The best way to understand the breadth and depth of the types of professional development opportunities that exist at LA is to read about them in the pages that follow. Whether it be the math department attending “math camp” in the summer, or English teacher Scott Smith receiving his master’s in English at Bread Loaf, or Colin Igoe obtaining his C License in soccer coaching over the summer, LA’s faculty is on the move and improving themselves in every way they can.

Although pedagogy instructs us that teaching is a craft, teachers at schools like Lawrence Academy know that it is, in fact, an art.

It is experimental. It relies on interaction between artist and audience, and it grows from the passion to express and to share. Our teaching ranks are filled with individuals whose success in the classroom derives from the satisfaction they first encountered as children when they first met the sense of discovery. Now they seek to sustain that spirit throughout their lives.

Yet it is that love for their subjects, so effervescent, so irrepressible, that makes our teachers so irresistible and inspiring to our students.

How can we kindle such a flame? What can each individual do to help?

The pages that follow explore some of the many ways LA faculty expand their professional horizons each year, from English teacher Scott Smith’s experience at Bread Loaf to Andrew Healy’s new use of the language lab to Artie Karp’s trip to Costa Rica.

This edition of the Elm Tree also highlights how the inspiration our teachers gain from professional development opportunities translates into direct impact on their students. Consider what current seniors Conor Helfrich and Becca Gilbert have to say about the teachers and classes they have experienced during their years at LA (pp. 8 and 7). Or the lifelong influence LA faculty has had on alumni Amanda Doyle-Bouvier ’98 and Joe Donahue ’72 (pp. 22 and 20).

I am confident that the stories and anecdotes highlighted in the following pages are not unique to these writers and subjects. Lawrence Academy has been inspiring students for 218 years! There are literally thousands of stories similar to Conor’s, Becca’s, Amanda’s, and Joe’s.

We hope this edition of the Elm Tree captures some of those artful, impactful moments and is a reminder of the vibrant connection between the ongoing education and professional development of LA teachers and the creativity, wisdom, and energy that they bring to the classroom. Their canvases are the minds and hearts of the young people who pass through our hallways and classrooms, each of whom emerges with LA’s unique mark.

— Greg Foster
Spring Fundraiser Celebrates LA Teachers

The Annual Spring Social and Fundraiser
Saturday, May 5, 2012, 6:00 p.m.
The McDonald Library, Lawrence Academy
proceeds to benefit The Lawrence Academy
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A mind rooted in knowledge
is free to take flight.
**Long-Lasting Fruit from Spain**

When I arrived at Lawrence Academy in 1983 as a Spanish teacher, I was young and energetic and full of ideas about how the language should be taught. I remember that first year and how challenging my classes were. My students kept me on my toes, and I quickly learned that not only did I need to have a sound strategy of classroom management, but I needed to be current in my field, have fresh ideas, and be able to challenge the brightest students while at the same time supporting the broad range of ability that existed in my classes.

That winter, I was encouraged by my department chair to pursue some professional development and even a master’s degree. After attending a program at Middlebury College that summer, which was paid for by Lawrence Academy’s professional development budget, I found my teaching was sharper and more focused, and my students were the beneficiaries of my broadened abilities.

The next summer, with more encouragement from my department chair, I was accepted to a graduate program in Soria, Spain, and Lawrence Academy paid my tuition and some of the airfare. Attending that program up in the mountains of the Old Castile region of Spain was a turning point. Rarely did I speak any English. I made many Spanish friends, traveled all over Spain, learned the culture, and loved the food. My Spanish took off and I caught fire as a Spanish teacher. Through LA’s professional development program, I returned to Spain for three more summers and received my master’s degree in 1991.

My experience in the 1980’s is not much different from the experiences of the rejuvenated and energized teachers whose stories are included in this issue. Our professional development expectations have been codified since the early 80’s and the benefits they bring all of us at the Academy resound throughout each year.

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**Lawrence Academy Faculty Handbook outline for Professional Development**

The purpose of the professional development program at Lawrence is to provide a supportive formal structure that encourages professional development and creates time, so that teachers feel that their efforts to improve their skills and knowledge are sanctioned. Professional development is overseen by the assistant head of school and the Professional Development Committee.

**Requirements:** There are five areas of professional development. The school expects that all faculty members, in conjunction with their department chair and/or direct supervisor, will, over a two-year period, create a meaningful program of professional development that includes all five areas.

1. **Growth in subject area:** The goal is to expand a teacher’s knowledge of the subject.*

2. **Growth in teaching methods:** The goal is to expand a teacher’s understanding of the different forms of instruction and how they can be used to reach all learners.*

3. **Growth in understanding the stages of adolescent development and how they apply to students in the classroom, on the playing fields, and in the dormitory:** The goal is to expand a teacher’s understanding of social interaction, stages of development, gender differences, and signs of health and wellness as these aspects affect adolescents.

4. **Growth in the use of technology:** Faculty should gain proficiency in the various technologies they use in their daily activities at the school.

5. **Growth in diversity, multicultural, and global education:** Faculty should expand their background concerning issues of diversity, cultural competence, inclusion, character education, and student life.

* For non-teaching faculty, the goal is to expand knowledge and understanding of practices and trends relevant to the non-teaching faculty positions at Lawrence Academy.

**Ways to fulfill the five requirements:**

- Graduate work
- Summer or night courses
- Workshops
- Curriculum development
- Class visits (within LA or at another school)
- Self- videotaping in the classroom
- Trying new methods in the classroom
- Summer departmental work on pedagogy
- In-house workshops

Since the professional development activities sheets were distributed to the faculty winter term, some exciting requests have been pouring in:

- Several teachers plan to attend the Christie McAliffte Technology Conference on integrating technology into the classroom.
- Technology Director Mark Burkholz will be attending the Flipped Classroom conference in Chicago this summer. His goal is to introduce this technique to several departments at LA.
- ESL teacher Andrew Brescia plans to advance to TEFL certification at the internationally recognized Boston Academy of Teaching English.
- Science teacher Katie Quist will be taking the on-line course Teach Like a Champion.
- Academic Support Director, Kimberly Poulin will attend the Learning and the Brain Conference: Web-Connected Minds, in Arlington, VA.
My family and I lived in Monteverde, Costa Rica, during the 2008–2009 school year. Because of the Ansiz Sabbatical Program, I was given a term off. I asked and was graciously granted a leave of absence for the rest of the year by Scott Wiggins, the head of school at that time. While we were in Costa Rica, we also traveled to Nicaragua, Panama, Guatemala, and Colombia.

I admit that, like many Americans, I did not know much about Latin America, its people, or its history. I viewed the region as a rather unified entity rather than the very diverse place it actually is. While I was there, I started reading about its history and became fascinated. As I traveled, I witnessed how vibrant and diverse it was. I determined that I would try to offer a class in Latin American history and culture.

I realized that it would be beneficial for me to take a course in Latin American history. While I could have done it all on my own, having a formal background would be very helpful. I searched for courses that I might take and found “Latin American Civilization” being offered at Taft School during the summer of 2011. It was a weeklong seminar course, and, from its description, seemed perfect. I applied for a professional development grant and was awarded the money by Lawrence Academy for the tuition.

The week turned out to be very fruitful. The course was intensive. My five classmates and I spent seven hours a day in the classroom and had about three hours of reading and writing every evening. The professor, who was from Springfield College and who had traveled extensively throughout Latin America (he was a Cuban-American), led us through the history of the region and had us read many Latin American short stories that had been written during different historical periods.

I am now offering a course in Latin American history during the 2012 winter term. As with any new course, it is a work in progress. But there is no doubt that the professional development that I undertook through Lawrence aided me tremendously. I hope to be able to continue my study of the region and to make the course even richer and better as the years progress.
I found the training that we received to be incredibly beneficial. The language lab is a tremendous resource, but we had not been using it to its fullest potential. Many of us were simply using it to connect to the Internet—the equivalent of buying a BMW so you can listen to the radio. Among other things, the language lab is set up to allow communication between students. For example, we are able to randomly pair students in the class so that they can speak to each other or work collaboratively on a project from across the room. The fact that they cannot see each other face-to-face puts considerable emphasis on their spoken Spanish. Providing students with the opportunity to practice their oral proficiency is one of the biggest challenges we face as language teachers. The language lab gives us a wealth of resources that encourage the students to play actively with the spoken language. Were it not for the training, I would not have known how to create activities that encourage students to practice this skill. Thus, I found the day to be incredibly useful and worthwhile.

I thought I was pretty knowledgeable when it came to the language lab, but the workshop showed me so much more that I could be doing to enhance my classes. I felt fairly comfortable with my lab skills prior to the workshop. I had managed to figure out how to pair up students so they could talk to one another, how to send audio files, how to record students, and how to talk to individual students through the microphone. The workshop, however, taught me how to do these things in a more effective way, and how to do so much more. It made me want to have class in the lab every day!

The instructor demonstrated, among other things, how to:

- organize my lab files;
- make different groups for the students so they can do different things;
- instant message to and among the students during exercises;
- create a “whiteboard” for students to share, where they can draw out a description;
- vary the pairs I make;
- launch an internet site to students’ computers;
- insert my corrections into a student’s recording;
- show videos/DVDs and CDs through the lab software; and
- record individual segments of videos/DVDs to save on the server to use at a later time (no video cassette/DVD would need to be brought to class!).

While it takes time to get used to all of these features, my students have been supportive and patient with me while I try new things. I think they are enjoying being exposed to these new ideas and methods, too.

What I really loved about the workshop was how I can create my own material with the lab software. I can read dictées and save them as an audio file. I can arrange it so a song plays and the corresponding exercise is on the screen at the same time. I honestly feel as if I have only scratched the surface of what I can do in the lab. I am looking forward to this summer when I will spend more time using the lab and developing curriculum.

The language lab workshop made me feel much more comfortable in the lab and broadened my horizons as to the possibilities there.

Note: In October, all of LA’s language teachers spent an entire school day immersed in training provided by an expert in the use of their Sony language lab. They abandoned their own students for the day to become students themselves, leaving well-prepared agendas for each class in the hands of willing administrative staff members, who enjoyed the opportunity to step into the classrooms.
Our active Parents’ Association is led by an executive board composed of approximately 30 families representing both boarding and day students. There are many volunteer opportunities throughout the year and each of these provides a fun vehicle for meeting other parents and staying in touch with what is going on at LA. All current parents are automatically members of our Parents’ Association (PA), which has a four-fold mission: to promote a sense of community among parents, students, faculty, and administration; to drive fundraising efforts; to assist with parent-organized events; and to help educate parents about Lawrence Academy.

Proud to be an LA Volunteer

How can you become more involved in your high schooler’s life? Volunteer!
LA needs you, the students need you, and the rewards are endless.

As a parent of a high school child, I bet you have had this conversation:
“How was school?” “Great.”
“What did you do today?” “Schoolwork.”
Does this sound familiar? Not exactly packed with information and details!
Volunteering over the last four years at LA has enriched my life in a variety of ways. I have had numerous opportunities to get to know students, faculty, and staff, as well as many fantastic parent volunteers, many of whom will be lifelong friends. Volunteering has also given me a unique perspective that I would not otherwise have on my son’s school life; I see where he spends so many hours each day, and with whom.
I have also had the occasion to participate in some amazing projects, including co-chairing last year’s Behind the Scenes spring fundraiser. The opportunity to become involved in day-to-day activities has provided me special insight into how wonderful Lawrence Academy truly is.

My only regret during my time as a volunteer at LA has been that I did not become more involved sooner. The opportunity to become involved in cultivating the experience of current and future students at the school that my son attended was very rewarding. I will be forever grateful for the chance to help the school that has taught and nurtured my son.

Become a volunteer!
Get involved with this incredible community. Volunteer a little or a lot, but know that your time and effort are always appreciated, and it is something you will enjoy.

Though my son has graduated, I will always feel a special connection to Lawrence Academy because of the time I was able to spend as a parent volunteer.

Deb Sarkis

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Week

During a week in February, the Parents’ Association gave thanks to the entire faculty and staff for all they do for their children. This has become a great LA tradition and one that the school community looks forward to each year. A special thanks to co-chairs Phyllis Keane and Jean Kilian.

PA Holiday Party

Event co-chairs Katherine Denault (Emily ’12) and Peg Bernhardt (Chris ’13) and their husbands Charlie and Ted.

Joan and Trustee Robert Barsamian ’78 (Robbie ’13)

Heather Greacen (Scott ’13) and Peg Bernhardt (Chris ’13)
Bridget Flynn, a senior from Reading, Massachusetts, is like most LA students in that she has a full plate of classes and afternoon activities that fill her days at school; however, she is perhaps not so much like others in that her “favorite” seems to be virtually all of them.

She plays varsity soccer, hockey, and softball, and prefers “the one I’m doing at the time.” An honor student, Bridget has classes this year in AP English, AP Government, AP Environmental Science, Math IV, and Spanish IV. Her three favorites are her AP classes, but she comments about how each of her subjects challenges her, and how she welcomes and thrives under that pressure. She appears to be calm and collected, and she is smiling. “I’m okay with it. I like it. I think you never really know what you can do until you make yourself do something. And I’m someone who needs a schedule. So, if I have a tall order of things to do, I’ll be much more efficient, because I know I have to do it.”

A member of the Judiciary Council since the beginning of her sophomore year, Bridget is now also one of four seniors who act as leaders of the entire student body. Every Friday, the school leaders conduct the morning assembly, sharing information about relevant issues and presenting skits to further their message. Her job also includes participating in bi-weekly Faculty/Student Senate meetings. All require vision, thoughtful attention, and a considerable time commitment.

They also demand the mentality of a team player, something that Bridget is recognized for both on and off the playing fields. She names many adults whom she counts as her own support team and wishes that more students understood that so many people are there for them, if they would just ask—and preferably before they get into any trouble. “I’ve found from Judiciary Council that kids, when they plagiarize, will say something like, ‘I was going to jeopardize other people, I think it’s sort of a no-brainer … as much as you feel bad and you sympathize. It’s tough,” she says, “but everyone respects the fact that it’s not easy.”

The Faculty/Student Senate, which prefers to arrive at consensus in its decision-making, can also hold heated discussions that make agreement difficult. “Especially when we talk about what we think is right for the school. People have different ideas, because they have different Utopias of what would be the perfect Lawrence Academy.” She notes that it is difficult to vote against anyone’s ideas, but that the goal should always be, as much as possible, “to remove yourself from it and just give an unbiased opinion.”

Bridget seems to consider even the serious tasks with good humor and perspective. When it comes to summers, she has found a niche that she loves. “I’m a camp counselor at Super Skills Hockey in Tewksbury. It’s an ice hockey camp and we teach little kids how to skate. You live with people every day here at school and the counselors have a filter and some people are very prim and proper; but with these kids, whatever they think just comes out—they are hilarious!”

On top of everything else at LA, Bridget serves as a dormitory proctor, and she is currently one of four students doing an independent study of mask performance. As she looks forward to a Winterim that will teach her scuba diving, she refers to last year’s session, when she studied yoga. She claims to squeeze a favorite five-minute meditation into her schedule every now and then—but it appears that the endless challenges suit her perfectly and serve her best.
More Than Just a Jock

Conor Helfrich '12

by Beverly Rodrigues

After two years as a day student at Governor’s Academy, North Andover’s Conor Helfrich considered the benefits of repeating a year and enrolled at Lawrence Academy as a sophomore. Attending this time as a boarder, Conor immediately appreciated study hall and found that not having to deal with commuting made it much easier to manage his time efficiently. And he had a new attitude. “When I was signing on to do another year of high school, that was when I kind of looked at it a little more seriously and said, ‘This is another chance to do well, and I want to try and take advantage of it.’”

Now a senior, Conor serves as a proctor in Waters House and enjoys the leadership and community-building opportunities that come with the position. He describes Waters, with its big old rooms, as “home-like” and says it was easy to choose “home” as the dorm’s theme for the year. “Looking back on it, I think everyone in our dorm will be able to say it’s been a good experience. That was our goal, for everyone to have a good year in the dorm.” As all of the proctors trained for their roles last fall, Conor appreciated the facilitator at his session, who “talked about how it had become a hobby for her to lead in different situations.” He now includes “trying to be a good leader” as one of the things he does in his free time, along with practicing his “borderline acceptable” hacky-sack skills and playing the new Tiger Woods game on Xbox.

“Living with students with different cultural backgrounds,” Conor says, “teaches you not to be ignorant toward certain things and definitely to be careful of what you say, because you don’t know about someone’s beliefs or passions.” He adds that it is not a matter of learning to just accept people from different backgrounds, “which you would do anyway;” it is much more. “You get accustomed to living with these kids at Lawrence, so you don’t even think about it. But, if you take a step back you realize it’s pretty cool to have best friends from all over the place.”

There is no doubt about Conor’s enthusiasm for all his academic classes this year, and he has words of appreciation for each of his teachers. He consistently appears on the high honor roll and regularly expects a lot of himself. But, there have been some challenges that Conor never would have predicted. When asked about his first appearance on the LA stage in the cast of a student-directed, one-act play last spring, he exclaims, “Honestly, it was just an impulse!” He and some friends saw a sign for tryouts on the door as they entered the library, “and it was either take a left to go down to the theatre or go into the library.” They took the left. “I didn’t even want to do it, but they were both doing it, so I said, ‘Fine, I’ll go.’ And then, I was planning on not going up on stage and doing my tryout, but then everyone else went, and they called my name, and I really had no choice at that point. I tried not to embarrass myself—and I ended up getting picked for one of the parts, and I couldn’t believe it! I definitely have stage fright and don’t like public speaking, so that was a big thing for me to overcome. I’m so glad I did it. It was really fun.” He also enjoyed seeing how talented some of the students were, individuals with whom he might otherwise have had no contact.

“There are a lot of different activities to do here. The school doesn’t necessarily push you to do them, but just by putting the things in place and having the right people at the school, it definitely makes you want to try new experiences.” For Conor, one of those right people was Mike Jamieson ’11, who led him downstairs to the tryouts and who also impressed him by seeming equally comfortable with the many different kinds of people on campus. “There were many good upperclassmen leaders that I looked up to when I was here. They didn’t think they were ‘too cool,’ they didn’t think they were above the school, and they didn’t think they were above their classmates.”

Conor, the kid who used to be more or less “just a hockey and lacrosse player,” both in his own mind and in the minds of others, felt the door open for him to become so much more. “I saw that attitude, and I thought, ‘Wow!’”

In December, Conor was accepted early decision at Tufts, where he plans to pursue a general liberal arts education and is eager to play hockey and, especially, lacrosse. Named ISL All-League for his performance on the lacrosse team for each of his two seasons as a Spartan, Conor says, “I think it’s good to have high expectations, so I’m hoping to play right away. Tufts won the national championship two years ago, and they lost in the national championship game the previous season. To contribute to a national championship is my goal and my expectation. It’s something I dream about. It would be huge.”

In the future, Conor would love to stay involved with sports, and not necessarily as an athlete. He talks about the possibility of being a lawyer for the Red Sox or NHL hockey players, something that the doctor who stitched up a recent hockey injury for him suggested. “I would say something like that would be right up my alley.” Conor looks at the impressive bandage, which is still on his arm, and says he will be back on the ice soon. While he is not particularly anxious to leave LA, he is excited about taking up residence at Tufts. And he is pleased that his brothers, Patrick and Vincent, will be living nearby. “It’ll be cool to see them at my games.”

P.S. Conor did return to the ice for LA and had a crucial assist in the NEPSAC tournament that helped the team attain its first New England Championship title.
Although there is nothing to indicate it in her record of achievements at LA, Becca opens her interview with, “I’m a big athlete.” During her nine years as a student at BB&N, she says she was known as “an athlete and an artist,” and she was excited about participating in sports when she transferred to Lawrence Academy as a sophomore. A torn ACL during the intervening summer and recurring injuries during her three years led her to serve instead as a manager for the soccer and lacrosse teams that she would much rather be contributing to as a player. “I try not to think about it a lot, now I’m doing strength and conditioning, which I really love.”

The artist in her continues to explore, and she has taken several painting and drawing classes, sung in the chorus, performed in a musical, and acted in a student-directed, one-act play. But, when she talks about participating in Heartskin, an original production by Kelly and Anna Banker of the class of 2011, she has a hard time expressing how impactful it was for her. “Heartskin took up my life. I loved it. While I was doing it, it was a lot of work and very intensive. I was new to this whole type of theatre.” The play calls for the actors to represent their peers—and sometimes even themselves—and address real issues that they face. “These are kids who go to school with you, and you’re not getting up there and doing Shakespeare, for instance, where you can just act. So I had to learn how to act without acting, which was difficult. The experience was really excellent.”

Becca seems to look at everything that she has done as a beginning to something more, “I wish I could do more, I really do,” she says after talking about her various forays into the arts. Now taking a Spanish 5 class, she would like to add abroad sometime to learn to speak it well. And she talks about pursuing political science in college as a result of two classes that she loved. “AP Gov is definitely my favorite class, and that’s sparked an interest for politics that I didn’t even know I had. I took a course on the assassination of JFK last year with Brian Feigenbaum, and I loved that, too.” A recent highlight for her was the opportunity to go with her class to a filming of The Week with George Stephanopoulos. “I had to get up at 5:30 in the morning on a Sunday, but it was so interesting. I’ve never been to a live TV show, and hearing people talk about these things was definitely an experience. After I left that, I knew that this is what I’m interested in, which is a good feeling.”

Knowing that it is not just the subject matter that makes things click for her, Becca adds, “Mr. Karp is an unbelievable teacher. I think a good class does have a lot to do with the teacher. When I go home and I’m reading the documents and the textbook, the relationship that we have with Mr. Karp adds to it—makes it different, more personal.” Her AP English class with Doc Haman gets the same review. “His enthusiasm is … just exciting.” She admires both teachers for their facility in leading students to explore and consider things from all angles.

When Becca left BB&N, it had been her home for nine years, and she was very much involved—in fact, she served as president of her freshman class. But she wanted new options and someplace less comfortably familiar. At LA now for three years, Becca finds herself back in the same leadership roles. Elected by the student body to serve as its president this year, she devotes a lot of time to that responsibility. She and three other student-body leaders plan and run Friday morning assemblies, as well as many fundraising events and all-school activities. She also plays a leading role in the Faculty/Student Senate and Student Government. It is easy to see Becca succeeding in these roles, as she seems to understand the value of having both the courage to state her own ideas and the willingness to hear what others have to say. She frequently prefaces her opinions with, “Others may not agree, but …”

Last spring, Becca applied to become a peer counselor by writing an essay and interviewing with the departing counselors in the graduating class. After training this fall, she began her duties at new-student orientation at Windsor Mountain, where she acted as mentor to five incoming students. Back on campus, she says the job is not only to make sure that those counselees are comfortable, but also that anyone who might need you is comfortable. As a group, the peer counselors facilitate several workshops for the NGP during the year, including a Health Day where they discuss topics such as sex education, drugs and alcohol, and self-image. And they meet every Monday night to check in with each other and share concerns.

With her many commitments, it is no wonder that Becca feels as if she belongs at Lawrence Academy. A day student hailing from Lincoln, she says, “I never, ever feel like I’m an outsider or anything like that. I pretty much feel like a boarder. I come in the morning and eat breakfast and leave after study hall at 10:00.” She sees LA as a place where kids are “happy and laid back.” Maybe laid back isn’t the right expression; she explains: “This is a place where I have felt comfortable doing whatever it is that I want to do, whether it’s different art classes or something that I want to address with a teacher. I have no problem going up to a teacher and making suggestions. Teachers listen to you, and they want to make your experience here to be better.” In the classroom, around campus, and especially working with teachers in the Faculty/Student Senate, Becca says, “They treat me as an adult, they talk to me, and they trust me. And that’s been really special.”

Becca came to her interview directly from the junior class poetry recitation finals in the theatre, where she served as a judge on the panel, an honorary position that she earned as winner of the previous year’s competition. She is now in a place where many seniors are at this time of year, waiting for responses from colleges. “My dream school is Pomona in California. If Pomona were here, I’d love it, but since it’s in California, it’s even better.”
“I can’t wait for my play! I already know who I want to play the lead.” This spring’s annual evening of student-directed, one-act plays will not be the first for senior Judd Mitchell—it is his fourth play he will be participating in, in fact—but it is finally his turn to direct his own, and he is cranked, as the students say. As only a few other student directors have done, Judd is writing his own play, based on an original idea. Given his unique sense of humor and his eyes-wide-open view of human nature, we are probably in for a memorable half hour of LA theatre.

It has been quite a ride for the “pudgy ninth-grader” from Belmont who had “no confidence at all” when he got here. Still from Belmont, but now lean and thin, Judd—musician, skate- and snowboarder, poet, dorm proctor, sometime lacrosse player—is a fixture in our lively arts scene as an actor, director, musician, and some Friday mornings, everybody’s favorite weekend-events announcer. Judd credits his sophomore-year faculty advisor, former tech director Ben Oldham, for guiding him through some rough times as well as nurturing his thespian interests. “He was a fantastic character, absolutely the nicest guy; I never saw him get angry,” Judd says. “I was confused about everything, and he got me through a whole lot of stuff.”

When he landed his first Lawrence acting gig as a freshman, Judd was unaware that he was going to have to share his first kiss with a girl onstage. “I was incredibly afraid,” he recalled, with one of his little half-smiles. “I didn’t actually end up kissing her until the next-to-last dress rehearsal,” he said. He finally told himself to “stop being a wimp and just do it.” His next onstage kiss, however, will forever go unconsummated. As the male lead in a one-act last spring, Judd was supposed to kiss the girl—who happened to be dating the director, a senior. “It never happened,” he says. “I wasn’t going to do that in front of him.” Besides, Judd admits, he is “not a fan of public displays of affection,” even when it is for art.

Though Judd’s long-term plans center more around making music than working in the theatre (“I don’t need a whole team of people to create music”), he has become a fine character actor, drawing his inspiration from many sources. He played a Highlands crofter in last fall’s production of The 39 Steps, drawing his inspiration for a fabulous Scottish burr from “watching a lot of Mike Myers movies,” like Austin Powers (remember Fat Bastard?), among others. In the same play, a farcical parody of the Alfred Hitchcock film, he became a doddering old man with no teeth, borrowing a classmate’s voice and his elderly grandfather’s shuffle. The old guy has even made a few appearances in assemblies and videos since then.

Judd’s not sure where life after LA will take him, beyond knowing that he will make a career “somewhere in the arts.” Wherever he ends up, you will want to be there to enjoy. Stay tuned.
She’s not so much at her desk as in it. Formica-and-steel arms enfolding her in a comfortable embrace, papers piled high, computer staring blankly, the omnipresent can of Coke (the strongest thing she drinks) inches from her grasp. Linda Deasy could be at the helm of the Enterprise. Remembering her reaction when I asked if I could interview her for the Academy Journal (“Oh, my God!”), I try to start the conversation with a gentle, I thought, simple, question: “What do you tell people when they ask what you do at LA?” She had obviously fielded this one before. “I’m responsible for all the non-academic areas of the school,” she replies, without pausing to think. “I’m responsible to keep the school on sound, solid financial ground. I work with the Head to help the Head implement the goals of the school and of the Head.”

Whee! That’s a job—one which this Groton kid, elementary education major and cousin to the only funeral director in town, has been doing surpassingly well for the last thirty-eight years. Linda grew up in the Badger Funeral Home on School Street (her mom is a Badger); her family moved in with her grandparents when she was young. She attended the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she majored in elementary education. An M.B.A. from Clark came along later.

Both Linda and I came to Lawrence in an era when the business manager, at that time the late and beloved Joe Madigan, didn’t do much beyond signing paychecks, making sure that tuition payments were collected on time and bills were paid. And he handed out allowances to the boys every Tuesday, one of two days when they were allowed to go downtown. Joe’s title was Assistant Treasurer, though he was also the business manager: he kept the school’s modest and relatively simple financial house in order on a day-to-day basis.

Back in those days, the late 1960s, tuition was virtually the sole source of income for the school. Endowment was minuscule, fundraising non-existent. As Linda explained, there wasn’t even a budget committee on the Board of Trustees then; tuition, expenses and salaries went up by an automatic five percent every year, and “you crossed your fingers that the budget was balanced at the end of the year.” It was near the end of that era—the very early 1970s—that young Linda Campbell, whose mother, Mildred, worked as a part-time bookkeeper in the Business Office, came to work for Joe Madigan as a summer job during her time at U. Mass.

Working in the Business Office, Linda realized that she enjoyed and had an aptitude for business, so when one staff member left shortly after Linda graduated from college, she was offered the job. “I think I knew when I was in college, once I’d gotten a taste of the business side, I liked the business side and I liked being in a school, so [the job] gave me the best of both worlds,” she explained with a smile. Linda’s decision was helped by a glut of teacher candidates when she graduated from college in 1973, and by the fact that she had done her student teaching through a U. Mass. program at a public school in Bournemouth, England, an experience she remembers fondly as being hands-on (elements of Montessori), very interesting and “fun for me.” Potential employers in academe, however, while they loved that she had done her student teaching abroad, invariably ended up hiring the person who had been their student teacher—a known quantity.

So Linda “sort of fell into the job,” becoming business manager when Joe Madigan retired in 1981, a time of change in schools as in the world around them. As the school grew, so did the business manager’s responsibilities; no longer were they mere office managers, but interpreters and sometimes makers of policies. Ben Williams had brought in departmental budgets for the first time; tax-exempt bond financing became available and waves of new government regulations made school finances far more complex than they had been in Joe Madigan’s time. She spends a good deal of time, for example, working with the Development Office: “I don’t think anyone can do this job if they don’t understand what’s going on throughout the school.”

In time, Linda’s title morphed from Business Manager to Director of Finance and Business Operations, reflecting a trend among independent schools. As she explains it, “Many of my colleagues [in other schools] asked for the job title change, not so much for internal purposes as external.” The title of “Business Manager” no longer carried any weight with loan officers or banks, who still viewed them as mere office managers. Linda and her colleagues needed “a title that the outside world could relate to...it’s a matter of perception.” Linda describes her job model as “very typical” of schools like LA. Overseeing the finances at a school with limited resources such as Lawrence poses its own challenges, she says, but they’re no worse than those faced by colleagues at wealthier institutions—they’re simply different.

Different, maybe, but a far cry from crossing one’s fingers and hoping the budget will balance at the end of the year. We should all be thankful Linda took that junior year in England.
Diversity Conference: In December, six students represented LA at the People of Color and Student Diversity Leadership conferences in Philadelphia. Those students included: Jennifer Weil ’12; Connor Kilian ’12; Yu-Hsun Liao ’14; Summer Love ’13; Sharon Centeno ’13; and Janaijah Lloyd ’13. After two days of intensive small group workshops and activities that included all 1,500 participants, Connor reported, “I have never felt the same level of support and acceptance, or mutual trust and respect, in my life.”

Windsor Mountain: During an off-campus orientation before the start of school each fall, new students get acquainted with their classmates, play, and make connections with peer counselors and faculty. The group spends two days and one night at Windsor Mountain, a camp in New Hampshire that provides opportunities for outdoor adventures and community-building activities.

Mountain Day: A tradition that dates back some 125 years was upheld again this year. The entire student body, as well as many faculty members, took advantage of a glorious September day to make the hike up southern New Hampshire’s Mt. Monadnock. The mountain is unusual in that it stands apart from the range and provides a stunning 360° view from the summit—a fabulous and well-earned reward.

NGP at the Nashua River: After viewing “The Work of 1,000”, a documentary about Groton environmentalist Marion Stoddart’s efforts to clean up the local Nashua River, NGP students experienced the river themselves. They canoed on the river, hiked in a state forest along its bank, and visited a water treatment facility to learn about ongoing efforts to keep the river, now odorless and swimmable, clean.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: This year, students and faculty set aside the entire day to reflect upon the accomplishments of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to celebrate and explore the power in every individual to make a difference. Dr. James Peterson, Director of Africana Studies and Associate Professor of English at Lehigh University, opened the day by sharing his views on the power of the hip-hop culture. Everyone then attended two workshops of their choice, which included learning hip-hop, working with Brave New Voice poets, viewing and discussing short films about influential civil rights leaders, and exploring issues of leadership and stereotypes. One group headed off campus for the day to serve at a local food bank.
Judith French Poetry Recitation: At a special February assembly, the LA community watched and listened appreciatively as nine finalists in the annual junior class competition took to the stage to recite their selected poems. Junior Emma Keefe, who impressed the panel of judges with her rendition of Sylvia Plath’s “Mad Girl’s Love Song”, will have her name added to a plaque of past winners.

Community Service: Initiatives to support a broad range of community service efforts come from individual students, organized campus groups, and now a new class titled Leadership for Realizing Social Justice Through Service. It has been an especially active year, with the community making donations or service contributions to Crayons to Cradles, Grotonfest, the Groton Community Dinners, CityReach, Kiva, Toys for Tots, Bellisini Academy in Lawrence and the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, to name a few.

Cultural Coffeehouse: Driven by seniors Jenny Weil and Connor Kilian, the Cultural Coffeehouse gives students a forum for learning about other cultures and addressing current issues. Participants have discussed the timely topic of “Politics: Think for Yourself”; viewed and shared thoughts about The Letter, a movie about a large Somali migration to Lewiston, Maine, in the early 2000s; and joined a session inspired by the NPR show “This I Believe”, which provided the opportunity for students to give voice to their own passionate beliefs.

Academic Assemblies: Tuesday and Friday morning assemblies provide the school community with a chance to catch up on announcements and share information. The student body leaders are responsible for the content on Fridays, which typically includes an entertaining skit addressing a current topic. Additional assemblies bring in special guest speakers, such as Robin Wiszowaty, author of My Maasai Life: From Suburbia to Savannah and program director in Kenya for Free the Children.

Classroom Visitors: Authors, artists and specialists in other fields occasionally visit campus to share their expertise with students in the intimate classroom setting. Recent visitors include artist Linda Hoffman, whose sculpture was on display in the Conant Gallery, and award-winning author of young adult books, Jacqueline Woodson, who worked with students in AP English.
The Arts at LA

The cast of The 39 Steps

Kacey Hartner ’13, Connor Gowland ’13

The cast of The Trip

Daquan Sampson ’13 and Damien Myers ’13

Theatre

Dance

Hailey Shin ’13

Catherine Zhou ’13

Punrada Saengsomboon ’12

Jimmy Lawrence ’13 and Kiana Hackshaw ’14

Senior Choreography Class

Sara Rosenberg ’14 and Mei Mei Siu ’12
The arts are a part of every student’s LA experience, and a wide range of classes in theatre, dance, studio art, and music provides popular options. A celebration of the arts at the close of each term gives the whole community a chance to enjoy the students’ achievements. Enjoy these photos of the various fall and winter events.
FOOTBALL

In his first year as football coach, Paul Zukauskas notes that the team’s 3–5 season was an outstanding success in many ways that do not show in the final record, including the fact that three of the losses were by three points or less. Significantly, there was not one other team in the ISL that faced the challenges that Lawrence Academy faced this year: no returning starters, a new coaching staff, a departure of classmates, and ISL sanctions. The Spartans were a very tough and competitive group, and six players received ISL recognition. All-League honors went to quarterback Marcus Backlin ’13, wide receiver Darrien Myers ’13, and lineman Andrew Crane ’14; Honorable Mention was earned by wide receivers Jalen Myrie ’13 and Kyle Howes ’14 and running back Nick Day ’13. Darrien Myers, the Spartans’ MVP, was also named to the All-New England Prep Class B team. The school’s Mark F. Frattaroli Award for commitment and sportsmanship was presented to junior Joseph Lace.

The Stats

Marcus Backlin – 9 TD’s and 1519 yds. passing, 296 yds. and 4 TD’s rushing
Nick Day – 1016 yds, 7.1 yards per carry and 9TD’s rushing
Darrien Myers – 253 yds. and 1 TD rushing, 40 receptions, 607 yds. and 3 TD’s receiving

SOCCER

The girls’ soccer team achieved a regular season record of 8–6–2 before closing with an exciting second-place finish at the NEPSAC tournament. After dismissing both Wilbraham & Monson and Groton School in the first two rounds, the team fell to Governor’s Academy in the championship game. Shannon Johnson-Finn ’14 excelled as the Spartans’ goalie, earning ISL All-League honors and being named to the Massachusetts All-State team. ISL Honorable Mention went to seniors Anna Demasi and Shannon Saywell. Shannon also received the team’s Claire Saltonstall Award for “unselfish contributions to the team and constant effort to improve.” The Donna Bibbo-Mastrangelo Award, which recognizes determination and team spirit, went to senior Bridget Flynn.

The boys’ soccer team took positive steps toward establishing itself as a strong ISL program. With only four returning players, the team relied heavily upon new freshmen and sophomore athletes. Despite only accumulating 5 wins on the season, LA was a formidable and competitive opponent in all league matches. The team’s MVP, Amadu Kunateh ’15, was recognized by league coaches as a First Team All-ISL player, an impressive accomplishment for a ninth-grade student. Lead scorers for the team were Amadu (6 goals, 6 assists) and Aziz Khan ’14 (6 goals, 2 assists). The Coaches’ Award went to Thomas Sar ’14.

VOLLEYBALL

For the second year, volleyball was played during the competitive fall season, and the team came up with just one win against challenging opponents. More than half of the players were new to the varsity program, so part of the work was helping the girls gain a sense of themselves as a team and practicing fundamentals and skill development. There were some great moments when players elevated their play and surprised themselves with what they could accomplish against some of the top teams in NEPSAC. Repeating last year’s efforts, the team sponsored a Dig Pink match to raise funds for cancer research. The Coaches’ Award went to senior Emily Plowman and freshman Juliannette Marquez was named the Most Improved Player.
Winter Highlights

Boys’ Hockey Captures First Ever New England Title

Stunning. Incredible. Amazing. Those words and words like them are often used by writers and sportscasters in hyperbolic fashion to describe sporting events. Their overuse and misuse has led to the diminishing of the meaning of those words when it really counts. In the case of what the Spartans accomplished, however, those words are entirely appropriate.

The boys’ hockey team played an incredible and amazing playoff series. Not only was each of the games exciting in its own right; the final outcome was stunning, as the Spartans won the New England Prep School Ice Hockey Association (NEPSIHA) Championship for the first time.

“It’s a great achievement for our boys,” said Coach Kevin Potter, “and we are all very proud of their work ethic.”

The road to the championship game was something out of a movie script. In a thrilling, hard-fought game, the Spartans prevailed in regulation against top-seeded Noble and Greenough, 3-2. In each of the last three games leading up to the finals, LA prevailed in overtime. Two of those games were part of the New England Tournament: one against Belmont Hill in the quarter finals, resulting in a thrilling 5-4 win at home and the other against Salisbury School on their home ice in the semifinals, resulting in a 3-2 victory for the Spartans.

“The way our boys played all season was admirable,” said Potter, “but especially the last four games. They really stepped things up and never gave up. No matter what was happening on the ice or with the score, they stayed focused and played hard and earned everything they achieved.”

Fan support was strong for the Spartans throughout the playoffs and was a key element in helping to propel them through to the finals. “It’s a huge boost to us,” said one player, “to hear the fans cheering and see them there and just to know they are supporting us no matter what the outcome.” Fans included parents, students, alumni, and faculty and staff.

This season, the LA cross country runners embarked on a rigorous training program that focused on building speed and stamina. With so many new runners, the first few races of the season were challenging. The Spartans had their first breakthrough race at St. George’s School at the beginning of October. Almost every athlete on both the boys’ and girls’ teams ran a personal best, and the girls were victorious over three of their four opponents. This spirit carried over to our Parents’ Weekend Race where the girls beat Rivers by a single point, led by MVP Kendra Mac ‘15, who placed third. While the boys lost that day, MVP Marc Foster ‘13 had an impressive first-place finish with a pace per mile (PPM) of 6:15. LA’s pinnacle race was against Middlesex School in the shadow of an impending blizzard. Every runner who participated in the race beat their PPM substantially, securing personal bests that were above and beyond many of their season goals. The girls ended the season by placing 11th in the ISL Championship Race and 7th in the New England Championship Race. The boys ended the season by placing 16th in the ISL Championship Race and 18th in the New England Championship Race. The Coaches’ Award went to Katherine Melvin ’13, and The Warner Awards were presented to Keiya Akiyama ’14 and Kelly Burns ’14.

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After the win by the Spartans, Johnson wrote a piece that appeared on the Lawrence Academy website that said, “Head coach Kevin Potter’s team took a... 3-2 lead which they protected for approximately 15 minutes of the best scholastic hockey I’ve ever seen... It would be hard to imagine two more evenly matched teams. They did hockey a great service with a FAST beautifully played game today. Few penalties were whistled and both sides proved that hockey can be the best and most thrilling game on the planet when played with such commitment, teamwork, and style... In a similar vein, yesterday’s win reminded me of Philadelphia Flyer coach Fred Shero’s memorably pithy words of wisdom to his team prior to their Stanley Cup clinching win over the favored Boston Bruins in 1974, “Win today and you walk together forever.” Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever. Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever. Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever. Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever. Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever. Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever. Such will be the case for the 2012 Spartans; they will recall forever.

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Although the LA girls’ hockey team fell short 2-0 in their final game against Noble and Greenough in the New England Prep School Championship, the Spartans put together a strong season that resulted in a trip to the finals. “Despite the loss,” said Coach Maggie Joyce ’05, “our girls have a lot to be proud of. They put together a great season with a record of 17-8-1 and, in the end, made it to the finals. That championship game against Noble and Greenough was well played, and I’m especially proud of how we worked and played together as a team down the stretch this season.”

The lead-up to the New England Championship was a particularly exciting run for the Spartans. Beginning on February 1, the girls went on an 11-1 run, with two exciting overtime wins against Westminster and Williston Northampton to send them to the finals against Nobles. “Our team played with so much heart,” said one player. “It was great to see how we came together at the end, especially those two overtime games.” One of the undeniable keys to the success of this year’s team was the play of goalie Victoria Hanson ’13. She stopped more than 40 shots in each of the three playoff games. “She was a rock,” said Joyce. “Her play was crucial to our success in not only the actual saves she made but also in the way she played. She helped to inspire the rest of the team.”

That inspired play is what propelled the Spartans to the finals. “What I loved about this team,” said Joyce, “was that all 22 girls really wanted to be there, and it was reflected in the distribution of the puck. Everyone had a chance to step up and participate and be a part of the story we wrote this year. And each person did. We had scoring from so many different players. It really demonstrated what kind of team we had.”

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Wrestlers Shine at Nationals

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The J. Williams Mees Visiting Scholar Program, established in 2011 and named in honor of the longtime Lawrence Academy English teacher, brought its first guest to campus in early February. Over the course of two days, nationally acclaimed author Andre Dubus III spoke at a special all-school assembly, held a series of workshops in smaller classroom settings, and presented at an evening event open to the public. Mr. Dubus grew up in Haverhill and is the author of the New York Times bestseller The Garden of Last Days and, most recently, Townie, a memoir. Having read some of Mr. Dubus’s work in preparation for the visit, students had the opportunity to ask well-informed questions about his story development and writing techniques. In addition, they heard a forthright and honest Mr. Dubus talk about his personal life and the impact that it has had on his life as a writer.

The Visiting Scholar Program is supported by the E. E. Ford Foundation and provides funding for a preeminent scholar or professional to visit Lawrence Academy each year. It also provides a stipend for an LA student to pursue summer work in his/her field of interest based on his/her time with a visiting scholar/professional. “Visiting scholars and professionals introduce other voices into our community and they give students an appreciation for the need to consider issues from a variety of perspectives,” said Chris Ellsasser, Director of Studies. “We believe in preparing students to not only be better thinkers but to talk among themselves about issues and to participate in the public discourse regarding current affairs. Preparing them well to navigate the myriad of views and opinions on a given topic is vital to their success as global citizens.”

The Visiting Scholar at LA

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Founders’ Day 2011

Lawrence Academy held its first Founders’ Day in 1993 in honor of the 200th anniversary of the founding of the school. The event celebrates not only the history of Lawrence Academy but also members of the school community who have performed outstanding service. On October 21, interim Head of School Greg Foster introduced the 2011 ceremonies: “Founders’ Day is an annual celebration of those who have faith in LA, who are loyal to it, and who make an effort to create a wonderful school. We are gathered here today to honor a few who have exhibited this kind of faith, loyalty, and service. In committing themselves to these ideals, they remind the rest of us what commitment looks like, what it takes, and what good it does us.”

The Greater Good Award: Connor Kilian ’12

Presented each fall to a current student and each spring to an alumnus/alumna, the Greater Good Award recognizes LA citizens who “use their education to make the world a better place.” Members of the Cum Laude Society, who are responsible for selecting the recipient, introduced senior Connor Kilian as someone who is known for the passion and dedication that he applies to each commitment that he embraces. On campus, he is a creative co-leader of the Cultural Coffeehouse Series, an involved member of the Association for Black and Latino Encouragement, and the recent founder of a group supporting Kiva, a global non-profit organization with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. He recently achieved the rank of Eagle Scout after completing a project that provided practical information on how to “be green” to people in his hometown of Tyngsboro, Massachusetts.

Kathy Peabody Memorial Book Award:

Greg Nims

Kevin McDonald ’70 founded the Kathy Peabody Book Award in 1997 in memory of the woman who, from 1963 to 1997, exemplified the qualifications for the award: “that member of the non-teaching Lawrence community, who helps to create a secure, positive environment in which all members of the community may achieve their best.” The student body selected their athletic equipment manager, Greg Nims, as this year’s recipient. Presenter Hailey Wall ’12 noted, “In addition to doing the job of managing and maintaining the equipment that every player needs, he provides encouragement. You can see all of the hard work that he puts into Lawrence Academy and how much he cares for the students here.”

Founders’ Day Award for Service to Lawrence Academy: Paul Husted ’64

The Founders’ Day Award, given to someone who “exemplifies outstanding service to the school,” was presented to Paul Husted of the class of 1964. A longtime Alumni Council member, class agent, and reunion coordinator, Paul began to expand on his service to LA about seven years ago when he volunteered for the Richard Jeffers Heritage Project and the Alan Whipple Archives. In addition to organizing, documenting, and preserving the photos, documents, and artifacts that represent the school’s history, Paul facilitated the recent restoration of historic portraits. He is now creating a website presence for the school’s history, which will also include information of interest regarding the Town of Groton and will serve as a tremendous resource for researchers.

25 Years and Counting

During a regular school assembly on November 9, 2011, Assistant Head of School Rob Moore presented Buildings and Grounds staff members Hector Torres, Mike Pepin, and Dean Onners with clocks in thanks for over twenty-five years of service. The three, who were unable to be present at Founders’ Day when the presentation traditionally takes place, received a heartfelt standing ovation from the community.
A Genuine LA Face

by Laura Rogerson Moore

“A LA is a beautiful place. I still can’t believe I ran from it as fast as I did,” says Amanda Doyle-Bouvier ’98 one late June morning, sitting at her desk in the Alumni and Development House. “I was way too cool to admit I loved being here. “When I came back, LA received me for who I was. Even Artie O’Connor, who used to wait in the bushes to catch me smoking! That’s the thing about LA. There’s a cradled feeling, like the place holds you gently and tells you, Go ahead; figure it out. We’ve got you.”

Susan McKenna, who has known Amanda since her daughter and Amanda were in kindergarten together, exclaims, “If you had asked me who was least likely to return to LA, I probably would have pointed to Amanda, and here she is, a face-person for us, which is just perfect!” Indeed, Amanda is the quintessential face-person for LA. She embodies the very qualities LA most treasures in its mission. As Susan says, “She is her own person. She doesn’t bow to expectations or to what others think. She is a rebel, always testing, questioning, graceful and earthy at the same time, and she is a fierce friend.”

Amanda begged her parents to let her attend LA, and she was the only member of her family to do so. She loved being a student, using the photo labs, having the free time in her schedule to find her independence in a safe way, dancing for credit, and forming some of the most lasting friendships of her life. One of the strongest friendships she formed was with Brian Feigenbaum, her dance teacher. Of Amanda, Brian says, “she is strong in every sense of the word and headstrong, to boot. She is always honest, which is not always convenient, but it is highly productive. There are no short-cuts with Amanda. She demands the best, and she is fiercely loyal.”

Both Amanda and Brian comment on how their styles did not mesh initially, Amanda—a classically trained ballet dancer “of the highest caliber,” Brian notes—did not know what to make of this “crazy man with all the hair, who didn’t even play music for the first three weeks of class.” “I was defiant back then, thirsty for experience, couldn’t be told; I had to figure it out on my own. I might modify some of that high school experience, but I wouldn’t change it,” Amanda tells me. “I was learning how to be a confident female, especially in your Women Writers and Poetry Writing classes. I was learning to take myself seriously.”

Joe Sheppard, Amanda’s advisor for three years, classifies Amanda as “classy, and tough when she needs to be. She feels things intensely, has exceptional people skills, and reads people well. She knows herself and is always herself.” He is not surprised she is back at LA as a face-person.

Neither is Molly Shanklin, the woman who hired her. Both Molly and Amanda knew that it was a long shot. An English major and dance minor whose most recent employment had been as a bartender, Amanda had no clerical skills in April of 2006. Yet, Molly says, “She had the right personality for the job. She knows how to take care of people, and she understands LA and what it is all about. LA is something she believes in.” And that is a sentiment Amanda echoes. “I love the people here. The people are what matter, and something about that has never changed. Sometimes when I walk across the Quad, I catch sight of a student out of the corner of my eye, and I think it’s someone I went to school with, as if I could replace the faces now with the faces then and that wouldn’t make a difference, really. “The students have always defined the character of LA, and that has stayed consistent. Once you belong to this place, you always belong to it.” While many might mistake her face for that of a current student, none would disagree that it is just the right sort of face to serve as LA’s own.

Graduation Day 1998 with Kathryn McCann ’98

Amanda’s earlier dancing days at LA

Amanda and her son Greyson, familiar faces at LA events

Performing at LA Reunion in 2010
Vin Skinner in His Remarkable Impact at LA

In 1971, then Head of School Benjamin D. Williams III made some major decisions about the school’s program that would change the face of Lawrence Academy for many years to come. 1971 was not only the first year since 1898 that girls were accepted again, but it was also the year Vincent P. Skinner arrived—the “idea” man who was instrumental in bringing to life Wintertim, Lawrence II (now known as IIP) and AP English.

Vin Skinner was only at LA for four short years, but his impact is still felt today, as many alumni fondly remember him, “Vin Skinner had a remarkable way of reaching inside you and finding that special something you never knew you possessed,” said Sandy Sweeney Gallo ’75. “We dreaded the famous ‘Skinner papers,’ a coined phrase that brought pain and anguish to many a student. However, he was determined to teach us all how to write, and to write well in our own personal style. We are grateful to this day of everything he taught us to find within ourselves.”

The author of the following piece about Skinner, Joe Donahue ’72, recipient of the Rosenthal English Prize at Lawrence Academy and a native of Lowell, Massachusetts, currently holds the position of English Professor of the Practice at Duke University. He is also a renowned American poet, critic, editor, and author of eight collections of poetry.

Mr. Donahue’s many achievements exhibit precisely what Vin Skinner sought to accomplish in his arduous teachings in the mid 1970s. To Joe, Vin Skinner simply changed his life forever.

**Vin Skinner**

_by Joe Donahue ’72_

One day at assembly came word: there is a new thing under the sun—AP English. That was the exact minute Vin Skinner entered my life, like a pure force of reading and thought and ideas. Before we could draw a proper breath, so it seemed, Vin was escorting a rag-tag crew through a world of Aeschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Shakespeare, Chekov, Ibsen, Lorca, and Ingmar Bergman. Along the way, Vin introduced me to my first true love, the author of _Against Interpretation_, Susan Sonntag.

AP was exhilarating. AP was nerve-wracking. My memories of Vin are caught up in the intensity of all that reading and writing, in the stress of those mind-bending essay assignments. I remember him busting out a bunch of Greek terms, hubris, arête, hamartia, anagnorisis ... We wrote them down. They made scant sense. They seemed ridiculous; then, as the course deepened, we began to see them at work all around us. I remember Vin’s questions, the ringing silence that sometimes met them. I see him in the midst of all that teaching, being quite himself, hot-tempered, sublimely perverse in his musings and startlingly candid. I’ll treasure to the grave Vin describing the effect of reading _King Lear_, how sublimity and grief shot through him with each never, never, never, never. Balls and brains bound in a single shiver. As if to say in tragedy we feel the future die inside us, right down to the very organ that would produce it. At seventeen I thought, freaky! Now I think, true that!
Many of the books I now teach, Vin taught me. He showed me the force of ideas, showed me what an honorable and valuable thing it was to be a conduit of knowledge, that to teach people the fullest implications of the experience of the beautiful was a life’s work. (Though he did quip once, in class, in the lysergic lexicon of the early nineteen seventies, that death was “the ultimate trip.”) Vin showed me that a life of writing was possible. I remember him sharing his own fiction, a story of his—was it about some father/son confrontation?—so carefully tuned, so spare, each sentence charged. The shame that I did not say more to him about it then is alive and well inside of me. Anyone else who lived in Loomis house would know that life with Vin was always some form of intense. A major conversation could happen halfway up the stairs. One felt prodded, challenged, charmed.

Wisdom for a lifetime could come at any moment. I remember Vin telling me, right there in his kitchen, surrounded by his family, the sole recompense for our common mortality is coffee, sex and cigarettes. His wife Gail seemed so smart and with a dry wit, his daughter Nicole was precocious and confident and Lee was blonde and barely toddling; I couldn’t help but think: this is the way to live a life.

There were difficult moments; the time Vin booted me from the class when I didn’t meet a deadline. I was stunned. It was senior fall. College apps were looming! I was devastated, terrified. This would destroy me. English was my heart and soul; how could I have screwed it up? Then that evening, after rejecting such promising alternatives as suicide and a life in the Weather Underground, I crawled down to his den, promised, resolved and begged for another chance. He had my number. He let me back in, and I never worked so hard on anything as I did for him, from that moment on. (Other of my disciplinary mishaps will not be enumerated here. Let’s just say more than once he snatched me from my own worst impulses.) Vin was the person I always imagined returning to someday, with a book of mine in hand, to give to him, whatever its worth, so as to say, see, I looked half-zonked, but I was listening. I had the mother of all attitude problems, but I heard what you said. Whatever pain I caused you, I at least made this. Your faith made this possible. However, death got to him before I did. The best I could do was my dedication: for V.S. noble ghost.
Greater Boston Food Bank (September 17, 2011)

LA alumni spent a morning volunteering together at the Greater Boston Food Bank. All volunteers inspected, sorted and repacked donated grocery products that were then distributed to hunger relief agencies. All volunteers were trained in food safety at the beginning of the shift, during which LA provided coffee, donuts, and bagels. With our help, the Boston Food Bank was able to provide meals for over 83,000 people that week! In just one morning, we made a huge difference for so many. Be on the lookout for a future event in 2012, which will involve alumni and students following the process from the Food Bank to the distribution stores right in our own backyard.

17th Annual Gagné Classic Golf Tournament (October 3, 2011)

On October 3, 2011, alumni, family, friends, and faculty met at the Renaissance Golf Club in Haverhill, Mass., for an incredible day of golf and camaraderie. Proceeds from the day and the evening’s live auction and raffle benefited the Gagné Winterim Fund.
Annual Leadership Circle Dinner (October 20, 2011)

We are very grateful for the support of all of our loyal donors. Those who give $1,000 or more are invited to our Annual Leadership Circle Dinner. This year, over 100 donors enjoyed a spectacular and festive evening event at LA, celebrating the bountiful food from our local farms and growers.

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Claire Picard and Allan Fraser (P ’09, ’13)
Cindy and Bard Salmon (GP ’12)

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Trustee Ann Conway (P ’98, ’01, ’03), Director of Alumni Relations Sandy Sweeney Gallo ’75, and Robin Martin Adams ’75 (P ’95)
Former faculty Bill Mees, former Head of School Ben Williams (P ’82, ’84), and Trustee Bradford Hobbs ’82

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• Weekend activities
• Daily operating expenses
Board of Visitors (November 4, 2011)

On November 4, 2011, members of the Board of Visitors, including alumni, former faculty, trustees, parents, and friends, along with Chinese educators from Shenzhen, China, affiliated with Brown University, mingled with students in the classroom and attended student and faculty panels on the Ninth Grade Program (NGP) and Student-Centered Learning. Meg LaVigne ’73, President of Litton Entertainment, chaired the event and spoke to the group about her experience at LA and its impact on her life and career.
**Frozen Fenway (January 4, 2012)**

On January 4, 2012, the Lawrence Academy Varsity Boys’ Hockey Team challenged Thayer Academy in an invitation-only tournament at Frozen Fenway. It was a glorious shut-out, 6-0! Students, alumni, family, friends, and faculty cheered on our boys in the sub-freezing temperatures. Afterwards, a large crowd of alumni, family, friends and faculty gathered at Boston Beer Works to celebrate the victory.

**Alumni Hockey Game (February 12, 2012)**

Alumnus Steve Wood ’00 organized an eager bunch of competitive alumni from the classes of ’87 to ’07 to challenge Cushing’s alumni to a face-off at The Grant Rink. All in the spirit of the game, our guys and gals had a fun afternoon tearing up the ice and stealing the show as in their past LA days. After the game, the group celebrated at the Billiards Café in Ayer, Mass.
Alumni Gatherings 2011-2012

Atlanta (September 17-18, 2011)

On September 18, alumni, family, and friends gathered in Atlanta, Georgia, at a very special event, the 40th Anniversary Season Celebration Concert of the Callanwolde Concert Band, featuring the premiere of Peter Hazzard’s Fanfare, Pastorale, and Allegro, Op. 77, which was commissioned by the Callanwolde Concert Band especially for this occasion. Conductor and Music Director of the Callanwolde Concert Band Raymond Handfield ’51 led the band in this fabulous performance.

New York City
(January 22, 2012)

On January 22, 2012, alumni, parents, former faculty, staff, and friends had a grand day in New York City, starting with brunch at the Ocean Grill, followed by a guided tour of the Museum of Natural History and shows at the IMAX theatre and other special exhibits.

San Diego (January 25, 2012)

On January 25, 2012, George Carter IV ’73 and Reggie Sledge ’72 joined Sandy Sweeney Gallo ’75, director of alumni relations, at the Crab Catcher in La Jolla, California, for lunch. George is still an avid horseman and Reggie still belts out the songs. He just recently created his first CD. Reggie is looking forward to returning to LA in the spring for his 40th reunion.
Los Angeles (February 2, 2012)

On February 2, 2012, alumni gathered at The Wellesbourne, a trendy establishment on the west side of Los Angeles, for some ‘old fashioned’ fun and camaraderie.

Denver (February 2, 2012)

The LA Club of Denver met for its annual gathering at the Wynkoop Brewing Company, hosted by Alumni Ambassador Ryan Chase ’93 and Rob Moore, assistant head of school, for a night of camaraderie, reminiscing, and networking. The following day, a group of hardy LA alumni joined Rob Moore at Vail for a day of skiing/snowboarding. A good time was had by all.
San Francisco (February 6, 2012)

On February 6, 2012, alumni from the classes of 1968 to 2004, parents, parents of alumni, faculty, former faculty, and friends gathered at Max’s on the Square, hosted by Greg Boro ’83. It was great reconnecting on so many levels.

Cupertino (February 7, 2012)

Dining together in Cupertino, California, on February 7, 2012: Randy Chamberlain, Chris DeNovellis ’99, Chris Margraf, interim director of development, Larry Sweeney ’78, and Sandy Sweeney Gallo ’75, director of alumni relations.

Earlier that day, Chris Margraf and Sandy caught up with Ernie Blanchette ’48 (P’74, ’78) and his wife Gina, over lunch in Walnut Creek. (Not pictured.)
Greetings, Alumni Association

Beginning this fall, I will be taking on a new role at Lawrence Academy as the President of the Alumni Association, succeeding my friend Val Campolieto Templeton’89. Let me first take the opportunity to thank Val for her service to the Council and to Lawrence Academy. She has done a fabulous job, to say the least, and deserves all of our sincere thanks.

I am thrilled to have the opportunity to continue to visit the campus on a regular basis to meet with my colleagues on the Alumni Council and the LA faculty and staff. Indeed, that is my favorite part of the role. Alumni Council meetings allow for the exchange of ideas regarding the further engagement of the alumni population. This is an exciting time for all of us in the LA community.

I would like to offer another sincere thank you and farewell to Interim Head of School Greg Foster. Greg arrived here only last June, yet he really does seem like a familiar face and presence going back much further than that. We all anticipate the arrival this fall of Dan Scheibe, who joins us in a continuation of a long career educating young men and women in independent schools. We welcome Dan and his family as he takes on the role of Head of School and look forward to introducing him to our alumni and friends.

This year, I look forward to continuing to expand the Council’s outreach efforts to our alumni. While we think about a variety of outreach initiatives where we connect with you, we do so with an overall objective of increasing the level of awareness of the exciting events and activities happening on campus every day. Lawrence Academy is unique. Lawrence Academy changes lives. Many of us have experienced this personally. It still is true today. Our faculty and staff are beyond exceptional and have significant impacts on the lives of kids in their roles as educators, coaches, dorm masters, and friends.

If it has been a while since you have visited the campus, stop by. If you want to learn about how to become involved in the alumni community, feel free to call or email me. In the meantime, please keep an eye open for upcoming news, events, and campus updates. On behalf of the Council members, thank you for staying in touch.

Sincerely,

Rick Tyson ’87
Dana Peterson writes, “I was all there at LA. I was never ignored. 1939 was active; full speed ahead! The Gray-Ferguson-Grant years are not forgotten.”

Ralph ’47 and Irma Bianchi established an extremely generous planned gift for Lawrence Academy in 2005 that came in the form of a charitable uni-trust. A large portion of the proceeds from the sale of their property in Northeast Harbor, Maine, will be left to Lawrence Academy. Many updates have been made on this property over the past 9 years. Please feel free to take a look at www.northeastharborshorefront.com.

Jim Sokolove ’62 and wife Stephanie

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Yoshi Nakada retired from Bell Labs in 2001. He is still living in Morristown, New Jersey, and writes that he still sees George Hirai ’56 from time to time.

50th Reunion Class

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Three members of the Class of 1968 and Lacrosse One met for dinner with their wives this past June in Portsmouth, New Hampshire: Dick Goodman, Douglas Frank, and Jay Gibson. Although unable to attend the forty-third mini-reunion, Coach Gagné is rumored to have commented, “Never have so few goals been scored against so many opponents. Can I say a few more things? Goalie Frank had an exaggerated sense of self-importance; Goodman only caught clearing passes that happened to land in his cross; and Gibson was destined to be a very successful businessman.”

40th Reunion Class

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Jim Sokolove wrote in to share that “despite being lifelong Boston-area residents, my wife, 14-year-old daughter, and I have recently moved to Santa Barbara, California, to start a new adventure and phase in our lives 3,000 miles away. The past year and a half has been a period of adjustment and getting oriented, yet also one of excitement and adventure—exploring new sites, new surroundings, new tastes, and new faces while trying hard to fit in and not get lost. It has also been a period of self-reflection, personal growth, learning, and prioritizing our lives. Our plan is to return to the Cape each summer, and I am back in town periodically throughout the year to focus on my business. I enjoy travelling with my family, am continuously working on my golf game, and am truly reinvigorated by life and have committed to living a value-driven, introspective, and more deliberate existence.”

Class of 1956 Fund Makes Its First Awards

Under the inspired leadership of classmates Winslow H. Adams, Jr., John J. Beades, Jr., Dr. Michael J. Robinson, Robert W. Tobin, and Paul R. Wennik, the Class of 1956 has been growing a fund to provide support to deserving students. This year, they are excited to be able to make their first gifts to four seniors who were selected for their quality of character and the many contributions they have made to the Lawrence Academy community during their time at school. The $2,000 gift was shared by the recipients, Brady Burns, Bridget Flynn, Courtney Kendall, and Judd Mitchell. Brady’s $500 will be applied to his spring baseball trip expenses, and $500 apiece will go toward Winterim expenses for the other three. The Class of 1956 Fund Committee sent each of the students a letter thanking them for “setting such a good example for your fellow students with your actions, deeds, and commitments.”

*See profiles of two of the Class of 1956 Award recipients, Bridget Flynn and Judd Mitchell, in this edition of the Elm Tree (pages 9 and 10).
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It seems that Mark has passed some of his skill on to Keegan’s win of the ninety-third PGA Tour!

My wife Maria and my daughter are both Indonesian and reside with me either at our home in Philadelphia or at our home in Canggu, Bali. Presently, they are in Bali visiting my wife’s family (Nadia is visiting for the first time at the ripe age of 4 months). So if things slow up for me in Hong Kong, I will likely head to Bali through January. If you are in Hong Kong, please make sure to look me up (CW LeRoy@gmail.com; Skype CWLeRoy). I snooped around the LA campus in early August of ’10 (we were there to bury my mother) but, alas, it was sparsely populated. It was nice to see how the landscape of the facilities has changed. I did wonder if the Ferguson Library was underutilized in the age of the Internet. I was a freshman as they were completing the building and can still recall the construction noises in my upstairs room at the southeast corner of Lawrence House.”

Congratulations to Mark Bradley on his son Keegan’s win of the ninety-third PGA Tour! It seems that Mark has passed some of his skill and talent on to the next generation.

Rich Johnson has published another new book, Fenway Park, Field of our Fathers. He was also awarded in 2011 the Bruins Stanley Cup Ring for his loyal devotion and support through his books and his museum for Boston sports teams, especially the Bruins!

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Susan Sidel has been working diligently on getting help for 9/11 responders and their subsequent health issues. She deserves congratulations for all her hard work. She never made it to her thirty-fifth reunion because of her own health problems, but she wants to come for a visit for lunch the next time she is in the area.

35th Reunion Class

Steve McCabe writes, “We have just passed our first year in Doha and things are great. Daughter Maya is delighted with the American School of Doha and spouse Koko is actively involved with the local Japanese community. In this past year her community group raised and made a large donation to aid the victims of the recent tsunami, floods, earthquakes, and radiation.”

“The New Doha International Airport project is nearing the completion phase. We have opened the access tunnels, control tower, cargo facility, and new aircraft maintenance facility. Just around the corner are the catering facility, power plants, and passenger terminals. The last phase will be the fire departments, facilities management buildings, and hospital. In all, over 150 structures are to be completed.”

“Living in the Middle East has been an exciting experience. Many of the nearby Gulf countries have gone through considerable change in governance, keeping us on the edge of our seats!”

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Jerry Sargent of Tyngsboro was recently elected to the Board of Overseers at the Boys’ and Girls’ Club of Boston. Jerry is president of Citizens Bank Massachusetts and a member of the bank’s Executive Leadership Group. He has worked in many facets of commercial banking, including small business, middle market, large corporate, international, acquisition finance, and commercial real estate.

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Chuck O’Boyle is “very pleased to receive the information about my class’s thirtieth reunion and am looking forward to attending, especially since I had a conflicting obligation that made me miss my twenty-fifth. I relayed to someone else in the alumni office news of my upcoming move to Providence, Rhode Island, trailing my spouse from Emory to Brown. We have only just sold our house in Atlanta and now have a moving date in mid-March, but we have not yet settled on a new house in Providence.”
25th Reunion Class

‘87

Dave Mitchell has just finished his term as the President of the Maine Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers, a year “filled with lots of testimony before legislative committees in Augusta on some rather contentious proposed rules and laws and also some amicus briefs before the Maine Supreme Judicial Court.”

David Mitchell ’87 transporting the Stanley Cup. David is driving the car, with his son Greg in the passenger seat, and former Boston Bruin, Don Sweeney, in the back seat.

He and son Greg, 12, are deeply involved in their local AAA Pee wee hockey team, after a busy summer of golf, baseball, and softball with wife Tammy, Greg, and his sisters Emily, 10, and Megan, 5. The Mitchells’ town of Calais enjoyed a big moment a while ago when Don Sweeney, Assistant General Manager of the Bruins, brought the Stanley Cup back to his hometown to share it with Calais’ “own aspiring players and the many coaches who influenced his career.”

‘88

J.D. Sawyer has started an aquaponics business in Denver. He grows lettuce and other vegetables, which are fertilized by water that has fish living in it. The lettuce is sold to local restaurants, as are the fish. J.D. has turned into a leading authority in the field. He is doing a lot of consulting, teaches classes in aquaponics and hydroponics, and has partnerships with several Colorado universities.

J.D. Sawyer ’88, T.J. Tanberg ’83, Ryan Chase ’83, Luc Cisna ’94, Brian Smith ’85, and Lyn Wunsch ’76

‘89

Tim Armstrong took part in a summer run in Central Park in New York City last July 25, hosted by Project Runway host Heidi Klum. While most efforts to stay fit are admirable, this one was especially so, given the 100+

degree weather in New York. The event was part of Heidi Klum’s Summer Run, an initiative that she started as part of her new AOL lifestyle site, “Heidi Klum on AOL,” designed to encourage her fans to stay fit. Tim, who is the CEO of AOL, ran with Klum and 125 AOL employees.

20th Reunion Class

‘92

Teague Kermann writes, “I am going to try to make it for reunion. I still play music in a band called Shantytown and also own the bar/restaurant Tipeplo, located at 1337 Grant Avenue, in the North Beach district of San Francisco. Grant Avenue is San Francisco’s oldest street and in the heart of its Little Italy. We specialize in Southern cuisine and are hoping to have our live entertainment license soon to feature local and national music acts, performance art shows, etc. I am unmarried, but have had the same girlfriend for 6+ years, Rachel Allen, who runs a dog adventure company, Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dog Adventures.”

Teague Kermann ’92 looking forward to making it back for this year’s reunion

‘96

Mike Bruno and wife Rachel welcomed Drew Davis Bruno into the world in November. Sharing similar news is Avi Melniker: “Because we never got to make the official announcement—here it is! Our beautiful Zoe Berman was born on Wednesday, 21 September, 2011 at 4:07 p.m. She weighed 3,155 kilos and was 49 cm. (I think that’s something like 7 pounds and 19.3 inches?) She is a gorgeous little brunette (who knew?) and has Dave’s skinny little chicken legs. We think her eyes are blue, but who can tell at this point? She is a really easy sweet baby, and we have been very lucky with her good nature so far. We as parents have a lot to learn but we know more than we did last week!” Avi’s classmate Kelley Duggan Sorrow writes, “Brinley Hope Sorrow was born November 13, 2011, weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. She is beautiful.”

More big news from this class comes from Josh Hahn who was married to Stephanie Roy this past fall and was also very busy at Hotchkiss, as is revealed in the article, “At Prep School, Rolling Up Sleeves and Working the Soil,” written in the New York Times. Josh talks about the land and the farm at Hotchkiss that he is creating in his role as Assistant Head of School and Director of Environmental Initiatives. “Right now, we have more land than we can farm,” he writes. “But we’re trying to create a sustainable model, and grow from there.” At Hotchkiss, this year’s harvest will provide the dining hall with enough vegetables to feed the more than 900 students and administration and faculty members into next year without outside purchasing. “We’re not serving foie gras,” Josh adds. “We’re just growing enough staples to service our dining hall for the year.” Hotchkiss recently added a pear and apple orchard to the property, and a parcel of wetland is being used to experiment with growing rice. It leases a portion of the land to Whippoorwill Farm in Lakeville, which uses it to graze cattle, but the school raises its own chickens. Josh notes that the school now has a tradition of giving a chicken to each faculty member to serve when they have students over for dinner.

15th Reunion Class

‘97

Alex Altieri Tarzia had a baby boy, Gabriel, and she writes that Sienna is loving being a big sister! Catie Floyd McMenamin and her husband Matt welcomed their son Parker on September 8, 2011. Catie loves being a mom but is still having trouble adjusting to life on less than nine hours of sleep a night. She hopes to see everyone at reunion in May. Tori Wellington Hanna is currently the Director for Women’s and Global Sports Marketing at Under Armour. She and her husband welcomed Isabel Wellington “Wells” Hanna to the world in April of 2011.
Jay Conway married Caroline in August of 2011. Al and Kali Brink are the proud parents of Cameron Joseph Brink, born on October 19, 2011, in Melrose, Massachusetts; he actually has the distinction of being the first Brink to be born in Massachusetts. Al writes, “Being a dad is awesome, but I must admit that working 12 to 14 hour days on 4 to 5 hours of sleep per night is not fun! But Cam is a sweetie with a disposition to match and a kind of goofy quality, and Kali and I love him to death! Coming home from work and having him just glom onto me for the rest of the night and then rocking him to sleep is an experience I would never trade for anything. Kali has taken on the more difficult profession of stay-at-home mom. While I envy the time I certainly don’t envy the fact that her job is infinitely more difficult and stressful than my experience I would never trade for anything. Cameron Joseph Brink, son of Al ’98 and Kali

10th Reunion Class

Brendon Davis was married to Katie Cavalieri in August of 2011. Kristin Schmidt writes, “Since my time at LA I went back to school to get my MS in Criminology at the University of Pennsylvania. I then worked at the Department of Homeland Security for two years in Washington, DC. While in Washington I met my fiancé Tim. We are engaged to be married last summer, and they have a baby on the way. Sara Riel recently married Andy Grimshaw during a “green” wedding this past August. Their invitations were on seed paper with soy ink, no cut flowers, her bouquet was made of buttons, and she made Andy’s ring from recycled white gold. The ceremony and reception were within walking distance, the food was local and sustainable, and the décor was all recyclable. “We had such an amazing day!”

L–R: Brendan Davis, ‘00, Nicole Dasney, Shannon Herman, Liz Kendall Carroll ‘00, Mike Cataldo ‘00, Kateyln Cataldo, Laura Cataldo Beckler ’97, Alyssa Hoole, Kate Wood, and Steve Wood ‘00

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Former faculty member Christie Maria Borden and her husband K.B. with their newest addition, Charlotte “Charley” Rose Borden

Evelyn Grace, Born Feb. 15, 2013, daughter of Kristin Lilly Mooney ’00

Cataldo Hunt ’94

Eden Ruth Wilson, daughter of Andres Wilson ’00 and his wife Asia

Ella Josephine Barrile, daughter of Tony ’00 and his wife Jill Barrile

L–R: Ann Rogers Cabot (class of 1985), Gwendolen Rogers (my mom), Greg Myers (my husband), me (Molly Rogers) (class of 1996), Christopher J. Rogers (class of 1983 – he also walked me down the aisle since my father passed last year), Jennifer Rogers Knutel (class of 1988), and Peter Elliot (family friend)

K.B. with their new est addition, Charlotte “Charley” Rose Borden

Front Row, L–R: Ben Darsney ’00, Nicole Dasney, Shannon Herman, Liz Kendall Carroll ‘00, Mike Cataldo ‘00, Kateyln Cataldo, Laura Cataldo Beckler ’97, Alyssa Hoole, Kate Wood, and Steve Wood ‘00

Back Row, L–R: Kristen Road, Colin Cook ’00, Ben Herman, Bill Carroll ’00, Keith Lincoln, Mark Beckler, Jared Hoole ’00, Becky Sargent Lincoln ’97, and Katie Cataldo Hunt ’94

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Back Row, L–R: Kristen Road, Colin Cook ’00, Ben Herman, Bill Carroll ’00, Keith Lincoln, Mark Beckler, Jared Hoole ’00, Becky Sargent Lincoln ’97, and Katie Cataldo Hunt ’94

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Jay Conway married Caroline in August of 2011. Al and Kali Brink are the proud parents of Cameron Joseph Brink, born on October 19, 2011, in Melrose, Massachusetts; he actually has the distinction of being the first Brink to be born in Massachusetts. Al writes, “Being a dad is awesome, but I must admit that working 12 to 14 hour days on 4 to 5 hours of sleep per night is not fun! But Cam is a sweetie with a disposition to match and a kind of goofy quality, and Kali and I love him to death! Coming home from work and having him just glom onto me for the rest of the night and then rocking him to sleep is an experience I would never trade for anything. Kali has taken on the more difficult profession of stay-at-home mom. While I envy the time she gets to spend with the little guy every day, I certainly don’t envy the fact that her job is infinitely more difficult and stressful than my own.” And Erin Donahue will be attending the University at Buffalo starting in the fall, getting her master’s in Library Science.

‘99

Chris Vail writes, “Please welcome Vanessa Elizabeth Vail to the world! Both mom and baby are doing well after a long and difficult labor. Special thanks to our families and friends for their support!” Congratulations to both Alyssa Vangeli, who recently married Brian Gannon, and Joe Beaulieu and Meghan on their marriage as well. Kate Bagshaw received her master’s in international development in June 2008. She is currently working as an HIV Officer with the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) in Laos. She also recently became a member of the Lawrence Academy Young Alumni Committee. Missy Baum and John Richard were married last summer, and they have a baby on the way. Sara Riel recently married Andy Grimshaw during a “green” wedding this past August. Their invitations were on seed paper with soy ink, no cut flowers, her bouquet was made of buttons, and she made Andy’s ring from recycled white gold. The ceremony and reception were within walking distance, the food was local and sustainable, and the décor was all recyclable. “We had such an amazing day!!”

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Brendon Davis was married to Katie Cavalieri in August of 2011. Kristin Schmidt writes, “Since my time at LA I went back to school to get my MS in Criminology at the University of Pennsylvania. I then worked at the Department of Homeland Security for two years in Washington, DC. While in Washington I met my fiancé Tim. We are engaged to be married in October 2012 in Amherst, Mass. Natalie Beck ’02 will be one of my bridesmaids. Last year I moved back to Boston and am currently working in legal recruiting.”

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Melissa Levine became engaged to Kyle Piro on November 17, 2011. The couple met while attending the New England School of Law in Boston and will be married September 2 on Cape Cod. Melissa and Kyle also opened Levine and Piro, Attorneys at Law, a general practice able to handle a wide variety of cases such as family law, estate planning, construction law, and criminal matters in Maynard, Massachusetts. Both Melissa and Kyle are trained mediators and extend their mediation skills and services to their practice of law. More information on their practice can be found at www.levinepirolaw.com.

G. Ryan Ansín has dedicated himself to starting an organization called Every Person Has a Story Productions, whose mission is to bring a voice to the underserved through photography and art and to create cross-cultural communities through the sharing of vision and imagery of our individual worlds.

In her first year coaching the Lawrence Academy girls’ lacrosse team, Maggie Joyce believes her players are finally starting to understand her coaching style and system. She says her young team (9-6-1) is “peaking at the right time,” and we would say she was right, because as of the writing of this class note, her team had won the first game of the New Englands. Chris Leon performed in the Nashua Theatre Guild’s production of Driving Miss Daisy at the end of January.

‘07

Tony Deshler of Pepperrall has signed with the Penrith Panthers’ baseball team in Australia. Tony recently graduated from Brandeis University, where he served as captain. He batted .339 his senior year with a career batting average of .326, playing both shortstop and outfield. Clare Curran is currently working as a teacher at the Children’s Center at Groton. She writes, “I am really enjoying what I do and look forward to going to work each and every day. I still show up at Lawrence every once in a while, and I cherish the memories.” Erin Fleming writes: “I am currently in graduate school, going for my master’s in speech language pathology at Syracuse University. I will graduate in December 2013. I really loved the time I spent at LA. It was always such a great atmosphere, and I remember our class being so close. I think that a lot of us made good friends at Lawrence, and I am excited to see everybody again!” Ethan Ruby will be attending Pace University to work towards a master’s in adolescent education, specializing in social studies. His plan is to become a high school or middle school social studies teacher, a path he is following, he says, because “I want to help people. I want to feel like what I’m doing is making a difference.” Ethan graduated from Clark University in June of 2011. Lizzie Muse lives in Los Angeles, where she is attending Santa Monica College and working for E News in production and for the Los Angeles Kings professional hockey team in VIP operations. Drew Gallagher has been accepted to the Teach for America’s 2011 corps, and is teaching Washington, D.C., following his graduation from Bates. The organization is the national corps of top recent college graduates who commit to teach for two years in urban and rural public schools and become lifelong leaders in the pursuit of educational equity. Two-thirds of the organization’s alumni are working full time in the field, with more than 550 alumni serving as school principals or school system leaders. Drew is one of just 11% of almost 48,000 applicants accepted for teaching positions with the program. Alex Ingraham graduated with a degree in forestry from the University of Maine. He is now in Charleston, South Carolina, pursuing a graduate degree in business. Classmate Katrina Glaude is also there, working as a veterinary assistant. Yes, they are “still together!”

Bentley University shortstop Logan Gillis was named to the postseason all-star team of the Futures Collegiate Baseball League. The wooden-bat league began play this year and focuses on giving Division 2 and 3 players with New England ties a shot at playing against top competition in the summer. In a second-team All-Northeast-10 Conference selection last season at Bentley, Gillis played second base for the league champion Nashua Silver Knights, and led the league with a regular season .376 average. He also led Bentley in several offensive categories, including a .313 batting average.

Boston College captured temporary hockey bragging rights recently, denying arch-rival Boston University a 30th Beanpot title in a thrilling contest at TD Garden. Junior forward Steven Whitney took possession of a pass just shy of center ice with time running out on the extra frame and skated into the offensive zone before picking out Bill Arnold with a nifty cross-ice pass, helping the Eagles to a 3-2 win. Sarah Roop, a junior journalism major at St. Michael’s, is spending a semester abroad at Bond University in Gold Coast, Australia.

Melissa Levine ‘03 and fiancé Kyle Piro

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In Memoriam

Past Faculty

Mary Christina “Tina” DeWitt, 61, of St. Davids, Pennsylvania, died on June 2, 2011. She was the beloved sister of William E. DeWitt and David T. DeWitt and the loving aunt of Jon, Peter, Perry, Dayv, and Mary Lee. In lieu of flowers, contributions in her name may be made to Neighborhood Hospice, 400 East Marshall St., West Chester, PA 19380, or online at www.nvnacc.com/giving. From a eulogy by Elizabeth Weston (past faculty):

“I don’t think I ever enjoyed my job teaching as much as I did with Tina. She put spark into the daily tasks. I recall her classroom, with castanets at her ready, a pinup of Ricky Martin in one corner, a marionette of a Mexican bandit on her desk, and that voice only Tina had, ‘Listen, Jodika, I have to tell you that you ah one wild and crazy guy!’ Later on, as she and I became 40-something, she would still say to me, ‘We are wild and crazy guys!’ the way only Tina, wide-eyed and limber, could. I remember clearly that her kids in class called her ‘Rita’ short for ‘Seniorita.’ They loved her, and she also won over the characteristically curmudgeonly Mr. Mees of the English Department.”

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Roger F. Conant, 102, formerly of Littleton, Massachusetts, died in Taunton, Massachusetts, on September 17, 2011. He was born in Melrose, Massachusetts, on April 9, 1909. Raised by his grandparents, Sarah and Albert Conant of Littleton, he attended Littleton High School and Wentworth Institute. He was employed by B.F. Sturdivant, Aetna Engineering, Raytheon, and Conant Machine & Steel Co. of West Concord as vice president. He was married on July 21, 1934 to Isobel Boutelle of Milford, New Hampshire. Mr. Conant served as vice president of the Concord Board of Trade, was trustee and deacon of the West Concord Union Church where he also taught Sunday school, and was a charter member of both the Concord Lions Club and the Littleton Lions Club. During World War II, he was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary as machinist mate and was a deputy air raid warden. A former Eagle Scout, Mr. Conant worked with the Boy Scouts of America for 24 years and was skipper of the Concord Sea Scouts. Roger and Isabel moved to Littleton in 1946 to start the Conant Iron Works Company. He was a member of the Littleton Congregational Church, where he was a trustee, deacon, and Sunday school teacher. A conservationist, he and Isabel gave Conant Park to the town of Littleton, where he was a life member of the Littleton Conservation Trust and served as selectman for the town from 1949 to 1958. An avid horseman, he was a member of numerous equestrian organizations. Mr. Conant represented various clubs at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Management working to preserve trails. He is survived by his children, Joyce Estelle Lovejoy, Edna May Meserve, and Roger Conant, seven grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. His wife, Isabel, predeceased him. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Congregational Church of Littleton, 330 King St., Littleton, MA 01460.

1935

Paul T. Choate, 95, of Tryon Estates, Columbus, North Carolina, died November 4, 2011. Born December 25, 1915 in Lawrence, Massachusetts, he was the son of the late Charles Henry and Pauline Culver Choate. A textile executive, he retired after 41 years of service with The Kendall Company in Rhode Island, South Carolina, and Massachusetts. From 1964 to 1967 he was manager of Kendall’s Berthune, South Carolina plant. Paul was a 1939 graduate of Harvard College, with a BS in Engineering Sciences. A pilot in the Army Air Corps and World War II veteran, he was a founding member of “Twirly Birds,” an international organization of pioneer helicopter pilots. A resident of Camden, South Carolina for 33 years, he was a founding director of the Kershaw County Economic Development Board and served as its chairman. Mr. Choate was active in wildlife preservation, an avid golfer, and a member of The Camden Country Club, Grace Episcopal Church, and the Harvard Club of South Carolina. He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Genevieve Goudie Choate, sons Culver and David Choate, and daughter Nancy C. Curtis, as well as eight grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to Grace Episcopal Church, Camden, South Carolina, Hospice, or a charity of your choice.

1938

We have received word of the passing of Frederick H. Main. No further details have been given.

Newman Durell, 89, of New London, New Hampshire, died June 26, 2004 at the Clough Center. Born June 3, 1915 in Haverhill, Massachusetts, he was the son of Richard H. and Annie E. (Day) Durell. He graduated from Manchester Central High School. Mr. Durell was a manager at N.H. Insurance Co. (later purchased by American International Group) for 40 years, retiring in 1980. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Mr. Durell was a member of Wilmot Congregational Church, King Solomon’s Lodge F & AM of Elliks, Corinthian Lodge of Pittsfield, Mr. Kearsarge Shrine, Scottish Rite and Shrine, American Legion Post 40 of New London, The Order of The Eastern Star Martha-Rethyl Chapter 45, Country Squires, and Old Man of the Mountain Club. He was married to his late wife, Sophie “Dottie” (Dota) Durell for 58 years before his death. He is survived by three children, Linda D. Aherton, Penelope Abbott, and Newman Durell, eight grandchildren, and five great-granddaughters, as well as many other family members and friends. Memorial donations may be made to Shriner’s Hospital for Crippled Children, 516 Carea St., Springfield, MA 01104; or to American Legion Post 40, PO Box 2, Wilmot, NH 03287.

1942

Former Trustee and Board of Visitors member, Robert L. Feinberg, 86, of Dedham, formerly of Newton and Weston, Massachusetts, died on September 21, 2011. For 59 years, he was the beloved husband of the late Janice (Weitz). Robert was the loving father of John Feinberg (La’68), Emily Feinberg, Jody Feinberg, William Feinberg, and the late Elizabeth Quackenbush. He was the adored grandfather of seventeen and great-grandfather of five. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to MSPCA Angell Animal Care and Adoption Center, 350 South Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA 02130 or Dana Farber Cancer Institute, 10 Brookline Place, 6th floor, Brookline, MA 02445-7226.

Nicholas “Coach” Rodis, of Needham and Denssport, Massachusetts, passed away on October 7, 2011, surrounded by his loving family. Nick was the son of the late Christsos and Eftihia Rodis, who emigrated from Greece. Nick was a graduate of Nashua High School in 1941, Lawrence Academy in 1942, Harvard University in 1949, and American International College in 1951. He was a member of the Army Air Corps from 1943 to 1945, where he played for the 3rd Air Force Football Team. He entered Harvard University in 1946, where he played baseball and football. Nick was the head coach of multiple sports at AIC and the University of Connecticut. He was appointed as Special Assistant for Athletic Programs for the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the State Department in Washington, DC, was on the Board of Directors of the U.S. Olympic Committee, Athletic Director of Brandeis University, and Special Assistant to the President for athletic development. He was inducted into four Halls of Fame: Nashua High School, National Association of Director of Athletics, Brandeis University, AHEPA, and in 2010 was named recipient of the ECAC James Lynah Distinguished Service Award. Nick was the beloved husband of Eva (Dota) Rodis for 63 years and devoted father of Chris N. Rodis, Peter N. Rodis, and Kristine P. Cauti. He is survived by five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, and many other family members and friends. Expressions of sympathy may be made to Nick’s memory to St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church, 57 Brown St., Weston, MA 02493.
Stanley Norman Silbert, 84, of Sherman Oaks, California, formerly of Cambridge, Massachusetts, entered into rest February 9, 2012. Stan was born in 1927 in Chelsea, Massachusetts to Shirley (Roth) and Harry Silbert, M.D. He grew up in Salem, Massachusetts, and also attended Salem High School, where he was a standout athlete. After serving his country in the U.S. Navy at the end of World War II, he graduated with honors from Harvard College in 1948 and Harvard Business School in 1955. He rose through the corporate ranks, ultimately becoming Finance Vice President for Suburban Ostomy, Inc., a wholesale pharmaceutical supply company. At the age of 62, he made the choice to forgo future financial gains and retired to enjoy his life in the heart of Cambridge. He loved music, particularly big band jazz, and was a regular at the local clubs. He frequented lectures and athletic events, and reveled in the vibrancy of nearby Harvard Square. He was a Celts season ticket holder throughout their 1980s reign of supremacy, and he assembled a world class collection of baseball cards; but his greatest passion was reserved for his three sons, Matthew, Stephen, and Tony Silbert. He was the cherished grandfather of Stella and Douglas, Jeffery, and Gretchen, and seven grandchildren.

Benjamin S. Mayger, 84, died on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 in Helena, Montana. Ben was born in Shanghai, China on April 15, 1927 to William Mayger and Flora Smith Mayger. As a young boy, Ben lived in many cities of China and Manchuria. He attended the Hawthorne School in Helena before Lawrence Academy, and after graduating joined the army and was sent to Japanese Language School at the University of Michigan. Ben received his commission as second lieutenant and spent the following four post-WWII years as an intelligence officer and combat Japanese interpreter in Japan. He was also in active service in Washington, D.C., Tokyo, and then in the Korean conflict, and served as an intelligence officer and Chinese interpreter. Upon being released from active service, Ben joined an international oil company and was posted to Madras, South India. Ben married Nancy True McGowan in 1956. Over the next 26 years, Ben, along with growing family of three children, resided in India, Singapore, Malaysia, Germany, Belgium, and Switzerland, where the family lived for 10 years. Ben’s final transfer was to New York, after which he retired in 1986. Ben and Nancy moved to Helena, where they began restoring an 1890s Victorian house. Ben served on the Board of the Humane Society and volunteered in the U.S. Forest Service, during which time he was presented with an award by the Secretary of the Interior for restoring back-country log cabins. Ben also served on the Board of the Lincoln Historical Society. Ben is survived by his wife of 55 years, his three children, Douglas, Jeffery, and Gretchen, and seven grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Ben’s name are suggested to St. Peter’s Episcopal Cathedral, 311 N. Park, Helena, MT 59601 or to the Upper Blackfoot Valley Historical Society, PO. Box 922, Lincoln, MT 59639. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.aswfuneralhome.com

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1948

We have received word of the passing of Arthur B. Gagnon. No further details have been given.

Richard A. Donnelly, 80, of Bellevue, Washington, died on December 30, 2011. Richard was born on May 15, 1931 and was brought up in the Boston area, attending public schools in Ashburnham and Fitchburg before entering Lawrence. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1953 and married Janet Weiss in 1954. After serving in the Coast Guard, he started his business career at Stone and Webster in Boston. While working there, he received an MBA from Boston College and attended special management courses at MIT. He was an elected town meeting member in Brookline, Massachusetts, until 1969, when he moved to Manchester, New York. He worked for Ralph M. Parsons and then for EBA SCO services in both Portland and Newport Beach, California. Richard also worked for Management Analysis Company and Flowers. In late 1989, he retired and moved to Lake Oswego, where he was an active volunteer and kept busy golfing, gardening, and traveling. In 1995, Richard was asked to be Party Chief of a USAID effort in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan. He fully retired after hosting many of the participants in a visit to the United States. In his retirement, Richard worked with Pet Assisted Therapy Programs with his poodle, Beau, in the Oregon Hospital community in Portland where he also published a newsletter. In 2006, he married Meris Hatfield and moved to Bellevue, wintering in Las Quanta, California. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Jeff and Julie, and two granddaughters. Remembrances may be sent to your favorite charity or Medica I Teams International.

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J. David Fahl, 74, of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, died on Tuesday, November 1, 2011. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (Kane) Fahl, loving father of Cindy Sennett and Bonnie Fahl Donohue, LA ’92. He was the beloved grandfather of Evan Donohue and dear brother of Marilyn Woffert. Remembrances may be made to Hospice of Palm Beach County Foundation, 5300 East Ave., W. Palm Beach, FL 33407.

1957

George Sirois, 73, of Peachtree City, Georgia, died on July 16, 2011. He was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, to the late Major General and Mrs. Edward D. Sirois. He graduated from Norwich University in 1962. Lt. Colonel George A. Sirois, Ret. served proudly in the U.S. Army for 34 years, including two tours in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the National Guard and the VFW. He is survived by his loving wife, Kathleen G. Sirois, his children, Susan M. Watson, Daniel G. Sirois and grandchildren.

1967

Bruce A. Allen, 63, retired North Andover firefighter, died February 12, 2012 at Brigham and Women’s Hospital in Boston. Bruce was born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, son of the late Percival and Helen (Scalera) Allen. He was a graduate of North Andover High School class of 1965 and attended Northeastern University. A firefighter in North Andover for 22 years, he loved riding his Harley Davidson, and enjoyed golfing and fishing. Bruce was especially proud when honored by the Red Cross for donating over 20 pints of blood. Most of all he loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving wife Jody (Brennan) Allen and his children, Michael Allen and Kim Allen, as well as many other family members and friends. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans’ Northeast Outreach Center, 10 Reed Street, Haverhill, MA 01830 or to the M.S.P.C.A., 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844.

1972

William Alva Perry Jr., 57, of W rightstown Township, Pennsylvania, died August 13, 2011, at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital. Born in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late William Alva Perry Sr. and the late Margaret Kelley Perry. Bill spent his life in pursuit of knowledge and in contribution to his community. He became a quadriplegic after a skiing accident in 1973 and overcame many obstacles, obtained two master’s degrees, one from The University of Pennsylvania and the other from Bryn Mawr College. He used those degrees to practice individual and family counseling. He also ran a successful antique map and print business with the help of his mother and his longtime girlfriend, Jan Allen. Bill served as Republican Committee man for several years and also on the Wrightstown Township Planning and EAC committees. He was concerned about preservation of land and nature, with a lifelong interest in American history and the plight of the American Indian. In addition to Jan, Bill is survived by his sister, Margaret B. Perry, Jan’s daughters, Jamie and Robin, and many cousins. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bill’s name may be made to The Council of Indian Nations Food Fund, P.O. Box 1800, Apache Junction, AZ 85117, or to Organ Fund at Trinity Episcopal Church, Buckingham at 2631 Durham Road, P.O. Box 387, Buckingham, PA 18912.
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