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# News from the Head of School



*Of all the tag lines we've used in the past for various campaigns, my favorite is "Building Community, Supporting Success" from 2005. Why? Because it most exemplifies what Washington Academy does best. Our faculty and staff are incredible at supporting success for every student, whether it is in the classroom, on the field or after school. And during that process, community is*

*formed. Friendships develop between students and with faculty, friendships that are remembered for a lifetime.*

*The importance of community is the theme of this issue of WA Today. In these pages, we celebrate Machias Savings Bank and the Trustees who are leading the way in providing new community athletic fields to support the success of athletes of all ages. You will meet the top four students of the class of 2014 and the families who fostered supportive educational communities for them. We will honor the life of Celia Lemieux, an advocate of community and family life in Cutler. We also profile some of the first international students who built a community that has remained connected over 12 years.*

*We invite you to reconnect with the WA community in a number of ways. Come and see our new tennis courts in action this spring at one of our home tennis matches. We also invite you to fill out the reunion form on page 11 and join us in August as we relive high school days and catch up with classmates. Many are working diligently to make this event a success, including members of the class of 1954, 1964, 1974, and 1989/1990. Finally, we encourage you to participate in giving, joining the individuals and businesses who are bringing 1-to-1 computing to every student and are changing the landscape of our athletic complex.*

*Sometimes in a world where leadership is rewarded, we forget the power of simply pitching in and joining a community effort. Your support of WA validates our work with students; it is a pat on the back and a vehicle to help make our area a better place, one student at a time. Thank you for your community spirit and support of your school.*

Enjoy your issue of WA Today.

Judson McBrine  
Head of School

On the Cover: Softball player Lydia Day '17

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## WELCOME TO THE COURTS

Washington Academy welcomes the public to make use of its new four-court tennis complex. We respectfully ask that you use only court shoes and no street shoes. At times, the courts will be unavailable due to tennis practice and meets.

## Memorial Day Classic Tennis Tournament

**Where:** Washington Academy Tennis Courts

**When:** Monday, May 26, 2014  
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**What:** Double Elimination Doubles Tournament  
*All ages welcome*

**Cost:** \$20 per team plus 1 new can of tennis balls

**Prizes will be given out to top 3 teams.  
Bake Sale and BBQ will be on site.**

Each team will have the chance to play 2 sets with the winners advancing to new brackets.  
Tie breaks at 6 vs 6.

Please RSVP to Noah Morang at  
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## MSB - WA Graduates

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Amanda Holland '07	Loan Servicing Assistant
Katie Holmes '02	Customer Service Representative
Wanda Kirshman '93	Loan Servicing Assistant
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Maya McCarthy '05	Assistant Branch Manager
Mary Lou McGuire '80	Accountant
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Tracy Roth '07	Senior Customer Service Representative
Miranda Smith '01	Manager, Retail Loan Administration
Tabbatha Stewart '00	Senior Electronic Services Specialist
Kirsten Taylor '11	Financial Service Specialist I
Hillary Tibbetts '06	Compliance Specialist
Joe Tuell '99	Assistant Vice President, Asset Management
Anna Villone '93	Loan Servicing Specialist
Heather Vose '89	Training Coordinator
Donny Wood '88	Office Services Administrator
Rob Wood '85	Vice President, Information Systems
Mark Wood '07	Loan Imaging Specialist



This past year, Machias Savings Bank recently crossed the threshold to become a billion-dollar bank, a significant achievement in the banking industry. Leading the way to providing Exceptional banking are numerous Washington Academy alumni, shown here with Bank President Larry Barker and Head of School Judson McBrine.

## Leading Community Investment

To say that Machias Savings Bank has made a lead gift to Washington Academy is an understatement. To say that the Bank has changed the athletic landscape for Washington County students is a little better. But better still, is a quote by Judson McBrine, Head of School. "Machias Savings Bank is creating transformational change on our campus, change that will ultimately benefit the entire community."

Because of a \$75,000 leadership gift from Machias Savings Bank, the Washington Academy Board of Trustees is able to announce the launch of its second capital campaign for construction of a new football/soccer field and renovations to existing baseball, softball, and practice football/soccer fields. The new competition football/soccer field will be named the *Machias Savings Bank Community Athletic Field*, honoring the Bank's commitment to local communities and expanding athletic opportunities for younger students as well.

According to Traci Sanborn, Senior Vice President of Retail Banking and Marketing, "We're committed to improving our hometown community. Our largest gifts are given right here. This new project is a way for us to invest in youth and create an athletic complex Washington County students can be proud of."

Given the athletic nature of the campaign, it's fitting to say this is certainly not the first time Machias Savings Bank has stepped up to the plate. Through the bank's previous \$100,000 gift, the Academy was able to open its Health and Wellness Center, create new fine art space and build tennis courts and a cross-country trail. The bank has also generously given for new tennis equipment, computer labs, book clubs, countless athletic jackets, and numerous annual campaigns.

Board President Dennis Mahar states, "We have a vision of what WA can offer students, through athletics, the arts and academics. We can't get there alone. We are grateful for visionary leaders like Machias Savings Bank that step up, over and over, to help improve the future for our kids."

## Why New Fields?

*Prior to the Machias Savings Bank's gift, Washington Academy said "no". A lot.*

According to Blaine Steeves, Athletic Director, the Academy has had to turn down numerous requests for field use from elementary schools and organizations, like the Downeast Youth Soccer Association, due to overuse. "Our fields are often a mud pit. Six WA high school teams and three pee wee and junior high teams all play on the same overlapping space between the existing baseball, softball, and football/soccer fields. There is no time for fields to recover between seasons."

And, quite frankly, WA was not the only one saying "no." Other schools have refused to play on the Academy fields, citing risk of injury on muddy and torn-up field conditions. The school has also had to relocate soccer and baseball games, forfeiting its home field advantage. According to Campaign Chair and Trustee, Larry Barker, "Our teams are growing stronger every season, but our field space is grossly limited. We want to foster Raider Pride, giving our students access to the best facilities available, but right now our fields are below standard."



## Breaking New Ground

The creation of a separate game field for football and soccer will eliminate overlap and overuse, reducing maintenance as well. The new lighted field will be located behind the school's tennis courts and will provide a whole new level of excitement to Friday night football and home soccer games. It will also open the doors for field use to outside organizations.

In addition to the new field, WA's campaign will include resurfacing of the existing softball, baseball and football/soccer fields, as well as new dugouts, batting cages, and bullpens.

With a successful fundraising campaign, the new football/soccer field could be completed in time for the first game in fall 2015. Renovations on the other fields would be complete for the first pitch in 2016.



## Thank You. 133 Times.

To every one of the 133 donors who supported Washington Academy's Annual Fund, we say thank you. Your generosity allowed us to meet the \$25,000 matching grant challenge in memory of Celia Lemieux '67. Together, we raised over \$51,000. Because of you, each student has a Chromebook, providing equal access to technology and bridging the digital divide.

To commemorate Celia's life, we have also been working with WA on a naming opportunity. Room 9 in the Alumni Building will now be named the *Celia M. Lemieux Marine Sciences Laboratory*. Given Celia's love of Cutler and our family's heritage on the water, it is a fitting tribute. Through WA's marine biology research we hope to enhance the community Celia called home and benefit the lives of generations to come.

Sincerely,  
*Norbert and Marilyn Lemieux*

BELOW LEFT: Anthony and Christina (Lemieux) Oragano and their children, Anya, age 3, and 7 month old twins, James and Jenica. Anthony is an Optimization Engineer for Motorola and Christina is a Strategy Director at TBWA advertising agency.

BELOW RIGHT: Celia and Norbert's son, Nick Lemieux '93, is a current Trustee at Washington Academy and a lobster fisherman in Cutler. He is married to Belinda (Rowden) Lemieux '88 and has two children, Ryan and Jackson.



## Celia Lemieux

Some people impact a community in a very visible way—by heading committees and leading teams. Others make their mark in a more understated manner. Celia Lemieux never wanted to be in the spotlight, but her devotion to her community and family shone through simple yet significant thoughtfulness and generosity.

Celia loved her hometown of Cutler and volunteered her time and talents to help care for its citizens and maintain town traditions. She baked sweets for and paid visits to the elderly, ill and grieving, served at lobster dinners and dedicated many hours to helping preserve the Cutler Fourth of July celebration. While many people will remember Celia's smiling face as she registered runners for the 5K race on The Fourth and handed out prizes to the fastest coke drinkers and bubble gum blowers, there is a much longer list of jobs Celia humbly handled behind the scenes in the lead-up to the actual event.

Beyond the love for her community, Celia loved and was deeply devoted to her family. She was fully present for Nick and me, helping us with our studies, cheering us on at sporting events and volunteering for school outings and fundraisers. I can't recall her missing a single school event in which Nick or I participated. She battled the blackflies to watch each of Nick's Little League games and made her throat hoarse from hollering along to my cheer-leading routines.

by Christina Lemieux Oragano '95



With Celia, the birthday cakes were always homemade, as were the Halloween costumes. She packed Nick and me a homemade lunch every day until our last day at WA. A delicious, healthy dinner was on the table every night. Many of our WA friends joined us for those dinners and few will forget her delicious chocolate chip cookies for dessert.

Along with my father, Celia created a supportive, nurturing environment which allowed Nick and me to become the people we wanted to be. Through her example, she also taught us the importance of being responsible, supportive citizens of our community. She would be amazed, honored, and, as ever, humbled to be recognized by WA as she is being today.



## Standout Math Teacher Also Drove First Bus to WA

by Ruth Leubecker

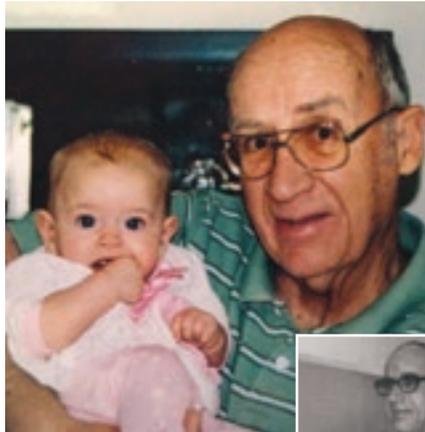
**Ask about Harlan Dobbins** and the memories of many bubble to the top, sprinkled with smiles and a slew of diverse individual stories. Dobbins by all accounts was a superb teacher of mathematics, an aficionado of baseball, also recognized for his cooking skills and abiding talent for motivating students. He taught at Washington Academy from 1961-1979 and coached baseball at WA off and on from 1962-1970. The Academy honored him as its Distinguished Educator in 2009.

"I respected him so much. We had a special group of boys down here playing baseball, and he knew that," says Stephen Cates '68, Maine Baseball Hall of Famer of that early Cutler pick-up team of years ago. "I was almost flunking algebra, and he said you've got to do better if you want to play baseball."

Always knowing the right buttons to push to get results, Dobbins stood firm in hitting the books. "But he had a great love of baseball," recalls Cates. "He was a good teacher and a great coach. He'd have meetings after school and just talk baseball... but there was no question about me doing algebra. And I passed it. I squeaked by."

Dobbins' demeanor and affinity with his students still shines today. "We couldn't have had a better coach. It was not the way he taught us, but the way he treated us, always showing us how we could reach for a little more," recalls Cates. "In 1968 he scheduled a game with Sumner, just to see how good we were. We trounced them 11-0. That same year we beat Orono High School 2-1, and I'd have to say that was the highlight of Harlan Dobbins' career."

Dobbins' teaching prowess, however, was never overshadowed by his devotion to baseball. "He was such a great algebra and math teacher," says Shelby Weems '76, a former student, and accountant/analyst who has lived in Alaska since 1977. "Even when I went on with calculus and statistics, I had an excellent foundation because of him. He would always explain something so it made sense."



Today, college level courses taught in high school classes are increasingly the norm, but in the 1960s this was not the case. However, Dobbins at WA was doing this. "He was teaching me college-level material from a high-school course," says John Gaddis '65. "This gave me a great foundation for Maine Maritime Academy."

His pioneering was not limited to the classroom. Many former students recall his old Chevy paneled van, which Dobbins painted yellow and labeled "School Bus." Making daily trips from Machiasport to East Machias, it would become the first such vehicle to transport students to WA. "I grew up in Bucks Harbor, where he lived," laughs Washington County Sheriff Donnie Smith '71. "Us kids from Bucks Harbor paid \$6.00 a week, and Barbara Beattie rode too. It was cold, there was no heat in it and it could barely make Trafton's Hill. Once when he shifted, Judy Kingsley hit the door, I hit Judy, and she fell out. Of course, we were only going about two miles an hour."

Popularly known as the Banana Wagon, it lived on long after its demise. "It was duplicated in the annual WA Jamboree. Ironically, we had chairs and Judy's got moved, and she fell on the floor," remembers Smith, "and I got blamed again. She thought I'd pushed her, and I truly had not." Smith also recalls Dobbins as one of the first in Bucks Harbor to buy a motorized scooter.



He is consistently revered by his fellow teachers. "I will always remember what Bill Vasquez said about him," recalls Dick Gardner, fellow teacher and WA board member. "And that is, if all the teachers could get out of the students what Harley Dobbins and Mrs. Phinney did, we'd have an absolutely unbeatable educational system." (Vasquez is a former science teacher at the Academy, and Mina Phinney, a longtime, much-respected English teacher.)

A devoted member of the Bucks Harbor Baptist Church, again Dobbins turned his words into actions, hosting youth groups at his home and teaching Sunday School. "He was very faithful in attending church. He was a trustee and a deacon for years," says Pastor Donnie Wood. "He was very much involved in the leadership of the church. A good man, always smiling, if not laughing."

John Sprague, who taught 10 years with Dobbins, was also his brother-in-law. "His first wife, Evelyn, was my sister. In the Army in Korea, Harley was a cook," says Sprague. "Because Evelyn was the postmistress in Bucks Harbor, he did the cooking at home. What I remember is he'd cook his big meal for breakfast! It might be steak and potatoes, and then smaller meals the rest of the day. He felt it was healthier, and my sister was a health nut. He brought lunch to WA, and it was generally a breakfast bar."

As a father he is critiqued no differently. "He was a great dad. Kind, compassionate. A humble man with a giving heart," says Donna Pagnano, his daughter. "He had aunts and uncles who lived right in the Harbor, and he was always helping them out, whether running errands, or doing whatever they needed. He'd go out of his way to help someone." Dobbins died at 80 on January 3, 2014. According to his daughter, although he had Alzheimer's, his love of teaching persevered. "Always, whenever teaching would come up," says Pagnano, "he responded by saying how much he enjoyed it."

## Washington Academy Announces Honor Parts

### VALEDICTORIAN



**KASSIDY  
SEELEY**

Earning distinction as Valedictorian for the Class of 2014 is **Kassidy Seeley**. Kassidy is the recipient of the MPA Principal's Award and the Phi Beta Kappa Award. She has served as class vice-president for all four years and is a three-year National Honor Society member. Kassidy has been an active participant in STARs (Students Teaching About Respect at School) and has served as a peer tutor. She has been a member of both varsity volleyball and varsity softball teams, serving as a captain for both squads. Kassidy will be attending the University of Maine; her major is undecided at this time.



Pictured left are parents Stephen '85 and Stephanie '86 Seeley of Jonesboro.

Kassidy is maintaining family traditions as mother Stephanie (Pineo) Seeley was also a valedictorian in 1986 and led her team to many victories as both a varsity softball and volleyball player. As WA's Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Seeley had the pleasure of assisting her daughter in course selection and through the college admission process.

Mom and Dad state, "We are both very proud of Kassidy's accomplishments in the classroom, on the court and on the field. However, her kind heart and consideration for others are what we are most proud of."

### FIRST HONOR ESSAYIST



**EMILY  
DAY**

First Honor Essayist for Washington Academy's Class of 2014 is **Emily Day**. Emily is a member of the National Honor Society and is currently serving as its parliamentarian. She has been a member of the girls' varsity soccer team and varsity softball team, serving as a captain on both squads, respectively. Emily will major in chemical engineering at the University of Maine.



According to MaryEllen and William Day of Machiasport, both 1987 graduates of Washington Academy, the best way to describe Emily is "a beautiful young woman who is smart, outgoing, and competitive." Emily has no fear of stepping out of her comfort zone or being a leader. Emily also follows in Mom's footsteps. MaryEllen held an honor part as the

1987 Valedictorian and played softball. MaryEllen serves as the Assistant Head of School at Washington Academy.

### SALUTATORIAN



**DUC  
NGOC  
HONG  
NGUYEN**

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2014 is **Duc Ngoc Hong Nguyen** of Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. Duc has attended Washington Academy for her entire high school career, and is known on campus as Mary Rose. She has been a four-year member of the Math Team, 2011 Class C State Champions. She has participated in varsity swimming, and is the team manager for cross-country. An accomplished classical pianist, Mary Rose was a member of the Washington Academy orchestra. She also serves on the Girl's Dorm Council. Duc (Mary Rose) Nguyen will attend the University of Maine Orono, majoring in biochemistry.

It has not been an easy year for Mary Rose, losing her father, Mr. Bao Duc Nguyen, in December of 2013. Mary Rose was very close with her Dad, keeping in daily contact through chat and video on her cell phone. Both Mom and Dad were extremely proud of Mary Rose's accomplishment in the U.S. Mary Rose's mother, Mrs. Dung Thi Ngoc Nguyen, is a large part of her decision to pursue a career in cancer research. As an oncological pharmacist, Mrs. Nguyen would take Mary Rose to hospitals, where Mary Rose was inspired by the resilience of cancer patients. The late Mr. Nguyen was a construction engineer, designing many key buildings in Ho Chi Minh City.

### SECOND HONOR ESSAYIST



**GIANNA  
PORTER**

Second Honor Essayist is **Gianna Porter** of Whiting. Gianna is a three-year member of the National Honor Society and has served her class as secretary for all four years of high school. Gianna is a senior leader of Teens for Christ and has played on the girls' varsity tennis team for four years. Gianna will be attending the University of Maine at Orono where she will major in nursing.



Gianna is the daughter of Scott and Arlene Porter of Whiting, both 1980 graduates of Washington Academy. Her father Scott was the 1980 class valedictorian. Both her mom and dad agree, "Gianna has been such a blessing to raise and we are proud of the remarkable young woman she has become. She exemplifies godly character, loves her family unconditionally, and deeply cares for the people of her community." They are honored to have been such an integral part of Gianna's exceptional educational career with Scott serving as the Superintendent of A.O.S. 96 and Arlene working as WA's School Librarian/Media Specialist.

## First Graduating International Students

*At a past board meeting, John Gaddis inquired about some of the first international students who attended Washington Academy. As we tracked them down, we gained a greater understanding of how much these young students not only impacted our own community, but their colleges and our nation as well. These are a few of their stories.*

### Serbian Friends



Nenad Micic (left) and Jovana Vlaskalin (middle) in Serbia in 2012. The former classmates stay in touch, calling often and seeing each other every couple of months.

### Jovana Vlaskalin '03

Jovana Vlaskalin was born and raised in Serbia, a country located in Southeastern Europe's Balkan region. She came to Washington Academy as a senior when she was 17 years old and ready to explore American culture. Her friendliness caught the attention of the faculty and staff as she dove quickly into cross-country, cheerleading, softball and cultural exchange.

One year later, she graduated from WA and moved to Florida where she enrolled in Schiller International University to study International Relations and Diplomacy. After receiving her B.A. in International Studies, she moved to Washington, D.C. for a one-year internship program. She went on to London where she obtained an M.A. in International Relations and Diplomacy. Today Jovana lives in Belgrade where she works for the Serbian Government Ministry.

### Nenad Micic '04

Nenad came to WA with a strong personality, dry sense of humor and his trademark dreadlocks. He brought his determination and persistence to the soccer field and the math team as he led WA to numerous victories. He was named a soccer all-star in his senior year. Nenad attributes the Academy as the place where he grew up "mentally," describing it as a great place to learn about American culture. His favorite memories include classmate Nikolay Musarskiy and International Advisor Mrs. Charlene Cates.

Nenad attended American University where he graduated Magna Cum Laude with a B.A. in International Business. He returned to Novi Sad, Serbia, where he has currently taken over

as President and owner of his family's business, ICM Electronics. The company produces robotic lines for industrial purposes.

### Russian Brother and Sister

#### Nikolay Musarskiy '04

Hard work, determination and a mischievous grin. These characteristics describe Nikolay Musarskiy, a native Russian who came to WA in 2002 and graduated in 2004. He added to the WA community in numerous ways, including soccer, cheerleading, tennis, music and drama. If there was something going on, you can be sure Nikolay was going to be involved.

Following WA, Nikolay attended Bryant University, but soon transferred to American University in Washington, D.C., with fellow WA student Nenad Micic. He completed a B.S. in Business Administration concentrating in Accounting and Finance. During college, he completed two internships, one with Pricewaterhouse Coopers and the other with XM Satellite Radio.



Nikolay with his two sons, Nikolai and Dima.

Nikolay went on to a full-time position with Ernst & Young as a tax associate before landing his current job at General Dynamics Information Technology, Inc. as a senior tax associate. His high school work ethic has continued, enabling him to successfully complete an M.S. in Accounting, become a licensed C.P.A. and join the Virginia Society of Certified Public Accountants. Nikolay married while at American University and is now the proud father of two boys, Nikolai and Dima.

#### Maria Musarskaya '05

Nikolay's sister, Maria Musarskaya, has an equally impressive life journey. While at WA, Maria was involved in sports and social clubs, volunteered with Big Brother Big Sister and tutored English to other students.



Maria's warm smile and love of community hasn't changed since her graduation from WA in 2005. She has assisted the U.S. Government in small business development in both Rhode Island and Washington, D.C. through her international experience

Graduating WA in 2005, Maria went on to Bryant University, Rhode Island, where her commitment to local communities only grew. As an undergraduate, Maria began to work for the John H. Chafee Center for International Business as a research assistant. In this role, Maria provided assistance to over 100 U.S. businesses in their quest to become international. Maria secured an internship with the Department of Economic Development (DED) in Maryland where her efforts with the local business community enabled the DED to increase exports while attracting foreign investments.

At Bryant University, Maria served as a Resident Assistant, the President of the International Student Organization and Orientation Leader. She was appointed to the Ways and Means Committee, Intercultural Center Director Search Committee, and Senior Advisory Council Board. Through her hard work and dedication Maria was awarded the United Nations Award by the university's Intercultural Center and Women's Award by the Women's Center.

Maria went on to receive her M.B.A. from Bryant and aided in the organization and the unveiling of the Institute for Public Service Leadership in Rhode Island. Her work experience took her to Virginia where she obtained a full-time position with a government contractor where she acted as a project manager on contracts with the Pentagon, Ronald Reagan International Airport and Dulles Airport. Currently Maria is undertaking a second master's degree in Management with Marketing in the UK.

### Past Friends, Current Business Partners

#### Chang Hyun "Charlie" Shim '03

According to Charlie Shim, Maine is a second home. He fondly remembers all the love and attention given him from the faculty,

# Connecting the World



Maya (Vysokikh) McCarthy made a permanent home in Maine. She is currently the Assistant Branch Manager in the Bangor office of Machias Savings Bank.

## Permanent Resident

### Maya McCarthy '05

Some international students Maine has been fortunate enough to keep. One such student is Maya (Vysokikh) McCarthy, originally from Russia. Staying with host family Traci and Arianna Sanborn, Maya made a connection that has lasted a lifetime.

After graduating WA in 2005, Maya attended Husson University in Bangor, Maine. She graduated in 2010 with a B.A. in Business Management and M.B.A. in Business. She currently works for Machias Savings Bank as an Assistant Branch Manager in Bangor. Maya married her high school sweetheart, James McCarthy, a Machias native, in 2010. The couple lives in Orrington and has two dogs, Hazel, a Rottweiler, and Scout, a Newfoundland.



Chang Hyun "Charlie" Shim

staff and students at WA. Following his graduation, life took a few difficult turns for Charlie. While studying finance at the University of Findlay in Ohio, he was conscripted into the South Korean army for a two-year term of mandatory service. In 2007, he returned to Ohio to continue his degree, but in December received notice that his mother had been killed in a car accident. Not wanting his mother's investment in education to be for naught, Charlie returned to the U.S. to complete his finals just a few weeks later.

With changes in the family and financial hardships at home, Charlie returned to South Korea. He worked in fashion design for a while before finding a career as an

English education consultant for YBM Sisa, a leading English educational company in Korea.

In December of 2013, former WA student Juan Cabau from Spain contacted Charlie Shim through Facebook. Juan's company needed a South Korean representative, and Charlie was a perfect candidate.



Reo now lives in New Delhi, India.

## Japanese Roots, International Connections

### Reo Kawai '04

Reo Kawai cruised into Washington Academy as a stylish young man from the big city of Tokyo. He was a charmer from day one, and despite his ability to push boundaries, he won the hearts of students and faculty alike. He added to the WA community through his incredible pitching skills, which according to Mr. Steeves, rank him as one of WA's best pitchers. He participated in varsity baseball while at WA during his junior and senior years. He was later a fifth place draft pick for the Japanese minor league but chose to follow a business degree instead.

In 2004, with a smile on his face and WA diploma in hand, Reo went on to attend Menlo College in California and received a B.A. in International Business. He joined the Honda Motor Company in Japan, a job sought after and not easily attained. He currently lives in New Delhi, India, and is Honda's youngest overseas business analyst.

Reo Kawai was one of WA's top baseball pitchers. He was fifth in the draft picks for the Japanese Minor League, but chose to follow his career at Honda instead.



Juan Cabau Vermenouze currently lives in Madrid, Spain and is the owner of Ayudexport, S.L. His company assists small and medium size enterprises in developing foreign markets and becoming international.



### Juan Cabau Vermenouze '02

In Juan's own words, "There isn't a week that goes by where I haven't thought about my U.S. experience." He still keeps in touch with many wonderful friends he made during his time at WA.

After graduating from WA, Juan returned to Madrid, where he successfully completed two B.A. degrees, one in Law and one in Business Administration. Beyond his English experience, Juan continued to expand his love of languages. He spent a fifth year of college in Vienna, Austria, at Universität Wien, where he gained an excellent command of the German language and then spent two years studying the Chinese language through an intensive summer program in China.

Right after college, Juan worked for Pricewaterhouse Coopers and then moved to Luxembourg for employment with Ernst&Young. Both jobs involved working as a financial auditor.

In 2012, Juan ventured out on his own as an exporter of Spanish gourmet products to South-East Asia. He lived for a short time in Singapore where he developed numerous contacts, especially in Indonesia. For just over a year, Juan has been living back in Madrid and developing the company he founded with two business partners, Ayudexport, S.L. The company assists small and medium size enterprises in expanding into foreign markets and becoming international.

Working daily with former classmate, Charlie Shim, is a great reminder of Juan's days at the Academy and the importance of those early friendships. Juan hopes to return to WA someday and reconnect with his American family and friends.

## Class Notes

### 1941

**Ruth (Smith) Rich's** husband, Charles, passed away in December 2013. They had been married for 67 great years.

### 1947

**Gwen (Small) Tupper** has moved back to South Portland, Maine after selling her home in Scarborough. Gwen has eight children, seven of whom live in the Greater Portland area and one son who lives in Arkansas. She also has nine grandchildren. She still remembers fondly classmate Valerie (Smith) Stimpson who resides in New York. Both went on to attend the University of Maine in Orono and were in the same sorority.

**Alvin Hall** is overseeing and assisting with H & S Construction. He and brother Hovey

Hall '50, received the Robert M. Guptill Award for outstanding contributions to the arts and humanities in Washington County. The brothers, along with sister Wenona (Hall) Small '49, began their musical career in 1944 under the direction of their father and former WA music and band instructor, Mr. Wallace A. Hall. Together, Alvin and Hovey have contributed over 100 years collectively of music, dances, concerts, and fundraisers in the area.

### 1974

**Marcia (Randall) Segura** has spent the last 30 years of her life in space at NASA—Voyager, Galileo, and now Cassini. She manages a science instrument called CIRS (Composite Infrared Spectrometer) that collects thermal data of Saturn, its rings, and moons. She spends each day like a modern day Columbus or Magellan—they never know what they will find in the data—the anticipation of

discovery continues to fuel her enthusiasm for the work. In August 2012, Marcia received NASA's Exceptional Public Service Medal—one of the most prestigious awards given for "outstanding contributions to the Agency's mission." When she is not exploring the Saturnian system, she operates the Irish Terrier Rescue Network that she founded in 2011. It is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the rescue and rehoming of Irish Terriers. While she has lived "away" for nearly 40 years, she finds that Maine keeps calling out to her so she makes the pilgrimage home each summer. This year she is looking forward to seeing her fellow classmates at their 40th high school reunion weekend.

**George and Kathy (Quimby) Harmon** along with **Thomas and Janet (Wood) Ashley** formed a logging company Ashley & Harmon Logging, Inc. in 1987, recently marking their 27th year in business.



## Adventures in Baking

by Gabrielle Colbeth '13

I feel completely blessed that I have always known being a baker was my dream. I'm really not even sure how I decided. My mom was always in the kitchen and I remember wanting to help her. My first experience of working in a restaurant was at the Artist Café in Machias when I was just a kid, simply busing tables and doing dishes. Even though it was so

simple, I just loved being in the environment. Watching the head chef make beautiful dishes garnished with fresh flowers and my mom running around serving people just fascinated me. I had to be a part of it.

I started working at Helen's Restaurant a few years later and stayed there until the end of my senior year at WA. After starting out busing tables and working my way up to a baker, I knew that this was going to be an amazing ride.

Taking the culinary class at WA helped me get used to working in a kitchen. Mrs. Fitzsimmons was determined to teach me as much as she could before I went to college; she definitely helped me see how fun this career can be!

Becoming a baker has always been my dream and for it to be happening so quickly still doesn't seem real to me. It feels like it was just yesterday I received my acceptance packet to Le Cordon Bleu (LCB) in Massachusetts with my first chef's hat folded on the inside of it, and now I am a graduate!

Since graduating from LCB, I have received the opportunity to work at Camp Takajo in Naples, Maine as the assistant baker for the summer. I also just enrolled to Stratford Career Institute to get my florist license and plan on attending school in the fall for hospitality and restaurant management.



Tim with wife, Kelly, and daughters Molly (middle) and Regan (right)

## Supporting WA Through United Way

Tim Armstrong '87 recently reconnected with WA by using his company's United Way Campaign to make a donation. As a member of the school's State Championship baseball team of 1987, Tim decided to designate his gift to improving the baseball field.

Tim currently holds an appointed leadership position in Orange County (Orlando), Florida, working for the mayor, the honorable Teresa Jacobs. He leads a group of approximately 150 people within the Customer Service Division at Orange County Utilities. He is responsible for the accurate and timely billing and collection of over 185,000 customer accounts, which is approximately \$14-\$15 million in monthly revenues. He has a B.A. in Business Management from University of Phoenix and a M.B.A. from the University of Central Florida. He is also a Gulf War veteran, having served in the United States Navy from 1987 to 1991.

Tim has been married to his wife, Kelly, for over 15 years and they have two daughters, Regan, 14, and Molly, 12. Fitness and athletics has remained an important facet of his life as it did while at Washington Academy. Tim is an avid runner, usually running 15-20 miles per week. He enjoys weight training and competing in adventure races such as the Tough Mudder, Warrior Dash, Savage Races, etc.



Kerry Porter '90, shown here with his children, recently graduated from the FBI Academy and is currently a lieutenant with the Dane County Sheriff's Department in Wisconsin.



## Porter Family Update

**Maxine (Dennison) Porter '53** and friend Gail Bean visited the Panama Canal in March 2014 through a Caravan Tour. Maxine spent two days on the canal, visiting the rain forest and experiencing local culture and music. She also visited her daughter Shelly (Porter) Perreault '76 at her home in Charlotte, North Carolina. Shelly is a new grandmother to Porter David Perreault shown below, making Maxine a great-grandmother for the fourth time. Maxine's oldest son Curtis Porter '75 lives in Buxton, Maine and teaches Industrial Arts at Bonny Eagle Middle School. He is married to Deborah (Goodwin) Porter '76 and the couple has two sons, Jacob and Caleb. Michael Porter '80 and his wife, Michelle (Coyle) Porter '84, spent their first winter in a new home in Magnolia, Texas, 30 minutes from daughter Brittan (Porter) Hierholzer '05 who lives in Conroe, Texas. Maxine's two youngest sons, Kerry Porter '90 and Kristan Porter '88 are both raising families. Kerry graduated from the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia in September of 2013 and is currently a lieutenant with the Dane County Sheriff's Department in Wisconsin. Kristan, who resides in Cutler, will see his oldest daughter, Whitney Porter, graduate this spring, carrying on the Porter family's WA connections.



Maxine Porter '53 with great grandson Porter David Perreault.

Do you have a large family of WA alumni? We'd love to hear from you. Let us know how your WA roots took you places—far, wide, or even close to home.

## News from the WA Alumni Association

*During the business meeting of August 2013, the Alumni Association voted that after the 2014 reunion, we will meet every other year. Therefore we would honor two classes in 2016. Due to lack of manpower, we did not do concessions at the basketball games. We encourage volunteers to help and be involved to make our reunion a success. Please send your dues to WA Alumni Association, PO Box 190, East Machias, ME 04630 even if you cannot make the banquet. Our dues support a scholarship available to a deserving student wanting to go to college.*

Tom Gaddis '67  
Alumni Association President

## 1985

**Angela (Colbeth) Fochesato** escaped a bit of winter this year by visiting friend and fellow alumna, Michelle Porter '84 in Texas. Angela is currently working as Program Coordinator at Washington County: One Community in Machias.

## 1989

**Paul Clay** has recently been promoted to Director of Finance at Park Place Lexus of Plano, Texas. He and wife Julie have three beautiful children: Mason, 8, Thomas, 6, and Katelyn, 5. They celebrate 10 years of marriage this July. Paul and his family attend LakePointe Church in Rockwall, Texas. Paul's mother, former WA administrative assistant, Janis Clay, currently lives in Lewisville, Texas and works for Southwest Medical in Dallas.

## 1990

**Christy Hinerman** is serving as the co-coordinator for the '89/'90 reunion this August. She is currently a Program Clinician at Harbor Family Services in Winterport, Maine. She has lived in Belfast since 2004.

**Lori (Love) Morin** lives in Benton, Maine and works at Colby College for the Goldfarb Department for Public Affairs and Civic Engagement. The mentoring program she runs, Colby Cares About Kids, just released a documentary viewable on YouTube. She has two children and lives with her husband Antoine, who did his student teaching in the history department at WA. Following in the footsteps of her favorite teachers, Mr. Ausprey and Mr. Porter, Lori was also a teacher for over a decade. After completing her Master's, she stayed involved in the world of education. Recalling WA, she comments, "The education I received at Washington Academy was top-

notch and thoroughly prepared me to succeed in college and graduate school." Although she doesn't make it Downeast often, she recently ran into fellow classmate Bobby Burns '90 in a movie theater in central Maine and frequently gets together with Karin (Ramjor) Lingley '90.

**Dr. Cheryl (Davis) Siemers** is an associate professor of English at Kenai Peninsula College, a division of the University of Alaska. She has been accepted for the highly coveted University of Bristol (United Kingdom) Institute for Advanced Studies Research Fellowship. "The purpose of the award is to bring distinguished academic visitors to Bristol in order to enhance the research activity of the University." Dr. Siemers will participate in the 2-month program while on sabbatical next academic year.

## 1992

**Traci Maker Davis** is an account coordinator at the Pavestone Company in Bentonville, Arkansas. She married April Davis this past fall during a small ceremony on Jasper's Beach. Parents Rickford Maker '62 and Valerie (Davis) Maker '65 spent a portion of the winter visiting Traci in Arkansas.

## 2010

**Meenkook "Chris" Kim** was accepted to Chonnam National University Medical School in South Korea and began his studies in March 2014.



Congratulations to **David and Lacie (Craven) Glidden** on the birth of their daughter, Elsie Lee. She was born on March 11, 2014 weighing 8.6 pounds and measuring 20 inches long. David and Lacie met while at Washington Academy and have been together since their sophomore year.

## In Memoriam

<i>Ethel (Flynn) Roix '35</i>	03/02/2014
<i>Alice (Holmes) Gardner '38</i>	04/02/2014
<i>Harlan D. Dobbins '51</i>	01/03/2014
<i>Janet (Bryant) Richardson '52</i>	03/14/2014
<i>Margaret L. Hukki '64</i>	12/31/2013
<i>Debra (Ramsdell) McCrea '79</i>	04/06/2014
<b>Sue Willey</b>	01/10/2014
<i>Former WA teacher</i>	

## Classes of 1953 & 1954 Get Together

Plans are being made to host a **1953/1954 Class Reunion** on Friday evening **August 1, 2014**

Please call Ellen (Scott) Weed '54 for more information at (207) 667-5158, or her summer phone at (207) 255-8379.

## Classes of 1963, 1964, & 1965 Get Together

**Friday, August 1, 2014**

**3:00 PM**  
**Cookout at Richard and Ellen Foss' home**

The classes of 1963, 1964, and 1965 are invited to an informal cookout at Richard and Ellen Foss' home. There is no cost, although if you live in the area and would like to bring a dish to share, it would be welcome. The event is informal and BYOB. Bring your spouse or friend and come join the fun. If you plan on attending please let Joyce (Bryant) Goodine know by email at tgoodine@gmail.com or call (352) 350-7729.

## Class of 1974 Reunion Events

**Thursday, July 31, 2014**

**6:00 PM**  
**Dinner at Helen's Restaurant**  
*Enjoy dinner with your classmates.*

**Friday, August 1, 2014**

**7:00 PM**  
**Wine Reception at Riverside Inn**  
*Raise your glass in a toast to the Class of 1974.*

**Sunday, August 3, 2014**

**1:00 PM**  
**Luncheon at the Talbot House Inn**  
*Join your classmates for an afternoon luncheon in the last event of the reunion weekend.*

If you plan on attending any of these events, let us know by visiting the Class of 1974 Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/groups/1399991476930114](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1399991476930114) or email Kathy Harmon at [kqharmon@maine.rr.com](mailto:kqharmon@maine.rr.com).

## Classes of 1989 & 1990 Get Together

**Saturday, August 2, 2014**

**Family gathering at the house of Heather (Dennison) Vose '89**  
**1:00 PM**

**Evening at the Thirsty Moose Café**  
**7:00 PM**

The classes of '89 and '90 will have a private party with a DJ playing 80's music from 7:00-9:00 PM. There is no charge. We will buy our own food and drinks. The doors will open at 9:00 PM to the public.

Please RSVP with Christy Hinerman on Facebook or join the '89/'90 Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/89067291800](http://www.facebook.com/groups/89067291800) or email [c.cates@raider4life.org](mailto:c.cates@raider4life.org).

## Washington Academy's Reunion ~ August 2, 2014

**Alumni Association Meeting**....1:30 PM....*Fine Arts Room 5*

**Alumni Social**..... 4:00 PM .... *Gardner Gymnasium*

**Trustee Tea & Awards**.....3:00 PM....*Old Academy lawn*

**Alumni Banquet**.... 5:00 PM .... *Gardner Gymnasium*

See RSVP form below for meal details. The Orange River Band will be the evening's entertainment.

## ALUMNI BANQUET REGISTRATION FORM

**Saturday, August 2, 2014**

\_\_\_\_\_ Number of people (\$20.00 per person)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Alumni Association Dues (\$10 per alum)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

### Meal Choices, please indicate # of each:

\_\_\_\_\_ Balsamic Chicken  
\_\_\_\_\_ Baked Haddock  
\_\_\_\_\_ Vegetarian

Due to the banquet being catered, please reply by July 15, 2014. Please mail this completed form and your check to Alumni Office, Washington Academy, PO Box 466, East Machias, ME 04630.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_

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