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FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Maine Central Institute,

As you all instinctively know, working in an independent boarding school that serves our local communities, and is open all year round, is not simply a job, but an all embracing commitment to a unique way of life. For faculty and staff at MCI, whose impact lives on in every student, it is a sustained act of belief in young people, in education as a life changing force, and in our communities that intentionally gather around our guiding mission statement: **Maine Central Institute will inspire students to lead ethical, purposeful, and happy lives as local and world citizens.**

Today, right now, MCI serves 316 students, 166 male and 150 female. We are a Town Academy – a private school by charter that serves the public interest. We support 244 day students (174 from Pittsfield, 29 from Burnham, and 41 from Detroit). One student attends as a private day student from Hartland. Two Maine students live here on campus as residential boarders, and hail from Camden and Seal Harbor. Our final 69 students are also residential students from the state of New York and the nations of Brazil, China, Germany, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Montenegro, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Taiwan, Tanzania, Turkey, Ukraine, and Vietnam. In addition to our on-campus community, MCI also supports 248 Taiwanese students from 16 different high schools that are dotted all over that Asian-Pacific island in our three-year Dual Enrollment Diploma Program.

This then is the essence of the special sauce that is Maine Central Institute – a historic, multifaceted day and boarding school, located in the midst of supportive communities who recognize and value the transformative importance of education, that is international in outlook and program, and cosmopolitan in appreciation of different races and cultures. In other words, we are more than the bricks and mortar that you see on our Pittsfield campus, we are a collective global intelligence that is stronger because of one another.

As a trusted beacon of secondary schooling since 1866 with a powerful legacy of excellence, inclusivity, and impact that has provided a firm future footing to generations of students, we are rightly proud of our history, of our alumni, of our faculty and staff, and of our current students, but as Heraclitus noted, change is the only constant in life. Realistically, we cannot therefore rest complacently on our laurels, but owe both past and future generations the diligence of continuous adaptive foresight and planning in order to align MCI programmatic offerings with the shifting sands of 21st century societal needs in all fields of endeavor.

On a global scale secondary education is undergoing significant transformations, and especially in two key areas: first technology & artificial Intelligence (AI), and second in the importance of developing demonstrable skills in real world settings. The global EdTech market was valued at \$143 billion in 2023 and is expected to reach nearly \$550 billion by 2033. AI is at the center of this shift and schools are increasingly using it for personalized tutoring, automated assessment, and adaptive curriculum. Many jobs will undergo profound transformations thanks to AI, and education systems are being pushed to proactively integrate it into preparing students for a modern workforce. In a world where all information is just a click away on a mobile device, memorization loses relevance, and skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, and collaboration, have become absolutely indispensable, reinforcing the importance of agility and adaptability rather than rote knowledge that is literally a free commodity on the Internet.

It is clear that one size does not fit all. Children are different, learn differently, have different passions and interests, and aspire to different futures. Forcing them to experience exactly the same curriculum is demoralizing, and self-defeating to the needs of dynamic skills centric 21st century multiple employments. The new MCI School of Schools Pathway model that we are now actively introducing will shift the traditional academic learning paradigm from passive to active, retelling to discovery, memorization to knowledge, time-based to outcome-based, isolation to collaboration, teacher focused to learning focused, and fragmented to integrated. MCI is moving away from traditional instruction where desks are arranged in rows and teachers stand at the front, toward more collaborative, hands-on models that encourage real-world problem solving. In our active learning classrooms, teachers act as facilitators and co-learners who collaborate with students to generate new ideas, rather than simple content delivers. Based on five focus areas: Mathematics and Science, Arts and Humanities, Industry and Trades, Nature, and Engineering and Technology, post-sophomore year MCI students will have increasing choice to pursue specific career interests and passions that will be liberally sprinkled with off-campus Experiential Learning Opportunities (ELO) where students will gain real world exposure through partnerships with local businesses and organizations, who dare say view engagement in our program as a source of their future work force. While in its embryonic stage right now, the voices of three graduating seniors who have experienced the School of Schools Pathway model and piloted ELO's this year resonate:



Cole Lessard - "MCI's School of School's has allowed me to explore my academic interests in a much more engaging and diverse way, and has taken my learning to the next level! It has provided me with opportunities such as job shadow experience both in and outside of school, classes on subjects I'm truly interested in, and college prospects that I wouldn't have had without it."



Daphne Hands - "The Pathways not only allow students to explore their interests more deeply, but they also provide preparation for college as they build confidence and academic readiness. Through the Health Sciences pathway, I've strengthened my passion for what I plan to study and feel more prepared to continue that through college."



Bailey Churchill - "The ELO experience at Eastern Maine Medical Center was a great opportunity to explore different careers in the medical field! Visiting different departments helps students narrow down the path that they may want to take in their futures."

As we move forward and flesh out our new School of Schools educational paradigm, we are hiring faculty to develop Peaks of Excellence in Computer Science & AI, together with Integrated Business Studies, and for academic year 2026-2027 have already adjusted our school calendar to introduce a new four week May Term allowing all students to undertake a variety of skill centric experiential offerings both on and off campus. This will be followed in 2027-2028 with a new exciting Aviation program that will be more than simple flight training, but encompass meteorology, engineering, transportation, hospitality, logistics, air traffic control, and the myriad complexity of moving pieces that encompass commercial airport operations.

Not surprisingly, all of this is redefining what an MCI "educated graduate" looks like, and work is continuing apace within our academic departments to develop "Portrait of a Graduate" frameworks – defining what it means to be college, career, and future ready. These portraits will undoubtedly incorporate stakeholder input from not just teachers, but also our partner organizations as our ELO program grows, resulting in individualized portfolios that concretely demonstrate not what our students can remember, but what they can actually do and contribute.

We value and appreciate all constituents who have got us to this point in space and time, and we honor them by evolving and growing our program to meet the 21st century needs of our students who come from Pittsfield, Burnham, Detroit, the continental United States, and from around the world. It is truly an exciting time to be at MCI, and there is a spirit here that there is nothing we can't accomplish when our focus is keen and purposeful. Our ambitions are lofty and aspirational, but if you believe in our School of Schools trajectory, as we do, please join us as a partner, an advocate, and yes, as an investor in the months and years ahead. In the words of the school hymn, MCI we pledge to thee, mater Alma mater, faith and loyalty.

Very sincerely,

Mr. David Pearson
Head of School
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Valedictorian Gabrielle Finelli and Salutatorian Tyson Thompson lead the Top Ten for the Class of 2026



Gabrielle Finelli is the daughter of Obed and Robin Finelli of Pittsfield, Maine. She was the recipient of undergraduate awards in Pre-Calculus, AP Biology, AP U.S. History, French II, French III, Algebra II, PE II, Health, Band, and Humanities. Finelli received the George M. Parks Award, was honored for Excellence in Science and Math from the Society of Women Engineers, was a Manson Essay Finalist, and received the Bowdoin College Book Award. She was a captain in Soccer for which she received the Coaches Award and Defense Award, a captain in Track & Field for which she received the Coaches, Most Improved, and Will to Win awards, and was a captain in Indoor Track & Field for which she received Most Improved and MVP honors. Finelli was President of Student Council, a member of NHS and Key Club, and was one of three students selected to represent MCI at an environmental forum in Taiwan.



Tyson Thompson is the son of Lonnie and Megan Thompson of Pittsfield, Maine. He was the recipient of undergraduate awards in AP English and Composition, Spanish I, Spanish II, Spanish III, PE II, and Humanities. Thompson was the recipient of the Saint Michael's College Book Award, chosen as a Manson Essay Finalist, and received the Diplomacy Award on his way to being selected as Best Delegate in General Assembly at the 2025 Model United Nations Conference. He was an officer in NHS and a member of Student Council, the VPA Honor Society, and the One Act Drama team, with All Festival Cast honors at both regional and state competitions. In athletics, Thompson was a captain of the eSports team, leading the program to State Championships as both a team and an individual. He was also a captain in Cross Country and Tennis, the latter of which he received KVAC All Conference honors.

Gabrielle Finelli receives MPA Principal's Award

Gabrielle Finelli of Pittsfield, a senior at Maine Central Institute, has been selected to receive the 2026 Principal's Award, Head of School David Pearson announced this past Spring. The award, sponsored by the Maine Principal's Association, is given in recognition of a high school senior's academic achievement and citizenship.

"Gabrielle Finelli is one of those exceptional school citizens that makes a positive difference in our community each and every day," said Pearson. "From freshman to senior, she epitomizes our mission statement by leading an ethical, purposeful, and happy life. She has no sharp edges, is

trusted and respected by all, leads by example, is intellectually curious, and grasps every opportunity for improvement no matter how challenging. Gabrielle is a subliminal athlete, especially in Track and Field, and last year, together with two peers, traveled to Taiwan and presented an impact study on the rapidly warming Gulf of Maine at a global environmental symposium. For these reasons and so many more, Gabrielle is highly deserving of the MPA Principal's Award. She is to be heartily congratulated, and we will follow her future progress at Colby College with keen interest."

Finelli, Dean of Academics **Scott**

Giallombardo '00, and other award winners attended an Honors Luncheon at Jeff's Catering on Saturday, April 11, 2026. The Honors Luncheon recognizes these outstanding students with the presentation of an individual plaque and the awarding of ten \$1,000 scholarships in the names of former Maine principals and MPA Executive Directors: Horace O. McGowan, Richard W. Tyler, and Richard A. Durost.

The Principal's Award is presented in more than 100 Maine public and private high schools by member principals of the MPA, the professional association which represents Maine's school administrators.



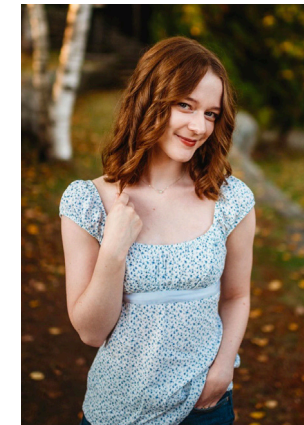
Scott Martin is the son of Dale Martin and JoNell Handau of Pittsfield, Maine. He was the recipient of undergraduate awards in AP Physics II, AP Pre-Calculus, Chemistry, Earth and Space Science, and Actors Studio I. Martin was a Manson Essay Finalist, Lead Actor of the One Act Drama team, an officer of NHS, and a member of Student Council and Model UN. He was captain of the eSports team, leading the program to multiple State Championships. Martin was also a member of Indoor Track & Field and captain of Track & Field. He is pursuing an education in aerospace engineering.



Seojun Park is the son of Kyunghul Park and Minjung Oh of Ilsan, South Korea. He was the recipient of awards in ESL, PE I, AP Statistics, and Humanities. He was a Manson Essay Finalist and received the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute Medal. Park completed all of MCI's math courses by his junior year and placed 4th amongst all juniors in Eastern Maine in competition with the Math Team. Park was a prefect, peer tutor, and was involved in NHS, Pep Band, Jazz Band, and Concert Band, the latter of which he received KV honors on clarinet.



Sophia Smith is the daughter of Theros and Pamela Smith of Pittsfield, Maine. She was the recipient of awards in Concert Choir, Sophomore Writing, Ceramics I, French II, and received the Saint Michael's College Book Award. Smith was a Manson Essay Finalist and inducted into the VPA Honor Society. She was a captain of Cross Country, member of the Track & Field team, and has been an active member of NHS, French Club, and Choir, for which she has earned KV honors each year, and the One Act Drama team. Smith recently won the MCI Poetry Out Loud competition.



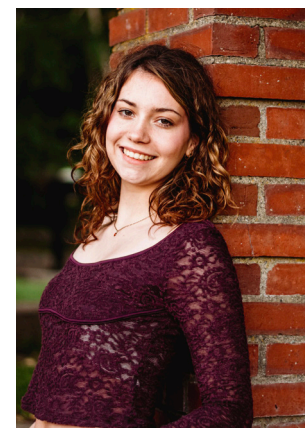
Abigail Rowell is the daughter of Nathan and Beth-Ann Rowell of Palmyra, Maine. She was the recipient of awards in Humanities, Biology, and received the College of the Atlantic Book Award. Rowell was a Manson Essay Finalist and inducted into the VPA Honor Society. She was a member of Student Council, NHS where she served as an officer, Model UN, Key Club where she served as both treasurer and editor, and captain of the One Act Drama team. Rowell participated in Tennis and Cheering, and was selected to represent MCI at an environmental forum in Taiwan.



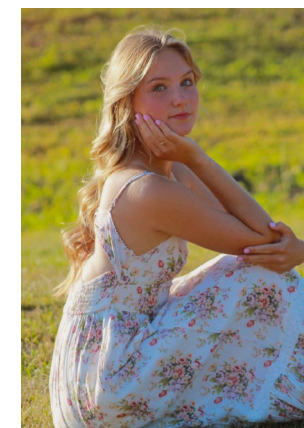
Claire Hands is the daughter of Noah Hands and Angela Pike of Pittsfield, Maine. She was the recipient of awards in Technical Theater and Humanities, and represented the Class of 2026 as Senior Class Co-President. Hands was Manson Essayist Runner-up, Vice President of Key Club, and an officer in Student Council and NHS. She was a member of the Tennis team and quickly took interest in finance after working the past couple years at Sebasticook Valley Federal Credit Union. Hands is interested in pursuing a career in accounting, financial planning, or financial analysis.



Norah Jamison is the daughter of Zechariah and Allison Jamison of Pittsfield, Maine. She was the recipient of awards in Geometry, Spanish I, Spanish II, and was a member of NHS. An accomplished athlete, Jamison was a captain of Field Hockey, captain of Track & Field, and captain of Indoor Track & Field. While on a mission in the Dominican Republic, she helped conduct medical check-ups on students which would lead to her interest in pursuing the field of medicine. She has goals of becoming a Registered Nurse and eventually a Nurse Anesthetist.



Caleigh Chase is the daughter of Delmont and Jill Chase of Detroit, Maine. She is the recipient of undergraduate awards in Biology, Intro to Medical Concepts, and Humanities. Chase received top honors as Manson Essayist for her paper about mandatory parenting classes. She is a member of National Honor Society and captain of the Cheerleading team, for which she received the Spirit Award in 2023 and Most Valuable Player award in 2023 and 2025. She plans to go into the field of medicine and become a pediatric or NICU nurse.



Daphne Hands is the daughter of Noah Hands and Angela Pike of Pittsfield, Maine. She was the recipient of undergraduate awards in Humanities, Anatomy and Physiology, Spanish III, and Technical Theater I. She was an officer of National Honor Society, officer of Student Council, and member of Key Club. She was a member of Indoor Track & Field, Tennis, and Basketball as well as a captain of outdoor Track & Field and Soccer, the latter of which she received the Coaches Award, KVAC All Academic, and KVAC All Conference 2nd Team honors.



ARTS & ATHLETICS

At MCI, we take pride in providing a broad range of extra-curricular opportunities that support student growth both in and beyond the classroom, led by our standout arts and athletics programs. From the stage to the playing field, our Husky performers and student-athletes delivered an impressive year, marked by notable accomplishments and successes across the fall, winter, and spring seasons.

As the school year kicked off and the fall colors emerged, MCI athletes quickly set their sights on adding more championship banners to the rafters of Wright Gymnasium. After finishing as runners-up last Fall, the eSports team made quick work of Noble in a 3-1 victory to become the Super Smash Bros. Ultimate State Champions, paired with the inaugural Solos title from senior Tyson Thompson. The Girls Soccer team made the semifinals after an upset victory against #2 Bucksport courtesy of sophomore Mackenzie Dean's game winning goal. Football had 6 players chosen to the Big 11 Football All Conference Teams including three 1st team selections, and Cross Country featured two State-qualifying performances from Rey Dickey and Lily Jones. Lastly, Field Hockey continued its legacy of excellence with another trip to the Class C Regional Championships, finishing as runners-up but getting the school year off to great start.

The winter season is when our athletes and artists truly found their rhythm, highlighted by the annual performance of *The Nutcracker* by Bossov Ballet Theatre. More than a traditional production, BBT's *The Nutcracker* offers a fresh take on a beloved

classic, brought to life by gifted young performers whose passion and precision shine in every scene. Each movement carries a sense of elegance, each moment unfolds with poise, and these high school dancers continue to captivate audiences year after year.

On the athletics side, the Girls Basketball team were rewarded for their integrity on and off the court with the MPA Good Sportsmanship Award for Class C North. MCI Wrestling had two wrestlers reach the podium at the KVAC Wrestling Championships, where Muiin Cook took 2nd at 190 pounds and Kayden Giles took 3rd at 175 pounds, followed by a regional title for Muiin later in the season. Female wrestlers Martina Gili and Izzy Bertocchi also claimed the State Championship for their respective weight classes, while Madie Leyhane finished as runner-up. The Cheering team built upon their recent success with a 7th place finish at the Class C South Regional Competition, qualifying for the State Championship. In Indoor Track, the Girls team became the KVAC Champions with a score of 108 points, bolstered by KVAC Championship performances from senior Norah Jamison in pole vault and senior Gabrielle Finelli in 55m hurdles and triple jump. At the State meet, the Girls team took 7th as Finelli became the Class B State Champion in 55m hurdles.

As the snow began to melt and winter came to a close, the busiest time of the school year came in with a bang, especially for our student musicians. Spring is festival season, and that means the bright lights and big stages were finally here for our instrumental and choral groups to test themselves and their creativity. The MCI

Jazz Band received a Silver Rating at the District Jazz Festival as Colin Griglio on trombone, Molly Saucier on vibraphone, Jackson Munger on trumpet, Landon Curtis on tenor Sax, and Gabrielle Finelli on vibraphone and piano were all recognized for their solo ability. The MCI Jazz Choir received a Bronze Rating at their Vocal Jazz festival, as Sophia Smith, Hailee Penney, Beatrix Miller, Angel-Mae Watson, Luke VanDerBurgh, Alyssa Basak, and Juniper Miller were all recognized for their solo ability. One of the most prestigious recognitions was for Calista Post, who was selected as Co-First Chair on Violin in the All State Festival Orchestra, which performed at the University of Maine in May.

Spring athletics is a whirlwind at MCI, but that doesn't mean that we didn't have impressive finishes all around. The Boys Tennis team finished the regular season undefeated and captured the Class C Northern Maine Championship, the first since 1994. In Track & Field, the Girls team placed 3rd at KVAC's behind runner-up performances by Gabrielle Finelli in 100m and 300m hurdles and championship performances by Norah Jamison in pole vault and Issabella Spell in triple jump. At the State meet, the Girls team placed 2nd overall with a handful of runner-up finishes from Jamison in pole vault, Spell in triple jump, and 4x100/4x400 team placements from Charlotte Peasely, Gabrielle Finelli, Mackenzie Dean, Issabella Spell, Charlotte Gross, and Norah Jamison.

As if one State Championship in the Fall wasn't enough, the eSports Super Smash Bros. Ultimate team of Tyson Thompson, Scott Martin and Lucas Phillips are your MPA Spring State

Champions with a 3-1 win over Noble. The Huskies represented Maine in the inaugural New England Esports Championship this past May.

As a matter of fact, eSports is not the only New England competition that MCI was a part of this year. For the second year in a row, the MCI Drama team traveled to Rutland, Vermont for the 2026 New England Drama Festival. Their stunning rendition of *Hetty Feather* followed the story of a young girl and her journey through foster care and relationship with Foundling Hospital in England. MCI's production wowed audiences and took the top prize at both the regional competition and Class B State Championships, and continued to dazzle audiences on the biggest stage at New England's. Rey Dickey, Sophia Smith, Tyson Thompson, Scott Martin, Demarcus Smith and Pam Combs were named to the All-Festival Cast at the regional festival. At the State level, visual artists Seo-in Choi and Gyuwon Choi received the Maine Excellence in Arts Award from the Maine Arts Commission for their works *Broken Glass* and *Careless Fisherman* respectively.

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to an end and we turn our attention to what lies ahead, there is a sense of excitement around the new students and programs ready to make their mark. Bossov Ballet Theatre's summer intensive is in full swing, while many of our athletes have begun their summer training and preparation for what's ahead. In countless ways, our students continue to develop their talents and we look forward to seeing all that our student-athletes and artists will accomplish in the year to come.

MCI Students and Staff Lend a Helping Hand during Annual Spring Community Service Day

Maine Central Institute is home to a global community of students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends that make up our MCI family. But without a space and towns for our school to serve, there would be no MCI. Because of this, it is always important to take time to give back to the town of Pittsfield and the surrounding communities that our school calls home. Each year MCI celebrates two different Community Service Days, and on April 29th our students took to the streets to help our neighbors near and far with their Spring cleanup.

"I believe that [community service] provides the most beneficial and rewarding learning experience possible: how to share kindness in giving back to others," said **Scott Giallombardo '00**, Dean of Academics and Community Service Coordinator. "Ultimately, the goal is to support our town members, but it also provides a meaningful learning experience for students on how to give back to others."

The day began at 7:45am in Parks Gym, where the entire school community gathered to go over expectations and kick the day off. From there, students and their advisors packed into buses or began walking toward various destinations in the Pittsfield community with acts of service in mind. While the Fall is mostly focused on raking leaves and getting homes prepped for the cold winter ahead, Spring Community Service Day saw students clean up the JW Parks Golf Course, mulch and weed numerous beautiful gardens across Pittsfield, and pick up trash along the town's rail trail. Although raking and stacking wood are always a constant no matter the season, this Spring cleanup is essential for many families



and for the town's municipal facilities. Pittsfield is a vibrant and thriving community, and it is our job at MCI to do all that we can to take care of our home.

"We hope to continue our service days, but also encourage members of the community to reach out should they need service beyond these scheduled days," explained Giallombardo. "A student may not excel in math, writing, science, etc., but they can always show kindness, and learning how to give back to others is one of the most rewarding gifts that can be given."

For more information on our community service initiatives or how you can participate in either Fall or Spring Community Service Day, please reach out to our Community Service Coordinator Scott Giallombardo at sgiallombardo@mci-school.org

Kyle Holmstrom Becomes New President of the Board of Trustees

MCI has announced a leadership transition within its Board of Trustees, with Kyle Holmstrom elected President of the Board and outgoing President Mike Dow shifting his focus to support the school's fundraising base and the emergence of MCI's new School of Schools model.

Holmstrom has served on the MCI Board of Trustees since 2018 and brings deep institutional knowledge to his new role. His previous leadership positions on the Board include Vice President, Treasurer, Chair of the Finance & Investment Committee, and Chair of the Trusteeship Committee. A Pittsfield resident, Holmstrom is a financial executive and longtime community volunteer. He has also served as MCI's Boys Tennis Coach since 2023. He and his wife Lindsay have four sons spanning the MCI Classes of 2024, 2026, and 2030.

"I've seen firsthand how MCI students benefit from their unique opportunity to experience secondary education in an environment with students from over 20 countries and all walks of life, choose from many great academic and extracurricular options, learn from an extraordinary faculty, and be held to very high standards across all facets of student life," Holmstrom said. "I am honored to lead such a tremendous group of Trustees and continue working with Mr. Pearson, who is a true professional. Mike's decision to pivot his focus toward supporting fundraising and institutional advancement will be critical to building upon the progress of the past several years."



Dow Global Alumni Series Takes to the Skies with Aviation

The Dow Global Alumni Series made its return this past May, this time turning its sights on featuring MCI alumni and community members in the world of aviation. "The point of the series is to meet with some of our amazing alumni and just talk about life as they see it," explained **Mike Dow '84**, host of the event and former President of the Board of Trustees. "MCI is really investing in our aviation program, so we thought a great way to start kicking that off would be to have meaningful conversations with our aviation related alumni."

The panelists for the fifth edition of the Dow Global Alumni Series were headlined by professionals in all areas of aviation. There was **Joseph Barnes '64** and **Bill LaBarge '67**, a pair of airline pilots with decades of experience, the latter of which has used his Navy experience to become an accomplished author and advisor on films such as *Top Gun*. There was **David Dow '89**, the Vice President of Global Sales at Global Crossing Airlines with a wealth of knowledge in aviation business development. There was **Randall Starbird '21**, a younger alum who is currently going to school for commercial aviation at the University of North Dakota. Lastly, there was **Caleb Curtis**, who is not an alum but still provides the MCI community with boundless resources as the owner of Curtis Air operating right in our backyard at the Pittsfield Municipal Airport. With these panelists and over 30 engaged attendees, there were numerous discussions about the state of the industry and what the hope is for aviation at MCI and the area in the near and distant future.

"We are hopeful to really start an aviation program as one of our strategic objectives here at MCI because as you all said, it's not just the flying, it's the engineering, the air traffic control, the meteorology, the hospitality... we have so many students interested in these endeavors," explained Head of School David Pearson during the event. "We really want to go to the next level and develop this as an entire program and tie it into a business ethos as well... we are cosmopolitan in our outlook and our view, and this just has all sorts of legs for future development and your stories and incredible passion for this field just reinforces for all of us how important this program is for our students and community."



Pictured clockwise starting from top left: David Dow '89, Bill LaBarge '67, Caleb Curtis, Randall Starbird '21, and Joseph Barnes '64

Ralph Damren '64 Retires from Historic and Celebrated Career in Refereeing



Back in 2014, **Ralph Damren '64** retired from his role as President of the Alumni Association after 22 years of service to the organization and this school. Now over ten years later, he's finally decided to hang it up on the field. After a 56-year career as a referee, Damren officiated his final football game at Victory Field in Old Town on October 24th, 2025, his 80th birthday.

"I've had enough... there are enough good guys [officiating], they can chase the kids around," joked Damren when he spoke to Bangor Daily News last Fall. "I enjoyed

being out there on the field with the kids. It made me feel a little younger."

Damren has previously been inducted into the Maine Principal's Association's Hall of Excellence, as well as the Maine Baseball Hall of Fame. He is currently serving his 33rd and final year as Maine's representative on the National Federation of State High School Associations' football rules committee. For his dedication to MCI, Damren was inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2003 and the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2013. This Spring, Damren also umpired for his 60th and final year of baseball.

While Damren's love for sports began at an early age and was fostered during his time as a student-athlete at MCI, it was really afterward that the passion truly blossomed into the legacy we know today.

"I've always enjoyed sports... I couldn't really play anything very well, but I did enjoy being out on the field," Damren told WABI this Fall. "If you can't play, officiate it. I could hardly picture ever making it to my 80th birthday, let alone still refereeing football."

COMMENCEMENT 2026



"We have been given the opportunity to fail, because if you're not prepared to fail, you're not prepared to learn and grow. During our time at MCI, we have been pushed to hold our own and develop our personal strengths as much as we can in order to prepare us for what life has in store. We are ready, and I know the future will be better because we are in it."

- Gabrielle Finelli, Valedictorian for the Class of 2026



"Some of you will stay in Maine. Some of you will leave for a time. Some will travel the world. But wherever you go, I hope Maine remains a part of who you are: strong, capable, and resilient. And I hope many of you will build your lives here, because Maine needs your talent, your energy, your ideas, and your leadership. Class of 2026, congratulations. We are proud of you, we believe in you, and we are counting on you."

- Major General Diane L. Dunn, Commencement Speaker



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SIR WINSTON CHURCHILL
HE WRITES OF HENRY VIII, A WILY KING,
AND OF HIS ROMANTIC MISADVENTURES

THRILLING PLANE
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A LIFE *Recharted*

THE PAUL BIRD '60 STORY

Sometimes the most profound acts of generosity begin long before a gift is ever given. They begin in moments of uncertainty, in unexpected acts of kindness, and in the people and places that step forward when they are needed most. For some, those moments fade into memory as life moves on. For others, they become part of the foundation upon which an entire life is built. **Paul Bird '60** never forgot.

Over the course of eight decades, Paul would travel the world, serve his country, build a successful career, and leave his mark on communities across Maine. He would form lifelong friendships, embrace new adventures, and quietly touch the lives of countless people along the way. Yet through all of life's chapters, one place remained woven into his story. Maine Central Institute was more than a school to Paul. It was a turning point to a life recharted. It was a place that offered stability when life felt uncertain. A place that provided care when it was needed most. A place that helped a young man find his footing and, in doing so, connected him to the state that would become his home for the rest of his life.

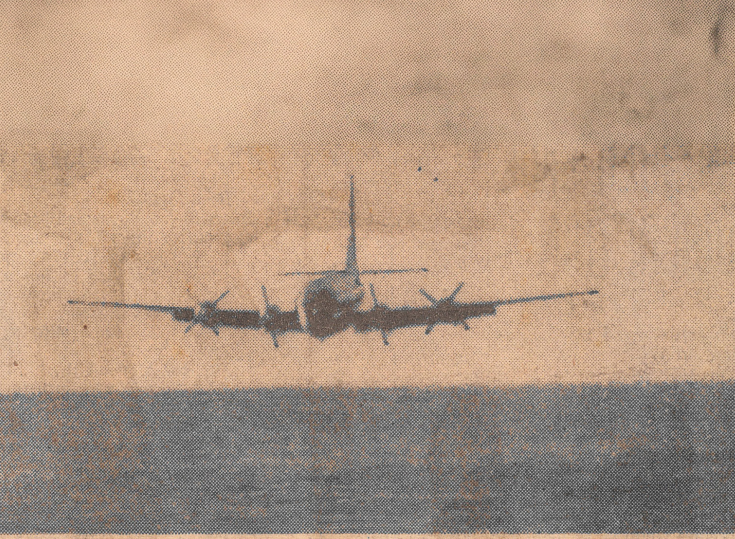
Decades later, that connection would culminate in a transformational gift, one that will shape the future of MCI for generations to come. But to understand why Paul chose to leave such an extraordinary legacy, one must first return to a fall morning in 1956, when a sixteen-year-old boy found himself thousands of miles from land aboard a struggling airliner over the Pacific Ocean. When mechanical failures left the aircraft stranded thousands of miles from land and forced an emergency ditching in the open ocean, Paul found himself at the center of one of the most remarkable survival stories in aviation history. Against extraordinary odds, he survived.

But survival was only the beginning. In the days and months that followed, Paul faced a different challenge: finding a place to heal, recover, and rebuild. That journey led him to Pittsfield and Maine Central Institute, where a school and a community opened



their doors to a young man who needed both care and belonging. The impact of that experience would remain with him for the rest of his life.

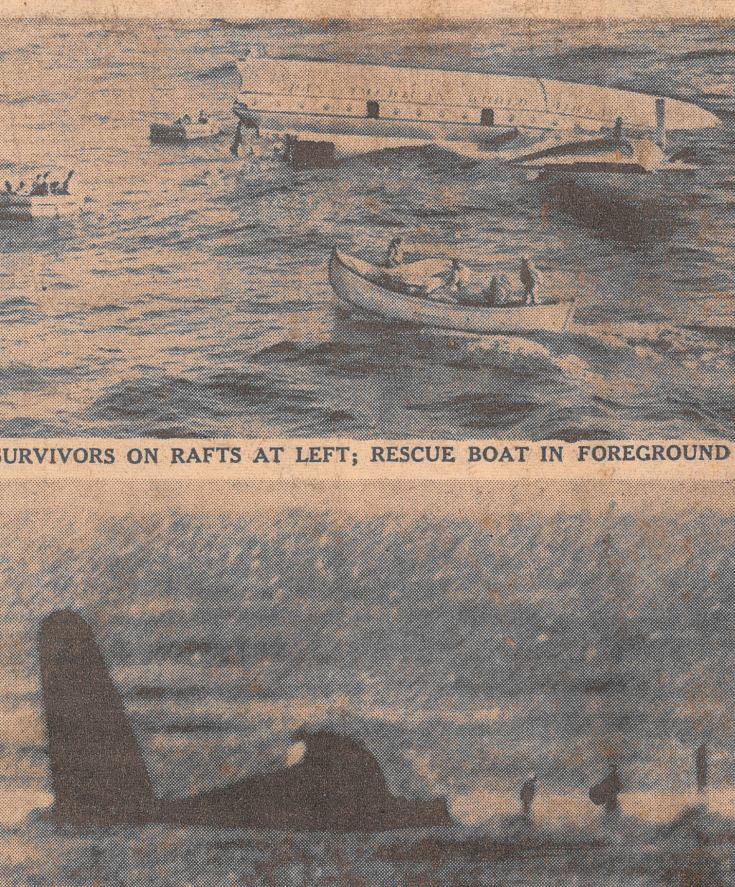
It is a reminder that while institutions are often measured by buildings, programs, and accomplishments, their true legacy is found in people, and in the students whose lives are changed in ways both large and small; in the opportunities created, the support offered, and the relationships formed. For Paul Bird, a single act of compassion became a lifelong connection. His story stands as a testament to the enduring power of community and to the profound difference that Maine Central Institute can make in the life of a young person. It is a story that began in disaster, but ends in legacy. A story that will continue to unfold on campus and impact the members of our MCI community for decades to come.



CLIPPER IS COMING DOWN FOR DITCHING IN THE PACIFIC



WATER AND DÉBRIS FLY AS AIRLINER HITS THE OCEAN



SURVIVORS ON RAFTS AT LEFT; RESCUE BOAT IN FOREGROUND

October 16, 1956 is a day that will live in aviation history. It was the day that an adolescent Paul Bird boarded a Pan American World Airways flight bound for the United States. The journey home was one he had made before. Much of Paul's childhood had been spent overseas, moving between countries and schools as his family followed opportunities abroad. At just sixteen years old, he was already accustomed to long journeys and unfamiliar places.

The aircraft carrying him that day was a Boeing 377 Stratocruiser, one of the most advanced and luxurious airliners of its era. Operated by Pan American Airways as Flight 6, the aircraft was traveling from Honolulu to San Francisco, the final leg of a trans-Pacific crossing. On board were 24 passengers and seven crew members, all expecting an uneventful flight home.

Hours after departing Honolulu, the first signs of trouble appeared. One of the aircraft's four engines began experiencing mechanical problems. Though serious, a single engine failure was not necessarily catastrophic. Aircraft like the Stratocruiser were designed with redundancy in mind, and the experienced flight crew began working through procedures to manage the situation. That is, until the situation worsened.

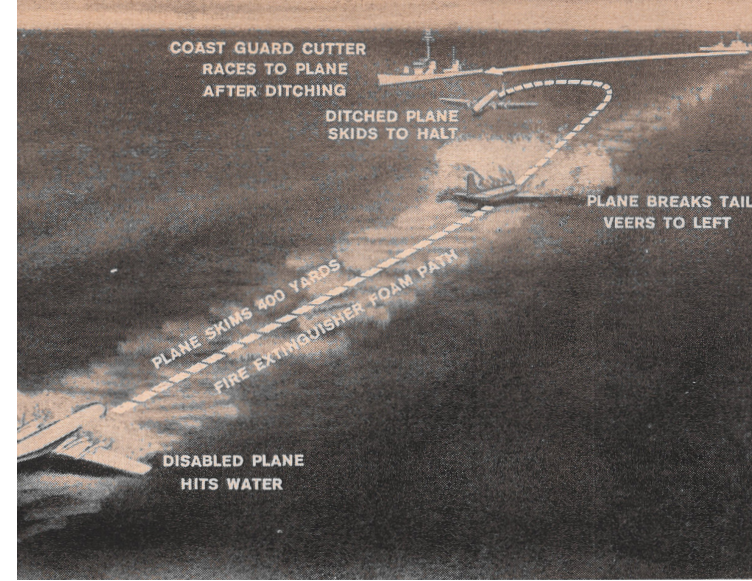
The damaged engine could not be fully secured, creating significant drag and forcing the aircraft to work harder to maintain altitude. Before long, a second engine began losing power. What had begun as a manageable emergency quickly escalated into a life-threatening disaster. Thousands of miles from either Hawaii or California, the crew faced a grim reality: the aircraft no longer had enough power to safely reach land.

Somewhere over the vast emptiness of the Pacific Ocean, there were no airports, no emergency runways, and no nearby assistance. Below the aircraft stretched nothing but darkness and water.

The nearest source of help was a lone United States Coast Guard cutter stationed in the Pacific as part of a network of weather and rescue vessels. The Captain and his crew established contact with the ship and began coordinating what would become one of the most remarkable rescue efforts of the era. For the passengers aboard Flight 6, however, the hours that followed were defined by uncertainty. As midnight approached, Captain Richard Ogg finally reached for the microphone of the PA system and delivered a chilling address to all passengers:

"We have an emergency. Our No. 1 engine is uncontrolled. A ditching at sea is likely. We have a Coast Guard cutter nearby that is able to render assistance. There is no cause for alarm."

— Captain Richard Ogg



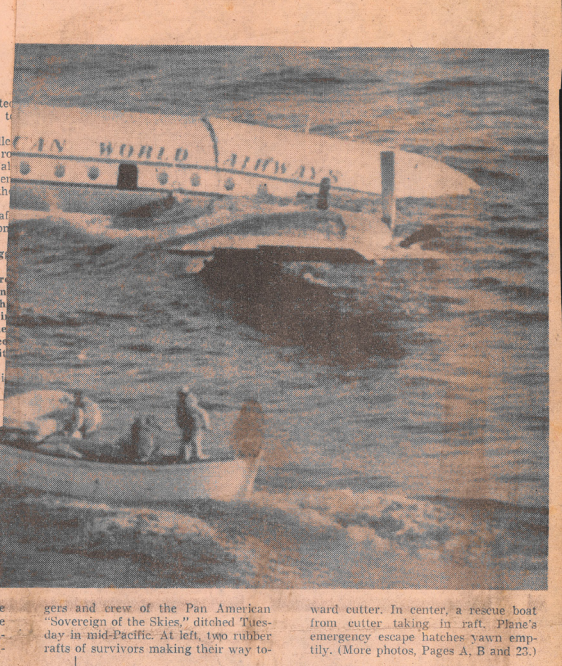
Why Plane Had To Be Ditched

Captain Richard Ogg, skipper of the ditched Pan American clipper, insisted when he landed here today he could have brought the big strato-cruiser safely into San Francisco but for a vital technical difficulty. "We could have done it on two engines," he said, if the propeller on the No. 1 engine (on the extreme left side) had not sheared its shaft. "But for that," said Ogg, "we could have made it the mainland on the two remaining engines. I could risk it, though, with the free-wheeling propeller interfering with the plane control, cutting our speed and draining the fuel with the drag it caused." Ogg said he never dumped fuel, as reported.



This remarkable photo is one of the dramatic scenes photographed from the Coast Guard weather cutter Pontchartrain during rescue of 31 passengers and crew of the Pan American "Sovereign of the Skies," ditched Tuesday in mid-Pacific. At left, two rubber rafts of survivors making their way toward cutter. In center, a rescue boat from cutter taking in raft. Plane's emergency escape hatches yawn empty. (More photos, Pages A, B and 25.)

SEA RESCUE



After the announcement, time seemed to slow. The familiar comforts of air travel like the hum of conversation, the rustle of magazines, the anticipation of arriving home, gave way to something heavier. Somewhere in the darkness below lay the Pacific Ocean, and every passenger aboard knew that before this journey was over, they would be meeting it. The decision was made not to attempt an immediate water landing in darkness. Instead, the aircraft would remain airborne as long as possible, circling above the Coast Guard vessel while waiting for daylight.

Hour after hour, the crippled Stratocruiser traced wide circles through the night sky while the cutter cruised through the dark ocean below. Passengers waited. Some tried to rest. Others undoubtedly watched the darkness beyond their windows. Every person on board understood that a landing on water was becoming increasingly likely. The only question was what would happen when daylight arrived.

For young Paul Bird, it was a surreal experience. At sixteen, he found himself suspended between two worlds—far from land, far from family, and surrounded by adults confronting an emergency unlike anything most would ever experience. As dawn approached, preparations began in earnest. The Coast Guard crew assessed sea conditions and coordinated with the flight crew overhead. Passengers were briefed. The aircraft was lightened as much as possible. Every decision was focused on improving the odds of survival.

When the first light of morning broke across the Pacific, Captain Ogg guided the crippled Stratocruiser toward the ocean. After hours of circling above the Coast Guard cutter, the moment everyone had been anticipating had finally arrived. Inside the cabin sat 24 passengers, including Paul. For much of the night they had known what awaited them. Now, as the aircraft descended toward the chaos below, there was no more waiting.

Ogg brought the aircraft down with extraordinary precision. For a brief moment, the massive airliner skimmed across the surface of the water. Then a wing struck a swell. The impact tore through the aircraft as the fuselage twisted violently. The tail section separated as water surged through the cabin. Flight engineer Frank Garcia recalled, "I saw the water spray over the windshield... all I saw at the back of the aircraft was the Pacific Ocean." The aircraft was dying beneath them.

What had been a state-of-the-art passenger airliner only moments before was rapidly sinking into the sea. Passengers scrambled to evacuate. Life rafts were deployed as Coast Guard rescue boats raced toward the wreckage. Somewhere amid the confusion and



Passengers Laud Crew's Efforts

Survivors Of Ditching Given Warm Welcome

As a Coast Guard band pumped out "Happy Days are Here Again" the 31 survivors of the ill-fated Pan American Clipper Sovereign of the Skies, marched ashore today straight into the embraces of relatives and friends. The scene was Pier 9. The time about 8:25 a.m. The survivors streamed down the gangway of the Coast Guard Cutter Pontchartrain, whose daring boat crews snatched them from the sea. "I thought it was a miracle," said Mrs. Jane Gordon of Silver Spring, Md., wife of a government official, described the last minutes of the Sovereign of the Skies and the rescue of the passengers and crew by the sailors of the Pontchartrain. "My husband held our baby Elizabeth, aged 2, and I held her twin sister, Maureen, as we headed down into the sea. There was a horrible crash as we hit, but

HEAT IMPACT

The headlines celebrated the rescue. The crew was praised for their professionalism. Captain Richard Ogg was hailed as a hero. For the public, the story ended when the last survivor stepped safely aboard the Coast Guard cutter. For Paul Bird, the harder journey was just beginning.

Though he had survived the crash, he did not emerge unscathed. Paul suffered from some extremely debilitating injuries from the crash, specifically chronic trauma to his leg and lungs, which had sucked in a large amount of fuel as Paul struggled to stay afloat in the Pacific. He was sixteen years old, far from home, separated from family, and facing an uncertain future. In the weeks that followed, Paul was transported back to the United States, where doctors determined he would need an extended period of recuperation. What happened next would alter the course of his life in ways no one could have predicted.

It just so happened that a representative of MCI was traveling on the West

Coast, looking to recruit students to come receive an exemplary education in the small town of Pittsfield, Maine. The man had heard of the harrowing events that had occurred on the Pacific, and thought it was only right to check on the youth that had been affected and see if there was anything MCI could do to help.

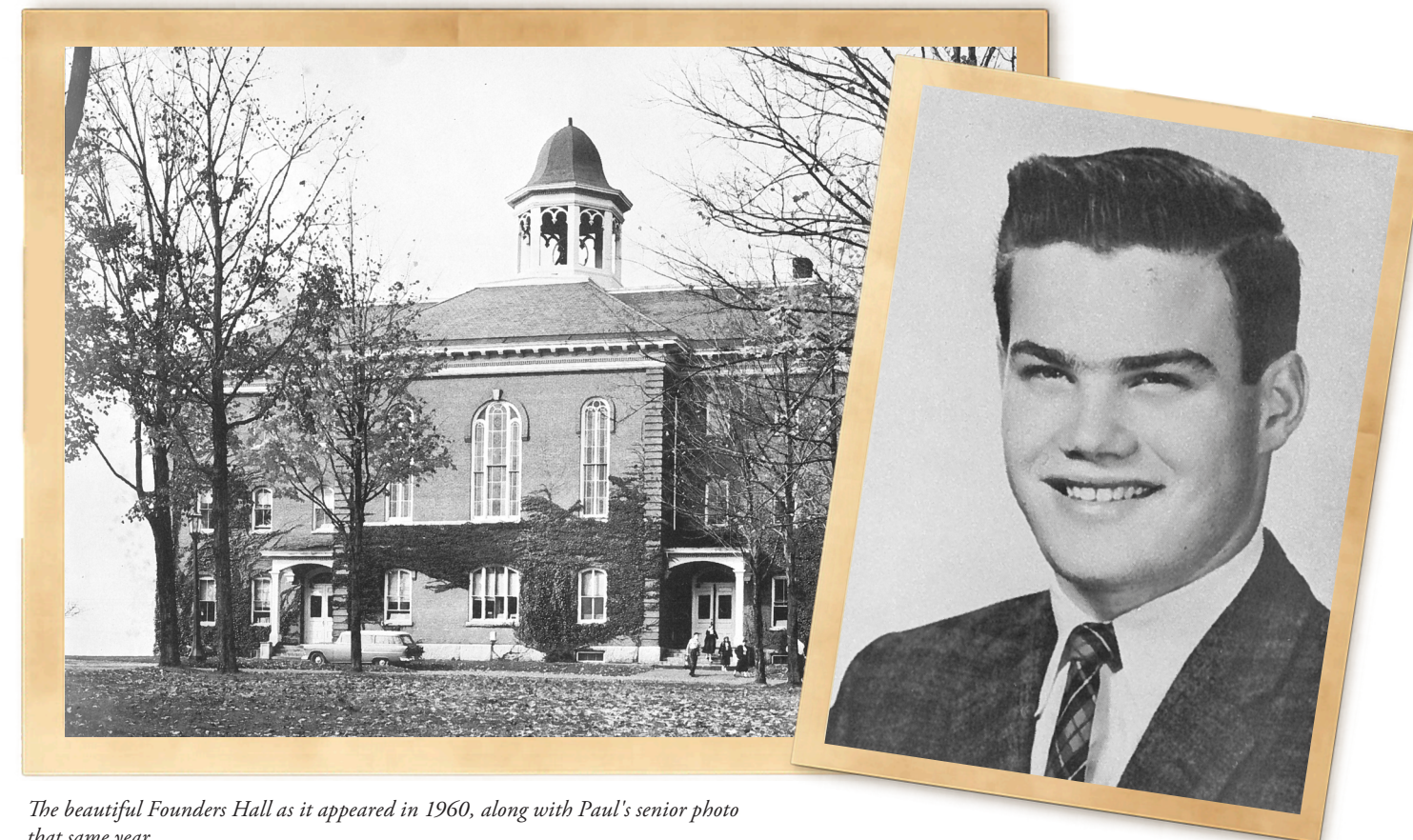
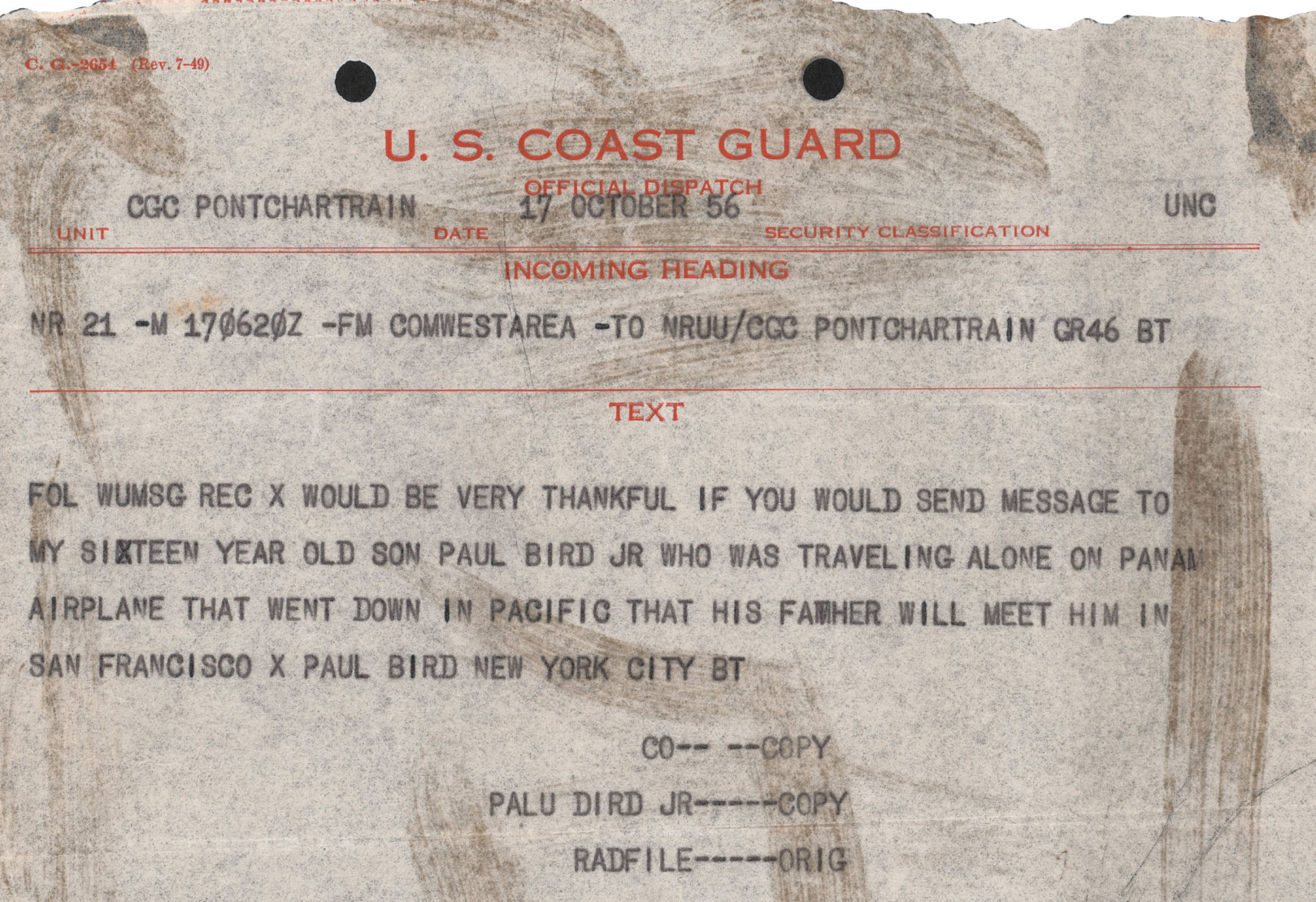
As Paul waited for his father to arrive, he got his first glimpse of what MCI could do for those in need. Eventually, it was decided that MCI was the best place for Paul to recover and continue his education. At the time, Maine Central Institute was already known for providing opportunities to students from a wide variety of backgrounds and circumstances. Yet Paul's situation was unlike most.

"MCI was the one school that was willing to accept a recuperating student midway through the school year," said Kim Willette, a longtime friend of Paul. "He showed up with nothing. No clothes. No belongings. And they took him in and cared for him."

The local physician at MCI took an active role in overseeing Paul's recovery, welcoming him into his home and family while Paul regained his strength and began attending school. The broader Pittsfield community became part of that support network as well, helping a young man who had found himself far from everything familiar.

There were five words that Paul would often recount when asked about a life without MCI: "Where would I have gone?" At a time when hope seemed lost, MCI took Paul in and nurtured him into the man he would become. Looking back nearly seventy years later, it can be difficult to fully appreciate what MCI represented to a teenager in Paul's position. He had spent much of his childhood moving between countries and continents. Home was often temporary. Stability could be elusive. Now, after surviving a disaster that captured international attention, he found himself recovering in a small Maine town among people who owed him nothing.

A message sent from Paul's mother to the Coast Guard ship that rescued the passengers of Pan Am Flight 6, checking to see if her son is okay.



The beautiful Founders Hall as it appeared in 1960, along with Paul's senior photo that same year.

Yet they cared for him anyway. MCI became more than a place to continue his education. It became a place to heal. A place to recover not only physically, but emotionally. A place where a frightened teenager could begin to imagine a future again. "MCI meant everything to him," explained Kim. "He had nowhere else to go, and the school took him in. I don't think you could really describe how much it meant to him."

Others who knew Paul reached the same conclusion. Longtime friend and eventual caretaker David Perkins often heard Paul speak about his years at MCI and the people who helped him after the crash. "It was a place that really took care of him," Perkins said. That care extended beyond the classroom. Paul found mentors. He found friendships. He found a community that saw him not as the survivor of a famous aviation accident, but as a young man with potential and a future worth investing in. The significance of that experience became clearer with time.

"The other thing MCI did," Perkins reflected, "was it really connected him to Maine." What began as a temporary stop during a medical recovery would become

something much more enduring. The state that Paul arrived in by circumstance would eventually become his home. The school that helped him heal would become one of the most important institutions in his life. And the kindness shown to a sixteen-year-old boy in the aftermath of tragedy would echo across the next seven decades.

After graduating from MCI, Paul had his whole life ahead of him. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force, serving in Europe before returning to the state he now called home thanks to MCI. Paul attend the University of Maine at Orono, completing his degree before embarking on a career in finance with Chemical Bank in New Jersey and a number of other high profile jobs along the way. Yet Maine, and specifically public service, continued to call to him.

Paul ended up moving back to Maine and transitioned into municipal leadership, beginning a long and impactful career as a town manager across the state. He got his start in Cherryfield in 1973, before embarking to represent the towns of Tremont, Richmond, Gray, and Monmouth, which he served from 1980-1989 and would return later in life. With stints in Millinocket, Harpswell, and Mount Desert Island as well, it is safe to say that Paul left a lasting

impression across the entire state of Maine. Known for his financial acumen, Paul helped towns stabilize budgets, modernize systems, and plan for the future. He was respected for his intellect, candor, and remembered for his sharp wit.

However, above all else, Paul was remembered for his integrity. If you were one of his people, you knew that he would be in your corner when needed. He was dependable, faithful, and loyal to his family, friends, and peers. Much like MCI was to him all those years ago. As you learn more and more about Paul and his story, you realize that this caring nature is Paul actively continuing the experience that MCI provided to him.

"He was just wonderful... he became a home away from home for me," remarked Jennifer Baker, one of Paul's nieces. "He just made me feel very special and cared for, he was a very thoughtful and nurturing uncle." Whether he was in Maine or abroad, on campus or serving those across the state, Paul carried MCI with him every day. As things began to slow down later in life, Paul had the time to reflect on what MCI truly meant to him, and what he could do to impact the lives of MCI students for generations to come.



The ditching of Pan Am Flight 6 itself remained an extraordinary story, but it was not the event Paul spoke about most often in his old age. Rather, it was what happened afterward. It was the people who stepped forward. The community that welcomed him. The school that helped him heal. According to those who knew him best, that gratitude never faded. As Paul entered the final years of his life, he began thinking carefully about the legacy he hoped to leave behind. Like many people reflecting on a lifetime of experiences, he considered the people and institutions that had shaped him. The answer, in many ways, had been waiting nearly seventy years.

Paul passed away on August 28, 2025, at the age of 84. In one final act of generosity, he ensured that the place that helped shape his future would have the resources to shape the futures of others. The teenager who arrived in Pittsfield needing help had never forgotten the hand extended to him. In 2025, Maine Central Institute received a transformational gift of \$2.9 million from the estate of Paul Bird '60—one of the largest gifts in the school's history. This gift will help shape the life-changing experience of future generations of Huskies in support of MCI's new strategic vision.

"This strategic vision, supported now by Paul's altruism, will see development of the full spectrum differentiated School of School's curriculum, core campus regeneration that will include

the Village Partnership Initiative, and celebration and support of our forever connected local and international alumni, friends, and family," remarked David Pearson, Head of School at Maine Central Institute. A gift of this magnitude will truly define what an MCI education is for generations to come, but more importantly, it will allow MCI to continue to provide a nurturing and supportive environment for students like Paul who are just looking for a place to belong.

For many institutions, this gift would be measured in dollars. For MCI, it represents something much greater. It is a thank you. A thank you from a student who never forgot the kindness he received. A thank you from a man whose life had been forever altered by a community willing to care for him when he needed it most. And perhaps most remarkably, it was a thank you delivered nearly seven decades after the fact.

There is a tendency to think of history as a collection of singular moments. A plane crash. A rescue. A gift. But the story of Paul Bird reminds us that the most meaningful moments rarely stand alone. They ripple outward, touching lives in ways that are impossible to predict. In 1956, no one at Maine Central Institute could have known what would become of the sixteen-year-old boy arriving in Pittsfield to recover from his injuries. They could not have known the communities he would serve, the friendships he

would build, or the legacy he would one day leave behind. They simply saw a young person in need and chose to help. That decision changed the course of a life.

Today, MCI continues that work every day. The faces have changed. The circumstances are different. Yet the mission remains remarkably similar. Students continue to arrive on campus carrying challenges that may not always be visible. They come seeking opportunity, guidance, belonging, and the chance to build a better future. As Paul's story demonstrates, the impact of that work often cannot be measured immediately.

The legacy of Paul Bird is not simply the gift he left behind. It is the reminder that education is, at its heart, a profoundly human endeavor. It is a lesson taught, a door opened, or a hand extended at the right moment. Those acts of care shape lives, and they shaped Paul's. Thanks to his extraordinary generosity, these acts will continue to shape the lives of MCI students every day.

That story began with a frightened teenager floating in the Pacific Ocean. It ends with countless students whose futures have yet to be written. As someone who shared some of Paul's final days with him, his friend David reflected on what it was about MCI that really stood out in those final moments above other endeavors, and what it means for the future of Maine Central Institute:

"MCI was the thing that mattered to him. Everything else was a good cause, but they weren't something he was connected to or that he had a history with... MCI was where everything turned around for him."

— David Perkins, Friend of Paul Bird

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| Michael Fendler '70 | Gregg Newhouse '81 | |

MCI HALL OF FAME

ELAINE PATTERSON



Born and raised in Connecticut, Elaine Patterson earned her B.A. degree in economics from Trinity College in Hartford, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, served as a Dorm Resident Assistant, and spent a semester in Rome, Italy – where she started a lifelong love affair with travel in general and Italy in particular.

After Trinity, and a thankfully short-lived banking career, she returned to school, earned a Master's degree in industrial and labor relations from Cornell University and began her human resources career with Texas Instruments in Dallas, TX.

In 1980 she joined Union Oil Company of California (Unocal) as an EEO Coordinator and went on to hold positions of increasing responsibility in a variety of Human Resources functions and different company business units. During her 25-year career at Unocal, she was named General Manager of International Human Resources, becoming the first woman to lead HR for all operations outside the U.S. and later became the General Manager of People Development, where she was responsible for companywide leadership development, performance management, executive succession planning and organization development.

Following Chevron's acquisition of Unocal, Elaine remained in Los Angeles working for Breitburn Energy, an independent domestic oil and gas producer, as their Organization and Leadership Advisor, helping them transition from a privately-held to publicly traded company. She retired from both practicing HR and the oil & gas industry in 2017.

During her HR career, Elaine became a Certified Compensation Professional, had several articles published in Workspan Magazine and appeared in interviews with USA Today and The News Hour with Jim Lehrer. In service to MCI, Elaine served on the Board of Trustees for almost 10 years starting in 2010 as well as co-founding the Patterson Lecture Series. Elaine served on the Board of Trustees of Trinity College, Hartford, CT and is a past Board member of the International Personnel Association. Elaine and her husband Gregg (MCI '69) have been happily married and living in Los Angeles for more than 45 years.

DAVID MACGOWN '86



Born at Sebec Valley Hospital and raised in Pittsfield, David was one of 14 freshmen who opted to attend MCI as it transitioned to a four-year high school in 1982. He greatly enjoyed MCI's rich academic, social and athletic opportunities, playing three sports, serving as President of Student Council, playing in the pep band and competing in the Manson Essays. As a senior he was named as the Principal's Student of the Year by MCI Head of School Ralph Baxter, graduating in 1986 as First Honor Essayist. In service to MCI, David joined the Board of Trustees in 2011, where he was co-Chair of the Finance and Investment Committee and served three 3-year terms until 2020.

David attended Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, where he was named to the Financial Management Association's National Honor Society and graduated cum laude in 1990. Upon graduation he embarked upon a Wall Street career as a sell-side credit analyst with Morgan Stanley in New York and Tokyo. David then joined Citigroup in 1999 as a sell-side credit analyst, where he then transitioned to Citi's Financial Institutions Group Investment Banking business, providing M&A, capital-raising and strategic advisory services to diversified financial institutions. In this role he had a front row seat for the 2008-09 global financial crisis, helping multiple financial institutions to navigate the critical funding, capital, and business model challenges that emerged during the crisis. David then worked as a FIG Investment Banker at both Citadel Securities and Credit Suisse, until he joined Barclays in 2021 as Head of Americas Specialty Finance. David has led the inception and execution of a number of high-profile

transactions during his career. These include advising Social Capital Hedosophia V on its merger with SoFi valued at \$8.65bn, advising The Charles Schwab Corporation on its \$26bn acquisition of TD Ameritrade, advising CPPIB on its \$12bn acquisition of Antares Capital from GECC, advising Cerberus on its \$7.4bn acquisition of 80.1% of Chrysler and Chrysler Financial from DaimlerChrysler, and advising Harley Davidson captive finance unit on the sale of its retail back book assets, forward flow partnership, and minority investment with KKR and PIMCO. David has four children and resides in New Fairfield, CT where he is engaged to be married to Alina de Casteja.

DR. JOHN P. DOW (1934 –2009)



John Prescott Dow was born on August 13, 1934, in Guilford, Maine, the son of Leroy and Margaret Stoddard Dow. He prepared for college at Foxcroft Academy, where he distinguished himself so thoroughly that the school would later honor him with the Mary Chandler Lowell Award and a place in the Foxcroft Academy Hall of Fame. From there his path ran through some of the most demanding institutions in the country: he graduated cum laude from Bowdoin College in the Class of 1957, where he was a member of Beta Theta Pi, and went on to earn his medical degree from Harvard Medical School in 1961. He completed his internship and residency at Hartford Hospital in Connecticut before making the choice that would define his life — returning home to Maine to practice.

In 1963, Dr. Dow opened his family practice in Pittsfield, and for the next thirty-six years he never really left it. He served as chief of staff at Sebec Valley Hospital for thirteen years and practiced until ill health forced his retirement in 1999. His care extended well beyond his own examining room. In 1963 he established the utilization review process for the Somerset and Maine Medical Association, helping to set a standard for quality in regional medicine. In 2000, alongside Dr. Thomas Pierce and Dr. John Crane, he co-founded the Hartland Free Clinic so that the people of his community could receive care regardless of means — a fitting capstone to a life spent making sure no one in central Maine went without a doctor.

For ten years, Dr. Dow served as the physician for Maine Central Institute, looking after the health of its students and standing behind its athletes and activities. He gave the same to MCI that he gave to everyone in his care: attentiveness, good humor, and an unshakable sense of responsibility. He served as the regional school district physician for fifteen years and on the SAD 53 school board, weaving the welfare of the community's young people into the fabric of his daily life. To generations of MCI students, he was simply the doctor: trusted, familiar, and kind.

Dr. Dow believed a doctor owed his town more than medicine. He served on the Pittsfield Town Council and the Pittsfield Parks and Recreation Committee, and was a past president of the Pittsfield Kiwanis Club. Within his profession he was a member of the Aesculapian Club of Boston, the Maine Medical Society and its legislative committee, the National Board of Medical Examiners, and was a life member and past Maine chapter president of the American Academy of Family Practice. His contributions were recognized with the Pittsfield Jaycees Distinguished Service Award and, in 1982, the President's Award of the Maine Medical Association. Healer, teacher, neighbor, and friend — Dr. John P. Dow embodied the spirit of service that Maine Central Institute is proud to honor.

DISTINGUISHED ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JODI BREAU '77



A 1977 graduate of MCI, Jodi has fond memories of Ron Bessey's, John Slagle's and Bud Lewis' classes. She loved the challenge of reading literature such as Wounded Knee, Shakespeare, Don Quixote and the American classics. Who knew that love of literature would morph into a career. After graduating from USM, she taught 4th grade until Pittsfield decided to move 9th grade to MCI. At this time, she moved West to Utah State University where she earned a Masters in Education with a Major in Instructional Technology, and focused on Library Media Administration. Her first School Library Media Specialist position was in Kemmerer Wyoming, where coal miners, oil men and cowboys ruled. It was a far cry from Pittsfield, but after 6 years she returned to Maine where she spent the next 30 years in several high schools around the state.

During this time Jodi was honored to receive Maine's Library Media Specialist of the Year Award and the McCampbell Award for Outstanding Library Program. At the Class of '77 25th Reunion, thanks to a comment from Tammy Andrews Ingraham '77, she re-met and eventually married her classmate Jim Morra, which she says is her greatest achievement. Retiring in 2015 and most definitely bored, Jim urged her "to do something with that dental floss idea of yours."

For years Jodi had been complaining about conventional dental floss. So she took Jim's suggestion and ultimately created the first plastic free, PFAS free, refillable dental floss. Launching Dental Lace Refillable Floss in 2017 from a guest room in their home, the business took off. Eventually she relocated the business to Pittsfield and hired Lewis Fitts '08 and George Webber '11 to run operations. Within 2 years Dental Lace was sold around the world.

Jodi was recognized by the Maine business community and received Maine Small Business International Trade Person of the Year, SCORE's Encore Entrepreneur Award, SCORE's American Small Business Award, and the Portland Press Herald SOURCE Award. Jodi often says "who knew marketing reading to high schoolers would train me to sell dental floss."



JESSICA LIBBY

Science Department Head, Track & Field Coach

What stood out to you about MCI and its community when you first started here?

"When I first got here, I was really impressed with the student body. It was very nice and welcoming, very respectful. Coming from a public school education, there was just a different level of standards for the kids that they held themselves to as well. The faculty were all very welcoming, they were really fun and nice to get to know... I was very, very shy those first few years, so it took me quite a while to get out of my shell. But the entire community was very welcoming."

Are there any teachers or coworkers that you especially looked up to?

"Jason Judd and Heidi Cook were really pivotal for me early on as Dean of Academics. They really pushed me, listened to any issues that I had, always had your back if you had any parent issues, stuff like that. The first couple years, you kind of hesitate on how much you want to be involved, but they always made sure I had a voice and encouraged me to get involved with committees and shared my perspective. Other people like Mrs. Kingsbury, Mr. Neal, and others really commanded that level of respect that everybody just notices. It's not like they were asking for it, they just earned it, and I always really admired that."

What intrigued you about the life sciences especially that made you want to educate others on the world around us?

"I took my first bio class with Mr. Malady at Lawrence, and he was just amazing and pushed me in a way that I had never really been pushed before. Biology and life science, it's so applicable because you can see it everywhere, you just have a better understanding of everything around you. Life science just draws me in, the more I can see all the pieces the more I get into it. I love the ecology piece, I love how everything is tied together. You learn something really basic, like cell structure and mitochondria structure and then you can understand a good chunk of evolution, a good chunk of ecology, and you can just link it all together, it's so fascinating."

Your classroom was always filled with life, do you have one favorite class pet over the years?

"My bearded dragon Spike, he was just so fun to watch. The kids were really engaged with him and loved him too, it was always fun watching him feed with the live crickets, the kids would always get a kick out of that. The turtles are not always that fun when you take them out, but with Spike you would put him out on the floor, and he'd just run all over the place, he was just the best."

On the coaching side of things, what is one specific value you try to instill in your athletes?

"Something that my Cross Country coach said that I've lived by ever since is that hard work pays off. So, if you push yourself, even in practice on a long run when no one's watching, you'll see the benefits in the end. Hard work does pay off. The other thing my coach always said is that your body can always do more than you think. Running and athletics is mental, you have to trust yourself to win that internal battle."

What is a fun fact or something people may not know about you?

"I like painting. I used to paint a lot at the end of high school and college, then I stopped for a while and got into it again once my son Dash started to do watercolor with his grandmother. I prefer acrylic paint, but watercolor can be fun because it's less controlled. So it's been fun to kind of play around with the different techniques and explore that. It's something I definitely think I've been missing."

When they leave MCI, what is one thing you hope students take away from having you as a teacher, coach, or mentor?

"I feel a lot of high school is the content, but some of it's just life skills. All the information is at their fingertips in this day and age, but things like presentations, communication, being able to meet deadlines and advocate for yourself is super important. Accountability, responsibility, and time management are all essential to life after high school, and I hope my students have gotten a head start on those things."

Jessica Libby

- B.S, Secondary Education, University of Maine at Orono
- Student Teacher at MCI under Joe Veilleux
- Brought Back MCI's Cross Country Program in 2009
- Part of Two Pillars Task Force, led to School of Schools
- Met husband Mike Libby at MCI, has two sons Dash, Calvin, and stepdaughter Josie



FROM DORMS TO

DIPLOMA

How one student's life in the dorms led to a unique and inspiring relationship with MCI, culminating in that walk across the stage and becoming an alumnus.

By Tyson Thompson '26

When I was four years old, shortly after my sister was born, my parents both found new jobs working at an independent high school and were offered the opportunity to live there. So, my family moved out of our quiet home in Norridgewock, Maine, and came to Maine Central Institute. Living in a dormitory was a significant change for me; I went from being an only child to having not just a sibling but roughly thirty dorm students around. Although they were much older than me and many spoke languages I didn't understand, I found great comfort and camaraderie among the dorm

students and considered them family.

As a child, I never wanted to grow up; all of the additional responsibilities and complications that came with age scared me. However, I think being around the dorm students alleviated that stress. There was one student down the hall whom I'd visit and watch in awe as he played guitar. Another, who lived across from my apartment, would invite me to his room to play games on his tablet. In times like those, sitting and laughing alongside those who were older than me, I realized that the road ahead wasn't so scary.

Once I was more familiar with MCI—the school culture and all of its traditions—I actually became more enthusiastic about attending. I have several fond memories of those early days. When Winter Carnival rolled around each year, my parents would always let me stay home from elementary school to watch the high schoolers compete. I remember walking around Saturday mornings and seeing the detailed snow sculptures that had been built. During the outdoor dodgeball matches, I'd sit atop snowbanks and excitedly watch as students pelted one another with rubber, knowing one day I would get to be a part of it all.

Despite all of the students I'd met and the years I'd spent growing up at MCI, when it came time for me to actually enter high school, I was very apprehensive. I had heard classes would be difficult and, having never participated in clubs or sports throughout middle school, I was nervous that I would be too behind to get involved. Fortunately, at each and every turn, I was met with extremely supportive teachers and coaches. I still think about stepping into our school's eSports room for the first time

my freshman year—completely unfamiliar with the program—and being immediately and enthusiastically welcomed by our coach, **Sean Stackhouse '06**. I instantly felt like a part of the team.

The classes and clubs MCI offers has helped me to discover interests I hadn't even realized prior to high school. Through participating in activities like Model UN and Youth in Government, I discovered my enthusiasm for politics. I've always enjoyed structured debate, so the prospect of discussing real issues in search of solutions immediately drew me in. When I began high school, I wasn't very politically informed, but those clubs—along with my history and civics courses—expanded my understanding and sparked a new curiosity in me that has continued to develop.

I also found my interest in film at MCI, both from the drama team and the various humanities courses. Although live theater and television have many differences, it was my interest in developing my onstage acting skills that led me to view the acting in shows and movies more critically. Since then, through learning about cinematography in a film studies elective,

analyzing narrative structure and characterization in various English classes, and writing and producing my own film for my senior project, I've come to appreciate every aspect of the medium.

Reflecting on my time at MCI fills me with great joy. When I first arrived, I never could have imagined the amount of meaningful experiences and successes I would find here over the years. None of it, however, would have been possible without the support of MCI's incredible school community; the amount of talent and positivity that permeates the staff and student body is remarkable. Next year, I plan to study political science and film at Wesleyan University, two passions I attribute to MCI. As I look forward to my post-secondary education, I can only hope to find the same sense of unity and belonging that has made this campus feel like home.

Scenes on Campus



1. The Junior boys square off in Tug of War during Winter Carnival weekend
2. Gyuwon Choi receives Maine Excellence in Arts Award from the Maine Arts Commission
3. MCI students get medical experience at Eastern Maine Medical Center
4. The Sophomore boys compete in the Human Chair Relay on Homecoming weekend
5. Students from China offer authentic cuisine at the annual International Food Festival
6. MCI residential students fill their plates at the Lunar New Year Sit-Down Dinner
7. A trip to Belfast and the coast is enjoyed by many of our MCI students
8. The cast of The Nutcracker gather after another stunning production by Bossov Ballet Theatre
9. College and Career Fair welcomes over 80 universities and businesses to campus
10. The MCI delegation takes part in a vote at the Maine Model United Nations Conference
11. Juniors Koyuki Watamura and Paloma Killoran pose at Manson Essay Night
12. MCI senior Sophia Smith takes top prize at the Poetry Out Loud competition

MCI *Always*



SCOTT GIALLOMBARDO '00

There are some members of our community that simply transcend all others, and are so synonymous with Maine Central Institute that it is impossible to separate the two. **Scott Giallombardo '00** is one of those special individuals. If you have had any sort of meaningful relationship with MCI during the 21st century, odds are that you have crossed paths with the gentle, kind, and steadfast champion of MCI that currently resides as the Dean of Academics. Giallombardo has worn many hats over the years, and has touched our students and community in a limitless amount of ways. From his time as a student here, to his first years of teaching, to his transition into the Academic Office, administration, and everything in between, we sat down with Scott to learn more about why he has stuck by MCI for so long and what's around the corner.

Giallombardo grew up on Morrill Street right in town, and his parents were huge role models in his life. The amount of care and involvement they put into their community really inspired

Giallombardo and would lead to his passion for volunteerism in the area. He was involved in the rec programs and had a great group of friends growing up. When he finally got to MCI, he was up to the challenge and excited to finally experience high school to its fullest. "It was obviously a little nerve-wracking, but it was also exciting... I had participated in a lot of sports before coming to MCI, so I had already built relationships with some upperclassmen and some of the international students," said Giallombardo. "Overall, it was exciting to become part of MCI and take advantage of everything it had to offer... especially sports and getting involved."

While at MCI, Giallombardo was a three sport athlete in soccer, basketball, and baseball. In 1997 and 1998, Giallombardo helped lead the boys soccer team to back to back Eastern Maine Championships and received Athlete of the Year award upon graduation. He was a member of National Honor Society and Key Club, and genuinely enjoyed his time at MCI. Growing up,

Giallombardo always wanted to be a Navy Seal, but during his senior year he realized the impact that teachers have on their students, and decided to pursue education.

After graduating from the University of Maine at Farmington in 2004, Giallombardo's first teaching gig was at Katahdin High School, where he taught history and geography while coaching three sports. While he was away, Giallombardo continued to stay in touch with MCI and helped coach some of their programs. When a teaching opportunity opened up, Giallombardo jumped at the chance to return to his alma mater.

"I just feel fortunate for the opportunities I've had here, both as a student and then transitioning into an educator and leader," explained Giallombardo. "MCI has been a big part of my life, and I've been able to grow through a lot of different roles here."

It is no exaggeration when describing

the amount of hats Giallombardo has worn over his 20 years of service to this school. Starting out as a history teacher, dorm parent, and assistant coach, Giallombardo worked his way up to roles as varsity boys soccer coach, class advisor, and advisor/co-advisor for Key Club and Philanthropy Club. After transitioning to Academic/College & Career Counseling in 2010, Giallombardo has held roles as the AP Coordinator, College & Career Fair Coordinator, Director of Summer School, Athens/8th Grade Events Coordinator, SCTC Coordinator, and more. In the mid 2010's he became the Director of Clubs & Activities and Director of College & Career Counseling, before transitioning into the Director of Academic Affairs and now Dean of Academics. Giallombardo also serves as Director of Summer Programs and Community Service Coordinator, which he especially takes pride in. While part of him will always miss the classroom, the transition into administration has allowed Giallombardo to make a significant impact on the students at our school.

"As a counselor, I was able to really get to know students — their interests, aspirations, and goals," said Giallombardo. "It gave me the flexibility to sit down and have conversations about where they wanted to go and what they wanted to do... every student needs at least one person in a school community they can connect with, and I hope I am filling those shoes even in my current role."

Giallombardo and academics are essential to understanding the future of an MCI education. With a feeling that we were not meeting the needs of all our students and inspiration from the book *Team of Teams* by General Stanley McChrystal, Giallombardo

was the driving force behind our new School of Schools model. Students can pursue their passions without the restrictions of a traditional high school curriculum. The bedrock of this model is an emphasis on practical experience through Experiential Learning Opportunities that get students learning outside the classroom. For Giallombardo, who has always had a passion for Pittsfield and giving back to the surrounding community, it has been a match made in heaven.

"We want more connections with local businesses and organizations so students can learn in real-world environments and apply what they're learning in meaningful ways," said Giallombardo. "Ideally, those partnerships grow organically, with community members and organizations reaching out because they want to be part of what we're building here."

It's really come full circle for Giallombardo and what MCI has meant to him over the years. It began as a place to be a kid and make the most amazing memories, and now it's the place where he gets to inspire those memories in others. He met his wife, Abbie, while at MCI and looks forward to their kids Rowan and Nora being proud Huskies in the future. The future of an MCI education is changing, but it will always be rooted in those core principles that Giallombardo and others have helped shape over the years.

"The connections between faculty and students remain the foundation of student success... What has changed is the expansion of opportunities. There are more course levels, more flexibility, and more ways for students to explore different pathways based on their interests, and I'm excited for what's to come."

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



Greetings fellow Alum,

Wow, another year has passed as we watch another senior class become members of the MCI Alumni Association. We have had an amazing year and have seen a huge increase in participation and attendance at our many events throughout the year. It is always good to reminisce about our days at MCI, but even more so to hear about each alum's life experiences and accomplishments. One of our goals has been to host events that bring people together to enjoy each other's company, delicious food, and live entertainment at most of our gatherings — all at no charge to alumni. It is our way of bringing people together. We like to refer to it as “friend raising,” not fundraising, although we do encourage giving to MCI on Day of Giving or at a time that is good for you.

We met at the Broken Putter at JW Parks Golf Course in January for some simulated golf while listening to Aaron McCannell entertain us with some fantastic music. Another gathering by the Advancement Team was hosted by Gary and Amy Fitts at their home in Florida. It was a wonderful time in a beautiful setting. We have had fantastic attendance at DiMillo's Floating Restaurant in Portland, and this event grows every year. The DiMillo family is gracious and sure knows how to put on a spread. The food is over the top, and it is so good to see this event continue to grow every year.

For the second year, we held a reception in NYC hosted by Haley Ingraham Lambert at the Times Square EDITION Hotel. Attendance is growing there as well. The food and service are amazing, as is the location. Many attendees take in a show or just visit for a day or two. Abby, Tom, and Sharon are instrumental in the preparation of our gatherings. Again, I remind you that these events are at no cost to alumni and guests. We had a great time, and it was wonderful to catch up with so many people in that area.

We roll into our Welcome to Spring event at Bryant's Brewing, a simply gorgeous location on Great Moose Lake in Hartland. This is graciously hosted by Bob Bryant. Craft beer and specialty coffee, crockpots of chili and Swedish meatballs, pasta salad, as well as fudge, Scotcheroos, and other homemade goodies are provided by the Executive Committee members. Entertainment is provided by the Local Yokels — Dick Bryant, Pat McGowan, and Charlie Tryder — and they even let me sit in with my Cajun drum box for added percussion.

We then move to our senior tee shirt giveaway. We also have our \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a selected senior. We hold a yard sale to help fund the scholarship a week or so after graduation. Then it is time for REUNION WEEKEND!!! This is our big weekend, along with the Alumni Golf Tournament. It is looking like the field is filling up, so make sure you get your team signed up ASAP.

Homecoming is when we recognize alumni for their achievements in sports at MCI during halftime at the football game. These alumni are recognized for their accomplishments as they are inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame. Thank you to Jason Allen and the selection committee for choosing this year's inductees. We have also reached out to all class agents who may want help setting up a Zoom meeting and/or Facebook page, as Nikki Cianchette Steeves has been helping keep all alumni connected through their class agents.

Our Alice Patterson Archives have become very organized and up to date, as has our display case in Founders Hall. She would be proud. You may have seen the latest post about the MCI Alumni Association giving \$5,000 to MCI on Annual Day of Giving. It was such a great feeling to know that, through alumni giving and donations to our Alumni Association, this was made possible. Thank you!!! Keep in mind that we need to continue regenerating officers to keep things fresh and in tune with the times. We are actively looking for younger alumni to fill positions and help keep this Association alive and well. One last thing: we are saying so long to Sharon Savasuk. She has been the glue that has kept us going for so long, and she will be missed very much. She will be retiring on June 30, 2026. Sharon, thank you from the bottom of my heart and all of ours. We wish you well in all your future endeavors. Best always.

MCI also has a new President of the Board, as Mike Dow will be stepping down as President but will remain active in other roles as MCI moves forward with promoting our School of Schools. Thank you, Mike, for your guidance as I stepped into the role of Alumni Association President when you became President of the Board. I know we have all felt the impact of your leadership. Thank you!!! It is a pleasure to represent you all as alumni of MCI, as this truly is all of our Alumni Association. We, the committee, represent you and welcome your input and participation in all of our endeavors. Please come to events or simply stop by and visit our beautiful campus. See you at Reunion, and GO HUSKIES!!!

Bud Ingraham
Alumni Association President

CLASS OF 1951

Robert Hutchinson reports that he is presently living at Schooner Cove in Damariscotta, Maine, enjoying life to its fullest. Would love to hear from any other class members and other alumni. I attended our class reunion two years ago, and was really impressed at how MCI has not only grown, but has become very updated, along with its scholastic program. I was very impressed! Fortunately I am still alive and very well, and get around well, usually travel daily to Pemaquid where I have a nice woodworking shop, and enjoy doodling around with things there. I'm still active in the apartment business, with occasional traveling to Belfast, Rockland and Madison. I still have my camp in Osborn, Maine, and am still "improving" that. Life goes on, and I'm enjoying it to the fullest. Hope to hear from someone. email address is sailorbob74@gmail.com

Robert Hutchinson
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1953

Margaret Sullivan writes, “It is with much sadness I write to share with you the news of the loss of my dear husband of 59 years. **William E. “Bill” Sullivan** turned 90 years old May 1, 2025, and against all medical predictions, fought a most brave, courageous and difficult fight to stay with us. Sadly, on March 1, 2026, Bill passed away. His loss is being mourned by many.

After graduating from MCI in 1953, Bill attended Colby College, then went on to serve in the US Army. After being honorably discharged, he attended Bowling Green University, then transferred to the University of Florida, Gainesville, graduating from there, and the Warrington School of Business Administration in 1961. Bill played for the Gators Varsity Baseball Team in 1960 and 1961.

Bill then went on to work for The A. C. Nelson Company, Bike Athletic Company and Tom's Toggery before forming his own business, William E. Sullivan Company, Custom Athletic Specialists, in 1974. He retired from his company in 2023 after many successful years.

MCI was definitely a source of pride in his life. He has remained in contact with

fellow alums **George Pierce** and **Charlie McGuinness**.

Barry Twitchell
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1959

Don McDougal writes, “Just a note for all of us to be alert to email scams coming our way using former classmates as a source. Just got an email from another '59 classmate asking if this was still a good email address to use. Worded a little strange about not being able to call. Of course my first impulse was to immediately reply with something like ‘Hey great to hear from you. Ya, still here bla, bla, bla, etc, etc.’ However, I looked at the return email & it was supposedly to that classmate but the name was spelled with an extra letter in the email address like some simple typo and to a different server. Soooo spam file - there it went. Just a thought about reminding Alumni about phishing attempts which sound like from a reliable source. Thanks a bunch.”

Nancy Cameron
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1968

Dawn Peterson Cox writes “Paul and Kathy Starbird Warburg tried out their wings as snowbirds this past winter in Florida. While visiting us in Winter Haven in March, we were joined by **Ellery** and Rose Ann Hathorn for a day trip to Anna Maria Island where we visited with Steve and **Karen Perry Keiser** and enjoyed a great lunch on the beach. I heard from **Pat Patterson** last January for the first time since college! He reported spending 47 years as a human factors and bioengineering professor at Texas A&M, Iowa State and Texas Tech retiring in 2021. On a sad note, we've lost three more classmates this past year. **Linda Goodridge Doody** 5/16/25, **Pamela Inman Frederick** 3/21/26, and **Robert Moody** 5/2/26. Hope to see you at reunion!”

Dawn Peterson Cox
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1970

Martha Lloyd writes “Jim and I had a lovely 6 week SNOBIRD trip in our travel

trailer, CA, AZ (where it was 95-107 degrees most of the 15 days we were there, too blasted hot! Phoenix broke a March record for high heat while we were there), NM, UT, ID, and OR. I am planning a summer travel trailer trip to some of the Western Canada National Parks, plus catching Glacier NP in Montana on the way home. Getting ready to do a caregiving gig with our next friend having a total knee replacement. Being a retired home care nurse, I am pretty handy to my geriatric friends!”

David England writes “Susan and I have enjoyed our first year here in Topsham. When possible, we spent fall and winter days making trips around the mid coast area of Maine. About every 6 weeks we have been getting together with some schoolmates who were residents of Alumni Hall from the classes of 1969 -1973. In November I had lunch with **Brad Cahill '69**. I hadn't seen him since the MCI days. Brad also joined the “lunch bunch “ at the home of **Eric West '72** in Falmouth. I am currently enjoying working part time at the Ace Hardware store in Yarmouth. Captain **Kip Files '70** visits the store on occasion. It's always good to catch up with classmates.”

Bill Cunningham
David England
Martha Lloyd
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1971

Hello Classmates; THIS IS OUR 55 TH REUNION! **Milton Webber** will be hosting a gathering at his home on August 1 from 2–4 p.m. Members of the Class of 1971, along with alumni from all other classes, are invited to attend. Food, soda, and water will be provided; guests are welcome to bring their own beverages. We will send more information about this party this summer, but please put it on your calendar for August !!

A bunch of female classmates have been gathering at the Putter on Friday evenings for dinner. I traditionally attend the awards dinner at MCI and then go to the Putter. **Tom Mayhew** wrote to ask about the womens gathering. I see that he has been up to Maine for parties at the Bryant Brewery at Moose Pond.

Laurie Fitts Loosigian: My husband, Wayne, and I still own Apple Annie in Brentwood NH and our daughter is taking over the business. We spend time in Venice, Florida and at our camp in Hartland where we bought some of my grandfather's land. We visited our other daughter in PUERTO RICO this winter. We really love Pickleball and I teach it. We adore our family and are sad that our son and family are emigrating to Portugal this summer.

Colleen Peterson Seremet writes; "I'm enjoying retirement and balancing my time between my seven grandchildren, traveling, gardening, church activities and friends. I spend summers at my cottage on Pettingill Pond in Windham and the rest of the year in Maryland. I just returned from a fun adventure in Spain, France and Italy and hope to see everyone at reunion in August!"

Milton Webber reports that he is busy with town and MCI volunteerism like getting the Bijou back up running. He works with the Mason's, the Alumni Associations Golf Tournament, and spends time with his retired wife, Kathy, who is still very busy. He is in touch with **Greg Saunders** who is living in Mesa Arizona.

Cindy Nash Dempsey gained two more grandkids since I last saw her! She has 2 yr old Able and 6 month old Winifred and Aleena is 11. Cindy spends lots of time babysitting. She has recovered well from open heart surgery 1.5 years ago to repair a reoccurring birth defect. She is as cheerful as ever!

Krista Pease still lives in Skowhegan and sees Marjorie Jones Scott quite often. She just had a vacation with her sister and her family to the White Mountains. She is in touch with Jean Zarate and Linda Wiles. Krista keeps busy teaching her Sunday School class k-4th grade. She has a great social life in her mobile home park and does lots of walking. They host a giant 8 mile yard sale every year!

Marjorie Jones Scott writes that she enjoys singing at church and spends time with 7 grandkids: Lily 19, Piper 18, Hoyt 16, Lane and Annie (twins) 13, Maren 10 and Archie 9 and with her siblings. Her daughter, Kate, is still in Athens, Brady in MN. And Maggie in Eliot, ME. Marjorie enjoys getting together each year with Classmates

at the Putter! She visits **Jolene Roberts Tupper** at a nursing home and that although Jolene is nonverbal, she still recognizes her. She also spends time with **Krista Pease** (who was 'Miss Congeniality in the Jr. Miss Pittsfield Pageant in 1970!) Krista has been helpful to Marjorie since she lost Larry.

Debbie Morancie Giallombardo reports that her brother Edmund passed away this winter and is greatly missed. She and Rick spend much of their time with their four grandchildren and their two sons and daughters in law who live on either side of them at their beautiful homestead on St. Albans mountain. She would look forward to a class gathering for reunion, and she always attends our girl meetups at the Putter.

Linda Wiles says she will not be able to travel to reunion because she has a 20 year old cat who needs regular meds due to hypothyroidism. She and I are planning a trip to Bedrock Gardens in NH when it gets warmer.

Laurie Fitts Loosigian
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1972

Pat Inman Thibault writes "Hello to all the 1972ers, wherever you are in the world!. Hope you are all as happy to see signs of spring (especially if you're in Maine) as I am on this first day of May. Maybe our summer will be a homerun after a less than stellar spring. Not an awful lot to report but I hope that you sent your notes directly to the school so we'll have some good reading. I don't have much to contribute. On the sad news side, my sister, **Pam Inman Frederick** ('68), passed away on March 21 after a long battle with kidney disease. I saw her shortly before her passing and she was ready to go "home', as she put it. My husband, Phil, and I have made a couple trips to FL to check on our vintage (1975) trailer that has been thoroughly renovated and is now ready to receive anyone who wants to get away for a few days, a few weeks, or even longer. Don't forget about Reunion (July 31 and August 1). It isn't a "special" year for us but I think we should treat any reunion as special, don't you? 2027 will be our 55th! It's never too early to start making plans to attend. Save the date in your planners! As

the word about our fb page and keep in touch with each other."

Pat Inman Thibault
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1973

Susan Smith England writes "Hi Classmates, I trust you are well and your winter wasn't too difficult. David and I enjoyed our first full year back in Maine. For me, it was nice to have a white Christmas and snow on the ground after the many RI winters that could be rainy and damp.

I took a part time job at the LL Bean Home Store last summer. It's a busy place and something I find fun. I've run into some RI friends as well as Pittsfield folks. **Mike Ames and Lynne Cianchette** happened to be in the store one day. It's always good to catch up.

David and I like being closer to family and it gives us an opportunity to see MCI classmates and friends on a regular basis. We've had lunch with **Tania Rogers Carnrick** and husband, Doug a couple of times. **Pam Kelley Rogoski** has also visited which has been fun. Pam had a bad ankle break during the winter and is now on the mend.

We are looking forward to the summer and all that comes with it. We will spend a couple of days in Rangeley with **Craig Sargent** and his wife, Sharon, along with our close U of Maine - Farmington friends.

Stay well and enjoy the summer days ahead!"

Susan Smith England
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1974

Everett "Mike" Hatton writes "Ship Master on Department of Defense Vessels in the Far East. Resides in Viera, Florida a good part of the year and Lake Cabin on Nash Lake in Maine when off in summer and/or fall. I enjoy traveling with my wife and visiting family. God is Great!"

Ivy Lary Yeo writes "I worked at Danforth's in Pittsfield for 9 years. Made a change to work at Reny's. I've been there six weeks and I love it."

Vera Lloyd Bryant
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1976

Scot Kelley writes from Japan, "After MCI I got married, tried egg farming, then LaVerdiere's, then went to Seattle.... marriage failed and I went back to college. Encountered Japanese ... spent a year in Tokyo, and after finally graduating college in 1995 I moved to Japan. Taught English at first but then remarried, got a chance to work for precision measurement instrument company, and soon I was traveling the globe. Even spent 6 years in Germany at the parent company before returning to Japan. After retirement in 2017 we moved back to Japan, where we live today on a modest homestead. I plan to live out my days here, don't travel anymore as things are quite complicated compared to back then. Life is good ...

Charlie Tryder
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1977

Jodi Breau writes, "Greetings to members of the class of 1977. As our 50th class reunion, YES you read that right, looms. It is as good a time as any to catch you up on our classmates. The following is from my recollections and Facebook posts. If the information is incorrect, I sincerely apologize and ask you to reach out so that it doesn't happen again. **Chet Allen** I see on Facebook. **Kevin Ames** and his wife Trudi are living the dream on Moose Pond and enjoying lake time with their grandchildren. **Tammy Andrews Ingraham** lives in Pittsfield with her husband Buddy. **Lori Bickford Ring** is around town. **Scott Booth** resides in Florida. He's dealing with health issues so send healing prayers and thoughts his way. **Mary Bowden Connor** and **Ken** live in Oakland. Ken is retiring from MCI Maintenance at the end of the year. His leadership has kept the place looking good for many years. **Jodi Breau** and **Jim Morra** married in 2006. They divide their time between their home in Cape Elizabeth and the lake house in Poland. Jim retired from a long career as a semiconductor engineer and Jodi retired after 33 years as a school librarian to start Dental Lace Inc. The company sold in 2024 and now they travel as much as possible. **Ruth Brenniger** lives

in Texas with her family of 5 children. She's a nurse. **Martha Brooks** is around town and I see her at Bud's occasionally. **Jim Cianchette** returned to Pittsfield and is active in MCI Sports Boosters and Masons. **Steve Cianchette** and Lisa live on Seabasticook Lake. Steve is active in Masons and has had some amazing motorcycle adventures. **John Connors** FB posts show he plays golf and has some great motorcycle rides too. **Gary Davis** lives in Scarborough with his wife Patti. They have twin boys in college. **Brent Frost** and Kelli live not far from where Brent grew up in Pittsfield. They raised their family and are active in town. **Sonda Giles** is a Realtor in Newport. Buying or Selling? Be sure to contact her. **Duane Grosz** served in the military and is a truck driver. He has returned to the area. **Jim Hammond**, after many years teaching school in Pittsfield, and his wife Donna retired to Searsport to be near family. **Stanley Hunt** reached out and shared that life has been a struggle but he keeps on trucking. **Suzie Kohler** lives in Boston. You can see her beautiful photography on FB. **Kelly Lary** posts on FB. She looks exactly the same. **Craig Littlefield** and Sherry live in Pittsfield. Craig retired and enjoys watching the grandchildren play sports at MCI. **Stu Ludden** is now the proud owner of bionic hips. Say hi when you stop in at Bud's/Danforth's. **Denise Marcoux Nelson** and husband Steve have had long careers as Student Life directors. Denise currently is at UNE. They have two grown children and are now empty nesters. They welcomed their grandson recently. **Pam Newhouse** resides in Hope with her husband Mike. They have two sons. Not too long ago Pam received the Athletic Hall of Fame award at MCI noting her outstanding career as an athlete. I saw **Jennie Noble** at an MCI event and at Bud's. She still has that wonderful smile. **Dave Quint** and Patty have built a beautiful new home on Route 100. They have fun spending time with their grandkids. **Penny Shorey** and her husband Jim sold their store and live in Detroit. Penny is an extraordinary gardener, veggies and flowers. **Bob Sloma** and his family returned to the area and he just retired from Head of Maintenance at MCI. **Erik Updyke** lives in Long Beach, CA. He is now retired after a long career as a Civil Engineer for Long Beach. He is frequently in town and can be seen occasionally at MCI sports events. He is a member of the

MCI Board of Trustees. **Kris Whitley** has returned to Pittsfield. **Truly Wyman** lives in Texas and from her FB posts enjoys her family and grandchildren. Sadly a few members of our class have passed. RIP **Marcia Frederick, Kevin Cookson, Rhonda Newton, and Sandy Wyman**. If you don't see a mention here, please reach out to me. I've lost track of you. Breaujodi@gmail.com.

Jodi Breau
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1978

Martin MacGown writes, "I've spent the past several years working in the software consulting industry after transitioning from my role as Talent Acquisition Director at MaineGeneral Health. Before that, I served 21 years in the Marine Corps., a career that allowed me to travel the world and live in some incredible places – Okinawa being my favorite, with Hawaii as a close second. When I retired from the military, our family settled back in Maine, where I embarked on a rewarding second career in Healthcare Information Technology (HIT – finally answering my calling to be a "HITman"). And, just between us, this year marks my final full year of work. If all goes as planned, I'm looking forward to retiring by December 2026. God willing. As long as I can stand the cold climates on these old knee joints I'll be staying up here beyond retirement, active in serving at Calvary Baptist Church (up on the hill near Seabasticook Valley Hospital). Hope to see many of my 1978 classmates at our upcoming 50th in a couple years! Egads ... time flies!!!

Robert Cianchette
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1987

David O'Brien writes "Everything is great here in Florida! Cindy and I are now empty nesters and have moved into the country on 5 acres. Shelby is in NYC chasing her acting and singing dream, and Delaney is at the University of Miami working on a Physical Therapy degree. I still go back to my camp once a year during late July and early August."

David O'Brien
Class Agent

CLASS OF 1998

The Class of '98 is re-booting their efforts to connect alumni with one another and the school. Please message Jared through Facebook (Class of '98 Group) or via text at (207) 450-9325.

Jared McCannell is living in Rockland, Maine with his three boys. He has worked as the executive director of Penobscot Bay Language School in Rockland since 2020. Over the past three years he has taken adult students to Spain and France for language immersion programs. He hopes to see some MCI alumni on one of the upcoming trips!

Jared McCannell
Class Agent

CLASS OF 2021

Lorenzo Moroni writes, "After MCI, I have studied Business Management at ESCP Business School, throughout its campuses in Paris, Madrid, and Berlin. During these three years, I had the opportunity to work in Milan, Turin, and Amsterdam. After graduating from ESCP, in January 2025 I started

working for EssilorLuxottica (owner of Ray-Ban and Oakley, among all) as a Category Management intern. However, I will be joining ESADE University in Barcelona this next Fall, where I will study International Management. If you want to read more information, please feel free to check my LinkedIn: www.linkedin.com/in/lorenzo-moroni-03mi08 or please reach out via phone number or email :) Lorenzo"

Randall Starbird
Class Agent

AND A NOTE FROM A FORMER MCI TEACHER:

"Three novels written by Peter Oliver before he moved to Pittsfield are now available in paperback format from Amazon and online at Kindle. Mr. Oliver taught English as a Second Language and mathematics at Maine Central Institute from 1995 to 2006. The most important of his writing is Democracy in America: A Novel, which is a hardboiled detective story set in the context of the 1980 New

Hampshire presidential primary, at a time when American political contests were civil and substantive. The two other novels are South Seas thrillers: Firewalkers (set in Fiji) and Arising from the Ocean (set in Samoa).

Mr. Oliver has begun revising a fourth novel, this one set in the Marshall Islands in the 1970's when this sublime expanse of coal atolls was still a district of America's Micronesian territory. Mr. Oliver worked in the Marshall Islands for twenty-nine years before joining the faculty of Maine Central Institute."

If you would like to volunteer as a Class Agent for your class, please contact the Alumni Office at:

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207-487-5915



After 26 years of dedicated service to MCI, **Sharon Savasuk** leaves behind a remarkable legacy of professionalism, commitment, and care. As the steady presence in the Advancement Office through decades of change, she worked alongside six advancement directors and numerous staff members, serving as the constant source of knowledge, organization, and support that helped keep the department running smoothly.

Known by generations of alumni, donors, and friends of MCI, Sharon has long been the trusted voice on the other end of the phone and the person many turned to for answers, guidance, and assistance. Her exceptional attention to detail, deep institutional memory, and unwavering commitment to the school have made her an invaluable resource not only to the Advancement Office but to the entire MCI community.

Throughout her career, Sharon embraced change while never losing sight of the relationships and traditions that make MCI special. Whether coordinating countless advancement initiatives behind the scenes, helping strengthen alumni engagement, or ensuring that important details never fell through the cracks, her contributions have touched every aspect of the school's advancement efforts. While she has always preferred to work quietly in the background, her impact on MCI is impossible to overstate.

Congratulations, Sharon, on 26 extraordinary years of service. Thank you for the dedication, care, and professionalism you have given to MCI. We wish you all the best in your well-earned retirement!

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The Advancement Office was notified of the passing of these members of the MCI family:

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Remembering Lynne Gould Cianchette

by Tom Bertrand '90

As I talk with alumni about their experiences at MCI, a few common themes consistently emerge. Many speak about how well the school prepared them academically for the next phase of their lives. Others fondly recall the fun they shared with classmates and teammates. Most often, however, they tell stories about a person who made a significant impact on them during their time at MCI; someone whose influence endured long after graduation. When you consider the tens of thousands of people who have attended, worked at, or volunteered for Maine Central Institute throughout its 160-year history, every one of them has left a mark on the school in some way. Some have created a legacy through service and philanthropy. Others have provided an enduring example of humanity, compassion, and selflessness for generations to follow.

On February 13, the Maine Central Institute family lost one of those very special members of our community: **Lynne Gould Cianchette, Class of 1969** (Warsaw).

Lynne's connection to MCI went well beyond being an alum. Lynne's children and several of her grandchildren attended MCI and many graduated from the school. She was an employee of the school from 1987-2000, working in the Main Office, Athletic Office, and Dean of Students Office, as well as supporting clubs and activities as a volunteer during that period. Lynne was a member of many booster groups during her time working at MCI and continued giving back when she moved back from Florida for cheering, football and softball specifically. She was a host parent for residential/boarding students. Her home was open to many day students from 'out of town' who knew where the sandwich fixings and chocolate chip cookie bars were, and they didn't hesitate to tell her in the office when the supplies were low.

What made Lynne so special was not *that* she played all of those roles, but rather *how* she went about it. Lynne's personality ensured that there were no sharp and contrasting lines between those roles. Her character allowed her to naturally and genuinely navigate those boundaries to effectively identify those who needed some support, and then care for them with a blend of compassion and tough love. Working as the front line in a school office, it is common to be faced with situations that require discretion and judgment as the student works through whatever issue is before them. Lynne always had the best interest of students and the school in mind as she navigated those situations thoughtfully and compassionately, using common sense, morality, and humanity as her compass.

How better to tell that story than through the reflections of a few of those people that she worked with and cared for?



Doug Cummings, who was the Head of School while Lynne worked at MCI said that, "Lynne had a deep care and compassion for everybody and she was always willing to lend a hand." He also said that she helped bring day and boarding students together. Working in the office, Lynne would see a lot of students and staff throughout the day and she was a pioneer in the host family program. That, combined with having children at the school, provided a natural opportunity for that authentic integration.

Julie Treadwell, who was a teacher/coach when Lynne began working at MCI and later an administrator during Lynne's later years at MCI, said that one of Lynne's most effective qualities was allowing people to be heard. When students are in the office, it is often due to an attendance, behavioral, or health related issue; all of which carry a level of stress and vulnerability. According to Julie and others, Lynne had a way of meeting students where they were, deescalating them, and helping them prepare to navigate whatever was immediately ahead of them. Julie remembered her doing the same with staff and said that as she has thought back on that time in her career...

"Lynne helped me become a better administrator and a better person."

– Julie Treadwell
Coworker at MCI

Max Good '61, who was the post graduate basketball coach during most of the years that Lynne worked at MCI said that Lynne was special in many ways. He said that he always appreciated that Lynne would go out of her way to make his players and all students feel comfortable. He said, "I looked at Lynne as a coach off the floor. She would always let me know what was going on with my guys." Many of the alums and colleagues of Lynne's would describe her gift of being brutally honest and extremely compassionate in the same breath.

Lynne's professional role at MCI undoubtedly facilitated some of the meaningful and lifelong connections that she made. However, it was her role as a host parent, officially and unofficially, that had the greatest and life changing impact on students. **Sean Callahan '92**, a classmate of Lynne's son **Aaron '92**, came to MCI from Reno, NV as a day student living with his aunt and uncle in Pittsfield. Sean tells the story of going back to Reno at Christmas and not wanting to come back to MCI because he was homesick. After returning to Pittsfield he found himself spending more and more time at the Cianchette's house. Sean said, "Lynne made me feel like I was at home and a part of the family." He would eventually move in with the Cianchette's and became an unofficial son to Lynne, and a brother to Aaron, **Megan '95**, and **Nikki '99**.

Another student during that period of the early 90's who found a home with Lynne and her family, was **Jaime Alonso '92**. Jaime describes landing in Maine with little to no fluency in English at the age of 16 and being immediately homesick. He was assigned a host family and would visit them, but there was really no connection. He found himself alone on Christmas when everyone went to a family function. Jaime was a classmate of Aaron, so he called him and Aaron went to pick him up and brought him back to their house. Jaime recalls walking in that very first time and immediately feeling welcomed and cared for, simply because of the way Lynne treated him. He said, "I felt like one of her kids from day one when she opened her house to me and it felt like another home, and the relationship has been kept up with Mum over all of these years."

Qur-an (Ibn) Webb '93 is now a member of the faculty at Western Connecticut State University. Ibn was a Postgraduate Football Player while at MCI and Lynne was his official host family/parent. He describes the culture shock of coming to a small town in central Maine. Ibn said that Lynne helped with that transition and described her as, "an extension of my mom." He quickly became comfortable not only visiting the house as a part of the formal program, but also whenever he and his roommate would need to just get off campus for a while. Ibn has stayed in touch over the years and even visited her with his daughter when Lynne was living and working in Florida. Nikki surprised Lynne by getting her to join a podcast that Ibn does called, "Official Thanks." The QR code below links to that video where you can see, hear, and feel the authentic and enduring connection between them.



"Lynne Cianchette raised the community of us."

What a remarkable legacy for the community of us to follow.

Al Miller '99, a member of the Championship Postgraduate Basketball Team, was another of Lynne's host students. Al remembers Lynne's home as a safe haven and appreciated her open invitation to come over anytime. The home cooking made the transition from Washington DC to Pittsfield, ME that much more bearable. As a paralegal in DC and a parent himself now, Al said that he often reflects on this example of kindness and caring:



"I cried two times that year. The first was when I got off the plane in Maine because I had left home. The second was when I left to go back, because I was leaving home again, even after just a school year. Lynne played a big part in me feeling that way."

– Al Miller '99
PG Basketball Player at MCI

Lynne always did the right thing by students and by the School without any fanfare nor need for recognition. She was truly an MCI Husky in the office, field or courtside and in her home, like we all hope to emulate. She focused on building positive relationships that were authentic and caring. She held students accountable and she helped them through difficult times. She then opened her home to countless students and staff members who just needed a place to go and feel at home for a little while, or even forever in one case. She bridged gaps between people that should have never been gaps, and she helped people through challenges when they needed a bit of extra love and support. She set an example of how important it is to be good to one another and stay connected. Al Miller summed it up well when he said:

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