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## Saving Abbot

How love, perseverance, and strong women protected a legacy for future generations





## Up First

During winter term, students gathered for a *Night at the Museum*–inspired party at the Addison Gallery. They viewed the exhibition *Light, Space, Surface: Works from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art*—including Doug Wheeler’s *Untitled (Light Encasement)*, 1968, pictured here. *Light, Space, Surface* was featured on *PBS NewsHour* in February.



Installation view of Doug Wheeler, *Untitled (Light Encasement)*, 1968. Adapted neon and plastic, 96 × 96 inches; Installation: 20 × 20 feet. Los Angeles County Museum of Art. Purchased with funds provided by the Modern and Contemporary Art Council in honor of the museum’s 40th anniversary (M.2005.7). © Doug Wheeler

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## From the Head of School

# SPRING AWAKENING CAMPUS BEAUTY AND THE PROMISE OF NEW BEGINNINGS

The seasonal beauty of the Phillips Academy campus signals new beginnings. Growing shade along the Elm Arch tells us that seniors will soon gather to receive their roses at Commencement. New buds on the Sam Phil cherry tree remind us that cookies will soon be served beneath it to celebrate the full bloom.

The Great Lawn and Greener Quad are ready for “lawning,” a tradition that includes rounds of Whiffle Ball, Spike Ball, and study sessions. New this year, students and faculty from the Tang Institute are studying environmental issues and cultivating a future bounty in the Abbot Community Garden.

Could this be a true spring awakening?

When I wrote to students upon return from spring break, I expressed hope that this term would feel close to a new normal—a way of living with COVID being present but not a dominant theme in our lives.

COVID has continued to challenge our community in unprecedented ways, but it has not clouded our focus on mission. In fact, our mission to educate *youth from every quarter* provided guidance when clear answers eluded us. And it remains central to several of this year’s strategic initiatives:

- Academic excellence: Our partnership with the think tank RAND will help us develop systems for sustained excellence and a template for evaluating our teaching and academic program. In related work, the faculty recently endorsed an academic philosophy statement—available at [andover.edu/about](https://andover.edu/about)—expressing what they believe distinguishes our program.

- Diversity, equity, and inclusion: The report of the Andover Anti-Racism Task Force was released in March and can be found at [andover.edu/DEI](https://andover.edu/DEI). A dashboard of completed and progressing initiatives is also included.
- Sustained access: The Board of Trustees approved a financial aid budget that preserves need-blind admission for Fiscal Year 2023. As we enter the final phase of the *Knowledge & Goodness* campaign, we are focused on raising an additional \$29 million in financial aid endowment. When we achieve this goal, we will have placed need-blind admission on a much more secure footing for the future.

Among those to benefit from our need-blind policy are students who were recently admitted to Andover. When I met these students and their families last month, it was the first time since 2019 that Spring Visits were held in person. I was finally able to make good on my promise to meet as many students as possible.

The same is true for alumni and current families. I have “met” many of you virtually but far too few of you in person. I look forward to shaking hands rather than waving with a Zoom emoji. Most of all, I look forward to hearing your Abbot and Andover stories and experiencing your fellowship.

As you can tell, we have a lot to talk about.

Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P'24  
*Head of School*



*Andover* magazine reinforces the special connection alumni have with Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy. Through thought-provoking stories, contemporary design, and inspiring profiles of alumni, students, and faculty, we aim to highlight the school's enduring values, recognize our unique history, and celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

I recently spent a glorious morning in Muir Woods, a national monument park across the bay from San Francisco. It was, quite literally, a breath of fresh air to stand among the majestic centuries-old redwoods—some reaching more than 250-feet-high—watch the sunlight filter across the forest floor, and just be still.

The magic of discovery is something we all need and something that is highlighted in several of the stories in this spring issue.

Legions of students experienced the magic of radio broadcasting through Andover's WPAA radio station—the first of its kind at a high school. You can read more on pages 12 and 92.

On page 16, Frank Zhou '22 writes about his surprise and delight in combing through volumes of Andover's history related to Chinese students. His research resulted in a fascinating scholarly paper that was delivered to the community this spring.

Boys' varsity basketball coach Terrell Ivory '00 had a different form of discovery, reinventing his coaching style and approach to basketball following a serious car accident in 2019. Read his inspiring story on page 18.

And in our cover story, "Saving Abbot," (page 24) we shine a light on a special group of alumnae whose dedication, love, and determination culminated in a plan to restore and re-energize the Abbot campus after years of neglect.

What is something you have discovered—either in the pages of this magazine or through your connections with the Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy community? Send us a letter or email and we will share it in a future issue.

Best,  
*Allyson*

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"My mother's courage gave us the hope and strength to survive, and then thrive in America,"

SOKHARY CHAU '92

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"I have been challenged many times since leaving Andover, but those early trials at PA laid the foundation for persistent, creative problem-solving."

CAPT. ALEXANDRA BELL FARR '13

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## Food for Thought

Alumni responded to our food-themed issue with a variety of perspectives and an alumnus shares a story about the importance of Andover connections.

I was surprised that there was not one word about entrepreneur Craig Reynolds '73's time at Andover in your otherwise very fine "Raising Spirits" article about Craig's efforts to raise agave plants for Dos Volcanes spirits.

Among 280 young men, many of whom were excellent athletes, Craig stood out as pound-for-pound the best in our class. Craig played varsity soccer and lacrosse, and as captain of the varsity wrestling squad was feared by prep school grapplers throughout New England for his signature "grapevine" pinning maneuver, taught to him by his coach, Dick Lux.

—JOHN T. BIRD '73



When I received your latest edition, I was amazed at the beauty of the cover—beautiful composition, glorious colors, interesting subject.

Then, after reading it cover to cover, I remained impressed with the layouts and typography and, most important, the content. I believe the magazine compares better than any other in the "industry," including

college-level magazines. It truly reflects the high quality of an Andover education.

I make these comments after reading Andover magazines for more than 65 years! Thanks for your work.

—GORDON MACKENZIE JR. '53

## the BIG question

Send us your responses and we will consider them for publication in an upcoming issue. Please email [magazine@andover.edu](mailto:magazine@andover.edu) or [airish@andover.edu](mailto:airish@andover.edu).

**What is the best piece of advice you received in high school?**

I am puzzled/alarmed by the cover story in your fall/winter edition. Ms. Schrage enjoys bagels (as we all do), but her Hong Kong heritage is special and valuable. Why on earth, especially since Andover is concerned with diversity and race, does Ms. Schrage's story make no mention whatsoever to the dire, long-standing plight of Hong Kong? The daily threats to freedom, the likely suppression of free expression of all kinds? The national/international pivotal example of its governance?

This is a major embarrassment for Andover and trivializes the image (and reality?) of this school. Is history no longer taught at Andover?

—ALAN TARTAKOFF '61

Disappointed to receive a "food issue" with no mention of our national crisis and very real threat to democracy. I believe ignoring a problem increases the chance of falling victim to it.

—FRED FENTON '53

A silver lining to the pandemic has been a monthly Zoom call that I have with six Andover alums: Alan Cantor '76, Mark Schiewetz '76, David Hostetler '76, Craig Conrad '76, Chris Randolph '77, and Bill Cohan '77. We all lived in Stearns House in 1975–76, and the calls started when Al told us of the passing of our dear housemaster Meredith Price. We shared memories of Mr. Price, and soon we had developed a regular schedule to connect.

We call the Zoom meeting "the Sesh" because when we lived in Stearns almost a half century ago (yikes!), we often congregated in Mark and Dave's room, and—in true boarding school fashion—would waste hours of time telling stories, eating snacks, and generally goofing off. These impromptu gatherings became so much a fixture in our lives that we would hang a sign on the door that read "Do Not Disturb—Session in Progress."

The fact that, after 47 years, we have been able to pick up where we left off and still enjoy each other's company is remarkable to me and must say something about how Andover fosters long-term connections.

—HENRY WIGGLESWORTH '76



**"Reaching ever higher in the classroom and on the hiking trail. Dr Slater is the best to ever do it."**

@CAMPBELLHM  
via Instagram

*Instructor in history and social science Donald Slater recently achieved membership in the Four-Thousand-Footer Club, summitting all 48 of New Hampshire's tallest mountains. (Photo of and by Don Slater)*



*Head of School Raynard Kington and his husband, Peter Daniolos, had some fun in Paresky Commons making pizzas that reflect their heritages—Jamaica and Greece, respectively.*

**"I love watching the two of you sharing something you both obviously love to do! You made me smile AND you made me hungry. Please do more of these!"**

GAIL RALSTON, ASSISTANT TO THE CHAPLAINS  
via Facebook

**"My letter arrived 30 years ago tomorrow! Congrats to all my future fellow alumni!"**

DIANA D'AGOSTINO '96  
via Facebook







THE AMERICAS  
TAKE SHAPE

This fascinating 16th-century map of the Americas was created by renowned Flemish cosmographer and cartographer Gerard Mercator. Dutch cartographer Jodocus Hondius later purchased the rights to Mercator's maps and added many illustrations to America, including sailing ships, fishermen, sea monsters, and Indigenous peoples. The map appeared in the 1628 *Mercator Atlas*, published by the Hondius family.

America is just one of more than 140 atlases, maps, and globes dating from 1434 in the Sidney R. Knafel Map Collection, which is used by students, faculty, and outside researchers. Please see page 38 for more about PA trustee emeritus and benefactor Sidney R. Knafel '48, who passed away in December 2021.

Gerhard Mercator, *America*, 1628.  
Hand-colored map, 14 3/16 x 18 7/8 inches.  
Sidney R. Knafel Map Collection  
at Phillips Academy, Andover, MA.  
Image: Norman B. Leventhal Map & Education Center





KEZI BARRY '02

PHILANTHROPIC MILESTONE

A significant new gift from Board of Trustees President Amy Falls '82, P'19, '21, makes her the most prominent woman donor in Andover's fundraising history. Falls and her husband, Hartley Rogers, have donated more than \$20 million to the *Knowledge & Goodness* campaign, of which Falls is co-chair. Every aspect of the school is impacted by this gift—student scholarships, wellness programming, faculty support, the Tang Institute, the Addison Gallery, equity and inclusion, capital projects including the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, the new music building, and more.

“I am personally grateful to Amy for her leadership and generosity. She has been an invaluable thought partner to me, both early in my tenure, and now, as we envision an even more promising future.”

—HEAD OF SCHOOL RAYNARD KINGTON

“This moment reflects the passion that Amy and Hartley have for educational endeavors and their desire to increase opportunities for students and faculty today and in the future,” says Head of School Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P'24. With more than 30 years of investment and management experience, Falls is vice president and chief investment officer at Northwestern University. A former managing director at Morgan Stanley and CIO at The Rockefeller University, Falls has been one of Andover's most engaged and impactful alumnae. She was the Academy's inaugural CIO, establishing the New York-based investment office in 2005, and managing the school's endowment through both prosperous and challenging times. Falls has served as a charter trustee since 2011 and is the first woman to serve as board president in the histories of any Andover Board of Trustees (Andover Theological Seminary, Phillips Academy, Abbot Academy).



At age 77, **Bill Gardner '62** was one of the oldest competitors in the 2021 U.S. Canoe Association national championships in Warren, Pennsylvania.

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Congratulations to **Fredericka Lucas '18** for being elected director of the prestigious Harvard College Consulting Group (HCCG), a student-run nonprofit that solves strategic problems for businesses and nonprofits while fostering personal and leadership development for its members. Lucas is the first African American director of HCCG.

The World Comes to Andover



DORIE HAGLER

**Justine Ang Fonte**  
Intersectional health educator

A self-identified “health education disruptor,” Fonte considers health to be a human right and therefore frames

her teachings around social justice. During her stay on campus, Fonte addressed the PA community as part of Love Better Week and delivered a talk titled “Decentering Beauty and Success from Whiteness.”



**Victor Rosenbaum**  
Pianist, faculty member, New England Conservatory

Rosenbaum, former president of Longy School of Music, is internationally known and respected for his work. He has taught at NEC for more than half a century, inspiring students, faculty, and concertgoers alike. Rosenbaum visited Andover to teach a master class and perform works by Mozart, Schubert, and Chopin, as well as his own composition, *Elegy Impromptu*.



**Sophia Kianni**  
Environmentalist, founder of Climate Cardinals

She's young, smart, and ready to tackle the tough

work necessary to combat climate change. Currently a student at Stanford University, Kianni's nonprofit Climate Cardinals works with 8,000 volunteers worldwide to translate important climate information into more than 100 languages.



SIMON GOODACRE

**Lynn Nottage**  
Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and screenwriter

Nottage has made history on several fronts. She is the first and only woman to have twice won the Pulitzer Prize for drama, and recently became the only Black woman playwright to have three shows—a play, a musical, and an opera—performed in New York City in one night.

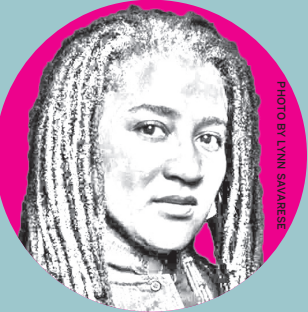
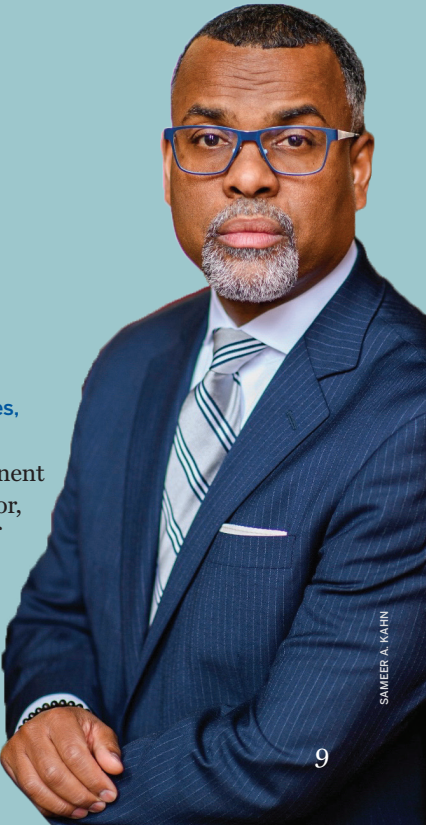


PHOTO BY LYNN SAVARESE

“To me, spiritual discipline is about understanding the inner landscape, the essence of what it means to be human—to have a sense of that entity that is you—and that is connected in such profound ways to the wider world.”

**Dr. Celene Ibrahim**  
Author, editor, speaker

Ibrahim speaks and writes on issues of religion and civic engagement, spiritual care and chaplaincy, Islamic intellectual history, and women's studies. She participated in a panel discussion during Interfaith Harmony Week.



SAMEER A. KAHN

**Dr. Eddie Glaude Jr.**  
Chair, Department of African American Studies, Princeton University

Considered one of the nation's most prominent scholars and a frequent media commentator, Glaude examines the complex dynamics of the American experience. His most recent book is *Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for our Own*. Glaude was the keynote speaker for PA's 2022 MLK Day program.



## PEABODY ARTIFACT CATALOGING COMPLETED

Staff members at the Peabody Institute of Archaeology were happy to recently “shut the drawer” on a four-year project that inventoried over 600,000 objects in the collection. This laborious process involved removing each individual item from the more than 2,000 wooden drawers that contained artifacts and re-housing all items inside new archival boxes.

The inventory and cataloging project was carried out primarily by Peabody staff and trained volunteers. The end result is a searchable database available to faculty, students, and staff.

Marla Taylor, Peabody curator of collections, says the cataloging process is ongoing with records to be made available online in the near future.

“This project is hugely important,” says Taylor, who noted this is the first time in the history of the Peabody that all items have been inventoried.

The project also has an interesting Part II: In a nod to sustainability, the wooden drawers were not simply thrown away, but given to PA community members for a second life. Some drawers were repainted or stained to

use as trays, some were made into wooden puzzles to thank donors and friends, and some were transformed into unique pieces of art, such as those created by Jamie K. Gibbons, head of education at the Addison Gallery of American Art.

 To read more about the project, visit [peabody.andover.edu](https://peabody.andover.edu).

## COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE ANDOVER'S HISTORY

The Phillips Academy campus, nearly 250 years old, is a space of deep historical memory. This is experienced whenever one pauses to read an inscription, look closely at a monument, or process the names of campus buildings.

These encounters with campus histories can also present dilemmas. As institutional values evolve over time, inscriptions, monuments, and names can take on new meanings. Many institutions have been grappling with this tension in recent years. In 2017, for example, Yale University decided to rename Calhoun College—initially named for alumnus John Calhoun, U.S. vice president and indefatigable defender of slavery—after alumna and mathematician Grace Murray Hopper.

The Committee on Challenging Histories has been tasked to explore Andover's institutional history—one of the initiatives of the Andover Anti-Racism Task Force (see story, page 13)—and to establish principles for considering elements of this history that might call for reevaluation in light of the Academy's position and mission.

This new committee, comprising faculty, alumni, students, and staff, has recently begun its work with important framing questions: How can we acknowledge Andover's past without erasing it? How should we reconcile contemporary values with the multigenerational project of naming buildings and spaces on campus? Who initiates a question of naming, and who then considers it?

Chaired by Chris Jones, instructor in history and social science, the committee welcomes questions, comments, and feedback from the greater Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy communities. Please send your thoughts to [pahistory@andover.edu](mailto:pahistory@andover.edu).

## New Appointments

**T**he PA community will welcome a new dean of students this summer. **Susan Tsao Esty**, PhD, P'22, will succeed Jenny Karlen Elliott '94, P'22, '24, and will serve a three-year term beginning July 1. Elliott will become Choate Rosemary Hall's head of student and academic life (see story on page 34).

Esty is currently dean of Abbot Cluster and has more than 25 years of experience in education, including serving as dean of the Class of 2023 and director of wellness education. She helped design Andover's Empathy, Balance, and Inclusion (EBI) curriculum and has served as an advisor to several student organizations, including Out of the Blue. Esty is a trained SEED (Seeking Educational Equity and Diversity) leader and co-facilitates cultural competence development groups.

Prior to coming to Andover in 2016, Esty served for 12 years in various roles at Pingree School in Hamilton, Mass. She was director of advising and counseling, chaired Pingree's student support team, co-founded its community education program, and was a member of the multicultural education steering committee.

**Camille Torres Hoven** will join the Andover community this summer as the new director of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library.

Hoven is currently the upper school co-director of the Charles and Elizabeth Almy Library at Buckingham Browne & Nichols School (BB&N) in Cambridge, Mass. Prior to this leadership role, Hoven worked as an archivist at MIT's Institute Archives and Distinctive Collections. Hoven is the co-chair of BB&N's Advisory Committee and co-facilitates student affinity spaces. Previously, Hoven was co-chair of the MIT Libraries' Committee for the Promotion of Diversity and Inclusion and served on the student chapter of the Society of American Archivists and in various volunteer roles with New England Archivists.

Hoven earned a BA in history from the University of Massachusetts, an MA in history from the University of Connecticut, and an MSLIS with a concentration in archives management from Simmons University.



Susan Tsao Esty



Camille Torres Hoven



Allison Kemmerer



Michael Schmertzler '70, P'05, '07

**Allison Kemmerer** became the Mary Stripp and R. Crosby Kemper Director of the Addison Gallery of American Art in December 2021. During her 30-year tenure at the Addison, Kemmerer has overseen the curatorial program and collection as the Mead Curator of Photography and senior curator of contemporary art. Kemmerer has worked with four museum directors and most recently served as interim director for two years.

As director, Kemmerer will further the Addison's leadership role in the field of American art, strategically expand and diversify its program and collections, and support and integrate working artists into campus life through the Edward E. Elson Artist-in-Residence program. She will also continue to enhance the museum's presence within the educational community through expanded partnerships with Phillips Academy faculty and K-12 educators in the greater Merrimack Valley.

Previously an alumni trustee, **Michael Schmertzler '70**, P'05, '07, was recently elected to a six-year term on the Board of Trustees as a charter trustee.

Schmertzler's volunteer efforts and philanthropic support include service on the Addison Gallery's Board of Governors and as vice chair of the Gelb Science Center Capital Campaign. He was a key founder of the Andover Alumni Award of Distinction and served on the selection committee. He and his wife, Kuni, a member of the Peabody Institute of Archaeology Board of Advisors, received the Andover Distinguished Service Award in 2013.

Since 2000, Schmertzler has chaired PTC Therapeutics, a publicly traded biotechnology company. He is also chair of SHY Therapeutics, an early-stage biotechnology company, and is a director of Berryville Holdings and Dispel, cyberdefense companies. He recently completed nine years as the court-appointed independent director for the liquidation of Lehman Commercial Paper, the largest subsidiary of the bankrupt Lehman Brothers estate, and has served as a director or lead investor at Cain Chemical, Colt Industries, Idenix, and Segway.

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TikTok. Instagram. YouTube. It can all get pretty confusing, pretty fast. **Will Brooke '10's** company, Slate, offers a solution to help develop and share branded content across myriad social networks. Slate was recently recognized by *Fast Company* in its 2022 list of the “World's Most Innovative Companies.”

BFFs **Eleanor Blum '15** (left) and **Eden Livingston '15** met on their first day as new lowers. “We immediately became friends and ended up being in the same dorm, working on the newspaper together, and taking the same classes throughout our time at Andover,” says Livingston, who is now an Army officer. Blum is in the Navy.





5 Things About WPAA Radio

1 “Good evening, ladies and gentlemen. Tonight there is a new voice on the air in the Merrimack Valley.” That’s how Howie Stanback ’65 opened the inaugural 1965 broadcast of WPAA—the first high school radio station in the United States. With support from Robert Sarnoff ’35, president of NBC, the 91.7 FM station could be heard across the Andover campus and in neighboring communities.

2 Over the years, the station has played folk, jazz, rock, classical, soul, blues, rap, and heavy metal. Programming also included live music, national news and sports, “Voices on the Vista,” and interviews with playwrights, politicians, and poets. At the height of its popularity in the late 80s and 90s, more than 250 students were on the air.

For more about WPAA, see page 92 and visit [andover.edu/magazine](https://andover.edu/magazine).



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3 WPAA originally operated out of Evans Hall until the building was demolished in 2004 to make room for the Gelb Science Center. It was then relocated to the basement of Morse Hall.

4 In 2007, the station launched a website—WPAA.com—and interest grew exponentially, according to the general manager at the time, Henry Frankie ’07. Alexander Heffner ’08, current host of the PBS series “The Open Mind,” says he developed the passion for his vocation from the “blood,

sweat, and tears” put into WPAA. Heffner hosted programs modeled after National Public Radio and even broadcast President George W. Bush ’64’s State of the Union Address in 2007, providing insight and analysis.

5 Today, WPAA no longer operates as a radio station, but as part of the Electronic Music Production Club. Four students help to support student music production for game design and campus events such as open mics and the Abbot Cabaret.

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RICHARD B. GORHAM

**Kassie Archambault ’06**, pictured here with Charles Danhof, president of the New England Preparatory School Wrestling Association, was recently named NEPSWA Coach of the Year. Archambault, PA’s head wrestling coach, received this honor the same day the PA girls’ wrestling team won first place at the NEPSWA championship.

**Justin Smith ’87** has big plans. He recently stepped down as CEO of Bloomberg Media and is creating a major global news organization that, as he told the *Wall Street Journal*, “will serve unbiased journalism to a global audience and provide a high-quality platform for the best journalists in the world.”

HISTORY, CONTEXT, AND A PATH FORWARD

Kington and Task Force issue guidance and actions

The Andover Anti-Racism Task Force (AATF) has completed its work, and Head of School Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P’24, has released a summary of observations and recommendations.

The document is available on Andover’s redesigned diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) website—[andover.edu/dei](https://andover.edu/dei)—along with supporting materials including an executive summary of the report, a history of DEI at Andover, and a dashboard of progress showing initiatives that have been completed and those that are moving forward.

The AATF undertook a formidable charge in September 2020: “To address the inequities faced by Black, Indigenous, and other people of color at Andover, and to identify new systems and structures of practice and accountability that will transform our community, including our Outreach Programs, into one that delivers on the Academy’s promise to be diverse, equitable, and inclusive for all racial groups.” More than 1,000 members of the PA community took part in the process, sharing data as well as personal experiences and reflections.

“This represents a crucial step in Andover’s aspiration to become a more inclusive and equitable community.”

—HEAD OF SCHOOL RAYNARD KINGTON

Led by co-chairs Trustee Gary Lee ’74 and Linda Carter Griffith, associate head of school for equity, inclusion, and wellness, the AATF embraced their charge while also appreciating Andover’s legacy commitment to DEI.

The task force was not charged to broadly solve for all DEI challenges faced by Andover, nor to develop immediate solutions to bridge racial divisions. However, the summary report does “articulate the guidance and actions that represent a crucial step

in Andover’s aspiration to become a more inclusive and equitable community,” says Kington. “Our founding mission calls us to educate *youth from every quarter*. And we know that exposure to the widest range of experiences and perspectives leads to the strongest educational outcomes. We view diversity, equity, and inclusion as expansive concepts that are integral to academic excellence.”

To read the full report and learn more about diversity, equity, and inclusion at Andover, visit [andover.edu/dei](https://andover.edu/dei).

Immediate institutional priorities

1 Establish a working group to examine student attrition and propose interventions.

2 Create a Student Advisory Board to strengthen student voice in decision-making. This body will engage students in the implementation of student-facing AATF recommendations and ensure that students are represented in other areas of school life.

3 Establish a systematic approach to data, including the ways in which data is collected, retained, and used in decision-making.



JESSIE WALNER



IN THE FLOW

Vanessa Fan '23, Emma Tao '25, Michelle Chen '25, and Lilienne Zhang '25 perform "Dancing by the Water" at this year's Dance Open 2022. For 20 years, this annual student-run production has showcased a variety of music and choreography from jazz, Afro-Caribbean, and K-pop to ballet and contemporary.



JESSE WALINER

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Becoming a master model railroader is no easy feat. Ask **Alex Belida '66**, who recently earned the title Master Model Railroader #685—out of a group of just 701. Belida joined the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA) in 2018 and is currently editor of the NMRA Potomac Division newsletter.

**Susana Gun de Hasenson '70** recently returned to her old job: Ambassador of El Salvador to Israel. Gun de Hasenson had retired from the position in 2015 after serving as ambassador for nearly 40 years.

Bookshelf

THE MOTIVATION OF MEMORIES

BY NANCY HITCHCOCK

When Atticus Lish '89 set out to write *The War for Gloria* he wanted to “paint the Sistine ceiling. I will confess to having an outsized ambition,” he declares.

It took Lish seven years to write the novel, which was motivated by deep-rooted memories. When he was 15, a lower at Phillips Academy, his mother was diagnosed with ALS. She battled the debilitating neurodegenerative disease for eight years.



“I remembered it all so vividly,” Lish explains. “The raw material from which I was creating *The War for Gloria* got written very early on. It was like I had all the clay I needed.” He dedicated the novel to his mother, Barbara Lee Works.

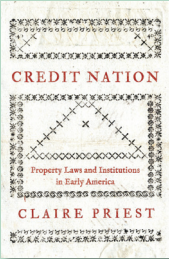
At the heart of this coming-of-age story is the mutual devotion of a teenage boy, Corey, and his single mother, Gloria, who develops ALS. As the illness takes hold, Corey’s responsibilities—described in tender, heart-wrenching detail—increase. He strives to manage the challenges of high school, girlfriends, and relationships with shady characters, including his estranged father.

Lish’s decision to become a writer was influenced by his own father—Gordon Lish '52, P'77, '89, a well-known literary editor—but he didn’t follow this path until his late thirties.

While a student at PA, Lish developed a passion for Chinese; he would spend a decade as a Chinese translator. “Ronald Spears, a great teacher, taught my first year of Chinese,” says Lish. “He gave me the right approach for learning the language, which was to go to the ‘language lab’, which I did for five hours a night, every night of the week. I was obsessed with getting the tones right.” Lish later went to China for a year with his wife, whom he met at Harvard. Teaching English in China provided him with the material for his first book, the award-winning *Preparation for the Next Life*.

Lish is now exploring subjects for a third book. “I just want to keep writing novels and make a mark artistically,” he states. “My idols are Homer, Euripides, Shakespeare. Tolstoy—I’d like to compete with him...what I’ll actually accomplish is anybody’s guess.”

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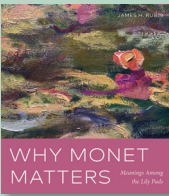
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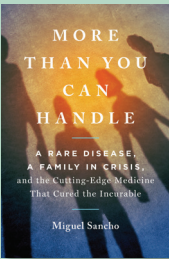
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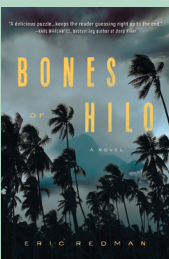
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BY MIGUEL SANCHE '88  
Avery, Penguin Random House

When Miguel Sancho and Felicia Morton discover that their 2-month-old son has a rare lethal disease, their lives become terrifying. The author portrays the emotional six-year journey of seeking a cure, facing additional life challenges, and eventually discovering a treatment that leads to a triumphant ending.



**Bones of Hilo**  
BY ERIC “RIC” REDMAN '66  
Crooked Lane Books

In this gripping mystery novel, a young Hawaiian detective must delve deeply into island history and lore to solve a grisly murder. Facing danger at every turn, the detective attempts to trace the origins of an ancient Hawaiian spear found driven through the heart of a resort developer.



## Andover's Atlantis

Unlocking a little-known segment of the Academy's multicultural history

BY FRANK ZHOU '22

One summer afternoon in 1982, Yichen Zhang '82 found himself pressed into the back seat of a late-1970s Ford heading north up I-495 back to Andover Hill. At the wheel was Nancy Sizer, instructor emeritus in history and wife of former head of school Ted Sizer. Zhang had visited with the Sizers at their home in Harvard, Mass., enjoying a day out canoeing and an afternoon showing of *E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial*. These would be Zhang's last days at Andover before starting at MIT come fall.

Four decades later, that 1982 drive up I-495 is a trip down memory lane for an older Zhang, who settles into his sack-back Windsor chair, wrapped up in a double-breasted overcoat and decades of nostalgia. Asked about that summer afternoon, he remembers a chorus of howls, laughs, and cheers.

From across the faculty room coffee table in George Washington Hall, Zhang, a charter trustee, is not the chair of one of China's largest private equity firms, but a schoolboy all over again. He rests his arm across his lap as if cradling his books, smiling with the same delight as the 18-year-old Zhang forever captured in the archives' scuffed negatives. He summarizes his countless memories in nine words: "Andover holds a very special place in my heart."

As I found time and again across two years, hundreds of hours, and thousands of archival documents, Zhang is hardly alone.

To step into Andover's Archives is to bask in decades of smiles and tears, to set forth into the melodies springing from the document boxes and spilling from the pages. For a Chinese American student at Andover in 2022, the stories of 19th- and 20th-century Chinese students at Andover—whose "high school years" also meant impromptu conversations on the Sam Phil steps by day and watching fiery sunsets over the Great Lawn by evening—unlocked a sort of Atlantis of the imagination. Dog-eared pages gave shape to a history that I did not know was mine until it rose, full-throated and pulsing, from the sea of voices decades bygone.

When I dove headlong into the 5,000 documents on Chinese students held in the PA archives, I ventured into a historical wonderland. Each afternoon in the summers of 2020 and 2021, as sunlight slashed like melted butter across the archives offices in the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library, heart-stopping stories unfurled. Liang Cheng, Class of 1882, a star pitcher for the Academy's ball nine, cracking a two-run triple at Andover-Exeter Day in 1881 to a chorus of jeers, slurs, and cheers. Sung Sing Kwan, Class of 1912, pacing above deck while sailing from China back to America in the summer of

1914, dispensing Andover catalogs and Andover-themed elevator pitches to his America-bound shipmates.

One school, two types of pitchers, three decades apart. These are the gems of historical symmetry that the archives holds in troves. Just waiting for someone to crack open the box.

So that's what I set out to do. My subsequent academic papers, presentations, and independent projects with the Chinese Students at Andover project and PA's Office of Community and Multicultural Development seek to poke and prod at the gems yet undiscovered, stories yet untold.

As one Chinese proverb states, 有缘千里来相会，无缘对面不相逢: "the fated can journey thousands of miles for a rendezvous; others—even those nigh—can pass each other by." Andover's students, with hometowns and mother tongues from



Left: Chentung Liang Cheng (known as Pi Yuk at Andover), Class of 1882

Below: Mary Sun, Abbot Academy Class of 1926 (photograph by Louis Huntress, 1925)



Frank Zhou '22 is editor of the campus literary magazine, *The Courant*, and leads a sustainability coalition that has coordinated 90-plus climate advocacy events. His archival research on the history of China-U.S. educational exchange is supported by the Academy's Community and Multicultural Development (CAMD) Scholar Program, and his creative writing and Chinese-English translations can be found in the Chinese Film Classics Project at the University of British Columbia and forthcoming through the China Institute. (Photo by Hector Membreño-Canales)

all over the world, travel thousands of miles to rendezvous on Andover Hill. Andover tethers us to a network of multicultural solidarity spanning borders, decades, and the globe. The story of its Chinese students is but one among a plethora.

The proverb quotes from the Chinese novel *Shuihu Zhuan*—"The Water Margin"—a *pièce de résistance* of Ming-dynasty literature detailing a bandit horde's entry into political activism (and a near coup d'état). For Andover's students, the phrase describes our entry into the community of a lifetime.

Andover is a mosaic of cosmopolitans hailing from across generations, areas of expertise, and the globe. Andover's history holds the shared chapters in our origin stories—one that we have a responsibility to cherish and tell. This project aspires to do just that. ♦

## WEBSITE UNVEILS RICH HISTORY

It all began with an inquisitive student. In fall 2016, Adrienne Zhang '18 approached Paige Roberts, director of Archives and Special Collections, with a question: What historical information does the Academy have about its Chinese alumni?

Upon exploring the collection, Roberts unearthed a treasure trove of primary source materials—letters, postcards, academic papers, and financial records—that told the story of Andover's connection to China during the past three centuries. Roberts worked with Zhang and MIT Professor Emma Teng to gather and organize the records and develop spreadsheets. She also secured a grant from the Abbot Academy Fund to help build a custom website, which was created by Chinese scholar Xiao Li.

The website—Chinese Students at Andover, 1878–2000—was launched last fall and includes more than 5,000 digitized documents, a timeline of the three major waves of Chinese students who attended Abbot Academy and Phillips Academy, data visualizations, research by students, and alumni profiles, including that of Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, Class of 1882. A PA baseball star, Cheng returned to China after graduation and joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. By 1903, he had become China's ambassador to the United States. That same year, he was invited by PA principal Alfred E. Stearns to be the keynote speaker at the Academy's 125th anniversary celebration. Cheng helped establish the Boxer Indemnity Scholarship Fund, which brought hundreds of students to colleges and universities in the United States; he also founded the well-regarded Tsinghua University.

"This is an extraordinary history," says Roberts. "It's important for our students and alumni to see themselves in this history, especially as Andover works toward making more space for marginalized groups."

The research has also spawned several important offshoot projects, including the senior seminar class *Silences and Gaps*, which Roberts co-taught with faculty members Hijoo Sun and Nick Zufelt; a presentation to Asian parents in fall 2021; and a CAMD Scholar research paper titled "Muscular Christian Education and 20th-Century Chinese Students at Phillips Academy," presented by Frank Zhou '22 (see essay at left) this spring.

Roberts says the research is ongoing, with plans to add information to the website about PA's student exchange program with the Harbin Institute of Technology in the 1980s and '90s.

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For more information, visit [chinesestudents.andover.edu](http://chinesestudents.andover.edu).





# THE COMEBACK COACH

BY NORA PRINCIOTTI '12

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In the early morning hours of July 27, 2019, Terrell Ivory '00 was driving north on Main Street, the bell tower in sight. He has no memory of what happened next.

The PA admissions officer and boys' varsity basketball coach had returned from a three-week trip to China only two days before and had not been especially kind to his body as he adjusted to the 13-hour time difference.

"I should have just slept," Ivory says.

Instead, he pushed himself to stay awake, thinking he would reacclimate faster. His first day home, Ivory went running twice. The next day, he didn't want to miss a dinner with incoming students in the ACE summer program. Ivory had takeout delivered to the admissions center and gathered with that group, eagerly getting to know new faces. In the throes of exhaustion, Ivory would later end up falling asleep behind the wheel, losing control of his car, and crashing into a tree on the front lawn of a town selectman. His airbag deployed, but his head still hit the steering wheel, causing his brain to swell and bleed.

Ivory laid unconscious for about an hour before a passing police officer discovered him and called an ambulance. Doctors at Lawrence General Hospital immediately recognized that Ivory needed emergency brain surgery at a neurotrauma center. He was airlifted to Tufts Medical Center in Boston, where a neurosurgeon performed a craniotomy, removing half of Ivory's skull flap to relieve pressure from his swelling brain. He was then placed in a medically induced coma. Once Ivory was stable, the doctors searched his belongings and found his Phillips Academy ID.



### ● A WINDING BLUE ROAD

Much of Ivory's life has been spent on campus. His family discovered Andover when his older brother, Titus, was thinking about next steps after high school in their hometown of Charlotte, North Carolina. Titus was a football and basketball star with college offers, but his mother, Carlenia, wanted to make sure his academics were as good as his athletics. A family friend suggested looking into a postgraduate year at Andover. Ms. Ivory did some research that connected her with local alumni admissions representative Joe McGirt '63, who invited her and her sons over to talk about the school.

"The more they learned, the more excited they became," McGirt recalls. "Terrell was younger, but I remember remarking about what a great kid he was and that he had the qualities the admissions

folks tell me to always look for—someone who is academically focused and really a nice person, a kind person."

Titus spent a postgraduate (PG) year at Andover, graduated in 1996, and went on to Penn State. He had a great experience at Andover, which sold his little brother and, perhaps more importantly, his mother.

Three years later, Terrell came to Andover as a PG and then went on to Davidson College, where he played basketball. After playing professionally in England, he returned to the United States and coached at Blair Academy in New Jersey and served as director of basketball operations at Davidson before joining the coaching staff at Colgate University.

Ivory was moving up in the coaching ranks at Colgate but missed the close connections he'd felt in

## "He had every statistic going against him."



a boarding school environment. He even considered a coaching position at Deerfield. However, Leon "Coach Mo" Modeste, Andover's athletics director at the time, had designs on bringing Ivory back to Andover. In 2012, Ivory went to work at PA.

Today, in addition to maintaining his coaching duties, Ivory is the associate director of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Outreach, an associate director of admissions, and a house counselor in Stearns House. He is known for sitting in the front row of every faculty meeting and volunteering readily (including to coach JV tennis). Ivory is also a frequent spectator at fellow admissions officer and varsity baseball coach Kevin Graber's practices and games.

### ● ANDOVER MEANS FAMILY FOR LIFE

The person from Tufts who called the PA Campus Safety number on Ivory's ID card likely had no idea the community they were mobilizing. Knowing only that Ivory had been in an accident and was hospitalized, the Campus Safety officer contacted Athletics Director Lisa Joel, who quickly headed to the hospital. Joel called Graber and some of Ivory's other close colleagues. She also called Carlenia Ivory and promised to stay by her son's side until family could get there. Joel recalls explaining to the nurses at Tufts why a rather large group of co-workers—none related to the patient—should be allowed into Ivory's ICU room. "We're a family, we told them," Joel says. And it worked.

Ivory was on a ventilator. Half his skull was off his head. Joel, Graber, and a rotating cast of

Andover colleagues stayed by his side. They held his hands and talked to him, played videos of Ivory and his daughter, Leia, singing together, and reminded him just how much he had to live for.

When Ms. Ivory learned about the accident, one of the first things she did was call Joe McGirt. They'd become close friends, and she knew that his son, Matt McGirt '94, was a doctor who'd recently reconnected with Terrell when he started looking at Andover for his own children. The elder McGirt said he'd have his son call her. On the phone, Ms. Ivory told Dr. McGirt that Terrell had been in a bad accident and was at Tufts but that she was struggling to get any other information. McGirt offered to call and see if his fluency with hospital phone systems could get him to a doctor on the right floor.

McGirt happens to be a neurosurgeon, but he didn't know Ivory's injuries had anything to do with his specialty. When an operator connected him to a nurse who answered the phone, "Hello, neuro ICU," his heart sank.

Any patient in a coma following a major brain injury is given a Glasgow Coma Score, ranging from 3 to 15. A patient with a GCS of 15 can move, speak, understand, and open their eyes normally; a patient with a GCS of 3 can't move, talk, or breathe. Ivory's GCS was 3.

"The two main predictors of outcome, meaning whether you will ever walk, talk, or feed yourself again, is the Glasgow Coma Score and the amount of herniation the brain has, [indicated by] the midline shift on a CAT scan," McGirt explains. "Terrell



had a very bad midline shift and the worst kind of score. He had every statistic going against him.”

The odds that someone in Ivory’s condition would wake up and be able to recover to a normal life, says McGirt, were no greater than 5 percent.

That, however, is what Ivory did. The first step, a few days after surgery, was breathing on his own. The next step came when Ivory woke up. He was disoriented and couldn’t remember how he’d gotten where he was, but he knew who he was and knew who the friends and family were who had gathered by his bedside. Ivory’s mother and brother had arrived by then and had gotten the chance to meet Ivory’s then-girlfriend, Annie, for the first time when she brought cookies to the hospital. (Annie visited almost daily and the Ivories have gotten to know her even better since: Annie and Terrell got married in December 2020 and welcomed their first child in 2021, a son, Trace.)

Ivory stayed at Tufts for several weeks. He spent several more at an in-patient rehab facility in nearby Woburn before he could go home. In early September 2019, when Matt McGirt came to campus to drop off his daughter, he stopped by to check on Ivory’s progress. He was amazed by how well he was doing. Ivory’s skull flap was still off and he had friends and family helping him out at home, but he could perform most daily tasks and was on a best-case scenario recovery path.

Because his brain tissue was still exposed, Ivory had to wear a protective helmet when walking. Though it helped when his daughter added stickers, Ivory did not consider the helmet his most stylish accessory. Occasionally, he would conveniently forget to wear it when he walked around campus or checked in on some of his players. Mostly he just missed them, but he also worried he wasn’t there for them like he normally would be as they prepared for the season and connected with college coaches who stopped by throughout the fall.

“I felt guilty for putting them through that,” Ivory says, “and that helped motivate me to get better—so I could be there for my team every step of the way.”

Ivory worked hard at his rehab, though sometimes he pushed himself more than he should. Joel provided tough love when she ran into (read: caught) Ivory in the gym early that fall watching one of his players work out. She reminded him that the most important thing was for him to recover and stay healthy—and that the students would be just fine.

“She sent me this strongly worded email,” Ivory recalls, laughing. “It was so loving and so scary at the same time.”

#### ● COACH’S NEW APPROACH

By the time preseason tryouts rolled around in November, Ivory had had successful surgery to reattach his skull flap. His recovery continued to go well, and he was able to return to work coaching and in admissions. He couldn’t be as active a coach—jumping in drills and demonstrating technique—as he’d been before, but his limitations forced him to become a better verbal communicator. He leaned on team leaders like Dallion Johnson ’20, a captain, opening doors for the players to take ownership of the team.

“It was just great having him back,” says Johnson, who now plays basketball for Penn State. “It meant a lot, seeing how he pushed through so many challenges to come back to coaching.”

Ivory focused more on process—making sure players were giving high effort and constantly improving—than on results.

“Winning is really important to me. But when I was younger it was *everything*,” Ivory says. “Now, it’s like, if we do all these things and we play hard and we don’t win, as a coach, I’m good with that. If we win against a team that is not good, but we don’t play hard—that’s going to upset me.”

Ivory’s main message in his comeback 2019–2020 season was about overcoming adversity. He wanted his players to see his return as evidence that their own hard work would always bear results. The season started slow, with injuries hampering the team, but ultimately produced the most successful campaign and first playoff win of Ivory’s tenure.

In the last game of the regular season, Ivory got one more opportunity to hammer home his message. It was Andover vs. Exeter, at the Borden Gym. Andover got down early but tied it up when Johnson hit a buzzer-beater at the end of regulation to send the game into overtime. He did it again at the end of the first overtime period, but the game ended in a double-overtime heartbreak when a defensive mistake gave Exeter an easy last-second layup for the win.

It was hard not to feel devastated as visiting fans stormed Big Blue’s home court in a sea of red. Ivory, though, knew he had to keep his team focused. They were almost certainly going to make the playoffs; the only question was seeding an opponent. Ivory

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pondered how he’d motivate his players and help them get over the loss quickly while he waited for the standings to come out. When they did, the answer was obvious. Andover was getting a rematch with Exeter in the first round.

“I didn’t need to do anything,” Ivory says. “I simply told them we’re playing Exeter again.”

On game day, as Ivory watched his players in the layup line ahead of the playoff rematch, he had a sense that this game would be different.

“It was almost unfair to Exeter,” he says, “because we didn’t miss a shot.”

Andover won 73–63, the conclusion to a year that carried a special meaning for a team that hadn’t always been sure they’d get to have their coach by their side throughout.

“I understand on a deeper level that how we deal with adversity is important for success in life,” says Ivory. “A strong support system, like Andover’s, and teaching our students, athletes, and each other an approach that views obstacles as a critical part of success, helps develop the determination and ability to persevere through difficult times.” ♦

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# SAVING Abbot

BY RITA SAVARD

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The poet and author Julia Alvarez '67 famously said, "Each of us will have to make the choices that allow us to be the largest versions of ourselves."

For generations of women—who did not choose their time but felt the fires of ambition to do and be more than society allowed—Abbot Academy was much more than bricks and mortar. It was an intentional community ahead of its time, pushing young women to recognize their strengths and write their own narratives.

Soon after opening in 1828 as one of the first educational institutions in New England exclusively for girls, Abbot, writes Faculty Emerita Susan McIntosh Lloyd in her book *A Singular School: Abbot Academy 1828-1973*, earned a reputation as a "protected space in which students might develop their independent powers, free from the pressures for early marriage that alternately excited and harassed so many young women of the time."

Girls were encouraged to ask questions, offer their opinions, engage in provocative debate, and prepare to stand their ground in any battle of wits.

"All of this," explains Elaine "Lanie" Finbury '68, P'99, "was happening in classrooms where you didn't have to worry about being overlooked by teachers or have your voice drowned out by boys. Sadly, for too long, that had been the norm for women in the school setting. But Abbot offered something different."



Abbot's reputation for opening doors and shaping women into thought-leaders is why alumnae like Finbury, Barbara Timken '66, Frances "Frankie" Young Tang '57, and many others formed a village to save the campus from a wrecking ball—a very realistic proposition in the 1970s and 1980s, when the Abbot property was eyed for uses from retirement housing to a hotel and conference center to multi-family apartments for the town of Andover.

Without the iron-clad determination of these alumnae who never gave up on what Abbot gave to them, the legacy of Abbot Academy and its vital role in the story of Phillips Academy could have been reduced to just words on printed pages. Instead, Abbot's historic buildings and the Sacred Circle remain—proud emblems of the strength and purpose of women's education.

They also tell another story in PA's reason for being—to offer life of the mind and growth of the spirit to ongoing generations of students.

### THE TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING

Somewhere in Draper Hall, welling up over a portable turntable, a powerhouse voice filled with determination, tenacity, and emotion echoes down a hallway: *"You better think (think), think about what you're tryin' to do to me. Yeah, think (think, think). Let your mind go, let yourself be free...Oh freedom, freedom, freedom, yeah, freedom."*

Aretha Franklin's timing couldn't have been better for adding a layer of anthemic feminism to a teenage girl's dorm room. The changes of 1968 were palpable on campus. In classrooms filled with young women, via a curriculum designed to challenge, inspire, and empower women—that was largely taught by women—a great awakening was taking place.

"From Civil Rights to Vietnam, I can't think of any one of us who escaped the impact of those years," remembers Finbury.

The assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, just months apart, became lightning rods for the Abbot girls. Hours were spent discussing politics, people, women's leadership, and how they could have the greatest impact.

The Civil Rights Movement was creating a climate of protest across the nation as activists demanded equal rights, protections, and new posi-

tions in society for Black Americans and people of color. This time of deep cultural changes was also altering the role of women, who fought for access to careers of their choosing—and they expected to be paid the same as men.

Finbury transferred to Abbot as a day student in 1965, when Mary Hinckley Crane, whose portrait hangs in the Abbot Hall School Room, was principal.

"It was an incredible three years," Finbury says. "I had outstanding classmates, many of whom remain my closest friends today. The atmosphere was buzzing with intellectual challenges and physical education was also an important part of each day. Everybody played a sport and that has stayed with me throughout my life as a source of balance. I danced, played tennis, field hockey, and lacrosse. It was a time of intense learning—mental and physical—and creativity. It's the time in my girlhood when I began to realize the diversity of distinct and outstanding talents that all girls possess, but not all were presented with the pathways to tap into their power and potential."

She praises English instructor Jean St. Pierre, who inspired a passion for books and helped countless girls embrace the liberating might of their own imaginations. But it was American History instructor Mary Minard who, by teaching history's vital role in the development of both a national and an individual sense of identity, helped Finbury recognize her true calling.

"Abbot instilled in us profound strength of character," Finbury says. "It became important to do something meaningful with that and not simply follow the paths we started on."

After graduating in 1968, Finbury went on to study architectural history and preservation management, eventually earning a master's degree from Boston University. An early pioneer in this field, BU demanded graduate-level knowledge of architectural history, federal and local housing laws, adaptive reuse, and economic analysis of preservation. Finbury's unique skill set launched her on an entrepreneurial career path to becoming a leading advisor, advocate, and expert on preserving and restoring historic buildings.

"The biggest gift Abbot gave that still benefits me today?" ponders Finbury. "A sense of horizon. Abbot showed me I didn't have to be constrained by what was expected or what was considered 'normal.'



Barbara Timken '66 (left) and Elaine Finbury '68 (center)

I chose a difficult career path because Abbot gave me the tools to navigate the road less traveled for women at the time, and to navigate it successfully."

### REALIZING THE AMERICAN DREAM

Gaining a new perspective is life changing. The world Frankie Young saw through her dorm window was filled with possibilities and campus architecture she admired as art. Young came to Abbot out of the chaos and tragedy of war. Her father, Clarence Kuangson Young, was a Nationalist Chinese diplomat who was the Chinese Consul General in Manila at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. He was captured by the Japanese during World War II and executed in the Philippines.

The youngest of three daughters, Frankie was just 7 when she traveled to the United States on a troop ship with her widowed mother, Juliana Young Koo, and sisters Genevieve "Gene" Young '48 and Shirley Young '51.

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—Elaine Finbury '68



Her resourceful mother, whose mantra was “think positive,” settled in New York and got a job as a protocol officer at the United Nations. A friend told her about Abbot Academy, which would become a family tradition for all three Youngs, each attending on a full scholarship.

Their childhood was marked by loss and uncertainty, and Abbot helped them find new beginnings, making the sisters realize they could do far more than they ever thought possible.

Frankie Young arrived in the fall of 1953. During her four years at Abbot, she served as a chapel and corridor proctor, class officer, member of the dance group, a Fidelio singer, and a varsity soccer player.

“It was the American Dream,” explains Oscar Tang ’56, who met his future wife at a party in New York, where he discovered she was an Abbot student. He was attending PA, just up the hill.

Tang was 11 when he was sent to America in 1949, at the end of China’s civil war when Communists took Shanghai.

He recalls that Abbot, for Frankie, “was a hospitable place that provided a safe space to grow and experience the joys of an extended family, who were whole-heartedly dedicated to teaching how to gather the strength needed to be successful.”

During that first year, the view from Young’s School Street bedroom overlooked the Merrill Gate, with its iconic brick pillars and arched iron grillwork. Beyond the gate, she could clearly see Draper Hall. The large and looming Romanesque-style building housed dormitory suites, the principal’s suite, dining rooms, a kitchen, a library, a reading room, art studios, 11 music rooms, and parlors for entertaining. It was in one of those grand parlors that Frankie and Oscar spent many an “Abbot Calling Hour” getting to know one another under the watchful eye of a chaperone.

“Those were different times,” laughs Tang. “But Frankie’s commitment and love for Abbot grew from them. The friendships she formed here, and what that meant to her, stayed with her for the rest of her life.”

## NEVER UNDERESTIMATE AN ABBOT ALUMNA

By the early 1970s, Abbot and PA were cross-enrolling students, opening up an extraordinarily varied academic program to both schools.

“I enjoyed the freedom and the double standard that worked in my favor,” writes one young woman in a 1971 questionnaire issued to Abbot students enrolled in coordinated classes.

“I felt very fortunate to be living in the loose, happy, responsive Abbot environment and to take classes at both places,” writes another.

But when students returned to Abbot for the 1972–1973 school year, they were surprised to learn the two schools would become one in June 1973. The news hit many hard.

For Abbot students, the sense of place is like no other. Barbara Timken ’66, an architectural historian, preservationist, and PA charter trustee from 1988 to 2004, recalls the school’s physical campus as the thing that first drew her in.

“It had that circle in the center, connecting everything,” she says. “There was a strong sense of identity. I just had a good feeling there.”

Although Abbot was founded in the 1800s by powerful men—reverends, deacons, and bank officials—who enforced morals and ran the town, the true forces behind the success of Abbot were Andover’s women, such as the school’s namesake Sarah Abbot, who, at the time, could not vote, own property, or enter many professions.

Perhaps they hoped simply to improve women’s station in society. Or, just maybe, the dream was far bigger. For 145 years, women would hold the key to Abbot’s progress, which is why the merger, for many, felt more like a setback.

“There was a lot of resentment,” Timken explains. “Other private schools going coed at the time were joining names, like Choate Rosemary Hall and the Loomis Chaffee School. A lot of my classmates felt like our history was being diminished, even erased.”

Frankie Young—now Frankie Young Tang after marrying Oscar in 1960—had graduated from Skidmore College, where she studied textile design, and was well on her way to becoming a dedicated philanthropist in the field of education.

“Frankie took an opposite tact,” Tang says. “She strongly supported the merger and believed in the two schools’ future as one.”

A woman of determination and spirit, Young Tang partnered with Carol Hardin Kimball ’53 (PA’s first woman charter trustee) and wrote letters to every Abbot alumna to help ease fears that their alma mater would be forgotten.

Yet after the merger, the Abbot campus grew

visible scars from neglect. The once majestic Draper Hall stood empty and untended for 20 years.

Returning for their 15th Reunion in 1983, Abbot’s Class of 1968 took a long look around and felt their hearts sink. Weeds and overgrown grass pushed through cracks in the Sacred Circle’s walkway. Some windows in Draper Hall were boarded up, others had broken panes of glass.

“Pigeons were flying in and out of holes in the roof,” Finbury recalls. “We were devastated to see Abbot like this. While talking about how something had to be done, I was asked if I could help.”

Finbury happened to be a partner at Rufus Choate Associates, a historical preservation consulting firm that specialized in redeveloping significant buildings.

“The time is now,” thought Finbury. And seemingly overnight, she became the leader and fierce advocate of a preservation campaign that brought together the spirit of Abbot alumnae, the trustees of Phillips Academy, and the townspeople of Andover.

“Without Lanie Finbury,” says Neil Cullen, the chief financial officer of Phillips Academy from 1986 to 2004, “who knows if we’d have this story to tell. She inspired the conversation.”

## THE CENTER HOLDS

An immense presence designed by renowned American architects McKim, Mead and White of New York, Draper Hall had become a spectacle of majestic and tragic splendor.

Finbury arranged to tour the inside. Years of water damage and the repercussions of resident squirrels and pigeons made the building uninhabitable for humans, except for one glaring oddity—the Phillips Academy daycare center was operating out of the dilapidated building’s basement.

“One of the most important historical elements to understand when trying to make sense out of all of this is the tumultuous state of the country’s economy and the stock market in the 1970s,” explains Cullen, whose mountain of copious notes detailing efforts to preserve the Abbot campus reside in the Andover Archives.

Two economic recessions in the 1970s resulted in record unemployment and inflation. The stock market crashed, and both Abbot and PA were reeling from the financial squeeze—one of the factors that propelled the merger.

“Those were different times. But Frankie’s commitment and love for Abbot grew from them. The friendships she formed here, and what that meant to her, stayed with her for the rest of her life.”

—Oscar Tang ’56

Welcome plaque on the Merrill Gate, built in 1921 in honor of Maria Stockbridge Merrill, Abbot Academy teacher from 1878 to 1907





**"Pigeons were flying in and out of holes in the roof. We were devastated to see Abbot like this."**

—Elaine Finbury '68

"As you can imagine, one of the PA's primary resources, its endowment, was not performing well and over that decade was flat to negative," Cullen says. "What could have been a lifeline for building and maintenance projects was unavailable."

When the schools combined in 1973, the Northeast Document Conservation Center began paying rent to PA for the use of Abbot Hall as office space. They would be tenants for 20 years.

Some Abbot properties along and surrounding School Street that served as faculty and student housing were sold. Proposals that would have required the demolition of Abbot's flagship buildings came and went because of a lack of interest among developers in an unstable market.

Finbury got busy working up a preservation plan that incorporated the history of the buildings and how to retain their look and character while providing an appropriate use of the space for the Academy. Beyond that, she proposed a detailed financial plan to make it happen, including federal tax incentives available to developers of historic sites. The Abbot campus, Finbury notes, is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

Abbot's historical significance fueled the preservation mission. McKim, Mead and White of New York—whose notable works include the original Pennsylvania Railroad Station, The Brooklyn Museum, and The Boston Public Library—had designed both the Merrill Gate and Draper Hall.

"Lanie opened up the trustees' eyes to seeing that these buildings could have a future," Timken says. "Before that, I think it was hard to imagine that they could in fact be rich resources again—spiritually and financially."

Phillips Academy, viewing Abbot from a new perspective, supported Finbury's proposal and hired her firm to oversee restoration of the Abbot campus. McKeen Hall was first.

An Abbot Preservation Task Force was formed that included key figures who would help take up the cause with fervor. Young Tang took the restoration project to heart. During the mid-1980s, she made a donation to support the Abbot campus feasibility study, which was vital in keeping trustees focused on the issue.

Timken, a founding member of the Academy's design review committee, brought her expertise on a range of historic preservation projects, including Graves Hall and the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library in the 1980s. Many other dedicated and visionary alumnae/i rolled up their sleeves on the reclamation and adaptive reuse of the Abbot campus, which took more than a decade to see through. (Visit [andover.edu/magazine](http://andover.edu/magazine) for more.)

There were wins and losses. In addition to managing renovations at McKeen, Finbury also became the de facto public relations director in the effort to save Draper Hall, which required a successful Town Meeting vote to allow a variation in zoning provisions for multifamily residences inside the building.

To help educate the community, Finbury commissioned hundreds of blue "Save Abbot" pins, held more than 50 public meetings and presentations, offered free doughnuts at weekend meet-and-greets

in the lobby of a local bank—often with her toddler in tow—and went door to door to answer questions and promote the cause.

Following months of campaigning, a 1988 Andover Town Meeting—that included an impassioned speech by PA Head of School Donald McNemar on the responsibility of stewardship—drew the necessary two-thirds majority vote needed to permit the desired development in Draper Hall. While the initial plan was to accommodate rental apartments, the Academy shifted its focus to retaining full control of Abbot's buildings, and the approved zoning changes eventually paved the way for multifamily faculty housing in Draper.

A jubilant Young Tang sent an oversized bundle of Abbot-blue helium balloons to George Washington Hall in celebration of the hard-fought victory.

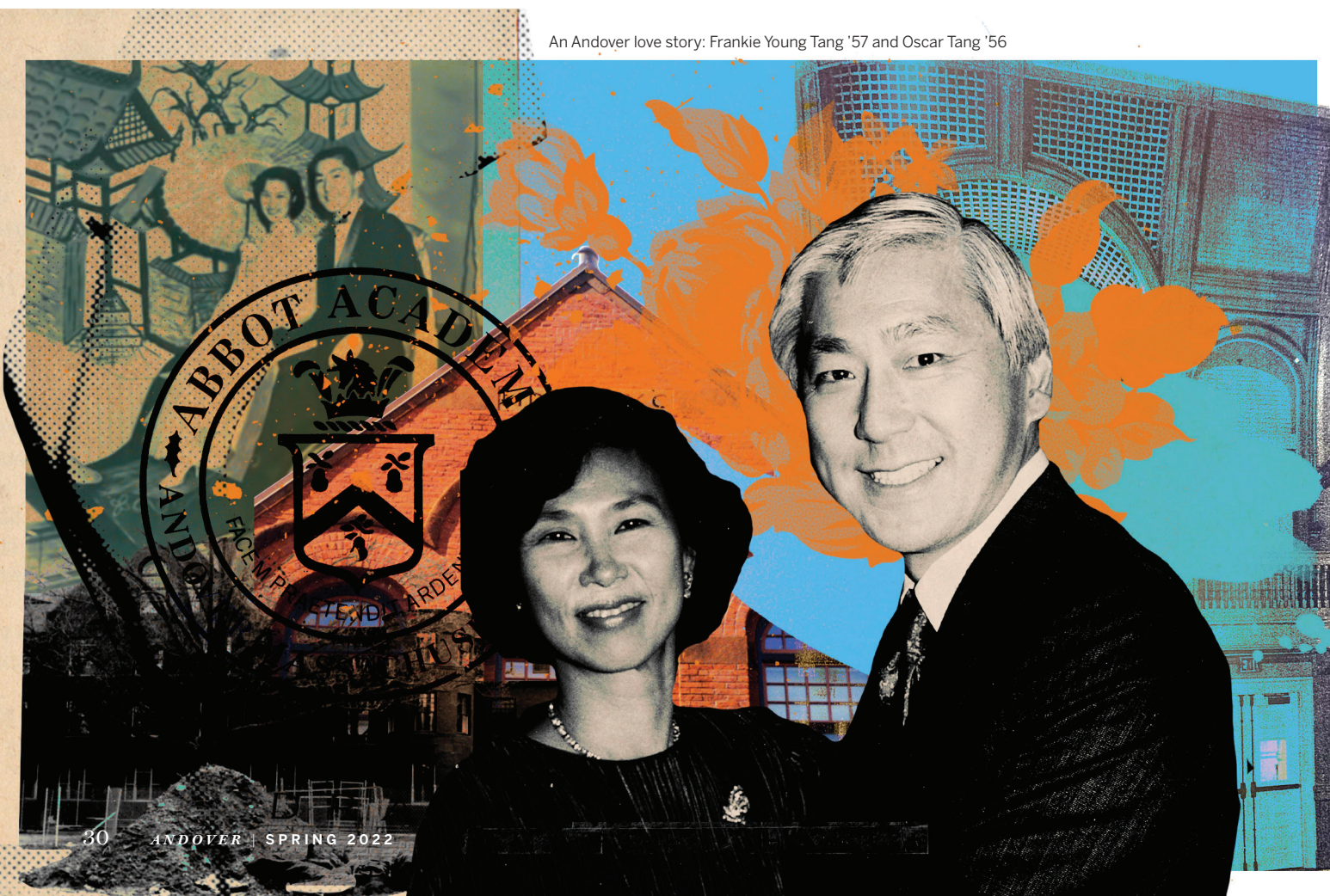
Sacrifices were made, adds Timken, recalling a trustee vote to demolish Draper's wings, including the south wing that once housed the dining hall where generations of Abbot students enjoyed fellowship and learned the art of good conversation.

"It was bittersweet," says Timken, who voted to preserve the entire building. "But the great delight is that so much was saved in the end."

**"Lanie opened up the trustees' eyes to seeing that these buildings could have a future."**

—Barbara Timken '66

An Andover love story: Frankie Young Tang '57 and Oscar Tang '56





## ABBOT REIMAGINED AND REBORN

Out of Abbot's neglected years emerged a vision of education for the 21st century: The trailblazing Brace Center for Gender Studies, the acclaimed Edward E. Elson Artist-in-Residence program, and the legacy of the Abbot Academy Fund, which has invested in innovative and exploratory approaches to learning since 1973. And it was the resourcefulness and wondrous optimism of Abbot alumnae that kept the school's mission alive—and secured its future.

The core Abbot Committee, says Cullen, was never short on passion for the mission.

"Sure, there were many debates and controversies over the years," he says. "That is to be expected in a project that is felt in the hearts as much as it is in the heads of those involved. But there was also great joy in the common goal, and part of that fun is the people you get to interact with—all were there to make something good happen."

Young Tang had fully immersed herself in the preservation effort. She never did know how to do anything halfway. Call it an Abbot trademark. Between writing letters to keep Abbot alumnae in the loop and frequently traveling from New York to Andover to attend meetings and update trustees—including one unforgettable flight with Timken during a thunderstorm—for Young Tang, the work to breathe new life into the buildings she spent her formative years studying inside and out was an act of love that deeply touched classmates and colleagues alike.

"She was a force," Timken says, "always bringing good energy and laughter wherever she went. She was, in many ways, the glue that held us together during tough times."

Oscar Tang remembers the many stories his wife brought home about the project over the years. The artist inside her seemed to follow the lines of progress like climbing a grand staircase—leading to new perspectives from each change in elevation.

"Preserving Abbot was a larger issue than her own love of the place," Tang says. "Good institutions must face forward and look ahead. Frankie believed the merger was the right thing to do, and part of that belief was that she had faith in the fact that Andover was first and foremost a place of inclusion. She believed her fellow alumnae would be included in Andover's future; that Abbot's legacy would be included in the legacy of Andover and that the pres-

ervation of the Abbot space was an integral part of the process of inclusion."

As Andover has taught *finis origine pendet*, the end does indeed depend on the beginning.

Rebecca Sykes, former associate head of school and namesake of the Sykes Wellness Center, arrived at Andover with her husband in 1973, the year of the merger. She was a cluster dean from 1988 to 1993 when excitement about new student social spaces in McKeen and faculty housing in Draper was electric.

"I became cluster dean 15 years after coeducation," Sykes says. "And still, there was a sense that Abbot was special. It was different. There were students who purposefully and thoughtfully chose to be in Abbot Cluster because the legacy mattered to them."

The echoes of ambitious women from more than a century past continued to impact advancement in education. Sykes was part of a trailblazing group that defined the framework for the Brace Center for Gender Studies, the only center of its kind at a secondary school offering opportunities for students and faculty to research all areas of gender equity and intersectionality. Located in Abbot Hall, the center opened in 1996 and was funded by and named after Abbot legend Donna Brace Ogilvie '30.

"To everything there is a season," Sykes said.

"And to see the season for some of the things we cared so deeply about come into bloom—especially supporting kids with dignity and respect for all, and on the Abbot campus—was rewarding. Having the Abbot name persist, not only in the minds of students but also our successor faculty colleagues and administrative colleagues, is affirming. It's hard not to take personal pride in that."

In 1991, Finbury was presented with the Massachusetts Historical Commission Preservation Award for her work in rehabilitating McKeen Hall.

"Every community has a story to tell," says Finbury, whose mother Marion Finbury, director of college counseling at Abbot and PA for 23 years, was laid to rest in Chapel Cemetery at Phillips Academy in 2015. "I think the more respectful we are in understanding the story and all its chapters makes for a stronger future."

After McKeen was renovated, the heart of Abbot broke again when Young Tang died in 1992 after a courageous battle with cancer.

Tang, a successful financier, knew exactly how he wanted to honor his beloved. He returned to Andover soon after her death to walk through Draper Hall. Finbury accompanied him.

Part of the roof had fallen away and its temporary cover had blown off during a storm. Water was coming down the walls and through the floor.

"I looked and wept, because it seemed that this

shell of a once beautiful structure was a perfect mirror of the total despair that was in my heart at that time," says Tang. "I was not a preservationist. What drove me was that it was important to Frankie. Our lives were intertwined by these two schools, and this was a gesture to bring Abbot alumnae back into the Andover family and keep their legacy alive."

Tang made a generous gift of \$5 million to breathe life back into Draper and restore the Sacred Circle. He would go on to serve as charter trustee from 1995 to 2012 and become board president.

In 1997, the Andover community turned out for a rededication ceremony to honor Young Tang's memory and the renovated Abbot campus. There is a Frankie Young Tang memorial bench in front of Draper Hall and a small garden at the back of the building near the Maple Walk offering vantage points to pause, rest, and perhaps reflect on the history—and future—of Abbot.

"It's lovely to think this campus will stand the test of time, allowing students to see just how buildings can be reinvented, reborn, and repurposed," Timken says. "If you really look up close at a building and study the place, it can open up all kinds of opportunities." ♦

**i** To view Abbot campus slideshows and more memories, visit [andover.edu/magazine](http://andover.edu/magazine).



Abbot Academy campus today





# Leaving Her Mark

Assistant Head of School for Residential Life Jenny Karlen Elliott '94, P'22, '24 embraces new opportunity

BY ALLYSON IRISH

**I**magine this: Your 8-months-pregnant squash coach is driving the team to the nationals in Connecticut. But she accidentally drives to the wrong location. There's 20 minutes before the match starts. What to do?

Many people would panic. Or miss the match. Or freeze. Not Jenny Elliott.

"Jenny snapped into problem-solving mode and rallied us all to get back into the van so we could race to the other venue," says Midori Ishizuka '11, now a PA history instructor and assistant girls' squash coach. "We were a fierce force as we pulled up to our proper venue, just a few minutes before the match. Jenny and I laugh about that now."

This anecdote encapsulates many of the qualities that colleagues, students, alumni, and players say make Elliott special. During her 12 years at Andover, Elliott brought to her work a combination of perspectives as an alumna, parent of two PA students, girls' varsity squash coach, house counselor, history teacher, advisor, and—if that was not enough—assistant head of school for residential life and dean of students.

At the end of this academic year, Elliott is moving on from PA to become the head of student and academic life at Choate Rosemary Hall in Connecticut.

**"Jenny is fierce—the positive kind of fierce—with her commitment to everyone in the Dean of Students' Office, to her classes, to her team, to Andover. She cares deeply and unwaveringly and has a reservoir of strength, energy, and fierceness that enables her to love, teach, coach, connect, and care like few people I have ever met."**

—Kate Dolan, assistant dean of students and residential life—and Elliott's former house counselor and field hockey and lacrosse coach

Elliott has lived and worked for most of her life at boarding schools—Andover, the Stevenson School in California, the Westminster School in Connecticut, and soon, Choate. What is the appeal?

"I love the messiness and the magic of boarding school life," Elliott says. "These places are built on the elasticity of human motivation, energy, and curiosity. It's hard, but we do our best work when we stretch."

Stretching, striving, and coaching have been hallmarks of Elliott's tenure—along with her seemingly limitless

energy and positivity. Her former boss, Andover's 15th head of school John Palfrey, says one of the things he most admires about Elliott is her focus on improvement.

"Jenny is a lifelong learner. She is always trying to get better at just about everything," Palfrey says. "While self-confident—and with good reason—she is fundamentally deeply humble. That carries over to her commitment to seeking improvement on behalf of the community."

Colleagues say that Elliott's compassion for others is important and appreciated. Raj Mundra, now dean of studies, previously worked with Elliott in the Dean of Students Office. Mundra says he is particularly impressed with the way Elliott handles hard conversations, especially those involving students and disciplinary actions.

"Jenny always operates from a position of compassion, especially during these difficult situations. But she also brings a quality of light, optimism, and positivity, which means a lot when you are embroiled in serious issues," Mundra says. "Jenny is always concerned about others' emotions, and she is very attuned to this. She has almost a Spidey sense instinct of how others are doing around her."

As she reflects on her Andover career, Elliott says she is proud of creating spaces for students where they can feel comfortable, take risks, and practice. After all, school is a place for learning.

"I truly love practice and coaching, whether on the squash court or in the classroom. I tell my kids often to go ahead and take risks in practice and with your teachers and classmates," Elliott explains. "It's OK to make those mistakes. If you're not going to try really going for it in this space, you will never grow or win." ♦

*Elliott is excited about future opportunities with Andover. She plans to remain enthusiastically involved as an alumna and parent and hopes to continue collaborating with her Andover colleagues.*



## A THOUGHTFUL AND FUN COLLEAGUE

Now president of the MacArthur Foundation, former head of school John Palfrey knew Jenny Elliott in a variety of capacities, co-teaching a history course with her and enjoying time on the squash court as the assistant girls' varsity coach.

*"The part of my workday I most cherished at Andover was co-teaching U.S. history in Sam Phil with Jenny," says Palfrey. "We had great students every year. And team teaching, while not exactly an efficient model, is much more fun than solo teaching. Jenny is a deeply thoughtful classroom teacher, she prepares as well or better than anyone I have ever seen, and she cares about each and every student's development. It was truly a joy to be her colleague in that classroom—it made consistent, yearlong teaching possible for me as head of school to partner with her in this way."*

*"And then if fortune smiled on me, I would be able to jog over to the gym and pretend to add value as an assistant coach to the girls' varsity squash team—with Jenny as the real coach. There was never once a time that I saw her without a huge smile on her face at the courts. Just as in the classroom, Jenny had every player on her mind, from the girl at the top of the lineup to the girl struggling to keep the last spot on the ladder."*





## Meet Sokhary Chau '92

The United States' first Cambodian American mayor aims to diversify city government

BY RITA SAVARD

**S**okhary Chau '92 experienced more by age 8 than most people do in a lifetime.

He was raised in a middle-class family in Cambodia, his father a captain in the army. Chau's world was turned upside down on April 17, 1975, when the Khmer Rouge, led by dictator Pol Pot, stormed into Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital, and forced 2 million people to evacuate.

Those who resisted were shot on site. Chau's father was killed that day.

For the next four years, Chau's mother, Hem Hay, did everything in her power to keep her seven children together—including saving her two eldest sons from execution. Finally, she devised a plan to escape through land mine-laced jungles under the cover of night.

Miraculously, despite hunger, sickness, and uncertainty, Hay managed to escort her entire family to the safety of a Thai refugee camp; they emigrated to the United States in 1981.

"My mother's courage gave us the hope and strength to survive, and then thrive in America," says Chau, who, in January, officially became mayor of the city of Lowell, Massachusetts—and the first Cambodian American to hold the office of mayor in the United States.

The symbolic importance of Chau's own story is not lost on him. Like many Cambodian Americans in Lowell, his life is marked by the legacy of the Killing Fields, the five-year campaign of terror and genocide that left nearly 3 million Cambodians dead. Chau wants his story to highlight not only the struggles of



Mayor Sokhary Chau stands alongside his two sons, Phillip and Matthew, and his wife, Somong Rattanayong, during the Lowell City Council swearing-in ceremony in January.

overcoming adversity, but also how the next generation can be strengthened by diverse representation in governmental bodies small and large.

"By including people from all backgrounds and working together, we can truly build a future that meets the needs of our communities," explains Chau, who credits his experience at PA as an early introduction to international relations.

A student in the Lowell public schools, Chau had a teacher who recommended Phillips Academy as an option for high school. He recalls his first time touring the campus with "eyes wide open."

"It was an amazing world, but mentally I wasn't there yet," Chau says. "Just coming out of death and into life in America, I was just happy to be alive. When you live through war, you set your sights on two goals: Stay alive. Stay together."

When Chau's acceptance letter arrived, he hid it. But encouragement from his family, his teachers, and Bobby Edwards, former senior associate dean of admission and dean of the Office of Community and Multicultural Development, helped him follow a path that would influence his life's work.

His first day as a new student was nerve-racking, Chau confides, but seeing—and hearing—the Blue Key heads on the corner of Chapel Avenue, holding welcome signs and shouting positive messages, eased his fears.

"What helped make me comfortable and settle in was meeting students from so many different parts of the country and the world," Chau recalls. "When we started talking to each other, you realized that there weren't many students who had the same background. Everybody was unique, and in those differences we bonded. To this day, I absolutely value what that grew in me."

Acknowledging his election's significance to the wider immigrant diaspora, Chau hopes it will signal a time of new activism.

"Lowell was built on diversity," he notes, "but there are still feelings of exclusion depending on who you are and what neighborhood you live in. By prioritizing social justice in all city services, I believe we can eliminate the gaps, encourage every resident to trust that every vote does count, and empower them to be stakeholders in the future of their community."

"There's a women's rights movement of sorts happening right now in cycling. It's a pretty exciting time to be in the sport."



After graduating from Harvard in 2016 with a degree in computer science and then working as a venture capitalist, **Kristen Faulkner '11** is now a professional cyclist living in Spain and touring worldwide with a new team. Read more at [andover.edu/magazine](http://andover.edu/magazine).

## HIGHLIGHTS IN PUBLISHING

KENT JOHNSON '87

**R**emember arriving at your doctor's or dentist's office waiting room as a kid and spotting a copy of *Highlights* magazine? It was thrilling to search for strawberries, hammers, and sundry items in the "Hidden Pictures" section of the monthly magazine, a section that has challenged children since the first publication in 1946.

*Highlights* just celebrated its 75th anniversary, with Kent Johnson '87, the founders' great-grandson, now at the helm. Although much has changed since Johnson's great-grandparents started the magazine, the mission of the family-owned business has remained the same.

"Everything we do under the *Highlights* brand is about child development and helping children become their best selves," says Johnson, CEO of Highlights for Children.

Even though Johnson is the third CEO in the company's history, his path to leadership was anything but direct. At Phillips Academy, Johnson developed a passion for physics in Dr. Robert Perrin's class. This interest culminated in a PhD in physics from Harvard University followed by six years in the biotech industry. *Highlights*, however, was always in his purview.

One summer during college, Johnson interned at the family publication. He wrote responses to children who had sent letters, a practice that has been in place since *Highlights*' founding and that recently inspired a book: *Dear Highlights: What Adults Can Learn from 75 Years of Letters and Conversations with Kids*. Johnson gradually moved into other business roles; he was especially drawn to the positive impact the magazine and the company has had on employees and customers.

Johnson has been CEO since 2005; he constantly grapples with keeping the business relevant. When his great-grandparents founded the company, they focused on a single monthly magazine with a first print run of 20,000 copies. *Highlights* has since grown to a total circulation of about 2 million and 500 employees, yet Johnson still remains focused on the core goals of developing children's creativity, imagination, and reading skills.

"The world's moving pretty quickly," says Johnson. "We're passionate about expanding the categories of products to support those positive messages in kids' lives."

—NANCY HITCHCOCK



# The Academy Remembers SIDNEY R. KNAFEL '48

*His vision and generosity will benefit students, faculty, and the art world for generations to come*

BY TRACY SWEET

Trustee emeritus, loyal alumnus, and generous benefactor Sidney R. Knafel '48 passed away on December 6, 2021, at his home in Manhattan following a long illness. His impact at Andover is matched by few others in the history of the Academy.

A graduate of Harvard University and Harvard Business School, Knafel served two years in the U.S. Army in Germany. He worked as an investment banker at Lazard Freres before establishing his own private investment company, SRK Management, where he was founder and chair of Vision Communications Inc. and Insight Communications Inc.

Knafel chaired the Addison Gallery of American Art's Board of Governors from 2000 to 2015 and served as a charter and ex officio trustee from 2005 to 2011.

"Sid's wisdom in the boardroom guided Andover through both prosperous and challenging times," says Amy Falls '82, P'19, '21, president of the Board of Trustees. "He led with candor, humor, institutional insight, and strategic problem-solving skills. I am grateful that I was able to learn from and work with Sid. I will forever admire his profound impact as a philanthropist and as a graceful, passionate leader."

Barbara Landis Chase, Andover's 14th head of school, worked closely with Knafel for more than a decade. "Many of us at Andover found in Sid Knafel an invaluable colleague and a delightful friend," says Chase. "As a charter trustee,

Sid possessed the genius and grace to enter deliberations at just the right time, with the perfect insight or question."

Knafel's philanthropy and leadership touched many lives and advanced important campus initiatives. His generosity was felt most profoundly at the Addison Gallery, where he chaired the Addison's Board of Governors for 15 years. He steered the museum through an expansion, a capital campaign, two directorial transitions, and a strategic plan. His extraordinary generosity, passion for art, and firm belief in the Addison's ability—in his words—to "support, and indeed, to lead the school's pedagogical ambitions" benefited the museum in transformative ways.

As co-chair of the Addison's capital campaign, Knafel led the effort that culminated in a multimillion-dollar renovation of the gallery. In recognition of his leadership, the Knafel Museum Learning Center was named in his honor in 2010. Addison Director Allison

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—Amy Falls '82,  
President, Board of Trustees

Kemmerer reflected on what the center has become: "It is a space that provides exceptional opportunities to look, to teach, and to learn through art...While the Addison has lost a dedicated trustee, wise advisor, and generous supporter, the world has lost a wonderful human being."

Board of Governors Chair Stephen Sherrill '71, P'05, '07, '10, also served with Knafel as a PA trustee. "Sid contributed immeasurably—as a donor, an advocate, and a devoted leader—to making the Addison the museum that it is today. He was always inspirational, generous, and insightful. We will miss him deeply."

One of the lasting legacies of Knafel's philanthropy is the Sidney R. Knafel Map Collection and the endowed Knafel Geographer at Large faculty position.

"Sid often showed his antique maps—one of his many wide-ranging areas of interest—to lucky visitors," says Chase. "He could explain how each fit into the history of cartography and what it illuminated more broadly. I could have listened to him for hours! His gift of the map collection to Andover in my honor surprised and delighted me—just one example of Sid's great generosity to the Academy and his kindness to me."

In 2018, Knafel supported the renovation of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library and its curatorial-quality spaces, creating a worthy and accessible home for the map collection, which dates from 1434 into the 19th century. Instructor in history and social science Emma Frey, current Knafel Geographer at Large, remembered Knafel's deep knowledge

of the maps, atlases, and globes in the collection.

"When he visited Andover," says Frey, "he always made time to learn how students and faculty worked with the collection. He once wrote that he hoped '...the perspective [that students] gained of the past will reinforce their leadership skills and serve a peaceful and humane world society in the future.'"

Teachers from all disciplines have used the collection to enrich their classes, she added. "Using maps, teachers encourage exploration of perspective and promote skills of attention, focus, and mindfulness necessary for developing a deeper comprehension of what maps do and don't depict."

Head of School Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P'24, characterized Knafel's legacy as far-reaching and central to the school's mission. "Vision matched with generosity has incredible power to transform lives," he said. "Our students, faculty, and the world of arts and culture have lost a true visionary whose impact will continue to inspire us."

Throughout his life, Knafel generously served and supported many institutions in the fields of education, medical research, and the decorative arts, including Harvard, Wellesley College, Juilliard, The Rogosin Institute at NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital, and The Frick Collection.

Knafel is survived by his wife, Londa Weisman; his sons, Doug and Andrew; and numerous other members of his extended family. ♦

Top: Sidney Knafel at Leaders Weekend in 2011

Center: At the Addison's 80th Birthday Gala in 2011, Knafel and his wife, Londa Weisman, tap glasses in front of *The Toast*, a painting donated by Weisman in honor of her husband's 80th birthday.

Bottom: Summer Session students examine antique maps from the Knafel Map Collection.





KNOWLEDGE & GOODNESS: THE ANDOVER CAMPAIGN

# The Final Stretch

*Finding inspiration and opportunity in the Knowledge & Goodness campaign's decisive phase*



Momentum is cresting—and Andover is close to culminating its landmark \$400 million *Knowledge & Goodness* campaign.

With less than \$43 million to go, **Board of Trustees President Amy C. Falls '82, P'19, '21**, shares her candid thoughts on the campaign's progress, the critical work that still remains, and the extraordinary impact of the global Andover family throughout one of the most expansive fund-raising endeavors in independent school history.

**What are the focal points of the *Knowledge & Goodness* campaign at this moment?**

There are a few, namely financial aid, the proposed music building, and faculty support. Number one for us is endowing 80 percent of our financial aid program—thus undergirding Andover's need-blind admission promise for the long-term future and preserving our position as a national leader in this crucial area.

Today, 47 percent of Andover students receive financial aid, and we're providing \$24.5 million in assistance this year alone. It's only sustainable if we have a robustly endowed base, because it more readily enables the Academy to make up the balance with annual gifts—which are essential too—and other budgetary sources. The big picture? Andover scholarships leave our young people unencumbered by debt as they pursue their path to meaningful adulthood.

**How will investments in facilities and faculty further strengthen the student experience?**

Andover has always prioritized people over bricks and mortar, but there comes a point when you're undermining those people if you don't have sufficient facilities. During all phases of *Knowledge & Goodness*, Andover has emphasized

infrastructure. This includes the extensive renovation of the OWHL and, early in the campaign, the revitalization of Chase House to enhance residential life. Significantly, it's also reflected in the construction of the Sykes Wellness Center, the Snyder Center, and the Pan

Athletic Center, which will open for swimming, diving, dance, wrestling, and more this fall.

Similar to those projects, building a new home for music is a necessity. We don't have a recording studio or enough practice rooms. The proposed 30,000-



Andover's first purpose-built structure for music will house versatile rehearsal and performance spaces, as well as classrooms, an electronic music studio, technology labs, and a music library.

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Faculty support remains a key campaign priority, with the Academy's instructors driving the pursuit of academic innovation and educational excellence for all students.

square-foot structure will benefit all students, create equity, and reflect changes in technology and the way music—in all its forms—has become integral to the curriculum. With \$17.6 million in donations, we're getting close to our \$22 million fundraising goal. Only then can we break ground and set this project in motion.

Additionally, faculty support remains central to our efforts. And there are numerous ways alumni, parents, and friends can continue to boost our commitment to academic excellence. Donations to the Andover Fund make a difference here, and so do leadership gifts for teaching foundations, professional development funds, and more. Our instructors make an Andover education what it is, and it's vital we invest in their unbelievable expertise as scholars and mentors.

**How are you defining success in this historic campaign?**

I think success is obviously achieving the campaign's financial objectives, but it's much more than that. It's reaffirm-

ing the core values that have defined *Knowledge & Goodness* from the very beginning, including our ever-expanding commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives. We will continue to grow in this area and others because it's intrinsic to who we are.

Moreover, we are creating consensus and excitement around the direction the Academy is taking with our head of school, Raynard Kington. We are bringing people together and broadening

participation, because there's a place for everyone in this campaign. It's something I'm passionate about—the chance to share why supporting our mission is so universally important, to involve our community in setting priorities, and then uniting to accomplish them.

**What continues to surprise and inspire you in these efforts?**

As board president, I get to talk to alumni about their time at PA. I hear the same sentence over and over again, across all generations: "Andover changed my life." What we're doing, we've been doing a long time, and that makes it clear to me why the Academy is worth preserving and enhancing. And of course, PA's students and faculty—their talents and heart—continue to motivate me. They are, I think, the most inspiring piece of the puzzle. ♦

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## Virtual Warfare

As a cyber officer, Alexandra Bell Farr works to protect and defend U.S. military operations through the virtual world of data modeling

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When I reported for my first day of summer training at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in July 2013, the importance of data science to the Army mission was the last thing on my mind. With all the emphasis I had seen on traditional combat arms branches—like infantry, armor, and field artillery—I did not expect my career to take a turn toward using data science in support of real-world intelligence operations.

Now, however, my atypical Army experience has me thinking not only about current operations, but also about how the Army must make some dramatic changes and investments so we can meet the demands of warfare in the Information Age.

Since 2018, the Army has undertaken a massive modernization effort to ensure it can conduct multi-domain operations (MDO) on land, in the air, seas, and space, in cyberspace, and in other electromagnetic spectrum environments—against near-peer geopolitical rivals. In great power competition, the Army knows its relative technological dominance is not guaranteed.

Data science is a tool that can help enable these domains, and senior leaders have a real appetite to leverage data science as much as possible. Perhaps the Army's most significant manifestation of the enthusiasm for all things technology, data science, and computing is the establishment of the Artificial Intelligence Task Force (AITF), which supports research and development in autonomous platforms, artificial intelligence, and machine learning (AI/ML), data visualization and synthetic environments, sensing, computation, internet of things, and more. The Army is even beginning to make the personnel and educational investments necessary to support these efforts, as evidenced by the partnership with Carnegie Mellon University to increase

data science skills and AI expertise within its formation.

I have seen the need for data science in my own unit. After studying math at West Point, I earned a master's degree in data science from the University of Edinburgh and went to a military intelligence brigade that conducts real-world intelligence production and dissemination. With a long list of requirements and a limited pool of supporting personnel, it was clear that machine-learning algorithms to help prioritize the massive number of daily reports would greatly benefit our organization.

When my battalion commander learned of my background, he inserted me directly into our All-Source intelligence cell, where I developed and maintained algorithms that supported our mission priorities.

Data science is still a relatively new addition to the Army's repertoire, so there was no guide for how best to implement and validate algorithms on Army networks. I had a lot of learning to do on my own and, as they say, I "built the plane in flight."

I have been challenged many times since leaving Andover, but those early trials at PA laid the foundation for persistent, creative problem-solving, which is exactly what the Army needs right now with its budding need for data science and other information-enabled technologies. ♦

• Alexandra Bell Farr and her sister, Annette Bell '16, have a lot in common. Both were Phelps Scholars at PA, graduated from West Point, and are now cyber officers in the Army.

• Bell Farr credits her Andover experience for helping her navigate the kind of creative problem-solving that her job requires. "Probably the most painful yet transformative class I took was Dr. Tanner's *Biology 560*. I spent the first two weeks of upper fall trying to solve what I thought was a near impossible problem set. Little did I know that, indeed, several of the problems had no existing solution," she says. "I barely persevered and am so glad I did. That class and many others I took frustrated me, intrigued me, and pushed me to grow academically in ways I doubt I would have experienced anywhere else."

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### IT'S A BIG BLUE WORLD

Devontae Freeland '15 is studying international relations at Sorbonne University in Paris. He took over the magazine's Instagram account in February and gave us a deeper look into his Andover experience and how it helped prepare him for his latest chapter in France. Learn more about Dev and follow other alumni stories @andovermagazine on Instagram.



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I was delighted to receive an answer from my plea for class news from **Ann Robinson Joyce**. I last saw her at our 70th Reunion (did I really write that?) but for only a brief moment. She writes that after spending the summer in Brooklin, ME, she and her husband Jack had just returned to their home in Hyattville, WY. On their homeward trip they stopped in Leverett, MA, to see their daughter, their grandson Clay, and his two young children. From there they progressed to Sandy Creek, NY, to visit their son Bill, whose daughter Rosie is married to a Coast Guardsman serving on Cape Cod.

Awaiting them 20 miles down the road from Hyattville was their son John. His son Jeff is slowly taking over the farm on which he grows malt barley (for Coors) and alfalfa. Jeff's son lives in Denver and by the time you read this he will have two children.

"I guess older and slower about describes us," Ann writes, but adds that she will be enjoying the beautiful fall weather. "Sunny days, blue skies, leaves just beginning to turn."

We are all a bit older and slower but still care about each other. Let me hear from you.

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We thought that we would be further along the COVID experience pathway by now, but a stubborn bug and recalcitrant public in some areas are cause for the stretch in our battle time and patience. At this moment we await news on a booster shot and persevere; we are ready to resume our class luncheons but are not able to do so.

Andover has informed us of the passing of **Arne Landmark Schoeller, Sr.** Jan. 17, 2017, in

Reno, NV. He graduated from Harvard and Harvard Law, spent three years in the Marine Corps before joining a small Minneapolis law firm for 15 years that specialized in public issues. He moved to the public sector where he amassed many titles: state of Minnesota assistant attorney general in charge of the criminal division; chief deputy attorney general, U.S. Department of Justice; special assistant to the attorney general, Law Enforcement Assistance Administration; chief, Center for Law and Justice: chief, adjudication division, covering assistance to state and local courts, prosecution and public defense; deputy director, National Center for State Courts; associate director, planning and development, National Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Reno, NV.

Arne observed at our 50th, "For a few years I relished working with state chief justices, but I have enjoyed even more my 17 years now working with a group of people, judges, usually at the bottom of the heap in the judicial worlds of their states, who hear cases daily involving kids and parents, many of whom you wouldn't want to know and don't want to hear about. So maybe the future holds some more grassroots, and I don't mean just in the garden." I can remember that Summer School session he and I attended before we began our Andover voyage, and I can remember a school assembly where Lenny James spoke about a crisis in international affairs, and a 14-year-old Arne Schoeller stood up from his seat to comment, "I don't think things are so rosy." And I can remember the many times in upper English with Scott Paradise where Arne would raise his hand to remark on the social message in the work of the author we had read. He had a vision and committed his life to it. *Non sibi*.

Arne left his wife Oley, three sons, and a daughter.

**Robert Reiss Schuldt, Jr.** passed away on Sept. 18, 2017, in Chatham, MA. Bob spent his senior year at PA before going on to Dartmouth. He majored in English literature and particularly enjoyed the time he spent there with poet Robert Frost and how it led to a lifetime of enjoyment with reading and history. After graduation and two years in the U.S. Army, he married Laura Dubaich and went to work for GE, progressing to lead the development of GE's management development program as part of a senior team of human resource specialists. He went on to serve as VP of human resources for several major corporations in manufacturing, news, and advertising. He leaves his former wife, significant other, son, daughter, and three grandchildren.

Colonel **Francis Hatherly Thurston**, USMC Ret., of Tuscaloosa, AL, died Jan. 12, 2016. He is survived by his wife Jean Wise Thurston, a daughter, and three grandchildren. Frank was born in Boston and moved to Tuscaloosa when his father, a math teacher, was offered a position as a professor at Alabama. Frank grew up making model airplanes and worked at the grass field Tuscaloosa airport when he was old enough. He came to Andover lower year but left the school at the end of the year to return to Alabama and study at the university until he was 18 and qualified for flight training in the Marines. He made it, earned his wings, and flew the iconic F4U during the Korean War. He continued his career through Vietnam flying the A-4 Skyhawk, AD SkyRaider and the L-19 Bird Dog. He retired from the USMC in 1975 and returned to Tuscaloosa, where he became a contract pilot with his own company. It is not known if or when he gave up flying. He returned to Andover for our 65th Reunion with his family. We can only assume he was in command of his Beechcraft V-tail Bonanza for the trip to PA. Frank said that he used Andover for his liberal arts education and relied on flight schools for his engineering. He too had a vision. *Ave Atque Vale*

## 1949

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In reflecting on Andover after turning 90, I paused to recall and note the many memorable, important, significant occurrences that happened to me during my days "on the Hill." It led me to contact classmates for this column and ask, "While at Andover, what is your recollection of the most significant memory of your days there?" Here are the responses, which are varied and say a lot.

My memory is of the brass choir playing seasonal music and carols from the Bell Tower the last week of classes in December as I crunched a snowy path to breakfast at the Commons. It was something unexpected-ly special.

**Bob Weber** said that "the exceptional instruction and teaching in all courses" was his top memory. Even better than he received at Cornell.

**Art Doran** recalled running a 1,000-yard race as an underclassman at a NE Prep meet. He was in second place as he rounded the final curve and looked to the side and saw coach Steve Sorota standing at the edge of the track pointing his arm at him. Steve shouted, "MOVE!" Art did and won the race in a new meet record time too. **Larry Kelly** shared about arriving as a lower from Virginia and suddenly "feeling that all classmates are smarter than me."

**Jim Stenson** told how he would regularly play cards in the Commons basement after dinner with a group of friends—until one night they weren't there. He learned the next day that he had been ousted by their fraternity. **Buddy Linn** told how John Colby, his third-year Latin instructor, so engaged him in Latin as an upper that he went on to win several PA Latin prizes. Plus, at Harvard as a freshman he took their language fluency requirement test in Latin and missed by a point or two not having to deal with any additional foreign language courses at Harvard.

**Ted Torrance** wrote that his introduction to "the frenzied, frenetic time-keeping forced on students by the Sam Phillip's Clock Tower—reinforced by the Bell Tower—remains with him today. **Paul Brodeur**, assignment editor of *The Philippian* his senior year, took 200 copies of one edition to North Station to hand out to returning Andover commuters one evening. It contained an unflattering article about the Academy. Who should suddenly appear and grab all 200 copies but Headmaster Kemper, saying, "Don't you do this again!" The comments were repeated to Paul by Headmaster Kemper at our senior prom.

**Bill Flight** still today recalls the quantity and unending stream of homework which course instructors assigned. Wasn't there a 'lights out' rule in those days too? **Derwood Chase** acknowledged that no one thing stands out right now, but that he was aware of the high quality of Andover instruction and instructors, plus their personal caring for their students.

For those reading this column, I stand ready to pass on news about Abbot's Class of 1949 alumnae in future columns. Just send it to me at the address shown above. I wish you all a peaceful year! I stand ready to recognize that classmate who gets the most political emails and phone calls between now and November.

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After COVID-related postponements of our 70th Reunion's June 2020 date, we now (as of this writing in October 2021) are assured that our Reunion will happen at Andover on June 10–12, 2022. Our class president, **Dick Bell**, has agreed to chair the forthcoming reunion jointly with the original chair, **Paul Kopperl**. We're grateful that Paul is willing to serve for a third year and that Dick, who led our 50th Reunion, is now co-chair.

It is my sad duty to report the deaths of four classmates. **John Erick Mack, Jr.** died over a year ago, June 16, 2020, in Palo Alto, CA. **Richard John Riker** of Naples, FL, died on July 28, 2021. **John Eric Havelock** died on August 31, 2021, in Anchorage, AK. And most recently, we have lost **Thomas Pascoe "Tucker" Gordon** of Pittsburgh, who died on October 3, 2021.

Erick Mack spent his childhood in Pasadena, and in Guatemala where his father managed the family coffee business. At Andover he was cum laude, worked on *The Phillipian* and played varsity football as an upper and senior. At Stanford he earned BA and MA degrees in geology and was on the 1952 Rose Bowl team. He and Diane Dickson married in 1956 and lived successively in Japan, Guatemala, and Australia. After their 1967 return to the U.S., an automobile accident killed Erick's wife, Diane, and brother, Peter. Later Erick married Dagmar Maria Quidde, and they lived in Pasadena for 30 years. After Erick retired he and Dagmar parted ways and he later married Marion MacFarland Worthington. They spent 21 years together in Palo Alto. Erick had a distinguished 40-year career at Union Oil/Unocal, starting as a field geologist and rising to senior executive. In his work he encountered headhunters and piranha attacks in the Amazon, helicopter crashes in the Andes and Australian Outback, nationalizations, coups, hostage negotiations, and other occupational hazards. Erick leaves his wife, Marion, his four and Marion's three children, and 14 grandchildren.



Dick Riker, after four years at Andover, where he played JV soccer and was a copy editor for *The Phillipian*, took a BA from Harvard and a law degree from Columbia. He served in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of captain. After his service and law school he worked for eight years in New York as an associate at Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam and Roberts law firm and later as an administrative law judge for two New York City administrative agencies. Dick was a true New Yorker, a direct descendant of the 17th century New Amsterdam Riker family. He leaves his wife, Ronnie, a daughter, three sons, and seven grandchildren.

In 1959, the year Alaska became a state, John Havelock arrived in Alaska, fresh from Harvard Law School. Just over a decade later, a state senator gave John, now Alaska's attorney general, a draft privacy amendment for the state's constitution. Deciding it was verbose; John rewrote the amendment and handed it back to the senator. This became Section 22 of the Alaska Constitution, which in 20 words states, "The right of the people to privacy is recognized and shall not be infringed. The legislature shall implement this section." This became the backbone of the Alaska Supreme Court decisions decriminalizing marijuana and upholding the right to abortion. John once observed that this draft, which took him about an hour to write, might make him a "footnote to regional history." John also played a role in some notable federal statutes, including the trans-Alaska pipeline bill and the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act. He taught justice and political science at the University of Alaska and was a founding partner in the law firm Ely, Guess, Rudd & Havelock. John leaves his wife, Robyn A. Johnson, four sons, and one daughter.

Tucker Gordon was a legendary classmate—stellar student, athlete, and leader. A member of the Cum Laude Society and multiple prize-winner, he also played lacrosse and captained wrestling and cross country. After Andover and an exchange year at Harrow he graduated in 1954 with high honors from Princeton, where he played lacrosse and captained the wrestling team. Graduating from the California Institute of Technology in 1959 with a PhD in biochemistry, he married Nancy Hannon and moved to Toronto to develop pharmaceuticals for the Fine Chemical Co. Returning to Pittsburgh in 1962, Tucker joined his brother Bob in managing Gordon Terminal Services for the next 50 years. Tucker and Nancy settled in Thornburg, PA, and raised four children. After Nancy's untimely death in 1979, Tucker married Katie (Kathryn) Edson in 1980, and welcomed her

six children, who with Tucker's four formed the Gordon-Edson Family ("GE Gang"). The family thrived. Tucker and Katie took fly-fishing and hiking trips to New Zealand, Australia, the Bahamas and the American West. Good natured and widely admired, Tucker served as mayor of Thornburg and on the borough council for over 20 years. He was also a board member for the local hospital, school district, and Sewickley Academy. Having lost his oldest son Chris in 2020, Tucker leaves his wife Katie and the nine children of their melded family.

On behalf of the class I offer our sincere condolences to the families of these four classmates and friends.

1951

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Sunny Arizona is still sunny. Yesterday our temps hovered around 90 degrees; this morning, it's 41! How 'bout that? We have only one tree I know of that gets gorgeous colored leaves in the fall, so we think lovingly of the glorious New England (and other more Northern parts) fall transformations. Still, lemons are beginning to ripen, and we have flowers in bloom, sometimes all winter.

I have received a few tidbits from faithful correspondents: **Ginger Hoyt Cantarella:** "Here in upstate New York the fall has been warm and beautiful. When I retired from medical illustrating I began painting, and now my barn is filled with over 400 pieces. I no longer exhibit in galleries; my MS limits what I can do. My children have organized my barn like a gallery, and people show up to look and buy. I get commissions as well, often painting people's dogs, cats, horses, and even a goat. I post my paintings on Facebook, and if you search 'Virginia Cantarella' on Amazon, you'll see all the books I have illustrated or published.

"I must rely on my walker to get around. I live alone but have a marvelous worker who comes every weekday, helping me clean and shop; she does my driving, swims in my pool with me, and even cleans my paint brushes and helps me organize my studio when I make a mess."

**CC Chase Coggins:** "I'm totally inoculated plus flu shot for a trip to France with my son and daughter. We will be visiting Romanesque churches in Auvergne—to rouse memories of an academic career I did not pursue. I live alone in a too-big house in Newton, outside

Boston. I have been trying to divest for years, always hoping to find homes for family treasures of little interest to our children—maybe grandchildren, even great-grandchildren? Most important and worrisome was my large professional academic library. By divine luck, I think, it has been taken by Ars Libri, a company that finds foreign homes for such specialized collections and emptied the library I built onto this 1887 house. I rattle around in the old house and my library. I do not intend to move!"

**Nancy Mercer Welch:** "So relieved to get through September without hurricane threats. The ocean water is still warm enough to enjoy. Love playing chair volleyball 3x/week. I'm amazed I can dance, walk, and ride my bike at 88—probably because nothing has stopped me from being active during the 36 years I've lived in Florida."

Nancy sent a video of the quickstep she performed recently with her teacher, Joe Taylor. Some of you have seen it, but if anyone else wants to see these spectacular dancers, just ask; I'll forward it.

**Paula Palmer Pederson:** "We didn't get to Maine this summer, as our ailments kept us the entire time in North Carolina! We've learned that the South is filled with music of songbirds we'd never really listened to; also, many varieties of flora and fauna are a feast for the eyes. Overcrowding has the poor displaced deer dashing around hopefully looking for a place to settle. I have yet to get over my fear of snakes but got through the summer without encountering one. I look forward to reading others' '51 news. Since we still spend many days behind masks, it's a treat to read an actual thought or happening from someone. Love to all!"

**Lydia Eccles Page:** "I've been keeping to myself because of my lack of energy. Decrepitude, that's what. And watching the news, none of which is cheering. I sit on my balcony reading, enjoying the best view in town (Gaithersburg, MD). I'm grateful to be here rather than battling floods or tornados or the multiple awful forest fires. Ash in the air all the way to the East Coast! Thinking that the Ida rains will get to New England. Climate change, yew awl. I spend most of my time reading—recently Alan Mitchell's s'traordinary bio of Chopin. I hope Dottie, Dino, and Gibby have read it; I'll write Suze and Pete about it. My iPhone enables me (even ME, the least technological person anywhere) to hear FC's many, many compositions, and boy! Did he write! Not bad at all. The last month has been as beautiful as any in memory. A good thing, considering the lamentable state of our country: the lies, incivility which all too often

evolves into violence, widespread corruption with little leadership to steer us out of this morass—at least that I can see."

*Mea culpa!* **JoAnne Smith Betts** sent an important reminder for me to run my comments by the sender before they go to Andover, so we can avoid issues. Last time I said her current husband, David, is "the good one." That's true, but her first two husbands were also good ones. I reported that she has two sons; actually, she has six children: four sons and two daughters! Regarding her antiquing business (ponyshed@comcast.net), she let me know they don't sell antiques and collectibles in "swap meets" but in flea markets, where items are bought and sold.

It's now mid-afternoon, and the current temperature is 73! Send me NEWS, ladies! We miss you and need to hear from all of you!

The Class's Tom Regan Scholarship Fund was approaching \$180,000 as of June 30.

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Deadlines, whirlwind, I've done it again! Last-minute-Louie at the pen! Jam packed late summer. All four grandchildren departed within two weeks, three birthdays, our 57th anniversary which we both forgot, remembrance of 9/11, Zoomed 70th Reunion, and a grim outlook on our beloved country heading into the winter. With the big 90 looming in May, this aging scribe may appear jumbled. I AM!

Two weeks ago, the phone rang, "Hi George." It was Nancy Thompson, **Tony Thompson's** wife! "How are you guys doing!"—"Not well! He passed away last night." Tony never let on that he had a severe pulmonary condition. Without his help and guidance, our 70th would not have been successful. His remembrance celebration took place last weekend. Tony was Stanford's 1955 class secretary. He also ran several of their reunions. Rounding out our team, **Tony, Bob Doran, Dick Kapelson, Bill Duffy, Tony Quainton, Norm Allenby, Locke Rush, Gordon Douglas, and Bob Jackson** and Anne Gates all helped make our 70th memorable.

In Tony's capacity as managing director of communications industry practice at Spencer Stuart, an executive recruiting firm, he numbered among those he advised our classmate **Jerry Lasley**.

We also lost **Robert Beardsley** June 1, and Connie Denault May 22, Abbot's 1951 class secretary and leader, and my prom date.

Just prior to our Zoom reunion in June, we had a half hour dry run rehearsal for committee only. A few minutes into it, Tony made a pop-up appearance sporting his father's 50th Reunion floppy hat bearing the year 1924. Eight members of the Thompson clan are proud Andover alumni.

**Billy Lee's** passion for "Friendship" in his writings describes and defines the meaning of the word, with glowing examples. It took on added meaning for me in October as our daughter Jenny '86 drove Dorothy and me to Yarmouth, Cape Cod, for our last ship's reunion for the Destroyer, the *USS Abbot* (DD-629). 80 people attended the five-day celebration, which included an all-day trip to Nantucket by fast ferry, Friday night's raffle of 21 baskets of cheer and NAVY trinkets, designed and donated by shipmates to raise money to start a scholarship fund, and the Cape Cod seafood/lobster dinner Saturday, with 90 in attendance.

A proclamation was read by the town selectwoman, naming Saturday as "*USS Abbot Day*." Their state representative, 6' 8" ex-Marine and ex-state trooper brought down the tent by leading off his brief speech singing, "From the halls of Montezuma....!" The Chamber of Commerce provided goody bags for all of us.

The depth of the friendships formed at sea and at our reunions every other year run as deep and as strong as the plates in the *Abbot's* hull, forged in Bath, ME, in 1943.

The event was particularly poignant for me as my beloved, departed brother Ken '52, also served with me aboard the *Abbot*.

Another *USS Abbot* alumnus, 94-year-old Dave Dumas was driven to our ship's reunion by his two sons from Michigan. He was serving aboard in Japanese waters as WWII came to an end. The entire reunion was a history lesson. His stories and the twinkle in his eyes earned him, the "Life of the Party Award!"

I was presented with a large framed picture of the *Abbot* at sea with a picture of me as an ensign in my whites that brought a tear. My dad's saying that "friendship is the finest ship that sails" was never more apt.

As is so often the case in my waning years, the memories of one chapter of my life blend and intertwine with the next. While at my Navy reunion, I often thought of earlier days with my brother Ken at Andover. Everything I learned about friendship, loyalty, and service came from my Andover days and imbued my life in the Navy and beyond with meaning and intention. *Non sibi* and *Fini Origine Pendet* have shaped my days for seven decades, something I'm eternally grateful for.

I'm sad to report **Alex de Lahunta's** passing, August 17. He was renowned, and at the top of his profession, as a leading veterinarian in the U.S. and abroad. Alex captained the ski team and was a valued hockey teammate. **John Scheiwe** wrote, "**Hugh Freidmann** and I shared many great moments at Andover House with Alex."

Dick Kapelson reports that he had dinner with Bill Duffy recently and all is well with the Duffys. Kappy delayed his winter getaway to Florida because the weather was great in Andover.

Daughter Jenny continues her work as a writer and storyteller, now focused on sustainability, and informing the world about how technology and artificial intelligence can solve water challenges around the world. We share a passion for the written and spoken word. We often write together and edit one another's work—a great joy matched by my love of watching my son and his family make their way in the world, including my amazing niece Tory '22, and my love unending for my ever-patient wife, Dorothy. Please send me your news and stay in touch.

—**George S.K. Rider**

1952

Reunion

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How do you think we should celebrate our 70th Reunion? Andover has a weekend set aside June 10–12, 2022, and we certainly want to enjoy each other's company at around that time, either on campus, or via Zoom, or in some hybrid gatherings.

You will soon receive a letter from **Hubie Fortmiller, Ed Selig, Joe Wennik**, and your faithful secretary discussing some of the possibilities and asking for your thoughts. If you have any ideas before you receive our letter, send them to me, and I'll pass them along to our Reunion Committee.

The pandemic, our graceful ages, and the simultaneous Yale '56 year-late 65th Reunion add to the challenges of our 70th. For now, please save that June weekend. We will certainly find a good way to share our memories, our stories, and the joy of being together again.

**Paul Jameson** writes, "My three years at PA were enjoyable and very important to the course of my life. I am very grateful to PA and my classmates for helping me to work hard after a few initial academic difficulties, like being unprepared when I started *Latin* 2.



“I’m glad that the students now seem to be even more diverse than they were in the old days. The dress code seems to be gone too, also a good thing.

“I also remember enjoying some self-powered adventures on a few ‘free’ weekends when I pedaled home to Salem on an antique racing bicycle and came back the same way. The bicycle was an Empress bicycle built in 1905. It had bamboo rims with old-fashioned tubular tires glued to them, and a special stem named after Major Taylor, a famous bike racer from Worcester. The Bicycle Exchange in Cambridge sold it to me for \$50. I’m sad that I don’t have that bicycle anymore.”

**Larry McCarthy** (Dr. McCarthy, that is) wrote, from Bainbridge Island, WA, that he will not be able to make the reunion.

**David Slavitt** has written yet another book of poetry entitled *Opus Posthumous* for publication in November 2021, by the LSU Press. It’s David’s 129th!

**Stan Shuman** sent along a warm note on receiving **Jack Abercombie**’s obituary. Stan and I are both pleasantly surprised that 156 of us, graduates and non-graduates, are still alive.

**Robert Keith** wrote to me: “I see that, in addition to the technological changes that I referred to [communication technology, air travel, and medicine], there is another cultural change that I should mention and that was what you might have been referring to with your characterization of ‘simpler times,’ i.e. what I would call the obsessive concern with Frankfurt School, cultural-Marxist, so-called leftist-liberal dogmas. You’re definitely right on your description here on whichever side of the issue one falls. I hope that we can take this up at our reunion next year. I say this because I actually have two classes at PA, because I spent my original senior year (Class of ’51) in Europe, returning to graduate with the Class of ’52. This year none of what I might call ‘current issues’ were a significant topic of conversation. It seemed to be more about who deserved to win the A-E game.”

**Peter McIntyre** writes about the unexpected passing of Rob Morrison, a nephew of **Bob Markert** and a close friend and longtime volunteer associate of Peter’s. Rob had also been serving as Peter’s healthcare proxy.

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There is little to report after so many sporting events since the last Issue of the *Andover* magazine. The U.S. win over Mexico in the World Cup qualifiers was thrilling last night and our DiClementians remembered.

We are no longer moving around with ease the way we used to and the click of a cane can be heard around some of us. On the bright side there is our window on the world and forum for the exchange of ideas and positions offered by the Class of 1954 Virtual Continuing Reunion (VCR), founded and directed all these past 16 years by our most worldly classmate, **Ken Macwilliams**.

If you are not signed up for the VCR I encourage you to contact Ken at [macwilliams@kenmacwilliams.com](mailto:macwilliams@kenmacwilliams.com) and sign up. You will likely find that many classmates you will remember from so many years ago participate in the responses to the many topics Ken presents from his encyclopedic and carefully researched knowledge of travel, culture, and current events fostered by that exchange; and you will learn email addresses for your participating classmates.

In addition to the VCR, at present there are about 30 classmates participating in Ken’s PVCR: Political Virtual Continuing Reunion, which is a lively forum for the exchange of ideas, political opinions, analyses of U.S. Supreme Court cases of monumental significance brought into the arena, and much, much, more.

Sad to report that we have received reports of several deaths since the last Class Notes. So far there has still been only one report or a death from COVID-19 and most of us have been vaccinated and, by the time this is read, received the booster shot.

**Mal Holderness** passed in January of this year. He had a wonderful career in the U.S. Navy and then for many years as a highly-regarded corporate lawyer at the prestigious New York law firm of Millbank, LLP (formerly Millbank, Tweed...). A lifelong New Yorker, he loved Central Park and volunteered as a tour guide with the Central Park Conservancy, sharing his extensive knowledge of the park with tour attendees. He was a lifelong devotee of the arts, an avid hiker, cyclist, and tennis player. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Ann, step-niece, and step-nephews.

**Bobby Zarem** passed at the end of September. He had an extraordinary career and the *New York Times* (9/26/21) had a long obituary for him. After Yale, he spent a short time on Wall Street with the United States Trust Company; served briefly with the Air National Guard; and then took a job with Columbia Artist, and on one assignment he discovered his gift as a publicist. By 1974 he had started his own agency, Zarem, Inc., becoming one of the most successful press agents on the New York scene for many years. As the *Times* reported, his clients included Woody Allen, Cher, Michael Douglas, Dustin Hoffman, Sophia Loren, Jack Nicholson, and many other recognizable folks.

He never married, did not drink, and was survived by no siblings. The *Times* obituary reported that when he was asked what a press agent does he answered, “Nobody knows what a press agent does, and if you’re smart, you keep it that way.”

**Richard Courtney Starratt** died in October 2021. He is remembered as a great athlete, always on the student honor roll, a class leader, and a great citizen—probably the most recognized member of our class. He came to Andover from Milton, just down the road from Andover. He lost his loving wife of 60 years, Ellen, two years ago. He is survived by his daughter Courtney Starratt Zani, and sons Richard W. Starratt and Michael G. Starratt.

Dick served in the Navy for several years and then moved back to Englewood, NJ, where Ellen was from. Dick worked for Morgan Guaranty, now JP Morgan Chase. They moved to Florida in the early 1980s when Dick retired and both obtained Florida real estate licenses. Dick and Ellen traveled the world but always managed to make the Andover reunions.

**Duncan Campbell Smith** died October 14, 2021. He served as a first lieutenant in the Army artillery division after Princeton and then took a law degree from Yale. After a clerkship for an Oregon Supreme Court justice he returned to practice law with a Greenwich, CT, law firm, but moved on to

become deputy general counsel for Chemical Bank in N.Y.C. In 1993 he moved back to Oregon to start a consulting business with a focus for Oregon public schools, helping decrease high school dropout rates and providing training for educators by showing the link between the teaching of math and science and the building trades. He is survived by five children, four siblings, and nine grandchildren.

Please send news of your activities, travels, visits with classmates (physical and electronic)—we know moving around has its limits for many of us these days and not only because of COVID-19.

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Hello from sunny Arizona! Nice to be out and about even though we are all wearing our masks. We have had three weddings this year. Cambridge, MA; Kelowna, British Columbia; and Lancaster, PA. A family gathering for the first time in 12 years. We were 21 in number which included everyone!

**Elizabeth Parker Powell** sent news that she spent a month on Nantucket with six grandchildren and three adult children now in their 50s. Fortunately we have all avoided COVID, had our vaccinations and are staying well. Dave and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary quietly this September and feel fortunate to be healthy and alive even if not moving too briskly. But we do walk and bike regularly. In September I managed to see **Lee Pelton Morrison**. She is in great shape although missing husband Bill, who died in February. November will bring a rendezvous with **Judy McCormack** in Wrentham. No big

travel plans until I attend Babson global advisory board meeting in Miami.

**Jane Walker Tatman** said she and Frank sold their Florida and Indianapolis homes and moved into Hoosier Village Retirement community in Zionsville, IN, where “we are enjoying our independent duplex home. **Carol Gaines Ruckle** and Jim live about four blocks from us and we both are enjoying Tai chi classes here. We recently enjoyed an evening with Linda Jones Matthew ’54 and her husband Jim. Karen Jones Anderson ’57 also lives close by. In July we traveled to my Sweet Briar College 65th reunion via two wonderful overnights with **Sheila Prial Jacobstein** and husband Dick in Knoxville, TN. I’ll continue to work on family history, get vaccinations, and enjoying reconnecting with family and friends.”

A nice note from **Marjorie Orr Stein**. She writes that the excitement for a day was “the arrival of a black bear in our next-door neighbor’s yard. We live right in town and the local wildlife seems to be pretty much at home with people. We have deer in our yard daily and there is a wildcat that’s been seen in the area. We’re a couple blocks from the railroad station so I imagine the next thing we know the animals will be hopping the train to New York. **Carol Kelton Ryland** and Mike were here for lunch in July for the first time since COVID and we had a great time catching up.

**Sydney Henriquez Glover** was invited last year to preview of a major women’s exhibit at Boston’s Museum of Fine Arts that included two surreal paintings by her mother, Doris Lewis. They were hung in a special section near two paintings by Georgia O’Keeffe.

That’s all the news I have for this writing. I hope that all of you have had your vaccinations and have gotten your booster shot. I wish I had heard from more of you.

Please take care of yourselves and those that you love.

Hugs, **Woolvie**

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You know we’re getting on when reporting the passing of a classmate in a news cycle starts with, “Only one.” Disheartened by the recent surge in losses, **Gar Lasater** declared, “This has got to stop!” Maybe the gods heard him, because since **Bill Huxley**’s death in 2020, well before Gar put his boot down, there have been no loses to report.

Responding to saying it’s getting harder to pry upbeat news from classmates, Gar said,

“Members of the Class of 1956 don’t like any bad news about class members.” He followed with his own good news: “Mollie Lupe AA ’56 and Garland Lasater PA ’56 passed our 57th anniversary of marriage a short time ago. We are both healthy and growing slower gradually. This past June we had two grandchildren and one grand-niece graduate from PA. We still have a grandson there as a lower, and one more possible granddaughter as an attendee.”

I had a long, relaxing catch-up talk with **Orrin Hein**. As you would expect, he welcomes what is ahead, and has started by “Simplifying,” staying true to the quote from Rilke he cited in the 50th Reunion book: “My life is not this steeply sloping hour in which you see me hurrying.” He and Debra are healthy, though less on the move because of COVID cautions. I have always admired Orrin’s ability to master without dominance, effortlessly carrying interior harmony into the world around us. Thinking about aging, perhaps he would again quote Rilke: “You are not too old and it is not too late to dive into your interior depths where life calmly gives out its own secret.”

Bill Huxley was an enigmatic figure at Andover. He kept a low profile, joked about his modest academic work, and seemed quite content with his eccentric, ribald reputation. While Bill was daring, his roommate, the late **Robert Irish**, was the opposite, taking “taciturn” to a new level. Together, they mastered a number of rule-benders, including the art of standing in their Paul Revere fireplace to enjoy a late-night smoke. After Andover, Bill tried his hand at engineering at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, but quickly retreated and swapped his slide rule for a hitch in the Navy. After two years practicing assaults on Mediterranean beaches, he shook the sand out of his shoes, and found his way to the University of Pittsburg where he proudly sustained a B average. He became an executive recruiter, a satisfying career that lasted, “start to finish.” He retired in New York City in 1995, devoting his time to community beautification programs and theater. His passion for theater meant that no production—no matter how obscure—escaped his notice. Bill was always blunt about his shortcomings, and never appeared to take it all too seriously. He kept his edge, “start to finish.”

**Robo Robinson** wrote: “So far Libba and I have eluded COVID but with no little effort, luck and Spartan self-discipline. Two months ago we purchased a cottage in Litchfield County, CT (Roxbury), allowing us to be in a rural setting, work remotely three or four a week, and maintain our place in Brooklyn Heights.” They spent two weeks in Paris and



Corsica in the summer of 2021, and plan to go back in the early fall. On aging, Robo says, “Our formula is: “new friends, new locations, new experiences—on the go!”

**Jesse Barbour** and Elaine have been dealing with headwinds, but both are now “on the mend,” and for Jesse, that means getting back to music. “All of my bands have been shut down since early 2020. One has started again, but with 35 of the 100 members out with COVID, I politely refrained from attending. In the meantime, I bought a new bugle, a direct copy of the bugles used at Arlington Cemetery, and am playing “Taps” whenever anyone requests it. I created a solid black uniform with several bugling patches sewn on the shirt. I think it looks pretty sharp when I wear white gloves to top it off.”

One of the wonders of **Tom Woodward’s** multiple careers is the depth to which he takes each part of his work. It doesn’t seem to matter if it’s busking, playwriting, being an Episcopal priest, writing about theology, or what he calls his “third career”: Gonzo Opera. Working with prolific, award-winning composer, Daniel Steven Crafts, they share an ambitious goal: “To develop a new genre of opera to appeal to younger audiences. Our focus is on comedy and satire, encased in melodic and memorable music. I am thrilled to be back in this world.” Music has not displaced Tom’s ongoing study of scripture. Currently, he is delving into the complexity of ancient Greek language, examining possible alternative ways to understand Judas’ betraying kiss. These are Tom’s worlds of wonder.

You will have noticed that my partner, the Other **Phil (Bowers)** is no longer writing our Class Notes. Phil has been fighting a debilitating mystery illness for the past two years, but in spite of countless evaluations and treatments, there has been little improvement. Being forced off the field has been deeply painful for him. Still, he keeps fighting, does his best to stay engaged, and has remained both consultant and dear friend. We are hopeful he will recover, and resume doing the work he loves so much.

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**Elizabeth Horan Edgerly** is selling her house and she and her daughter Hanna are moving to a nearby apartment. Libby enjoys the sociability and location of the apartment house. She’s met many of the residents and the

building is in walking distance of two good bookstores and several food places.

**Valerie Ogden** is publishing her new book, *Saving Apollo*, an uplifting story of war, courage, and hope. The book raves about her deceased husband, Wally Phillips ’57. You may learn more about the book at: [www.savingapolo.com](http://www.savingapolo.com). Congratulations to Valerie for this huge accomplishment!

**Mary “Wiggs” Carter Staniar** and **Louise “Glee” Wooldredge Wieland** often enjoy each other’s company and remain close friends after all these years. Glee plays golf three times a week and enjoys new friends in her retirement home.

**Karen Jones Anderson** lives at Marquette Manor, a retirement home in Indianapolis. Her sister and brother-in-law, Linda and Jim, live there also. Karen enjoys her new friends, the many activities, including playing pickleball twice a week, and the various volunteer opportunities. She visits with Jane Tatman Walker ’56 and her husband on occasion. Karen has recently read letters her mother saved that she wrote home from Abbot all those years ago. Karen hopes to attend our reunion in June and she says “I was indeed blessed with an amazing school, marvelous teachers, excellent preparation for college, and special friends from which developed beautiful, lasting friendships.”

**Elizabeth McGuire Enders** and her husband Anthony spent much of the summer visiting with family members. She writes: “We are optimists and always hope for miracles. We count our blessings and appreciate the miracles all around us. We are grateful for the erring seeds of the oak tree and the swallows dancing in the sky at dusk. So much to be thankful for.”

**Lucinda Sulzbacher Cutler** is living at Essex Meadows, a retirement home in Essex, CT. She spoke of the pleasure of being an Abbot student and her many joyous memories, especially of her singing group and daily and Sunday chapel services. Now, the yearly visits from **Lynne McLaughlin** are very special for Lulu.

**Josephine Cooper Cameron** is comfortable living in Pasadena, CA, in a retirement home. Joy walks three miles a day, enjoys the home’s delicious food, and is a great reader. She’s delighted to have a bookstore nearby and a large library in her retirement home.

**Dinah Hallowell Barlow** writes: “It’s almost Labor Day weekend, when I plan to go back to my beloved Maine, if only for a few days. The draw of the ocean is profound and the seawater gives a jolt to my lungs. September will always seem like the start of a new year to me: returning to school, seeing old friends

again, routine schedule, anticipation of fall. This year I vow to freshen up my routine and introduce new ways of doing things, for instance, exercising several ways, biking places, walking, stopping for a leisurely cup of coffee, talking more often with neighbors, cooking light, dedicated two hours per day to studying, learning the names of trees and flowers. I am connected to two organizations that distribute or make food for the needy. I keep up with Mimi, Glee, Jody, Louisa, and Carol. Carol’s penmanship is exactly the same as it was in 1957! Our last formal reunion is in June 2022. Imagine being ‘home’ again in the School House, Draper, and in McKeen Hall. Please do your best to get back to beautiful New England!”

**Miriam Ganem Reeder’s** focus is on her family. She is grateful that her three sons and their families are well and thriving. She is also taking courses and has a small part in *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*. For pleasure she’s written this haiku:

*This life rushes by,/When I stop to catch my breath/Gratitude console.*

**Paula Slifer Zandstra** enjoyed visiting her older son in Atlanta for a Georgia Tech football game, where her grandson is a sophomore and plays the trombone in the marching band. She goes on to say: “Whoever dreamed when we were at Abbot, that one day we would be writing notes on a computer!”

**Joy Partridge Crisman** lives in Pasadena, CA. She walks three times a day and enjoys reading. She’s pleased that there’s a terrific bookstore—Vroman’s—nearby and that her assisted living home has a large library. In addition, she says “the food is delicious!”

**Anne Gramkow Deane** sadly passed away on July 2. She leaves a son, Robert, and his wife Kim and daughter Cindy, her husband David, and two grandchildren, Michael and Ian. Our thoughts reach out to her family.

Proposed Reunion plans: Mimi Ganem Reeder is representing our class in making plans for our 65th Reunion in June. She’s joining Andover men in planning an Abbot Andover Day with a schedule which will be relevant to us all. This will include an “open to all” on the Abbot campus, including tea with Head of School Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P’24. There will also be group meeting with speakers from both Abbot and Andover discussing topics such as changes we have all experienced since 1957. **Jody Bradley Bush** and **Dinah Hallowell Barlow** are working with Mimi to develop a plan for Abbot ’57.

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Our next class Reunion, our 65th, is just around the corner: June 10–12, 2022, in person, on campus. It’s an especially important reunion because it may be our last as a separate class; after this, we risk being relegated to marching under the banner of Old Guard. So please save the date and plan to be there.

An ad hoc committee has been at work since September, planning events focused on the theme of ‘change’—change at PA and change all around us. The committee is led by **Tom Terry** and includes **John Austin, Alan Blanchard, Bill Cox, Gerrit Keator, Arkie Koehl**, and your faithful scribe; Mimi Ganem Reeder represents the Abbot side. For a last snapshot of the class, we’re mailing you a survey much like the one for our 50th Reunion book.

It’s mid-October as I write this, and we can now poke our heads from the COVID cocoon of the past year. “The last months feel like the last chapter of a novel without a plot,” **Bob Darnton** writes. “While the rest of the world was hit hard by disasters, my wife and I hunkered down in our summer house in Marion, 60 miles south of Boston. I spent the time working on a book and walking the dog, while Susan shopped and fed us. Next week, however, we begin a new chapter: a trip to France, where we usually spend several months a year, living out variations on the same theme: I work on a book (from the archives) and Susan shops and feeds us (from delicious local markets). Does that mean life has returned to normal? No, the country and the surrounding world outside the U.S.A. have changed profoundly, mostly for the worse, and we are all wrapped up in it. We don’t know what is in store.”

Despite the pandemic, **Brian Catlin** continued to teach at the Dartmouth School of Medicine. He’s been at it for 26 years. “I teach first- and second-year students various types of anatomy,” Brian writes. “This is a small, friendly school, so I know all the students and it is a joy to interact with them.” Where there were just two women in his medical school class 60 years ago, they are now the majority of his students. “Medicine has benefitted immensely from this change, becoming more compassionate. The women have made male egotistical behavior look absurd. They are

also, on average, smarter.” COVID forced Brian to move his classes to Zoom, but he’s now back in the classroom.

Down the road from Hanover in Manchester, **Alan Reische** frets about the state of affairs in New Hampshire. “The political climate here has become toxic,” Alan writes, “angry people with no inhibitions and consumed with hatred disrupting public meetings, anti-vax mania boiling over everywhere. We’re dealing ourselves out of that.” Alan and wife Joan are on the verge of pulling up stakes and moving to Boston.

When I mentioned ‘Bois Brule’ in an email, **John Holbrook** shot back: “you said the magic words. I have been fishing the Bois Brule for more than 75 years.” John’s great-grandfather built a lodge on that fabled Wisconsin river. It has remained in the family, and until COVID broke the string, John and a group of friends gathered there at the opening of the trout season for 50 consecutive years. The tradition resumed this year—“a reminder of the value of old friendships,” John says. After PA, John lawyered in Milwaukee, retired as the firm grew “obscenely” large, and moved to Madison, where he works in real estate.

In late September, **Dan Adams**, another classmate hooked on fly fishing, was packing his gear to stalk smallmouth bass on the Tippecanoe River. Along on the float will be ‘ma honie,’ a PhD psychologist. “Most of our guides have relational problems,” Dan explains. “She eventually does counseling as we fish.”

“We weren’t impacted by COVID,” writes **Jim Blackmon**. His consulting work and research went on. But the virus did change his views on country music. There’s not much choice in radio programming in Paint Rock Valley, where he lives, a half hour from Huntsville, AL. “I can only take so much of NPR,” he says, “so I switched to a country much station. I have really learned to like Johnny Cash at, say, Folsom, and of course anything by Dolly Parton.”

I’m sad to report the loss of two more classmates. **Roland Scott** died in June in Stuart, FL. After Harvard and Columbia Law School, he took a job at RCA records, that, he wrote in our 50th Reunion book, was a lot of fun. “I could ride in the elevator with Leontyne Price...or walk into the men’s room and see Flip Wilson talking to Ed McMahon.” Later he moved to St. Croix and became a country lawyer. Tired of hurricanes, he retired to the mainland, first to New Mexico. Before his death, he and his wife Justine relocated to Florida.

From Holbrook I learned that **Tim Ross** had died in 2014. Tim’s family owned a fishing

resort in Hayward, not far from John’s place in Wisconsin. Tim returned to run the business, but things did not go well. John reports that the more he updated it, the less charm it had. After Tim’s death, the property was foreclosed.

See you on campus! – **G**

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On September 18, **Susie Goodwillie** and Adrian Du Plessis married on Westport Island, ME. “The day dawned gloomily, but became sunny, and then sparkling with mist. As the ceremony began a barred owl sang a lovely song high up in the pine tree over us. And so it was in our garden...surrounded by Adrian’s son, nephew and his wife, our officiants and their families, our next door neighbors, children, and dogs...it was huge fun—though not something I’d ever imagined I’d do in my 80th year!”

Hello to everyone from **Connie (Laurence) Brinckerhoff**. “Bob and I are grateful that we have our health, having survived (so far) bouts (each of us) with lymphoma and chemo. We took advantage of feeling well to make a few trips this summer—first to our beloved Martha’s Vineyard, then to Migis Lodge on Sebago Lake in early September, and just recently to the Cliff House in York, ME. All wonderful. We even visited with an old camp pal, who bought the camp in Maine where Bob and I met (I was 11 and he was 13). The camp is long gone, but the memories remain. Meanwhile, we continue to enjoy living at our continuous care retirement community. I am a member of the resident council (elder version of student government) and I write for the local newsletter. We feel lucky. Sounds like many of us are doing well. That is terrific. Best wishes to all.”

“The big news” from **Judy Agor Aydelott** “is that we sold our wonderful home of 43 years



and downsized to a charming little community of 42 homes, all nestled, five or six per roundabout, called Hunt Farm in Waccabuc, NY. My husband Gordon and I are so very fortunate to have good health. We get lots of exercise playing golf—walking and carrying our ‘Sunday’ bags—and tennis, but doubles only. Our singles days are over though the two of us will go out and ‘hit’ for an hour or so. And we spend February and March in LaQuinta, CA, to avoid the winter cold and enjoy more golf and tennis. We both retired from practicing law but remain involved in not-for-profit work for our local hospital, our church, and Gordon’s Rotary Club. Life is very good to and for us! We’re very grateful.”

**Sue Calnan Bates** turned 80 and sends congrats to all of you who are also octogenarians. Sue had lots going on during a family visit to New England. She visited the Andover campus on Family Weekend with her daughter, attended classes, and is “thrilled with the quality of her granddaughter’s teachers. Definitely glad she will be a PA grad this spring.” Sue adds, “In July I had a lovely visit with **Tina (Savell) Treadwell** and her husband David as we headed up to Belfast, ME. And I am in regular communication with Duncan.”

**Ann Morris Stack:** “While I consider Plan B or where I would ideally like to be if I am disabled intellectually or physically, I ebike solo or with a few other women.... Most recently, three women and I took our bikes by car to Columbus, IN, known for superb architecture and an annual exploration of architecture, art, design, and community called Exhibit Columbus. It was a perfect fall day for a bike tour.

“My other adventure was helping bring together Marion County’s prosecuting attorney, who gives young first offenders a membership in the Boys & Girls Club versus an arrest and record, with Rosa Brooks, a law professor at Georgetown University who founded Georgetown’s Innovative Policing Program. Eighty smart, diverse, engaged women attended the conversation, bought every available book, and stayed for conversation. My dream is that Georgetown’s Innovative Policing Program is replicated in Indianapolis. It appears as though our prosecuting attorney, the author, and everyone attending the conversation feels the same way.”

**Elsie Kellogg Morse:** “It was such a relief to be able to return to the Darling Center this summer, so Doug could follow up on his now 17-year project studying the intersecting lives of ferns, fern moth caterpillars, and the wasps that lay their eggs in caterpillars.... However, you didn’t flip back to news from

fellow ’59ers to read about science. Suffice to say life has been interesting and not only because I continue to enjoy walks with friends as well as reading groups and Shakespeare read-alouds on Zoom. My other big news is getting ready for a knee transplant in mid-November, which is proving to be a wonderful (and it must be admitted long overdue) motivator for getting the house in prime order for helper-guests to take over in time for Thanksgiving.”

**Deborah Hayes Gillette** writes: “Sorry, nothing to recount; the only difference from last year being that, alas, there are practically no olives to pick. So I watch the fall season advance, as I sit at an old oak, child’s school desk from Normandy stolen from the ex-wife of my once upon a time husband. A sea of fog has come rolling in and now is just rolling out again. It makes several assaults of a morning on my groves but eventually the sun scatters it. Bits of shredded cotton tossed onto the slowly rusting leaves in the valley. And that, *mes chéries*, is it.”

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Last fall, **Allen Ross** died in Montague, MA, where he had been practicing medicine for many years. Born and raised in Norwich, CT, he prefigured his outstanding record as a PA athlete (co-captain of the wrestling team, an All New England lacrosse goalie, and a member of the varsity football team) with his earlier success as a Little League baseball player and as a sailor on Long Island Sound. At Andover, he had “not been a great academic,” (his words) but he decided to knuckle down in college (Oberlin). Though he took time from his conscientious studying to star in a production of Eugene O’Neill’s *The Hairy Ape*, he still managed to do so well academically that he gained admission to Georgetown University’s School of Medicine.

Allen began his medical career as an infectious disease specialist in New York City and served as chief resident for the emergency room at Lincoln Memorial Hospital in the Bronx. But after a decade or so, he decided that the Big Apple was not for him; he wanted something that more closely resembled the small town where he grew up. So, he resettled with his wife and two children in Montague, where he toiled at a local hospital before eventually joining forces with some other doctors to found the Connecticut River Internists in nearby Turners Falls. He practiced medicine there for the rest of his career, renowned for running behind schedule because he held extra-long conversations with his patients, whom he wanted to get to know well.

Speaking of running, Allen completed the New York Marathon several times, as well as many 10K races. He also helped start two local road races (the Montague Mug Race and the Sawmill River New Year’s Day Run) and regularly participated in the Josh Billings Triathlon in Lenox and the Greenfield Triathlon. As if that weren’t enough, he also finished four General Clinton 70-mile (!) races. When not running, he was paddling his own canoe—competitively.

Allen was a civic-minded activist, serving two terms on Montague’s board of selectmen and spearheading an effort to convert a 19th-century grist mill into a bookstore/restaurant/music emporium/art gallery/pub/cultural-social center: The Montague Bookmill, which *Yankee Magazine* described as “the true definition of a ‘destination’ bookstore” and “one of the most magical places in Massachusetts.” It inspired a bumper sticker often seen in the Bay State: “Books you don’t need in a place you can’t find.”

A committed conservationist, Allen worked hard as a member of the Mount Grace Land Trust board of directors (now headed by his daughter) to protect land along the Connecticut River. He donated a piece of riverbank property to that organization as a canoe launching site.

“What’s so impressive about Allen is the number of different things he was involved in,” recalled a partner in his medical practice; he had “lots of creative energy.”

A devoted father and grandfather, Allen took his family on canoe camping trips, downhill ski trips, and hikes in all kinds of weather. He insisted that there was “no such thing as poor weather, just poor preparation.”

**Al Fox** reports that he and his better half “are walking, reading, talking with nearby friends and family, working in our home offices, acting as lawyer for the 53rd year, playing in five fantasy baseball teams/leagues, and

quietly contemplating life (excepting the fires) in a peaceful southern California near the ocean.”

In September, Al joined other members of the reunion planning committee (host **Bill Brown, Nick Danforth, Allen Ward, Wally Winter**, and your faithful class obituarist) which re-Zoomed the meeting in order to socialize without having to focus on pressing reunion matters.

**Larry Gillis** was kind enough to provide his own obituary, dated 2025. Here are excerpts: “After graduating from Andover and Harvard, he took up his ROTC commission and commanded a military police company in Orleans, France. [His father was chief of police in Revere, MA.] An avid Francophile, he read Victor Hugo’s *Les Miserables* in the original French in its entirety.

“After graduating from Boston University Law School, he practiced briefly in Massachusetts and then moved to seacoast New Hampshire, where he practiced mostly criminal law for over three decades, including stints as Seabrook town prosecutor, Concord city prosecutor, and assistant Strafford County attorney.

“He wrote a number of opinion pieces for newspapers and magazines. An article for the *New York Times Magazine* was later adapted to the stage at the Chelsea Theater in Manhattan. He also led a Sherlock Holmes study group for several years.

“After moving to Florida in 2008, he became an active Libertarian, serving as a director of the Libertarian Party of Florida and as an alternate delegate to the Libertarian National Convention in 2020. At the time of his death, he was an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland Global Campus, teaching online. He began teaching there in 2008. He taught approximately 170 sections of legal studies courses in a 50-year career as an adjunct instructor at seven different college-level institutions.”

In 2021, Pegasus Books published my two latest works, *An American Marriage: The Untold Story of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd* and *The Black Man’s President: Abraham Lincoln, African Americans, and the Pursuit of Racial Equality*. Be sure to buy them. You don’t have to read them, but be sure to buy them! I also abridged my 2,000-page biography of Lincoln to a slender 300,000-word pamphlet.

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**Judy Draper Cottrell** sent this news: “My days begin with Canterbury Cathedral Dean Willis’s ‘garden congregation’ service (love all his animals!), my crossword puzzle, feeding my cat, and birds at the feeders. Have had vaccine shots and flu shot and praying that pandemic continues to wane. Never schedule appointments until afternoon if I can help it. Family centric as always: granddaughters are a senior and sophomore in high school; Patrick starts a sabbatical from professorial duties in January and his wife Erika is a research prof at OHSU doing epidemiological studies. So many blessings to count every day, and blessings to all of you, so-fondly remembered classmates.”

I, **Cally Butler Dow**, can echo so much of Judy’s news: feeding the birds, my favorite being a pair of cardinals; having had my flu shots and a booster; being “family centric” (love that term); having such pride in my children and grandchildren. My oldest grandchild is a freshman at Berkeley; my two granddaughters have followed me in their love for tennis, actually my older son as well, teaching tennis on Cape Cod. And my younger son is thriving as a sports medicine doctor in Vermont. Could one ask for more than to have happy successful kids and grandkids.

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**Denny Gallaudet** writes that **Paul Kalkstein** participated in the “heroic” rescue of the capsized *Mary E* on Friday, July 30, 2021 in Maine. According to the Bath *Times Record*, the elegant 73’ two-masted schooner (1906) was hit by a sudden “knockdown” gust of wind while proceeding upstream on the Kennebec River with 18 crew and passengers—none leaving the dock wearing life jackets.

As a former Andover English teacher, it is not surprising that Paul thought he was witnessing the climatic sinking of the *Pequod* in *Moby Dick*, where all were killed except for Ishmael. Living across the river from the stricken schooner, near the Doubling Point Lighthouse, Paul furiously paddled over in his kayak, thinking, “it was a very scary time, but more than scary, it was sad. It was sad to see a boat that so much love has gone into restoring

it.” But rather than discovering an array of injured and distressed, he found all 18 people bobbing in the water, somehow now with life jackets, smiling, boat flat sideways and waterlogged, waiting for the Coast Guard!

We had a small, but successful Andover Zoom reunion on September 30, 2021, with participants **Dick Durrance**, Paul Kalkstein, **Bill Torbert, Duncan Bremer, Jim Rubin**, myself, and our intrepid organizer and leader **David Kirk**. We mostly talked about the ongoing and uncertain situation in Afghanistan, recently abandoned by the United States, with no CIA, no NSA, or any United States representatives as “eyes and ears” left on the ground. But not quite! As an international rug dealer, **Leslie Stroh** has frequent conversations with Afghanistan rug weavers, so all is not lost, and he promises to keep us updated. Leslie is living in a stone 1821 Federal house in Massachusetts with five working fireplaces. He writes, “I never fit in at Andover though I tried.” Well, he’s now a citizen of the world.

Dick Durrance has out an (almost out) new photographic book, *In the Spirit of Hope*, featuring his own work from Vietnam and the *National Geographic*. Full of rich color photographs, he credits his Andover photography experience for this career beyond skiing.

Recently returned from two years in New Zealand, **Bunky Carter** writes that “perhaps like everyone, for me Andover was a coming of age experience—from an insecure boy to a confident (perhaps a little arrogant!) young man. [Andover] made me feel I could interact with whomever at some level, [and] also showed me [an] ingrained prejudice we all learned as children, something I have been committed to overcoming as I see each layer of it arise in my experience.”

**George Pieczenik** says that he especially enjoyed the *Great Gatsby* and *The Wasteland* at Andover, but that he has now ended up “suing a lot of Andover (graduate) lawyers (along with sitting judges) for his own patent infringements.”

**King Harris** tells me that the Andover motto *non sibi* (“not for self”) has been a guide for his entire life. He has spent close to 25 years in non-profits and government work. King credits this singular “hard to live up to” outlook to Andover assembly speakers, and of all things, daily Chapel. His seemingly simple ideal of *non sibi* is a good guide to live up to, hard as it may be. Is it possible to attain *non sibi* working for private enterprise, perhaps after Adam Smith’s “invisible hand?” Still an open question for me, and for our nation.

**Andrew Cohen** says, “three years of studying Latin at Andover—mostly with Alan Gillingham—had an incredible impact on my



life, leading me to a lifelong career in applied linguistics. Just now as I am reading Robert Harris’ novel *Imperium* (about Cicero’s life), I am working on my 13th language, Chinese, which I have been studying for 12 years.” (!) Who’s going to test him on all 13?

Not out to be outdone, **David Kellogg** fondly recalls reading Greek classical literature (with instructor Alston Chase) for four years at Andover! Does anybody do that anymore? Are we all now missing benefits of a classical education? (And David also thanks Dick Durrance for hosting the entire Andover ski team out in Aspen, winter of ’61!)

**Alan Tartakoff** recalls Andover “for its especially engaged teachers with high expectations—Hamond, Gierasch, Schneider, Epperson, and Lohnes. I remember the seemingly limitless opportunities (at Andover) for plays, concerts, athletics, the arboretum, and an art museum all our own.”

For all this spirit of optimism, Alan continues about the “unfortunate evidence of dominance relation among students.” He is now a “biologist professor/husband/semi-European, and violinist, alarmed by the state of humanity.”

I’ve gone to extraordinary lengths to find **Pat Westfeldt** (an unexpected friend and role model for me), including real estate title searches, business records with the Colorado secretary of state, writing his brother, Weems, now unavailable somewhere in the far reaches of Europe. No other family members. Dick Durrance, a roommate of Pat’s at Andover, has heard that Pat may have some challenging health issues. But I don’t accept that. For me, Pat is on a two-masted schooner in the South Pacific, singing the ballad of “High Noon” with the “8’n1,” alongside **Mike Rosati** and Duncan Bremmer. Pat, if you’re reading this, let us know where you are.

Lastly, **David Kirk** says in a phone call that “Andover was the beginning of an exciting and depressing life.” But before he could explain such a cryptic remark, he rushed off to a card game. I meant to follow up the next day on this “mystery,” but on second thought, no, some mysteries are just better left as mysteries.

1962 Reunion

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There has been some good news from **Anne Ripley** and some tragic news from **Jennifer Hesketh Aviles**.

Our deepest sympathies to Jennifer Hesketh Aviles, who lost her daughter in October 2021. Jennifer wrote the following:

“So, yes, say her name, Heather Thompson. Our beloved daughter passed away peacefully after an unbelievably difficult two weeks during which she fought a serious infection and pneumonia and more than 30 years of an entrenched eating disorder and co-occurring illnesses. She is in such a better place now with God and among the angels. “The soul would have no rainbow if the eyes had no tears.... Deep inside grief is the love that gave it birth.”—Attributed to Native American wisdom.”

I received a wonderfully happy and refreshing note from Anne Ripley to share with all of you.

Anne Ripley writes: “On March 12, 2020, when COVID closed down the world, I was hosting a senior high school student from China for her spring break, which in her case was going to include singing at Carnegie Hall. The excitement of the impending concert distracted us from COVID warnings. Cancelled on March 13, she was frantic to find a flight home. None in Boston (three cancelled at the last minute), none in N.Y.C., Pennsylvania, D.C. One remained in Chicago and we grabbed it. A man I’d met on Silver Singles agreed that we could stay with him until the flight, which was cancelled two hours after we arrived from a harrowing 17-hour drive through COVID fear. Five and a half months and 15 cancelled flights later she finally arrived home in Beijing. In the interim she suffered a rapid and major mental health decline, having been ripped from everyone and every place she’d known in the U.S. By then Roy Frack and I had fallen irretrievably into deep friendship and love because of forced proximity, the unexpectedly difficult pseudo-parenting role, and remarkable compatibility.

“In September 2020, I moved to Chicago to live with Roy. It’s been a year now. Comfort and joy have permeated our lives. We bought a tiny teardrop trailer and have been camping and visiting all across the country, taking leisurely back roads, hiking, finding view spots, cooking gourmet meals on our two-burner propane stove, and finding a lot of pleasure in seeing the country and meeting a few people at campsites or visiting friends at their homes. Since April 2021, we have traveled nearly 10K miles. Sounds like a lot, but when it’s refreshing and fun the mileage disappears. In late August our ‘COVID daughter’ returned from China and we took her to college—a renewed and confident version of her former self. She

seems to have settled in beautifully as a much wiser young woman.

“There were two points of unexpected interest in her recovery. She told us that when she found a therapist in China she was suddenly able to talk about important issues which were locked in Mandarin and inexpressible in English. That helped her immensely. It made me think about immigrants anywhere having trauma locked in their home languages.

“The other interesting point was that she’d felt unable to ask for help because people might then stereotype all Chinese as weak. She carried the burden of her culture’s reputation on her shoulders, a heavy burden for a teenager far away from home and family. “My 30-year-old son, a new Yale MBA grad, found a great job offer—in Chicago!! I couldn’t be happier.

“If any of my alumnae-mates live in the Chicago area and would be willing to reach out as far as La Grange, I’d really like to find an interesting and enriching friendship group here. While I don’t wish to be anywhere else, I do miss the convenience of the good friends nearby in Lexington.

“As we draw closer to our 80s I wish you ALL health, love, and bright minds.”—Anne Ripley and Roy Frack, 533 S. Spring Ave, La Grange, IL 60525, anne.a.ripley@gmail.com.

For me (**Kathrin**), I am deeply in love with my new grandson. He has refreshed our world. This is the best stage of life so far!

Hope all of you are safe and well. Please send me your news.

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What better way to begin a report of class news than to bring you some media developments?

Gifted documentary maker **Charlie Stuart** says, “I just finished my swan song...my last documentary...this one about immigration as seen through the eyes of an extraordinary African American woman who came to the U.S. with her family and settled in the whitest state in America (Maine). My first film was for PBS in 1973 and it gave a voice to returning Vietnam veterans who shared their experiences of going to war. This doesn’t mean I’m retiring. I’m just moving to pro bono work for various nonprofits. Short videos and some television programs about conservation, but no more long form documentaries. What fun it’s been.”

On the eve of the new documentary—his 61st—being shown at the Boston Film Festival, Charlie reported that he hopes it will eventually air on PBS.

**Jorge Gonzalez** writes that he has launched a new radio program called *Reflections* on Allegro FM 91.3 (radio station WIPR) that you can tune in on the internet. “It airs weekly on Thursdays at 6 p.m. and is repeated on Friday at 8 a.m. I reflect on diverse topics weaving past and present experiences with our wellbeing in mind. The Andover experience, both past and present, will from time to time come into play. Would love to receive any comments and suggestions.”

Sports news: **Bill Gardner** won a kayak competition for ages 75–79 at the U.S. Canoe Association national championships in Pennsylvania. “I had a nasty adventure in some rapids, so was definitely counting my blessings!”

**Bill Mann** reports, “Sis and I joined close friends to take a four-day bike trip in the San Juan Islands in Washington. First ever vacation trip which involved exertion at that level. The rides, while not all that long (the longest was 32 miles), had significant vertical to tackle—1,700 ft. on one of them.”

**Dinny Adams**, who was on varsity tennis at school, tells me he was at the U.S. Open and saw the Djokovic-Zverev five-set semi-final.

Guys on the move. **Jordan Budd** traveled to Europe. Someday the logistics colored by COVID will seem very dated. Sample from his early-fall dispatch: “In Switzerland and Austria we must show our CDC vaccination proof to be admitted to a hotel, restaurant, or train. Anti-vaxxers exist, mostly right-wingers, I am informed, but are admitted only by showing a PCR test that is no older than 48 hours.”

**Emerson Wickwire**, who waxes lyrical about life in Boca Grande, FL, took a summer trip to a ranch in Wyoming to show an 8-year-old grandchild the wide-open West. He was planning to head to Europe in October. As he put it, “In Europe, our apartment is in Florence, where I will be picking up my art supplies and later heading to Malaga to board our ship for a very slow trip back to the Caribbean.”

**Dave Bonnett**, readying for cataract surgery, was then going to go on a Carnival cruise in the Bahamas.

More COVID echoes.... **Tom Israel** spent the summer on Martha’s Vineyard, then switched to Northern Westchester, NY, and, having had a third Moderna shot, was hoping it would pave the way for a return to the city. “I can’t wait to get back to the office,” he said.

**Tim Carter** reported, “Last year was full of stress, sadness, and hope. Family vaccinated,

nobody sick. Lots of new smoldering illnesses and inconvenient disabilities, but I can still play cello, albeit from behind a mask. I plan to do Tuscany in October and Seville in January, politics and COVID willing.”

And this from University of Florida Professor **Vic Peppard**: “With no vaccination or masking mandates, I am teaching at USF online again this fall. In other, normal states, everyone has to be vaccinated at universities. I wanted to visit New England last summer but friends and relties were reluctant to receive me since Florida is well known for being a super spreader state that leads in all the wrong indicators.”

Bummer. But here’s some bright news from **John Reid**. “I’ve been learning 21st-century techniques of infant care as we’ve had three more granddaughters born this year, raising our grandchildren total to 13.”

As for your humble correspondent, after retiring years ago as *Providence Journal* political columnist, I began dabbling as an informal, unpaid adviser to candidates here. I became very involved in a special 2021 state senate election and agreed as far back as September to start helping a 2022 candidate for governor. Races like that start very early in Rhode Island and can seem endless as pols line up consultants and contributors and hit festivals, parades, and so on. A former governor once told me: “You know it’s a long campaign when you find yourself going to annual events twice.”

Finally, here’s a shout out to **Mike Davey**, chairman, and his hardworking committee that put so much effort into planning the ambitious New Mexico reunion originally slated for October 2020, postponed by COVID to 2021 and then again to October 2023. As local host, **Sam Keith** also deserves special mention. In the meantime, our 60th Reunion is scheduled for campus this June 10–12. Hope to see you!

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**Betsy Cadbury** wrote: “Like everyone else, Art and I have been isolating most of the time, despite being fully vaccinated. We are careful and shop (fully masked!) only every couple of weeks for groceries. We have finally been able to have family dinners with Art’s kids who live fairly close by and are vaccinated.

But the big wonderful news was that we were able to spend five perfect days in the Eastern Townships of Quebec with my daughter and granddaughter, now 6 (she was 4 when we last saw her). We hiked and swam, ate lobster, and had lots of wonderful hugs and early morning wake-ups: ‘Grand Mommy! (Poke, poke, poke). Are you awake? May I climb into bed with you?’”

**Anita Zednik** said: “We finally bit the bullet and flew to Brussels in August to see son, Rick, and his family, after nearly two years. After Brussels, we took granddaughter, Leah (15), with us to Berlin for a week, then on to travel around northern Germany. The Germans seem extremely organized COVID-wise, with test sites every block or two and N95 masks required everywhere.”

**Susan Vollmer** mentioned that she and her husband John have now canceled two trips to the coast of Croatia, Venice, and Athens. They will try again in August 2022. “Meanwhile,” she says, “we have gone nowhere. We have been playing duplicate bridge, and I stay busy with my water-coloring, playing the piano, Pilates, teaching cooking classes, and reading for two book clubs.”

**Muriel DeStaffany Karr** happily reports that it has been over a year since her original breast cancer diagnosis. It was caught early and treated by lumpectomy and radiation. Muriel says “everyone keep up with your mammograms!” Muriel has had three COVID shots and remains mostly a hermit. “Zoom has brought me great classes with Caroline Myss, Julia Cameron, Janet Fitch, and Andover’s wonderful Lou Bernieri, to name but a few.”

**Lorna Fisher Vanparys** writes that despite the pandemic, politics, and COVID confinement, she loves living in Southern France. She spends her time between her studio, her books, long phone calls with friends and family, and her luxurious garden. “Recently, I did 16 drawings to interpret the inherent emotional trauma that people were enduring around the world. They were bought by an American in New York and will go into a poetry book now being published. I made four rules for myself during the lockdown: 1. exercise every day, 2. dance every day, 3. sing every day, 4. take a shower every day (this one was the most difficult!).”

**Margie Kimball**: “After a hot wet summer, it is clear that I prefer cold, which makes the winter less daunting. I have been grieving the loss of Cynthia and realize that it takes time. The pandemic has actually been a timely backdrop for this past year of breast cancer. In June of 2020, I found a lump, then a lumpectomy, chemo, and radiation. 2021 is the year of recovery. Slowly my energy is coming back.



I am grateful for the beauty of Maine, the love and support of family and friends, and my dear dog Toby and cat, Bella. I try to keep my balance and let my light shine!”

**Carrie Holcomb Damp** emailed that, “this Abbot Rabbit has been stuck in her warren for a long time with hardly a scamper out and about. My summer gardens were lush and colorful, and my tennis game improved. The call to travel is deafeningly loud as I anxiously wait to return to Koshidekha, Nepal.”

**Sharon Seeche Rich** is happy to say that her family has survived round one of COVID. She and her husband are planning a major redo of their kitchen and they bought a new apartment in Boston at the Heritage, right across from the Public Garden.

**Barbara Rugen** wrote that during the summer, she and her husband had a very moving family reunion with her cousins on Cape Cod after a 20-year hiatus. She is also taking lessons to improve her mediocre pickleball skills, and continues to study Spanish. She recently confused her tutor when she tried to say, “our cat likes to sleep on the covers, but actually said she likes to sleep on the silverware (cubierta vs. cubiertos).” Also, Barbara bought an oil painting form Lorna Fisher Vanparys. She says “I love her warmth and vibrant colors.”

**Margie Brown Coakley** said they have stayed close to home except for a summer trip to New Hampshire that included a stop at Clark University in Worcester, MA, where they donated to the archives approximately 2800 bookplates collected by her aunt who had been a librarian there in the 1900s.

**Danica Miller Eskind** wrote: “With the increase in COVID infections I’ve cut back on movie and event attendance, but still plan on making a cross-country trip to Oregon this fall. I’m looking forward to spending time with **Cheryl Krippendorf Kolbe** in Portland as well as my brother, nieces, and nephews in Eugene. Meanwhile my days consist of working on some digital imaging projects, writing an online ‘memoir’ with photos and reminiscences (I’ve made it as far as fall 1959—the beginning of my Abbot years), and finally getting around to that dreaded job of cleaning out files and boxes. Making slow progress on all fronts.”

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I am writing this in October. The Delta variant, although apparently waning, is still very much with us. Hopefully by the time this

reaches you, we will all be boosted and moving towards normality.

**Norman Hill** sent me a copy of *Keeping Each Other Alive*, his recently published memoir of his 1970–71 combat tour in Vietnam. Lt. Hill served first as a forward observer then as an aerial observer directing artillery fire in the north of the country. The book left me speechless. The things Norm saw, did, and experienced, especially when assigned to an infantry company in the field, are hard to imagine yet totally real. Norm describes several incidents reflecting the willingness of higher-ranking company or field grade officers to exaggerate wildly or flat out lie, an aspect of the war I did not fully appreciate. The matter-of-fact reporting style in the book added immensely to the intensity of the epilogue in which the toll the war took became evident. The book is available both on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.

**Lou Wiley** writes to applaud our classmate **W.M. Hunt** for his donation of 46 photographs from his extensive collection to the Addison. Lou reports that an event was held August 20 in the gallery’s learning center, where 15 friends of Bill gathered to honor him and view the works. Bill was in excellent form as he talked about his lifelong journey as a collector. Curious classmates can go to the Addison website to see the works that Bill has donated. Lou advises: search the collection/object search/—then only Hunt in the donor line.

I had a call in August from **Andrew Kresch**. Andrew, using the experience he had drawn from a career in public relations, made several intriguing suggestions related to both keeping classmates informed and fund raising. One of his suggestions was that a necrology of classmates be made available. There was such an *In Memoriam* listing in the Reunion Book that was circulated in 2013. I have compiled a list from that date forward that I hope is accurate. I will be happy to send both the *In Memoriam* list and my compilation to anyone who asks for it.

**Richard Mudge** and **David Bowen** responded to my inquiry about who is still working and who has retired. Dick wrote: “Work is fun and from time to time I think I am doing something useful. If I define my work very broadly, then I am still doing the same thing—economics, finance, policy, and deployment of public works infrastructure. In fact, what I do now has changed a bit. I am focused on deployment rather than writing consulting reports. In particular, I am working to deploy autonomous vehicles, with a current focus on automated buses. I might be able to offer a ride to classmates who wander by Maryland near D.C.”

David replied to the inquiry: “I worked as an analytical chemist (about 28 years), then as an information manager (about 28 years), and am now volunteering in information science, and mostly retired. Increasingly working with Extinction Rebellion and GreenPeace to move towards solutions for the climate crisis. Also spending time with family.” In response to my comment about the Sisyphean nature of my golf game, David simply stated: “Have never played golf.”

**Carl Teusch** wrote to advise that as of mid-August his wife Chizuko and he had avoided COVID but that they remain cautious.

Carl also passed along news of the loss of another classmate, news that I find so often and so sadly becomes the coda of these columns. **Tadataka “Tachi” Yamada** died of an apparent heart attack in August. An industry publication described Tachi simply: a “physician-scientist-biopharma industry leader.” Those five words summarize, but do not do justice to, his remarkable career as an academic physician, as a research and development leader, as a key member of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and as a bio-pharma executive. I had a delightful talk with Tachi at our 50th. We were discussing the change in global communication from our time at Andover until the present. We marveled at how our children, scattered around the country and the globe, could call us effortlessly. Tachi recounted how he had spoken to his parents in Japan only twice during his three years at the Academy. His second call was made when Dean Benedict summoned Tachi to his office and instructed Tachi right there, on the Academy’s dime, to call his parents. Tachi made the call in October 1962; the Cuban missile crisis was at its height.

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**Gwyneth Walker** has mostly stayed close to home, protecting her good health, and enjoying music, friends, and summer outdoor sports. In lieu of taking the many travels she has enjoyed in years past, she is now developing her skills at making video greetings. She says “hello” to music ensembles across the country, explaining the new compositions, without ever leaving her studio! Now she wonders how she ever managed so much in-person travel! But she knows that she will enjoy resuming “live” visits with friends, perhaps in the coming months.

In July, **Kit Jones Prager** and her husband Allan went to Mt. Rushmore, Custer State Park, a mammoth site, and Badlands National Park in South Dakota, and Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Medora Musical in North Dakota. Driving back to Rapid City, they drove to the Center of the Nation (including Hawaii and Alaska) in Belle Fourche, SD, and then to Devil’s Tower National Monument in Wyoming. Fabulous trip!

Over Labor Day Weekend, they went to Texas to see their son Mark and his wife (of a year), Jessica. In April they bought a new six-bedroom house in Keller, which is a 20-minute drive from DFW and close to Fort Worth. Both are working permanently from home, so each has converted a bedroom into a nicely furnished office. While she is happy for them, she does miss the proximity they had when they lived in Oakland. Over the long weekend they visited Fort Worth’s Kimbell Art Museum, Stockyards, and Water Garden, and attended the Stanford–Kansas State game in Arlington Stadium where the Dallas Cowboys play.

In October, Kit and Allan are headed to Carbondale, CO, for five days to visit friends they have known since 1968. They sent pictures and it looks as if their timing is perfect for a golden aspen splendor. They’re flying into Aspen since the drive from Denver is a long one.

To celebrate her 75th birthday in November, Kit is taking the family to Maui over Thanksgiving. Based on friends’ recommendations, they are staying at the Napili Kai. Her daughter Alice set up a chauffeured vehicle to take them along the Hana Road, and they got entry reservations to drive up Haleakala for sunrise (they did this in 1984 and Alice recalls being annoyed at getting up so early, but now realizes how spectacular it was, so she wants her children to experience it). Kit hopes that both of her grandchildren will be vaccinated before they travel to Hawaii.

Alice wants to introduce Mara and Cord to N.Y.C., so we are headed there the week before Christmas. The tree and skating rink at Rockefeller Center are high on their list. N.Y.C. is so pretty at Christmas time. Allan and Kit were married at St Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church on Park Avenue, so they will be sure to take the kids there. Kit and Allan are definitely making up for lost travel time!

**Gretchen Overbagh Lord** has been busy as treasurer of her board of directors (taxes, budgets, bills, etc.). They held church services outdoors from May to Sept. 12. They are back

indoors with a few glitches and some folks opting to continue watching online. Many of her altar guild team had resigned during COVID, so she is spending a lot of time filling in. She was re-elected treasurer for their cooperative board at Aquila Commons. (“I am not sure what I was thinking when I said yes.”) She has done no traveling since July 2019, and is looking forward to doing so next year.

**Joan Harney Wiles** relates that pandemic time has allowed her to write her autobiography (for family), continue decluttering her house, take some road trips, hike with friends and a hiking group, and read more books. Her son Christopher is a third-year resident at UConn in anesthesia and very much likes his program. All is well, and she does feel fortunate.

**Allis Brooks Hanley** had the privilege of having a delightful dinner with **Lucy Bingham** and her husband Jim at the Talcott House in Westbrook, CT. (Have you read the book?) Lucy’s big news, in part, comes from the real pleasure of having one of Jim’s daughters, Sara, stay with them for five months. (Her Broadway marketing firm had gone dark during COVID.) The rewards of her stay were two-fold. First, and most important, she has a new best friend. Second, Sara designed a colorful and easy to navigate website for Lucy: [LucetiaBingham.com](https://www.lucetiaBingham.com). Just in time to help launch her newest novel, *Beyond Absolute Love!* You can find it on the website or Amazon. Also, in other news, there are still spots open for the trip Lucy’s leading next April to Machu Picchu. (CTAudubonEcoTravel) She would love to have fellow alumnae join them!

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The expectation that vaccines would return us to our pre-COVID normal was as unrealistic as it was short-lived. In our new normal, connecting to Andover classmates is still important, just more likely to be via the internet.

Last July, **Jim Lockhart** inquired, “Do you have **John Axelrod**’s contact info? I am chairing Greenwich’s art and science museum and want to touch base with him.”

After connecting him to John, Jim followed up, “I am in my second year chairing the board of Greenwich’s Bruce Museum. Next year we will complete a major expansion, which will double our size. I had a couple of great conversations with John, ’64’s famous art collector. He was very helpful.

“I am in the process of working with an editor on my much-promised book, *Underwater*, chronicling my government career on a submarine and with “underwater” government agencies—PBGC, Social Security, and the regulator/conservator of Fannie and Freddie. Yes, Andover is in it too.

“As all five grandkids (3–9-years-old) are in Greenwich, they are keeping us happily busy, as well. They love the ever-expanding treehouse I built. My wife Cricket decided that they should call me Juice although the youngest prefers ‘Juicie.’”

From **Peter Smith**, “Hello from Santa Fe! I have been whiling away the pandemic with remote work (University of Maryland Global Campus) and another book: *Stories From the Education Underground: The New Frontier for Learning and Work*. (Kendall Hunt, 2021). **Tom Seligman** and **Randy Hobler** gave great counsel as I finished it. Classmates, colleagues, and friends, still, 57 years later!”

As a clue to how **John Gage** has been spending his COVID-induced solitude, he posed, “[Here’s] a math problem I came upon in a fascinating math history book: Divide 10 into two numbers (that add up to 10) whose product is 40. I have a feeling it can be looked up on the internet, which I haven’t done, but which would spoil the fun. Needless to say, I didn’t know the answer, but when you see the answer, it just increases your fascination with the problem.” The improbable solution and the “delightful” biography of the 16th-century Italian mathematician Girolamo Cardano, who devised the problem, both provided by John, are found in our online Archive at <https://goo.gl/Cf6w6f>.

John closed with a lighter reading recommendation, “Have you read *The Book of Eels?* It is a masterpiece. The audiobook is the way to go.”

Just four days before these Class Notes were due, along came this blast from my PA past, “I have fond memories of our time together as roommates, although I wish you had more aggressively extolled the benefits of self-discipline and good study habits which you so elegantly demonstrated and which I so vehemently eschewed!” I was thus reunited by email after 59 years with Alex Barber ’65, the other half of our lower year double in Bishop South, a matchup of incoming Midwesterners. Alex had a leg up on me with diving skills that placed him on the JV swim team.

“My memories of Andover are bittersweet. I loved the friendships I had and the fun times I had outside of the classroom. But I regret that my rampant immaturity led to ‘getting the boot.’ I remember a saying that Andover



gives you enough rope to hang yourself,’ and I happily obliged!”

After leaving Andover halfway through his second upper year, Alex graduated from University Colorado Boulder where he met and married Marcia, “...by far my most significant accomplishment, my beautiful, extraordinary, and tolerant wife of 52 years. Had I graduated from Andover, I might not have attended UC Boulder and would not have had this wonderful life for which I am so grateful.”

After 36 years in sales management with Xerox and Panasonic in the Denver area, 15 years ago Alex started a boutique national physician recruitment business which he runs part time from his home. “This work is a perfect fit for what I love and know how to do, is still satisfying, and I have no plans to retire.

“[We] did not have children and have gotten our ‘kid fix’ from many nieces and nephews, their offspring, and even a new great-great niece. Instead, we’ve embraced quadrupeds, horses, Labrador retrievers, and cats through the years. We love Boulder and live in the foothills west of town, bordered by national forest, so Marcia has been able to ride out on horseback from our front door.”

Any classmate wanting to reconnect with Alex may contact your scribe for his email.

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Once we wrote of weddings, babies, career moves. Now we write of travel, health, downsizing, grieving, and grandchildren:

**Kathy (Abler) Harvey** and her husband Julian live in Chicago but have a house in Antibes, France. She tells of art galleries and exhibitions, gala events around the Cannes film festival, a market filled with glorious produce, meats and fish, and restaurants serving (what else?) French cuisine, as well as complex home renovations and plagues of termites and snails. Less glamorously, she reports two cataract surgeries with excellent outcomes.

Technology prevented **Ginger (Bertsche) Jones** from joining the virtual reunion; instead she took out old yearbooks and looked at old photos. She says, “They brought back memories of: sitting in our dorm window looking at couples walking the circle on Sundays with Robyn, Anne, and Becky; the festivals on the circle with booths and games,” and especially, as a Georgia girl, the snow festivals.

**Melanie Davis** enjoys golf almost as much as she enjoys her grandchildren. In September she took a dream trip with her niece, visiting the Badlands, Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, Lake Tahoe, and Yosemite. Her former husband and good friend Jim Smith died recently, and she mourns him.

**Betsy (Giblin) Jones**, lost her husband of 45 years in 2018, and says, “These last three years have been a slow transition to finding meaning as a single woman. A bit like adjusting to retirement, it has taken time to decide what I want to do...I was the more social of the two of us, but Tony was the deeper thinker, a man who loved getting to the nitty gritty with people. I feel his loss profoundly, but I also live fully, joyfully, aware of what a great gift it is to wake up every morning.” She says friends, faith, and family, including four daughters and six grandchildren, keep her going, and she is delighted to be 74.

**Sue (Harney) Lathrop** weathered the pandemic with exercise, cooking, and friends. Now vaccinated, she’s volunteering at Scott Arboretum of Swarthmore. A visit from her sister prevented her from seeing more than a bit of the Zoom Reunion. She is working on decluttering, and loves the feeling!

**Allison “Sunny” Morrill** got in just before the deadline with 940 words, including a timeline since 1965 and fascinating accounts of many of her activities. I only had 135 words left of the 900-word limit and have decided I will share it in chunks. It is a rich treasure trove, and will be particularly useful when, as I expect, hardly anyone responds to future pleas for material. I believe you all felt sorry for me and shared generously as a way to encourage me to continue in this role. I am notifying her of my plan, but not seeking permission; this is a POWERFUL position.

**Lee (Mock) Ryan**, who lives in Naples, FL, now relocates for the six hot months to suburban D.C. in Virginia.

**Marjorie Power** says, “Having moved to live near our son and his family in Rochester, N.Y. in July 2020, Max and I are beginning to feel more settled here. We are enjoying the beauty of our surroundings and look forward to more exploring. Budding friendships help a lot even if the pandemic hasn’t ebbed yet. My writing is on a roll. I liked the ‘Together Again’ Zoom call for AA’65 last June and hope for a follow-up. And I hope all of you are staying well!” [Ed. Note: I love Marjorie’s poetry. Her latest book, *Sufficient Emptiness*, is previewed at her website, marjoriepowerpoet.com]

**Martha “Tunket” Spaulding’s** life partner is now in memory care, and she is downsizing to a two-family house, shared with her daughter and son-in-law. She has returned from

part- to full-time work as an articles editor at the *Harvard Business Review*, and says she still gets plenty of free time because working from home is much faster.

After living in Omaha, NE, for decades, **Kathy (Stover) Holian** is moving soon to Brooksby Village, a retirement community in Peabody, MA. She will be close to a son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, and have an easy flight to visit her other son and his family in San Francisco—easier than flying from Omaha. She says, “I must admit I’m in the middle of ‘why am I doing this?’ by downsizing and getting rid of almost two-thirds of my possessions, but once the move is done and over, I know I’ll be glad I did it and look forward to seeing more of you in the near future!”

As for me, with our granddaughter away at college we relish our empty nest. My second novel, *Seeing the Edge*, comes out next fall. I’m submitting a third, *The Year of the Child*, to publishers, and happily working on a fourth. We often visit Joe’s daughter in New Orleans; she has a 5-year-old daughter and another arriving any day. My oldest brother died suddenly in August, leaving me an only child. It feels lonely, though I still have two beloved sisters-in-law, seven nieces and nephews and their families, and Joe’s large family in South Florida.

I really appreciate the generous response supporting my first reporting venture. I hope to hear from more of you, and pledge to noodge mightily when the time comes.

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At the invitation of widow Paula Longendyke, a small group of self-described “regular guys” gathered in lower Manhattan October 2 at New York’s Film Forum to join 200 or so other friends, family, and colleagues of **Kevin Rafferty** for a final good-bye to our classmate and legendary filmmaker. Kevin’s talent and legacy had been recognized and recalled in a number of publications—most noteworthy, the *New York Times*—in the immediate aftermath of his death 15 months ago. But until this fall, no memorial celebration had been scheduled. In one of the Film Forum’s celebrated screening rooms, that gap was closed. Combining live speakers—among them **Dan Warren**—with filmed testimonials (filmmaker Michael Moore, brother Pierce Rafferty) and film clips and stills from his life and work, Kevin came alive once again.

The PA regular guys in attendance—**Ben Jerman**, Jack McLean ’66, **Joe Magruder**, **Ted McLean**, **Doug Pirnie**, **Herb Ogden**, **Randy Evans**, **Jon Mills**, Warren, and myself—were represented well on the podium by Dan. “Kevin stoked the fires of hundreds of conversations,” Dan recalled, “on fishing trips, at a bar, and in traveling 23,000 miles filming *Regular Guys*, his film about our school.

“*Regular Guys* is *Catcher in the Rye* on film,” Dan continued. “Kevin allowed us to tell each other what counts. Kevin listened to what we said. And he held our silences. We came to trust and love each other more through him. He gave us a new life.”

Kevin’s impact was arguably greatest on Michael Moore, Moore himself said. “*Atomic Cafe* was like nothing I’d ever seen,” the filmmaker commented on video. “People were laughing at something deadly serious. Kevin changed my life. People like him don’t die. They live on in their influence.”

The gathering in New York generated a lot of conversation about where the idea for *Regular Guys* originated. As with most anecdotes associated with Kevin, there seem to be more than one version. Here’s what surfaced at the reception after the memorial, according to Randy Evans: “Jack McLean related how he and Kevin got re-connected after *Loon* (Jack’s Vietnam War memoir) and 29-29 (Kevin’s Harvard-Yale football documentary) were both released. Evidently Kevin considered doing a documentary about Jack’s platoon as depicted in *Loon* and asked Jack for some time to consider the idea. After a few months, Kevin said he didn’t think he’d like to do that movie but was getting much more interested in the beginning of the book, the dysfunctional time at PA which we now know as *Regular Guys*.”

Doug Pirnie, a day or two later, offered this take: “I recall discussing 29-29 with Kevin during one of our evenings, and suggesting that his interview technique might make an interesting film if used on PA’65 classmates. I don’t think Kevin had any idea what the result would be, but like any great artist, he took the raw material he accumulated and created a fascinating masterpiece.”

It’s probably safe to say both Doug and Jack contributed to the film’s genesis. But Kevin may have the last word in the movie’s credits. He gives special thanks to Doug Pirnie.

Bits And Pieces: A few of you have checked in since I last wrote in July, and passed along various pieces of news that show we’re alive and kicking (cautiously)...**Peter Gangsei**, self-described as “old hippie, conscientious objector and living on 80 acres back in the woods,” reacted to **Eugen Indjic’s** reunion

performance by writing, “I was lucky my lower year to live on the second floor of Abbott House, in the back. And when I got done with tennis early I could go back and listen to Eugen as the music room was right behind. Still have NPR on right now and have called in a couple of times to hear something from him.”

Responding to the July reunion write-up, **Jim Grew** emailed, “I still recall how surprised I was by Kevin’s visit for his movie although, frankly, I don’t even remember if our interview was included or when it took place.” **Franz Schneider** should be back on dry land after a September at sea lecturing on the posh Crystal Symphony cruise ship. This after a summer teaching law and psychology at Harvard’s summer school...on Zoom to 95 students. Franz calls that assignment a “pain in the neck.”

**David Waud** checked in with a brief report that he was “still reveling in the fantastic experience I had this summer 12,500 feet deep at the Titanic site. I saw the debris field and the stern section, but not the bow which was disappointing.” After traveling to the hallowed grounds of the Longwood Cricket Club for a match with **Paul Henry** and **Michel Scheinmann**, Dan Warren took himself to the even more hallowed grounds of the West Side Tennis Club in Forest Hills to take on yours truly. Yes, he’s really good in this sport too.

Finally, another Rafferty-inspired reflection from Randy Evans: “Who can forget Jake Bronk’s oft-repeated advice as he taped ankles and removed a piece of tobacco off his tongue from his unfiltered cigarette? ‘You know what I always say. If you can’t be an athlete, be an athletic supporter.’ And we always laughed because Jake healed both actual injury and doubts about upcoming performance or past fumbles. To say nothing of how he ran the Zamboni, finishing the new ice with a triumphal, horn-honking 360-degree spin flourish before exiting the rink.”

May we all have triumphal exiting flourishes.

1966

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Greetings from the White Mountains.

As we all navigate whatever norms frame our hopefully post-pandemic lives, classmates continue to come together to share those intersections that connect us. They range from

the privacy of round-robin group emails and meet-ups to more open information.

In alignment with the latter, last week **Ruth Sisson Weiner**, **Margy Ryder Kornblum**, **Bethe Moulton**, and I engaged in a Zoom as kick-off for the next phase of our virtual class gatherings. In response to class suggestions, those will entail a pilot program and combine a free-form space and topic for a 20-minute discussion facilitated by Margy. First up: diversity.

With “turning points” another focus for our conversation, Ruth and Beth are on the move to nearby downsizing destinations. Ruth recently sold her Andover, MA, house, which has been hospitality-central for our Abbot crew and for Ruth’s PA children, David and Rachel, and their many friends. As Ruth shifts down 93 to Reading, Beth and her husband Oscar made a similar decision. While remaining in the Boca Raton, FL, area, they are moving to an active retirement community and building relationships for the next life phase. Beth’s vibrant mother Priscilla, who celebrates her 98th birthday today, serves as an inspiration.

Some of our crossover lives follow similar patterns. Margy and Rick enjoyed their base of Cotuit on the Massachusetts Cape in its summer glory of water, boats, and seeing family and friends. **Beth Humstone** added art to her mix from Charlotte, VT. And farther east of Beth, I have been “on hiatus” in our lake bolt-hole, a convenient 10 minutes up the mountain from our farmhouse. Note: trapping grandchildren in an Adirondack guide boat elicits a free-flow of information.

However, with the mundane framed by very real issues that continue, that sense of fragility has been woven into our catch-ups as well. And how do we handle aging? May be another Zoom topic.

With the intersection of Abbot and Andover and upcoming 50th anniversary of the Abbot and Andover merger, the Abbot/Andover issue stays alive and current. As our greater community spans alumnae, alumni and students, student interest in the Abbot legacy is amplified by the work of the Abbot Academy Fund and Brace Center, and sustained through Archives initiatives and history course work. The revitalized *Courant* represents one example of student engagement in our rich history.

The Abbot component of the Archives continues to grow. Whatever your experiences and reflections, please consider engaging in the Abbot oral history project and adding to the Abbot voices. Archivist Paige Roberts and Sara Ingram ’71 are the primary points of contact.



While still shifting from the lake down the mountain to the river, I look forward to our Zoom gatherings. And in now-standard parlance: stay well, be well.

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Gentlemen,  
**Alex Belida** writes, “I’ve had a lifelong interest in model railroading. But I had to delay my ambitions until quite recently because of the way my life and career unfolded. I’m sharing an article about my achievement, which appears in the mid-eastern regional newsletter of the National Model RR Association.” (I am now editor of our NMRA Potomac Division’s newsletter.)

“I was honored to become Master Model Railroader #685 this year. But the truth is that it wasn’t something I set out to earn back when I joined the NMRA in 2018. All I wanted was to meet other modelers and have a layout in my retirement after years of putting off both desires because of family, work, and frequent travel, including 25 years living abroad. Once I started my layout after retiring as a journalist with the *Voice of America*, I got involved in Potomac Division activities. It was a great opportunity to mingle with some very accomplished modelers.

“Because I had spent years writing professionally, I started blogging about my layout construction [https://esprblog.wordpress.com] and offered to supply content for the Division newsletter, the *Potomac Flyer*. The NMRA magazine published my first submission: “Railroad Reporting—A Former Newsmen’s Approach to Modeling.”

“In my case, since I always enjoyed scenery and structure building, they were the first Master Builder certificates I received in 2019 after starting my layout. That was my first encounter with my NMRA Potomac Division judges. My scenery met the requirements easily, but my structures—especially my trestle bridge—needed more work and a better understanding of what was deserving of a merit score. Here’s a factoid that might spur your interest in striving for the MMR: more than 5,000 persons have reached the summit of Mount Everest, but fewer than 700 have become Master Model Railroaders.”

**Scott Perry** writes, “Reading our latest Class Notes it is great to see how many of our classmates are sailors. I have not been a sailor all my life, I only started in my late 20s. Once started I never looked back to this day. Most of my recent sailing is offshore racing,

although years ago I did a great deal of dinghy racing. I’ve raced in most oceans including across the Atlantic in 2017, and two China Cups in Shenzhen. I still race in my 50-ft. 1947 wooden classic sloop, *Fjord III*, in the Mediterranean circuit, where, since 2015, my crew and I have raced in 28 regattas finishing on the podium all but four times. This year we won at both the Barcelona and Menorca classic regattas.

“I have also been a volunteer at the international sailing federation (www.sailing.org) for the last 20+ years. I was a vice president of the federation until I ran up against mandatory term limits last year. I am a past president of the Pan American Sailing Federation, a national sailing judge, and I was the technical director for all sailing at the 2016 Rio Olympics and Paralympics.

“Fortunately, my wife, two daughters, and two grandchildren love to sail (my son-in-law races with me), otherwise I couldn’t spend as much time on the water as I do.

“When I left our beloved campus last fall, after attending an Alumni Council weekend, I took a short drive down the road to Needham, MA, where I had the good fortune to visit with my old friend **Bill Littlefield**. Bill and I grew up together in Upper Montclair, NJ, where we played a collection of sports together: Little League baseball, North Jersey Peeewe Hockey league, not to mention tennis and golf—but it was Bill who went to host one of the great sports shows ever, *Only a Game*, on WBUR Boston for some 25 years.

“The first thing I noticed as I pulled into Bill’s driveway was that flanking the driveway was an almost half court, macadam-covered basketball hoop, which Bill explained was a ‘major selling point when he bought the house.’

“Since 1970, I’ve taught English in a prep school and at half a dozen universities and colleges. I learned things at every level. Since retiring from radio work with WBUR and NPR in 2018, I’ve been teaching in the Emerson Prison Initiative at the Massachusetts Correctional Institute in Concord, where the students have taught me a lot. I’ll return to teaching in the prison this month. (COVID shut the program down for a while.) I wrote an essay about my experience that will be published in a book from Brandeis University Press early next year. The essay’s titled, “You’d Done That, You’d Be In Here With Us.” (Subverting the teacher-student paradigm.) The book is titled *Education Behind the Wall: Why and How We Teach College in Prison*.

“I’ve also been teaching in a program called Changing Lives Through Literature, which

brings together guys on parole, a criminal court judge, two probation officers, and me. In that program I tried to teach *The Great Gatsby*. Bad choice. Live and learn.”  
Adios, amigos.  
Keep writing, emailing, and texting.  
Cheers, **Ray**

1967 Reunion

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Our relationships with Abbot classmates, like no other, feel especially meaningful during this long haul of COVID. Having known one another for more than five decades, we can reflect on our years together as teens (think all-nighters prior to exams, lacing up those clunky tie shoes, and digging into a yearlong study of *Dr. Faustus* and Captain Ahab), for we’ve known some bleak times. Yet even when the lights went out in the ’65 Northeast blackout, history reminds us that a full moon shone overhead. Spreading your news has brought light into all of our lives.

What a treat it was to hear from **Lyn Tavares**, who is more than grateful for her family and for their good health. She writes that she moved from the Dominican Republic’s capital city to Punta Cana with relatively little stress. “Santo Domingo has become a very busy and complicated city; plus the traffic is hell on earth. Punta Cana has turned out to be everything we want at this stage in our lives. It’s peaceful, beautiful, fresh air and beaches, and it’s developed into a nice organized area with all the commodities needed.” Two of her sons and six grandchildren were already living there, which was an added benefit to Lyn and her husband Volker. Last fall the family came together to celebrate one son’s 30th birthday, an especially happy moment in time.

**Anstiss Bowser Agnew** reported that she had an unfortunate fall last summer. But with rest and physical therapy, her fractured kneecap is healing. It all started with a flood, which followed a huge rainstorm. We wish her a full recovery.

**Julia Alvarez** shares a positive sentiment, writing, “My best news is that we have remained healthy during these strange times. My granddaughter is at Middlebury College (a sophomore this year,) and it’s so great that we get to be hands-on grandparents: bring us your laundry, bring us your friends, bring us

your stuff. (We stored furniture, microwaves, little fridges, for five or more classmates in our barn over the summer.)” Julia and Bill have planned a long-awaited trip to the Dominican Republic to see family after two years, followed by a March trip to Hawaii to visit her brother-in-law. Julia hopes that all of us are safe and healthy, and she looks forward to our next class gathering.

We congratulate **Priscilla Howes Harris** and husband Clint, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December. Two of their planned excursions, one to Chile and the other to Australia and New Zealand, were canceled. Instead, they are motoring West via the southern route to see their daughter and grandchildren in Las Vegas. Quite an adventure with close family at their destination point.

**Weezie Huntington** continues to travel as far and wide as possible. Her fall excursion included a voyage along the Oregon coast and visits with family.

Both **Dorsey Green** and **Margery Goldman** keep on giving to their communities and beyond. Margery writes, “Despite the continued complexities of COVID, all is well here in Colorado. After co-editing our 50th Smith reunion book, I am now co-president of my Smith class of ’71. Staying in touch with classmates from both Smith and Abbot—so many doing such amazing work in the world—is clearly one way to stay positive. I am also back on the board of the Women Donors Network, a community of 270 progressive women donor-activists. Our work, focused on shifting power to advance a more just, sustainable and equitable world, definitely gives me a reason to get out of bed every morning. (That and a trip to Starbucks for my daily decaf latte with chai. Not very sustainable I know, but I’m addicted. Why can’t they figure out how to make the cups and lids compostable?) Up in Vail the fall leaves were spectacular and the snow is coming in. If you’re a skier, come join me there this winter!”

Dorsey Green says, “We are surviving the delta variant in Seattle and still have many masks in evidence all over the city. Unfortunately, we still have people dying all over the state. We recently celebrated my oldest grandson’s 12th birthday. It is amazing to me how life continues on even with difficult times swirling around us. I am well and still very busy at work with more referrals than I can take on. People are struggling, and it feels good to be able to help even just a few folks. Love to you all.”

**Marjory Kaplan** had lunch with **Warren Osborne Collins**, **Susan Hamilton Aquino**, **Alice Robertson Brown**, and **Susan Gallagher**

at Warren’s house in Falmouth, MA, last July. How wonderful to get together in a mini-group! Warren’s home is beautiful, especially her gardens. It was early enough in the summer that we didn’t need to wear masks...and everyone looked good!

As for me, **Nancy (Porosky) Harris Frohlich**, I feel fortunate to be here in Maine, even with a fall surge of the delta variant. Local kids are in school, masked up, and making art outdoors with the Leaps of Imagination team when the weather is warm enough. Bill and I survived our son Reed’s summer wedding here at Rockport Harbor Marine Park. The ultimate joy was having all three sons (ages 50, 46, and almost 40) together after five years.

We remind you that 2022 is our reunion year! Please keep in touch leading up to the June event.

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As our 55th Reunion approaches, Andover is planning a dedication ceremony for a revamped admissions office space honoring **Dan Cunningham**. The Cunningham Conference Room pays tribute to Dan’s exemplary service as a PA trustee and his work to make the school’s admission policies unequivocally need-blind. Dan’s widow Alice expects to be there, and we hope you will, too.

Also in the planning stages: a performance by The Rising Storm, ’67 garage-rock legends. According to **Tony Thompson**, the Storm has not played for a live audience in years—their 50th Reunion gig inspired a *New York Times* feature, remember?—and is eager to rock PA once again. Stay tuned for details.

Meanwhile, back on campus last fall was **Mel Kendrick**, whose dazzling Addison show closed Oct. 3. Mel’s visit overlapped with PA’s Volunteer Summit Weekend, and many alumni were treated to a personal tour of the exhibit by Mel—your class scribes among them. Lucky us.

**Stephen Dembski** put his protean talents to use as a composer, conductor, musician, and educator. He died last August at his home in Madison, WI, where he had taught at the University of Wisconsin for decades. Steve was as well-liked as he was professionally accomplished, and his death prompted an outpouring of tributes from many classmates, including a handful who collaborated with him on a variety of projects. **Paul Hertz**

recalled beginning a conversation about art and music “and structures they might have in common” with Steve some 20 years ago; one result was *Fools Paradise*, “a virtual world with 48 songs based on William Blake’s *Proverbs of Hell*,” as Paul described their joint effort. Thirteen years later, the two produced a new version for headset virtual reality. Meanwhile, Steve’s operatic hybrid *Moon in the Mirror* had its Manhattan premier a few weeks after his death.

Playwright-filmmaker-composer **Richard Squires** credited Steve with having inspired him to study composition on his own while working together on an opera years ago. When **Richard Sieburth** retired from the NYU faculty in 2019, the ceremony included a performance of an original score based on his translations of 16th-century French poet Louise Labe, with music by S. Dembski. There was a kind of music, too, to **Tom Schiavoni**’s account of having driven Steve through the streets of Reading, MA, his childhood home, following our last reunion: “At the end of his momentary detour,” wrote Tom, “Steve wore a smile of satisfaction. He seemed contented—not melancholic—to have time-travelled to the scene of his early years. No longer the driver, I had morphed into a ferryman providing passage across a river of forgotten memory before returning him midstream into deep-flowing waters carrying him further along his life’s journey.”

That journey is now over, alas. Steve leaves his wife Sonja Sullivan and their two children. In his 50th Reunion essay, he ended on this note: “One of the greatest pleasures of it all has been to rekindle old friendships and collaborations not only with **Paul De Angelis** but also with such temporarily long-lost classmates as Paul Hertz and Richard Sieburth, in treasured relations, both personal and professional, that now have a half-century of resonance.” We treasure his memory and mourn his loss.

**Bob Cohan**, now in semi-retirement from his business litigation practice (“I’m the lawyer you hope you never need.”), and his wife Phuli are busy building their dream house on Gloucester (MA) Harbor. “When I’m not conferring with architects and engineers,” reports the Storm’s ace rhythm guitarist, “most days you’ll find me on my deck playing guitar and recording music in my home studio. One original song underpins an independent short currently making the rounds at film festivals.” Their six children—a high fashion stylist, A&E studio producer, Facebook data scientist, medical student, nursing student, and psychologist—are scattered about the country now, reports Bob, who also has one



grandchild and another on the way, then adds, “I have a lot to be thankful for.”

The coronavirus plague shut down New Orleans’s annual October Jazzfest, canceling a planned mini-reunion among jazz fans **Steve Kellogg**, **Bill Bostian**, and **Peter Wertimer**. Steve K. nevertheless embarked on a cross-country odyssey, camping and spending family time in Colorado and California before landing in Austin and San Antonio on his way back east. With no music festival to attend, he said, “I’ll head home from Texas instead, anxious for us to meet up next April. Anyone care to join us?”

Echoing that thought, we again invite (no, not another Zoom invite!) you all to put our 55th Reunion on your June calendars. If you have not been on campus in recent years, it’s worth the trip just to see what they’ve done with the old place. Pretty dope, as the kids say these days.

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I am writing with the sad news that **George Billings**, 72, passed away in September at his home in Falmouth, MA. He was serenaded near the end, right in his bedroom by his PA classmates **Rob Barber**, **David Johanson**, **Caleb Warren**, **Duncan Andrews**, **Ted Chapin**, and **Charlie Liberman**. **Pardon Kenney** visited a couple of days previous—Pardon and **Gary Meller**, doctors, were quiet heroes, helping George all along the way. George’s cheerfulness and optimism stayed with him even through his recent months of illness. Last week, in recognition of George’s contributions to the university, the Fellows of the Brown Board granted him an honorary degree, which he received shortly before his death. He was a pioneering executive in the satellite TV industry in the U.S., and built out the country’s first cellular network.

“No one, not even the experts, knows what the horizon looks like, but we know our remaining time is limited. I feel incredibly blessed to have lived this life, to have been surrounded by loving family and friends, most especially my PA’68 mates.”—George Billings

We also received belated news that **Walter Spaeth**, 71, died in December 2020, after a

long battle with cancer, at his home in Kill Devil Hills, NC.

On a literary note, **John Hagel** celebrated the launch of his new book last May, *The Journey Beyond Fear*, centered around the three pillars of leveraging positivity to your success.

Meanwhile, **Ed Moulin** reached back, as he relates: “My mind just started racing in a million directions when I began reading this new JFK biography.” In it, Chuck Spalding was mentioned as best friend and confidant of Jack Kennedy’s from back in the day. It referred to one of Chuck’s sons as Dick. Was it our recently departed **Dick Spaulding**?

**Rick Devereux** was quick to answer: “Ed, et al., Dick was Chuck Spalding’s third son. His mother, Betty Coxe Spalding, was from mainline Philly and was a scratch golfer. She was a strong, honest, frank, and empathetic woman—she had many of the qualities that appealed to us all in Dick. His social, outgoing side came more from his father and oldest brother. Dick always spent July with his mother in the Portland, ME, area. But his dad rented a place in Hyannis Port in August, so Dick went there. The Kennedy compound was of course the attraction there for Chuck, who remained a good friend to Jackie after Jack’s death. Chuck was a character. He loved Broadway and worked in it when he was young (also wrote a book or a play—I forget which). Hence Dick’s love of song (He’d have been happy as a show singer.) Chuck ended up in investment banking for Lazard—his sales skill set made him good at raising money, and explains how he was useful to Bobby Kennedy as his California campaign manager in ’68. Needless to say, RFK’s assassination in June ’68 shook Dick up at a bad moment.”

But Ed had a few more memories of his own: “I remember that **Rodger Warneke**’s dad was dating Jackie. But if in fact Dick was Chuck’s son...well I’m tongue tied at the moment and I will leave it at that. Especially since JFK’s assassin not only came from New Orleans but was someone I saw up close every week when I went downtown to my orthodontist, as a kid. Oswald had a card table set up on Canal St. right by the Maison Blanche building. I remember him as skinny, jumpy, and crazy. Kids in my class who also went to Dr. Nolan for orthodontia all had the same reaction when we heard he had been arrested. Total disbelief! That nut who was always jumping around, handing out “Fair Play for Cuba” crap. Never sitting, always jumping around, constantly in motion like a windmill. I still remember his eyes. Bulging out and dancing around. He had to be on drugs! My closest boyhood friend, Rupert Surcouf, and

I still talk about it. No way, we thought then. And, still do.

“The Kennedy biography book was a gift just sent by Anne Bingaman. She and our friend Jeff started their careers working on the RFK presidential campaign out in California. They began with Ken Richards, who was in charge of Bobby’s youth campaign. Ken met and married Retta Johnston, Bobby’s personal photographer, whose brother Tom was Bobby’s closest friend and managed all his political campaigns. I met them all when I joined the McGovern campaign in 1972. Ken and I are still very close, speaking nearly every day. Anne and I are very close as well. Jeff has retired after three terms in the Senate. Anne served under Janet Reno at the Department of Justice. Oddly, Ken has few memories of Chuck Spalding but many of John Warnecke, Jr., Rodger’s older brother, who also was involved in the RFK campaign in California. And, by the way was ‘the guy who ratted out Al Gore for smoking marijuana in college,’ according to Ken. He previously was the first manager of the Grateful Dead. (Which somehow seems appropriate for this edition—Ed.).

Now that’s a bunch of history in one quick gulp. ’Til next time.

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I am happy to bring news from our class. Hopefully all of you and your families are safe and healthy!

**Katrina Moulton Wollenberg** provides this update: “Last summer I devoted so much energy to a capital campaign for my church’s renovation, which it sorely needed. Even during COVID we were able to raise \$300,000 and renovate more than we had originally planned as the various construction teams had full access to the interior of the edifice without needing to move materials out of the way for services (online only) thereby saving us money. This year my focus is helping our largest Dallas no-kill animal shelter. Actually, I have been on their board for two years already—a mighty ambitious group of men and women—and completed a \$12M renovation project, which has made our medical facility the most advanced one in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. We even have a separate area with external vents for pets with infectious diseases. During Hurricane Ida we transported 71 animals from Louisiana in the middle of the night to our shelter, treated all

of them medically, and found foster homes within five days. People do love their pets.

“Like many of you, I think, this was a bigger birthday year for me. Well, I am not sure bigger as much as more advanced starting with a lucky gambling number and ending in ‘0.’ Michelle and I took our families (13 in all) to Cabo, rented a house to feel safer than in hotels, and had a truly happy and joyous family vacation. What is it about a sandy beach, blue sparkling water, and a margarita in hand that makes one relax? So much laughter and happy memories.

“I know there are Abbot classmates who have suffered loss of family and close friends during this pandemic. For you, I send heartfelt sympathy and warm hugs which I would give you if we were together. COVID seems to have touched each one of us in some way. It has also meant hibernation socially and sent up red flags each time we venture forth in public. I wish only the very best of good health to every classmate in 2022.”

**Carolyn Ware** states: “Greetings! I had a wonderful visit with **Cathy Viele**’s mother, Nancy Emerson Viele, Class of 1944. She was Abbot roommate to my mother, Aagot Hinrichsen Cain Stambaugh ’44. Nancy is 95 and looked great. We had a long talk and found pictures of my mom in her scrapbook and also my mom’s wedding invitation. I was glad that I got to do a day trip to York, ME, and that she was in the same house. I hope you’re all doing well.”

**Alison Nourse-Miller** reports: “Some news—my husband Rick and I have moved to Clearwater Beach, FL, with our beagle, Connor. We have sold our home in Virginia, taking advantage of the amazing real estate market for sellers, and are now permanent residents of the Sunshine State. We are only one block from the Gulf of Mexico and love being this close to the beach! My other news has to do with a trip I took last month to Bar Harbor, ME. I entered the Bar Harbor Bank and Trust Walking Half Marathon and finished with a better time than I had when I was 60! Notice I didn’t say a fast time, but I was glad to know that at 70 I was still able to finish and even compete. Since it was a belated birthday celebration, my sister, KT Kiley ’72), **Marilyn Dow**, and a college friend made up a great group! Love to see anyone headed down this way, and looking forward to seeing everyone at our next reunion!”

**Madelon Curtis Harper** states: “Stephen ’69 and I have been happily living here in Savannah and enjoying all that the area has to offer. He works in IT full-time and I teach ballet part-time in both Bluffton, SC, and Beaufort, SC. We drive

often to the Charleston area as well as south to Jacksonville and Ponte Vedra area for long weekends. We are going to Amelia Island later this month, and then we are going to explore Asheville, NC, in December. We love road trips, as we have no desire to fly anywhere in the foreseeable future due to all the current restrictions and protocols involved. I’m glad we don’t have any necessary flying to do anymore. There are so many wonderful places to explore in the South—endless places to discover!

“Sadly, we had to put down our dear 14-year-old German shepherd, Gelsey. It was a sad day as she peacefully took her trip to the Rainbow Bridge from her comfy bed here at home July 14, which is our anniversary. I can’t believe it was 19 years ago that we got married in Cochran Chapel! As I have no children, she was my child and we miss her tremendously. If anyone is ever in the area here, please get in touch!”

Thanks everyone for your input to the Class Notes. It is very much appreciated.

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Given the impact he had on so many in our class, it seems fitting that we begin by acknowledging the passing of K. Kelly Wise, famed novel and drama instructor who went on to become PA’s dean of faculty and founder of the Institute for Recruitment of Teachers (IRT). Those of us who had the good fortune to study with Kelly had an experience that was formative. Consider the example of **Hubert Crouch**, who has written several successful legal thrillers novels. Hubert credits Kelly with having conveyed to him the skills and confidence to become a writer. **Mark Stevens**, **Jeremy Bluhm**, **Alex van Oss**, **Crosby Kemper**, and dozens of others will always remember Kelly as an intellectual provocateur, someone who always sought out the sensitive spot in one’s intellectual arguments, and gave it a little zap. He and his wife Sybil were wonderful hosts and so clearly enjoyed the company of students. Let’s not forget that Kelly was also a great photographer, and for years was the *Boston Globe*’s photography critic. His was a rich life, his contributions many. Good job, Kelly! You get a ‘6’ from our class!

70th birthdays continue marching across the calendars. **Nate Cartmell**’s was in October, as was Jeremy Bluhm’s. For Jeremy’s there was a wonderful Zoom gathering that included **Jim Farnam**, **David Ensor**, **Peter Olney**, and the irrepressible **Cam Henning**. Who knew

that Cam and Jeremy were at Woodstock together? For easily imagined reasons Cam admits his memory of the great event is “hazy,” but he believes that **Pat Mahoney** and **John Truelove** were wandering around with them. Farnam had a ticket, but for some reason didn’t go. Can’t help wondering who else from our class might have been there.

Pete Olney is busy around the country working to organize Amazon warehouse workers, and looks forward to working actively in the ’22 midterms. He and his wife Christina still plan to make their regular pilgrimage to Florence, Italy, where they’ll spend a couple of months in the early spring. Pete has a whole network of friends in Firenze, some from the days when he played on a club rugby team.

David Ensor was just back from Poland, London, and other parts European. His wife Anita is also a former journalist. She grew up in Poland, and the two of them return there often. David not long ago was the head of the *Voice of America*, and recently retired as director of the Project for Media and National Security at George Washington University. He is very concerned about Warsaw government’s growing authoritarianism, and for that matter, similar developments in other European states such as Hungary. (We won’t go into the dangerous anti-democratic activities of one of our own nation’s principle parties.) Despite David’s claim that he is “retired,” one wonders how many weeks it will be before he takes on a new challenge.

Had some great chats recently with **Rob Sherwood**, whose Parkinson’s has been helped immensely by deep brain stimulation. Rob sent along a couple of film scripts he had written while in California many years ago. He sold one made-for-TV script, but naturally found the world of Hollywood both immensely interesting and difficult. I was in L.A. over the summer, and was able to get Rob a fine Venice Beach T-shirt in honor of his old haunt. Rob is in touch with **Bruce Davies**, who is dealing with a mild case of Parkinson’s and living in the great Northwest in a lovely home he designed.

It was a summer for children’s marriages. **Larry** and Anki **Gelb** of Tiburon spent much of their summer at their home in Bend, OR. They celebrated the marriages of both their children. Emy was married in Camp Sherman, OR, over 4th of July weekend. I’d hoped to go, but timing didn’t work out. Larry sent some photos; what a beautiful venue, and what a beautiful couple! Larry’s son Richie tied the knot also in Oregon at the end of August. “Smoke cleared for the weekend, and it was another beautiful event.” Nate Cartmell



was at Emy’s wedding, and soon thereafter was in Birmingham, AL, for his son Nate’s wedding. Young Nate (Ned) is Larry’s godson. My son Cameron was married on the shore of Buzzard’s Bay in August. It was another day as if sent by the weather gods. Excellent vibes, great food, and dancing. It felt great to be alive!

Larry stays in touch with **Tom Mesereau**, who is still very active as a prominent defense attorney. Tom is currently defending a television personality from *That ’70s Show* accused of rape. Speaking at PA about a decade ago, Tom made the point that, in the interest of maintaining the vitality of the principle “innocent until proven guilty,” every accused person deserves the most vigorous defense possible. He spends part of each year in the South, working *pro bono* on behalf of indigent defendants unable to afford lawyers.

If you visit Andover 1969, our class Facebook page, you will find some terrific conversations, involving folks like **Eric Lottie, Rick Nuckolls**, Pat Mahoney, and **Arthur Tuttle**. We owe Mr. Bluhm a debt for maintaining this page. Worth noting is his enthusiastic endorsement of *Regular Guys*, a film by Kevin Rafferty ’65, recommended by to him by **Evan Thomas**.

Jeremy offers this review. “Rafferty, a member of PA’65, brought out an amazing level of vulnerability in his classmates. Early in the film, a class member, used to being tucked into bed by his parents before he left home, talks about how he contrived to tuck himself into bed on his first night at PA. There are memories of teachers, the dining hall, assemblies, and other scenes we won’t have forgotten either. This film was never released in cinemas but is available on YouTube at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M-3ljXZ4J7xU> “

Art Tuttle suggests a film about members of our class. Anyone interested in a little project in advance of the 55th?

1970

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Hi my friends! I heard from a few people I haven’t heard from in ages! How nice! Here are your notes as of today, Nov. 19, 2021!  
**Tamara Elliott Rogers:** “My boards and consulting remain really interesting—everything from art museums to a tech-based mental health start-up to educational

institutions to our local library. Much of this brings me in touch with a lot of much younger people, which is energizing and educational (and can make me feel really old!). Above all, the family is healthy.”

**Suzy Rowen:** “All is well out here in Seattle, where my husband Ron and I live, sandwiched between a radical left-controlled city in decline from out-of-control homelessness AND a country threatened by a radical right post-truth dystopia.

“We have survived the COVID year healthy and mentally intact because we live in the great outdoors and got out as much as possible. We are blessed with glorious mountains that give the heart, soul, and mind a cherished reprieve. That said, last summer was riddled with heat domes, heat waves, drought, and smoke from fires—a testament to the urgency of addressing climate change. Let us hope that the current realities alarm those in the position to change things.

“Many thanks and appreciation to all who made our June virtual reunion a success. Zoom has salvaged a lot but not the same as being face to face with the freedom to give each other a heartwarming hug. Here’s to the prospect of a 70th year birthday reunion! Warm wishes to all.”

**Sandra Urie:** “**Virginia Knapp Cargill** hosted Frank and me for a lobster dinner on Nantucket this summer. It has become an annual summer get together for us. Virginia shared wonderful pictures of her son’s wedding and also of her very cute granddaughter.”

**Pauline Cerf Alexander:** “I am looking forward to spending Thanksgiving in Carlsbad, CA, with my kids. My son John who lives there has two restaurants and one of them—Jeune et Jolie—has just been awarded a Michelin star! Very exciting and well-deserved.”

**Debbie Prudden Lathrop:** “I don’t have much news. My sister died this summer, of dementia (although they are doing a brain autopsy to see just what it was and if it is hereditary). So I have been back and forth up north for services, seeing my three grandchildren in Kennebunk (identical twins just turned 1 today), and going to a family wedding.

“I love Georgia, and wouldn’t leave my practice here, but I get tired of being the only one in my family doing the traveling! Loved our reunion and all the folks I worked with. I just can’t wait to meet in person...I’ll surely travel up north for that!”

**Suzy Gun Hasenson:** “My news is the same story recycled. On October 1 I became Ambassador of El Salvador in Israel....again. I had retired in 2015 but continued living in Israel, with lots of traveling. A few months

ago, the Salvadorian Foreign Office contacted me, and here I am. We have two daughters and six grandchildren living in London, one daughter and two grandchildren here in Israel, and a 26-year-old son studying in Maastricht University in Holland.”

**Su Johnston Peyton:** “After a year and a half, we finally began to travel to visit family again last spring. A highlight was in June/July when our whole family spent a wonderful week together to celebrate my husband Rob’s 75th birthday with a surprise trip (for him) to the Willamette Valley in Oregon’s wine country. Happily, the box of wine we ordered is now on its way to us—a happy reminder! We have had to postpone a long-anticipated trip to Africa twice, so we now have trips to Africa and Scotland planned for 2022. Let’s hope we can see those plans through. We’ve both had our boosters and are ready to go!

“On a side note, I have to give kudos to all our classmates who worked so hard to organize the virtual 50th Reunion. The events I attended were much more emotional and satisfying than I anticipated. I missed not being able to get together in person, but with luck that will happen next time. Good on all of you!”

**Tobi** here: “I have to agree with you all—our 50th was truly gratifying! I did have a wonderful summer, saw Washington state for the first time, including a little hike on Mt. Rainier, and spent two weeks in Wells, ME. I had a lovely mini-reunion with **Lisa Contarino, Pam Mallen Carlson, and Debbie Naman Meyer** at Debbie’s summer home in NH. I’m looking forward to our next reunion of any kind in-person. Stay healthy! Love, Tobi, your forever class secretary

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**Steve Pieters** had what he called “the thrill of a lifetime” when he attended the movie premiere of *The Eyes of Tammy Faye* in September in New York City.

Star Jessica Chastain recalled that when she saw the documentary *The Eyes of Tammy Faye*, she was struck by the title character’s *The PTL Club* interview in 1985 with Steve, a gay minister who had been diagnosed with HIV. That interview with Steve, now a vibrant long-hauler, played a key part in the arc of Tammy Faye Bakker’s life.

Steve acknowledges he was smitten when he chatted at length with the stars of the film, including Chastain, Cherry Jones, and Vincent D’Onofrio.

His day-after memory: “Jessica kept telling me, ‘You’re extraordinary! You are an icon!’ I danced with her at the after-party, too. Vincent D’Onofrio introduced himself to me and proceeded to ply me with extravagant compliments about my ‘place in history.’ I’m still flying high! Google Alerts is blowing up my inbox....And I’m in the September 20 issue of *People* magazine!”

The New York visit had an added bonus, Steve noted: “**Mel Brown** took me to dinner the night before to celebrate, and I had a great time catching up with my Nathan Hale roommate.”

Speaking of entertainment, we heard from **Jim Wake** that his musical group, Katvanger (“rootsy Dutch blues trio”) is officially “chart-climbing.” Its “Let’s Build a Wall”—released in July—bouldered up from No. 17 to No. 10 on the AB Independent Top 20 (courtesy of Aldora Britain Records).

This is welcome recognition for groups such as Katvanger—bands that are, according to Jim, “undiscovered, underappreciated, underground” with “underwhelming independent musicians like us.” The members (others are Ruud Fransen and Jan Verecki) are “feeling a flush of pride” and are “more than a bit astonished.”

To listen to a sampling, scour the web for “Aldora Britain Records” and “bandcamp.” Then prowl the site for Katvanger and settle in with a glass of Aquavit, which is served in thimbles at the biergarten at Fadensonnen in Baltimore.

Speaking of the mid-Atlantic region, we hear **Jim Steinberg** has left his position as a professor at the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs at Syracuse University to become—in November—the 10th dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. (The school is actually housed in the former Newseum in D.C.)

During the past twenty years, Jim has seamlessly worked in academia and government. He was President Clinton’s personal representative to G-8 summits in 1998 and 1999. He directed foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institute from 2001 to 2005. Then he was dean of the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas in Austin, served as principal deputy to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, and, from 2011 to 2021, was dean (for five years) and professor at Syracuse. Jim has also written some books.

Speaking of books, we thank eagle-eyed **Charlie Finch** for sending clipping from the *Wall Street Journal* that referred to a person and book you might not have thought about recently: Claude Moore “Jack” Fuess (rhymes with “fleece”) and his *Calvin Coolidge, the Man from Vermont*. The letter-writer quoted from Jack’s biography of Calvin Coolidge, in the context of the Boston Police Strike of 1919: “A single word from [Coolidge] would probably have led to a compromise, but that word he would not utter.” [Note: “Silent Cal” did utter other words, for example, “deserters” and “traitors” to refer to the poorly-paid police.]

Charlie noted in the margin that Fuess wrote biographies of other noted Americans, including Daniel Webster and Carl Shurz.

His Coolidge book came out in 1940, seven years after Fuess became headmaster. Many, meaning at least Fritz Allis, have suggested that Fuess would have better served PA if he had set his typewriter aside while head of school from 1933 to 1948. From Allis’ *Youth from Every Quarter*:

“Claude Feuss’s effectiveness as headmaster may well have been limited also by his determination to continue his career as a writer in the midst of the cares and burdens of office.”

In other words, he likely left the school in worse shape than he should have when he passed the keys to the underrated John Kemper.

Time to cycle back to Mel Brown. He sent a link for a beguiling dance video that features his piano work. If you have two minutes and 53 seconds or so, search YouTube for “The Legend of the First Strawberry.”

Mel’s name came up in another context. Frank stumbled across a clutch of his canceled checks (remember those?) from 1968–1969 (lower and upper years). Many of the 62 checks are made out to “Cash” because we had no ATMs. Check No. 3 went to roommate **Graham Skinner** (\$7.00). Check No. 51 went to Mel Brown (\$12.50). Check No. 55 bought an entire Volkswagen bug convertible (\$50.00). Other payees raise questions. (Please don’t Google “Honor House Prod. Corp.”)

This discovery prompted a thought. Do others have such quirky “ephemera” from 1966–1970? Could we begin to fill a “cabinet of curiosities?” Perhaps for a “show-and-tell” for our 70th birthday celebration. Don’t be bashful. Consider a sign spotted in early October in Maine at the 1A Relics store on the road between Bangor and Ellsworth: “It isn’t hoarding if your stuff is cool.”

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**Jackie Tatelman** tells us she slipped at her 6 a.m. pool swim and broke her femur. She is a very active woman who hikes and more with her wife Nancy and pup. In October 2021, she was halfway through a non-weight bearing regime. She cooks only plant-based meals standing on one foot and is reading some good books, not on one foot, during this forced quiet time.

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Do you know the way to Santa Fe? OK, that’s not the song but it has the right number of syllables. I was in Santa Fe for the Nevada Justice Association (NJA) convention. This is the trial lawyer’s organization. The seminars were great, but really intense. I forgot my hearing aids so I really had to pay attention, which is difficult for me because I have ADHD. But I soldiered through it.

Santa Fe is a great town. It is the capital of New Mexico. The governor actually spoke to us. It has lot of character. Great restaurants with that Southwestern flavor that are in residential neighborhoods with narrow streets. Thank God I was not driving! I had more Mexican food this weekend than I’ve had the entire year but it was good; fish tacos, elk steak, sopaipillas, tequila, and green chile clam chowder. You won’t find this in New England. It was clam chowder with a kick. It felt authentic.

One of the seminars talked about drug abuse and mental illness among lawyers. I



know that practicing law is a stressful profession. In murder cases my clients are looking at life imprisonment. But one of my hard and fast rules is “the lawyer never goes to jail.” (And the money only goes one way over the desk.)

Statistics show that one in three lawyers have a problem with substance abuse. I was flabbergasted. I’ve known a few lawyers with substance abuse problems. But they are few and far between.

I am still practicing full time. I only go into the office twice a week (unless I have court). I have a few murder cases including my one-punch knockout guy. I also have one that has invoked his speedy trial rights. But due to COVID it has taken a long time. I have a shot on two of them. Everyone asks me about retirement. I am not ready yet, but I see the light at the end of the tunnel.

IT’S REUNION TIME. This June we have our 50th Reunion. This is big one. I hope we have a big turnout. I would like to have a band. These reunions are wars of attrition—our class keeps getting smaller, so stand up and be counted.

I had lunch with **Sam Butler**. He is living the life of a gentleman farmer in New Hampshire and he is selling options. I also had lunch with **Bruce Poliquin** in Maine. He is running for Congress again. He is a Republican in a heavily Democratic state. I wish him luck.

**Jim Mayo**ck is praying for snow at Mt. Shasta after the Lava Fire burned to within five miles of his home. Congratulations to **Jon Atwood** and Julia Gilbert. They just got married and will be living a bi-country long distance marriage. Good luck to them. **Jocko MacNelly** is still making beautiful music. **Arnon Mishkin** and **Jonathan Hulbert** had lunch in Cambridge. **Bijan Amini** is planning his annual trip with **Louis Tenenbaum** and **Doug Hinman**. He is excited for the reunion.

**Charles Hirshler** contacted me from Cambridge, MA, where he and Ruth are in a fellowship at Harvard...with Arnon Mishkin leading a speaker series at Harvard’s Institute of Politics this semester.

He had dinner with Arnon and their wives two days ago. Great fun. Arnon’s wife did the same fellowship in 2019. All good with them: his daughter getting married in December.

The fellowship is the Harvard Advanced Leadership Initiative; they are now in the second of three semesters, now live/in class (spring semester was Zoom). You take courses you choose, and participate in a core curriculum to pursue a social impact project. Charles’ project is on human performance, fitness, and health (naturally!). Ruth’s in the arts, how to

help folks recover and evolve constructively post-COVID. This is more up my alley.

Plus, you can take any course in from any Harvard faculty. Charles has been trying to channel George Church, taking stem cell, regenerative biology, genetics, and molecular bio classes. None of that existed in the good ole days! Now there is 100 percent masking, mandatory testing at least once a week, full vaccinations, etc. They keep a low profile and feel safe and free of surprises thanks to testing cadence.

I fervently hope that we will be able to attend the Reunion without masks.

**Sheridan Liu** is still working as an accountant for a large corporation whose name he does not want me to divulge. He says he misses **Bruce Wolfe** and **Tony Hewett**.

Come to the Reunion! Of all my friends, I cherish the ones from Andover. At this stage of the game, friends, experiences, and events matter the most. Let’s make this reunion the best. Everyone should attend. I’m on a mission to hire a band (and sit in). Let’s see if I am successful. CYA in June 2022.

## 1973

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What a treat it was to be back on campus in late September for the fall Alumni Council and Volunteers Weekend! It was a smaller gathering than usual but the enthusiasm and energy was palpable! The stalwart and vaccinated Class of Abbot ’73 was well represented with **Noreen Markley Timm**, chair of the Abbot at Andover committee, fellow committee member and our new Class Agent **Lori Goodman Seegers**, **Dianne “Dee” DeLucia**, and **Jane Cashin Demers**.

The Andover Inn is now being used as a dorm, but thankfully the “Cashin Demers Lodge,” a five-star B&B near campus, was available for both Lori and Noreen! They both enjoyed the nightly Happy Hours, gourmet breakfasts, and turn down service! But seriously, Jane’s hospitality, which included a beautiful dinner for all of us at the North Andover Country Club, was truly *non sibi*.

I was both honored and blessed to get an Alumna Award of Distinction at the closing luncheon of the weekend. As we were toasting with champagne at a restaurant in Andover, Dee shared some wonderful news! She was just hired as the senior clinical trial manager and operations lead for Moderna’s pediatric COVID-19 vaccine program. What an amazing and important contribution our friend will make to the world. We are all so proud!!

While at PA I walked around the Abbot campus, stopping at French House, my first dorm in 1971, and where I met my roommate and lifelong friend **Vicki Elicker Joh**. It is now called Bertha Bailey House and lots of good memories abide there. Vicki is on the move! She downsized to a new condo in Delray with her four-legged sidekick Sandy. I am hoping to see a lot of her this winter along with fellow Florida west-coasters **Christina Landry** (Sarasota) and **Vicki Wood DeBoest** (Boca Grande).

Downsizing is now a trend in our class. **Natalie Ziegler Zirschky** moved to a smaller house on her farm in Ellicott City, MD, that she built during COVID. In 2018 she ran for state delegate, losing by a frustrating 0.8 percent of the vote. She may run again depending on how the redistricting of her area turns out.

**Nancy Clifton Collier** is also on a farm. She and her husband are working on a property they bought near their home in Hanover, NH. The barn is renovated and they are busy reestablishing former fields and woods roads. Their veggie garden is thriving thanks to the rich soil, created by cows who lived there for decades. Nancy (the Martha Stewart of Hanover) is also a grandma to a 3-year-old in Utah!

**Julie Horowitz**’s blended family (five kids and four grandchildren) kept her busy all summer with bathing suits drying on the deck, crabs drying on the lawn, and requests for “more pancakes, please!!” Maine was her destination on a few occasions. Her son Nathan proposed to his brainy and wonderful girlfriend following her completion of a PhD in neuroscience.

Julie, like most of us, is enjoying Life in the mid-60s Lane (Getting our kicks on Route 66!). Lori Seegers came to visit her last winter and they got caught up on Lori’s new Salisbury, CT, compound, which was an antidote for the “get out of the City” bug! (I too caught that bug and am enjoying life in Rye, NY!)

**Betsy “Bart” Fauver Stueber** was on Nantucket vacationing with her brother, sister, and their families, and she was hosted for cocktails by **Josie Martin** and her wife Melissa

at their lovely Sconset home. I too was at the receiving end of the hospitality of the “hostesses with the mostest” when I was on the island a few weeks later. It was great to finally meet vivacious Melissa and we all had a wonderful time catching up.

**Mimi Kessler** recently took a tree pruning class and is now a certified Durham Tree Keeper! I did stop by the beautiful and lush Don Gordon copper beech on the Abbot campus. It was a gift from our class, orchestrated by Mimi. I am sure she will see if it needs a pruning when we are together in 2023!! Mimi was supposed to go to Egypt last fall (which is at the top of her bucket list!) but of course she had to cancel. Instead she spent her “Cairo Cash” on landscaping her back yard. “All I think about now is grass and calories!” she quipped.

**Ellen Hoitsma** enjoyed her first post retirement summer with two terrific adventures! She hiked and camped in Idaho and Montana solo, and then with family and friends. After that she flew to Ecuador, where with 45 fellow travelers she kayaked, snorkeled with sea lions and came home with a pretty good rendition of the blue-footed booby’s iconic courting dance, which her toddler grandson is now perfecting!

On a sad note the Abbot community lost a very special educator this fall. Faith Kaiser Howland, who was head of admission in the early ’70s (and wisely admitted all of us!) passed away. She went on to have an illustrious career as an educational counselor following her years at AA, and used to come to our Reunion Teas to check on her “girls” from time to time. She will be missed and our hearts go out to Faith’s family.

Pandemic positivity: thanks to **Connee Petty Young** for keeping us all connected by Zoom, and to **Dorothy “Deedee” Dodson McLaughlin** for keeping us well read with her “Rabbits Read” book group.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy winter!!!

### PHILLIPS

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This quarter, from the pages of Facebook Andover/Abbot Class of 1973: **Paul Puzzanghera** shared a nifty *Boston Globe* piece about Gus ’93 and Hugh Quattlebaum ’96, brothers at work in Major League Baseball and the sons of Ed ’60 and Ruth Quattlebaum P’93, ’96, PA faculty emeriti. One works for the Sox, one for the Mets. I bet Thanksgiving is a riot at their house.

**Henry Mueller** is reveling in retirement with three young grandchildren between the ages of 1 and 3. He’s spending a lot of time renovating the family house on Nantucket and laments the loss of his father at 100. Dads are tough to lose. A lot of reflection goes into that one.

Phil Hueber ’75 is hard at work organizing an Andover 1970’s Paris/Loire Valley group tour, which includes three nights in Paris at Hotel les Jardins du Luxembourg, cruising the Marais, chateau tours, and more. The trip was waylaid by COVID for 2021, but the schedule for 2022 is still in the making. I’ll share Phil’s email address with anyone interested.

News of Kelly Wise’s passing evoked a lot of wonderful comments containing what you’d expect: “best teacher I ever had,” (**Paul Gordon**); “a hero of mine,” (David Schwartz ’72); “most influential teacher,” (Lori Seegers AA’73); “set a blistering pace,” (Mueller); “he totally shredded one of my early essays, like hungry tigers mauling a chicken,” (**Will Hart**); and in a related email chain: “a brilliant teacher and a kind soul,” (**Will Schutte**), and “the best and most influential teacher and a friend for decades,” (**Tom Sommerfield**). I suspect that description might apply to a few others as well, but none more deserving. There will undoubtedly be more of this in the coming years.

I, myself, have joined the grandparent brigade, thanks to my extraordinary daughter, Kate Morin Brotman ’07 and her husband, Jonah: a perfect, happy and healthy girl, Sidney. Elizabeth and I now switch-off bi-annual pilgrimages to the Denver suburbs so that one of us can stay with the doggie. That’s it for this quarter, mates. Got news? Hit me.

## 1974

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Many of you got an email from me soliciting news, as is my usual practice. I also suggested sharing thoughts about the tradition of assembling a book for our 50th Reunion. **Sue Rodgin** speaks for many: “I thought 50th reunions were only for old people.” **Andrew Grossman** and others asked for more information; I’ll circulate (via email) samples of some of the books made by classes that came before us.

**Steve Miller** captures the spirit of the limited samples I have seen: “How can we create an environment where members of our class feel motivated to share something about their personal journey over all these years

since graduating, in a setting where we’re not looking to compare and rank? Rather, we’re seeking to bring forth each individual’s own way of sharing their reflections on their life to date—for as many of our classmates as we can motivate to do so.” (To be clear, we’d love 100 percent participation.) Steve continued: “Old-fashioned as it is, [a book] is remarkably enduring.” **Dave Loo** acknowledged a “traditionalist” tendency in also favoring a book. Many insisted on remembering our classmates who didn’t make it this far. **Tom Sulcer** suggested juxtaposing a current photo with our high school yearbook photo. **Nate Lee** suggested a map showing where we all are. **Peter McCubbin** had some interesting prompts for us: “A look at some of the things from our 1974 world that have changed since then (besides us, of course), and, since we’ve always been idealists and young at heart, our hopes for the future.”

On to some news. **David Bonbright** recently took his first transcontinental trip since COVID. “It took a family wedding to lure us out again into a changed world,” he said. **Margaret Downs** also went on the road last summer and “joyfully reconnected with family and friends” from Northern California to New England. **Lissy Abraham** and **Jonathan Meath** made separate visits to **Rob Miller**’s apple cidery in Mosier, OR. “There’s room for the entire class to camp out on the grounds,” Lissy said. **Keith Kloza** and his wife, Mary, spent some time on Cape Cod with **Steve Johnson** and his wife, Beth, this summer. Keith has pictures he plans to make available for our book. Fair warning.

**Paul Pickett** retired after 30 years in a career as an environmental engineer doing water quality and hydrology work, “just in time for the pandemic.” He and his wife are in the process of selling their home of over 30 years. He writes: “If any of my classmates ever had to move from a home they enjoyed for several decades, you have my sympathy!” **Tony Pietrafesa** has executed his move to Greensboro, GA, from Syracuse, NY, but, “Since COVID accelerated innovation online in the courts, I still have a healthy practice in New York while we sort through living here full time or splitting time up north with the kids.” **Peggy Bliss** recently retired from educational publishing but is working part-time in an afterschool program for K-8 students. “I love it!” she says.

**Marsha Kazarosian** is absolutely still in the game. She writes: “I had the great honor of being appointed in April 2021 to sit as one of nine commissioners on the inaugural Peace Officer Standards and Training Commission that was created by the Police Accountability



Bill that Governor Baker signed into law in December, and that has kept me very busy.” Her three sons are thriving and “one and his significant other...purchased my mother’s house and now live just around the corner.”

**Dana Rashti** has moved from a senior management role to consulting on business strategy and public relations. He writes: “In the past one would have said I’d retired, but that’s an antiquated concept these days. I’m moving on to the next productive chapter in life. Besides consulting, my life includes learning Italian (it’s way more difficult now, but it fires up the synapses!), painting, some philanthropic work, and raising a new puppy who is my joy and nightmare. She’ll evolve to be more joy than nightmare.” **Bill Lewis** also made a big move—joining Apollo Global Management as a senior partner. He is stepping down as chairman of investment banking at Lazard, where he worked for 17 years, but will join Lazard’s board. *Bloomberg*, in announcing the move, used a certain highly appropriate adjective you will have to look up, because Bill asked that it not appear here. Bill is a man whose modesty is the obverse of his accomplishments.

A random set of encounters concerning **Ted Maynard** merits mention. I ran into Ted at an alt-rock show in Central Park in early October. Days later, I discovered a book by Ted’s wife, Robin Dahlberg, entitled *Billable Hours in 6 Minute Increments*. It’s a sequence of humorous staged photographs that illuminate truths about the practice of corporate law and gender roles in the corporate environment. Ted appears frequently as a senior partner (not much of a stretch) in the hypothetical firm. Highly recommended!

Some final thoughts about that approaching reunion. **Dave Zelon** wants your photos from back in the day, to assemble into a slide-show/mixtape. Email them to me at the above address and I will forward. **John Devine** wants **Bill Cunliffe** to play some jazz. Whatever we come up with, this group will no doubt provide a fun, welcoming party. Looking forward!

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Hello, Class of 1975! By the time you read these notes we will be well into 2022. Many of us will be entering our 65th year, so let’s try to find time to celebrate this milestone with family and old friends.

**Roger Strong** did a terrific job in the last notes describing the beautiful video created for our class by **Harry Flynn**, **Charlie Clark**, and others. **Geoff Richards** added “God bless Harry for his persistence, his creativity, and sticking with it through thick and thin during COVID-19.”

Geoff writes “**Joannie Bozek** has been incredibly busy at her new job at Citizens First in Boston, and Charlie Clark will have celebrated his first anniversary when these notes come out, and who also had a busy summer running the regatta on the North Shore off-shore, very near his old home in Rockport along with his new bride Heather, who is now back to school teaching in Brookline, MA.”

**Frank Lavin**’s book on China e-commerce has been published by Penguin. **Leonard Shaker** retired from practicing surgery (urology) after 32 years and is looking forward to new adventures.

**Cathy Chapman** sent word “No big news in these COVID times. I did see Jon Meath ’74 this summer. I have been in touch with **Sandy Smith MacArtney** and **Priscilla Perry Danforth**. I have seen ’75ers on Phil Hueber’s Zoom calls. I saw **George Cogan** in Maine. I am beginning to do more in person patient seeing. Still mostly telemed. I am 95 percent recovered from being hit by a car in December 2019. I walk a lot and do all my PT to maintain flexibility.”

Sandy and I reconnected this fall. She and Priscilla both became grandmothers during COVID times. **Chris Kapetan** also became a grandmother. Her sons Peter and Stephen both had babies, Kira and Luke. **Dick King** and I, too, welcomed grandbabies during COVID. Our daughter Abby King McFarland ’07 had a little boy, George, in 2020, and our son Mac King ’05 welcomed Sully in 2021. Mac’s daughter Finley is thrilled to have a little brother.

In August, Dick and I were fortunate to host **Peter Wyman** and his wife, Alice, at our house in Maine. We all enjoyed a lobster roll lunch, delicious dinners, and a bracing cold-water swim. In September, **Lawrence Kemp** and Peter Wyman had fun catching up while playing in a Long Island charity golf tournament to support pediatric brain research.

**Paul Suslovic** sent news that “**Brian** and Lisa **Burke** dropped in for a visit in mid-July, after gathering with some of Lisa’s family in California. We met up with Joannie Bozek

and her husband Robb Linde for dinner (outside) in mid-September, catching up with them en route from golf in Pebble Beach to wine in Napa. **Anne Wakefield** and I will be traveling to the Northeast in late October, visiting with my son Will in D.C., and managing to see both sections of the Jasper Johns retrospective at the Philadelphia Museum of Art and the Whitney.”

Dick King attended the San Francisco Life Ovation for **Lewis Butler** in August, which was moving and bittersweet. Lawrence Kemp offered wonderful comments regarding Lewis’ Andover years. Also attending was Lewis’ widow, Catherine Armsden, Abbot ’73, and Sally Kemp Atkinson ’77. In October, Dick also enjoyed a visit with **Bill Whiteford** in Denver, where the pair enjoyed reminiscences and the advantages of revisionist history.

So that’s all for now. Stay well, friends. Stay in touch. May 2022 bring all of us opportunities to visit with family and friends.

1976

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Dear friends and colleagues,  
Early October finds me (**Ruben**) looking forward to some rain here in parched California. The last time we went so long without rain was the 1880s. We are unfortunately becoming used to these 100-year weather events that are happening with ever-greater frequency. Bill Maher’s idea of a pipeline to bring the east’s flood waters to the west is not without appeal, but people, this is serious, we must get off our duffs and start doing something about it!

I was fortunate recently to spend a long weekend on campus as part of the Alumni Volunteer Summit. The Alumni Council has eight standing committees and four association committees, each dedicated to specific alumni issues such as class secretaries, Non Sibi, Andover and the Military, Af-Lat-Am, etc. A common theme for all the groups is how to reach out to an ever-increasing number of alumni who, for one reason or another, have lost touch with Mother Phillips. It hasn’t helped that we’ve missed on-site reunions, regional get-togethers, and other events to get us together. Zoom events have closed some of the gap but not enough. If you think of any ideas for improving our connectivity as a

class, I will welcome it. Email me at ralvero@stanford.edu.

In the meantime, I received a couple of heartfelt messages from two of our classmates.

**Cary Caldwell** writes from Connecticut: “My wife Karen and I are grateful that our triplets graduated from college in 2019, pre-pandemic. Moreover, I’m fortunate to be practicing gastroenterology and transplant hepatology in New Haven.

“Sadly, I want to acknowledge the passing of Andover alumnus, Dr. Tadataka Yamada ’63, who was a mentor to many of us in the field of gastroenterology and beyond. In addition to Dr. Yamada’s leadership in GI, there was his notable scientific and philanthropic contribution to international health in vaccine development. My two sentences about ‘Tachi’ are too few.”

**Jocelyn Bowie** responded when I cold-emailed her and asked what she looks forward most to her post-pandemic life: “It’s a nice surprise to get this message. Because I am your basic Pollyanna-esque eternal optimist, I will tell you what I have learned during the pandemic: Pretty much anything that you can do inside you can also do outside. And outside is better. You can play tennis outside, year-round, even if you must bust a little bit of ice off the courts first. You can get together with your friends outdoors. You can certainly read a book—or write a book, for that matter—outdoors. Some things you can ONLY do outdoors: You can hike or go to the beach or garden or enjoy a campfire. You can meet all your neighbors in your new neighborhood because everyone is outside walking the streets for exercise. You can have Thanksgiving dinner outdoors, even if it is cold, because that’s what coats, boots, and stadium blankets are for. You can see musicians and actors perform; you can go to a restaurant for dinner; you can shop at your local farm stop—all outdoors.

“Hospice workers will tell you that in their last days, dying people want to spend as much time as possible outdoors, seeing the sun and hearing the birds and feeling the wind on their faces. I think that if you look hard enough and squint, you can see that despite all the fear and horror and illness and death, the pandemic has provided us some good things. So really what I look forward to most, post-pandemic, is worrying less about the health of my too-young-to-be-vaccinated grandchildren. But realistically, as a Jewish mother/grandmother, I accept the fact that I will never stop worrying about their health and safety, so it’s sort of a moot point. I look forward to spending as much time as possible

outdoors and remembering to be thankful for time spent in nature. I hope you are well and thriving!”

Indeed, Jocelyn, thanks for sharing. Lisa and I also hope you are thriving and look forward to seeing you in person soon.

1977 Reunion

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Greetings to all of our illustrious class. I hope that you have stayed safe and healthy as the pandemic continues to alter our world in unanticipated ways. Through it all, many of you continue to write me, which I appreciate, since it saves me from writing about myself, making up stories about you, or leaving a blank spot under ‘Class of 1977’ in the *Andover* magazine.

**Jon Wonnell** sends greetings from Princeton. **Bruce MacWilliams** patiently waits as I wade slowly through his book on meditation, and we exchange our ideas and religious experiences.

**Dave Paradis** writes: “I quit my job and bought a caravan and a donkey. My wife, Kate, picked up fortune-telling and we taught some monkeys to sing. I have been diving off a platform into a bucket while the monkeys sang. We have been performing for tips as we travel across the rural districts of South America. I wish I had something more interesting to relate, but that’s all for now.” Sounds interesting to me. He continues: “We just returned from a 4,700-mile trip across the eastern U.S., visiting friends and attending a family reunion in Kentucky to remember my dad who died at home in his sleep at age 100. We should all be so lucky. I gave a eulogy based on letters of his my sister-in-law saved, written from right before Pearl Harbor to mid-1944. The textbook [I was writing] is completed. Classes are packed full to the brim. Hopefully, all that turns out well, but I suppose it might not. I wear an N95 mask with a microphone attached to it to speak to my class of 160. The N95s are a lot more uncomfortable and a lot less cheerful than my dinosaur mask with candy canes on it that my wife bought at a gas station last winter.”

From Bangladesh, **Abu Bin Zubair** writes: “For almost three months now amid the monsoon rains, I have worked hard at the college and organized all the paperwork my father left. There is a fresh coat of paint on the railings and his larger-than-life picture greets students and visitors to the college.”

**Virginia Chapman Belser** sends greetings from Arizona: “My husband Andy and I

moved to Tucson just over a year ago. While I would suggest not moving during a pandemic (so hard to meet and make new friends!), we do love it here. While Andy is working his dream position at the University of Arizona as head of the School of Theater, Film & Television, I am living my dream life of painting plein air landscapes. The mountains, light, and foliage provide endless inspiration for my work.” And her work is stunningly beautiful.

**John Chamberlain** reports, “I’ve been bike riding as always. Just reached 10,104km for this year and 579,600km lifetime. Maybe if I live long enough, I’ll reach the moon. Still loving life, working in early-stage companies, and gardening.”

Having escaped from Italy, **Jorge Virgili** writes that “I have done the Camino de Santiago on my own. I walked for 10 days close to 160km. This was indeed a very special experience—nature is wondrous, and the Galician trails are magical. It was a trip for the soul—the inner trails are infinite and quite enriching. My soul has been uplifted by that which is Divine. I am now planning a trip to Boston in September to see the opening of the Mariano Rodriguez exhibit at the McMullen Museum (opening on the 11th). I have lent them four works. I can’t wait to breathe the New England air and eat fried clams and lobster rolls!”

Writes **Alex Magoun**: “Those who check out the new History Channel series *The Machines that Built America* will find me explaining David Sarnoff in the third episode, ‘Titans of Television.’ I did my best to offer a balanced perspective.” Though I watch almost no television, I plan to view this episode.

On a different topic, one of our classmates once opined that our class was lacking in cohesion. This coming June will afford us the opportunity to prove him wrong by attending our 45th Reunion *en masse*. In my case, it will be my first, thanks to **Bob Muldoon**, with whom we met up during our trip to Boston last week (our first since 1985) for some wonderful sight-seeing and eating: with his characteristic humorous eloquence, Bob convinced Rubi and me to attend the reunion. I hope to see many of you there. Incidentally, Boston looks much better without Route 93 coursing through it.

From the Hub, we took the Downeaster train to Portland, ME, to meet up with **Pete Ventre** and his wife Liz. They treated us to his wonderful cooking, and took us to their cabin in the woods, where we enjoyed great cold-water swimming (cold by Texas standards). They were wonderful hosts. Pete’s mother passed away recently, and as her son by informal adoption, I can assure you that



she is deeply missed. How many of us have lost a parent in the past year or two?

In my case, I am working on volume five of *Pets in Crime*, among other activities, and of course, we continue to pray, in total confidentiality, for everyone who asks. Please write.

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**Josh McCall** is a grandfather! His oldest daughter gave birth to a baby boy, Bodie, April 17. Congratulations to “Pops” McCall! Pops lives in Dedham, MA, and is in his 37th year with Jack Morton, an agency that creates “experience brands.” Josh enjoyed some summer golf with **Ken MacKenzie**, **Bill Wall**, **Lee Apgar**, farmer **Joe Tatelbaum**, **Nick Stoneman**, **Jeff Savit**, and **Jim Demetroulakos**. (see photo evidence from Jim)

Jim Demetroulakos (Dr. D) writes: “I am practicing ENT on the North Shore of Boston; COVID was a challenge as I was doing a lot of airway surgery on COVID patients. I have three children, one who graduated PA19 (school co-president and crew captain). My wife runs IT service operations for a cyber-security company. Also, I have been in touch with **Ted Burke**, who is living in Wyoming and South Carolina after working as legal counsel for a hedge fund.”

**Alec Fraser** cycled from Connecticut to California to raise money for Cycle for Survival, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center’s drive for rare cancer research. Alec rode in honor of his son Julian, who passed away from osteosarcoma, a rare bone cancer that typically afflicts teens, at the age of 20. Alec also told **Mike Cannell** that he dodged a tornado along the way. To follow his progress (and to donate), please go to [www.teamjff.org](http://www.teamjff.org) and Instagram at @teamjf. We send you beams of love, Alec, and our hearts go out to you and your family.

**Lucy Schulte Danziger** has started a cool new venture: “I launched The Beet for plant-based eating January 2020 and we quickly gained readership and engagement (about two million uniques a month) and I love eating a mostly plant-based diet. Check it out for health, the planet, or any other reason: TheBeet.com. Son Julian ’11 is getting married

to his Dartmouth classmate this January in Nashville and we look forward to finally getting to celebrate with family and friends.”

**Gus Tavares** has invited us to meet up in the Dominican Republic: “I live in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. I am doing great, trying to get the pandemic out of the way with my two initial shots and a booster. Just got back from a fishing trip in Alaska with my two sons, (including Gus Jr. PA’09), which was great fun. I still work, but having turned 61 this past June, I am preparing for retirement at 65, so I have been preparing my kids and some cousins to take over the family business. To anybody heading to Dominican Republic: I would love to meet up. I spend most of the week in Santo Domingo (city) and weekends at Casa de Campo, but the island isn’t that large so getting out to Punta Cana or Cabarete would also be fine.”

**Lori Yarvis** was recently named to the 2022 edition of *Best Lawyers in America for Health Care Law*. Her husband Ty, former film critic for the *Boston Globe*, started a newsletter, *Ty Burr’s Watch List*, to help curate folks’ entertainment streaming experiences. Lori says it is fun and free to subscribe: <https://ty-burrswatchlist.substack.com/>. “Over the long pandemic winter and into the spring, Ty and I got together with **Shady Hartshorne** and his wife Laurie Ellis frequently for long walks in the woods to keep ourselves sane. We’re talking about hiking the Bay Circuit Trail next. I’d love to be in touch with classmates in the Boston area or anyone who is passing through.” I hear that the Bay Circuit Trail is 200 miles, so you guys better get started!

**Julian Chang** wrote in from Shanghai: “I spent 2020 in Cambridge after returning there at the tail end of 2019 from Shanghai to visit with my son, who’s 14. My intentions to head back to Shanghai in March 2020 were derailed and so I spent the year helping to take care of my bedridden Mom and seeing my son as much as I could.

“I’ve been working in China since 2014. I’ve mostly been involved with education, research, and training programs, whether at Harvard, or in China for universities and then private companies. I’m now involved in operations for a resort development group and using my China network/expertise for cross-border trade.

“I stopped in San Francisco on my way to Shanghai (to take my pre-flight tests) and hung out with **Bruce Conklin** and his wife, Bonnie Preston. Bruce has been running a lab and doing great work with genetics at UCSF. **John Pucillo** and I have been in touch ever since he came to Shanghai a few years back to check out the scene. He’s moved to Florida from the South Shore of Boston.”

**Bruce Thompson** still lives in Austin. He is the CFO of an exciting startup, Jupiter Power, which has cutting-edge technology for energy storage of renewable power. All four of his kids are out of the house and Bruce cooked his way through COVID. Sounds like a cool company—I’d like to hear about this, maybe we could start a PA’78 TED talk group?

I am so thankful to our friends who answered my plaintive wail for news. We have a fascinating spectrum of passions and professions in our class and just a bit of gray hair. I still find it funny that we are the “grownups” when we were just 18 so recently.

Take care,  
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1979

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It is so great to see 40+ year Andover friendships continue!

**Nicholas Porter** and **Femi Obi** met recently over coffee for a few laughs on Newbury Street in Boston. Nick notes he and Femi met their first day at Andover in 1978 and it was friendship at first sight. Similarly, Hadley Arnold writes, “I am overjoyed to have spent time with three beloved PA friends recently, each in quick succession: **Christina Fink**, **Catherine Monteiro de Barros**, and **Elise Balboni**. Each thrives creatively, intellectually, and in their family lives, and each is a source of wisdom and inspiration in my life, just as they have been since the fall of 1979.”

**Peter Palandjian** is keeping up with **J.J. Pellegrino** and other friends weekly as they continue to play hockey. He notes, “Any classmates want to join? We play in Newton.”

**Stephanie Han Yoo** writes, “Aloha, during COVID, I launched an online teaching platform for writing workshops, drstephaniehan.com, that focuses on empowering women through narrative. Andover women show up in my classes—they have been great! In August, I had an amazing time with **Cathy Cotins** in Honolulu.”

Several classmates extend invites: **Chandri Navarro** notes now that her three kids are graduated from college, she is open to any excuse for gatherings over long weekends with friends in and around where her kids have landed: N.Y.C., Boston, and D.C. **Paul Hochman** extends an invite, “To all ’82s: come ski with us any time!” Paul and his wife, Carrie Sheinberg, have two boys, Oscar and Arlo, now 13 and 10—so I suspect if you visit and ski with the family, prepare to ski fast!

Speaking of fast, my son Thomas Anthony, also 10, is all about car racing. As a Cub Scout, he caught the bug with the Pinewood Derby, and many trophies later, he has advanced to... competitive go-karting. I am fascinated how he sets up track position four to five turns prior. Who knows where this will end, but I am delighted to see him applying thought and action to his goals. The kid is FAST...and his dad is investing heavily in helmets, HANS, and other protective garb!

Kids are launching successfully: Chandri notes, “One kid is working for an environment NGO and will be doing climate change and heat map research with Boston University, one is just starting her investment banking job at Deutsche Bank in N.Y.C., and one is starting her first job working for American Institutes of Research in D.C.”

And some of our classmates’ kids are having kids: **Pierre Valette** and his wife Hilary are now proud grandparents of twin boys, Max and Theo. Pierre notes, “Despite that the

twins’ parents are Exeter grads, we trust Max and Theo will return the family to PA, thereby setting their Exie parents straight.”

Classmates continue to add to their families. Peter writes that he and his wife, Eliza, had baby No. 2, Gregory “Bodan” Dushku Palandjian in August 2021. Older brother toddler, Bourne, has been a sweetie, as have older siblings, Manon (getting married in June 2022), Petros (living with girlfriend), Margot (in culinary world), and Madelon (just graduated Georgetown). Personally, I think Peter is trying to field an entire family hockey team. He notes, “Lots of life milestones, at once making me feel young and old.”

I think we can all agree with that!

Our classmates continue to contribute to manage, build, and navigate our world:

In 2021, **Cybele Raver** became provost of Vanderbilt University. Peter runs a Cambridge-based real estate development firm, Intercontinental. **Christopher Dean** is working to launch Fat Labrador Distillers as a side gig to his day job at Salesforce running its media cloud. Chandri works from Miami at Hogan Lovells helping her clients navigate international trade—all while fixing up a 75-year-old Key West-cottage-style home.

**David Fairman**, as managing director of the Consensus Building Institute, is working to help corrections and community agencies to agree on a system to help people returning from prison get the right services and keep them coordinated.

Nick’s Jerusalem Peacebuilders work toward peace in the Middle East, and he spends free time sailing in Buzzards Bay.

**Roger Taylor** has been championing veterans’ rights as an attorney, recently winning a case at U.S. Court of Appeals for veterans’ claims. He joined with thousands of other veterans to put up billboards across the U.S. to highlight abuses at the Veterans Administration. Rog is scoring victories for his fellow military veterans who have given so much and done so much to support our freedoms. Victory abroad and also victory at home—thank you, Rog!

On the subject of American military victory, **A.J. Bakalar** notes that the U.S. military’s victory against the British 250 years ago wouldn’t have been possible without the help of...the Spanish! A.J. notes he discovered this money trail while living in Barcelona. His new movie, *Merchants of Liberty*, highlights how three well connected Spaniards gathered what would be trillions of dollars in today’s money from leading Europeans and the Spanish Crown, who kept Spain’s involvement secret. “Want to know why?” A.J. asks, “See the movie. *Merchants of Liberty* will challenge

everything you’ve been told about how America won its independence from Britain.” *History 35*—look out!

Great news—thank you all for sending! —**Graham Anthony**, fellow scribe

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This go-round I asked you all for some fond memories from our time at Andover, and you came through! Thanks to everyone who contributed—I report on those below.

First some news. **Michael Mailer** has recently finished directing *Swing*, a sports drama centered on competitive collegiate rowing. It will have been released by the time you read this. He is also working with **Daniel Mead** on the documentary *Arnett Live from the Battlefield*, as well as the period drama *The Walk*, about the 1974 Boston busing crisis.

**Leslie Tucker Fischer**’s two daughters, Makenzie and Aria, just won their second Olympic Gold medal in Tokyo as members of the U.S. women’s Olympic water polo team, after winning their first in Rio in 2016. Wow! Congratulations! The girls are now back at Stanford, having taken time off to train. Leslie would like to thanks **Ted Muftic**, **Andrea Feldman Falcione**, **Karen Humphries Sallick**, and Charlie Welch ’84, for all their support.

The Bantas have a 350-year history in New York as Dutch settlers, and **Eric Banta**, though living in Atlanta, is delighted that his daughter Sophie, just out of Berkeley, is starting a consulting job in New York City. He hit 25 years in the law department at ING/Voya investment management this year. Nice. **Judy Flynn Beningson** lives with her husband Dave in Vermont, and has no problem working remotely and skiing every day in the winter. She loves the beauty and outdoor adventure around Mad River Valley.

Running a vacation rental company wasn’t easy in 2020, but **Tim Choate** says COVID actually helped the company restructure and has made it stronger than ever. Like me, and I’m sure many of you, he got a COVID puppy (a golden doodle), but unlike me Tim also moved to Petaluma, CA. **Robert “Bob” Butera** spent the year in Costa Rica with his wife Kristen and led yoga retreats. You can catch his fifth book, recently released—*The Yoga Life*.

**Lisa Zuckerman** is still in San Francisco, settling in as an empty nester. Her younger son Alex started DePaul this fall, and Ari is a senior at NYU. She made it to Europe after



dropping off Alex, and after spending the lockdown with her Peloton bike, hiking, baking and watching 80s TV shows and Marvel movies with Alex. **Abraham “Nick” Morse** develops healthcare in China, and though impacted by COVID, he writes that he was still able to get things done. He was glad that his older son deferred his college experience at Connecticut College (due to COVID); his younger son is applying to colleges this fall, and will focus on his drama talents.

**Amy Price McCord** has been doing God’s work as a social worker for a contact tracing collaborative run by Partners in Health. The goal is to help people access resources throughout isolation. Back in 1970, Amy’s father (Meredith) purchased an 1893 former millhouse in Lovell, ME, and she was thrilled to connect with **Amy Kellogg** and Andrea Feldman on nearby Kesar Lake.

From North Carolina, where she lives with her husband Joe, **Amy Spaulding** writes that during the pandemic she has learned to play the harp (she already plays some piano, violin, clarinet, and flute!) and bake challah. Her son, Nick Tansey, is a musician (piano, guitar, drums, voice, and sax—it runs in the family!) and artist based in Burlington, VT.

Now for some memories—  
Amy McCord: dances at Af-Lat-Am.  
**Christine Kubacki Atherton**: meeting **Amy Pullen** working during a Summer Session when they were 16. Their job was to drive a Chevy suburban to Logan to pick up summer students. While waiting in the airport coffee shop, she discovered that she and Amy share the same birthday, and they have been great friends ever since. She keeps in touch with Amy, who lives in the Boston area with her husband Than McIntosh ’82.

Lisa Zuckerman: goofing around in the evening with **Jen Sherman** and Tora Stoneman ’84, procrastinating, complaining about homework and eating candy corn; hearing the church bells ring on Sunday morning for snow shoveling; offering up haircuts in her dorm bathroom.

Bob Butera: living in an inquisitive community with all of us and being the only kid not caught for climbing up a fire escape.

Tim Choate: scrambling to extinguish the candles in his room and alert his roommate (who was in a pleasant haze) that the head of house just drove in. (Apparently, they dodged that bullet.)

Judy Beningson: her best memories involve her friends of the ’80s, and she still keeps in close touch with **Lisi Crowther Lesch**, **Lisa Sammarato-Kim**, and **Tiffany Cobb Bradlee**  
Andrew Bab: “(If I have to choose) performing Cesar Franck’s violin and piano

sonata with **Jeffrey Rossman**; our Boston outings with faculty member William Thomas, **Peter Lorenzo**, **Nick Morse**, Peter Eliopoulos ’84, and so many other musicians; hanging out with my Stuart pals, **Jason Bernhard**, **Jeffrey Stafford**, **Richard Murphy**, among others; playing the carillon (bells) every weekend senior year.”  
That’s it for now. Keep safe!

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Hi folks. The nights are turning crisp. The maples and birches have already started turning in the mountains. I’m not sure what the weather will be when you read this but fall is here now and just about to drive us inside for a couple weeks as we wait for the freeze and the snow that will follow in December. With luck the change in season will bring some other changes. I was on campus in person for the Alumni Council Volunteer Summit a couple of weeks ago (Adam was uncharacteristically nowhere in sight) and I’m scheduled to travel to Montreal for a conference next month. I’m not sure I’m ready to rejoin a social universe but the time seems to have arrived at long last!

Thanks to everyone who shared their news! Despite it all everyone has been busy! **Chas Fagan** writes that he was honored to be appointed to an unfortunately short stint at the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts. It sounds like they were working on some great projects and he was disappointed that the winds changed before he could see them through. Otherwise he reports he’s “just” been plugging away in the studio on a crowd of sculptures including a memorial to Flight 93, a likeness of Elie Wiesel for the National Cathedral in D.C., and a maquette for an upcoming statue of Nancy Reagan at the Reagan Library. A large likeness of LBJ (scheduled to be unveiled summer of 2021) and a pair of life-size American eagle sculptures for the monument kept him company in the studio throughout the COVID lockdown. It was great to catch up with Chas. He and I are on the same reunion schedule as our dads (PA’54). It’s always fun to crash their parties together!

**Claudia Kraut** says **Meg Dolan** was on the guest list for her son Herbie’s (PA’17) wedding

to Elizabeth Latham (PA’16). Apparently, they met in Fidelio years ago!

**Edna Wong** writes that she’s been back in Hong Kong for 23 years. She has been working part time with a B2B event organizer since her kids (now in college and high school) were born. Instead of swim goggles she grabs her tennis racquet these days. She’s been playing league tennis for the last eight years... when she’s not busy with her new COVID holdover hobby playing the drums (I assume wicked loud!)

**Eric Thieringer** tells me that he and **Stalky Henderson** used their ski trips to keep socially distanced at Vail skiing last January. Add another check to the column listing the benefits of long shoes on the slopes!

Josh Hubbard ’83 apparently stopped while knife shopping for a keen workshop visit with **Adam Simha** at MKS Design in Cambridge.

**Kathryn Baxter** writes that she and her family moved back to Paris from Hong Kong last spring. They’ve come full circle, returning to where she and her husband started nearly a quarter of a century ago. In between they’ve lived in London (where two of their three children were born), New York, Tokyo, and Beijing. She shared a little about what the pandemic had been like overseas but said that the hardest thing was seeing the change Hong Kong has gone through during the transition to Chinese control.

**Mike Bayer** is still hiking the high peaks, putting those of us busy scrambling up New England’s hills to shame! In the remaining hours of the year he works as general counsel of Yamaha Guitar Group and started a film production fund called Brown Derby Films. Their first feature film will shoot this fall in the Netherlands!

**Nancie Pageau** says that life Down Under during the pandemic was very different than what she heard about life at home.

**Ricardo Parellada** is an associate professor of philosophy at the Complutense University in Madrid. He was recently appointed delegate director for a consortium of North American study abroad programs there. He says it reminds him of his distant time at Andover. He sends a warm hello to everybody.

**Susan O’Brien Lyons** was honored on Bastille Day by the French government for her commitment to cultural exchange and promoting French initiatives in Chicago. She credits a love for France and the French language nurtured during her years at Andover for the award (I think it was her dedication and the hard work!). Susan also completed a master’s program in the social sciences at the University of Chicago this past summer with a focus on sociology (graduating by

Zoom in August)! Next on the docket...maybe Dr. O’Brien Lyons, PhD.

**Rachel Bacon** wrote me in July that she was hopeful that a long-planned research trip to a Siberian diamond mine was going to finally happen in October. The trip is part of her research for a show addressing the current ecological crisis (and part of a larger collaborative project involving artists, architects, and designers on landscape narratives in Russia). The work consists of some large-scale graphite drawings on crumpled paper and a hand-copied chapter from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change report on the polar regions (disturbing reading—and copying—she says) and is slated to be shown this spring. Keep your notes, emails, texts, and various social media messages coming. **Adam**, **Alex**, and I are forever appreciative of the stories you share with us. May the wind be at your back (and the flies asleep)!

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Hello everyone! I hope that everyone is staying COVID-free and hopefully getting back to normal by the time these notes of 10/21 get printed. Not a lot of news came in with my requests, so I’ve taken the liberty to highlight a few of our classmates who don’t usually get mentioned, with some public information that I found in their professional profiles online.

**Viva Bartkus** is at the University of Notre Dame working at the Kellogg Institute for International Studies as an associate professor of management. She is also the faculty director of the Meyer Business on the Frontlines Program, which is dedicated to the belief that there is dignity in work and that all people can contribute to society. Viva was a Rhodes Scholar and worked at McKinsey & Co. for 10 years, the last four as a partner.

**Sophia Krapoth** studied social and business communication in Berlin, after which she completed a postgraduate course in film at the University of Hamburg. Since 1998 she has been working as a freelance screenwriter with over a dozen titles listed in her filmography, including her 2020 film *Parents With Obstacles* and 2018 film *Wedding Ceremony With Obstacles*.

**Tracy LaFlamme Ortega** is CEO and founder at Bell Group, a digital learning consultancy, specializing in learning

innovation for professional corporate training and education. Prior to this, Tracy founded Prepworks a multi-award-winning education technology company until it was acquired in 2018. Tracy also served on the National Board of Directors of ALPFA, the Association of Latino Professionals for America, the largest member-based organization in the U.S. dedicated to connecting Latino students and professionals for impact.

**Matthew Kotce** graduated from Wesleyan University with a degree in environmental science. He is currently principal health safety and environmental associate at Genzyme, a Sanofi company.

**Tom Shields** writes that he is still in the San Francisco Bay area, almost an empty-nester, and wondering what he and his wife will do with all of those empty bedrooms. He’s investing in food and agriculture start-ups with AgFunder, and coaching start-up CEOs. They had a chance to have dinner with **Alvin Wen** where they reminisced about Mr. Apgar’s junior physics class. Speaking of Alvin, he was at a pub gathering organized by **Doug Stiffler** in Andover in July. Also in attendance were **Cindy Taylor**, **Peter Stark**, **Ted McEnroe**, **John Kole**, **Becca Derderian Daniels**, myself, and **Alan Himmer**.

**Zeena Abidi** also had a mini reunion with **Chris Flynn** and **Nell Gharibian**. Zeena writes that they see each other frequently as they are all in the Bay area. They celebrated Nell’s birthday and reminisced about birthdays at PA. Chris and his wife Andrea, and Zeena and her husband Nat have been consoling each other as they all begin empty-nesting for the first time.

**Alyson Yashar** writes that she had a nice luncheon back in July with **Sarah Heard**. Sarah also had **Cheryl Butler** stay with her in Prospect Park, Brooklyn, NY, in August. According to Cheryl, “It warmed my heart to be back in Brooklyn, where I lived over 20 years ago. The neighborhood may have changed, but the boarding school bond remains.” Sarah took a leadership position with Avenues: The World School, “a school with many campuses, providing transformative, world-focused learning experiences to students around the globe.” Check out their website; it sounds like a school PA graduates might like for their own children.

Alan Himmer and I, **Megan Carroll Himmer**, celebrated our first anniversary in August at a “Cake by the Lake” party in NH joined by Christi Balling ’86, Mark Dobrosielski ’84, Becca Derderian Daniels, **Jeff Kip** and wife Kerry, **Cindy Taylor**, **John Kole**, Parker Powell ’84, and then “Cake by the Ocean” on Martha’s Vineyard, with **Carter**

**Vincent** (who stayed on a sailboat nearby), and our PA siblings Eric Himmer ’88, Oona Carroll ’96. Speaking of John, he and Alan joined **Victor Svec** and Doug for a hike up Mount Lafayette in NH. Doug earlier in the summer completed a 300-mile sectional hike in Pennsylvania for suicide prevention. Cindy informed me that **Lorne Thomsen**’s family has run Camp Deerwood in Holderness, NH, a summer camp on Squam Lake for many years and right next door to her family

I was happy to meet up with my former Blanchard House roommate **Jenny Greene** who came out east from her home in Marin County to go on a college tour in Boston with her eldest son. Her name is still on the board of records at Harvard for diving! We had a lovely outdoor BBQ with her sisters Cindy Greene ’87 and Megan Greene ’97 at Cindy’s house near Boston.

My dear PA ballet instructor Cristina Rubio passed away last spring. I had dinner with her daughter, Cristina ’81 to reminisce. She informed me that the new dance studio will be named after her mother, a wonderful and deserved honor.

We want to hear from you, especially those whom we haven’t mentioned in the notes for a while (if at all!). A few of you from my list are: **Chris Patrick**, **Katherine Greenwald**, **Kevin Collins**, **Fanny DuPuy**, **John Roesner**, **Leah Middlebrook**, **Trent Warner**, **David Luongo**, **Ian Watson**, **Melanie Sarino**, **Scott Lattanzio**, **Chris Zurn**, **Jim Thompson**, **Andrew Hruska**. Everyone, please write!—Megan

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Greetings from Budapest, Hungary! I was just emailing with **Sean Gallup** about life flying by living as an expat! I cannot believe I have been away from the U.S.A. for five years—first in Delhi, India, for two years and now over three years in Budapest.

Sadly, I missed a recent visit by Sean to Budapest, when he was here working as a photojournalist with Getty Images documenting the Pope’s visit to Budapest, Kosice, and Sastin. Sean has lived in Berlin since 2004 and before that was in beautiful Prague for nine years. What a great adventure!



**Rosie Weld** wrote that she works in Stoneham, MA, as a family practice physician, which has become more of a slog during the pandemic. In addition to her life as a physician, she is a hockey mom to her sons, one who plays at St. Lawrence University and the other in the USHL junior league in Iowa.

Rosie has revitalized her hockey career and is hoping she can stay up until the 9:20 p.m. start time. Have fun, Rosie! (I have a feeling I would be missing anything scheduled at that time, myself! Haha!)

The ever-entertaining **Lydia Wise** had me laughing about writing “real” Class Notes, noting our weight gain, lost hair, and general flaws. LOL. Lydia also wrote that she is proud of her son Quincy ’21, who is a freshman at UNC Chapel Hill studying African American history. Sadly, her dad, and former Andover English teacher, Kelly Wise, died in August. He was a true Renaissance man with deep ties to Andover.

I may be ready to hand my job over to **Pat Mancuso**, who wrote an abundance of updates! In August, **Jim Reidy**, **Chuck Bean**, **Mike Gill**, **Jeff Miller**, **Peter Burns**, and Pat descended on to Cape Cod to Chuck’s house in Popponesset for a long weekend. They spent the day collecting seashells and building sand-castles until fellow classmates and Rabbit Ponders **Tom Malloy** and **Terri Kopp** came by and got things rolling!

The next day they took Chuck’s yacht, captained by his son Chris (Cornell ’18), to Martha’s Vineyard where we had mudslides and dirty bananas at Nancy’s and then sushi at the Lookout. Good times and lots of laughs reminiscing the 35th year of our friendship.

The updates are that Chuck continues to thrive as his company Heritage Financial has been featured in *Barron’s* several times for its success. Mike Gill’s law practice has him known as the real estate attorney of the stars across Cape Cod, especially famous at Baxter’s. Jim Reidy has a burgeoning empire of Medi Weightloss clinics across the South Shore. Peter Burns is prospering as managing director of OfficeWorks and keeping his old Reading buddy Jeff Miller out of trouble. Jeff is the director of financial aid at the Northwood School in Lake Placid teaching math and coaching varsity hockey. Oh, if Lou Hoitsma could only see you now.

Pat continues to happily live and work in the Northern Virginia area where he has been for over 30 years. He currently works at Equinix with Jonathan Schwarz ’84. Tom Malloy continues his career in the food industry and if you ever need an insider’s guide to the best restaurants across the Cape along the North and South shores, he is the guy. Terri

Kopp continues to live in L.A., writing for TV shows and supporting local basketball teams. Some things just never change.

As I wrote, you are hired, Pat!! Thank you so much for the update on so many!

**Kirkland Hamill** is working on a novel as a follow-up to his memoir, *Filthy Beasts*. Have fun with your new work!

**Kelly Amis** wrote that the highlight of her summer was a visit by **Owiso Makuku** in Napa Valley. They went wine tasting, ate amazing food, and played bocce, and it turns out that Owiso’s a natural!

**Sarah Raab** and **Anne Pearson** sent a fun picture of them holding rackets on a pickleball court in Oakland, CA, where they reunited for a few games.

**Michael Phillips** is the chief compliance officer for Alumni Ventures, which makes high quality, diversified venture capital funds, available to individual investors. Michael writes that he’s enjoying breaking new ground on the regulatory/business front in democratizing the asset class and helping launch exciting new businesses to invest in. What is special to him is their mission to help diversify the historically under-represented groups of founders and funded entrepreneurs. He’s on the Board of Joy2Learn and is very involved in arts and education as well as running his first marathon. Go Michael!

Fabulous artist **Liz Collins** is preparing for four solo shows in New York, Milan, Los Angeles, and England. 2022 is going to be a blockbuster year for you, Liz! Best of luck and enjoy working in your Dumbo, Brooklyn, studio.

**John Domesick** wrote as he was leaving N.Y.C. and breaking his travel rut by heading to Morocco. I adore Morocco and the amazing handicrafts that abound!

**Ernesto Espaldon** currently lives in Guam, where he owns and operates businesses in food and finance. Additionally, he serves as vice chairman of the Guam Economic Development Authority.

Pre-pandemic, Ernesto had several calls with **Jake Lynch**, who is in Hong Kong, and recently connected with **Andrew Majewski**, who is working with the Peabody Museum at Harvard. Pandemic free time allowed for reconnection with Brian Donlon ’87, who lives in the San Francisco Bay Area, and **Carl Yee**, who lives near San Diego. He stays in close touch with Rob Cantu ’85, who is an orthopedic surgeon in New Hampshire, and was able to track down **Pete Coughlan** in Maine. Finally, he is looking forward to getting together with **Tom Bok** (who is training for the Boston Marathon) during my next trip to Boston.

I don’t know, all of these marathon runners are making me question my lack of desire to run! Haha!

It was so great to hear from so many, so thanks again for the wonderful updates! Today, I am excited to take a weekend trip to Cappadocia, Turkey. I can’t wait to hunt down some wonderful textiles!

Xo, **Kath Campbell DiPaolo**

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After five years and five countries, the film **Robin Hessman** has been working on is finally meeting the world! The documentary film *Simple as Water* debuted at film festivals in New Jersey, San Francisco, and Los Angeles this fall and was scheduled to launch on HBO as of this writing. The film takes viewers into

Syrian families’ attempts to build new lives amid a myriad of obstacles. The producers are actively engaged in an Oscar campaign for the film. Robin reports that she enjoyed seeing **Andrew Case** and yours truly at the premiere in June and hopes to see more alums at screenings in the coming year.

Always great to hear from **Alastair Bor** down under. Alastair took the COVID slow-down as an opportunity to finish something he started at Andover as a member of the Radio Club (W1SW) and completed his amateur radio license. Alastair now transmits via VK2NET from Sydney, Australia. For those who might be interested, Alastair has merged his radio and ‘geeky’ (his words) hobbies, which you can check out at <https://sdr.vkw.net> and play with some of his equipment.

Great to hear from **Anne Wolfe Postic** in South Carolina. She says she is still wearing masks, has her booster shot, and has been playing golf. COVID travel permitting, she had planned to be in France for the Christmas and New Year’s holidays.

In New York, **Allegra Cummings** started a new job with Weill Cornell Medicine. Allegra is a board-certified OB/GYN in New York City, where she has maintained her practice since 2002. Last summer, Allegra enjoyed a virtual reunion with Carolyn Bernal Ginexi ’91 and managed to see **Jane Tsai** and Carolyn for lunch in the city.

So amazing to get together in person for the annual, albeit abbreviated Todd Isaac Memorial. No hoops this year (thanks COVID), but we all did gather for a quiet moment of reflection at the memorial followed by fellowship, drinks, and Mexican food at El Vez. So good to catch up in person with **Richard Shin**, **Erik Moody**, and **Michelle Pae** along with Cynthia Bing and Uche Osuji, both ’91, Elisa Istueta Canizares, Josephine Cashman, Bruce ‘matchmaker’ Hamilton ’88, Hollis Hunter Morris, and Kent Strong from the Class of ’89, and Marcia McCabe ’73, among others.

Also in New York City, **Carrie Ann Quinn** took a sabbatical in the fall to write and workshop a new play. The sabbatical was a much-needed break from 18 months of teaching acting to UMass Boston students over Zoom. Being in the city has also allowed her to reconnect with **Rebecca Cullen**, another recent transplant to the City. Rebecca accompanied Carrie Ann to a private screening of her silver screen directorial debut for the film *Launch at Paradise*. Also, keep your eyes out Carrie Ann in an episode for the upcoming HBO Max series *Julia*, about the life of Julia Child.

The first time I met **Seth Schiesel** we were both new students in Halstead dorm at Eaglebrook School. Seth was one of the few students in the dorm who had his own personal computer and he was kind enough to let me play summer Olympics on it with him from time to time, never poking fun at my comparative ineptitude. Always a gamer at heart, Seth recently traded his gig writing about video games for the *New York Times* and as a contributing editor focusing on games for Protocol, *Politico’s* tech website for a dream job as director of executive communications at Team Xbox.

As for me, happy to report I now have one college and one high school graduate. More importantly, the college graduate is now paying for his own car insurance! Four more years and the nest will be empty in earnest.

That’s all from here for now, hope to hear from and see as many of you as possible soon!  
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1991

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After begging and pleading for Class Notes for eons, I owe **Shanti Roundtree** a debt of gratitude for posting a picture of chicken Kiev that got us all talking again. I think the winning comment belonged to **Michael Seamus Day**: “Psychosomatic mouth scalding and a burnt eyelid, but totally worth it.” Shanti notes that she has spent the pandemic cozy with her Affenpinscher, Buckshot, in their vintage Lustron home in Iowa City.

As for Mike Day, he writes “I recently met up with **Lex Carroll** and his family (wife and three little ones) at a neighborhood playground in Stoneham as we try to pull together dinner with **Tigger Hitchcock**, **Uche Osuji**, **James Elkus**, and Jonathan Tower ’92. Tower and Uche have become ski moguls up at Saddleback Mountain and Tigger and I are both deep into coaching youth hockey. My family and I spent the 4th of July with **Shafika Khayatt** and **Brendon Guthrie**, and we caught up with **Bobby Edwards** for a great visit in Martha’s Vineyard. On my end, I was appointed as the chair of the judiciary committee in the Massachusetts legislature easier this year, where I am helping to oversee criminal justice modernization and police reform, and where I patiently explain to all that inquire that public health measures like masks and a vaccine during a pandemic are not deprivations of constitutional rights.” Thank you for your service, MSD!

Uche Osuji and **Cynthia Bing** represented our class at an Andover gathering in N.Y.C. honoring the memory of Todd Isaac ’90 and Stacey Sanders ’94 on the 20th anniversary of 9/11. After 25 years of service (!), Uche and **Nat Furman** transitioned their class agent co-head roles to **Francisco Xavier Contreras** and **Kate Petty**, “a dynamic duo if one ever existed.” Uche speaks for us all when he thanks our incomparable class agents—**Tina McNerthney**, Mike Day, **Josh Tulgan**, **Desmond Butler**, **Amy Ferraro Whitsett**, **Steve Matloff**, **William Tong**, and **Kinn-Ming Chan de Velarde**—for their service, just as we all thank Uche and Nat for their many years of dedication to the class agent co-head role.

Speaking of Francisco, he shares that he recently resumed travelling for work, but, before that, last spring, he, his wife, and their four kids (all under 11!) drove 843km from Monterrey to Mazatlán to enjoy the sun and sea. They’ve also taken some long weekends to see family in Houston, stopping at Buc-ee’s and marveling at how few people were wearing masks in Texas, noting that “it’s the opposite here in Mexico; very, very few people are not wearing a mask.” Francisco shares that at the time of his writing in October, his kids continued at-home, remote schooling. Fran has been in contact with Uche, Steve, and **Erin Twomey** and enjoyed seeing classmates during our virtual reunion. For fun, Francisco continues to bike as much as possible and has enjoyed connecting and sharing kudos with some classmates on Strava, including **Eric Stockman**, **Phillip Bellizia**, **Fred Medick**, and Erin Twomey, and also has seen **Sean Macnew** and **Ascha Drake** posting their different exercise adventures.

**Samantha Hollomon** requests baby pics from proud papas **Max Hoover** and from Uche to spice things up, and I suggest that the class Facebook page (please join us there if you’re not on it yet!) is a great place to post such lovely updates. Samantha writes that she is “designing lighting for high school and university buildings, watching hours of soccer for two teenage sons, getting my MBA online at UNC Chapel Hill, and rooting for the Dallas Cowboys.” She also travelled to Guadalupe Island and hung out with great white sharks, “a bucket-list dream come true!” **Mary Jeanne Phelan** adds to the baby picture wish list by noting that **Patrick Shea** and his wife Lori recently welcomed a new baby; their family now has five sons.

**Diana Zipeto** welcomed the opportunity for an in-person art exhibit again and welcomed **Donna Coppola**, **Amy Smith**, and **Ali Mitchell** to one of her shows in Lowell. Diana notes her enjoyment of baby pics from **Jon Odo** and



**Josh** “#babyshtocaller” **Tulgan** on Facebook. Diana’s parents’ neighbors are librarians at Andover, so she enjoys some regular news from the Hill.

**Alexandra Knight** and her husband moved to Santa Cruz, CA, where she has been enjoying paddle boarding with lots of otters, sea lions, and seals. Ali writes, “I also am still adjusting to working for a large corporation after we worked to sell my small 900-person company to Microsoft last year in the midst of the pandemic.”

**Rob Kaplowitz** shares “Coming out of the pandemic has been complicated. I’m still trying to keep focus on the community organizing and advocacy work I started doing in West Philly when work was reduced during the shutdowns, but work is, of course, back up and running at what seems like 200 percent. I added a sort of ‘art-film’ component to the gig cycle, doing sound on a lot of films and shorts for the opera world, where we seem to break the rules by actually recording our audio during the shoots. Back to theater, too—one of the projects I designed and wrote music for (*Skeleton Crew*) is headed to Broadway in a few months. My wife Kittson had a small but awesome role in *Mare of Eastown*, which made the national binging of that show really fun. Our son is in eighth grade, gave up gymnastics during the pandemic, and is now playing football for his middle school.”

As for your humble scribe, I loved seeing Darryl Cohen ’92 on his West Coast swing, catching up with him and with Tara Bedeau ’94 at a brewery in Oakland. Thanks for all of your delightful updates!

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Reunion is coming! By the time these notes reach your mailboxes, Reunion Weekend will be just a few short months away. It’s hard to believe that 30 years have gone by since we graduated. Hoping to see all of you in June!

Preparation for the big event is well under way. Our fabulous 30th Reunion chairs, **Allen Soong** and **Nicole Quinlan**, have been hard at work organizing and hosting virtual meetings of the reunion planning committee, the first of which was attended by: **Natasha Austin**, **Berit Campion**, Dr. **Jess Vega-Centeno**, **Ashley Fischer**, **Pristine Johannessen**, **Daphne Matalene**, **Ellie Miller**, **Anant Raut**, **Kate**

**Seward**, **Sherri Shafman**, **Cathy Thomas**, and myself.

In addition to seeing many of you online, I also had the pleasure of visiting some of you in person last summer, as I made my way across the country after returning from a year in Germany. My first stop was Norfolk, VA, where I had a lovely chat with Stacie Ringleb ’93 and her family on the front porch of their beautiful home.

Next up was Asheville, NC, where I visited the Biltmore Estate and was treated to lunch by former PA gymnast and dear friend **Betsy Hurd**, who is working in the mental health field. Then, it was on to Memphis, where I enjoyed some barbeque with Meka Egwuekwe ’91 and Gina Hoods ’89. I then made my way through St. Louis, Kansas City, and Tulsa before arriving in the Dallas, TX, area, where I was hosted by **Chi Egwuekwe** and his wonderful family, including his son Aren Egwuekwe ’22, who graduates from PA this year.

After a LONG drive across Texas, and overnight stops in El Paso and Tucson, I made it to San Diego, where **Busi Mombaur** and her family were kind enough to host me at their lovely home. I spent the next few days in Los Angeles, where I was joined by Allen, Busi, Cathy, **Todd** and **Aimée Lubin**, **Noy Thrupkaew**, as well as Satie Gosset ’93 and Chad Taylor ’91, for a record shopping excursion at Amoeba Music in Hollywood, followed by dinner at Salazar restaurant, where Kelly McAuliffe ’91 is a manager. Thank you all for showing up to hang out with me! Thanks as well to Stephen Matloff ’91, who hosted me at his family home on my last night in L.A., where we were joined by Allen, Satie, and Johnson Lightfoote ’69 for dinner, drinks, and stimulating conversation.

**Kurtis Auguste**, a leading pediatric neurosurgeon in the Bay Area, was my gracious host in Oakland after a scenic drive up the California coast. I got in a little more record shopping in San Francisco with Leever Holmes ’95, and met up with Shanna Bowie ’01, Tara Bedeau ’94, and Roxane Williams ’91 for dinner and drinks before heading north to Oregon. My host in Portland was the fabulous **Allyson Ford**, who took me on a whirlwind tour of Mt. Hood, Multnomah Falls, and some of Portland’s best places to buy books and records. Allyson and I also met up with Berk Nelson ’94 for a little late-night revelry.

The next stop was Seattle, where **Natassah Williams** and her two sons were kind enough to host me in their lovely home. Amy Nylen ’91 was also kind enough to make the trek down from Ferndale, WA (with teenager in tow), to

meet me for dinner and a nice stroll around Chinatown. It was so great to see all of you!

In other news, Nicole Quinlan, **Ken Lee**, and **Sookyung Shin** were spotted in Boston alongside Sherri Shafman in celebration of her recent job promotion. Congrats Sherri! Anant Raut wrote from D.C. where he works as a lawyer, as does his wife Katie who is in the White House counsel’s office. Their oldest son (with whom Katie was pregnant at our 25th Reunion) is now 4 years old and has taken up the ukulele. Also checking in from D.C. was **Sarah E.T. Robbins**, who is an executive producer at the BBC. She and her husband are raising two sons, 12 and 8.

**Jon Keidan** wrote from New York, where he still manages to find time to play the drums and surf when he’s not busy running a successful venture capital fund. **Jen Carter** checked in from Salem, NH, where she and her husband are raising their two teenage daughters—one a future veterinarian, and the other a budding violinist and actor.

**Paul Lisiak** wrote that he and **Taek Kwon** have partnered up to expand Taek’s addiction treatment center business. Taek was one of several classmates, along with Ken Lee, **Eugene Park**, and **Dylan Seff**, who attended a memorial service for our late classmate **Larry Shin**, who sadly passed away last August. Rest in peace, Larry. You will be sorely missed.

We will take a moment to honor Larry and our other classmates who have passed at reunion this summer, including a visit to the special drawers of artifacts at the Peabody Museum, endowed by our class in honor of **Maya Cointreau**, thanks in large part to the efforts of the incomparable **Jenny Elkus**.

Speaking of Jenny, she and I had a long chat last summer, during which she informed me that her dad designed the new city hall building here in Las Vegas, where I’ve been living since August. It’s definitely worth a visit if you’re in town. And of course, I’d be happy to serve as your tour guide!

Looking forward to seeing you on campus in June!

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One thing I will always cherish about the year of 2020–2021: it gave me the space and appropriate amount of alone time to re-read old letters stacked in bins stuffed in a closet. We,

Class of ’93, are teenagers frozen in time in there. After the onset of email, I put the lids on and hadn’t opened them since. Blurry photos, awkward stories, friends’ new loves long gone. It’s all precious.

**Hilary Williams** sent a few beautiful photos of a road trip she took with **Michelle Cho**, **Alissa Fishbane**, and **Mary Olivar** through Grand Teton, Yellowstone, and Glacier National Parks and it thrilled me to see those faces together, through time. It could have been taken 25 years ago but it was last summer. It reminded me that can always return to the best part of that youth together, even if it wasn’t so easy at the time. Hilary wrote: “After spending a week in the car with these ladies, I was reminded of everything/everyone I treasure about my days at Andover.”

And looking to the future: we have classmates with kids at Andover! When did this happen? **Andrea Paridis Empie** even has a graduate, her daughter Gwen Empie ’21, who headed off to Whitman College. **Alison Wheeler Kennedy** also moved her daughter, Peyton Kennedy ’25, to campus this year. (For those of you who were in Paul Revere, Kennedy reports that TK’s room has been “fixed.” No more hiding spot.) **Lisa Mills**, husband Victor Ssempijja P’24, and Lisa’s sister Shirley Mills ’97 loved joining daughter/niece Victoria Nakaweesi ’24 for orientation in September. She writes that it was wonderful to reconnect with many faculty, leaders, staff and fellow alums on campus. “We were thrilled that Vicky (representing Uganda) and fellow new lower Langston Reid (representing Switzerland) were selected to speak on behalf of international students at the first All-School Meeting of the year.” Check it out at [https://media.andover.edu/media/t/1\\_nOms6zwx](https://media.andover.edu/media/t/1_nOms6zwx). Their speech starts around minute 27.

It’s only a matter of time before we share a reunion with a classmate’s kid. May they inherit our love of dance.

**Stacie Ringleb** writes that she saw the deejay himself, Darryl Cohen ’92, on his tour across country. She had a nostalgic visit to campus with her kids and even ate at Bertucci’s among the Andover Summer students. She was recently named the first director of diversity, equity, and inclusion for the college of engineering and technology at Old Dominion University.

**Merritt Lear** is engaged to Christophe Beck and I for one want to know what the first-dance song will be. **Rejji Patrick Hayes** speaks for a lot of us when he says the silver lining of this era has been simple things like meals with his family, wife Celeste and two children, Hunter (9) and Harper (7). He also says he

enjoys being in closer proximity to his Peloton and his fridge. Again, we relate. Fellow parent, **Marc Baker**, reports that he has been thankful for the memory of the late Kelly Wise. The lessons learned in that classroom—reading and thinking—help him engage with his teenage children.

**Chris Hawley** is surfing in all of the beautiful places (Hawaii! Costa Rica!) and, by publication date, will have a new reggae album streaming. He collaborated with members of Ziggy Marley’s band and a former drummer of Bob Marley’s. **Akash Kapur** published his second book, *Better to Have Gone: Love, Death, and the Quest for Utopia in Auroville*, to glowing reviews. I add my armchair review here: it is marvelous.

**Laila Kuznezov** recently celebrated her 10th anniversary and is still living in Dubai with said husband and two kids, 12 and 8. She works as a management consultant focused on the public sector. She caught up with **Dan O’Keefe** and **Lauren Feldman Smith** last summer in New England and sees Taimur Hadi ’91 and Ahmed el-Gaili ’94 in Dubai.

Another mini-reunion, between **Jen Charat** and **Heather Brown Lewis**, was apparently crashed by Charat’s three growing “man-boys” while Charat, boys, and her husband Glenn visited colleges and ate every possible type of seafood. They have also declared that our 30th Reunion should be a weeklong “unofficial” party. No complaints here. Someone book Darryl and I’ll send out the handwritten letters. To paraphrase Hilary Williams and to quote Heather Brown Lewis, “It’s hard to make old friends!”

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**Alison Bartlett Powell** writes that she lives with her husband, Greg, and two boys in Burlingame, near San Francisco. She has been working at social impact consultancy, The Bridgespan Group, focusing on philanthropy advising and research, which she finds “really fulfilling and challenging.” If any classmates

find themselves in the Bay Area, Alison invites you to “please say hello!”

**Matthew Bower** lives in St. Louis with his wife Mary and two kids. They spend “countless hours” in the soccer world. Matthew and his brother Kenneth Bower ’90 started a nationwide financial planning firm called Clayton Financial Group six years ago, and have grown it to 22 people.

**Melissa Ciaccia** lives on Boston’s North Shore with her husband and three kids, who will officially be teens by the time you read this. “I also work with blossoming humans, teaching Spanish at an all-boys Catholic high school. As you might imagine, it’s all teens, all the time!!” Melissa is in close contact with **Jessica Drench**. “Not only is” Jessica “the keeper/creator of a prolific garden,” Melissa says, but Jessica “also serves as the executive director at 826 Boston, a change-making organization in Boston. She’s doing amazing work!”

**Charatpong Chotigavanich** lives in Bangkok, and spends a lot of time scuba diving, sunbathing on beaches, and taking photos of underwater fish and coral reefs. I (**Erik Campano**) checked out some of his photos—they’re beautiful!

**David Denmark** lives in Milton, MA, and is an interventional cardiologist at Brigham and Women’s Hospital and South Shore Hospital. His wife Vera is a gastroenterologist at Newton Wellesley Hospital. They have two girls who attend Milton Academy.

**Caitlin** and **John Fawcett** moved to the North Shore a few years ago, when Caitlin left her physician’s practice to work with a company, Consumer Medical, that focuses on patient advocacy. “I was remote before remote was cool ;),” writes Caitlin. The company was recently acquired by Alight. Years back, John started his own company, Quantopian, also acquired by Robinhood. They have three boys. “At 4 p.m. I turn into a professional chauffeur and drive them places for the remainder of the evening,” explains Caitlin. She keeps in touch with **Ali Coughlin Averill** and Abby Harris ’96. Ali’s daughter is a student at Andover, “so we like to live vicariously through her stories,” Caitlin explains. She says that **Delphine (Rubin) McNeill** lives in London and met up with **Vanessa Kerry** as she passed through going to the COP26 climate summit. Caitlin says that **Stef Santangelo** is dean of the ninth grade at Princeton Day School, that **Rachel Karchmer Lipton** is living in Arizona with her four boys, and that **Jordyn Kramer** is in California with her wife and daughter.

**Brooke (Wheeler) Grandwetter** and her husband, Adam, recently moved their three kids and two dogs into a century-old Tudor



house outside of Philadelphia. They “enjoyed redesigning the inside to fit the needs of our homebody family.” She says that she is “busy bringing my kids to water polo, soccer, play practice, and art classes nonstop, and making unbelievable amounts of food every day.” Brooke also creates “hand-built, hand-painted ceramic fairy houses, gnomes, raku moons, and other whimsical pieces to make people smile.” Brooke works with The Timothy School for children with autism, and joined the local art center’s board, teaching art appreciation in elementary schools. “I’m a very grateful, very happy mom,” writes Brooke.

**Micah Jacobs** and wife Paula and I are “living happily in Dallas.” Their children are now 7 and 4, “which seems crazy to me,” Micah writes. His family used pandemic time learning to ride bikes, reading a lot, and getting outdoors. Micah is working in pediatric urology, and Paula in a COVID ICU. “Every day grateful for what we have.”

**Jim Leger** says he is still loving hockey and coaching both his 7- and 16-year-olds. Jim heard from Bobby Moss ’96 that Bobby is moving to Jim’s Tritown area, north of Boston. “Sadly,” Jim writes, Bobby will “be leaving **Chad Higgins** alone back in Melrose.” Jim says that he and Sean Austin ’96, **Mark Turco**, Chad, and **Judd Brackett** stay in close contact with “lots of friendly Banter about PA back in the day.” Judd meanwhile lives in Hingham, MA, with his wife and four kids. They own two restaurants on Cape Cod. Judd is also director of amateur scouting for an NHL team, the Minnesota Wild.

**Ryan Lisiak** has been living for 11 years near Hartford with his wife and two sons, and coaches their baseball, basketball, and soccer teams. “Working on the water polo!” Ryan adds. He has a private consulting business as an executive coach in lean business management, and is also an operating partner in a nanotechnology startup developing “a dye-like process to transform any material to become antibacterial and antiviral.”

**Rashida Mack** was an NFL COVID tracer, on behalf of IQVIA, a clinical trial company, for the 2020 football season. She also recently joined Labcorp Drug Development as a senior contracts specialist for site agreements. Rashida writes she “thoroughly enjoyed playing a role in the drug development process for those in need.” She lives in Durham, NC.

**Mohun Ramratnam** lives in Madison, WI, with his wife Sima and their three kids, ages 11, 4, and 1. Mohun and Sima just celebrated their 15th wedding anniversary. Mohun works for the University of Wisconsin and the

Madison VA hospital as an interventional cardiologist and physician-scientist.

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Hello again, fellow alums! Thanks to all who sent in notes this round! Starting off on a sad note, for those who didn’t see my email last September, **Bobby Moss** shared the unfortunate news that our classmate **Bryan Kelley** passed away on September 11, 2021, at home in Tewksbury, MA, at the age of 44. In Bobby’s words: “Bryan was a fantastic teammate and a loyal friend, through and through. He was always quick to laugh, ready to have fun, and had a special way of making his friends feel important. He always took pride in his friends’ accomplishments more than his own, and when he was on, Bryan could light up a room.

“Our hockey coach, Chris Gurry ’66 shared the following, ‘Bryan was a wonderful athlete and teammate who made us all better because of his spirit, wit, and devotion to our team. I cherish my memories of him on that cold rink making us all smile and more of a cohesive team because of his significant hockey skills and his presence in the locker room. We have lost someone who added to our collective hockey experience and left us better because he skated with us all.”

By the time you read this, **Matthew Hintermeister** will have been installed as the president of the Colorado Association of Realtors at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs. Congrats to you, Matthew!

**Chris Ferraro** sends greetings and best wishes to everyone and reports that his family is healthy and he is still working. Thanks for checking in, Chris!

**Kate Larsen** is “happy to be wrapping a project that my office is doing with the Guggenheim New York, envisioning a concept and layout for benches and planters that will accompany their next few exhibits. It opens mid-October and should be up for about a year. Come for the art! Stay for the plants!”

**Margaret Welles Renner** entered the chat for her very first notes submission—thank you so much for contributing, Margaret! She says, “Greetings from the UP! This past summer my husband, four young children and I moved to the Upper Peninsula, MI, to a small town where my husband grew up (Escanaba). We

are loving it! I have been busy settling in, gardening, volunteering, etc., while my husband works part-time in Chicago and part-time from home. I am contemplating a return to law practice, but first must take the Michigan bar after being home with kids these past few years. Time to study! All visitors welcome anytime.”

**Cate Donovan** reports that she “always debated having a fourth child but that urge is now quenched as we just got a Newfie puppy—feels like just as much work as a newborn and he will grow to the size of an adult human.” Congrats on the new pup, Cate! They named him ‘Bull,’ and I gotta say, Bull Donovan sounds like the name of a very intimidating guy to whom I would owe a lot of money.

**Daveen Chopra** chimed in from Orange County, CA. He’s still working with the medical device company Edwards Lifesciences and reports that “life is good” and his boys (ages 9 and 11) “are growing up too fast.”

**Kenny Weiner** and his wife Hannah ’97 were back at PA for Alumni Council. He shared, “it was great to be back on the campus after more than a year and to hang out with **Bret Asbury** and **Libby O’Hare**.” Kenny will stay on for at least another year as a military professor at the Naval War College. “Being a professor is fun, but a lot more work than I knew.” Kenny expects to see **Rush Taylor** soon when he goes back to PA again for the Andover and the Military dinner.

**Franco Torres** hit us up to say he secured a new position at the Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights in Los Angeles, where he will be the deputy director of their legal services department. He and his family will be living around Arcadia and he looks forward to connecting with Andover alums in Los Angeles.

**Peter Saji** let us know that he has moved his family over to lovely Sherman Oaks, CA. He and his wife Amber welcomed their first child (of seven—it’s very complicated), October 2. Welcome to the world, Charlotte Emerson Saji!

And speaking of babies, our very own co-class secretary **Wick McLean** shares that Maisie Price McLean was born at 1:48 a.m. on July 15, 2021, in Hackensack University Medical center. Wick reports he hasn’t slept since and if you want a near-infinite feed of photos, just find him on Facebook/Instagram.

And as for myself, I got a new job! I have built my career in Los Angeles as an executive assistant and after six years at Activision I moved over to Netflix last summer. I now support a business development exec within

their film and TV studio. As I write these class notes I’m binging my way through our new hit show *Squid Game*, which has become incredibly popular around the globe right out of the gate. Until next time, friends!

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Oh, friends, I’ve got some feel-good notes coming your way. A fall northeaster is blowing through Providence, and I’m settled in with coffee in the dark of morning. Join me?

First up is news from the one and only **Tamika Guishard**. Tamika is still making moves in fusing education and media. Her African dance-driven feature-length project, *Rhythm in Blues*, about a PA alumna, was recently unveiled at Cannes Film Festival on the inaugural Cannes Screenplay List as well as one of ten picks by Breaking Through The Lens, a curated selection of the highest-quality feature films by female and non-binary directors. Sam Levy ’91 is on the film’s producing team. After pitching a second proof of concept film, *Black*, at the Toronto International Film Festival, she won Most Trendsetting, Unique, and Out of the Box at Detroit’s Idlewild Film Festival. *Black* was shot at the African Burial Ground National Monument. The setting is special because Tamika was a park ranger there, and she also used the setting for her series pilot, *Green & Grey*. Tamika writes that **Kieran Fitzgerald**, who has become a prolific screenwriter (*Snowden*, *Wormwood*, *The Homesman*), offered precious feedback on the pilot. Other classmates that have offered their support of Tamika’s projects include **Peter & Amy Christoduolo**, **Greg Chase**, **Moses Kagan**, **Jamie Cowan**, **Taylor Harmeling**, **Tom Huntoon**, **Charlie Finch**, **Heather Gotha**, **Helen Struck**, David Brown ’95 and Terri Stroud ’88. Tamika continues to straddle

pedagogy and storytelling, most recently becoming an advisory board member of Tang Institute. She writes, “I am so grateful.” I’m sure you all join me in being equally if not more grateful for Tamika’s bright light shining throughout the world.

Speaking of screenplays, I feel like **John Tarantino** has accumulated enough fodder to write a solid tale of mystery and intrigue. Or maybe I’ve just been making one too many school lunches these days. John writes from Medellin, Colombia, where he moved earlier this year. John moved to New York after college and lived there until four years ago, when he moved to Latin America, living in both Buenos Aires and Mexico City prior to Medellin. He still runs his ecommerce watch company, Martenero, but is now focused professionally on real estate and cryptocurrency.

There was a gaggle of Andover alum on hand to celebrate Toast’s IPO on the New York Stock Exchange because, as it turns out, a bizarrely large composite of their leadership team are Andover alums, including CEO Chris Comparato ’85, General Counsel **Brian Elworthy**, and VP People and Culture **Mike Gutner**. **Greg Berard** is also running a technology company, Converge, based in Rhode Island. In fact, his wife owns a boutique in my neighborhood in Providence! I would like to say that it’s a small world, but, it’s also Rhode Island and we’re all pretty much within spitting distance of each other (a phrase that, now that I think about it, doesn’t age well post-COVID). Outside of work, Greg spends his time watching his two teenage (!!) daughters on the soccer field. Speaking of entrepreneurs, **Nik Divakaruni** got bit by the bug and started his own business, The DVK Group, to recruit and place candidates in the tech industry.

A fun update from Europe: **Daniel Pescatore** was married in October in Galway, Ireland! He married the very lovely Dr. Marion Mernagh, and the happy couple went on a two-part honeymoon (as one does), first on a road trip through Ireland and secondly to northern Italy. Cue jealousy. Daniel and Marion will also be passing through Boston at Christmastime. Speaking of coming home to Boston, **Joe Ponti** has made his way back to the homeland (Andover!) and is expecting his first child. So sweet!

Speaking of road trips, after 15 years working as a lawyer, **Wendy Yu** decided to take a break and go back to school. She is pursuing a master’s of behavioral and decision sciences at the University of Pennsylvania to study behavioral economics. Her family (including husband and two daughters) hopped in their minivan and over 40 days and

6,500 miles made their way from California to Pennsylvania. Now that I think about it, we have lots of fodder for screenplays in this season’s notes!

I’ll round out the column with news of reunions, which always give me FOMO, if I’m being honest. In Hong Kong **Dallas McAfee** recently got together with **Emily Green** and Rebecca Schrage ’97. **Chessie Thacher** made her way back East in August and was able to catch up with **Samar Jamali** while in Maine. The trip was special because Chessie got to introduce her daughters Josie (3.5) and Frankie (2) to swim in the Atlantic Ocean (“Brrrrr!!!”) and some other childhood stomping grounds. Chessie and her husband Eli live in Berkeley, CA. Eli is a public defender, but at one point in his life played in a band that toured at Andover. How’s that for kizmet! Chessie is a senior staff attorney at the ACLU of Northern California focusing on First Amendment litigation, voting rights, open government, and criminal justice reforms. She writes, “Never a dull moment.”

Couldn’t have said it better myself. Until next time, friends.

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Greetings ’99ers, Happy New Year! We hope that 2022 is off to a good start for everyone. We are light on news this go around, but fortunately for **Anthony Dzaba** this edition of our Class Notes is dedicated to his special announcement! In October Anthony launched STARCRAFTS. STARCRAFTS is a Brooklyn-based electronics brand. The boutique gift shop specializes in custom low-tech wearables. STARCRAFTS can make pretty much anything from animatronic jewelry to kinetic art chandeliers. “Think Q from 007 but with a sense of humor,” says Anthony. Anthony invites everyone to follow STARCRAFTS on Instagram @starcrafts.io and subscribe to the company’s newsletter for early access to new product releases on the starcrafts.io web store.

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The leaves are changing beautifully as I write these notes from my desk in Rollinsford, NH, in October, 2021.

**Greg Sherman** escaped Manhattan Kurt Russell-style in March of 2020 with his wife, son (now 3), and daughter (now 5) and decamped to the Catskills until September last year. They spent the school year back in N.Y.C. until June 2021 when they moved to Pelham Manor. Between new schools, commuting and tropical storms wreaking havoc, it's been a bit of a transition, but they are hopeful things will be looking up.

**Meg Blitzer** and her husband have moved out of D.C. and are eager to be New Hampshire residents where Meg will be coaching water polo at...wait for it...Exeter, which has been wonderful but definitely an adjustment to wear red.

**Emily (Izenstein) Algranati** and her wife and 3-year-old daughter Samara welcomed twin girls, Nava and Rafaela on July 31. They are enjoying the beautiful fall in the Pacific Northwest and having fun on their newest adventures as a family of five!

**Elisabeth (Sacco) Klock** welcomed baby Lydia to her family in February. Big sister Evelyn and the whole family are doing well.

**Joe Lemire** and his wife Penelope bought a house in Katonah, moving their family to the fresh air and open spaces of northern Westchester in July. So far their children prefer playing in the driveway instead of their acre of land (city kids!).

**Chris Callahan** got married to Elizabeth Hartigan from New Hampshire (she played squash at St Paul's) and they had a baby (three months premature!) on June 6 at UVM Hospital. Everyone is doing well and they are living in West Palm Beach where he works in residential real estate. Chris sees **Nick Mele**, plays golf with John Pickett III '84, and speaks to **Lawson Feltman** from time to time who is living in Atlanta with his wife Michelle and their daughter Charlotte. If anyone is down in South Florida, don't hesitate to reach out!

**Ramesh** has been moving around the country, and had a wonderful time in Miami with **Hans Hertell**, **KC Osuji**, and Pratap Penumalli '06 and Mohammed Syed '93. We are hoping we can have many more

mini-reunions in the next year, and open to any ideas!

Our best wishes for 2022,  
**Jenn & Ramesh**

2002 Reunion

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Hello, Class of 2002! It is always a highlight for Casey and I to hear from you! Especially during this ongoing time of work-from-home, etc. We feel transported around the globe and momentarily into your lives when you write in—thank you. It is great to know that the '02 family is never far.

In July, **Matt Roman** got married in Hood River, OR. **Shuva Chakraborty** and **Harry Boileau** were groomsmen, and other Andover attendees included **Ben Chang**, **Eli Flouton**, **Jeff Sandman**, **Andrew Tonelli**, **Becca Wexler**, and **Dan Cote**. Harry Boileau's wife, Lindsay, officiated the wedding. Matt and his wife Sarah live in Marina Del Rey, CA.

**Melissa Donais** recently left her position as a primary care nurse practitioner and is now the director of health and wellness at Brooks School in North Andover! She says she needs to “make some key wardrobe changes from blue to green!” Or maybe not!!! ;) Congratulations, Melissa, and good luck in the new role!

Over the summer Melissa and **Katherine Cascio** met up at Disney World, and later in Massachusetts. Melissa and Katherine share a love for Disney, so whenever Melissa takes the kids to Disney World in Florida, where Katherine lives, they try to meet up.

Melissa frequently sees Thomas Kennedy III '03 at family gatherings, as his wife is Melissa's husband's cousin. Thomas's son, Vincent, and Melissa's son, Brennan, are very close in age and the family enjoys watching them play together.

**Britta Schell**, husband Jon, and pup Elsa moved to their new home in Lisbon, Portugal, in April after spending most of the pandemic in Santa Fe, NM. Their home is in a great neighborhood next to jungle-y Jardim da Estrela and Portugal's parliament. The city is buzzing, they are having a lot of fun, and would love to see anyone passing through. Britta and Jon spent the summer road tripping through Tuscany and Provence, where she found her French less rusty than expected, thanks to her French teacher Mr. Herbst! She

also met up with **Gauri Kirloskar** in Prague and was able to meet her husband and their adorable daughters while they were visiting from India.

**Sarah Lau** reports that there are four 2002 alums on the Alumni Council Equity and Inclusion Committee—**Ryan Coughlan**, **Bali Kumar**, myself (**Chloe Lewis**), and Sarah. We all feel very excited about the work of the committee and are always interested to connect with classmates who might be interested in what we are doing or would like to get involved. If curious, please reach out!

**Esther Rabess** writes in sharing that Simon & Schuster will be publishing her first novel next year! It's called *Everything's Fine*. It will also be published in Brazil, Latin America, Spain, Germany, Sweden, Serbia, Israel, Norway, and the U.K. She is absolutely “verklemt!” And we could not be more proud! Congratulations, Esther!

**Marc Ward's** wife, Cat Ward, USAFA 2011, was due to deliver their fifth baby (third boy) Ari Grayson Ward, October 13, 2021.

**Tenley E. Raj** is expecting her second child, a boy, on December 10, the same day as birthdate of classmate **Courtney Gimbel Bardo**! Congratulations, Tenley!

**Eugenie Kim** had baby No. 2 in August, and was excited to see **Sarah Smith** back in Brooklyn after her long hiatus from the neighborhood during the pandemic. Sarah, her husband, and their two kids (with baby No. 3 on the way) spent one-and-a-half years in Maine but have returned to the Big Apple. Eugenie and Sarah saw each other at Eugenie's daughter's birthday party, and they also frequently get coffee in the neighborhood together after they drop their kids off at the same school!

**John (Byung-Jin) Kang** was happy to visit his parents in Florida for the first time in two years. During this trip he made a quick stop in New York, where he visited **Eric Liu** and his family, which had doubled in size with the addition of his two kids. He was also able to catch up with **Kwad Acheampong** over bagels and coffee in Manhattan (as one does) and had a conversation covering multiple topics (including his new job). Assuming conditions hold, John hopes he can make additional visits to the U.S. in the near future, not least of all in June during Reunion Weekend (which may have to be another 72-hour jaunt!) where he looks forward to seeing his fellow classmates from '02.

A wedding, new jobs, moves, frequent get-togethers, and long overdue reunions—this group is always on the move! Congratulations to all of the new parents!

I'm still holding down our '02 outpost in Jackson Hole along with several other classmates—come visit! I just saw fellow residents **Rob MacInnis** and his wife, Abby, and their daughter Mary at my daughter's 3rd birthday party.

Hope to see many of you at our 20th Reunion in June!!

2003

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Congratulations to **Margaret Ramsey** and **Tom Dimopoulos**, who both welcomed new-borns to their family this summer! On July 28, Margaret and her husband Sean welcomed their son Finn in San Francisco. Margaret reported that she and Finn (and Sean!) are doing well and that they couldn't be happier. To top it off, July 28 was also the anniversary of Margaret and Sean's first date—it was meant to be!

Tom and his wife Jennie welcomed their son Theo on August 31 in San Francisco, too. August 31 also happens to be the birthday of—none other than—Theo's father, Tom! Tom said that Theo and Jennie were both doing well, and that “yes, Theo is the best birthday present ever” (apologies to *Super Mario Bros* and *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles*).

Congratulations are also in order for **Greysen Carlson**, who married Lacy Fleming June 26 in Buena Vista, CO. The couple lives in Kansas City, and celebrated with friends and family in Colorado, at a ceremony overlooking the Rocky Mountains. Longtime pal **Pete Stetson** was a groomsman and stood with Greysen during the big day. **Stephen Fee** and I joined Greysen's Stowe House band-mates **Chris Skipper** and **Tom Oliphant** in attendance to cheer on the bride and groom. Stephen came in from New York where he lives with his partner Theo, and works for PEN America. Chris and his wife live nearby in Denver, and Tom and his family live just north of San Francisco in Marin County. Pete has settled in Dallas, TX, where he lives with his family and works in the energy industry.

I recently heard from former drummer and Stowe House band collaborator, **Andy Heighington**, who wrote from New Jersey. Andy lives there with his wife and three kids, and works for Bank of America. At writing, Andy and longtime buddy **Greg McKallagat** had plans to watch the Brady-Belichick reunion game between Tampa Bay and New England. Who should they cheer for?!

I've managed to keep up with Andy's fellow Garden State resident and Andy H.: **Andy Hattemer**. He and his wife Stephanie have kept busy with their second child, and with a little help from their in-laws, managed to enjoy the last few weeks of summer.

I also heard from **David Linfield** who just returned stateside after five years in Jordan, most recently doing some research for the Council on Foreign Relations and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He gave a shout out to all of our classmates who visited him while abroad, including former cluster-mate **Seb Benthall**. David will be in D.C. for the next few years, so if you are in the capital, look him up!

I'm hoping to make my way to San Francisco before long to meet some of our classmates' newest family members and check in on some old friends. **Michael Ruderman** visited Los Angeles this summer and reported that, despite a few recent defections, **Matt Lindsay**, **Janis Scanlon**, and the rest of the '03 San Francisco gang remain happy and healthy!

Lastly, if you're looking for a new cookbook, or perhaps a gift, check out **Ali Rosen Gourvitch's** newest release, *Modern Freezer Meals*. With that said, here's to a great winter. I hope you and your families are safe and happy, and until next time, stay in touch!

2004

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Another update, another happy collection of future PA grads!

**Jennifer Graham Chittim** had her second child, Lily, in August. Her older brother Teddy, now 2, adores her! Jen, her husband Alex, and the kids now live in Summit, NJ, and have been adjusting to life in the suburbs.

**Lydia Wallace** and **Michael Stinnett** welcomed their daughter, Juniper Claire Stinnett Wallace, in July. Lydia reports that they are absolutely smitten, and that Juniper is healthy and doing great.

**Derrick Kuan** and his wife Alex welcomed their first child, Evan, in September. Derrick claims his name is pronounced “E-VAN,” and purports to have named Evan after Derrick's dream car, the Nissan e-NV200, best known for delivering Amazon Prime packages. Derrick was also recently a contestant on *People Puzzler*, a crossword puzzle-themed show hosted by Leah Remini on the Game Show Network. He placed third out of

three, winning a one-year subscription to *People* magazine.

**Dorothy Voorhees Atewologun** had a baby boy Isaiah, born in June. He is dearly loved by his mom, dad Tola, and 2-year-old sister Josephine. Dorothy says Isaiah has a great smile and is starting to get some personality, but she wishes he would sleep more. Is it true that the sleepless nights are harder, longer with the second child?

Also expanding their family: the Yates household. **Taylor Yates** and his wife Karen welcomed Josephine Bryer Yates at the end of June, and big brother Asher is loving having her around. Taylor's real estate business continues to grow and he is already one of the top realtors in Greater Boston. He reports that he's keeping busy volunteering for PA as the new co-chair for his regional leadership team, and with groups that support refugees from Afghanistan, where he was previously an aid worker.

**Ali Schouten** reports that she's hard at work planning a wedding, speaking on the occasional podcast, and on producing the second season of *iCarly* for Paramount+. **Jenny Byer** went out to Malibu in August for Ali's bachelorette weekend. She says it was great to celebrate with all the L.A. comedy writing friends and meeting Ali's awesome fiancé. In fact, it was the first time Jenny and Ali had seen each other since COVID hit.

Back here in Worcester, **Tyler Simms** is coaching basketball at Clark University. Tyler married Kristin Scheitrum in August and had quite a few Andover alumni in attendance: His brother, J.T. Simms '02, was best man, **Adam Crabtree** a groomsman, and **Kat Conlon**, Amanda Belichick '03, and Kelly Lannan '03 joined in celebration.

**Alanna Hughes** and her husband Andrew are taking a break from Boston for a bit, and moving to Los Angeles for the first part of 2022—for Andrew's final semester of his grad school program. They'd love to meet up with the strong contingent of '04 alums in SoCal!

Also on the move out of Greater Boston: **Alex Thorn**, his wife Hannon, and son Patrick packed up the Cambridge home for Raleigh, NC. After 12 years at Fidelity Investments, Alex joined Galaxy Digital, the major cryptocurrency financial firm, as head of research, and now commutes between Raleigh and New York City.

Back here in Andover, my husband Alex, son Anthony, and I hosted **Genevieve Kandler**, her husband Justin, little son James, and big sister Natalie. It was great to catch up with them all, and let the little ones run wild while the adults sipped rosé. Later in the



summer, on a stop up in Andover from her usual home in D.C., **Pooja Sripad** came by to meet Anthony and catch up. She’s doing well in Washington, where she regularly sees **Ariel Gold**. Pooja is excited to finally be able to emerge a bit from social isolation and meet new and old friends.

I hear it from everyone all the time, folks would love to connect with fellow ’04 alums in their areas. Reach out!

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**Nate Scott** is living in the D.C. suburbs with his wife and two babies, Redding and Callum. Over the summer he saw **Alex Lebow** at a D.C. United game, and went on a golfing trip with **Zack Sandman** and **Greg Feldmann**. He misses everyone and is hoping to get a real reunion soon (editor’s note: yes, please).

**Katelynn Minott** moved back to North Andover with her family after 10 years in Chile and Brazil. Also near Andover, **Bobby Spang** is working as an orthopedist and knee surgeon in Peabody/Beverly. Thanks to the organizing efforts of the world’s best fantasy sports guru, **Grant Yoshitzu**, he is able to reconnect with fellow alumni in an all-PA football league featuring **James Paolino**, **Dan Adler**, Joe Smith ’06, Kyle Franco ’10, Mike Jiang ’07, **Billy Doyle**, and **Mac King**.

**Kelly (Stecker) Donahue** finally became the surf instructor she always dreamed of becoming! In addition to surf coaching year-round in New England, she is life coaching through her company Badass Moms.

**Natasha Midgley Moskow** is busy raising one pandemic baby and another pre-pandemic toddler who has started preschool. She recently launched a full spectrum doula practice and is grateful to be supporting moms on their journey from preconception through pregnancy and into postpartum. **Meta Weiss**, her husband David, and daughter Mia also welcomed a new addition to the family; a boy, Maxwell, in July in Boulder, CO.

September hosted the fun-filled and beautiful wedding celebration of **Katie Hunckler** and Jim Slater in Chicago. Maid of honor **Lindsay Baker** gave the speech to end all speeches at the reception that had the whole party on their feet. Several alumni across

the years were in attendance: **Sarah Chang**, **Harry Goldstein**, **Lee Rotenberg**, Margaret (Moore) Nelson ’06, Cotton Harrold ’04, Will Hunckler ’08, Hillary (Baker) Draper ’08, Billy Draper ’07, Chris George ’07, Rod Goldstein ’70, and Warren Baker ’66. Justine (Wardrop) Mejia ’03 officiated.

Lindsay Baker is an interior designer in Chicago—her work was named the “Best Room of 2020” and was published in *House Beautiful* magazine. Sarah Chang moved back to the Windy City after five years in L.A. and is in school for nursing, while doing her best to raise a strong-willed puppy with husband CC. Harry Goldstein and his brother Ricky Goldstein ’12 bought a business that manufactures and distributes motorcycle accessories, and have moved their families to Eau Claire, WI, to run it full-time.

After six years in the San Francisco Bay Area, **Dan Hackney** moved to Austin, TX. He’s used the pandemic time to take up wood-working, electronics design and soldering, and home automation, in addition to continuing his software engineering job at YouTube.

**Hilary Fischer-Groban** moved to upstate New York during the pandemic, and had a little pandemic baby, Ira, with her husband Vinay. Turns out they prefer reliable childcare over apple-picking proximity so they are headed back to N.Y.C.

**Asher Bargar** finally found a name that fits better than “Emily,” and is very excited to have the dorms at Milton Academy open this year in order to better socialize their cats Rusakov, Dust for short, and Fnord. In more cat news, **Natalie Ho** now has two after adopting them in May. She is excited about a trip to Paris in October after not traveling for almost two years and is planning to move home to Boston in January. **Meg Scarborough** and **Chris Zegel** are enjoying life in Charlestown, MA, as parents of two boys, two dogs, and...surprise, two new kittens. Meg is building her content marketing agency, Megawatt, with Chris’ help and is now up to 10 employees, 19 clients, and growing fast!

**Katherine (Dix) Taylor** had her second child in March, Oliver George, who is just trying to keep up with his sister Isabelle, 3. She and her husband Dan bought a house in Oxted (30 minutes south of London) and just finished a full eco-renovation. Across the globe in Bogota, Columbia, **Jessica Taggart** and her husband Marc have their hands full with son Lucca, 2, and daughter Maelle, 4.

**Natalie Dean**, her husband, and two kids have just moved to Atlanta for her new job on the faculty at Emory University in the Rollins School of Public Health. She would love to

reconnect with any alums in the area! **Alice Campbell** is in Nashville after several years in New York and would be excited to meet up with any classmates who find themselves in the Music City.

**Morissa (Sobelson) Henn** recently began a new role leading public health efforts in the Granite State as New Hampshire’s associate commissioner for health and human services. After living in Utah for several years, she is glad to be back East with her husband Jamie and baby Dorsey (born March 2021) to be near family and pursue her public service dream job.

**Vanessa Parkinson de Castro**, **Clarissa Deng**, and **Anthony Reyes** went to Brooklyn Mirage together this summer. Vanessa also spent a weekend with **Diana (Grace) Beard** out on Long Island in August to meet her new baby.

Lastly, **Zach Sandman** officially resigned as Sadyr Japarov’s aqua aerobics instructor and has been hard at work creating the world’s best doorknob for a small Chechen startup, “Doors are for Opening.” It’s truly amazing what our alums can accomplish.

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In exciting news, our 15th Reunion is fast approaching. While the fact that 15 years have passed may be shocking, we are certainly looking forward to seeing everyone, and grateful that plans are in motion for an on-campus reunion! Fingers crossed that we are all able to gather in person this year. As many of you may know by now, **Molly**

**Ozimek-Maier** has started an Instagram account for our class to follow with updates, polls, questions, and reminders for the reunion. @andover07 is the account to follow! If you are interested in being a part of reunion planning, let Molly know through Instagram and she will forward you the info to join. #goblue

**Devon Zimmerling** was married in July at the University of Oxford after a series of pandemic postponements. **Sarah Dewey** and **Dawson Joyce-Mendive** were both in attendance. Sarah recently moved to London and was able to finish her quarantine just in time for the wedding. Dawson travelled from Amsterdam, where she has been living for the last few years.

In other nuptial news, **Benjamin Landy** got married to his college sweetheart, Sasha Fulton (who some of you might remember from our 2017 reunion), in New York City. In attendance were fellow 2007 grads **Steven Farquhar**, **Ryan Ferguson**, **Mike DeFelippo**, and **Matthew Villanueva**, who gave a very moving speech as best man. Ben also recently helped launch a new media company, Puck, with another Andover alum, William D. Cohan ’77.

**Alex Clifford** had a blast celebrating with **Edwin Diaz** and **AJ Charles** at **Chris Bramwell**’s recent wedding.

**Anna Klenkar** met up with **Rachel Reinauer** for a wedding in Cincinnati. The two had an excellent time catching up in person and exploring the city for the first time. Rachel and her husband John also enjoyed spending time with **Justin Waite** and his wife Carolyn when they recently visited Seattle.

**Olivia Pei** is still loving the chance to hang out with **Brooks Canaday** and Max Meyer ’08. She recently had an awesome time hosting **Prateek Kumar** for a week.

**Peter McCarthy** graduated from UVA Law in May, then spent the summer studying for and taking the D.C. Bar exam. He was able to celebrate by spending a month climbing in Chamonix and in the Dolomites. He then started a PhD in law at Sciences Po in Paris with a focus on geoengineering and law. He caught up with **Catie (Shaw) Campbell** and her husband Kevin when they hosted Peter and his fiancée at their house in L.A. in September. He also met up with Olivia Pei at a cafe in Paris when Olivia was passing through from a wedding in Germany.

**Claire Voegelé** felt fortunate to see Prateek Kumar a few months ago when he was passing through D.C. They caught up over a great lunch at Joe’s. Claire is still working in D.C., and recently returned from her first overseas

trip in two years, saying it was great to be back in Europe.

2008

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Growing families—partners and kids! **Carolyn Chica** wrote in to report that **Dacone Elliott** got engaged in September, and **Arianna Van Sluytman**, **Nkem Oghedo**, and Carolyn were there to celebrate with her after the big surprise—congratulations, Dakone! **Hillary Baker** and Billy Draper ’07 moved all around the U.S. with their little baby in tow this summer—Midwest for the summer and N.Y.C. for the fall. After attending **Liz MacMillan**’s wedding in June in Rhode Island alongside **Caitlin Feeney**, **Sarah Pucillo**, and **Kristy Spiak**, she also attended Caitlin Feeney’s in August. Liz wrote, felt lucky to have Caitlin Feeney, Sarah Pucillo, Hillary Baker-Draper, and Kristy Spiak all come to celebrate to dance the night away!

**Chris Lim** attended **Sarah Gordon**’s wedding this summer. (Congrats, Sarah!) Chris also became an uncle—twice!—when his older sister Steph had twins, Juliana and Evangeline. (Class of 2039!?)

Geographic and professional moves: Despite plans to go to grad school, **Paul Hsiao** moved back to New York and became colleagues with Blaine (class secretaries unite!). While in New York, he’s reconnected with **Silké Cummings**, **Siobhan Alexander**, and **Matt Emery**, who is now a proud homeowner!

**Chris Cheung** has also moved, this time from Hong Kong to Shanghai to attend graduate school. This fall **Simone Salvo** started a year-long fellowship appointment at NYU’s Interactive Telecommunications Program and currently has an exhibition up in collaboration with her grandmother at Endicott College, not so far from Andover.

**Katie Costello** just moved out to San Francisco to join H.I.G. Capital after graduating from Wharton last year with **Jeff Abboud**. Katie is living in the Marina and teaching yoga a couple of times a week at CorePower. **Kelicia Hollis** moved to the San Diego area—welcome to the best coast, both!

**Chris Lim** is leaving his position as a post-doctoral researcher at UC Berkeley for a new job at Inscripta in Pleasanton, CA! Inscripta is a biotechnology company creating novel

CRISPR/Cas enzymes for research and therapeutic benefit. He says he’s a bit sad to leave academia but really excited to join the private sector—and to buy us drinks, I assume? Both!?

**Lisa Lian** had a baby girl and moved to New Jersey this past July. **Osei Wilks** got engaged and bought a house. **Rachel Cohen** moved to the suburbs (Ambler, PA) and is raising a crazy toddler who is obsessed with trucks. Rachel writes: “It’s all we ever talk about, ‘trash truck,’ ‘dump trucks,’ ‘fire truck,’ ‘weeeeooweeeoowoo!’” She posts comical videos of him on Instagram @xochithechug which, as she writes, might give you baby fever or serve as birth control depending on your mindset. Enjoy!

Hangouts: While in California, Kelicia drove to Santa Monica and spent July 4th with **Joy Fowlkes**. Hilary Baker has been catching up with **Grace Gordon** in all the places: Bay Area, Chicago, and N.Y.C. Katie caught up with **Sarah Cohan** in the Bay and would love to connect with other ’08ers in the area. Before heading west, Katie saw **Rachel Cohen** in Philly and finally got to hang out with her son, Merritt, in person. Katie reports: cutest baby ever.

**Stephanie Clegg**, **Ben Schley**, **Frank Pinto**, **Jamie Harisiades**, **Johnny Bukawyn**, **Zach Feldman**, **Chris Wade**, **Megumi Ishizuka**, and **Alex Svec** all returned back to Andover for a tour and scorpion bowls at Kowloon! Stephanie writes, the campus is wildly different from our time (cue the Pepperidge Farm guy) which seem far more recent in her mind than actual time would suggest.

Separately, Ben Schley and Johnny Bukawyn also lived the nomadic life together in San Diego for a month. They rented a house on the beach and learned to surf.

**Hailee Minor**, Arianna, Nkem, and Carolyn also hung out on campus at Groton School at Carolyn’s new (campus faculty) house a few weekends ago. They spent time with Mr. and Mrs. Maqbuela and Mr. Edwards while they were here.

Love how the currents and eddies in our lives keep bringing us back together—can’t wait to see you all again soon!

Xoxo,  
**Paul and Blaine**



2009

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By the time you get this ’09, we should be well into the holiday season hopefully surrounded by family and loved ones. What a stark difference from the holiday season of 2020. The pandemic has felt like three years crammed into one and even though we’re not fully back to normal, I’m glad to see some of our class is continuing to enjoy life with weddings, new-borns, and meetups around the country.

Speaking of which, congratulations go out to **Louisa Chafee** and **Alicia Keyes**, who each got married to their partners in June and September, respectively. **Amanda Lin**, **Brian Sykes**, and **Malik Jenkins** were all in attendance at Alicia’s wedding to Andrew Cohen in North Hero, VT.

On a very different note, **Ari Rimmel** continues to be a badass science journalist who has written many in-depth articles for *Nature* magazine and *Chemical and Engineering News*. Additionally, they have written powerful narratives on how science has helped them discover more about their identity, religion, and mental health. One of these essays was featured in NPR’s *Short Wave* podcast, where Ari was a guest in June. Go Ari!

Also killing the game, **Emerson Stoldt** is officially a licensed architect in the state of North Carolina after passing all six licensure exams during lockdown, and is launching his residential design studio with the construction of the home of his brother, Conner Stoldt ’07. Go Emerson!

As random occurrences go, **Georgina Middleton** just so happened to park next to **Ben Elder** at a jack o’lantern festival in October in the Hudson Valley.

**Larry Zhou** was recently in Miami staying with his brother, Jeff Zhou ’06 and his now wife. Congrats are again in order as they saw a bunch of Andover alumni at Jeff’s wedding. Additionally, this was their family’s first trip with their daughter Kai, who got to meet **Steven Lee-Kramer**’s sweet little girl, Andria! Steven and Frankie were such a godsend throughout the pandemic as a new parent sounding board and the families had a great time seeing each other in person—and at the beach no less!

Lastly but certainly not least, congratulations are again in order for **Veronica Faller** and **Stephen Levy** and **Pat** and **Torie Maher**. Veronica and Stephen welcomed identical twin boys Robert and Jerome (Robby and Romy) in August! Their big brother Noah is so proud! Veronica graduated from her psychiatry residency at MGH in June and is now at Cambridge Health Alliance completing a child and adolescent psychiatry fellowship. Stephen is a fifth-year associate at Latham and Watkins. Pat and Torie welcomed a baby boy named Colin in October.

As for your writer, **Deidra Willis**, she still lives in Los Angeles and has recently started business school at UCLA Anderson while continuing to work as an engineer. She reports that she does not sleep but is absolutely loving the journey, her cohort, and the miraculously active social calendar that she’s somehow able to maintain. If anyone is in L.A. or wants to check out a Bruin game, hit her up!

Until next time ’09,  
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2010

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To start things off, **Courtney King** met up with **Brenna Liponis** in Munich while on a day trip during her travels in Austria and Greece last summer. Other time in Munich, Courtney says, “Brenna and her partner were amazing hosts for the short time we were there and I can’t wait to go back to Germany someday!” Brenna has been living and working in Munich for the past two years in life sciences consulting.

**Bijan Larryabi** and **David Moon** are now colleagues at a law firm in New York City after reconnecting through an arbitration competition last year.

**William Lindsey** graduated from Harvard in May with a JD and master’s in public policy. He moved back to N.Y.C. and is looking forward to connecting with our class.

**Benjamin Prawdzik** also recently moved to N.Y.C. and has been having a really great time exploring the city with **Andrew Townson**.

Speaking of moves, **Juliana Reider** moved out to California this year. If anyone is in the Bay Area and would like to connect, she’d love to hear from you all.

**Sarah Jacobson** graduated from Stanford Business School, along with **Spencer Macquarrie** and **Alex Du**.

**Frederick Grace** lives with his wife and three children in Nashville and would also love to connect with any alumni in the area.

**Matt Renner** just opened his own tattoo shop called Anvil Point Tattoo in Rifle, CO. He’s staying very busy with tattoos and fly fishing every chance he gets!

That’s all from us this time around. We hope you’re all doing well. Keep in touch!

2011

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Hi 2011,

We are so grateful for all the opportunities for the Andover community to connect this season.

**Kristina Ballard** and Fred Shepard ’10 travelled to Boston in October, where Kristina ran in the 125th Boston Marathon. Kristina is looking forward to her next marathon in Arizona in early 2022. Back in San Francisco, they wrapped up a tremendous Giants season and look forward to facing the Dodgers again next year.

**Camilla Brandfield-Harvey** graduated with honors from Georgetown Law in May and recently moved back to New York to begin work at a law firm in the city. A highlight of Camilla’s last year of law school was taking an entertainment disputes class with Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff and meeting him (vaxxed and masked) in person! Camilla is excited to be back in the city with one of my closest friends, Dasha, Malin Adams ’09’s wife. Camilla also grabbed dinner in New York with Will Lindsey ’10, a fellow colleague and new associate at my law firm!

We continue to celebrate lots of love in 2011. After 11 years together, **Chris Meyer** and **Sophie Gould** got married in early September in Prouts Neck, ME, and got a great Andover photo with following alums: Philip Meyer ’08, **Christopher Kent**, **Kerry Lanzo** , June Sory (Palumbo) ’81, Parker Rockefeller ’79, Phoebe

Gould ’15, **Jackie Lender**, **Jenny Zhou**, and **Cameron Phillips**. What a crew! **Ijeoma “E.J.” Ejioogu**, Jess Holley, **Chioma Ngwudo**, and **Oriekose “Orie” Idah** all got together in N.Y.C. to celebrate **Natasha Vaz**’s engagement in Manhattan.

2011’s New York cohort continues to grow as **Steven Kosovac** moved out to N.Y.C. this fall. **Haley Scott** started a new job as a vice president at BerlinRosen in N.Y.C., where she’ll be running paid media programs for Democratic candidates running for office up and down the ballot.

**Edith Young** published a book, *Color Scheme: An Irreverent History of Art and Pop Culture in Color Palettes*, with Princeton Architectural Press in November 2021. Her 2011 classmate and friend **Zachary Fine** wrote an outstanding foreword for the book. We can’t wait to read, Edith!

Thank you for all of these wonderful stories of Andover connection!

Until next time,  
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To kick off Class Notes with some exciting news: **Abby Chung** and **Sven Lerner** recently got married in Wolfeboro, NH. They were married in September—10 years after they started dating during lower year. Congratulations to Abby and Sven!

Many people in our class have reunited in recent months. **Rhea Lewis** got tacos with **Anjali Krishnamachar** and **Cam Morose** in Somerville, MA. In New York, NY, **Kristin Mendez**, **Brendan O’Connell**, and **Hemang Kaul** have been getting together in the West Village to do improv together, and **Christiana**

**Nguyen** had dinner in the East Village with **Sam Green** and **Unwana Abasi**. At the end of September, Christiana got together with Apsara Iyer ’12 and **Maia Hirschler** at Jack Wife’s Freda in Soho, where they caught up over brunch foods for dinner. Lastly, Christiana will be going to Boston for Head of the Charles in October. She is most excited about seeing **William “Zach” Merchant** row in the club event and catching up with other Andover alums in the area. Last summer, **Gabbi Fisher** and **Raeva Kumar** celebrated a mutual friend’s wedding in the Sierra Foothills in California. After almost 10 years together in San Francisco, CA, Gabbi and her partner are becoming first-time homeowners in Seattle, WA. Gabbi says that she will miss seeing many Andover faces in San Francisco including **Justin Wang**, **Suzanne Wang**, **Celine Kwon**, and **Barbara Cleary** (just to name a few), but is excited to host them up in the Pacific Northwest. In Seattle, she looks forward to introducing **Josy Hicks-Jablons**’ future puppy to her cat, Ziggy. Congratulations, Gabbi!

The Class of 2013 has also been busy starting (and finishing) grad schools. **Holland “Holly” Delaney** is completing her last semester at the University of Pennsylvania and will receive a master’s degree in computer science at the end of the year. **Arianna Chang** is also at the University of Pennsylvania, where she started an MBA at the Wharton School this fall. She played in the annual Wharton rugby tournament with Aniebiet Abasi ’11 and got to catch up with Unwana Abasi, who visited her sister on campus. Further north, **Fatoumata “Fatou” Diarra** started an MBA at Boston University, and **Emily Carrolo** started an MBA at Harvard University this fall.

Thank you to everyone who sent in Class Notes! We look forward to reading your submissions next time.

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In April 2021, **Junius Williams** began working in Erbil, Iraq with CrossBoundary, an investment advisory firm focused on frontier markets. He is enjoying the experience and appreciating the chance to visit PA grads in the region, including Uday Singh ’12 and

Oona Singh ’16 in Dubai. Miles Neumann ’15 visited Junius in Iraq in August—the first of his friends to do so!

**Taylor Chin** moved to New York and now lives with **Jake Howell** and **Rem Rimmel**. Jake is finally seeing all the fun he missed out on as a day student! The three roommates have enjoyed seeing other Andover pals around the city and hosting friends from out of town. In August 2021, they hosted a small get together on the anniversary of **Clark Perkin**’s passing. Through smiles and tears, the group shared stories and lessons learned from their dear friend. **Marjorie Kozloff**, **Allison Roth**, **JA-Lamar Lyons**, **Emma Mehlman**, **Austin Gaiss**, **Scott Diekema**, and **Luke Stidham** all joined the celebration of Clark—with **Olivia Cabral** FaceTiming in.

Also in New York this fall, **Hannah Sorkin** and **Katherine Tobeason** hosted an Austin Powers-themed birthday party for Caroline Garrity ’15. Sam Zager ’15 happily attended. A bit further south on the East Coast, **Cat Haseman** met up with **Reneé LaMarche** and Olivia Lamarche ’16 in Savannah, GA, in October 2021 for the fall long weekend.

Donning a white coat, **Kene Adigwe** is in his second year of medical school at the UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester, MA. He is interested in orthopedics and looking forward to rotating in different specialties next year.

After serving on the City of Revere school committee, **Anthony D’Ambrosio** is running for state senator in Massachusetts’s First Suffolk and Middlesex District. Anthony received some Class of ’58 support when Mike Freedberg snapped a selfie at a campaign-related event.

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Hello, Class of 2015! We hope you and your loved ones are well and that you are able to find calm and comfort in your own ways as we continue to grow and live through these times of uncertainty. Despite the challenges of these past 18 months, the Andover community came together to celebrate, even at a distance, all that makes this place remarkable during our virtual 5th Reunion. Beyond the



virtual connections, many of our peers have continued to make the most of the past many months. From local catch-ups to international exploration, our classmates have been continuing to inspire and connect with the PA community and beyond.

**Miles Neumann**, who is currently living in New York City working at Insight Partners, flew to Erbil, Iraq to meet up with Junius Williams ’14, who works at CrossBoundary. **Zoe Leibovitch** lived on mainland Mexico all summer, spending her time surfing and freelance writing before moving to San Diego, where she started a new job as a producer at an advertising agency. She hopes working remotely will allow her to continue to travel.

In the spirit of travel, **Tessa Peterson** has been working for Backroads and has run, biked, and hiked through Bryce, Zion, and Grand Canyon national parks this past summer. She notes, “The sunrises have been beautiful, the work is hard and fun, and I’m more and more convinced that I’m a desert lady! The earth science major/rock nerd in me has been thriving in this land so packed with geological history.” Similarly, **Bianca Navarro Bowman** completed a one-year program in forest fire and wildlife management on Cape Cod. She now lives in Brookline, MA, and is a climate justice organizer in Chelsea, MA.

Speaking of grad school, another one of our classmates, **John Hoffmeyer**, just started a PhD at Yale in comparative literature! John also wrapped up an MPhil in modern Languages at Oxford University this summer. Several of our classmates started medical school this fall, including **Miranda An**, **Claire Jacobson**, **Paul Kinard**, and **Julia Marcus**. **Charly Berry** is in her third year at Dartmouth’s Geisel School of Medicine. We wish them the best of luck and want to thank them for all the good they will soon do for the world!

Many of our classmates have transitioned to new jobs recently, like **Jordan Swett** who recently started working at Sunwealth, a solar investment firm in Boston that brings clean energy benefits to underserved and marginalized communities. He’s now based in the North End, where he enjoys the perk of great cannoli. Before leaving N.Y.C., Jordan had the good fortune of seeing senior year roommate **Sina Golkari**, as well as **Jack Shumway**, **Noah Hornik**, **Billy Casagrande**, and **Benny Ogando** in Brooklyn. Benny flew out from New York to Los Angeles and caught up with **Jason Young**, **Ben Del Vecchio**, and others. Jason recently started a new job at Kevin Hart’s production company in July.

Also based in Los Angeles, **Alex Westfall** has split her time lately between California and Manila, Philippines, where she’s been working as a writer, editor, and fact-checker for a variety of arts publications. She’s also currently on the festival circuit for a short film she made, and at work writing and researching for her debut feature film that is partially set at Abbot Academy in the 1970s! **Olivia Berkey** and **Lily Grossbard** visited Alex in L.A. in April.

In September, **Devontae Freeland** started grad school in Paris on a Fulbright grant after 10 great months as colleagues with **Kailash Sundaram** on Team Biden. Shortly after landing in Paris, Devontae connected with **Corentin “Coco” Thomas** and helped him celebrate his birthday. Dev and Coco are classmates at the Sorbonne where Coco is finishing a master’s in finance. (Dev would like to take this moment to thank Coco for his helpful advice about all the things Paris).

**Simon Sharp** also celebrated his birthday by going on a camping trip with former swim teammates **Chris Li** and **Alex Li** in October.

Although we are spread out across the globe, through this outreach we have been reminded of just how strong the connections are between our classmates. Each noted how they would welcome the chance to reconnect and catch up with fellow alumni. So, if you are passing through Boston, New York, L.A., Paris, D.C., or elsewhere—and comfortable with reaching out—we encourage you to do so!

May your winter be warm and restful!

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Happy fall and winter from the Class of 2019! It has been a strenuous time for many of us as we continue to navigate our post-Andover lives, yet a time full of growth and new opportunities, especially abroad!

First off, **Sam Wright** reports that he has moved to Vienna, Austria, where he will be studying music as a part of an exchange program though his university. OK Sam, we see you! **Julian Colvin** recently interned for a think-tank called the Pegasus institute and also traveled to Iceland. Additionally, he published a few articles—feel free to check out his work on the *Courier-Journal* and *The Record*! Super proud of you, Julian! Additionally, **Angel Elyse** Instagram DM’d us to let us know she also traveled on university exchange to Costa Rica. Elyse reports that spent her time in Costa Rica researching the comparison between simplified and detailed self-monitoring in weight loss. Incredible stuff, Angel! To wrap things up, our fabulous fellow secretary, **Itzelt Reyes Chaparro**, interned at UnidosUS in Washington, D.C. this past summer. Only working two blocks away from the White House, Itzelt was able to connect with Meredith Persily Lamel ’90 and Devontae Freeland ’15. She also celebrated the Fourth of July with Fredericka Lucas ’18 and Makenna Marshall ’18. Upon returning to the Andover area for a brief visit, Itzelt went back to a main street staple: UBurger, with Sebastian Romero ’20. Way to go, Itzelt!

On that message, we hope that the rest of the class and the Andover community have a happy fall and holiday season, and we look forward to sending more of our updates soon.

Best, the Class of 2019

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To the Andover community, we hope each and every one of you is well. It has been quite the year for the Class of 2021. Even though we were able to come together to celebrate our graduation day after over a year apart, it feels as though our time at Andover was cut short. As we write this note, we want to begin by addressing how demanding and disconnected the past year has felt; the Class of 2021 endured a combination of remote, hybrid, and in-person classes through our senior year. But we persevered, together, and helped each other through to the end. The transition to our post-Andover lives has been nothing short of exhausting as we all find ourselves thrown into a world turned upside down. But even at the conclusion of a year filled with difficult firsts and bitter-sweet lasts, the Class of 2021 is filled with energy and excitement for what is next to come.

During her first few months out of Andover, **Hannah Agwunobi** wasn’t sure if she wanted to take her gap year as planned. On the day of her 17th birthday, she decided that she needed to follow through with her gap year so that she could enter college with a feeling of normalcy after working so hard for four years. She describes her gap year as “being filled with a lot of personal development goals.” Hannah’s goals include: getting back into music, improving at coding, and exploring the things she had not gotten the chance to at Andover. Currently, Hannah has a job at Mathnasium, where she helps tutor kids. As she puts it, “Generally, I am vibing, working on myself, and getting used to a schedule that is less demanding, but also moving concretely towards goals I have for myself.”

**Megan Vaz** has also been setting goals for herself. Former managing editor of *The*

*Phillipian*, Megan has found herself back in the newsroom, this time at Yale. She describes her time on *The Phillipian* as having prepared her well. So far, Megan has written a few articles for the *Yale Daily News*. She is also involved in the Yale Undergraduate Prison Project where she does hands-on projects such as tutoring in a women’s prison. In school, she has been able to take a lot of history classes, something she has always wanted to do. In her free time, Megan has spent a lot of time with **Amy Jiang**, **Mia Levy**, and **Evan Tsai**, in addition to being “able to make a lot of friends from different kinds of backgrounds.”

**Tulio Marchetti** is also seeing a lot of his Andover friends while in college in New York—his current roommate just so happens to be **Jake Bowden**. Tulio and Jake spent some time in the city with friends **Claude Sayi**, **Sekou Cisse**, and **Luke Henderson**. Tulio says he is “definitely maintaining those Andover connections.” **Summer Seward** has also spent some time with **Emma Mills**, as they both attend the same college. She explains that when she and Emma talk, she “always feels at home again.” Summer also explains how it is important to have the people who know you back in your life again. Currently, Summer is a member of the Cornell cheerleading squad and says that the team feels like a family to her. Summer has continued to follow her passion for singing, joining an *a capella* team on her campus. She shared with us her excitement to be competing in the International Championship for Collegiate *A Cappella* (ICCA’s), the same competition shown in *Pitch Perfect*.

While the Class of 2021 has been going through many “firsts” as we explore our first semesters of college or other paths, there has been one person on all of our minds and in all of our hearts. We would like to take some time to remember our beloved classmate **Lohi Ehimiaaghe**, who tragically passed away this summer, just a few weeks before she was supposed to leave for college. Lohi was a vibrant member of the Andover community, and we cannot help but think about how she should be with us right now, sharing our time of exploration. Lohi, we love you; we will always remember you; and although you may no longer be with us in this lifetime, you will forever be in our hearts.

We hope you all find the love and support you need, and we look forward to the next time we can see you all again, ’21.

With love,  
**Ariana and Kyle**

## FACULTY EMERITI

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It’s October 2021, and the radio is plugging the annual Topsfield Fair. I miss **Tom Cone**’s blue-ribbon great pumpkins, which used to grow almost next-door, before getting loaded onto what must have been a huge flatbed Mack truck headed for Topsfield.

As usual the news is slim to none. For months since June 2021, the ONLY email in my emeritae/i mailbox was a generous and successful effort to boost my pandemic morale. It took the form of marine research which **Sarah** and **Chris Gurry** had no intention of sharing. So naturally I’ll share it. “News” is news. A “Gurry” email arrived, featuring a video clip about a Cape Cod lobsterman on the *Jimmy Kimmel Show* who survived getting “swallowed” by a whale. At the end of an eight-minute interview, Kimmel rewarded the nonplussed lobsterman with a T-shirt reading “Kiss Me, I Got Swallowed by a Whale,” and a medium-sized can of “Mo-Begone Whale Repellant.”

It’s messages like these that propel us class secretaries [and emeritae/-i secretaries] to labor onwards for “OK, one more year” while waiting for the other 119 members of our group to stuff my mailbox for the delectation of hundreds of curious younger alumnae/-i.

Eventually, new conversations materialized. **Elwin Sykes**, as a young ballplayer prospect while growing up in Shreveport, LA, found himself at-bat against a talented kid from nearby Mansfield who would later blossom into the Oakland A’s sensation and 20-game winner Vida Blue. Another at-bat was against a second area superstar destined to get drafted by the New York Mets, Jesse Hudson. Blue’s leather glove, the one he wore for his no-hitter back in 1970, can still be viewed in the Hall of Fame. Back in Louisiana, over three seasons, “Vida Blue and Jesse Hudson allowed us one hit—a flare to right. My best at-bat was when Jesse hit me in the back leg with a late breaking curve.” Elwin also bunted one of Vida’s pitches. I’ve seen firsthand Elwin’s blazing speed on baseball diamonds for an adult team in Andover, so I can picture in my mind’s eye that his bunt off Vida Blue hugged the third base line for an easy base hit. Never mind that Elwin himself insists the bunt attempt was “unsuccessful.”

And now, all the way from Bayou country to small-town Vermont:

I coaxed a completely different kind of photograph and story out of Vic and Susan Henningsen. “Here’s an example,” writes Vic,



“of what we do to pass the time in these small Vermont communities.” His email attached photos. “This is the annual Labor Day parade in Post Mills, one of the villages in the town of Thetford. An intensely local event that features a great barbecue put on by the local Abenaki community. Susan and I are in the snazzy red sports car in picture three. (We got a good spot this year. Usually we’re either just ahead of—or just behind—the goat herd.).

“The car, a 1955 MG TF 1500, is completely equipped with original owners. It was my Dad’s; my younger brother and I inherited it and I bought him out. I took my first ride in that car in October 1954, at age 4! Car’s still going strong—the driver’s doing the best he can under the circumstances.”

Always a boost to hear from another Vermonter, **Derek Williams**, reminiscing about fond memories of his years in the Mt. Rogers area of southwest Virginia. Last April, Derek’s and Rannie’s trip down there stirred up vivid memories of his neighbors in that vicinity, including Abingdon, Sugar Grove, Chilhowie. “There is a lot of goodness packed away in Appalachia,” and he feels for “their frustrations about the past and distrust of the future.”

We had the pleasure of reuniting with **Becky and Hal McCann** during their summer trip northward from South Carolina for family reunions in New Hampshire. They had

been to Philadelphia with the **Cullens**, and Andover with the **Penners, Edmonds**, and **Abbotts**. “Oh, the places we’ve been!” Becky claims with some cheek. They both look as young and fit as they did in June of 2000 when they walked us 500 miles through beautiful Spanish-speaking northern Spain on the historic Camino to Santiago de Compostela. The fact that they haven’t aged one iota since 2000 is disconcerting—notice hopscotching over the word “annoying”—but I’ll eventually get over it.

More evidence of the young and vigorous, from highly placed sources: Nancy Brother and Loring Kinder Strudwick, photographed together at an August 2021 event honoring a mutual friend. John Strudwick is said to be teaching at William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA. Over 2,924 miles away in Mill Valley, CA, **Betsy Korn** is celebrating the arrival of her second grandchild, a boy. Think of it: the lad might grow up to do the 2.924-mile Cannonball Run if he chooses William & Mary 18 years down the road. To do so would give him 43 hours to memorize the words to “Mill Valley,” the 1970 Billboard hit and Grammy nominee.

And speaking of youthful [and new] emeriti, in mid-June 2021 while on campus I stumbled into a tent thinking it was a restroom on Rabbit Pond Circle—an honest enough mistake. Imagine my surprise

to see the inside of that tent as the site of a full-blown 5 o’clock [and then 6 o’clock] celebration of **Kevin Heelan**’s retirement. Is it fair, by the way, to retire when you’re about 49 like Kevin and Kim? “Where’s Ruth?” they both asked. “Taking a nap.” (A serviceable reply when caught off your guard.) While leaving, I fantasized about the speech that needed to be delivered, if only I’d been asked to: “Kevin Heelan was a fine American, a sturdy patriot, a lovable family man, a wily pedagogue, a prize-winning playwright, and a steady fitness center monitor—but only if he really is retiring.”

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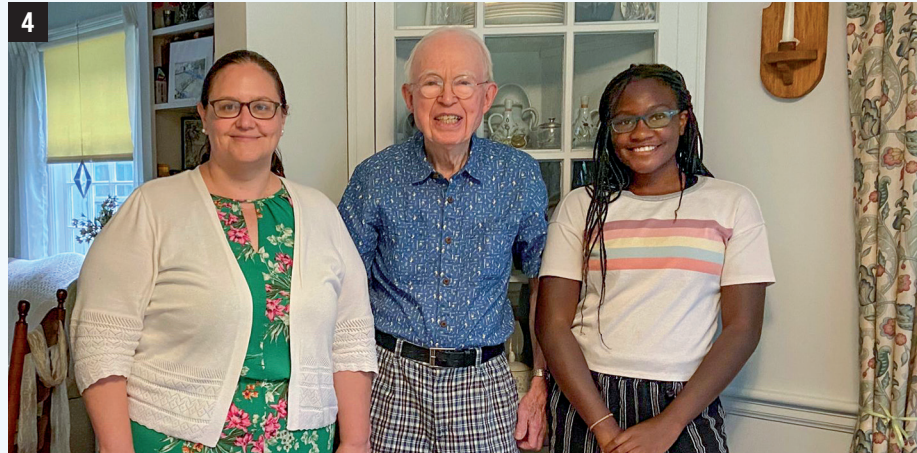
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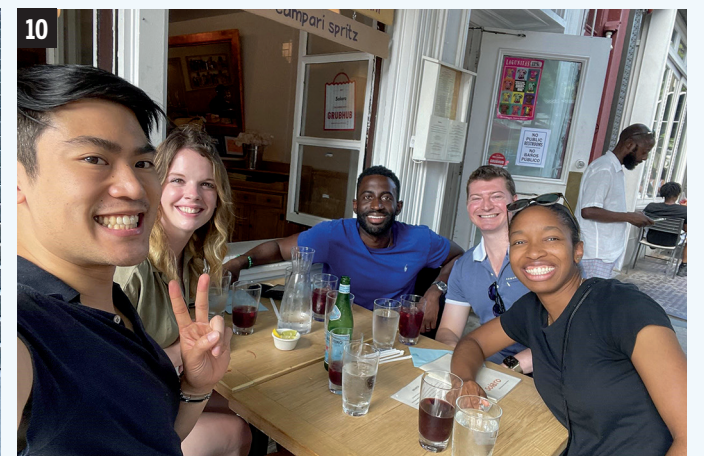


1. Andover friends celebrate the September 2021 wedding of Katie Hunckler '05 and Jim Slater at Shoreacres in Lake Bluff, IL. From left: Lee Rotenberg '05, Margaret (Moore) Nelson '06, Chris George '07, Lindsay Baker '05, Harry Goldstein '05, the groom and bride, Will Hunckler '08, Cotton Harrold '04, Sarah Chang '05, Warren Baker '66, Hilary (Baker) Draper '08, and Billy Draper '07. Not pictured: Rod Goldstein '70 and officiant Justine Wardrop '03.
2. SLAM spirit leaders Tamika Guishard, Asia Witherspoon, and Gillian Noel, all Class of '98, pose outside the Tang Theatre following Grasshopper Night in fall 1996. Guishard shared this amazing throwback photo when she took over *Andover* magazine's Instagram account in February. Follow us for more alumni stories @andovermagazine.
3. Sarah Raab and Anne Pearson, both Class of 1986, enjoyed some friendly competition on a pickleball court in Oakland, Calif., in 2021.
4. Big Blue pride across the generations: Dr. Lisa Mills '93 and her daughter, Victoria Nakaweesi '24, with longtime family friend Dr. Fred Greene '44.

5. Stephen "Sven" Lerner and Abby Chung, both Class of 2013, got married in September 2021 in Wolfeboro, N.H.
6. Anne Ripley '61 and Roy Frank, in the prime of love at the combined age of 157!
7. Last summer's mini-reunion on Nantucket with Melissa Meyers and wife Josie Martin '73, Roland Schultz '74, and Marcia McCabe '73 was capped off with a picture-perfect sunset.
8. This group of self-described "regular guys" from the Class of 1965 gathered in October at New York's Film Forum to bid a final farewell to classmate and legendary filmmaker Kevin Rafferty, who died in 2020. From left: Ben Jerman, Jack McLean '66 and wife Nina, Randy Evans, Joe Magruder, Terry Kahn, Jon Mills, Ted McLean, Doug Pirnie and wife Roxanne, Herb Ogden, and Dan Warren.
9. Courtney King and Brenna Liponis, both Class of 2010, met up in Munich last summer.
10. Andover friends reunite to welcome Paul Hsiao '08 back to the U.S. following a trip to Hong Kong. From left: Paul, Siobhan Alexander '08, friend Michael, Matt Emery '08, and Silke Cummings '08.

## WE WANT TO SEE YOUR PHOTOS!

Did you meet up with classmates at a mini-reunion, get married, have a baby, travel somewhere memorable? Share your adventures and Big Blue pride with the Andover community. Submit your 300-dpi, high-resolution image to [classnotes@andover.edu](mailto:classnotes@andover.edu). All photos will be considered for publication in a future issue of *Andover* magazine.





# DÉJÀ BLUE

## LOOKING BACK ON WPAA, ANDOVER'S RADIO REVOLUTION

BY JOE KAHN '67

# WPAA



Can you identify this PA audiophile? Please email [magazine@andover.edu](mailto:magazine@andover.edu).

Nearly a century ago, **David Sarnoff '35** arrived at Andover as the son of RCA founder Robert Sarnoff, known as the Father of Television. In 1965, Sarnoff outdid his famous dad in one regard: He became the patriarch of WPAA-FM, training ground for hundreds of PA audiophiles.

How wired was the younger Mr. Sarnoff? To celebrate the station's debut, he called upon a cohort of A-list entertainers and media figures that included Bob Hope, **Jack Lemmon '43**, Sammy Davis Jr., and NBC News legend David Brinkley.

Mostly they cracked jokes name-checking school officials and faculty members. Not Brinkley, though. He was all business, and his message would resonate across generations of station alumni.

"Broadcasting is a rewarding but extremely demanding career," Brinkley observed, noting that proper training is essential. To manage a grown-up station like WPAA, "The responsibility will be great," he warned, "and so will the challenges."

For the next 45 years, Andover students met those challenges in a variety of creative, innovative, and often life-changing ways, crafting a legacy

that remains a cherished part of school history.

Back then, "Radio was king," recalls **Alexander Belida '66**, who wore many hats at WPAA. When the call went out for disc jockeys, he and roommate **Paul Miller '66** "plunged in," Belida says, launching both toward distinguished careers in broadcast journalism.

Belida remembers how different technology was back then. To air a hockey game play-by-play, he sat rink-side recording the action on a reel-to-reel tape machine, then had the tape ferried to Evans Hall for broadcast between periods.

“It’s almost embarrassing to admit that part of Andover’s appeal to me as an eighth-grader was that it had a professional radio station.”

— **JAMIE BOLOGNA '04**, a former WPAA news director who helped launch Andover Idol, a wildly popular singing competition.

It wasn't just teenage DJs and sportscasters making history, either. Two early station engineers, **Ben Barker '65** and **Thornton Roby '67**, achieved noteworthy firsts themselves.

In college, Barker worked on ARPAnet, a forerunner to the Internet, and was credited with sending the world's first email. Roby, at age 16, took an FCC license exam—a requirement for running an FM educational station—and while anxiously awaiting the results, noticed many hurried phone calls being made. Officials duly informed Roby he was the youngest person ever to earn a First-Class broadcast license.

Decade by decade, Andover students would shape campus culture—if not their own career trajectories—with the music they played, the contests they sponsored, the news they reported, and the conversations they hosted.

**Peter Sellars '75** later said WPAA “took over my life” at Andover and introduced him to Verdi’s operas—making the renowned director one of many for whom the station opened eyes, ears, and, eventually, doors.

Morning show host **Elizabeth Wiedenmayer Rogers '89** was drawn to its “cool kids” culture, she remembers, as the station became the equivalent of a Facebook group “to which everyone on campus subscribed” in her era.

In the 1990s, as the student body diversified and musical tastes changed, WPAA programming followed suit.

One change-maker was **Darryl Cohen '92**, who made sure listeners got

a regular dose of hip-hop and R&B, music not often heard then on Boston-area stations.

“WPAA provided a very important cultural outlet for those of us in the African American community,” notes Cohen, a professional DJ known as D-Skillz.

Hosting a college radio show came next, leading to DJ-ing at local nightclubs and, he adds, “The rest, as they say, is history!”

More history would follow as a fresh generation of WPAA operatives grew increasingly focused on newsmakers and current events.

By the late '90s, WPAA had evolved into “a kind of hybrid of AM radio’s looseness and NPR’s focus on public affairs,” says **Jamie Bologna '04**, executive producer for WGBH-FM’s Greater Boston Radio show. At the



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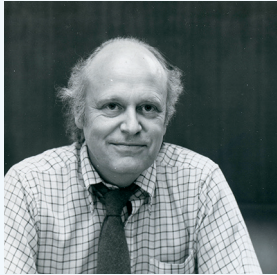
same time, its transition to internet-only broadcasting turned into “a double-edged sword,” he says, as loyal listeners found other web-based options.

Broadcasting no longer, WPAA nevertheless remains a monument to PA students’ industry and ingenuity. Or as Brinkley might put it, a great and rewarding responsibility well met.

Read more about WPAA on page 12 and online at [andover.edu/magazine](http://andover.edu/magazine).



FACULTY EMERITUS



Christopher E. Cook

Durham, NH; Dec. 30, 2021

Christopher Capen Cook, director emeritus of the Addison Gallery of American Art, died with his beloved wife, Julie, by his side. His daughter Brett writes, “He lived a full and colorful life, leaving profound legacies as an artist, a fisherman, a teacher, a kite flyer, a cannon builder, a museum director, a devoted friend, and an ever curious, humane being.”

Chris and Julie met at Wesleyan College in 1953 and married within months. He went on to earn an MFA at the University of Illinois, later returning East with his family to teach art at the University of New Hampshire.

In 1964, Chris accepted an offer to spend a year at the Addison Gallery as interim director while Bartlett Hayes was on sabbatical. Thus began his 34-year career at Phillips Academy, which included 20 years as Addison director followed by nine deeply fulfilling years as an art instructor.

Chris was a maverick, delighting in breaking barriers and convention, while commanding tremendous knowledge and respect for art history and the essential role of art and the artist in society. “Dad pushed the Addison to respond to the activism and mood of the ’60s and ’70s,” says daughter Esther. “Groundbreaking shows, such as *Feelies*, drew students to the Addison. He wanted students to feel welcome and to experience a range of exhibitions so they might realize their own relationship to art.”

Chris’s commitment to emerging artists, photography, and conceptual art were hallmarks of his tenure—as was starting an art therapy program with Danvers State Hospital, a community outreach program with schools in nearby Lawrence, and many mind-bending exhibitions that put the Addison on the national map.

Silas, Chris’s younger son, recalls attending an exhibition opening while a junior at PA: “I studiously read my dad’s introductory text in the exhibition catalog, marveling at his lucid and engaging scholarly content, but it

was his acknowledgments that truly moved me. From lending institutions to artists, from preparators and museum guards to cleaning staff and caterers, every person was thanked in a unique and clearly heartfelt way. I knew then that the Addison was not just his second home but his second family as well.” Older son Ethan adds, “I had the great fortune to work alongside Dad and the all-star crew at the Addison on many installations. He had an incredible sense of space, color, visual impact, and content, and made us all feel so good about the detailed work involved in getting every exhibition truly right.”

Chris reveled in his friendships with the Addison staff, the art department, and anyone who shared his passions of fishing, music, and painting. Daughter Jorden recalls, “Dad and his good friend John Chivers, an instructor in German, were known to have played their banjos in the Addison’s men’s room, reveling in the excellent acoustics.”

Faculty Emerita Susan Faxon, former Addison associate director and curator, worked closely with Chris for many years. “When I heard that Chris had died, I thought of his infectious laugh, his generosity and kindness. One Christmas he carved a tiny wooden statue as a gift for each member of the staff. The solitary figure, wrapped in thought and perched on a sturdy plinth, resides on my dining room table as an emblem of Chris’s stalwart character.”

Upon his retirement in 1998, Chris and Julie moved to Portsmouth, N.H., where the couple enjoyed reconnecting with old friends and making new ones. An artist in many mediums, Chris continued painting and drawing throughout the pandemic.

Chris is survived by Julie, his wife of 68 years; children Brett ’72, Ethan ’74, Esther, Silas ’80, and Jorden ’82 and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

—The Cook Family

To learn more about the lives and accomplishments of those listed in this section, readers are encouraged to check Class Notes for reminiscences and search online for full obituaries.



FORMER FACULTY



Charles E. Apgar III

Wolfeboro, NH; Nov. 18, 2021

Charles Emory “Scott” Apgar III, a Phillips Academy physics instructor, coach, and house counselor from 1969 to 1989, passed away from complications of COVID-19.

Born in Durham, S.C., Scott spent his early years on the campus of Duke University, where his father, Lawrence, was the university’s organist and carillonneur. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Scott graduated from Earlham College in Indiana with a degree in physics, having competed in football, baseball, and track. In 1958, he married his college sweetheart, Pamela Hildreth. After earning an MEd from Brown University, he embarked on a lengthy teaching and coaching career at Mount Greylock Regional High School in Williamstown, Mass., Concord-Carlisle High School in Concord, Mass., and, finally, Phillips Academy.

Throughout his 20 years at PA, Scott taught all levels of physics and a smattering of math. Outside the classroom, he coached track and field (playing an instrumental role in recruiting some of the first female pole vaulters in the early 1970s), soccer, and football. He also served as a house counselor in Bishop House and Fuess House for many years, and his deep love of music and singing made him a fine mentor for the school’s *a cappella* singing groups. Scott retired to the shores of Lake Winnepesaukee in Wolfeboro, N.H., where he and Pam remained active in local church choir and barbershop singing. He was always very proud of his aunt, Dr. Virginia Apgar, who invented the Apgar score for newborns.

In addition to Pam, his wife of 63 years, Scott is survived by three sons—Lee ’78 and wife Laura of Wenham, Mass., Eric ’83 and wife Karen of Mansfield Center, Conn., and Zack ’85 of Wolfeboro N.H.—as well as five grandchildren, including Alex ’17.

—The Apgar Family



Valentin Litvin

Andover, MA; Nov. 16, 2021

Dr. Valentin Litvin—husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, World War II veteran, policy analyst, Russian teacher, and writer—passed away at his home in Andover at the age of 96.

Valentin joined Phillips Academy’s faculty after two distinguished careers. Born in Moscow in 1925, he served proudly in World War II and then specialized in Western literature at Moscow University, where he met his future wife Clara (Weinberg) Litvin. The couple worked for a stint in Magnitogorsk in the Urals before returning to Moscow, where Valentin joined the Ministry of Agriculture and later earned a PhD in economics. Together, Valentin and Clara raised two children. They were married for 52 years, until Clara’s death in 2000.

Immigrating to the United States in 1979 with his son’s family at age 54, Valentin reinvented himself as a Sovietologist, lecturing at Air War College in Alabama and teaching at the Defense Language Institute in San Antonio, Texas, and Monterey, Calif. A charismatic public speaker, he explained the Soviet economy’s quirks and failures to academic and general audiences alike.

Becoming an instructor at Andover returned Valentin to his first love: literature. He taught Russian and Russian literature for two academic years (1989–1991). He and Clara liked walking arm-in-arm around campus. Valentin again enjoyed living on campus during the last four years of his life, when he lived on School Street with his son, Gary Litvin, and daughter-in-law Maria Litvin, faculty emerita in math and computer science. He is also survived by daughter Irene Ginis; five grandchildren, including Margaret Litvin ’92 and Aaron Litvin ’00; and 10 great-grandchildren.

—The Litvin Family



James M. Orent

Nashua, NH; Aug. 25, 2021

Jim Orent, music instructor and conductor of Phillips Academy’s symphony and chamber orchestras from 2007 to 2016, died of apparent sudden heart failure while relaxing on the ground after a skydiving jump, one of his favorite pastimes. He was 67.

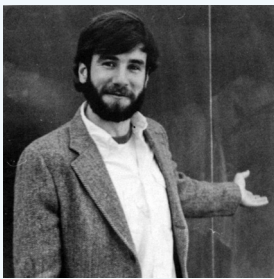
“Mr. Orent was one of the most caring and inspiring teachers of my Andover experience,” wrote violinist Katie von Braun ’09 after hearing the news. “He brought unlimited humor, kindness, and passion to our daily orchestra rehearsals and always made me feel like I could accomplish anything.”

Music instructor Peter Lorenzo remembers his longtime colleague as “a great musician, conductor, and teacher and a truly warm and sincere friend. Jim’s powerful personality was as large as his talent. From the very first rehearsal where I played in the orchestra under his direction, I knew he was going to create a very dynamic and elevated experience for all the PA students, no matter their ability. His clarity of musical vision combined with his insight into each section leader’s strengths inspired confidence and musical growth in everyone, including myself.”

A violinist for the Boston Pops for over 25 years, Orent was also a popular guest conductor. In a tribute, Pops conductor Keith Lockhart called Orent “an unofficial assistant conductor of the Pops,” noting that his friend had to be ready to take the baton at a moment’s notice.

Orent’s lengthy musical resume included conducting the Tanglewood Festival Chorus and serving as music director of the Brockton Symphony Orchestra, Newton Symphony Orchestra, and a host of other ensembles and orchestras. He loved aviation in all forms and made over 500 sky dives, many with his wife, Marianne, who is also a pilot.

Orent is survived by his wife and two brothers.



Hugh R. Silbaugh ’79

Putney, VT; Jan. 9, 2022

Hugh Silbaugh was a teacher, educational leader and mentor, telemark skier, mountain biker, outdoorsman, reader, winner of games and solver of puzzles, devoted husband and father, brother, uncle, and cousin, friend and role model to the many lives he shaped.

Teaching for Hugh started as an act of rebellion, turned into an act of love, and became an act of faith. Hugh was a lifelong independent school teacher and administrator. He began as a teaching fellow in English at Phillips Academy (1983–1985) and then taught at Crossroads School in Santa Monica, The Putney School, Milton Academy, and, since 2007, Northfield Mount Hermon School. Hugh earned a BA in English at Amherst College, an MEd from UCLA, and a second master’s degree from the Harvard School of Education.

Hugh was one of the founding program directors in 2012 of the Independent School Teaching Residency (ISTAR) Master’s Program at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education, also known as the Penn Fellows Program. As a member of the ISTAR faculty for 10 years, he taught and mentored hundreds of Penn Fellows as they launched their teaching careers. He leaves a legacy of countless students and teachers at schools across the country who were influenced by his passion for the craft of teaching, his love of Shakespeare, poetry, experiential education, and singing, and his belief in the people around him and their goodness.

Hugh is survived by his loving wife, Cor Trowbridge; sons Jay and Harry Silbaugh; sister Kate Silbaugh ’81; and an adoring extended family.

—The Silbaugh Family

FACULTY EMERITUS SPOUSE



Nancy L. Price

Andover, MA; Jan. 26, 2022

Nancy L. Price, 83, died with her children, Amy and Doug, at her side. Nancy and husband Meredith, an English instructor, joined the Phillips Academy community in 1963. An English teacher in her own right, Nancy briefly taught at Abbot Academy. For over 20 years, she assisted Meredith in serving as a house counselor in Andover Cottage, Adams Hall North, and finally Stearns West. Nancy’s warmth is remembered by many. “The Prices made me feel welcomed and cared for and made Stearns a home away from home,” says Henry Dorn ’83. “They were true house parents.” Tom Ullman ’83 recalls the aftermath of a snowy day when he and fellow West Quad students were tasked with shoveling around faculty homes on Old Campus Road: “I remember with the warmest feeling and appreciation the moment Mrs. and Mr. Price brought out mugs of hot chocolate to our crew.”

A 1960 graduate of Mt. Holyoke College, Nancy met Meredith at the Harvard School of Education in the MAT program. She earned a master’s degree in social work in 1988 and worked for years for Freedom from Chemical Dependency, an agency that provided drug and alcohol education to students in private schools. She carried this passion into her decades-long private practice.

Nancy and Meredith, who passed away in 2020, were married for 59 years and spent almost every summer on Kezar Lake in Maine. There, Nancy kayaked among the loons, walked country roads with their dogs, and enjoyed the company of family and friends. She is survived by her children, Amy Price McCord ’83 and Doug Price ’81, and was the proud grandmother of Caroline and Andrew Price.

—Doug Price ’81 and Amy Price McCord ’83  
*Donations in memory of Nancy Price can be made to the Class of 1962 Fund for Student Mental Wellness in support of the Sykes Wellness Center. Please contact Grace E. Curley ’81, P’20, director of gift planning, at 978-749-4281 or gcurley@andover.edu for more information.*

ALUMNI

1947

Alexander L. Blackburn

Colorado Springs, CO; Oct. 3, 1921

Teacher, fiction writer, critic, humanist, editor, and artist Alexander L Blackburn passed away after a short illness. He had just launched *The Atomic Age: A Trilogy*, a revised edition of three of his novels.

Alex often claimed that Andover and beloved English instructor Walter Gierasch were fundamental in his formation and influenced him the rest of his life. He consistently aimed for truth, integrity, high principles, and values and had a passion for serving others.

Alex attended Yale University and Cambridge University, where he earned a PhD in English, and he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, reaching the rank of lieutenant. He taught at the University of Pennsylvania; the University of Maryland, European Division; and the University of Colorado in Colorado Springs, where he retired as professor emeritus. During his career, he published about 30 books and was the founder and editor of *Writers’s Forum*, a university literary journal seeking to discover and publish new writers.

Alex is survived by his wife of many years, Dr. Inés Dölz-Blackburn, children, and grandchildren.

—His Loving Family

1948

Robert M. Gordon Jr.

Sewickley, PA; Nov. 11, 2021

Robert Miller Gordon Jr. died peacefully on Veterans Day, an appropriate day for this American patriot and Korean War veteran. He was surrounded by his children and his faithful dog, Jesse.

From Andover, Bob went on to Duke University, where he continued to excel in wrestling and track. In 1950, he married Shirley Dewis, who became his loving wife of 64 years. The Korean Conflict interrupted college and marriage when Bob shipped out as an ROTC first lieutenant. He returned home with captain’s bars and was then promoted to the rank of major to complete his reserve duty and finish college at Washington and Jefferson University.

Bob took over Gordon Lubricating Co. in 1962. With the help of younger brother Tucker ’50, they turned Gordon Terminal Service Co. into a thriving business. Bob had an adventurous spirit and was an excellent skier and golfer. He lived his life with integrity and a charitable heart.

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Bob is survived by five of his six children, Kathy, John, Patricia, Sara, and Bobby; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. His brother, Tucker, died in October 2021.

—*The Gordon Family*

1950

**Richard J. Riker**  
*Naples, FL; July 28, 2021*

A noble man, a gentleman, and a humanitarian, Richard led a wonderful and intellectual life, playing bridge with his grandmother at 10 years old. After graduating from Phillips Academy—where he especially enjoyed the Addison Gallery of American Art and Oliver Wendell Holmes Library—he went on to graduate from Harvard University in 1954 and Columbia University Law School.

Richard became an attorney and entrepreneur of businesses, served as a captain in the U.S. Air Force, and later flew his own plane. He was a member of many clubs, societies, and charitable organizations. He participated in sports—and had many hobbies too. He loved his families, friends, and colleagues.

Richard is survived by his wife, Ronnie; family Anne Rose ’75, Richard ’77, and John ’80; sister Cornelia; nine grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

—*The Riker Family*

1951

**Robert F. Thompson**  
*New Haven, CT; Nov. 29, 2021*

Robert Farris Thompson, a beloved Yale University leader, was professor of African American studies for more than 50 years, a former Colonel John Trumbull Professor of the History of Art, and “Master T” at the helm of Yale’s Timothy Dwight College for three decades.

After graduating from Yale in 1955, Robert served in the U.S. Army and then toured as a drummer in the USO. Captivated by the sounds of Mambo music, he released an Afro-Cuban percussion album, *Safari of One*, in 1959 before returning to Yale to pursue a PhD in art history. Robert dedicated his life to African American studies, and his research often included death-defying adventures worthy of Indiana Jones. His teaching fused anthropology, art and dance history, ethnomusicology, philosophy, religious studies, and sociology. Using his lectern as a drum, he electrified generations of students.

Robert mentored leaders, including Sylvia Boone, William Ferris, Henry Louis Gates Jr., Tito Puente, Willie Colon, Jean-Michel Basquiat, and Keith Haring—all were among his artist friends. He authored dozens of scholarly and popular articles, and his

landmark book, *Flash of the Spirit*, has been in print since 1984.

Robert is survived by his son and daughter, a sister, four grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.

—*George S.K. Rider ’51 and the Thompson Family*

1983

**Arturo M. Valdejuly**  
*Guaynabo, Puerto Rico; Dec. 17, 2021*

Arturo grew up in Ponce, Puerto Rico. After graduating from Andover, he attended Trinity College before returning to Puerto Rico, where he worked in commercial banking for Banco de Ponce and later Popular Securities. He died of complications from esophageal cancer surrounded by his wife and childhood sweetheart, Annette, and his three children, Natasha, Arturo Luis, and Sabrina.

Upon his arrival at Andover, it was immediately apparent to many of us that Arturo was the rarest of spirits. His irresistible smile and unbridled joy were infectious to all. He considered everyone his friend and was much beloved in return. Like Warren Beatty’s character from *Heaven Can Wait*, it feels like there must have been some miscalculation in taking such a vibrant personality from us too soon. “Big hugs to you all,” he would often say. And a toast of Don Q to you, Arturo. *Saludos.*

—*Michael Posternak ’83*

1986

**N. Harry Rothschild**  
*Phillips, Maine; Dec. 10, 2021*

N. Harry Rothschild, scholar of Tang Dynasty China, died at his family hill-farm in western Maine. He was 52.

At age 15, he entered Phillips Academy, where he took his first Chinese course and won the Sorota Award for excellence in track and field during a formative postgraduate year.

At Harvard College, he began his concentration in East Asian Studies. While studying in Beijing his sophomore year, he met his future wife, Liu Chengmei. He earned his doctorate in history at Brown University. The complex life and times of Wu Zhao, China’s only female emperor, became his career focus. A professor at the University of North Florida, he published several books, translated and edited others, and published dozens of scholarly articles.

Gravely ill the last six years, he remained powerfully productive. Shortly before his death, he finished a forthcoming book, *The World of Wu Zhao*, and a collection of fiction.

He is buried in the apple orchard he helped plant, prune, and harvest throughout his life.

He is survived by Chengmei; children Viola ’10 and Liu ’20; sister Ana ’93; and extended family.

—*The Rothschild Family*

FACULTY EMERITUS

**Georges N. Krivobok**  
*St. Petersburg, FL; Feb. 12, 2022*

An obituary will be included in the next issue *Andover* magazine.

ALUMNI

1940

**Manuel A. Cadenas**  
*Gainesville, FL; Feb. 2, 2022*

1941

**William D. Cochran**  
*Lexington, MA; Oct. 8, 2021*

1943

**Taylor Asbury**  
*Cincinnati, OH; Nov. 9, 2021*

**Ross G. Baker**  
*Houston, TX; Nov. 24, 2021*

**Richard R. Harshman**  
*Naples, FL; Nov. 11, 2021*

**John E. Hershey**  
*Chattaroy, WA; Nov. 14, 2021*

1944

**Elizabeth Reid Buzby**  
*New London, NH; Dec. 6, 2021*

**Theresa Mastrangelo Mahoney**  
*Lunenburg, MA; Oct. 26, 2021*

**George L. Selden**  
*New York, NY; Nov. 12, 2021*

1945

**William M. Barnum**  
*Westport, MA; Nov. 28, 2021*

**Barbara Beecher Carl**  
*Chico, CA; Feb. 1, 2022*

**Shirley Sommer Holzwarth**  
*Rockford, IL; Dec. 23, 2021*

**Katharine Mulford Lyon**  
*Goshen, NY; Dec. 4, 2021*

1946

**Frances Little Schonenberg**  
*Westerly, RI; Nov. 21, 2021*

**Stephen K. West**  
*Bernardsville, NJ; Dec. 17, 2021*

1947

**Jane Lewis Gleason**  
*Brunswick, ME; Nov. 28, 2021*

**Barbara Turner Ives**  
*Hendersonville, NC; Oct. 22, 2021*

1948

**Sidney R. Knafel**  
*New York, NY; Dec. 6, 2021*  
(See tribute, p. 38)

1949

**Howard Finney III**  
*Montclair, NJ; Dec. 30, 2021*

**John H. Prinster**  
*Sonoma, CA; Nov. 30, 2021*

1950

**Robert I. Beck**  
*Palestine, TX; Nov. 2, 2021*

**Margaret Doane Calvert**  
*San Antonio, TX; Dec. 29, 2021*

**George A. Jacoby**  
*Marblehead, MA; Feb. 14, 2022*

1952

**Janet Leach Stebbins**  
*Etna, NH; Oct. 28, 2021*

1953

**L. Bradford Greene**  
*New York, NY; Oct. 20, 2021*

**Elaine Audi Macken**  
*San Mateo, CA; Oct. 12, 2021*

**Polly Jackson Townsend**  
*Manchester, MA; Jan. 29, 2022*

1954

**Nick Beilenson**  
*White Plains, NY; Feb. 22, 2022*

**Samuel D. Constan**  
*Peconic, NY; Dec. 12, 2021*

1955

**Olin Barrett**  
*Pasadena, CA; Oct. 28, 2021*

1956

**Louise Day Cook**  
*Sahuarita, AZ; Dec. 22, 2021*

**John F. Curley Jr.**  
*Lutherville Timonium, MD; Jan. 1, 2022*

1957

**Robert F. Burnes**  
*Burnsville, MN; Sept. 17, 2021*

**John B. Douglas**  
*Burlington, VT; Jan. 1, 2022*

1958

**Thomas S. Alexander**  
*Aurora, IL; Nov. 17, 2021*

**Reginald D. Barnes Jr.**  
*Arcadia, CA; Nov. 28, 2021*

**Charles M. Ganson Jr.**  
*Weston, MA; Nov. 10, 2021*

**James B. Howbert**  
*Grosse Pointe Park, MI; Oct. 28, 2021*

**Leonora Colby Salaway**  
*Saratoga Springs, NY; Aug. 7, 2021*

1959

**Ann Travers Butler**  
*Port Angeles, WA; Feb. 6, 2022*

**Stephen H. Rostler**  
*Scottsdale, AZ; Dec. 27, 2021*

1960

**Robert T. Albright Jr.**  
*Birmingham, AL; Jan. 25, 2022*

**Elliot S. Miller**  
*Salisbury, CT; Oct. 31, 2021*

**Everett H. Parker Jr.**  
*Santa Clara, CA; Oct. 18, 2021*

**J. Roger Sullivan Jr.**  
*Port Saint Lucie, FL; Dec. 24, 2021*

1961

**Robert E. Diemar Jr.**  
*Bedminster, NJ; Dec. 13, 2021*

**Jeremy J. Kinross-Wright**  
*Missoula, MT; Dec. 20, 2021*

1963

**Richard E. Wengren Jr.**  
*South Freeport, ME; Nov. 4, 2021*

1964

**Alan A. Cook II**  
*Sanibel, FL; Nov. 22, 2021*

**Jane Proctor Taylor**  
*Eastham, MA; Oct. 13, 2021*

1968

**Theodore H. Eaton**  
*Beverly, MA; Nov. 5, 2021*

1969

**John Jacobson Jr.**  
*Florida, NY; Jan. 1, 2022*

**Gavan J. O’Herlihy**  
*Malibu, CA; Sept. 15, 2021*

**Richard L. Randazzo**  
*Warwick, RI; Jan. 27, 2022*

1970

**Romerio D. Perkins**  
*Tallahassee, FL; Nov. 1, 2021*

1974

**Paul D. McGarry**  
*Bluffton, SC; Dec. 17, 2021*

1980

**Peter G. Riordan**  
*Manhattan Beach, CA; Nov. 1, 2021*

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*The In Memoriam list comprises information about faculty and alumni deaths reported to the Academy between November 1, 2021, and February 28, 2022.*





From left: Unidentified alumna, Carol Burton '53, Nancy Smedley '53, and Kris Krishnamra '52

Tucked away in battered storage boxes and on an old computer hard drive were memories of years gone by. Black-and-white photos of gym classes in McKean Hall, girls wearing long skirts and sneakers. A parade of Abbot Gargoyles marching across the Sacred Circle. Ski outings and a day at the beach. Many of these photos of Abbot Academy in the early 1950s were taken by Helen Neisser Modenesi '52.

Modenesi had not looked at the images in years. Until the pandemic. Like many people, she needed something to pass the time, so she sorted her stamp collection and then her coin collection. Eventually she got to her photos.

"I found all these pictures," she says. "It was incredible."

It's been 70 years since Modenesi enjoyed a carefree spring afternoon at Jones Beach with four friends from Abbot. Modenesi—described in her 1952 *Circle* yearbook as "never without her camera" and "most likely to be found: sorting out pictures"—was behind the lens.

It's been 70 years since Helen Neisser Modenesi '52 enjoyed an afternoon at Jones Beach with friends from Abbot Academy.



She recalls the trip fondly. A group of girls, chaperoned of course, took a bus to the beach. They brought food and blankets. The girls were excited; it was rare for them to be off campus other than for the required exercise walks, visiting downtown, or attending church. "I remember we had such fun that day," she says.

Since graduating from Abbot, Modenesi has lived a full life. She pursued a degree from Northwestern, married, and then moved with her husband back to her home country of Peru, where she raised four children. She has volunteered for more than 50 years for the Board of Social Works of Chacacayo and has worked as a real estate agent since the late 1970s.

Speaking via video call from her home in Lima, Modenesi looks remarkably like the young woman in the 1952 yearbook. Her jet-black hair is white now and longer, but still wavy and parted in the middle. Behind her, a framed drawing of Abbot Academy is a daily reminder of those special high school years.

—ALLYSON IRISH

*i* If you have information about this photo or the unidentified Abbot student, please email [magazine@andover.edu](mailto:magazine@andover.edu).

# BLUE

## RUNS DEEP

Launched in 2020 with the Office of Alumni Engagement, students have organized and hosted the Blue Runs Deep industry series. These conversations have proven to be an invaluable way for students to gain information on prospective careers and for alumni to share their expertise.

From climate change to law to cryptocurrency and medicine, Andover's 24,000 alumni have expertise in a variety of industries. Many want to share their career paths and reflect on their years at Phillips and Abbot academies.

The Blue Runs Deep Industry Series provides a perfect opportunity for students to connect with alumni and gain a better understanding of potential career fields.

**"This program has reinforced for us the importance of alumni connecting with students in a meaningful way."**

—Jenny Savino P'21, '24,  
Director of the Office of  
Alumni Engagement

to attend, the Student Alumni Representatives (STARs) group works collaboratively with the Office of Alumni Engagement to develop the schedule, programming, and questions.

If you have an idea for a future Blue Runs Deep Industry Series conversation or if you would like to volunteer to participate, please email [alumni@andover.edu](mailto:alumni@andover.edu).



*"I believe that you need to be happy doing what you do. Yes, there is the pursuit of excellence and wise discernment about how all the pieces fit together and whether you are making a difference, but ultimately your impact will start with the energy you emanate to your immediate community."*

—R. Jisung Park '04  
Assistant Professor  
University of California, Los Angeles



*"I enjoyed taking part in this series as a panelist and hearing how other alumni made their way to a career in medicine; everyone has a unique perspective. The energy from the students and their many questions contributed to a thoughtful and engaging conversation."*

—Alisa Savetamal '85, P'19, '21, '24  
Medical Director  
Connecticut Burn Center





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