girls Ice Hockey:

Carlin Galligan/All-Conference Team-South
Azalea Grant/All-State Team

Nordic:

Will McDonnell/All-Conference Team
Owen Reinbach/All-Conference Team
Oren Montieth/All-Conference Team

Boys Basketball:

Hugo Delgado/ Second Team All-Defensive Team
Jagger Helwig/ Third Team All-Conference
Bojan Bundovski/ Third Team All-Conference

Indoor Track and Field:

Haruki Takagi/ First Team 55M and 200M Senior Division
Avery Bariteau/ First Team 200M Junior Division
Freddie Francis/ Second Team 55M Senior Division
Ty Boone/ First Team High Jump
Matthew Bariteau/ First Team 400M Junior Division

Wrestling:

Geza Labancz/All-State Team
Clinton Trussell/All-State Team
Adrian Luck/All-State Team

3 STAR JACKETS

Preston Field, Cheyenne Fox, Lily Hicks, Callum Preston, Lily Bryan, Brady Chappell, Izaiah Chisolm, Seth Hunter, Annabell Bachman, Avery Bariteau, Sofie Bondarev, Cody Davis, Lexie Gagnon, Azalea Grant, and Matthew Mitchell

RAIDER AWARDS

Chandler Thorne, Miles Davidson, Mirabelle Knowles, Oona Davidson Pullan, Hugo Delgado, Jagger Helwig, Phoebe Sartory, Rosalyn Lounsbury, Jokubas Mostavicius, Seamus Coleman, Haruki Takagi, Matthew Bariteau, Avery Bariteau, Enna Carbone, Will McDonnell, Oren Monteith, Gabe Smith, Geza Labancz, Damian Laughton, Krista Mercier, McKenna Lennon, Tucker Barnaby, Mia Astrauskas, and Liam Cummings

Jagger Helwig: *Leading By Example*

CHARLIE TRYDER

Jagger Helwig moved to Fryeburg from Bridgton as a child before starting school, and the Fryeburg Academy Raiders have reaped the benefits of this move the last four years. Helwig has played football, basketball, and baseball at FA, but his athletic journey started younger, “I’ve been playing all three sports my whole life. Sports have always been a big part of who I am, and I’ve enjoyed every one of them throughout the years.”

One of Jagger’s most valued memories from high school is this year’s football state championship in football. Of course, as it would be for any Raider football player with a sense of history, knocking off Leavitt in the regional finals holds a special place in Jagger’s memory as well. Raider football coach David Turner attributes much of Helwig’s success on the football field to his speed and athleticism, but he explained that Jagger contributed to the Raiders’ state championship march in other ways as well, “He grew into a leader his senior year. He was our best defensive back. He’s the player that made the majority of the calls and got us into the right coverage based on formation and team we were playing. He is a really intelligent football player.”

Recognized by coaches around the league for his athleticism and heady play, Jaegger earned a second team All Campbell Conference selection last year and first team selection this year as a senior. While Turner recounted these individual accolades, as a coach he valued that Helwig’s focus was always on the team more than the personal recognition, “He is always selfless, a hard worker, and he didn’t care about himself. It was always about how we performed as a team.”

Another highlight of Jagger’s athletic career is a quarterfinal playoff loss in basketball his junior year. Although the loss stung, on this night Jagger sank eight three-point shots, a Southern Maine Class A playoff record. Raider basketball coach Daniel Thomas commented on Helwig’s shooting prowess, “He is one of the best shooters, if not the best, I’ve coached in my four years at Fryeburg. He led us in made three pointers the past two seasons and this season he shot over 40% from the three. It felt like whenever we needed a big shot, the ball would find Jagger.”

Although he led the Raiders in scoring his junior and senior years, Helwig is not just a shooter. Far from it. He is known equally for his tenacious defense. Coach Thomas discussed his intensity and commitment to both ends of the floor, “He played incredibly hard no matter the score, communicated on defense



and always put the team first before himself. On the defensive end, he would have to guard the other team’s best guard on most nights and what is great about Jagger is when he got switched onto a big, it never hurt us because he was strong and quick enough to hold his own and usually ended up getting a steal. He was second on our team in steals two years in a row. He really has a nose for the ball.”

Like Turner, Thomas appreciated Jagger’s leadership, “His senior year he was voted team captain by his teammates. He was never the most vocal captain, but he was an incredible leader for us. He led by example. The way he competed each day and spoke with his teammates is exactly how you wanted a captain to. We had frustrating points in the season like most teams do, but Jaegger would not allow us to keep our heads down and did a wonderful job looking forward and not being stuck in the past. From the very beginning, Jagger was someone who bought into everything Fryeburg basketball stands for.”

Thomas explained what a big hole Helwig’s departure this year will leave on the team, “We are going to miss Jagger greatly in this program and what he brought to this program both on and off the court. He is someone who gave his all every night and he left an impressive mark on this program. I am most proud of the fact he left this program better than he found it and he showed the younger guys in the program how to be a leader.”

In this day of specialization in athletics, Jagger is an old school three sport athlete. His achievements on the baseball field the last two years led to him being selected as a captain for baseball this spring. Coach Greg Allain explains his impact on the baseball program, and once again it is Helwig’s leadership that is appreciated, “Jagger has been part of the baseball program for four years. He has been a varsity player since his sophomore year. Jagger brings

energy, competitiveness, and leadership to the team. He is one of our captains this season, which was voted by the players at the end of last season. Jagger leads by example. He’s not extremely vocal, however when other players or the whole team needs to hear from him, he speaks up. He’ll be a great captain for the 2025 team.”

Coach Allain anticipates that Jagger will hit near the top of the lineup and play outfield. Known for covering a lot of territory, he is a natural center fielder. He also will throw some innings as a relief pitcher.

While his love of the three sports he plays is clear, like most strong athletes, Helwig thrives on more than the games. For Jagger, the sense of community gained from being a part of a team brings meaning. He explains, “I’ve enjoyed the friendships I’ve made, the school events, and just the overall experience of being part of the FA community. The memories of competing, celebrating wins, and sharing moments with teammates and classmates are what stand out the most. The feeling of working hard together toward a common goal, pushing myself to improve, and experiencing those big game moments is something I love.

Winning is always great, but the memories and relationships made along the way are what make it truly special.”

Next year Helwig will go to college to study business management. He is not sure where that will lead him yet, as he is still deciding the best path and options available to him. While the details will be filled in as the future unfolds, it is clear that the hard work, team focus, and his consistently conscientious approach to life will serve him well.

Helwig is a walking advertisement for the value of athletics to the overall student life experience at Fryeburg Academy. He is a role model for young students and athletes entering the Academy, so when he takes the time to make suggestions for how to approach student life at FA, his words should be heeded. “My advice to underclassmen is to enjoy every moment because high school goes by fast. Getting involved in sports, clubs, or anything that interests you it’s the best way to make friends and create great memories. Don’t be afraid to step out of your comfort zone, work hard in everything you do, and always be coachable and willing to learn. Most importantly, have fun and make the most of your time at FA.”

Grace Audette: *Embodying A Name*

CHARLIE TRYDER

According to Fryeburg Academy soccer coach Dave Hart, Grace Audette embodies her name. While Hart acknowledges that it may sound strange, he believes that Grace lives her life gracefully. And if grace is “to do honor by one’s presence” and a “refinement of movement,” Hart believes that Audette’s soccer play further reveals the grace that characterizes her. While describing Audette’s soccer play, Hart continues his explanation, “Her movements with the ball are thoughtful, precise, graceful and purposeful. They call soccer the beautiful game. Part of the reason is because of the way players artfully and creatively move with the ball at their feet. It is like watching a dancer in a ballet. Grace played this way.”

While coaches, fans, and even opponents admire the grace in Audette’s game, make no mistake—she competes fiercely. According to Hart, “Opponents rarely could handle her power and speed of movement. She is a very tough competitor and was willing to do the hard work for her teammates. She battled in every game. Her level of competitiveness during training was a great example of our standards we set in our program.”



Hart also admires that Grace made the team better through her leadership, intelligence, and respect for others. He offers the following assessment of Audette as a teammate, “While Grace is not the most boisterous player, she would always offer her ideas. Her comments were always meaningful, constructive and

“One thing I love about athletics at FA ...I know that these friendships are going to last my whole life.”

powerful. You could see her high level of game intelligence and her elegance in sharing her perspective to the situation. Grace for sure honored our program by her presence and elevated our team and her teammates. She is a super student athlete and more importantly, a super person.”

Audette grew up in Cambridge, Massachusetts, but moved to North Conway, New Hampshire, during the summer before her sophomore year. Grace wanted to make the move for a number of reasons, but primarily she wanted more ski racing opportunities. On skis at two years old and racing by the age of eight, Grace wanted to pursue skiing at a higher level while continuing a rigorous academic program. By enrolling at Fryeburg Academy, Grace was able to ski with the Mt. Washington Valley Ski Team and create a full time program that allowed her to balance her athletic and academic pursuits.

Grace feels that her most treasured highlights at Fryeburg Academy are the experiences and opportunities she gained through the Mount Washington Valley Ski Team. A team trip to Austria allowed her to see a beautiful part of the world while skiing next to incredibly accomplished European skiers. The ski opportunities made the FA experience perfect for her, “The FIS level that I’ve gotten to ski at because of the school has been a highlight. Our FIS Downhill Race Series at Sugarloaf was like no other and I’m so grateful to have been able to ski at this level because of Fryeburg.”

Kayla Morin, Grace’s ski coach, talked about the family atmosphere of the Mount Washington Valley FIS team, and she noted that Grace contributed to the culture with her support of her teammates, her willingness to help the coaches pull the course, roll the net, and carry equipment - whatever was needed. Morin also noted that Audette was never afraid to put in the reps needed to improve her body position and tactics while attacking courses. Morin explains that the challenge of a demanding travel and race schedule for FIS racers is often overwhelming, but Grace handled it—well—gracefully—and with humor. According to Morin, “She made van rides fun with lots of laughs and “frisky” inside jokes and one-liners.”

While Grace started skiing at two and playing soccer as a young girl, after arriving at FA, she decided to pick up a spring sport—lacrosse. Showing she is not afraid of new challenges, she explains what drew her to the sport, “Lacrosse is a newer sport for me. I began playing it at Fryeburg because it seemed like a super enjoyable sport. I have always loved both soccer and skiing. I have always spent every winter skiing and every other season on some sort of soccer team.”

This spring will mark Grace’s third season of lacrosse and Coach Mackenzi Krol is excited for the season, “I’ve coached Grace for the last two seasons and am looking forward to her senior year. She has become an adaptable player who steps up to fill the gaps that the team needs.”

Krol appreciates that Audette is a committed learner. She believes that Grace’s receptiveness to feedback matches that of any athlete that she has coached and has led to dramatic improvements in her game. Krol explained that Grace brings a fierce drive to

practices and games, but that she combines it with humor and mature leadership, “While intensely focused during drills or games, she is also quick to laugh and brings a kind, supportive passion to the game that is an example to her teammates and younger players.

Admiration is clear when Grace’s coaches talk about her contributions to their programs. It is equally obvious that this admiration is reciprocal when Grace talks about the influence her coaches have had on her, “All of my Coaches at Fryeburg have had a massive influence on me. My soccer coach, Coach Hart, helped me gain confidence in a sport that I had previously doubted myself in. All of my Ski Coaches, Leanne Smith, Dave Gregory, Andy Ganon, Kayla Morin, Richie Scanlon and many more have motivated me, constantly pushed me and helped me reach the level that I am at today. They have led with a high level of experience in the sport, and have been huge role models for me. My lacrosse Coach, Coach Krol, has helped me learn to love lacrosse and has made a sport which was I was never the best at, a super fun and enjoyable experience.”

Grace’s admiration for her teammates as well is apparent when she discusses what draws her to sports, “I love athletics for multiple reasons. I love the competition that comes with athletics. One thing I love in particular about athletics at FA is the friendships and teammates it has given me. Your teammates are so important, you spend so much time with them and rely on them throughout the season. I know that these friendships are going to last my whole life.”

As Grace’s senior year winds down, thoughts of next year are starting to run through her mind. She has committed to Saint Lawrence University and plans to study business, but at this time she has no career plans. The future is wide open, and with the foundation of a strong work ethic, a desire to constantly learn and improve, and highly developed people skills, the world will likely unfold gracefully for her.

It is always a joy to watch contributors to the Fryeburg Academy student life program graduate, but when they leave, their leadership is missed. Grace will be missed, but her impact on the student life program will continue, especially if underclassmen listen to her message to them, “My advice is to try something new. If you’ve never played a sport before, or if you want to switch sports, don’t be scared to make that change. Joining lacrosse my freshman year at Fryeburg was a new experience for me and now I’m a senior and I still play and love the sport.”



The All-School Musical, *Amélie*, was a big hit—featuring over 60 student actors, musicians, and crew who brought the show to life. Congratulations to all involved!

The Year in Music

LILIA VISHNYAKOV '26

The FA Music Program has had a year of tremendous growth and success. The year began with welcoming new Choral Director Daniel Kaschub, who stepped up not only to lead all of FA's vocal ensembles and contribute to the band, but to assistant direct the musical *Amélie* alongside director Emmy Holden '08. Auditions were held in September, and the tireless work of the actors, musicians, and directors served as a preview of the great things that were to come as the year progressed. Fryeburg Fair Performances, All State Jazz auditions, and the Candlelight concert were all notable accomplishments that also took place during the first semester.

As the second semester arrived, students began preparing for a number of jazz festivals. Six FA musicians were selected by audition to rehearse and perform at the Maine All State Jazz Festival in Camden, Maine. Back at FA, the Big Band, three jazz combos, and FA Vocal Jazz all excitedly began rehearsals in preparation for the district and state jazz festivals. Under the direction of Arts Department Chair Michael Sakash, Big Band made considerable progress during this time, as the ensemble incorporated a distinct mix of developing and veteran instrumentalists. A performance at Portland's One Longfellow Square alongside the Portland Jazz Orchestra showcased this progress and was an immersive and educational experience. All of FA's jazz ensembles found great success at the Maine State Jazz Festivals, with the Big Band winning Gold, Combos gold and silver, and FA Vocal Jazz silver, as well as a number of individual outstanding musicianship awards all around.



FA musicians found comparable fulfillment at the annual Spring Concert in the beginning of April. The chorus performed a diverse and well prepared repertoire featuring a number of talented soloists, and FA welcomed the Valley Strings, a community orchestral chamber music ensemble that included a handful FA faculty and students. The band and Valley Strings came together to play two excerpts of music from the movie “How to Train Your Dragon” which was an impressive and collaborative project as professional level orchestra scores were rearranged for concert band instrumentation by Michael Sakash and Daniel Kaschub, and scenes were edited to include only dialogue and sound effects and be synchronized with the performance by Michael Dana, David Sartory, and Ethan Swayze '17.

In the coming months, FA musicians look forward to the District Two Honors Jazz Festival, FA Jazz Night, and the Memorial Day Parade. This has been a gratifying and memorable

year, and as it comes to a close FA musicians are deeply fulfilled in being able to say that it would not have been possible without the enthusiasm, patience, and dedication of all those who contribute to the Fryeburg Academy Music Program.

Lilia Vishnyakov is a junior at Fryeburg Academy from Fryeburg, ME, and is a member of the band, jazz combo, big band, clarinet quintet, and pit orchestra (for both FA productions and Arts In Motions productions). She also writes for The Raider Report, FA's student-run newspaper.

Zoe Daigle '25

Finding Her Voice at FA

DAWN GALE '81 DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT & ALUMNI RELATIONS

What inspired your interest in music, and how has your musical journey evolved at Fryeburg Academy?

According to my parents, my musical journey started before I could walk. They've always told me I was singing from the moment I could make sound, long before I could even speak. For the greater chunk of my life, music was quite intimately my own: I mostly sang to myself (and my audience of stuffed animals) within the walls of my bedroom. That all changed with the start of my freshman year, however, when I was able to uncover the joys of performance. Fryeburg Academy has fostered my love for music by giving way for the boundless expansion of my passions, and I will always be grateful for that. Had Ms. Dutelle and Mr. Sakash not given me the spaces and opportunities to challenge myself as a musician and performer, I truly believe I never would have realized just how fulfilling music can be.

Can you describe a memorable performance or moment in your FA musical career that has greatly impacted you?

In the very beginning of my freshman year, I was sitting outside the music building playing guitar when Ms. Dutelle approached me. She sat down next to me and asked if I wanted to understudy Rosie in the musical that year, *Mamma Mia*. Of course, I graciously accepted and was bursting with excitement, though I still could never have predicted the growth and joy that would stem from that single moment. I remember being so scared as rehearsals started and worried that I would disappoint those around me, but the environment of the FA music program proved, immediately, to be full of warmth and acceptance. It was the first musical I'd ever been a part of, but so far from the last. After that show, I've pretty much never stopped performing and reaching for every kind of musical activity I can get my hands on. Since that moment outside the music building, I always saw Ms. Dutelle as a mentor, role model, and the person who first welcomed me into an entirely new world of music.

How has Fryeburg Academy's music program and faculty influenced your growth as a musician?

I feel as though my growth as a musician began at Fryeburg Academy. All of my most memorable experiences have stemmed from the music program and the wonderful teachers who run it. Ms. Dutelle, for starters, always pushed me to embrace challenges and discomfort even when it felt too overwhelming.



Zoe and the jazz combo earned gold at the Maine State Jazz Festival!

She always was available to help me learn music that I struggled to read, portray characters on stage that were opposite to my identity, and so so so much more. Since Ms. Dutelle left the Academy, Mr. Kaschub has stepped into her shoes. Mr. Kaschub is consistently positive and open to student's visions for musical pieces, which has allowed for lots of creative growth. Mr. Sakash is more intimidating at first, but he wants the best for every musician that goes through the program. Often, I have been pushed past what I thought I was capable of under Mr. Sakash's guidance. A common conversation during combo rehearsals goes like this:

"Do you want to solo on this?"

"No..."

"Okay, so Zoe will solo on this."

My musician teachers have never allowed me to quit on anything, and that is why my confidence and ability have continued to grow.

Emily Holden '08

From Student to Director / Inspiring the Next Generation



This fall, I had the honor of directing and choreographing Fryeburg Academy's all-school musical, *Amélie*. It was the tenth musical I was involved in at the Academy. I could not be prouder of the students for all of their hard work. Currently, I am enjoying directing the spring play, *The 39 Steps*. I have been

the FA's dance club advisor for two years and teach a dance enrichment course. The arts at Fryeburg Academy mean more to me than I can effectively put into words. I care deeply about these programs and am working to support them by collaboratively building them up and cultivating inspired growth. I want to encourage students to project their voices beyond the measures on the page.

During my time as a student at FA, I really loved studying music theory, French, English, and history. I took AP Music Theory, AP French, AP U.S. History, and AP European History while at FA. The most important highlights for me were the friendships I made. I had the opportunity to be involved in so many activities while at FA and meet and work with so many incredible people from all over the world. I will always cherish those friendships.

I had a successful musical and acting career while I was a student participating in vocal jazz and rock band for all four

years. Additionally, I was involved in the chorus and played bass clarinet in the school band, occasionally joining on keys during rock band performances. I had the pleasure of playing Annie in *Annie*, Rosemary in *How to Succeed*, Fastrada in *Pippin*, and Sonia in *Godspell*. I also took part in our class one-act plays. One of my favorite aspects of being involved in the musicals was the opportunity to choreograph.

After graduation, I attended the University of Southern Maine (USM) for two years, where I was able to explore theatre, musical theatre, and music theory in greater depth. During my time at USM, I had the privilege of playing several roles, including Frogette in *A New Brain*, Jill in Jane Martin's *Jack and Jill*, Anna in *The Baltimore Waltz*, and Babe in *The Pajama Game*. Additionally, I had the opportunity to choreograph productions while at USM. I later transferred to Montclair State University, where I earned my Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA) in Musical Theatre. While at MSU, I enjoyed playing Bebe in *A Chorus Line* and performed in *Sweeney Todd* and *Carousel*.

I also directed and choreographed Lake Region High School's recent production of *Little Shop of Horrors*. I am entering my second summer season of choreographing for the Lake Region Community Theatre, and help run and support various summer arts programs in the Mount Washington Valley (MWV) and the Lakes Region. I currently teach dance and choreograph at the Jeanne Limmer Dance Center, and I am in the process of writing several projects that I am excited to direct in the near future.

In recent years, I have performed with AlphaNYC at the Times Square Arts Center, completed print work for Google, and participated in commercial projects for Dupixent, Kia Sorento, and Harris Teeter. I also played the role of Catrin in Third Lows Productions' feature film, *Blood Daughter*, directed by Bryan Enk. I have enjoyed collaborating with J.D. Raines on several film projects, including *The Dark*, *Until The End*, *All And Again*, and *Another Christmas—Song Cycle*. I look forward to future collaborations.

What are your future goals in music, and how do you see it playing a role in your life after high school?

Do you have plans set for next year?

Music will be a part of my life no matter where I end up—that is absolutely certain. As of now, I am headed to Emmanuel College in Boston to major in literature to pursue my other passion for writing, and I will minor in musical theater. It's been a tough internal battle, deciding what to study in college, but I feel that the skills and experiences that I've gained at FA will follow me through the rest of my life and that there is always a place for me to be a musician. I plan to continue studying theater and jazz throughout my life, even if I do not find a career in it. To me, one of the greatest things about music is that I can find it literally everywhere and I can always enjoy its presence no matter what role it plays in my life.

Beyond music, what are some other interests or activities that shape who you are as a student and person?

Apart from music, literature is my other great passion. My biggest hope is that my career will revolve around writing or analyzing other people's writings. I love to read and incorporate different styles into my creative writing- it feels to me like a never-ending conversation with the greatest writers of past ages. Academic growth is also something that I am passionate about. I truly enjoy going to school each day and I'm extremely excited to further my education in college.

Alumni Gatherings



Thatcher Stefano, Nicole Pelkie Stefano '08, Joe Stefano '08, Reilly Shea Prox '08, Callahan Stefano, and Derek Prox '08



Chicky Bresette Deschambeault '80, Shelley Osgood Walker '82, and Jodie Barton Hesslein '83 gathered at the Pleasant Mountain alumni ski event.



Hannes Schneider '15, Betsy Marsh Schneider '86, and Annabel Nash '86



Alex Morrow, Emily Atwood '09, and Christina DiPietro '13



Lakyn Osgood Ela '12 and Stephanie Mowry '12



Vicky Chandler '81, Dawn Gale '81, Rachel Charles Kuvaja '60, and Melanie Ridlon Eldracher '81



Sulo Burbank '14, Billy Rascoe '14, Jake Thurston '13, Kyle Bonner '13, Tyler Nadeau '12, Bobby Ramsay '12, and David McLaughlin '14 celebrate at the Class C regional final football game.



Dana Charles '83, Rich Goff '81, Nathan Goff '82, Carlos Hernandez '82, and Chris DeCesare '83 also met up to cheer on the Raiders!



Corey Beaton '10 and Mohammed "Boss" Islam '13 reconnected at the NYC event at Fraunces Tavern.



Christina DiPietro '13, Angela West '06, Mary Rhymer '10, Joel Rhymer, Hunter Lyons '13, Mohammed "Boss" Islam '13, and Joe Manning enjoyed catching up in NYC.



Hunter Lyons '13, Harrison Corthell '14, Camelia Ghadfa '19, and Mary Rhymer '10 in NYC.



Ronald Briggs '74 and Skip Cadigan '74 caught up during the Pleasant Mountain event.



Head of School Joe Manning addresses guests at the Founder's Day Brunch in February.



Jessica Russell Battoni '81, Brett Russell '56, and Kristen Russell McDermott '83



Roger ('62) and Carol Roberts with Barry ('62) and Kathy Stevens Woodbrey '63 enjoyed the celebration.

Alumni Basketball Players Return to the Hardwood!



The annual Alumni vs. Varsity Basketball games were hard-fought matchups, with the alumni teams coming out on top! The games are held each year in March and are always a good time, filled with great energy. Players of all ages and abilities are welcome to jump in and participate—because when it comes to these contests, the more, the merrier... and the deeper the bench!

For more information email: kmontague@fryeburgacademy.org

Back row (l to r) Olivia Boivin Osgood '09, Amber Lagasse '15, Coreen Hennessy Eccleston '08, Kayrin Johnson '21, Alexa Maddocks '14, Kristen Hurd Stacy '07, Keri Apt Montague '00, and Hillary Stacy Allocco '99, Front row (l to r) Addison Valente '28, Bryleigh Gerry '28, KP Forrest '28, Presli Knapp '28, and Seraphina Carbonaro '28.



Back row (l to r) Kyden Moore '27, Vovo Leontiev '26, Will Hallam '23, Bobby Hallam '22, Boone Douglass '24, Joey DeRemer '14, Brighton Tremblay '13, Baraka Decesere '24, Hugo Cantealejo Delgado '25, Nolan Harper '28, AJ Ayala Navarro '25, Front row (l to r) Robbie Hazlewood '27, Aleks Todorovic '26, Bryce Richardson '23, JJ Piper '23, Kade Johnson '20, Cam Johnson '23, Ben Darling '16, Michael Malia '25, Kyle Infinger '28, and Matthew Kim '25.

1960s

ELAINE NEWCOMB PLACZEK '65 "In May 2024, we enjoyed a family reunion at my son Andrew's house; 30 of us enjoyed catching up, and some met my son Geoff for the first time! In other news, we will welcome our second great-grandchild in April, a boy—our first great will be three years old in May! I would love to hear from anyone I went to FA with!"

ROSEMARY BOOTHBY RANKIN '66

"My daughter Angie and I recently rode on the Downeaster to Boston to attend the pairs free skate at the World Figure Skating Championships. She and I also attended the World Figure Skating Championships when they first came to Boston in 2016. I am so grateful to have enjoyed this with her twice in my life when I thought it would be a once-in-a-lifetime event!"

DAVID HASTINGS '68 In November 2024, the Hastings Law Office in Fryeburg recognized and celebrated David as he began his 50th year practicing law. In 2022, the Hastings Law Office celebrated its 175th anniversary. In addition to practicing law for 50 years, Dave served the state of Maine as a state senator from 2004 to 2012, when he was termed out. He has also been involved with the Fryeburg Fair since 1976 and has been president since 2021.

1970s

GARY FOOTE '70 "I am retired and living in Tamworth, NH, with my lovely wife of



The Turner family celebrated the Class C South Regional Title win in Fryeburg. (l to r) Meghan Schneider, Avery Turner '28, Chris Turner '85, Cheryl Turner Schneider '84, head coach David Turner '88, Geraldine Turner, and assistant coach Brian Turner '90.

40 years, CJ. We are homebodies, yet we do get out a lot, walking and hiking the easier trails. Steep trails are too challenging. I still sing and play guitar and keyboards. We wrote and produced a seven-song CD of Christian songs that can be found online at <https://www.reverbnation.com/garykfoote>. We recorded it in our home studio and put it online in 2010. Listening to it 15 years later makes it obvious that we rushed it out. Today, we would develop the lyrics and music more completely. They seem too simple to be radio-ready, but there they are, proudly pointing to God. Give them a listen if you're interested. Despite their rushed development, I still like them a lot. Hope to see you all at a future reunion weekend. I haven't been since our 20th! Imagine that!"

CAROL SMITH MACK '72 "I have finally become a great-grandmother!! My oldest son's daughter, Emma, blessed us all on December 16, with Camden Matthew Angotti arriving

15 days early. I have never been happier! Next is Derrick's, Jenna, due in a few weeks with her little boy, Everett Thomas Adams. My cup runneth over. I am one blessed Gramma!"

JOLENE BARKER '75 "I work at Harvest Hills Thrift Shop and love living in Sweden on five acres with a dog and cat, enjoying retirement. I'm healthy and love traveling."

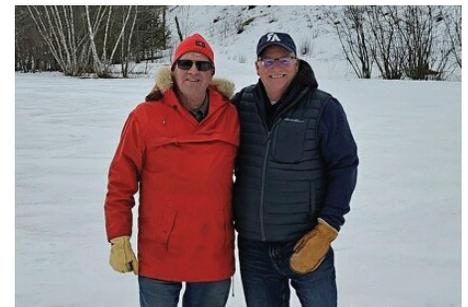
ROBERT KENERSON '75 "After working for 25 years as director of a transportation, planning organization in the Bangor area, I found out that I had a rare form of stage 4 lymphoma. After countless trips to Dana Farber in Boston over the last four years for unsuccessful chemo treatments and a stem cell transplant, I was put in a clinical trial. The trial seems to be working since I have no detectable cancer now. I have been slowly rebuilding my immunity, and I seem to be gaining each week. I wrote updates from the beginning of my cancer journey on a website called "Caring Bridge," and I have had



Rachael Placzek Puza, Andrew Placzek, and Geoffrey Hill (children of Elaine Newcomb Placzek '65).



Gary Foote '70 and his wife CJ.



Don Hill '77 and Mike Hill '79 recreated the "crust walk" across the Intervale—a trip their father Ronald Hill '49 and their uncle Dick Hill '49 would take to get from Weston's cottage to the Academy back in the 1940s.



23,000 visits. My wife Kathi and I have three married sons and 14 grandchildren, all of whom live within a mile of us. We are blessed and have tons of fun. I look forward to seeing classmates at our 50th this summer."

DALE NELSON '75 "We settled down in Lovell, ME, in the log home we built after college and getting married. We have two children, **Molly '00** and **Matthew '02**, and one adopted grandson, Parker Nelson Fong. After 41 years of working actively in the auto service industry, I semi-retired in 2018 but have been working remotely part-time since. This leaves time for Kitty (my wife of 47 years), a retired nurse, and me to enjoy our favorite activities like traveling, hiking, and candlepin bowling. I'm looking forward to seeing my classmates from '75 at the reunion this summer."

LAWRENCE PENNINGTON '75 "I was a Fryeburg Public School Counselor for 27 years and an instructor in higher education for 36 years online and in person. I was named instructor of the year at Penn State Altoona College and earned a doctorate in Counseling Education/Post School Psychology."

RICHARD BEEBE '78 "Well, I've finally joined the leisure class. I retired in mid-October 2024, finishing up a wonderful career that spanned 27 years at Yale University, a couple of years of free-lance consulting, and seven years with BlueCat Networks. The end of 2024 was filled with a trip to Virginia and a Caribbean cruise plus, of course, the holidays. In 2025, I'm involved with a play that runs through March and then will have some more travel. I'm also having fun working on the pickup truck I converted to electric and finally having more time to fly."



Cathy Hilton Rose '80

1980s

KIM DIONNE '80 "Hey all! I survived the polar vortex of early January in central Kentucky. Even by Maine standards, it was a tough 10 days, LOL. Still planning on Reunion in August. Hoping to see everyone there. Hey John Norris, can Roundabout perform in Fryeburg that weekend?? And Jerry Kiesman- you said you're coming! I'm holding you to it. Be great to see EVERYONE!!"

CATHY HILTON ROSE '80 "I've Been living in Florida since 1998, I recently took early retirement and will be traveling as much as I can, visiting family, friends and various parts of the United States."

SHEILA DUANE '82 was recently appointed the executive director of Ridgeline Community, a new development created to serve various housing and senior living needs in the Mount Washington Valley. The community will feature single-family homes, starter homes, 55+ housing and senior care facilities. Sheila is a longtime resident of the Mount Washington Valley, and has an extensive background in real estate, property management and marketing. She also serves on the Academy's Board of Trustees.

MARY WESTON DINUCCI '85 writes, "It's nice to be involved with the school again now as a parent and it is thriving!"

SANDRA EASTMAN NAGER '89 "After 24 years in Alabama, we moved back to New England last June due to a job promotion. My husband works from home two days/week and commutes to Boston the other three days. We are enjoying life in rural Deerfield, NH, renting a farmhouse on 14 acres complete with fields, fruit trees, a pond, and neighboring horses. Our older daughter has transferred to UNH and is pursuing a degree in event/hospitality management. Our younger daughter will start high school in Concord in the fall. She has embraced winter weather and snowboarding. So glad to be back near family, friends, fairs, and Fryeburg!"



Chris Gordon '81, Dave Michelini '85, and John Gordon '80 at the regional wrestling tournament.

1990s

LYNN OSGOOD '94, ERICKA DROST '93, AND MELISSA MATTHEWS '94 had a mini west coast FA reunion during the summer of 2024 on the South Coast Route in Olympic National Park, WA.

2000s

MIKE LANSING '00 In 2004, the University of Maine XC team won its first and only XC title while competing in the America East Conference. Mike was the team's captain and finished 2nd in the championship race, notching (at the time) the 6th fastest time in America East Championship history. On November 17, the members of the 2004 team celebrated the 20th anniversary of their championship win. Team members were recognized during halftime at a University of Maine basketball game and shared the victory one more time. Mike had a successful career at the University of Maine. During his four years competing at the Division 1 level, Mike was a 5-time America East Champion and 2005 AE Distance Runner of the Year. Upon his graduation, he held two school records in the Indoor 3000 and 3000 Steeple. Mike was a nationally ranked steeplechase runner in 2005. He wrote a popular blog highlighting his outdoor season and documenting his path to the Outdoor National Meet.

Mike is happily married to Dr. Amy Hughes Lansing, and together, they have two wonderful little girls, ages six and two. Mike has spent most of his post-collegiate career in education and, for the last 11 years, has been an elementary principal in three different states. Mike and his family currently reside in a suburb south of Burlington, VT.

LAUREN LAPLANTE TRIPP '00 "I am currently completing the third year of my BA in Psychology with a concentration in



Serena Di Nucci '27, Laurie Burnell Weston '63, and Mary Weston Di Nucci '85 at the Fryeburg Fair.

child and adolescent development at SNHU. I have a 3.98 GPA and am part of the Student Engagement Council, President of the Paranormal Research Club, and inducted Member of the NSLS and Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Societies, as well as a member of the New Club Recognition Committee. I will graduate in April 2026 and pursue my Master's in Social Work at USM. I volunteer with the Lovell Rec coaching youth cheerleading and running the drama club. I also provide theater photography locally for the schools in the area, and I have the opportunity to shoot some of the amazing community theater plays!"

LESLIE GIBSON YOUNG '00 "I am a nurse practitioner in Marblehead, MA. I spend my free time painting, knitting/crocheting, taking photographs, and parenting my daughter Gemma (4)."

KATY WRIGHT-MEAD '01 "I am a proud Fryeburg Academy theater nerd from '01 and now an actor and a screenwriter living in Los Angeles. The feature film I co-wrote, 'Sometimes I Think About Dying,' starring Daisy Ridley (of 'Star Wars' fame), had its nationwide theatrical release in 2024 and is now streaming on all major platforms. The movie is an adaptation of the short film of the same title I co-wrote, starred in, and produced in 2018 in Bar Harbor, ME, and it went on to premiere at the Sundance Film Festival and become an Academy Award shortlisted film. Fryeburg Academy's Mr Saunders and his family supported the DIY production by housing our crew and providing an essential location set piece, which appears in the film (available for free on YouTube!). I am forever grateful to the many, many FA teachers who lifted up this awkward artist way back when."

MERIEL LONGLEY '03 was named a Coast 93.1 20 Outstanding Women of 2025. Meriel is a dedicated Firefighter/Paramedic serving Harpswell and Wiscasset, ME, a volunteer firefighter with the Orr's Island Fire Department, and president of the Cundy's

Harbor Fire Department Auxiliary. She has spearheaded numerous public safety initiatives, including implementing a house numbering program to provide reflective, 911-compliant signs—funding the first batch herself to prove its effectiveness. She also launched a marine flare take-back program to reduce fire risks from expired flares.

Passionate about education, Meriel serves on the advisory board for Region-10 vocational school's EMT program and has developed fire safety education for local schools. She created a program allowing high school students to earn college credit through volunteering and job-shadowing with local fire departments. Meriel also co-founded a junior firefighter program, mentors aspiring Firefighters and EMTs, and teaches CPR and continuing education courses.

LEVI LUCY '05 and his wife, Nicole, welcomed Nolan Enos Lucy on December 13, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway. He weighed 8 lbs, 10 oz. Nolan joins his sibling, Arlo Lucy (4).

LYNN CHERRY '08 married Matt Cowan on August 13, 2024 at **Megan Walsh Smith '08** parents' farm in Virginia. "We were fortunate to have so many of our loved ones in attendance, including FA alumni!"

2010s

KATELYN TIBBETTS '10 moved to Center Conway in 2020 and welcomed Eleanor Jewell in February 2022 with her boyfriend, Todd. Todd owns Todd Bryant's Trucking, which moves heavy equipment all around New England. "I work part-time and stay at home with Ellie. We enjoy spending time together outside in the summer and have started a yearly tradition of vacationing at Camp Ellis each year."

MEGHAN BRADLEY '11 received her Masters of Science in Adult and Higher Education in January from the University of Southern Maine.

MIKE FROST '02



I moved to Austin, Texas, in 2005 and got a job at a bar on famous 6th Street to meet people. By 29, I owned my first bar and had opened two more. In 2017, I sold my bars and jumped head-first into real estate. I was nominated for Rookie of the Year in Austin in my first year. I went on to start a team with my best friend and sister, **Kallie Moulton '13**, who has been recognized as a top 25 team member by Austin Business Journal for four years in a row.

In 2022, I became an owner at the brokerage I started in 2017, but last fall, I stepped away and took my team to Compass Real Estate. Real Estate has changed my life and allowed me to live a life I never dreamed of.

I created a charity event called Frosty Gives Back that Kallie and I host every December. Since its creation, we have raised nearly \$550,000 for local youth nonprofits. Giving back is something we are extremely passionate about. In July of 2023, I bought a condo for our mom and moved her to Texas, too. Slowly but surely, I am moving the entire family to Texas (plus FA alum **Doug Wolcott '03**, who I convinced to move down here in 2008). I currently live with my girlfriend, Marissa, and our two dogs. I am still a die-hard New England sports fan and love to host my friends and family from Fryeburg, so hit me up!



FA's Nordic Coach John Weston '93 with niece Serena Di Nucci '27.



Lynn Osgood '94, Ericka Drost '93, and Melissa Matthews '94.



Mike Lansing '00 reconnected with his 2004 University of Maine cross-country team.

**EMILY EASTMAN
KUBICHKO '02**



Emily Eastman Kubichko '02 After high school, I couldn't wait to explore the world beyond Fryeburg. I spent several years bouncing around. But when my husband and I welcomed our first child, Jaxson, in 2007 (he's now Class of 2026!), I realized there's no better place to raise a family than right here in Fryeburg. We moved back, and I started working as a Real Estate Broker's Assistant. Four years later, I took the leap to sell real estate full-time—and I've never looked back.

Now, I'm co-owner of the top real estate company in the area, working with an incredible team of Realtors who truly love what we do. My husband Anthony and I are raising two kids, Jaxson (17) and Layla (13) and our days are full but rewarding. I love traveling, reading, working out, and focusing on personal growth to show up fully for my family, team, and clients. Life has come full circle in the best way, and I'm grateful to call Fryeburg home again. When I'm not engaged in work and the activities I mentioned, I enjoy serving as one of the co-directors of the Sunshine Backpack Food Program. We provide weekend bags of food to over 100 children in the MSAD 72 school district, ensuring they have enough to eat from school lunch on Friday until school breakfast on Monday.



Marie Cherry Rappa '03, Jennifer Smith '08, Matt Cowan, Lynn Cherry '08, Lauren Head '07, Megan Walsh Smith '08, and Heidi Richards '07.

CASSIDY WILSON BRIDEAU '11 and her husband, Ronald, welcomed Hensley Rae Brideau, who was born on February 24, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway. She weighed 7 lbs, 7 oz. Her grandparents are Tammy Wilson of Fryeburg, ME, and **Robert '80** and **Kelly Morris Wilson '83** of Lovell, ME.

SARAH FLAHERTY '11 "After being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis and facing many challenges, I have been doing more adventurous activities, and this year I will be going white water rafting and camping up near Baxter State Park. My son will be turning seven this April, and I have two pit bulls who are my service dogs. I still keep in touch with people who mean a lot to me and who I went to school with, including **George Newcomb III '09** and **Felicia Delan '11**, as well as one of my favorite teachers, Mrs. Frost."

SIENA TATUM PETERSON '12 "I hope this message finds everyone well! I love seeing everyone's updates and realized it has been a while since I have shared anything about what is happening in my life. In 2018, I married **Lars Peterson '01!** We celebrated our special day surrounded by family and friends, and it was a beautiful occasion filled with love and joy.

A couple of years ago, we purchased a house just a few doors up from the Academy, and we are absolutely loving our life here in Fryeburg.



Director of Admissions Christina DiPietro '13 and Associate Director of Admissions Artur Fass, visit with Andrea Longpre '86 at the Founders Day Brunch.

The vibrant community and beautiful surroundings have made it a wonderful place to call home with our dog, Sadie. On the professional side, I work as the Director of Operations & Finance at Angela Adams, a luxury home brand based in Portland, ME, that specializes in designer area rugs and home accessories. I enjoy the creative environment and the opportunity to work with such talented individuals. I look forward to staying connected with you all and hope to catch up soon!"

MATHEW BENNETT '13 and Emily Henley welcomed their daughter, Brooke Everly Bennett, on December 21, 2024; she weighed 7 lbs, 9oz.

ANDREW '13 AND ALEXIS DELACRUZ BERG '13 are the parents of Alfred Huxley Berg, who was born on October 25, 2024, at Maine Medical Center. He weighed 4 lbs, 6 oz. The Bergs live in Lewiston, ME. **Angie Berg '93** of Brownfield, ME, is a proud grandmother.

KAILA RICHARDSON '13 and Stanley Vladyka Jr. welcomed Nathaniel Wade Vladyka, who was born January 12, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway. He weighed 8 lbs, 1 oz. Her grandparents are Tina and **Wade Richardson '84** of Brownfield, ME, and Arnold and Jean Shaw of New Market, NH.

MICHAEL JAMES DANDANEAU JR. '14 and Courtney Ana O'Keefe of Brownfield, ME, are the parents of Rayleigh Dawn Dandaneau,



Katy Wright-Mead '01 is a screen writer in LA.



Dede Frost and Sarah Flaherty '10 stay in touch!



Todd Bryant, Eleanor Bryant, and Katelyn Tibbetts '10.



Helen Dreisen '15 is starring in an independent film this spring.



Nicole DePaolo '19 will attend the Tufts University School of Medicine/Maine Track Program.

HELEN DREISEN '15



Helen is living her best life in Denver, CO, working as a content coordinator for Ray Bloch Productions.

She writes every day for her various endeavors and thanks Ms. Fox (former faculty, English) for this. "She challenged me to be better, and apparently that made me love writing enough to make a career out of it. I also gained so much confidence, both as a musician and as a person, through the FA Jazz program thanks to Mr. Sakash and Ms. Rohlfling. Last but certainly not least, living in the dorms was an education in itself, and I'm so grateful to have had that experience."

Helen performs all over the place as a standup comedian, and also writes and performs her own music. She has two songs that are available on all streaming platforms. This past fall, she played a lead in a romantic comedy called "The Pleasure Chest" that will be coming out this spring.

born on February 9, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway. She weighed 9 lbs, 1 oz.

CIERRA ROWLAND FALL '14 and her husband, Matthew, welcomed Hazel Ray Fall on March 8, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She weighed 7 lbs.

ERIN FRIBERG '15 lives in Denver, CO, and is making the most of living in the Rockies! For the past year, she's served as the Director of Operations at Kaufman Hagan Commercial Real Estate (a start-up real estate brokerage). She is looking forward to growing with the company as they make their way in the Denver market.

HUNTER DAY '16 and his wife, Colby of Fryeburg, announced the birth of Brewer Brooks Day, who was born on January 25, 2025, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. He weighed 9 lbs, 5 oz. Brewer joins siblings Ryelynn Day (5) and Jaxon Day (3½). Grandparents are **Edie Walker Day '86** and **James Day '88**. Great-grandparents are **Penny Bedard Severy '66** and **Danny Severy '74**.

FAITH PELKIE CAMPBELL '16 and her husband Jimmy welcomed their son Raymond Dewayne Campbell on February 5, 2025; he weighed 9lbs, 5oz.

MADISYN SINGER LUNBLAD '16 and her husband, Mark, are the parents of Harper June Lundblad, born December 23, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in North Conway, NH. She weighed 7 lbs, 11 oz. She joins siblings Carson Lundblad (17 mos), Alexis Lundblad (14), and Ethan Lundblad (13).

NICOLE DEPAOLO '19 "I will be attending Tufts University School of Medicine as part of the Maine Track Program. The Maine Track Program allows me to study in Boston my first year and continue my final three years in Portland at Maine Medical Center. I am considering specializing in Pediatrics, but I am keeping an open mind."

RIVER LUSKY '19 "I have spent this year teaching second grade to the most amazing group of students."

2020s

Gwen Boros '20 "I graduated from Northwestern University in June 2024, having double majored in music performance (French Horn) and cognitive science. I spent most of the summer of 2024 at the Aspen Music Festival, where I had the privilege of working with world-class conductors and

instrumentalists. I am currently a member of the United States Air Force Academy Band, a premier touring ensemble, as well as Rampart Winds, a chamber group, both based at Peterson Space Force Base near Colorado Springs."

ABBIE VAUGHAN DOLLOFF '20 and her husband Sam were expecting a baby girl in March!

MARRA MACMILLAN '21 was named to the dean's list at Husson University for the fall 2024 semester.



Siena Tatum Peterson '12 and husband Lars Peterson '01.



Abbie Vaughan Dolloff '20 and her husband Sam.



Mia Grandchamp '24 with her aesthetician classmates.



CLASS NEWS

ESMEE ALBERT '22 was named to the dean's list at the University of New England for the fall 2024 semester.

JULIETTE ALBERT '22 was named to the dean's list at Champlain College for the fall 2024 semester.

ANNELISE BEDAN '22 was named to the dean's list at Champlain College for the fall 2024 semester.

LEAH CHARLES '22 was named to the dean's list at Husson University for the fall 2024 semester.

CAILEIGH CROWE '22 was named to the University of Southern Maine's Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

KATY MCINTYRE '22 was named to the dean's list at Thomas College for the fall 2024 semester.

RILEY MILLER '22 was named to the dean's list at the University of New England for the fall 2024 semester.

MOLLY PRATT '22 was named to the dean's list at the University of New England for the fall 2024 semester.

ANDREW IRWIN '23 was named to the dean's list at Bates College for the fall 2024 semester.

SETH RIDDENS DALE '23 was named to the dean's list at Champlain College for the fall 2024 semester.

ALLISON SOUTHWICK '23 was named to the dean's list at Thomas College for the fall 2024 semester.

ROSA TEPE '23 was named to the dean's list at Clark University for the fall 2024 semester.

NATALIE BERRY '24 was named to the dean's list at Thomas College for the fall 2024 semester.

EMILY CHAINE '24 is in her first year at Dickinson College and on the track and field team. She was a member of the sprint medley relay team, which set a new school record. Emily ran 200 meters in the third leg. The team posted a 4:17.45, which beat the previous school mark of 4:26.34 set in January 2003.

BOONE DOUGLASS '24 was named to the University of Southern Maine's Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

MIA GRANDCHAMP '24 "I started esthetician school and went on a cruise."

SOLEIL HUANG-DALE '24 was named to the University of Southern Maine's Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

MATTEO LA PORTA '24 was happy to visit with a group of current FA students while they visited Rome.

CHLOE LONGPRE '24 was named to the University of Southern Maine's Dean's List for the fall 2024 semester.

RYAN MEADE '24 was named a Presidential Scholar at Clarkson University for the fall 2024 semester.

ROBERT CROWSON '08



I've been working at Yale University for the better part of a decade as a piano technician, along with my two colleagues. It's a fun, challenging, and dynamic gig. I probably see more of the campus than just about anyone due to the nature of the work, and no two days are exactly the same. There's no shortage of things to repair and maintain, as roughly two hundred pianos are here. I also run a private tuning business and recently started some refurbishing work in my shop, where I have at least one rebuilt Steinway for sale at a time.

Outside of work, for the last several years, I've been driving with NASA (National Auto Sports Association) with the goal of racing spec Miatas regionally. I love the grassroots motorsports community so much. We're all eager to help each other with our cars and to get better as drivers while not taking ourselves seriously. We run at some incredible and historic race tracks, such as Lime Rock and Watkins Glen, learning car control at the limit in all weather conditions. Outside of NASA, my friends and I competed in two 24 Hour Of "Lemons" endurance races last year, with three more lined up for 2025 with our team, Purple Reign, running a custom Ford Focus SVT race car that we finished building the night before the first race.

Both my parents are happy, strong, and healthy. My dad lives close by in the neighboring town of Hamden, CT. My mom, **Betty Hill Crowson '65**, is in Fryeburg, continuing her ministry of women's retreats across New England. She enjoys traveling Europe and living in Portugal for a couple of months out of the year.



Gabe Grace '25, Matteo La Porta '24, Bob Hodgman-Burns, Aidan Clement '25, Kaelan Moser '26 visit during a school trip to Rome.

Class of '72 Tees Up for Scholarships

CRAIG URQUHART '72

In 2022, our class created an endowed scholarship to honor our exceptional faculty, coaches, and staff on the eve of our 50th Class Reunion. In just over two years, generous classmates, employers, and a retired FA coach generated contributions exceeding \$40K!

Last year, **Keith Durham** proposed holding a golf tournament at Lake Kezar Country Club to rekindle contributions and bolster awareness of our continuing scholarship effort. **Jamie Boschert Pandora** (class president), **Wayne Farrington**, and **Dale Wilson** volunteered to turn Keith's vision into reality. They did a fantastic job!

The tournament was so much fun that attendees demanded it become an annual event! All FA alumni, friends, and community members are invited to compete in our 2025 2nd Annual Class of 1972 Golf Tournament for great prizes and prestige, including the coveted first-place trophy! The tournament will take place on September 18.

This year, two members of FA's Class of 2025 who demonstrate exceptional leadership, community service, and academic effort will be recognized and awarded Class of '72 Scholarships of \$1000 each. Preference will be given to graduating seniors pursuing vocational careers.

To register or receive information on the 2025 golf event contact **Dale Wilson '72** — enfield713@gmail.com.



Travis Perry '87, Jean Stearns '72, Ike Roberts '72, and Keith Durham '72

The Academy Welcomes New Trustees



Kendell Clark '98

Joining the Board of Trustees in 2024, Kendell Clark graduated from Fryeburg Academy in 1998 and earned his B.S. in Electrical Engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute 2003.

Kendell is an accomplished electrical engineer with over 15 years of experience managing

complex nuclear power plant modification projects. He is a skilled leader with a proven track record of success in developing engineering deliverables, managing teams, and coordinating multi-faceted projects. Prior to pursuing his engineering career, Kendell was a teacher, coach, and dorm parent at The New Hampton School (New Hampton, NH) for four years.

Kendell spent all four years at the Academy as a boarding student from Chicago, and he credits that time with significant personal growth. During his time at FA, he was involved in various activities, including serving as a Dorm Proctor, performing in the One Act Plays, and being a Class Officer. He also played on the football, basketball, and track teams. While at FA, he met his spouse, **Meghann Hogan '98**.

They now live in Carlsbad, California, with their son, Demar, and their travels frequently bring them back to New England.



Mary Poyner Reed '77

Mary is a member of the Fryeburg Academy Class of 1977, and was actively involved in campus life during her time as a student. She played field hockey, basketball, and ran on the track team. In addition to athletics, she served in several leadership

roles, including Student Council member, judicial representative, class treasurer, and various class officer positions. Mary also enjoyed contributing to the school newspaper and participating in the decorating club.

She developed a love for the outdoors while at FA, hiking to Emerald Pool, up Baldface Mountain, and into Tuckerman's Ravine. She fondly recalls skiing at Evergreen Valley and taking in the stunning views of Kezar Lake.

Following graduation, Mary earned her undergraduate degree from the University of Maine, a master's from Boston University, and a PhD from Boston College. She now works as a nurse scientist at Boston Children's Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts. Mary lives with her husband, James, in Boston and on Georgetown Island, Maine where they have a summer home. They have three children and an adopted standard poodle named Hugo.



FA Celebrates the Art of Benjamin Newman

We are excited to announce the completion of an extensive conservation and cleaning of Benjamin Tupper Newman's painting, "Lunchtime in Brittany." This large oil painting, considered to be his masterwork, was exhibited at the prestigious Salon de Paris in 1886 while he was visiting and working with his friend, famed artist Paul Gauguin. Having been a Fryeburg resident and also a teacher of fine art at Fryeburg Academy, it is only fitting that this restored work be exhibited now at FA's Pace Galleries of Art.

Over time, this 130-year-old painting was in need of extensive cleaning and conservation. The original gilded frame was in need of major structural and cosmetic repairs as well. With funds donated by former faculty and longtime friend of the Academy, Bill Housum, that conservation work is now complete. We all thank Bill for that.

To celebrate, our next major exhibit will be an ode to Newman, showcasing a large array of his works, and unveiling the restored piece that will become the new centerpiece in the lobby of the Leura Hill Eastman PAC.

Although we have a few of his works in our collection, we invite you to consider loaning your piece (or pieces) for this special exhibit. This will be a rare opportunity to view a collection of Newman's works together in a gallery setting, some of which may not have been seen publicly for many years.

The exhibit opening is scheduled for August 23rd, at 2PM. We will be collecting loaned works earlier in the summer to facilitate the hanging and curation of the show.

If you are interested in loaning your art for this exhibit, please contact me at: mdana@fryeburgacademy.org

Thank you for your consideration, and I look forward to seeing you in August.

Mike Dana
Director, Pace Galleries of Art



Benjamin Newman with Academy students in the 1930s.

A Message from the Office of Advancement and Alumni Relations

Dear Friends,

Another school year has flown by, and once again, we are celebrating our graduates and all the bittersweet moments that come with saying goodbye. It's been a wonderful year at Fryeburg Academy!

Our campus continues to grow more beautiful, safe, and accessible. Recent improvements to walkways, parking areas, and gardens—thanks to expert landscaping and thoughtful planning—have truly enhanced the heart of our community.

This summer, we're especially excited to complete the renovation of Manoriti Memorial Baseball Field, a meaningful and much-loved space in the center of campus.

In this issue of Scenes, we've worked to capture and celebrate the everyday moments and milestones that make life at FA so special. We hope you enjoy the stories, photos, and updates—and as always, we welcome your ideas and reflections. If you have a story to share, we'd love to hear it! We'd also love to see you! We have great events planned over the next few months, including:

June 6 ~ Spring Social @ Saco River Brewing in Fryeburg, hosted by the FA Alumni Association

August 22-24 ~ Reunion Weekend (see back cover for the full schedule)

September 18 ~ Boston Reception @ Dillon's on Boylston Street

October 10 & 11 ~ Homecoming and Hall of Excellence Festivities

If you can't make it to one or more of these events, please stop by any time for a tour or a visit.

Best regards,

Dawn Gale '81
Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations

Support What Matters Most

Every year, generous donors help strengthen Fryeburg Academy through gifts to The Academy Fund. Many choose to support areas they are passionate about—whether it’s academics, athletics, the arts, or campus enhancements. Every gift makes a difference.

For those who prefer to direct their support to a specific need, we offer the **Head of School’s Wishlist**—a curated list of items that enhance the student experience but may fall outside the school’s annual budget. Established in 2018, the Wishlist has been a resounding success, thanks to the generosity of our donors.

Over the years, supporters have helped fund essential items such as:

- **Science equipment** to enhance hands-on learning
- **Scientific calculators** for math and science students
- **Water stations** to promote sustainability across campus
- **Athletic equipment**, including treadmills, ellipticals, and weights for the Daniel Turner Fitness Center
- **Specialized cameras** for our photography classes
- **Financial aid for educational excursions**
- **Campus greenery**, including trees and gardens, some dedicated in memory of loved ones or classmates

Most recently, an anonymous donor made a specific impact by funding **10 wireless headsets** for the Performing Arts Center, enhancing our student drama productions.

Each of these contributions fulfills a need that directly benefits our students, enriching their experience at Fryeburg Academy in meaningful ways.

Wireless mics acquired through the Head of School Wishlist enhanced the April performance of 39 Steps, the All-School Play. Student actors, bottom (l to r) Sofia Amaral '28, Sally Baptista '26; top (l to r) Izzy Vander Veur '28, Kai Cannon-Steele '27.



Head of School’s Wishlist

ACADEMICS

- 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
- Sponsorships for “Promising Young Scientist Awards” awarded to FA Science Fair winners who want to compete the following year at the state level – \$600 ea. per student

FINE, PERFORMING, AND TECHNICAL ARTS

- 16 Channel PA Mixer for FA’s Music Program – \$1,000

ATHLETICS & DANIEL TURNER FITNESS CENTER

- 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.
- Plyo Workout Boxes (set of 5) – \$2,800

OUTDOOR LEARNING & RESEARCH CENTER AND SCHOOL GARDEN:

- Hoop house automated rolling sides kit for school garden – \$2,500
- 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.*

**Contact the Advancement Office to discuss naming opportunities.*

To see a complete listing of items on the Wishlist and/or to make a gift, visit: <https://www.fryeburgacademy.org/support-fa/hos-wishlist>

Remembering Daniel G. Lee, Jr., 1949-2025

Fryeburg Academy Headmaster 1993-2013



Born on May 15, 1949, Dan was raised in Meriden, Connecticut. He was the first-born son of Ita Daly Lee and Daniel Gerard Lee, Sr.

Dan left home at the age of fourteen, receiving a scholarship to attend The Taft School in Watertown, Connecticut. Energized by the vibrant and competitive academic community, Dan never looked back. After graduating from Yale University in 1971, he began

a passionate forty-four-year career in independent secondary education. He served as a Headmaster for nearly thirty-years and touched and improved countless lives in the process.

Dan initially served as the Director of Admissions at the Trinity-Pawling School in Pawling, New York where he reinvigorated their enrollment and built many lasting friendships with colleagues and students alike.

In the summer of 1977, Dan was presented with an opportunity to return to The Taft School and serve as the school's Director of Development and to teach English. Excited by his return to Watertown and his opportunity to broaden his professional experience, he couldn't have foreseen how this move would truly impact the rest of his life. While leading Taft's development office, Dan fell in love with Susan Davidson Lee, a talented member of his team who ran the school's annual fund. After marrying, they welcomed their son, Daniel. Susie would become his partner in service to school communities and his devoted, lifelong love.

Then, in the fall of 1984, and at the young age of thirty-five, Dan was appointed Headmaster of Miss Hall's School in Pittsfield, Massachusetts. While campus facilities were upgraded and expanded under his leadership, Dan mostly relished the opportunity to hone his student and faculty centric leadership style where he focused on building a close-knit community that cared for and gave trust and respect to young women spreading their wings in a boarding school environment. Simultaneously, he seized on the opportunity to develop a leadership team, and a faculty focused on serving this noble mission.

After nearly a decade of service to Miss Hall's, Dan became intrigued by a unique school set in the Western foothills of

Maine and nestled alongside New Hampshire's Mount Washington Valley. At one of America's oldest schools of any kind, Dan became Fryeburg Academy's 53rd Headmaster in 1993, its 201st year serving students. One of Dan's few predecessors included the notable American statesman and orator, Daniel Webster.

Under Dan's leadership, and with deference to his many treasured colleagues, the school experienced a twenty-year renaissance. The endowment grew nearly six-fold, five new state-of-the-art buildings were added to the campus, access to technology and the arts were expanded for the school and local communities, and the quality of the boarding program and academic experience was enhanced for students of all levels, and from all backgrounds. This was reflected in increased test scores, improved college matriculation, and many state and regional accolades for athletic teams and performing arts groups. Dan was deeply proud of his students, and of those he worked with at Fryeburg Academy and all they accomplished together.

Upon retirement, and after living and breathing independent schools for his entire career (Dan never lived anywhere without a dining hall from age fourteen until his retirement in 2013!) he tried his hardest to engage passions new and old. He found success with his enthusiasm for Red Sox baseball, Patriots football, and dockside clam chowder and lobster rolls. He loved complaining through his enjoyment of fancier meals, reading the Sunday paper, travelling with Susie, and listening to opera, folk and classical music. He especially enjoyed his seaside home and his neighbors in Kennebunk Beach, Maine.

But most of all, Dan embraced visits to New York City and Greenwich, Connecticut in his role as Grandfather to Walker and Eliza, who will forever affectionately remember their special times with their silly and wise "Dunk".

Lastly, Dan was proud of his service to and leadership of the board of the Independent School Association of Northern New England (ISANNE) and the Wolfeboro Camp School, as well enjoying his long-time memberships in The Yale Club of New York City and the Mory's Association in New Haven, Connecticut.

Dan is survived by his only son Daniel (wife Kelsey), his cherished grandchildren Walker Brooks and Eliza Grace, as well as his brothers John (wife Loretta and their daughter Genevra) and Jeffrey (wife Ann).

Dan was predeceased by his loving wife Susie, his parents Ita and Daniel, and his sister Jennifer.

THE LACASCE LEGACY SOCIETY

There are many ways to ensure the future and the mission of Fryeburg Academy. The LaCasce Legacy Society was established in 1995, named for Mr. and Mrs. Elroy LaCasce, in honor of the LaCasce's years of commitment to the Academy (1922-1955). We encourage you to join this group of benefactors who wish to support our school through bequests or other estate directives, which often benefit the donor as well. For more information on planned giving options, please contact Dawn Gale '81, FA's Director of Advancement and Alumni Relations, at 207-935-2001 ext. 3147 or dgale@fryeburgacademy.org.

www.fryeburgacademy.myplannedgift.org

In Memoriam

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

ELSIE REUNING FOX '44 on May 26, 2024

VIRGINIA BROOKS MENKE '47 on September 6, 2024

MERTON HILL '59 on October 14, 2024

HARRY G. ROBERTS, JR '63 on October 21, 2024

JOHN (JAKE) PINTO FORMER FACULTY/COACH
on November 2, 2024

JANICE TRIPP '58 on November 7, 2024

RICHARD HILL '49 on November 22, 2024

ALAN WHITAKER '77 on November 23, 2024

ROBERT MCALLISTER '50 on November 27, 2024

AL STEARNS '52 on December 1, 2024

PHILLIP TROTT '49 on December 13, 2024

PAULINE EMERSON LIBBEY '39 on December 15, 2024

JEAN MILLS HUBBARD '59 on December 15, 2024

EDWIN BROOKS '56 on December 16, 2024

MARK WHITTY '74 on December 17, 2024

ALAN WARREN '72 on December 23, 2024

SUSAN RANKIN '66 on January 3, 2025

CAROLL BUCK, JR '79 on January 4, 2025

ROBERTA STRUVEN DAILEY '67 on January 4, 2025

STEVEN DORE '64 notified February 2025

RALPH GUPTIL '50 on January 12, 2025

SAMUEL RING '70 on January 21, 2025

KENNETH "TINKER" KIESMAN '65 on January 25, 2025

ALVIN EMERSON '62 on February 10, 2025

DANIEL G. LEE, JR. FORMER HEADMASTER on February 26, 2025

DARYL SMITH '72 on March 2, 2025

DAVID CROUSE '58 on March 9, 2025

MARJORIE ELA STANLEY '53 on April 15, 2025

COL. NOEL F. AUSTIN '57 on April 16, 2025

SHERYL THOMPSON CARRIER '64 on April 25, 2025

To read full obituaries, please go to:

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22 AUGUST, FRIDAY

- 9-1 pm FA Alumni Office Open (686 Main Street)
- 9-3 pm FA School Store Open (Main Building)
- 4 pm Fryeburg Academy Alumni Association Business Meeting / Bion R. Cram Library
- 4:30 pm Senior Class Photos / Bion R. Cram Library Steps
- 5 pm Senior Alumni (Class of 1975 & older) & VIP Cocktail Reception w/ Archive Display / Bion R. Cram Library
- 6 pm Senior Alumni & VIP Dinner (Class of 1975 and older) / \$55 Ticketed Event LaCasce Dining Room in Shaffner Hall

24 AUGUST, SUNDAY

Golf @ Kezar Lake Country Club/
discount coupons available in the
Alumni Office.

23 AUGUST, SATURDAY

- 9 - 11 am Alumni Field Hockey, Boys' Soccer, & Girls' Soccer Games
- 11 am Rededication of the Manoriti Memorial Field
- 12 pm Barbecue Luncheon / \$25 Ticketed Event on the Quad/ Rain location LaCasce Dining Room (Open to all alumni and their guests)
Lawn Games & Music / School gear available for purchase!
- 1:30 - 2 pm Class Photos
Photos will be on the Performing Arts Center Steps
- 2 - 4 pm Benjamin Newman Art Exhibit/ Pace Galleries in the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center
- 2 - 3 pm Campus Tours leaving from the Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center
- 4 - 6 pm Reception @ Saco River Brewing / Across from Jockey Cap!

REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
Please call 207-935-2001 ext 3131 to purchase tickets or online below:

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