

the Elm Tree

for the alumni, friends, and parents of Lawrence Academy

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(dis)Connect



Head of School Dan Scheibe

I've been travelling frequently this year on various missions of good will to Lawrence alumni, friends, parents, and extended family. On those trips, I've experienced the usual exhilaration and dislocation that come with transitory routines. When we travel, we simultaneously feel connection and alienation, companionship and homesickness. Our systems demand a way to sort it all out. I wonder whether the conditions humans used to experience mainly in the

adventures of travel are now visited upon us daily in the way we encounter the world through technology.

As I was waiting for a flight early one morning recently, I looked around to see the other passengers at the gate deeply engaged in their phones, even in the pre-dawn darkness. And as often happens, I felt the urge to take out my own phone and immerse myself in "important business." That same urge asserts itself on the opposite end of journeys when the flight attendant mercifully declares, "you may now use your cell phones." Wriggling into these virtual cocoons brings an odd comfort, particularly when life is in some form of limbo.

This issue of the *Elm Tree* explores the ways in which human experience can be both intensified and diminished through the use of technology. Rather than waging war with the virtual world around us, let us admit that, as with all human predicaments, successful engagement with technology requires the usual human remedies of moderation, insight, and balance. Only now, these human skills might need a bit more leverage in order to achieve that balance, given the tremendous weight of technological advance.

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Discussions of technology, though they might start with the adrenaline rush of the very new, often yield to the ennui associated with tired arguments. In this case, we have the old abundance vs. restraint or self-expression vs. self-control struggle. No app has ever been required through human history to activate those tensions. Yet, still, we seek a transcending principle to bring us beyond the fundamental struggles of self into which exercises in technology often devolve. What would such a principle be?

In the existential jet-way that technology introduces into each of our lives, we might recall the watchword (or is it a watch-phrase?) from E. M. Forster's relatively ancient classic, *Howards End*: "Only connect." In an age of hyper-connectivity, what would that mean? "Only connect" to what? To whom? How? Is the wifi enabled? Do I have enough bandwidth for that?

An IP does not have a soul. Humans do. We will only know how to regulate our devices when we know how to regulate and control ourselves. To do this, we need a place to come home to: a grounded, reliable connection. That place cannot be found amongst the icons on one's screen, no matter the size or resolution. That place resides deep within ourselves, in the power we feel in connection with our present experiences, and in the deeper connections we have person-to-person in human communities.

That is the platform that Lawrence Academy offers: a place to fully connect with others so that we can fully connect with ourselves. Only when those initial pathways and protocols are in place might we successfully connect with the world around us, virtually or otherwise. I would like to say that notion is an innovation, but it is as old as education and history itself. How we humans adjust ourselves to the environment around us—an environment that now inevitably involves the virtual and the global—will be the test of our true humanity and connectivity.

For me, I am glad to have a place at Lawrence that I love to come home to.

TRADITION & INNOVATION



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ru OVERCONNECTED?

by John Bishop

It has been on Head of School Dan Scheibe's agenda from the beginning of his first full school year at Lawrence Academy.

"Everyone hold up your phones," said Dan at Assembly in the Richardson-Mees Performing Arts Center (RMPAC) on Monday, September 17. "Now repeat after me, 'I control you. You don't control me.'"

Chuckles ensued in the RMPAC, but it was no laughing matter.

Recent research from the University of Chicago shows that the accessibility of social media can make its allure greater than that of alcohol or cigarettes. That's significant given that social media addiction has already been recognized as an official condition in the United Kingdom. Additionally, statistics from the Pew Research Center's Internet and American Life Project say that 95% of American teens use the Internet, and that 23% of teens own a smartphone (and often text 60 times a day).

As evidenced by a glance around any campus, but bolstered by LA's recent turn-off-technology day, today's students are more plugged in than any previous generation has been, and that constant connection to technology dares schools to keep up with the latest online and wireless trends or be left in the same dust bucket as telegraphs, rotary phones, and slide rules.



But the trick, especially at a place with the institutional history of Lawrence, is to implement and nurture the use of cutting-edge tools like ever more powerful (and portable) laptop computers, tablets, iPhones, BlackBerrys, and Droids without overlooking the obvious and not-so-obvious social side effects of our culture's decidedly digital destiny.

The reports and statistics might be new, but the myriad symptoms of students' over-connected state can sometimes be as clear as narcotic addiction. However, the less conspicuous sign of our children's media saturation is

seen in their deepening discomfort with simple person-to-person communication and their contentment to text someone, rather than having to concentrate on a face-to-face conversation or phone call — both scenarios borne out during the debriefing following LA's recent "unplugged" experiment.

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That said, there's no denying the infinite educational and interpersonal potential inherent in today's burgeoning technology. For the most part, today's Lawrence Academy students understand how important it is to find a balance between the virtual and real world, but it will be up to parents, teachers and schools to help tip the scales back to a place where wireless

devices and computers remain under the control of their users.



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RELATE?

On using the rotary phone

To dial a number, the user puts a finger in the corresponding finger hole and rotates the dial clockwise until it reaches the finger stop. The user then pulls out the finger, and a spring in the dial returns it to the resting position.

*"I like to just be myself sometimes.
I don't want to have that extra part of
me, like my phone. I want to just BE."*

LA student on tech downtime

*More than one in eight Americans suffers
from some form of Internet addiction.*

Recent Stanford University survey

*"The thing that really irritates
me is if you call someone
and they text back, like,
'Hey, what's up?'"*

LA student

*"Apps this good, who's got
time to make friends?"*

Macklemore, rapper

*Over a third of 11- to 18-year-olds admit that text shortcuts
damage the quality of their written English, and research
shows that technology obsession encourages plagiarism and
disrupts classroom learning.*

Cranfield School of Management, Cranfield, UK

Students around the world report that being tethered to digital technology 24/7 is not just a habit, it is essential to the way they construct and manage their friendships and social lives.

The International Center for Media and the Public Agenda /
Salzburg Academy on Media and Global Change

"No one could ever get in contact with me...it's just weird. It just has so much on it, and if I turn it off, [it's as if] it's just gonna go away."

LA student on his aversion to
shutting off his phone

Increased and sustained exposure to social networking and the Internet directly contributes to teenage stress levels and lack of social connection.

Dr. Hilarie Cash, Executive Director
reSTART Internet Addiction Recovery Center

"When you're texting, no one can tell your tone. And I know, for me, I am the most sarcastic person anyone could ever meet, and no one can pick it up over text, so it's just caused so many arguments."

LA student on the tone of texting

Mobile phones function as this generation's Swiss Army knife and its security blanket: "For many students going without media for 24 hours ripped back the curtain on their hidden loneliness."

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TTYL *cuz i have no phone*

by Joseph Sheppard

"Well, I was depressed. I got really sad I didn't have [it]. I was in class, just looking through my pockets, looking through my pockets, and it's just, like, not there!"

"It's kind of scary, how important it is. Like my heart, honestly...Then I realized I gave it up for the day."

"It's kind of like a security blanket."

It isn't hard to guess that these kids are talking not about lost teddy bears, but about their phones.

One Wednesday late in the winter term, some 30 students volunteered to give up their electronics for the class day, agreeing to live without cell phones, tablets, even laptops (except when the latter were required for class work). Though many of the group were happy that Wednesday classes end at one o'clock, all survived to participate in a fascinating and lively round-table discussion in the afternoon.

In keeping with Head of School Dan Scheibe's year-long theme of being present in each other's lives and listening, we wanted to see how this generation of young people, the first to grow up "wired" from birth, really uses their smart phones, what place they occupy in their lives—and how they might cope without them.

Especially for the students with smartphones, it quickly became clear that the phone is an essential tool. It wakes them up, tells them what class to go to next, holds their assignments and appointments, takes pictures of teachers' whiteboard writings ("I haven't written class notes by hand in such a long time!"), and serves as their primary means of communication.

Gone, however, are the days of teenagers tying up the family phone for hours at a time. Phone calls, to today's teens, are something of a nuisance, reserved for emergencies, "serious" conversations, or calling family on important business. A number of the students stated that they don't even like to receive phone

calls; "They go straight to voicemail," said one. Texting, social media and organizational tools are at the top of the smartphone pecking order, well ahead of phone calls.

Other than feeling depressed, scared, or robbed of a security blanket, how did our volunteers cope with an "i-less" school day? Most found themselves looking at clocks around school for the first time, and even listening to the Gray Building chimes to tell the hour in the absence of their smartphone clocks. Almost all felt bored with no game to play between classes. At lunch, experiences varied; some of the group noticed, as one student put it, "I didn't have my phone, and I noticed that the people I was hanging out with weren't as inclined to take theirs out." Others found lunchtime awkward; one student commented, "I had a different experience. Everyone pulled out their phones and it was just frustrating. [I thought] 'Do you want to have a conversation, or are we just going to look at our phones the entire time?'"

And despite feeling "disconnected" for a few hours, every volunteer acknowledged a deep-seated desire—a need, in fact—to shut down for a time and just live in a quiet place,

Many of the students missed having their phones to fill in awkward pauses in "live" conversations. One girl felt so disconnected that she went to her room to do homework between classes and left her door open in hopes of seeing someone to talk to. "It was the first time I've left my door open," she said. "Usually I won't even be in my room during the day to begin with, but I left it open, hoping someone would walk by, and no one [did]. I didn't know what to do."

Despite the frustrations, the students all found the experience eye-opening, and agreed that the whole school community should do without electronics for a day, perhaps as a way of stepping back and reminding everyone of the vital place that plain old face-to-face communication occupies in our lives. And despite feeling "disconnected" for a few hours, every volunteer acknowledged a deep-seated desire—a need, in fact—to shut down for a time and just live in a quiet place, freed of the constant flow of information that has become so much a part of modern life. As for the adults, we all left with the realization that we must help them to do just that.

LA students reach for these phones after a day of being disconnected.



Joe Williams '84

LA alumnus Joe Williams '84 is Assistant Head of School at Kimball Union Academy in Meriden, New Hampshire. He shared some thoughts about technology usage both at KUA and in his own home.

At Kimball Union, we consistently stress the important role relationships and communication play in building a healthy community where everyone is connected—to one another, to ideas, to technology, and to the educational process. Technology is a vital part of our community because of the access it provides both students and adults to information, how it allows us to communicate with one another, and how it enhances the possibilities for learning, in and out of the classroom. However,

with the technological tools present on our campus and in our homes comes a heightened level of distraction and responsibility.

One of the ongoing discussions we are having as adults, and with students, is the idea of technology-free zones and where those might be and at what times of day. While we may not agree on the subject, we are at least engaged in an ongoing dialogue regarding the limitations and management of appropriate technology use.



Tucker Williams, Charlie Williams, Ben Williams III (P '82, '84), former head of school, Cooper Williams, Joe Williams '84

I am all for embracing technology and helping the Kimball Union community understand the powerful place it has in our lives, while also balancing other important tools at our disposal, like good old-fashioned verbal communication and eye contact! Now is the time to shape the habits of young people before they encounter the less-structured experience of college.

While two of my own children are day students at KUA, we have a nightly study hall that is consistent with the spirit of their boarding counterparts. I have my own seat at the table to monitor activity and to model the behavior I hope to see in them, but of equal importance to me is my opportunity to have conversations about their days and all that is going on in their

lives. Laptops do not go to bedrooms to do “work,” nor are the kids allowed to bring their computers to bed at night. We also prohibit technology at the dinner table, a time when we are actually all able to gather for a meal.

For our family and our school community, the message we convey regularly is all about moderate and responsible digital citizenship.

TEN WAYS *you can turn off, tune out, drop in*

by Joseph Sheppard

So what about you or me? Do we really need all that technology, all day and all night? Here are a few suggestions for loosening its grip on our lives, our time, and our minds:

- 1 **Check your email once a day only.** Tell people with whom you correspond frequently that you're doing this, and if they need to communicate with you immediately, they'll have to *gasp* use the telephone.
- 2 **Shut your cell phone off** — really off — during family times, meals, etc., whenever you want some quiet time. It'll still collect messages.
- 3 **Keep or reinstall your landline** (they're cheap through cable providers), and tell people it's your primary phone; they should use it first. Likewise, use your landline as a first choice for most calls.
- 4 Make a rule for yourself that you'll **never use your cell phone in the car.** It is rare that we absolutely **MUST** talk with that business associate right now, while we're stuck in traffic on the Mass. Pike. And it's dangerous.



- 5 **Turn on the TV only when** you plan to watch something. You don't need it for background noise.
- 6 **Play Scrabble and Monopoly on the game board,** not on the iSomething. That way, you get to actually interact with the people with whom you're playing.
- 7 At work, get up from your desk and **go speak personally** with the colleague when you have a question. Save the email and voicemail for people you can't see face-to-face.
- 8 When you're waiting in the doctor's office, **read a magazine or talk with the other people** waiting instead of playing with your iPhone. (This is a good place to turn it off, too—no one likes being forced to listen to strangers' phone conversations.)
- 9 Speaking of which, **keep your phone conversations private,** which is what they are by nature, unless it's absolutely impossible.
- 10 **Make time every day for a bit of good conversation** with friends or colleagues, and always set aside time at home for conversation with your family, uninterrupted by phone calls, TV, or any other electronic device. Teach your kids to shut off all their devices and learn the art of good conversation by modeling the behavior. It's a lesson they'll keep for life.

Larry Swezey '78

Larry Swezey '78 is the Vice President of Japan Sales for HGST, a Western Digital company. While immersed in the business of technology, he stresses the value of human interaction.

At some point along the twisty road of progress, the human species decided that technology should be the center of our existence. People risk their lives as they text message while driving on the freeway at 70 mph. In meetings they are so drawn to their BlackBerrys that they no longer focus on the crucial topics under debate. Perfectly intelligent human beings pour out the dark contents of their souls on Facebook, and then wonder why their privacy was violated. The lines that begin forming in the darkest hours of the night for the release of Apple's latest mobile gadget lend strong credence to the hypothesis that somewhere along the way we, as a civilization, have lost our perspective.

Lest you, the reader, be tempted to judge me as insufficiently versed in the dark magic of technology to judge, let me provide my credentials. I work in the world of digital storage. My company makes over one hundred million solid state and hard disk drives a year. We are the backbone of the digital age. Your Facebook photographs, your YouTube videos, and your cell phone instant messages rely on the products we develop and sell throughout the world.

From my perspective, a hard drive is an elaborate screwdriver. It's a collection of metal, plastic, glass, and a few other things—a real whiz of technology—that, at the end of the day, is a simple tool. PCs, tablets, or smartphones, for that matter, are all the same thing. These devices are tools that connect us to other human beings in the world. To continue my analogy, a screwdriver doesn't tell the user what he or she should or should not be doing when attempting to assemble a "do-it-yourself" piece of furniture from Ikea.

We have to exercise judgment and wisdom to get the result we want. Yet, somehow, we become so enamored of the connection our modern tools give us we shut off our common sense.



Larry Swezey

It's as if we have decided to let the screwdriver decide what to assemble. Perhaps you may laugh at this example. In my view, I don't think it's that far off the mark.

It should come as no surprise that a battle in the digital realm can likely be settled in a five-minute conversation. More than once I've actually flown from my current residence of Japan to our headquarters in the United States to do exactly that.

Gathering key people together in a room with no technology, where we all own the responsibility of solving the problem, is an extraordinarily effective way to find a resolution. Floating your opinion into the void no longer works. You are returned to the domain of human existence. In doing so, you harness a power that no technology can offer—the fundamental ability of the human being to find solutions creatively when working in concert with other human beings.

You doubt? Take a poll of successful CEOs around the world and ask how many got to where they are now because they wrote a lot of emails or posted a lot on Twitter. They succeed because they know that people, not tools, drive change, even in this Internet age.

Once you make this fundamental discovery, you can now restore technology to its rightful place—as that trusty screwdriver that is there to help you, not dominate you. I can't always fly to the United States to solve every problem. I can make phone calls, send data on email, or hold videoconferences to get the right people together on short notice—technology in general and the Internet in particular are now my servants.

The point is—I use it. I command it, if you will. It does not compel me. It does not own me. Be it a smartphone, BlackBerry, or iPad, I know where the off switch is. And I use it, liberally.

My two sons are in their twenties now. During the holidays they come home and we spend a day playing board games. PCs and smartphones sit ignored as we enjoy epic battles of "Life" and "Jenga". We laugh, we curse, we even cry (at least I do when the Jenga tower topples after I have inadvertently pulled the wrong piece!). We are connected in the only way that really matters.





L-R: Shannon Johnson-Finn '14, Isaiah Bellamy '14, June Ruscak '14, and Kurt Bryars '14

Dave Oakes '74

Along with his wife, Susan Hall Oakes '73, Dave Oakes '74 is co-founder and co-director of the Center for Ecological Living and Learning. CELL is a non-profit educational organization that inspires leadership in sustainability, offering semester-length and short courses for college students that are focused on "sustainability through community" (www.cellonline.org).

Dave echoes some of what Dan Scheibe writes about in First Word about the concept of being present in the moment, the role of technology as it relates to presence, and how being present creates a healthy community.

The quality of presence is a cornerstone for deep listening, reflection, and healthy community engagement. It has not, however, been cultivated in the fast-paced, information age of the 21st Century.

Deep listening, of course, is key to being present in the moment. "To 'listen' another's soul into a condition of disclosure and discovery may be almost the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another."

— Douglas V. Steere, Quaker Ecumenist, from *On Listening to Another* (1955)

If we buy the premise that "listening... may be the greatest service that any human being ever performs for another," does technology help or hinder the cultivation of deep listening and presence?



At CELL, we believe that technology is simply a tool. It possesses nothing inherently good or bad. It's been our experience with CELL, however, that when we provide experiences for students to unplug from technology and to deeply connect with one another, there are profound shifts in how they communicate. For example, we just got our Central America semester program out the door. During the 12 weeks that the students and two faculty members will spend in Nicaragua and Costa Rica, they will be unplugged from daily technology—no computers, no phones, no iPods. They are, however, deeply connected with one another as a living,

breathing, learning community. They decide how they want to live together by agreeing on a set of principles to guide how they want to be treated and treat others—principles developed by sharing ideas and deeply listening to the ideas of others. They roll up their shirtsleeves and are engaged in profound service-learning projects (e.g., sea turtle restoration, rainforest reclamation, community development projects, etc.). They cook and share meals together. They laugh and cry together. They live, work, and study together, and when someone has a need, the group is there to offer real-life support. Nearly all students at the end of the program recognize and appreciate the gift of profound community connection and how this connection transforms their ability to listen deeply and be present in the moment.



Dave with Massai guide

Texting vocab

by Alexandre N'Djemba '15

Texting and emailing are essential to everyday life in our modern, technology-filled world. In that world, which continues to move faster and faster, text abbreviations change just as rapidly.

However, even little changes in abbreviations can make everyday conversations awkward and confusing—even more so than they usually are with teenagers!

So, I'm here to teach you, the readers, how to stay up on kids' electronic "lingo" and help you have quick, concise conversations with the teens in your life.

These abbreviations might make you "cool" in their eyes and you should use them as much as possible.

lol: Commonly confused with "lots of love", lol actually means "laugh out loud"

Good use: "That was funny lol"

Bad use: "So sorry your cat died lol"

brb: "Be right back." This means you will be back soon, and the person you are texting should expect only a slightly delayed response time.

Good use: "Bathroom brb"

Bad use: "Leaving for Mexico for three months, without my phone. brb"

gtg: "Got to go." This means that you are rapidly leaving and will be occupied, and that the person you are texting should not expect to get a message in the next two hours. Do not confuse with "brb".

Good use: "gtg, text you tomorrow"

Bad use: "gtg, text you in 20 seconds"

jk: "Just kidding." Use this when you say something that is sarcastic, because it's hard to read sarcasm.

Good use: "You are so funny jk"

Bad use: "Your dog died lol jk"

Your: "Your" or "You're", depending on the context. Teenagers are lazy, so read into context if it doesn't make sense grammatically.

Good use: "Is it your house?" or "Your cool"

Bad use: None. It works either way.

omg: "Oh my goodness!" Use this when you hear something crazy and want to share that sentiment.

Good use: "Your so funny omg"

Bad use: "omg i saw a bird today"

totes: "Totally." Only use this to show how much you understand something.

Good use: "Out til three? I'm totes ok with that"

Bad use: No bad use. Ever.

Wawdte?: "What are we doing this evening?" Every teenager should know this one.

Good use: "wawdte?"

Bad use: "wawdte lol? brb"

ily: "I love you."

Good use: "Night ily"

Bad use: "I'm so mad at you! ily!"

btw: "By the way." Only use when you want to add something after the initial conversation is over.

Good use: "gtg btw are you hungry?"

Bad use: "k btw jk"

Feel free to mix and match all of these expressions. Here are a couple of examples:

"Wawdte? Lol totes dinner k?"

"omg gtg jk lol"

"brb ily btw wawdtn?"

This should sufficiently confuse the teenager you are trying to reach, and will probably cause them to call you—which is really what you wanted in the first place! **Right?**

Allan Fraser

Parent Allan Fraser (Philip '09, Matthew '13), a software engineering manager at Google, shared some thoughts about how his family manages technology in their household.

On the limiting of technology usage...

We do not limit the use of technology in our home. There are usually multiple computers or smartphones powered up in our house at any given time. In fact, we do not try, nor do we think it possible, to differentiate whether technology in our home is used for work, school, entertainment, personal finance, or communicating with friends and family—sometimes all of these happen at seemingly the same time!

On the feeling of being overtaken by technology...

We feel overwhelmed not by technology itself, since it seems to get easier and easier to use as time goes by, but by the expectation enabled by technology that others' needs and concerns require our immediate attention.

The prime example of this is email, where, for some reason, people generally feel entitled to expect an immediate response to their requests. This phenomenon has become so acute in both our work and personal lives that we often feel a certain amount of anxiety related to the idea that if we do not respond to someone's email within twenty-four hours of receiving it that they are going to feel that we are either ignoring them or otherwise being rude. This is even truer for more immediate forms of communication such as texting and chats, where a lag of even 10 minutes in responding to someone can seem like an eternity to them and make them wonder what they have done to deserve this type of treatment from you.



Allan Fraser

On the impact of technology being present in each other's lives...

The technology that has enabled this omnipresent electronic leash is vastly different from the technology available when we were growing up. Then, our mothers would happily see us off on our bikes in the morning and have no expectation about seeing us again until it was time for our next meal.

Like most advances in technology, this has brought us some new benefits, but has also raised some additional concerns. Knowing that our kids successfully navigated the morning traffic and made it to LA safely certainly adds a level of comfort to our day, but on the other hand, most communication of that nature deals with a single sound bite and has no depth or meaning beyond the immediate topic at hand. We have found it so exasperating trying to have a conversation via text, where each exchange consists of a single thought, that we often resort to picking up the phone and calling the person instead!

On the proper use of technology in their family's life...

We believe that technology is a tool that can be used to increase our children's knowledge, improve their productivity, and help them stay connected with family and friends. We do not feel that we have taught them anything about technology; rather, they have pulled us along the technology adoption curve, by showing us, for example, how to use texting and social media to stay in touch with them. They are leading the way when it comes to technology usage in our family. We are happy to provide them with the tools they need to embrace technological change.

Bryson Lang '89

LA alumnus Bryson Lang '89, a highly successful professional entertainer, shared his thoughts about being connected and disconnected in this age of new technology.

In general, I keep technology close at hand, but I do my best to disengage and not let it become a distraction at inappropriate times.

I have a non-traditional vocation that normally doesn't follow a consistent 9 to 5 schedule. As a result, I may be working at any given time, including weekends, and am essentially always available for calls, texts, or emails. Smartphones are an excellent example of how technology has changed for better and for worse. The smartphone is an amazing tool that makes communication easy and fun, but also addictive. We snicker when we see a car full of family members, each one hunched over their iPhones, including the driver, but we secretly ask ourselves, "Is that me, too?"



Bryson Lang '89

One test that I go through is the "out of range" test. If I go away for a few days to a place where I am "out of range," (three small, but very powerful words to some), I take stock and see how I manage. Fortunately, I don't sweat profusely or hum to myself in the fetal position weathering the withdrawals of the iPhone. It's fine, it's healthy, and it's a relief. I never want it to distract me from my personal life and the relationships and people that I care about.

Who would have guessed that in our pockets we'd hold the ability to send a text message to a childhood friend, take a photo or video, watch a movie, listen to music, track stocks or sports scores, play Angry Birds, use a GPS, and oh—by the way—make a phone call, too.

To some it's irritating; to many, intoxicating. I have found, though, that when used in moderation, new technology, like the iPhone, is an excellent way to keep in touch regularly and keep the business ball rolling efficiently.

Around LA



Mountain Day

With virtually every LA student over the past 100 years making the traditional all-school trek to the summit of southern New Hampshire's Mount Monadnock at least once—and sometimes up to four times—LA has clearly contributed to its claim as the second most-climbed mountain in the world (after Mt. Fuji). On a clear day this fall, 400 students, along with numerous faculty and staff members, made the 2.2-mile climb up to the 3,150-foot peak and were rewarded with spectacular views in all directions.

Diversity Conferences

Five LA students joined thousands from around the country at this year's NAIS People of Color and Student Diversity Leadership Conferences. Patrick Burns '13, Garrick Donnelly '13, Briana Freso '14, Kiana Hackshaw '14, and Jiawei (Jack) Huang '15 immersed themselves in workshops, lectures, and activities during the December 6–8, 2012 event in Houston, Texas.



MLK Day

While many institutions had the day “off” as a holiday, LA spent January 21 “on” as students, teachers, and staff attended workshops, watched films, and participated in community service activities designed to honor and reflect on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Alumni Taylor Sele '02, Kip Bordelon '96, Yen Le '08, and Zaneta Pinkney '06 returned to help make the day a success. They joined other guest facilitators and faculty members (Khalid Bashir, Elena Beleno Carney '97, Brian Feigenbaum, and Kacey Schneider '04), as well as current students (Patrick Burns '13, Briana Freso '14, Janaijah Lloyd '13, Summer Love '13, and Jasmine Reed '14) in leading sessions. Some explored the power of dance, drumming, and the spoken word; others involved students in understanding homelessness, standing up against cyber-bullying, considering social entrepreneurship, and taking a closer look at Dr. King's history and philosophy. As part of the day's activities, 72 students volunteered their services to seven local non-profit organizations.

Judith French Poetry Recitation Competition

This annual event begins with each junior learning and reciting a poem as part of his or her English classwork. After a semi-final round held in the classrooms, ten emerged this year as finalists, and they presented poems to the school community on January 30, 2013. Last year's winner, senior Emma Keefe, participated as a judge and, at an assembly several days later, presented the award to this year's victor, Franchesca Kiesling, for her rendition of Gabriel Gadfly's “Magic.” Finalists are pictured left to right: Jonathan Mangini, Sara Rosenberg, Francesca Kiesling, Conrad Solomon, Abdul Khan, Calli Scofidio, Caroline Cort, Salyna Anza, and Sebastian Sidney. (missing from photo, Jasmine Reed)





Holiday Celebration

The week before the winter holiday break included both celebrations and thoughtful moments, beginning with an assembly, at which senior Joey Mullaney set the tone in a heartfelt speech regarding the impact of even the smallest acts of kindness.



Visiting Artists

Among the recent guest artists who visited to share their talents and expertise with LA students was Lorene Cary, author of *Black Ice*; artist Erin Sweeney, who led students in sessions on the art of bookmaking; artist Pam Lawson, who worked with students on monotypes; and Margot Stage, who displayed a mixed-media exhibit titled *What's Left Behind* and followed up by inviting students to create a collaborative piece with their own “left-behind” things.



J. William Mees Visiting Scholar Program

Taylor Mali, one of the best-known poets to have emerged from the Poetry Slam movement, was the second individual to enter LA classrooms as a J. William Mees Visiting Scholar, following last year's initiation of the program with author Andre Dubus III.

Model U.N.

Early in November, 10 members of the Lawrence Academy's Model U.N. participated in a conference at Phillips Academy in Andover. All of the students prepared position papers and represented their countries with distinction. Participants seated in front are: Nick Guarracino '14 and Jason Karos '14. Standing, L-R, are: Brian Finn '13, Ben Cerel '13, Kelly Burns '14, Sean Collins '14, Greg Stern '13, Colby Galliher '14, Brendan Colton '14, and Lauren Chin '14.



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the media galleries.**

the Arts at LA



Visual Arts Top Left, clockwise: horses and riders, Mukhtar Amiry '15; woman cradling head, Stephanie Ploof '15; colorful dancer, Janelle Simmons '14; sculpture, Bomi Kim '13; bare-chested man, Roan Callahan '14; lenticular portrait, Hannah Cunningham '13; and blue portrait, Sarah Tishman '13



Dance Top left, clockwise: (foreground L-R) Sara Rosenberg '14, Kalyn Lai '14, Holly Moniz '13, and Jane McLampy '14; Gabriella DiVincenzo '15 and Kyle Howes '14; Holly Moniz '13; Kalyn Lai '14; Patrick Burns '13; Jasmin Reed '14 and Sara Rosenberg '14; William Blundo '14; and Salyna Anza '14



Instrumental L-R, clockwise: harp, Ann-Sophie Stoermann '15; conga, Amadu Kunateh '15; vibraphone, Jake Riggert '13; and baritone: Jasmine Reed '14



Vocal L-R: Salyna Anza '14; Margaret Davey '16; Jake Duffy '16; and SLACS: Maddie Chase '14; Carolyn Marcantonio '13; Sophie Hager '16; and Calli Scofidio '14



Musical The cast of Oklahoma City, front row, L-R: Kara L'Heureux '14, Connor Gowland '13, Emily Perrault '13, Jillian Thero '13, Philip Titcomb '13, Gabriella DiVincenzo '15, Kelly Burns '14, Athena Kalabokis '15. Back row: Joe Casper '13, Gary Lai '15, Haley Gowland '13, James Plummer '13, Jason Karos '14, and Sarah Carlson '13. Bottom pictures, L-R: Haley Gowland '13; Gary Lai '15; Jillian Thero '13, Kara L'Heureux '14, and Gabriella DiVincenzo '15; and Philip Titcomb '13

Founders' Day 2012



Head of School Dan Scheibe addressed his first Founders' Day on October 26, 2012, bringing a fresh perspective to the tradition. Even though the day marked only the 20th anniversary of the event, he said: "This is a tradition that honors the deepest parts of the school. There's not some secret cornerstone or some mystical chalice that we have here that we can rub and honor. Instead, what we do is we bring people together that embody the mission of the school."

He reminded everyone of LA's mission of "recognizing you for who you are" and said that the day's awards recognize some extraordinary people and send a powerful message about the school and its foundations.

The Greater Good Award: Jake Riggert '13



Riggert family: Karen, Jake, Karen, Ron, and Dave
Jake's sister Sarah graduated from LA in 2009.

The Greater Good Award, given each fall to a current student and each spring to an alumnus/alumna, recognizes "LA citizens who use their education to make the world a better place." Representing the Cum Laude Society,

which selects the recipients, senior Holly Moniz made this fall's presentation to Jake Riggert, describing him as someone whose "many contributions fly under the radar." His efforts in his hometown of Groton include supporting firefighters, emergency services, schools, youth baseball, holiday toy drives, food pantries, and the town's 350th anniversary celebration. At LA, Jake serves as a tour guide and peer counselor. Following the 2011 tsunami in Japan, he raised relief funds and housed two Japanese LA students. For a professional 2011 Winterim internship, he trained employees at a local business on the use of iPhone and iPad applications. "Jake is unassuming in sharing his assistance," Holly added. "He doesn't do it for the recognition or the self-gratification or to impress anyone. He just does it because he can."

Kathy Peabody Memorial Book Award: Tanya Clark



Mae Jones, Tanya Clark (P '16), and Tom Jones

Established in 1997 by the 1966–67 residents of Pillsbury House in memory of their dorm parent, the Kathy Peabody Memorial Book Award honors a member of the non-teaching Lawrence Academy community who "helps to create a secure, positive environment in which all members of the community

may achieve their best." Chosen by the school's peer counselors and proctors, the recipient this year was Tanya Clark, Office Manager to Admissions and Summer Programs. Seniors Jordan Grant and Steve Drury each spoke of Ms. Clark's influence on the community, stressing that, in addition to her work, "she makes herself available to everyone at Lawrence Academy," and "creates a comfortable space where you can recover from a difficult day."

Founders' Day Award for Service to Lawrence Academy: Pete Hazzard, Jerry Wooding, and Joe Sheppard

The Founders' Day Award is presented to a member of the LA community who exemplifies outstanding service to the school. It has traditionally been awarded to an individual who contributes in some significant way beyond the day-to-day businesses of operating the school or teaching in the classrooms. This year, however, Head of School Dan Scheibe made his own observations about the foundations of the school as he announced three recipients: longtime faculty members Pete Hazzard, Jerry Wooding, and Joe Sheppard



Pete Hazzard (P '91, '98, '01, '03), Jerry Wooding (P '85, '88), and Joe Sheppard (P '93, '94)

In cumulative years of service, he noted, "they get us more than halfway [back to the 1793 founding of the school]. 30 years (Pete Hazzard), plus 34 years (Jerry Wooding), plus 47 years (Joe Sheppard): one hundred and eleven. Throughout the years, the faculty has stood for what is deepest and best in the school. The faculty has taught with love and passion, coached with pride and fairness, directed with zeal and purpose...We celebrate that accumulation of wisdom, expertise, and affection today."

Mr. Scheibe offered a long list of descriptors—subjects, talents, names, and places—to illustrate the breadth and depth of the careers of the three educators. In keeping with his intent to recognize and honor the entire tradition of faculty at Lawrence Academy, he then read short blurbs about each recipient, keeping them anonymous by referring to them as Founders 1, 2, and 3. He had compiled his notes from comments made by students, whom he called "the ultimate detectors."



To read Mr. Scheibe's full tribute to the three individual Founders' Day Award winners, visit the "News" section on the LA website.

25 Years and Counting

Housekeeping Supervisor Peter Fredriksen (P '02) was recognized for reaching the 25-year mark in outstanding service to Lawrence Academy.



The Spartan Report

FALL 2012



Girls' Soccer

Head Coach Kim Bohlin
Assistant Coach Theresa Ryan

- ISL record 7-6-4
- Competed at NEPSAC tournament
- ISL All-League: Shannon Johnson-Finn '14
- ISL Honorable Mention: Devan Taylor '15 and Hannah Davis '15
- MVP: Shannon Johnson-Finn '14 (defensive) and Devan Taylor '15 (offensive)



Field Hockey

Head Coach Michelle Waldie
Assistant Coaches Amanda Gagnon and Elena Beleno-Carney '97

- ISL record 7-6-3
- Competed at NEPSAC tournament
- ISL All-League: McKayla Blanch '13 and Madeline Groves '13
- ISL Honorable Mention: Victoria Hanson '13 and Katie Laughlin '14
- All-NEPSAC: McKayla Blanch '13
- MVP: McKayla Blanch '13
- Coach's Award: Victoria Hanson '13



Boys' Soccer

Head Coach Colin Igoe
Assistant Coaches Chris Ellsasser and Andrey Asparouhov

- ISL record 8-3-3
- Placed 4th in ISL
- ISL All-League: Christian Hernandez '14, Aziz Khan '14, and Amadu Kunateh '15
- ISL Honorable Mention: Adrian Colmenares '14
- Massachusetts All-State Team: Amadu Kunateh '15
- MVP: Amadu Kunateh '15



Volleyball

Head Coach Alyssa MacMeekin
Assistant Coach Dina Mordeno

- ISL record 1-13



Football

Head Coach Paul Zukauskas
Assistant Coaches Geoff Harlan, Rick Arena, Jarred Gagnon '03, Sean Sheehan '87, Andrew Healy, Pete Dunbar, and Robbie Barker '00

- ISL record 6-2
- ISL All-League: Marcus Backlin '13, Darrien Myers '13, Jalen Myrie '13, Andrew Crane '14, Rocco Daigneault '14, and Chris Garrison '15
- ISL Honorable Mention: Jake Riggert '13, Nick Day '13, Kyle Howes '14, and Austin Luckey '15
- Mark F. Frattaroli Football Award: Andrew Crane '14
- Team Lineman of the Year Award: Rocco Daigneault '14
- MVP: Marcus Backlin '13
- MIP: Jonathan Higgins '13
- Coach's Award: Darrien Myers '13



Cross Country

Head Coach Kacey Schneider '04
Assistant Coaches Nathan Cabot and Maria Pietsch

- ISL record 8-8
- ISL All-League: Kendra Mac '15
- All-New England: Kendra Mac '15
- MVP: Kendra Mac '15

LA Parents in Action

The Spirit of Generosity

I am in awe of the philanthropy that happens at Lawrence Academy every day. There is no question that financial support for our annual fund, senior parent gift, and the spring auction creates a strong foundation that is crucial to the school.

Another type of philanthropy, which is equally important, is volunteerism. Every day, parents spend time at LA in different capacities, supporting and complementing the work of faculty and administrators. Some parents spend time in the Admissions Office, welcoming prospective families and students. Other parents volunteer time to help plan events and mail invitations. Donating food, making calls from home, and hosting off-campus events are other ways that parents lend their support to LA.

Parents who spend time on campus volunteering find themselves absorbed into the community in ways that go beyond their volunteering activity and contribute to the rich tapestry that is LA. Parents can often be found eating with students in the Dining Hall, chatting with teachers on the pathways, and attending games.

I am grateful daily for the selfless support by parents of LA—from small acts of graciousness to the taking on of yearlong commitments. The involvement and support of parents makes my job joyful and immensely fulfilling.

Thank you!

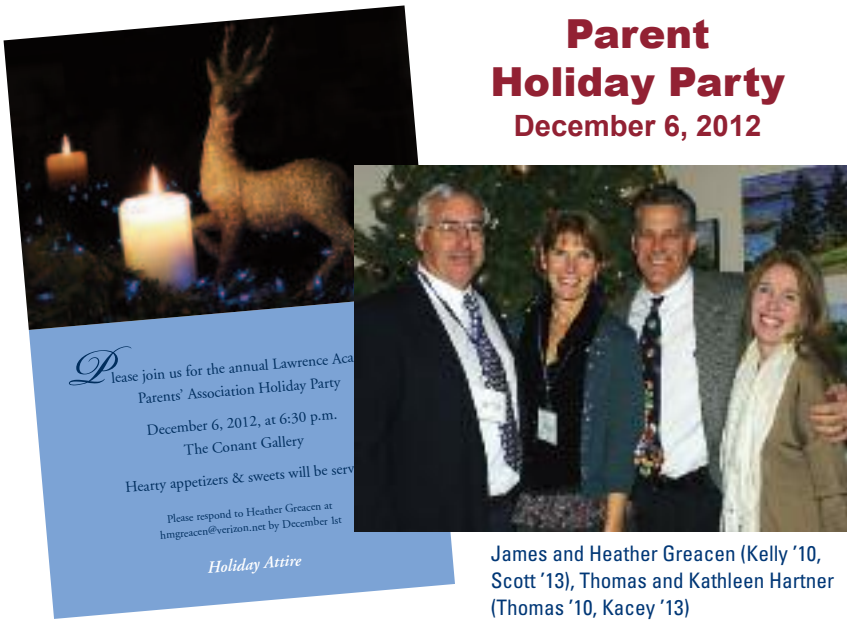
– Hellie Swartwood, director of Parent Programs and Special Events

Spring Gala & Fundraiser Sat. May 4, 2013



Auction Chair Bo Murphy
(Tanner '14, David '16)

Parent Holiday Party December 6, 2012



James and Heather Greacen (Kelly '10, Scott '13), Thomas and Kathleen Hartner (Thomas '10, Kacey '13)

Faculty/Staff Appreciation Luncheon February 14, 2013



Standing L–R: Christine DiPietro (Alexander '16), Jennifer Messer (Emily '16), Beth Anastopoulos (Emily '13), Bo Murphy (Tanner '14, David '16), Jill Adie (Billy '16), Sheri Bojanowski (Elise '16), Marianne Dinkel (Alexis '16), Peg Bernhardt (Chris '13), Linda Reichheld (Kate '16), Kim Clymer (Eliza '13, Jillian '15), Mary Jo Seifert (Megan '14, Brendan '16), Martha Joumas (Kathleen '09, William '10, Meghan '13, Tim '15), and Tracy Groves (Madeline '13). In front, L–R: Kathy Stone (Brendan '98, Declan '14), Karen Riggert (Sarah '09, Jake '13), Sue Barron '86 (Thomas '14), and Nicole Kelly (Barrett '12, Madeleine '14, Margaret '16)

LA Alumni Council

Hello alumni, students, parents, and friends of LA,

The Alumni Council has had a very busy year; and it has been a great experience seeing many of our friends in the alumni community. As we began the academic year last fall, the council wanted to focus on three priorities: introducing new Head of School Dan Scheibe to LA alumni; educating current students about the LA alumni community and the council's role in connecting us to one another as well as to the school; and assisting our colleagues in the Development Office to increase awareness of the effect of giving back to the school.

The Alumni Council coordinates events for our graduates with these three goals in mind. Many of you met Dan at the Boston Business Breakfast last fall, held at the Boston College Club. The breakfast has become a great tradition where we have had the opportunity to hear directly from the head of school about the day-to-day happenings on campus. This was a great event and well attended.

I must confess that I had the most fun spending a few minutes speaking to current students at an

assembly last semester. My talk was a brief description of the council, highlighting student-centered initiatives that we sponsor: the Gagné Winterim Classic Golf Tournament, which raises money for financial aid for Winterim; on-campus career nights; and the senior breakfast at graduation. As the last speaker at the assembly, I was able to observe how the students interacted with one another and with faculty as they listened to (and sometimes reacted to) announcements from the podium. It was a positive and high-energy environment—the students rooting for and supporting one another. It reminded me why we as alumni stay connected to LA and support the school. Our involvement brings us back to a place that affected each of us years ago, and we can make a difference for

students today who follow in our footsteps.

Thank you for your commitment to LA. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Rick Tyson '87
Alumni Council President



Rick Tyson '87 presenting at the Gagné Winterim Classic



Have An Impact!



Around the world, schools are continually attempting to critically measure the quality of the education they are providing to their students. The same is true here at LA—we strive to identify ways to improve the quality of the educational experience we are offering. Through varying methods of external evaluation and self-assessment—the NEASC reaccreditation process, the strategic planning process, the faculty evaluation system, department chair meetings, administrative team meetings, and Board of Trustees meetings—LA is constantly in the process of analysis. In order to continue providing a top-quality independent school education, LA relies heavily on the financial support it receives from the Annual Fund. Gifts to the Annual Fund go directly toward providing the school with the necessary resources to better support the following key components of our educational program:

- Professional development for faculty;
- Upgrading teaching aids and technology systems;
- Enhancement of academic programs;
- Increased support of athletics and the arts; and
- Increased support of student services and extra-curricular activities.

Please consider making a donation to the Annual Fund today—your gift will truly have an impact on the quality of education an LA student receives.

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LA Gatherings



Dan and Annie Meet and Greet

September 12, 2012

Top row, L-R: Jeff Maclaren '70 (AC) and Yen Le '08 (YAC); Stephanie Middleton Marcoux '02 (YAC) and daughter, Juliet; Sue Meenan Barron '86 (P '14), Alumni Council vice president, Paul Husted '64 (AC, Jeffers Heritage Center) and Annie Steward '03 (AC and YAC); Bottom row, L-R: Brian Drolet '01 (AC and YAC) and Head of School Dan Scheibe; Tad Scheibe, Annie Montesano, and Amanda Doyle-Bouvier '98, assistant director of alumni relations; Danny Roop '06 (YAC), Catie Floyd McMenamin '97 (AC) and Yen Le '08 (YAC)

*AC – Alumni Council; YAC – Young Alumni Committee



Gagné Winterim Classic

October 1, 2012

Top row, L-R: Former faculty Richard Gagné (P '85), Rick Tyson '87, Alumni Council president, Chaz Gagné, Assistant Head of School Rob Moore (P '04, '06, '09), Chad Tyson '91, Mark Miller; Faculty Matt Greene '01, Tracy Groves (P '13), Director of Annual Giving Geoff Harlan (P '16), Kristine Melvin (P '13, '15); Chad Tyson '91 and Joe Williams '84; Bottom row, L-R: Jack Hurstak '87, Noah Caney '87, Bill Rosenblum '87 and Suzanne Crawford Dennis '87; Faculty Brian Feigenbaum (P '09, '12); Gregory Williamson (P '12, '14), Donald Williamson (GP '12, '14), Brian Potter (P '15), Head of School Dan Scheibe, and Patrick Walsh



Leadership Circle Dinner

October 25, 2012

Top row, L-R: Trustees Brad Hobbs '82 and Cathy Frissora (P '95, '96); Faculty Donna Mastrangelo (P '15) and Sue Meenan Barron '86 (P '14), Alumni Council vice president; Joan and Trustee Rob Barsamian '78 (P '13), and Annie Montesano. Bottom row, L-R: Kim Clymer (P '13, '15) and Trustee Ben Williams III (P '82, '84), former headmaster; Board of Trustees President Bruce MacNeil '70 (P '04) and Trustee David Stone '76; Herman and Laura Purutyan (P '13); Kevin and Nicole Kelly (P '12, '14, '16)



Board of Visitors

November 2, 2012

Top row, L-R: Guests attending student panel in the Recital Hall. Middle row, L-R: Memo Cantu '86 and Philip Titcomb '13; Board of Visitors Chair Vicki Bowers Lamb '73 (P '96), former trustee; Faculty Joel Sugerman, Jeff Leahey '92 and Trustee Ron Ansin (P '83, '85, '87, GP '03, '05, '14); Steve Drury '13. Bottom row, L-R: Former Head of School Steve Hahn (P '96, '99) and Robert Kimball '70; Former faculty J. William Mees, Chuck O'Boyle '82 and Ellen Hargraves (P '86); Jessica Aguire '14; Sam Foster '08 (YAC), Robin Martin Adams '75 (P '95), Trustee Lucy Crocker Abisalih '76 and faculty Brian Feigenbaum (P '09, '12)



Boston Business Breakfast
November 15, 2012

Top row, L-R: Director of Annual Giving Geoff Harlan (P '16), Anthony Carr '72, Dave Mazza '01 (AC and YAC), Bob Hargraves '86, Abby Myette '00 (YAC), Lindsay Latuga Howard '00 (YAC), Head of School Dan Scheibe, Nina Sheff '02 (YAC), Assistant Director of Alumni Relations Amanda Doyle-Bouvier '98, Marty Freeman '74, Kelly Hurstak '86, James Polese '84 (former trustee), Trustee Lucy Abisalih '76, Corey Peterson '07 (YAC), Alumni Council President Rick Tyson '87. Bottom row, L-R: Corey Peterson '07 (YAC), Dave Mazza '01 (AC) and James Polese '84 (former trustee); Marty Freeman '74, Director of Alumni Relations Sandy Sweeney Gallo '75, Trustee Lucy Crocker Abisalih '76



Washington, DC Gathering
January 14, 2013

Bottom row, L-R: Alumni Ambassador Neil Menard '85, Trustee Kevin Anderson '85 and Kyle Gaffney '85; George Liffert, Ted Engman '54, Leila Engman, Kimberly Dunning Liffert '82; Head of School Dan Scheibe, Jeff Leahey '92 and Tom Firth '72; Ashley Duggan '04 and Sara Conneighton '03



Denver Gathering

February 7, 2013

Top picture, L-R: Assistant Head of School Rob Moore (P '04, '06, '09), John Peters '64, Andrew Milmo '03, J.D. Sawyer '88, Barbara and Richard Randall '50, Mike Muscatello '05, Walter Wright III '04, Mike Cunningham '64, Alumni Ambassador Ryan Chase '93, Brianna Zenerovitz '04, Andy Franklin '68, Bryan Smith '85, Luc Cisna '94, Luc's fiancée Carl Basaites; Bottom row, L-R: J.D. Sawyer '88, Richard Randall '50, Bryan Smith '85, Luc Cisna '94; John Peters '64, Mike Cunningham '64, Assistant Head of School Rob Moore (P '04, '06, '09); Andy Franklin '68, Audrey Franklin, Alumni Ambassador Ryan Chase '93; Brianna Zenerovitz '04, Brianna's fiancé Matt Wahl, Mike Muscatello '05



Philadelphia Gathering

February 28, 2013

L-R seated: Mark Staples '63, Trustee Brad Hobbs '82, Clay Horne '11, Head of School Dan Scheibe, Jennifer James Booker '77; L-R standing: Tony Voce (P '00), Valetta Love (P '13), Tony Voce '00, Will Joumas '10, Jessica Lunt '09, Kari Fredriksen Wade '02, Paige Peabody '84, Director of Alumni Relations Sandy Sweeney Gallo '75. Not pictured: Dick Boothby '66, Brittany Ruddock '11, Tom Wagner, Rick Wade; Inset: Kari Fredriksen Wade '02 and Rick Wade

— Classnotes —

—1963—

50th Reunion Class



Barry Pearson '63

Barry Pearson '63 and his co-reunion coordinators, Stu Graham, John Gray, Jerry de Michaelis, Ray Cioci, and Craig Arnold, are working hard to reunite their classmates for their 50th reunion! They're looking forward to returning to the Quad to see the changes, reconnecting with classmates, and sharing old stories! As you can see, Barry is pumped up for his 50-year class reunion!

Carlos Fernandez '63 writes, "Still a brat. Getting demerits all the time. Divorced, retired, four children, two grandchildren. A nice 'young' lady friend who reads too many 'perfect murder mystery' books. Worries me. Yet, I enjoy the sunshine; essentially a good man. But, worry about some of you. LOL."

—1973—

40th Reunion Class

Hugh Glazer '73 was recently honored by The Babson College Alumni Association with the Richard J. Snyder Distinguished Service to the College Award. Hugh's daughter, Alexandra, is a senior at Babson, majoring in marketing.

Carol Harper '73 and Alex McPheeters were married Oct. 12, 2012.



Carol Harper '73 and Alex McPheeters

—1974—

Rich Johnson '74 has taken on a new sideline as a songwriter. He recently wrote a poem titled, "Jimmy Collins' Wake," that he gave to Kenny Casey of the Dropkick Murphys. In celebration of the baseball legend, Kenny and his boys put the words to music. The song is a smash hit on Dropkick's latest album, "Signed and Sealed in Blood." As Rich says, "Like much of my historical writing and research, I wrote the lyrics to make sure we didn't forget one of the more important and colorful local heroes from our unmatched sports pantheon." The next time you are at McGreevy's in Boston, you just might be toasting to "Jimmy Collins' Wake" yourself!

—1975—



Keith Heingartner '75 and family. Loving life in Vermont with son Jordan and daughters, Whitney and Kylee.

—1976—

Michael M. Botan '76 and his wife Kim are adventure riders, touring South America via motorcycle. You can read about their experience on their blog, <http://ride2adventure.wordpress.com/>.

—1977—

Steve McCabe '77, his wife Koko, and their daughter, Maya, returned to campus last fall while on an East Coast trip. Steve is busy at his engineering job for the new airport in Doha, Qatar.



Steve McCabe '77, his wife Koko, and their daughter, Maya

—1978—

35th Reunion Class

Seth Itzkan '78 gave a TEDx talk a few months ago titled, "Reversing Global Warming with Livestock?" It concerned his experience and observations with an ecological restoration program in Africa, a project he believes "holds great promise for our soils and our climate."

Search for Seth Itzkan on YouTube to see a video of his talk.

—1983—

30th Reunion Class

Julie Mason '83 is the host of the political talk show, "Press Pool with Julie Mason," heard weekdays nationwide on SiriusXM's POTUS channel. Prior to moving to radio, Julie was a White House correspondent for Politico. She lives in Washington, D.C.



L-R: Jennifer Byrd '85, Pam Goodall '85, Katharine Gagné '85, Dick Gagné '85 (former faculty) and Tom McCuin '85.

—1985—

Katharine Gagné '85 let us know that her dad, retired faculty Dick Gagné, spent a month visiting her and her family in Washington, D.C. While there, he reunited with other members of the class of '85 for a New Year's celebration.

—1986—

Karyn Bryant '86 was nominated for the 2012 MMA (mixed martial arts) Journalist of the Year Award.

We are always collecting classnotes. Please submit any news you have to share to adoyle@academy.edu



Katherine Crane Gagné '85 with family, husband Geof Hobday and daughters Eve, Emma and Ellie

-1993-

20th Reunion Class

Ryan Chase '93 writes, "Business is very good right now. I am staying active and trying to take care of my clients the best I can. Climbing is good. I got to go up to Alaska this past May and it was a blast. Looking to do Denali in 2014. I will definitely need to get an LA flag for the hopeful summit. After May, I was really focused on triathlon. I got back into it and did the Boulder Half Ironman. It was a tough day, as the temperatures were over 90, but it was a great experience. I will definitely do it again in 2013."



Lucy and Elliot Marro, children of Alix Sheppard '94 and Ethan Marro

-1994-

Alix Sheppard '94 and her husband Ethan Marro welcomed Elliot Stanley Marro into the world on Nov. 5, 2012. Elliot weighed in at 8.14 pounds. Alix, Ethan, and daughter, Lucy, 3, moved to Pepperell from Windham, Maine in September as Ethan began a new job in Acton. Alix left her private massage therapy practice in Portland and is working on reestablishing it in the Groton area. She looks forward to getting reacquainted with local LA alums, and enjoys having Grammy and Grampy Sheppard just up the road.

Nicole Tremblay '94 and Dominic James were married in England on Aug. 28, 2012, with friends and family in attendance. She and Dominic will be looking forward to a serious job hunt in New England in 2013/2014. In the meantime, they are enjoying traveling through Europe whenever possible. Nicole hopes to meet up with Brian Feigenbaum at the Fringe Festival in Scotland this summer.



Dominic James and Nicole Tremblay '94

-1995-

Damon Corkin '95 and his wife Angela live in Boston with their daughters, Olivia and Stella. They run their 6-year-old company, Andean Discovery, an adventure tour company in Ecuador and Peru, out of Boston. Damon gave a presentation at the 18th Annual Gagné Winterim Classic about his Winterim experience in 1993 in Ecuador with Jim Serach and Jerry Wooding. That experience resulted in his lifetime dream of working and living in South America. Damon's successful company is now part of the Winterim experience, which faculty David Smith '65 spearheads at LA today. Matt Haynes '80 was the highest bidder at that event for one of Damon's tours and looks forward to enjoying the adventure with his wife and daughter in the near future.



Angela, Olivia, Stella, and Damon Corkin '95

-1996-

Avery J. Appleton '96 married Gary Strack in Florence, Italy. The wedding party was a mix of Lawrence Academy grads.

Josh Hahn '96 and his wife Steph welcomed Samuel Francis Hahn into the world on Feb. 15, 2013. He weighed 6 pounds and was 20 inches long. Samuel is healthy and taking in the new, wonderful world around him.

Josh and Steph are doing great. The new grandparents are particularly excited!

Jerry Mead '96 and his wife Jessica welcomed Fiona Jane into their family on Nov. 23, 2012. All are doing well.



Samuel Francis Hahn

-1997-

Alex Mellon '97 and Kerri Fitzgerald were married on Sept. 15, 2012.

Charles Stasinos '97 and Kendall Maggi of Easton, Conn. were married on Oct. 6, 2012 at the Inn at Longshore in Westport, Conn.

-1998-

15th Reunion Class

Amanda Doyle-Bouvier '98, (assistant director of alumni relations), husband Will, and son, Greyson, welcomed Clementine Margot Doyle-Bouvier on New Year's Day at 5:16 p.m., at 9.5 pounds and 22.5 inches.



Clementine Margot Doyle-Bouvier



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-1999-

Shannon Menard Baxevanis '99 gave birth to Eleni Georgia Baxevanis on Nov. 14, 2012. Says Shannon, "We are in love all over again!"



Eleni Georgia Baxevanis

-2000-

Colin W. Cook '00 writes, "Calvin Wesley Cook has arrived! He was born at 1:28 a.m. this morning (12/02/12), weighing 7.6 pounds and is 21 inches long. He and Kristen are doing great! He is amazing!"



Calvin Wesley Cook

Lindsay Latuga Howard '00 married Jim Howard in Lenox, Mass., on Oct. 15, 2011. In September 2012, the couple went on an amazing trip to China. Here they are in Tiananmen Square (outside the Gate of Heavenly Peace) in Beijing.



Lindsay Latuga Howard '00 and Jim Howard



Bridesmaids at Lindsay Latuga '00 and Jim Howard's wedding included family members along with Neesha Tandon '00, Lindsay O'Brien Fitton '00, and Abby Myette '00.

-2001-

Jon Abrams '01 has been on the road appearing as a solo artist at the MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, as well as performing in Virgin Gorda, Barbados and Amsterdam. He is back home now, with gigs around town. He looks forward to celebrating faculty Pete Hazzard's and Joe Sheppard's retirement bash at re-union, June 7-9, 2013.

-2002-



Pictured left: Kari Fredriksen '02 and Rick Wade
Pictured right: Kari and '02 classmates, Lindsay Murdock, Lauren Uhlig, Talia Rosenblum, and Tessa Weaver

Kari Fredriksen '02 and Rick Wade were married on Oct. 27, 2012. An outdoor ceremony and ballroom reception were held at the historic Seaview Hotel in the shore town of Galloway, N.J. The bride was given away by her father, long-time Lawrence Academy staff member Peter Fredriksen. Other LA alumni in attendance were bridesmaid Talia Rosenblum '02 and guests Lauren Uhlig '02, Lindsay Murdock '02, Tom Weaver '02, Tessa Brickley Weaver '02, and Brett Hardy '03. After dodging Hurricane Sandy, the couple enjoyed their honeymoon on the island of St. Lucia. Currently, Rick is the operations supervisor for Atlantic City's Boardwalk Hall, and Kari is the event manager at the Wildwoods Convention Center.

Brendon Davis '02 writes, "On Feb. 4, we happily brought Brody Michael Davis into the world, weighing 6.10 pounds ... Super Bowl baby!" Brendan, along with his siblings Patrick '04 and MacKenzie '07 and classmate Kristin Schmidt '02, ran into faculty Scott Johnson and

Jenn O'Connor at Sunapee while skiing in January. The Davis family reports that Brendan and Patrick are working at their father's temp agency while MacKenzie has found a job through the agency. Younger sister Brittany '06 is currently working as a nurse at Mass General.



Patrick Davis '04, Brendan Davis '02, MacKenzie Davis '07 and faculty Scott Johnson (P '88, '02)

-2003-
10th Reunion Class



Nora Charlotte Gagnon

Jarred Gagnon '03 (faculty) and his wife Amanda (development data manager) welcomed Nora Charlotte into their family on Oct. 31, 2012. Nora is looking forward to her Halloween costume birthday parties!

Chris Hazzard '03 writes, "At Sneak Preview Entertainment, I coproduced a yet-to-be-released teen comedy called "The Secret Lives of Dorks." We just finished production on the romantic comedy "Baggage Claim" for Fox Searchlight. In September, my writing partner and I were hired to rewrite a family comedy for Amazon Studios and we're currently writing an original R-rated comedy for Davis Entertainment. Most importantly, on December 26th, I proposed to my girlfriend Laura Curtin



Brody Michael Davis



Chris Hazzard '03 and Laura Curtin

(she said “Yes”) and we’re hoping for an October wedding. It’s been an exciting year!”

Melissa Levine-Piro '03 married Kyle Piro on Sept. 2, 2012 at the Lighthouse Inn in West Dennis, Mass.

Jared Mezzocchi '03 recently won a Princess Grace Award for 2012 for theater. According to the website, “The Princess Grace Awards began in 1984 to recognize outstanding emerging artists in theater, dance, and film. Grant assistance in the forms of scholarships, apprenticeships, and fellowships are offered to recognize individuals affiliated with performing arts organizations in the United States. Throughout the years, the Awards have been expanded to include playwriting and choreography. Additional support is now given to Princess Grace Awards winners during their careers demonstrating the Foundation’s commitment to fostering their talent.”

–2004–

Walter Wright '04 married Kristen Van Slyke on September 2, 2012. “Kristin and I met at Connecticut College and then moved to the Denver area following graduation in 2008. Kristen attended law school at CU Boulder and I started working for Lafarge, a construction materials company that mines for aggregate and produces concrete and asphalt. Lafarge was recently purchased by Martin Marietta Materials, whom I now work for as their environmental engineer. I continued to play hockey in some men’s leagues after my college career, but recently decided to take a break. I officiate hockey now, from the youth levels through college club, so I am still involved with the sport. Kristen has been with a small law firm for a little over a year now and practices mostly family law.”

–2005–

Dana Smith '05 graduated from Duke University School of Law last May. She took a month away to hike the Inca Trail to Machu Picchu and explore Peru and Panama. She started at Morgan Lewis in

New York City in October as an attorney. Dana is working in business and finance, doing mergers and acquisitions.

–2007–

Nazanin A. Bagherzadeh '07 is currently studying at Ruhr Universität Bochum, and then will be at Université Catholique de Louvain for a semester. She is hoping to spend her final semester at Gajdah Mada University in Indonesia. Naz writes, “I’m studying international humanitarian action (which is why I’m moving around so much). I missed out on my fifth-year reunion because I was living in Hong Kong at the time, but I’m hoping I’ll be able to come back for my tenth!”

Drew Gallagher '07 was recently named Washington, D.C.’s New Teacher of the Year in an awards ceremony at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in D.C. In addition to receiving the New Teacher of the Year award, Gallagher earned a Rubenstein Award for Highly Effective Educators, a \$5,000 prize, for which he was eligible thanks to his score on the district’s teacher-evaluation system.

Tony Deshler '07 and leadoff batter Jeff Bercume were a potent 1-2 punch for the Intercity League baseball champions this summer. Bercume and Deshler were among several players with area ties who contributed to the Medford-based team’s first Intercity League title since 1997, but its 18th overall, including when the franchise was called the Hosmer Chiefs. Tony is a left fielder from Pepperell who starred both at LA and at Brandeis University.

–2009–

Phil Picard-Fraser is engaged to Katie Phillips, a 2012 graduate of Emory University, where Phil is a senior pre-medical student. Katie, who hails from a suburb of Atlanta, works as a behavioral therapist.

–2010–

Denzel Brito '10 of Wareham, a former LA basketball star, has transferred from

Loyola (Chicago) to Loyola (Maryland). The 6-foot-2 guard will sit out the season and have two years of eligibility remaining. A two-year varsity performer, he participated in 54 games, starting 21 this past season. He averaged seven points a game and led the Ramblers in assists (3.5).

As a senior at Lawrence Academy, Denzel led his team to a 29-0 record and the Class C championship. He averaged 16 points, 4.3 rebounds, and 4.1 assists a game, ending his career with 1,464 points. Also a standout wide receiver/defensive back, he earned Boston Herald All-Scholastic honors as the Spartans captured the Independent School League title.

Fran McNierney '10, now a junior, participated in St. Lawrence University’s International Study Program in Kenya for the fall 2012 semester.

–2011–

Emily Field '11 was named the co-Women’s Hockey East Player of the Week. A forward, Emily scored a pair of goals and added an assist as the Eagles skated to a 5-0 win over host Yale in the championship game of the Nutmeg Classic. She is tied for third in BC’s scoring list with 14 points (6 goals, 8 assists) in 13 games; in her career at The Heights, Emily has 46 points in 50 games.

Alumni around Campus

While on winter break, members of the **Class of 2012** returned to campus for a visit! Alex Vassilakos Nathan Fritz, Emily Bovenzi, Sean Foster, Kelsey Carroll, Gabe Bishop, and Jenny Weil attended their favorite classes, had lunch with teachers, and mingled with current students.



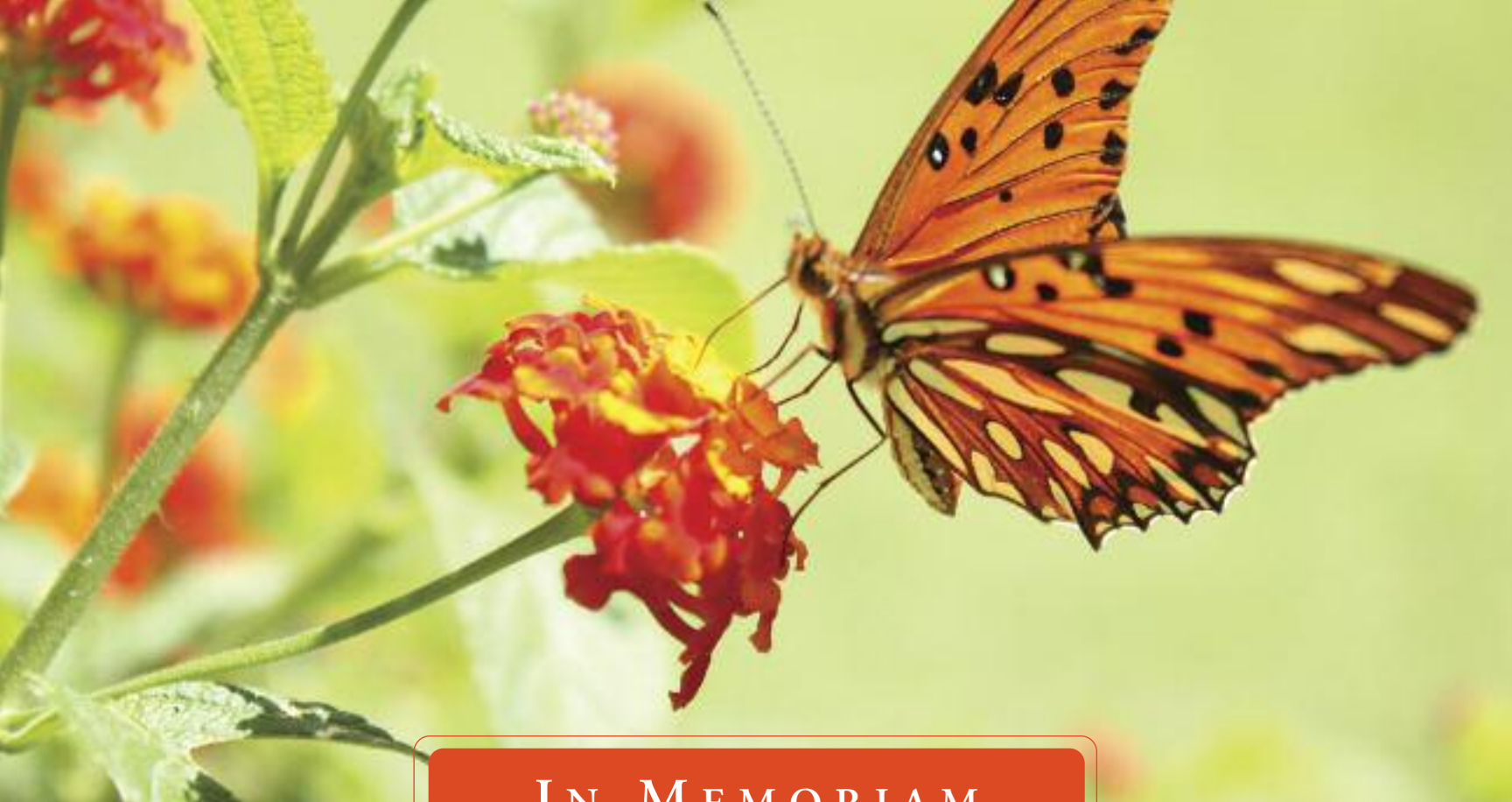
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Seven LA grads are proud to represent Boston College athletics as members of Team Impact, a non-profit dedicated to improving the quality of life for children facing life-threatening illnesses. Pictured L-R: Max Ricci '11, Emily Field '11, Danielle Doherty '10, Ashley Motherwell '09, Amanda Movsessian '10, and Sara Davey '10. (missing from photo is Marcus Grant '10.)



IN MEMORIAM

Former Faculty Member Robert V. Bruce died on January 15, 2008. From 1948 to 1951, Bruce was a history teacher, dorm master, and golf coach at LA. An American historian specializing in the American Civil War, Bruce won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1988 for his book *The Launching of Modern American Science*.

–1939–

Edgar H. Knapp died October 29, 2012, at the age of 90. After graduating from Wesleyan University in 1943, he served aboard a Navy LST until the end of World War II. Ed enjoyed a long and distinguished career in academe, earning advanced degrees from Boston University and the Columbia Teachers' College. He spent several years in New England private and public schools before joining the faculty at Penn State, where he taught various literature and humanities courses until his retirement.

Ed's first wife, Susan, predeceased him in 1984. He is survived by his second wife, Sally, and eight children, twelve grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service was held in November at the Koch Funeral Home in State College, Pennsylvania.

–1948–

Roger Cushman Flinn, 85, of Marco Island, Florida, died peacefully at the Summit of Park Ridge on October 15,

2012. He is survived by his three children, six grandchildren, two sisters, and a brother-in-law. Roger was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Corinne. He served as an MP in the Army during World War II and then entered Lawrence, graduating in 1948. Roger then began his career in sales, primarily in the appliance business, eventually starting his own company, C & R Parts, in 1962. C & R soon became Automatic Appliance Parts Corporation, which has grown to seven branches all over the Chicago area. Roger became active in the Appliance Parts Distributors' Association, serving as President in 1981 and 1982. After bringing some of the children into the business, Corinne and Roger took up golf and purchased a home on Marco Island, Florida, where they enjoyed traveling and spending time with their many friends.

–1951–

William Albert Blodgett, 80, a resident of Harrisonburg, passed away on June 27, 2012. After graduating from Lawrence, Bill was a Staff Sergeant with the US Air Force from 1953 to 1960 during the Korean War. He then became a restoration carpenter.

He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Mary Anne Blodgett, and by two children, four stepchildren, twelve grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, a sister, and a brother. He was preceded in death by a daughter. Bill always had a smile on his face.

–1959–

Roger P. Preston, 72, formerly of Salem, New Hampshire, died on July 8, 2012. He was born on June 26, 1940, in Brighton, Massachusetts, to the late Paul and Adel (Miller) Preston. Roger loved boating and water skiing, as well as snowmobiling in Québec with friends and family. He spent twenty years visiting the Balsams on his snowmobile. Roger raced at New England Dragway from 1966 to 1969 in his 1965 Ford Mustang in the Junior Stock Class, and he was a member of the Elks. He is survived by his wife, Susan J. "Cookie" Preston, two sons, a daughter-in-law, a brother-in-law, and several cousins.

–1972–

George L. Kokinos, 58, of Boca Raton, Florida, passed away on March 27, 2012. Born in Lowell, Massachusetts, he is survived by his brothers, Charles Kokinos of West Palm Beach and Peter Kokinos of Boca Raton, and nieces Kristen Kokinos of Miami Beach and Jillian Kokinos.

–1973–

Maretta L. Kelley of Cottage Grove, died March 25, 2011, at age 57. She was born June 30, 1953, in Detroit to Wilfred and Mary Kelley.

Maretta attended the Rose Hawthorne School, Cardinal Cushing Academy, and Lawrence Academy. She worked as a

landscape architect. Survivors include her mother, of Springfield; a former life partner, Marjorie Juris; three sisters, Mary Roseanne of Nashua, N.H., Clarellen of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Cecilia of South Carolina; and two brothers, Kevin of Lorane, Pa., and Theodore of North Andover, Mass.

-1974-

Jeffrey Milton Taylor, 57, of North Chelmsford, Massachusetts, died September 30, 2012, at home. The son of the late Milton E. Taylor and Laura A. Burgess of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Jeff graduated from Elmira College where he earned a BS in Business Management in 1978. For 30 years, he was employed by the Town of Chelmsford as Maintenance Supervisor for the Facilities Department. Jeff was a member of the Stony Brook Fish and Game Association and a former member of the H.E. Fletcher Club and the Chelmsford Elks Club. He loved snowmobiling, motorcycling, fishing, and boating at Lake Winnepesaukee in New Hampshire.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Elaine (Lamoureux) Taylor, his mother, a son, three daughters, two brothers, a sister, three grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

-1977-

Nathaniel W. Church, 55, of Gardner, Massachusetts, passed away in January 2013 at his lakeside home on Lake Wampanoag. Nate was born in Boston on October 17, 1958, to Robert and Priscilla Church and grew up in Lincoln, Massachusetts. At Lawrence, he captained the cross-country team and played hockey and lacrosse. A carpenter by trade, Nate loved being outdoors and spending time with friends, especially his many friends from Lawrence. He played hockey with numerous teams in the Gardner area and had great moments with his teammates.

Nate is survived by his mother, Priscilla (Schirmer) Church of Westport Point, Massachusetts; his sister Maggie (Church) Beaumont and her husband Mike of Sussex, Wisconsin; brothers Tony Church, his wife Rainy, and their children Zachary and Amanda of Wilmington, Massachusetts; and **Jon Church, LA class of '74**, his wife Susan, and their children Meredith, Melissa, and Robert of Groton. His father, Robert T. Church, predeceased him.

-1978-

Edward J. Walsh III, 52, of Hamilton, died suddenly on January 23, 2013. Ed is survived by his wife, Mary (Wittenhagen)

Walsh, with whom he shared 16 years of marriage, as well as his father, a sister, two stepsons and their wives, a stepdaughter, two grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. Ed attended Bates College, earning a BS in chemistry in 1982, followed by an MS in engineering at UMass-Lowell in 1987. He worked for more than 25 years as a developer, managing multi-million dollar projects throughout the greater Boston area. One of the hallmarks of Ed's career was his involvement as co-development manager for the Kendall Square MGP Brownfield site in Cambridge, which earned the 2006 Region 1 and National Phoenix Award for Excellence in 2006. His most recent project was developing the Lofts at Perkins Place in Lowell, which won the 2012 Paul Tsongas Award for Historic Preservation. Ed was an avid skier, cyclist, and all-around outdoorsman. A 15-year cancer survivor, Ed rode as a cyclist in the Pan Mass Challenge every year since 1997, raising over \$100,000 for cancer research.

-1988-

Andrew Kenneth Riseberg of Sudbury died on January 28, 2013, at age 43. Andy is survived by his wife, Andresa (Novais), as well as his mother, a sister, his brother-in-law, a niece and nephew, and aunts and uncles. After graduating from Lawrence, Andy attended the University of Rochester and went on to pursue a successful career as a sales professional, most recently at the Oracle Corporation in Burlington, Massachusetts. An avid golfer, Andy also enjoyed music, cooking, and boating. Through Andresa and her friends, he recently became fluent in Portuguese. Everyone who met Andy was touched by his zest for life and warm heart.

-2003-

Liza Benson, 28, of Jackson Hole, Wyoming, died January 27, 2013 in a skiing accident. After graduating from Colby College in December 2007 with a degree in biology, Liza moved to Jackson Hole, where she got a job as a medical assistant at Teton Orthopaedics. Set to graduate this summer from the University of Washington's physician's assistant program, Liza was completing a residency at Pinedale Medical Clinic and had hoped to be offered a job there upon graduation.

Just 15 months younger than her sister Adrienne, Liza was a strong athlete. Growing up in Upper Arlington, Ohio, Liza played soccer competitively and was on a traveling team from an early age. She played goalie for three years at Upper Arlington High School before transferring

to play for two years at Lawrence. Liza continued playing soccer through her four years at Colby and at one point was ranked 19th in the country, according to her sister.

In addition to her sister, Liza is survived by her mother, Liz, and a brother, Cole.

-2006-

Alexander M. Lio-MacDougall, 25, of Haverhill, passed away unexpectedly on September 28, 2012 at his home. After graduating from Lawrence, where he co-captained the varsity football team and played numerous sports, Alex attended the University of Tampa in Florida. Most recently he had been working with "a great group of guys" at Sea of Green Lawn Care in Byfield, Massachusetts.

Alex was a fun-loving young man who brought a smile to many. He made friends with ease. He will be especially missed by his two loving sisters, Eden A. Lio-MacDougall and MacKenzie I. Lio-MacDougall of Haverhill. In addition to his sisters, Alex is survived by his parents, his paternal grandmother, Lucy MacDougall of Bradford, and his uncle Adalberto Lio and his wife Ada Borrero of Florida. He leaves great-aunts, Mrs. Eleanor Dagianis and Mrs. Dorothy Early, a great-uncle, Mr. Steven Karekos of Florida, and numerous cousins and relatives locally and in Florida and Cuba. He also leaves behind his best friend, his dog "Capone," who will remain with Alex's family.

-2007-

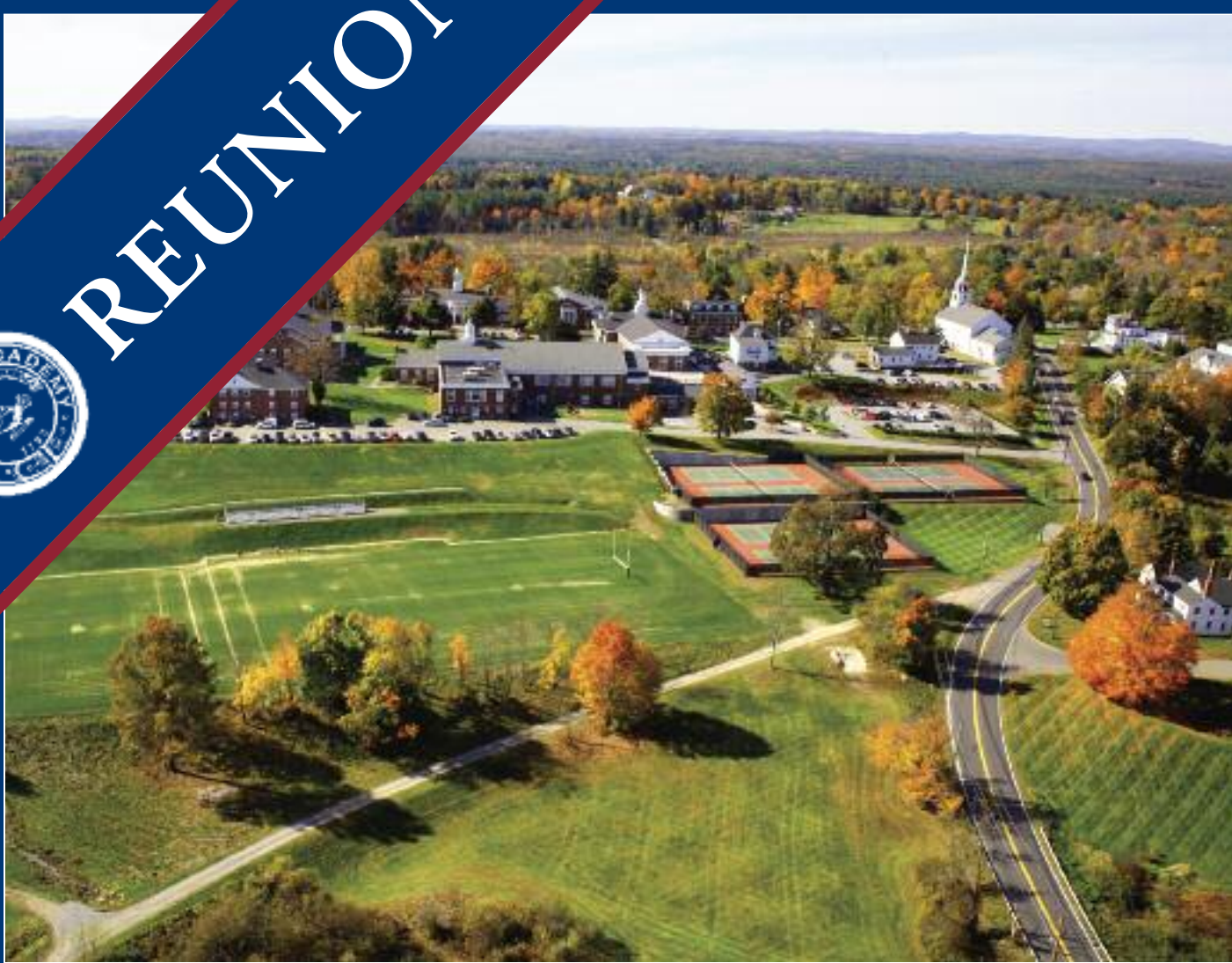
Jacquelin Glassie died unexpectedly on Thursday, November 15, 2012, at age 22. She was a music performance major at the University of Rhode Island where, as a freshman, she enrolled in graduate level courses.

A gifted musician, Jacqui had played the piano and composed her own music since she was three years old. She later learned to play the trumpet and was always a gifted vocalist. While at Lawrence, she was a three-season athlete, starring on the cross-country team and competing in ice hockey, downhill ski, and lacrosse. On the eve of her graduation, she gave a concert of her own piano compositions for the entire school.

Jacqui leaves her parents, Marcia S. Sallum of Jamestown, Rhode Island, and Don Glassie of Newport, two sisters, Alison and Georgia Glassie, and her grandmother, Helen Sallum, also of Jamestown.



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