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Hello Raiders!

As the school year begins for 2020, we are all taking a few good breaths as we watch the hours of planning that so many of us at WA worked on over the summer play out just as we had envisioned. The so far, so good phrase comes to mind. I would like to say we have started this school year with excitement and we are all happy to be back.



The Academy has been very busy preparing for the safe return to school. We are finishing up our first week of school and our students have stepped up and are taking all of the changes in stride. Face-masks adorned, they are moving through the day with the determinate and maturity that being in school during a pandemic requires.

During the last 8 months, WA has learned of many of our alums that are serving their communities on the frontlines of the pandemic, putting their own health and safety at risk to assist others. A teacher, a principal, a Headmaster, I can't ask for any greater satisfaction than to have my students serving as these essential workers. In this issues of WA Today, we are celebrating their efforts during this health crisis.

We are grateful that we were able to provide the Class of 2020 with a drive-in graduation on the football field. Different and memorable it was. We applaud the academic achievements of all of our students, with particular accolades on our four honor parts, Mikaila Loughlin, Greg Moulton, Haley Cherry, and Zain Fitzsimmons.

And as we celebrate the successes of WA alumni, we must also celebrate the lives of two alums that have played an integral part in making WA what it is today Linnie Crane, Class of 1937, who passed away on October 10, 2019. She has been such a huge part of the WA Alumni Association, among many services, keeping track of WA alums who had passed and where many of our "lost" alums were hiding! We lost another WA Alum, when Malcolm Holmes, Science teacher for 14 years at WA, lost his battle with cancer at the end of last year. Both will be greatly missed, but our memories of each bring so many smiles to our faces as we recall the stories they evoke.

Most importantly, we hope you are all doing well, staying healthy and positive. These are challenging times. We are holding on here in Maine, and are doing what we can to "flatten that curve" as best we can. We are already planning for the 2021 Alumni Reunion - a reunion not to miss as we make up for the postponement of 2020's. We hope to be able to gather once again in person and catch up with you, celebrate life's joys, and continue to push forward.

Be Safe Raiders,

Judson McBrine

Abbott Laboratory Front Lines

By: Sarah Craighead Dedmon, Editor, Machias Valley News

Michael Peasley, Class of 2009, discovered his love of science growing up in Machiasport, Maine. Today, he is employed by Abbott Laboratories manufacturing division in Scarborough, Maine. "My role is a manufacturing engineer for the Molecular Team in Abbott's Rapid Diagnostics business," wrote Peasley, who was interviewed via email, as his company is currently working long hours to respond to demand for their COVID-19 rapid test product. I work supporting the production team, improving efficiency and output of a few machines on that line through automation changes or physical changes, improvements and addition to our production analysis tracking system (which collects data), and validation of new equipment as well as validation of changes to existing equipment."

Michael credits his passion for science to his experiences in WA Science classes and mentor educators, Don Sprangers and Chris Sunde. After graduating from WA Mike attended the University of Maine, where he said that good downeast work ethic and pragmatism served him well. He believes these qualities and a persistence in a field you are interested in is the key to success. Mike remarks, "Even setbacks should be seen as a prerequisite to success, and not something that should be feared. This mindset has directly translated to daily tasks at Abbott, where we continually problem solve and re-visit assumptions to make sure we're getting the answer right. It's okay to struggle, fail, and ask for help to get to the end goal, as long as the lesson is remembered. You will find that most people are willing to help other along the way."



CNAs Working in Local Healthcare Facilities

Last May Washington Academy seniors Ryan Conley, Jocelyn Scoville, and Marilyn Mubang completed a year-long Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) course. They were pinned and became certified CNAs in a ceremony held at Washington Academy on Tuesday, May 15, 2019. At the time Ryan, Jocelyn, and Marilyn didn't realize that less than a year later they would be working in healthcare facilities during a worldwide COVID-19 pandemic.

They chose to take the WA CNA course and pursue careers in the healthcare field for similar reasons. Ryan states, "I love being able to take care of somebody and see a difference in their health while they are a patient at Down East Community Hospital."

Jocelyn working at Marshall Manor also states, "It is rewarding for me to know that I am making a difference in my patients' lives, knowing they are getting good care and that they are happy." Jocelyn also remarks, "Even though everyone is worried about contracting the virus I think of it as another sickness that healthcare workers have to be aware of and I have made



a choice to be in the healthcare field."

Marilyn values her CNA work experience at Marshall Manor by stating, "It is giving me a look into the medical field which is an amazing experience!"

Clinical hours occur at Down East Community Hospital and the Maine Veterans Home in Machias and provide students with firsthand experience relating to patients in a healthcare setting. For Ryan, the clinical hours provided him with a comfortability with the organization of the hospital. He states "My clinical experience really helped me to feel comfortable around hospital staff and familiar with the equipment and charting programs."

Jocelyn credits her clinical experience at the Maine Veterans Home for training her to be hands-on with older residents. Looking ahead, Marilyn says, I feel that working in the medical field at such a young age has given me a leg up when applying for college because it demonstrates my dedication and interest in the field."

Essential Inspiration



Libby Kalloch '17 grew up watching her mother, Darnell Foss Kalloch '90, work in the healthcare field. She always knew she wanted to follow her mom's footsteps and the fall of her senior year she started her own healthcare journey as a Washington Academy Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA).

The CNA course requires 72 hours of clinical experience in a hospital setting. Libby spent Fridays of her senior year at the Downeast Community Hospital (DECH) and Maine Veterans Home (MVH) working with RN's learning and caring for patients. She credits her CNA clinical hours for her inspiration to become a registered nurse and remarks "I've always wanted to be in the medical field, and being alongside the DECH/MVH nurses during my clinical CNA training ultimately helped me make the decision to continue my nursing education."



She is now on the front lines as a CNA at Northern Light Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor, Maine and experiencing her first global pandemic working in the healthcare field. Libby describes her experience, "Luckily my unit hasn't been hit hard during the pandemic, however the increased safety measures have changed our outpatient care and the interactions with my co-workers have also been impacted. PPE shortage has caused all hospital employees to be very conservative with supplies so that they can be reused if necessary." However, there is no precaution I wouldn't take to keep my patients and co-workers healthy."

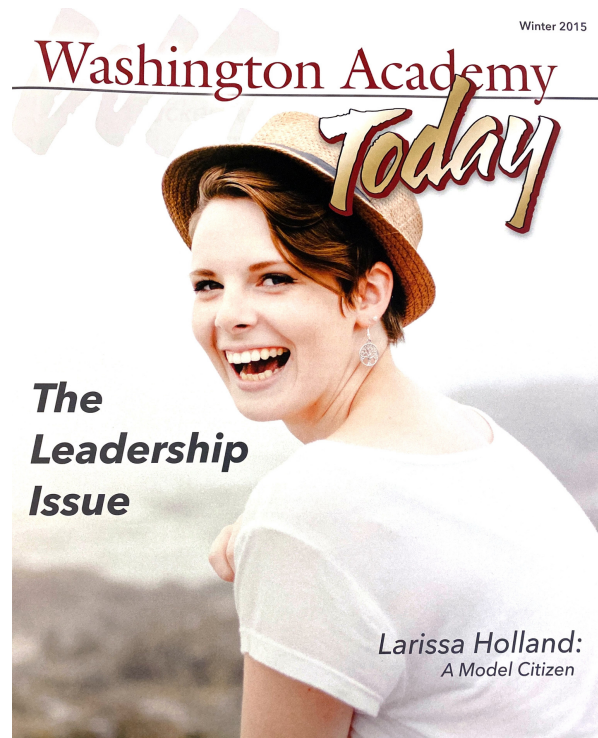
Libby will graduate from Husson University in May 2021 as a registered nurse and is hoping one day to inspire young CNAs like herself.



An Essential Citizen

In the winter of 2015, senior Larissa Holland '16, was deemed a WA model citizen and described as a textbook example of leading by example. Nearly 4 years later, and now a 2020 Smith College graduate Larissa may be considered an essential citizen. In May Larissa graduated from Smith College in Northampton, MA with a degree in both Environmental Science and Policy and Architecture.

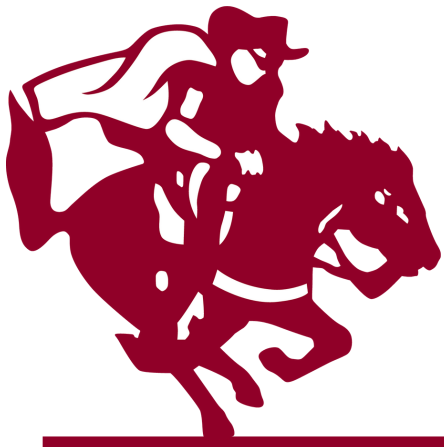
It is no surprise she was equally busy at Smith as she was at Washington Academy leading with a whistle or a whisper. While simultaneously studying two Smith majors she was serving as the Sustainability Chair and voting member for Smith's Student Government Association, held the position of a student liaison for the Environmental Science and Policy Department, served on many strategic planning committees, worked for the Smith Residential Life Office, served on the board of Smith's First Generation Student Alliance, and even worked as a WOZQ radio DJ.



Larissa continues to make an essential contribution to the sustainability of our environment and an essential impact on the lives of others.

Larissa's commitment to leadership created the opportunity for her to be elected to the Smith Board of Sustainability her junior year. She was also selected as one of just 55 students in the United States to receive the prestigious Udall Scholarship, recognizing leadership and commitment to a career in the environment. One of Larissa's experiences at Smith that was near and dear to her heart was her participation in a special students course that allowed her to work with the Farmington Solar Collaboration and study the local impact of solar energy in her home state of Maine.

Today, Larissa is working as an Associate Project Manager at Resonant Energy, a community-based solar developer in Boston, MA, working to bring 100% clean energy to 100% of people. She works specifically with non-profits, houses of worship, and affordable housing developments to make solar energy as accessible as possible.



Raider Pride 2020 Community Service Day

COVID - 19 remote learning did not prevent Washington Academy students from participating in a school-wide safe community service day and helping others on Friday, May, 15 2020. Popular service activities included beach and roadside cleanup, helping siblings with online learning, baking and delivering food, and checking in on friends and family members who may have been experiencing feelings of isolation during the national stay at home order. Way to go Raiders!





A New Twist to a WA Tradition

The year 2020 has brought about many challenges including the ability to continue timeless traditions in the midst of a pandemic requiring social distance.

This spring Washington Academy graduating seniors became members of the world-wide Class of 2020 whose graduation from high school was being celebrated in new and creative ways. Every possible variation of the event was featured weekly on national news channels and at Washington Academy, the Class of 2020 made unprecedented school history with the first-ever "drive-in" graduation ceremony.

On June 12, 2020, an outdoor graduation ceremony was held at the Machias Savings Bank Community Athletic Field also known as the Raider football and soccer field. Over 600 balloons, congratulatory banners, decorations and a photo booth transformed the field and its bleachers to a celebratory venue for seniors and their families. Seniors were dressed in traditional caps and gowns, sat in chairs positioned 6 feet apart below the bleachers, and in front of parked cars where families remained and watched.

The field provided the perfect opportunity for students to safely remain together and share the day they had all been waiting for - which even included a celebratory cap toss!

Congratulations Class of 2020!

To watch the recorded 2020 Graduation ceremony
Please Visit

<https://www.youtube.com/c/WashingtonAcademySince1792/featured>



Class of 2020 Honor Parts



Earning distinction as Valedictorian is Mikaila Loughlin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Loughlin of Beddington. Mikaila is a high honor student and the 2019 recipient of the National Society of Women Engineer Certificate of Achievement. She is also the Washington Academy 2019 Girls State Dirigo Delegate and 2020 Washington Academy recipient of the Maine Principals' Association Award. She is the Vice President of the Class of 2020. Throughout Mikaila's four years at Washington Academy, she has been involved in numerous community service projects and is the recipient of the 2016 and 2019 Washington Academy Citizenship Award. She is also a 3-year member of the National Honor Society and a well-rounded student participating in multiple afterschool clubs and athletics including, Students Teaching About Respect (S.T.A.R.S.), A Capella, Silver Quill, and JV and Varsity Soccer. She is attending college at George Washington University double majoring in Psychology and Sociology.

This year's Salutatorian is Greg Moulton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Woody Moulton of Cutler. Greg is a 3-year member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the 2017 Washington Academy Citizenship award. Greg played JV and Varsity Basketball for 4 years and is a 3-year member of the Varsity Tennis Team. He is attending the University of Maine at Orono and majoring in Finance.



First Honor Essayist for Washington Academy's Class of 2020 is Haley Cherry, daughter of Ms. Cami Cole of Whiting and Mr. Joseph Cherry of Marshfield. Haley is a 3-year member of the National Honor Society and the recipient of the 2019-20 D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award. The D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award recognizes Haley's qualities of dependability, service, and leadership at Washington Academy and in her community. She is the recipient of the 2016 Washington Academy Citizenship Award, the 2017 Kindness Award and an active member of the Students Teaching About Respect (S.T.A.R.S.) Club. Throughout her 4 years at Washington Academy, Haley has been a member and manager of the Varsity Volleyball and Swim Teams. She also participated after school in the Sustainability Club and was a member of the Environthon Team. Haley is attending the University of Maine at Orono and majoring in Elementary Education.

Second Honor Essayist is Zain Fitzsimmons, son of Ms. Bobbi-Jo Bourdeau of East Machias and Mr. Chad Fitzsimmons of Jonesboro. Zain is a high honor student and a 3-year member of the National Honor Society. He is also the Washington Academy 2019 Boys State Dirigo Delegate. Throughout Zain's 4 years at Washington Academy, he has received multiple awards including the 2017 Academic Award, 2018 Citizenship Award, and the 2019 Kindness Award. In addition to his academic excellence, he is also recognized for his athletic success as a 2020 Penobscot Valley Conference (PVC) Swimming Champion, and as members of the 2018 PVC Baseball Second Team, 2019 PVC Baseball First Team, 2019 Maine Underclassmen All-Start Baseball Team, and 2020 PVC Swimming First Team. He is a 4-year member of the Washington Academy Baseball and Swim Team. Zain is attending Husson University majoring in Environmental Science.



Remembering a Caring Champion

By: Ruth Luebecker, Class of 1960



Linnie Cates lived across the street while I was growing up in East Machias. She was a kind lady with a ready grin and always an open door.

Before that she was Linnie Griffin. Born on August 20, 1920, she would have turned 100 this summer. Hers was a life of caring service, whatever role she was in at the time. As a young student at Washington Academy she was often selected to take the board minutes down the hill to board member John Gaddis who was also WA treasurer. He lived under the hill, but was physically unable to walk up and get them so she was often elected to make the trek down.

This would have been about 1935, and Linnie would graduate in 1937. After a stint at the Farm Bureau in Machias, she would work at the Washington State Normal School (now UMM), first as clerk to President Lincoln Sennett, and then as bursar, retiring after 25 years.

Linnie's longevity of service was always impressive. An active supporter of WA for her entire adult life, she also was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church of East Machias, the Order of the Eastern Star, and a volunteer at the hospital coffee shop for as long as it existed.

Her first husband Ted Cates died suddenly in 1965, and years later she would marry Hartley Crane, a marriage that lasted 45 years and brought her a ready-made family of loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



Her ties to WA would become even further entwined in her history when she sold her earlier home in East Machias to the academy at a bargain price. Several headmasters would live in the house before an addition was built and the home in the summer of 2003 and it would open as the first girls' dormitory.



Receiving the Distinguished Service Award from WA in 2009 and the Pen Award from the Cooperative Extension for her 50 years of contributions to its homemaker programs, Linnie will nonetheless be remembered first and foremost for much more than awards. Her kindly presence and friendship to generations were unparalleled throughout her long and productive life.

She was a great cook/baker (butterscotch cheesecake bars), an insightful historian of area history, and a delightful friend who loved drop in visitors. She was one of a kind, and a true champion of Washington Academy.

Remembering Malcolm Holmes

2020 Washington Academy Board of Trustees Distinguished Educator

By: Head of School, Jud McBrine



As someone who has worked alongside many exceptional educators over my 25 years at WA today I have the honor of remembering and recognizing the talented and dedicated Washington Academy teacher, Mr. Malcolm Holmes, as the recipient of the 2020 Washington Academy Board of Trustees Distinguished Educator Award.

Communities are fortunate to have special people who positively impact the lives of the people living there. Mr. Malcolm Holmes was one of those special people. He was a 1976 graduate of Washington Academy, a member of the US Air Force, and a graduate of University of Maine at Machias and Lesley University in Cambridge, MA where he received his Master's Degree in Environmental Science Education. Malcolm taught science at Washington Academy for over 14 years. He educated and mentored hundreds of young people and was an amazing colleague and friend to all of us. This recent school year has been difficult mourning his loss and later facing the challenges of a national pandemic - a time when Malcolm would have been doing what he did best, ensuring the well being and safety of others.

We have a strong-held belief at WA that students learn best when they can make a connection with a caring adult in their school. Mr. Holmes epitomized his belief and he put it into action every single day. He reached out and made connections with students in his class, in his advisor group, and any activity he was involved in. In between classes you would not see him sitting behind his desk, but out in the hall, connecting with every student who walked by, encouraging them, checking in with them, and teasing them as well. He demonstrated the same care and compassion with his colleagues. It was not unusual for Malcolm to stop in to see me and just say, "How are you doing, Boss, everything okay?"

He was always striving to improve education and opportunities available for our youths. He shared his passions for the outdoors and our coastal community by creating a Marine Biology program at Washington Academy that has inspired many students to follow this as a career path. Malcolm's research work and relationship with the Downeast Institute on Beals Island provided many WA field trip opportunities and first-hand exposure to a state of the art marine research facility. Marine Biology continues to be a popular WA class and fills to capacity with those students curious about the ocean in our backyard. Even Malcolm's favorite buffalo plaid shirt, symbolic of an outdoor enthusiast, has now become a wardrobe staple for many WA students and faculty members.

In 2016 he led the effort to re-establish the WA Student Council and served as that group's advisor which included taking council members on trips around the state to meet with other high school student council members who were learning to be effective leaders. In addition to his classroom responsibilities, Malcolm was the adviser to the popular after school Science Club. One of Malcolm's important messages to club members was how to take care of the earth and minimize the damaging effects of single-use plastics to our oceans.

Not only did Malcolm care about maintaining a healthy global environment he also cared about creating a healthy environment for our community, particularly through his support of the Recovery Community in our area. He was also instrumental in developing a student intervention program at Washington Academy. He cared about the health and well being of our students and worried about the health of the community that would ultimately ensure their future success. Malcolm is greatly missed by his Washington Academy family.

2018 - 2019



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Teresa Olsen, '92	5/1/2019	Frank L. Foster, Jr., '38	1/15/2020
Sierra M. Prescott, '15	5/11/2019	Jessika Guptill, '96	1/27/2020
Blanche Johnson, '56	8/15/2019	Janice Berry, '53	2/26/2020
William Ramsdell, '70	9/29/2019	Jeff B. Libby, '83	4/3/2020
Linnie G. Crane, '37	10/10/2019	Andrew Henderson, '13	4/11/2020
Jason Brooks-Ramsdell, '01	10/11/2019	Neil L. Sheridan, '60	7/13/2020
Virginia Look, '51	10/15/2019	Marjorie Dowling, '46	7/17/2020
John S. Johnson, '53	11/13/2019	Kevin S. Geel, '74	8/21/2020
Malcolm Holmes, '76	12/7/2019	Garret Sprague, '23	9/10/2020
Darold F. Ames, '55	1/3/2020	Meghan McPhail, '19	9/17/2020

2010

Arianna Sanborn '10 earned her Master of Science in Nursing from Thomas Jefferson University. She is now employed at The Center of Kidney Care as a Nurse Practitioner specializing in Nephrology. She currently resides in Pennsylvania.



2011

Jordan Porter '11 earned his Doctorate of Nursing from Belmont University in Nashville, TN in the spring of 2019. He is now employed at Down East Community Hospital as a Nurse Practitioner specializing in family practice medicine. Jordan also serves as University of Maine at Machias, Nurse practitioner serving students. He is also a part-time professor for the University of Maine's School of Nursing. Jordan currently resides Machias, Maine.



2014

Gianna Porter '14 earned her Bachelors in Business Administration & Marketing Management from the University of Maine. Gianna is currently working at Machias Savings Bank as a Leadership Trainee. She has completed the New England School of Banking and the Washington County Leadership Institute. Gianna will marry her fiance Nick Lunn on July 31, 2021. She currently resides in East Machias, Maine.



2015

Dakota Cates - Wright '15 graduated from the University of Maine at Orono in May, with a Bachelors of Science in Education, minor in English. He teaches English and Language Arts at Old Town High School. Dakota currently resides in Old Town, Maine.



2016

Emily Lobley '16 earned her Bachelors in Kinesiology from Husson University in the spring of 2019. She is now in the last year of graduate school at Husson University working on her Doctorate of Physical Therapy (DPT). Emily worked as a teaching assistant this summer in the Husson University Anatomy Lab. She currently resides in Bangor, Maine.



2018

Alicia McClure '18, is the owner of McClure Farrier Services and is providing horseshoe care to horse owners throughout Washington County. Alicia attended an 8 month farrier education program at the Arkansas Horseshoeing School in Dardanelle, Arkansas. She is fulfilling her life long dream of working with horses. Alicia resides in Machiasport, Maine.



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2021 Alumni Reunion

Classes to be honored

1949/1950	70th Year
1959/1960	60th Year
1969/1970	50th Year
1979/1980	40th Year
1989/1990	30th Year
1993/1994	25th Year
1999/2000	20th Year
2009/2010	10th Year

August 7, 2021

Alumni Association Meeting
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Alumni Social
Alumni Banquet
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