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News from the Head of School

At this time each year *I am filled with memories of our students from years past and graduations past. This year was no exception. I watched seniors climb the steps to proudly accept their diplomas, tilt their heads for me to shift the tassels to the right, and beam at the camera flashes from equally proud family members. In the Academy's history, there have been many headmasters before me to do the same, feel the same, and wish the same for each senior as they move on to the next chapters of their lives.*

Next year's freshman class, the class of 2017, will be the 225th class to graduate from Washington Academy, and I feel a sense of appreciation for having the pleasure of welcoming them. I am sure the class will be filled with young people who have dreams and aspirations even greater than the classes before them. I am especially proud, as this is my son Jake's class, and I am anxious to see him and his classmates take advantage of everything Washington Academy has to offer and to see them all grow into capable young ladies and young gentlemen.

With the help of all of our students and faculty, Washington Academy has many great things still to accomplish. Some of these things will take us outside the campus hallways. Our culture of community service has never been as strong as it is now. Special Olympics, Earth Day, Arts Fest, and the Childrens' Summer Food Program are just a few of many events that represent WA's pledge to community. Together, students served hundreds of hours in their home and school communities this past year. Some students served their community without regard to time and effort, just because it felt good to help out. Many students serve on a continual basis throughout the year with others dedicating full days on free weekends to their towns when they can.

I am also very proud of our students' academic achievements. In 1985, Washington Academy Headmaster Roger LaChance introduced the Headmaster's Golden Apple as the premier award that students began working towards. The first Golden Apples were presented in 1986 to students who made the honor roll for 14 consecutive quarters. This is an amazing academic feat, and it is why the Golden Apple is so coveted. When I present students with this award each year at the Academic Banquet, I am reminded of this achievement and am honored and proud to present the Golden Apple to each and everyone who has earned it. It represents a commitment not only to school, but it is the result of each recipient's strong desire to be the best he or she can be.

William DeWitt Hyde, the President of Bowdoin College, told the alumni audience gathered for the Centennial celebration of Washington Academy in 1892, "No past, however glorious, is good enough to make a future out of it. It is not necessary to enumerate the complexity of problems facing educational institutions like ours today. It is difficult to foresee the exact role Washington Academy will be playing in our community even 50 years from now, but these small country towns furnish the best boys and girls in all the world. To gather in these boys and girls, and fit them for college, for business, for life, is a work worthy of the efforts of any institution."

This year, I presented Golden Apples to 15 seniors, from near and far. I commend them on their effort and wish them, and all of our graduates well, as they pursue their dreams beyond Washington Academy.

Kind Regards,

Judson McBrine

Judson McBrine
Head of School

On the Cover:

Headmaster's Golden Apple Award Recipients: Back Row (L-R): Nathan Weaver, Matthew Stanhope, Matthew Plaisted, Nigel Pingree, Head of School Judson McBrine, Mackenzie Foss, Libo Fan, Emmanuel Aretakis, Jillian Day; **Front Row (L-R):** Ben Rose, Breana Riquier, Natalie Jones, Yizhe Hu, Kara Graham, Katerina Graham; Not Pictured: Nakita Matthews

A Culture of Community Service

A total of 134 toys were collected for needy children for Christmas and were delivered by National Honor Society members to the Machias Food Pantry.

Washington Academy strives to create a culture of community service and recognizes how important it is for our students to "give back" to the communities in which they live.

The benefits of creating a culture of community service are important for many reasons. Students get to help others, feel an increased sense of community, meet new people, and learn new skills. Community service can help students feel better about themselves and feel valued and appreciated. One of Washington Academy's six core values is "The Whole World", preparing students for successful and responsible global citizenship. Whatever path our students choose to take, and wherever it leads them, it is important that they participate and feel part of a community.

Washington Academy will continue to encourage, plan, and participate in community service and understands the role our students can have in our communities. Some of this year's contributions to the community include:

- ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Volleyball Tournament
- Red Cross Blood Drives
- Drive for Hunger
- Coats for Kids
- Christmas Toy Drive for needy local children
- Support for local food pantries
- Pennies for Patients
- Cards and letters for our U.S. troops
- Salmon restoration projects (Downeast Salmon Federation)
- Winter window murals at Down East Community Hospital
- Free monthly Senior Citizen lunches
- Veterans Day lunch and concert
- Special Olympics

Community Service Day at WA

For this school year, Washington Academy scheduled a school day specifically for community service for many of the towns that we serve. On May 4, students spent the day in many towns across Washington County, cleaning, helping, and volunteering their time. Activities included roadside cleanup in Cutler, volunteering at Porter Memorial Library in Machias and the Jonesboro Union Church, spring cleaning at Machias Valley Baptist Church, a car wash in Machias to benefit the children's summer food program, cleanup at the Lubec Community Playground, helping with the Bay of Fundy marathon preparations, cemetery cleanup at the East Machias Congregational Church, clean up and energy audit on the Washington Academy campus, beach and trail cleanup at the Roque Bluffs Community Center, beach and roadside cleanup in Machiasport, and painting and groundwork at the Pembroke Fairgrounds and Library. We would like to thank the communities for giving us the opportunity to help and to the students and staff for their hard work and great representation of Washington Academy.

The Machiasport clean-up crew with the trash they picked up on Knowlton Beach.

Cleaning up the Lubec Community Playground

Cultural Dance Class

Cultural Dance class has become a hit at Washington Academy. Ms. Gina Gaetani has not only helped her class develop an appreciation for dance, she is providing another avenue for students to achieve lifelong fitness. As her students will tell you, dancing can be hard work.

Ms. Gaetani's class performed a synchronized dance known around the world as "Thriller" and made popular by Michael Jackson in the 80's. Students dressed up as zombies and painted their faces similar to Michael Jackson's video and performed the dance in front of the entire student body.

Cultural Dance class has focused on swing dancing, the waltz, and the tango to name a few. Students have not only learned the dances but performed them in front of large groups of people.

Anthony Soto '13 and Kyle Gallaher '14

Catherine Jamieson '15 snipping fins of Atlantic salmon

Coastal Ecology

Coastal Ecology students and student volunteers have been working in various communities around Washington County for many years helping with a variety of environmental projects. Students have grown and planted trees to help restore the Atlantic salmon habitat, worked with State of Maine and Federal Biologists on clam flat research, and helped raise Atlantic salmon for release in the East Machias River. Other projects include alternative energies, bioremediation, water quality monitoring, community gardening, and greenhouse operations.

The Coastal Ecology class involves environmental research and restoration activities in various ecosystems. Students learn about forest management and ecology, river and lake water quality assessments, soils and geology, wetland surveys, and wildlife management.

Students recently assisted EMARC (East Machias Aquatic Research Center) in "snipping" the adipose fins of Atlantic salmon fry so that further research can be done after release. They also assisted in the release of thousands of salmon fry in to the East Machias river once water temperatures was conducive for optimal salmon fry survival. Students will help the researchers assess the success of the project through electro fishing, smolt trapping, redd counting, and potentially the use of sonar imagery.

Pearl Harbor Survivor Visits WA

December 7, 1941 was described by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as "a date which will live in infamy". Japanese forces attacked Pearl Harbor killing 2,402 Americans, 1,177 on the *USS Arizona* alone. The Japanese sank or damaged 21 ships and destroyed or damaged 350 aircraft. The attack thrust the United States into World War II.

Rarely do students get the opportunity to learn about the events of the attack on Pearl Harbor from an individual who was there and survived. Mr. Fitzsimmons' and Mr. Aceto's US History classes welcomed a very special guest speaker in December, Mr. Robert Coles.

Robert Coles was aboard the *USS Bagley* when the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor on the morning of December 7, 1941. Robert was seventeen years old when the attack happened, approximately two weeks before his eighteenth birthday. He spoke of the attack and some of his other experiences in the Pacific during WWII.

When he arrived at Pearl Harbor, he was able to choose between three ships to serve, the *USS Arizona* being one of them. Robert Coles chose the *USS Bagley*, which was a destroyer. He had enlisted in the Navy in February of 1941. Mr. Coles remembers seeing the Japanese airplanes approaching, dropping bombs and torpedoes. He described the scene of the *USS Arizona* exploding and sinking. This would be the beginning of his incredible journey across the Pacific during WWII. Robert would go on to see many more battles on several different ships over the course of the war and admits, "I was very lucky".

Mr. Coles talked with students about how World War II made the United States the most powerful country in the world and shared his concerns about how this is changing. It was a powerful message and a great opportunity for students to learn about WWII and its impact.

Guest Speaker Robert Coles, Pearl Harbor survivor

National Honor Society Inducts New Members

Back Row: Delesdenier Ashby, Madisein Ashby, Paige Sprague, Hannah Sprague, Kassidy Seeley, Janelle Williams, Sarah Sinford, Matt Plaisted, Ben Rose, Andrew Cox, Emily Hawkins, Jessa Cushing, Weiyi Hou, Charles Hu, Matt Stanhope, Nathan Weaver; **Middle Row:** Andrew Henderson, Dominique DelValle, Kelsey Tinker, Sheldon Otto, Gianna Porter, Micah McBrine, Emily Day, Fred Merx, Ben Somes, Mackenzie Foss, Jacob Schoppee, Dustin Emery, Ryan Denbow, Wren Wakeman, Josie Shi, Jiaming Jiang, Jihun Kim, Michael Lee; **Front Row:** Zoey Ross, Madeleine Seeley, Brianne Corey, Keirstin Barker, Olivia McBrine, Gabrielle Colbeth, Will Hopkins, Emma Huntley, Jillian Day, Breana Riquier, Katerina Graham, Kara Graham, Summer Hodgdon, Natalie Branca, Rebecca Whitney, Layla Lavigne, and Gabriella Jones; *Not Pictured:* Manny Aretakis, Natalie Jones, Dewey Sheehan

On March 14, Washington Academy's National Honor Society held their induction ceremony in the Gardner Gym. The current members welcomed new members along with families, friends, and WA Trustees. New members included seniors Delesdenier Ashby, Brianne Corey, Andrew Henderson, Jiaming Jiang, Gabriella Jones, Kelsey Tinker, Janelle Williams, juniors Madisein Ashby, Keirstin Barker, Emily Day, Dominique DelValle, Dustin Emery, Emma Huntley, Micah McBrine, Olivia McBrine, Sheldon Otto, Paige Sprague, and sophomores Will Hopkins, Zoey Ross, Madeleine Seeley, Ben Somes, and Wren Wakeman.

WA graduate and Board of Trustees Vice President Dennis Mahar '79 was the guest speaker and music was provided by WA music teacher Maggie Oswald.

Alumnus Bill Corbett Visits WA

Bill Corbett '63 visited Washington Academy and spoke to several classes about STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) careers. Bill recently retired after 44 years working at DuPont as a chemical engineer. He attended 46 on-campus interviews at the University of Maine before narrowing his decision. Bill encouraged students to take advantage of the help Washington Academy teachers are able to offer and stressed the importance of preparing yourself before interviews, sharpening communication skills, and finding a career where you love going to work each day. Students were able to ask questions and learn about the variety of technical and engineering careers that exist in a global company like DuPont.

Back Row: Student Yunfei Qiu '14, Lanette Pottle, Steve Pineo, Michael Sansing, Sharon Hext, and JMG teacher Lori McBrine; **Front Row:** Dodie Emerson, Heather Vose, Julie Barker, Students Olivia McBrine '14, Kelsey Tinker '13, and Janelle Williams '13, and Beth Foss

JMG Hosts Employer Panel Discussion

Washington Academy's Jobs for Maine's Graduates (JMG) hosted its first employer panel discussion with local businesses in front of the entire student body and faculty on January 30. Business representatives answered student generated questions and students learned many tips on how to go about seeking employment. They also talked about the importance of first impressions, dependability, and professionalism. Also discussed was the importance of good communication skills and a willingness to work cooperatively with others. Thank you to the businesses and their representatives for making this presentation a success. Businesses and their representatives included Steve Pineo '88 of Pineo's True Value, Michael Sansing of Look's Gourmet Foods, Heather Vose '89 of Machias Savings Bank, Julie Barker of Helen's Restaurant, Lanette Pottle of Hannaford Supermarket, Sharon Hext of Down East Community Hospital, Beth Foss '90 of Bluebird Ranch Restaurant, and Dodie Emerson representing the Machias Career Center.

WA Teacher Receives Distinction

Washington Academy English teacher, Cathy Johnson, was selected as a Claes Nobel Educator of Distinction, a special program of the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) that honors educators worldwide. NSHSS is an international honor society comprised of outstanding high school students, more than 800,000 representing 20,000 high schools in 160 countries. Cathy has been recognized for her excellence in teaching and for the encouragement of, and dedication to, the academic success of Washington Academy. She has been teaching at Washington Academy for 33 years.

WA Athletic Boosters Honor Special Guest

On October 19, 2012 Washington Academy welcomed a special guest to the last home football game of the year and made him an honorary captain, Dr. Francis Schumann. Dr. Schumann participated in the coin toss and addressed the captains at center field.

Dr. Schumann admits football played a big part in his life growing up, from games with friends in the back yard to playing varsity football at Harvard University. Dr. Schumann says, "The entire experience of playing this rough and tumble, but highly organized game, formed the basis of deep and lasting friendships, some of which were formed with members of the opposing team".

Of his time playing football at Harvard, "It was a great experience for us young men. In a highly disciplined way, we learned our respective duties for play on offense and our responsibilities on defense. As varsity team members, we were also expected to behave in all respects with honor and courage".

Dr. Francis Schumann (second from right) stands between WA Honorary Trustee Mike Hinerman and his wife Mary at the coin toss.

Dr. Schumann graduated from Harvard University in 1935, where he played football and ran track, and then from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine in 1939. He joined the United States Army in 1943 and served until 1946 as a Flight Surgeon in the Army Air Corp.

After retiring from medicine in Philadelphia, Dr. Schumann and his wife moved to Machias, Maine. Dr. Schumann practiced medicine at Down East Community Hospital for several years before, again, retiring. Thank you, Dr. Schumann, for your support of Washington Academy.

Washington Academy 2013 Honor Parts

VALEDICTORIAN

MACKENZIE FOSS

Earning distinction as Valedictorian is **Mackenzie Foss**, daughter of Robert and Colleen Foss of Columbia Falls. Mackenzie is the recipient of the MPA Principal's Award. She has served as a class officer, a member of the National Honor Society, and an active participant in the STARS program (Students Teaching about Respect). She served as captain of the varsity basketball team and participates in girls' varsity tennis. Mackenzie will be attending St. Joseph's College of Maine and will major in nursing.

SALUTATORIAN

BREANA RIQUIER

Breana Riquier, daughter of Pierre and Dana Riquier of Pembroke, has achieved the honor of Salutatorian. Breana has served her school as a member of the National Honor Society and through her participation in the STARS program. She has been a peer tutor and has volunteered at local elementary schools. Breana participated in varsity soccer all four years, serving as captain her senior year. Breana will be majoring in engineering at the University of Maine, Orono.

FIRST HONOR ESSAYIST

BENJAMIN ROSE

First Honor Essayist is **Benjamin Rose**, son of Lee and Jody Rose of Jonesboro. Ben is a member of Tri-M, Washington Academy's Honors Music Society, and has participated in numerous music festivals. He has served as vice president of his class during both his junior and senior years and currently serves as secretary for the National Honor Society. Actively involved in the drama program, Ben has served as both assistant director and set designer in a number of productions. Ben will be attending Middlebury College, his major is undecided at this time.

SECOND HONOR ESSAYIST

JILLIAN DAY

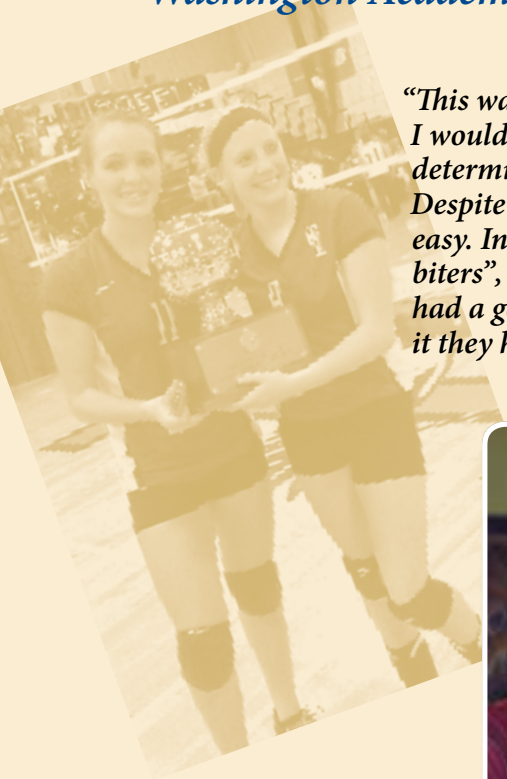
The Second Honor Essayist is **Jillian Day**, daughter of William and MaryEllen Day of Machiasport. She has been the president of her class as well as president of the National Honor Society. Jillian was selected by her peers as the DAR Good Citizen for Washington Academy. She is a member of the girls' varsity soccer team, serving as captain during her senior year, and is a member of the varsity softball team. Jillian will major in political science at Wheaton College.

Volleyball State Champions

The Washington Academy Varsity Girl's Volleyball Team won the 2012 Class B State Championship. They finished the regular season with a 12-2 record and entered the playoffs in 1st place. After beating Machias in the semifinal round, Washington Academy went on to defeat Calais for the state title.

"This was an amazing group of young women! I would define this team as calm, confident, determined, fun, loving, and always together. Despite our record, wins didn't always come easy. In fact most of them were 5 set, "nail biters", but they would NEVER give up. They had a goal and they knew in order to achieve it they had to work together."

- Coach Christine Davis



Class B All State:

1st Team
Kara Graham
Keirstin Barker

2nd Team
Secily Schmauderer
Kassidy Seeley

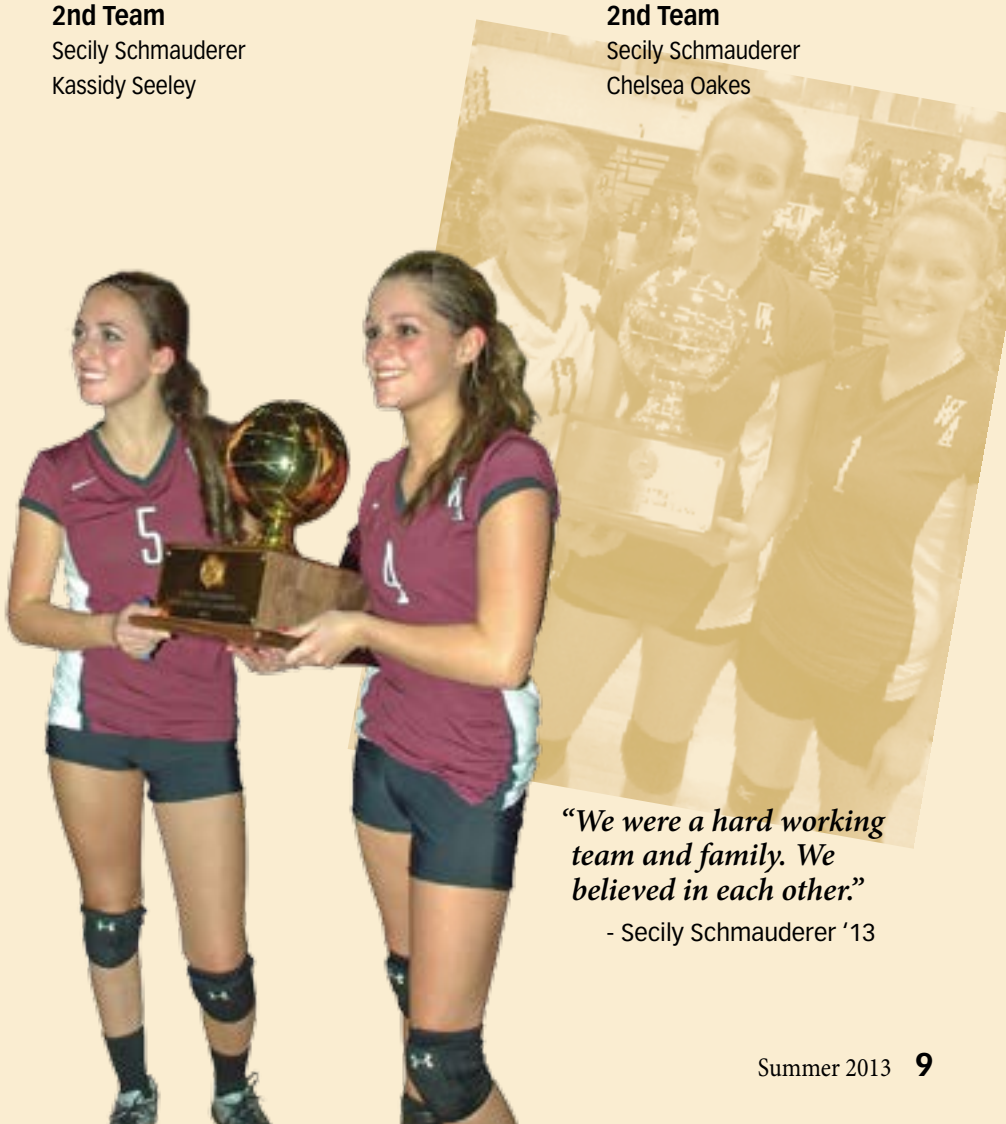
Senior All Stars:

Katerina Graham
Kara Graham
Secily Schmauderer
Chelsea Oakes

All Academic:

1st Team
Katerina Graham
Kara Graham

2nd Team
Secily Schmauderer
Chelsea Oakes



"We were a hard working team and family. We believed in each other."
- Secily Schmauderer '13

Photo credit: Katharine Ramsdell

Teacher & Trustee News

Retiring Teachers

Pete Rensema was born in California, son of an Army World War II veteran. He moved around growing up but decided by ninth grade he wanted a military career. Pete attended the Air Force Academy and graduated in 1971 with a Bachelor's Degree in Science and Engineering. He graduated in 1985 from the Air Force Institute of Technology with a Master's Degree in Space Physics. He retired as a colonel from the U.S. Air Force in 1995 after a twenty four year career.

Pete moved to East Machias with his wife, and in 1997 applied for a part time Calculus and Physics position at Washington Academy. He soon began teaching full time. Pete's goal has always been "to help kids get a math education to be competitive on a global scene." Among many accomplishments at Washington Academy, Pete became Faculty Advisor for the Math Team and helped start the Honors Math Program.

Pete Rensema is retiring after a sixteen year teaching career and will be missed by the Washington Academy community. When asked what he will miss the most about teaching at Washington Academy he says, "I'll miss the interaction with the kids. I hope I've made a contribution and kids went to college prepared."

Clint Tuttle came to Washington Academy in the fall of 1995. He was born and raised in Minnesota and spent two years at the Milwaukee School of Engineering. Clint enlisted in the Air Force and served four years during the Vietnam War. Clint then moved on to the University of San Francisco where he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts majoring in pre-law.

Clint worked several jobs including United Airlines before taking a job at Washington County Vocational Technical Institute (what is now known as Washington County Community College) from 1971 to 1982 where he taught boatbuilding. Clint acquired his commercial flight license and started his own flight school which he sold in 1993. After joining the Washington Academy faculty in 1995, Clint has taught hundreds of Washington Academy students Computer Aided Design (CAD), boatbuilding, and woodworking.

Clint says he will miss the environment and the kids. Clint will continue boat building and woodworking at his home in Perry, Maine, and plans to spend time with his daughter in New Hampshire.

David Hitchings grew up in Princeton, Maine and graduated from Princeton High School in 1964. He attended Ricker College in Houlton and received a Bachelor of Science Degree majoring in Geology. David would begin a 45 year career in education starting at Bingham High School teaching math and science.

David received a Master's in Education Administration from the University of Maine at Orono and spent nine years as a part time math teacher and assistant principal at SAD 48. He spent the next 24 years as Headmaster of George Stevens Academy in Blue Hill, Maine. David came to Washington Academy in 2002 and has held the titles of Assistant Head of School and Associate Head of School.

David has appreciated the involvement of parents while here at Washington Academy and will miss the interaction with teachers, students, fellow administrators, and trustees. He is looking forward to traveling and spending time with family.

Thank you for your Dedication to Washington Academy!

New Trustee Welcomed

Chris Lyford

Washington Academy welcomed **Chris Lyford** to its Board of Trustees this past year. Chris is a 1992 graduate of Washington Academy and lives in East Machias with his wife, also a graduate, Andrea Curtis Lyford '96, and their two daughters, Chloe and Kara. Chris is the Senior Vice President of Operations at Machias Savings Bank in the Machias Branch. He has worked for Machias Savings Bank for over thirteen years. Chris is a former board member for the Washington Hancock Community Agency (WHCA) and currently serves on the Sunrise County Economic Counsel board. He is also the Chairperson of the Technology and Operations Committee of the Maine Banker's Association.

WA Trustee President Receives Larry Labrie Award

Our own **Richard "Dick" Gardner** '58, Washington Academy Board of Trustees President and also former WA teacher, administrator, and coach, has been selected to receive the Maine Principals' Association Larry Labrie Award. The award is given each year to recognize individuals whose careers have had a significant impact on interscholastic athletes in Maine.

Why I Chose a Planned Gift

Dolores Hanson '55 with her late husband Peter

Dolores Scoville Hanson was born, and grew up, in Cutler, Maine. After leaving the area with her family and moving to Presque Isle for two years, she returned to finish her final two years of high school at Washington Academy. Dolores earned her diploma in 1955. She was soon married to Peter Hanson, originally from Boston, who was in the Coast Guard and stationed at Little River Lighthouse. They moved to Boston, an experience Dolores "absolutely loved" but admits for a small town girl from Cutler, Maine, created some "culture shock" at first.

Dolores moved back to East Machias in 1988 with her husband Peter and officially retired in 2001. Peter recently passed away and Dolores describes him as a "very supportive husband" who also became a supporter, along with Dolores, of Washington Academy.

Dolores chose to give to Washington Academy in the form of a bequest. A bequest is a planned gift that can easily be placed in an individuals will. Dolores feels it is good for everyone to give back in some way. She recognizes the quality education she received at Washington Academy and looks back at her time there with "fond memories".

When asked why Dolores chooses to support Washington Academy she says, "It is my wish that every Washington Academy student go to college and be able to compete. I am proud of kids and love hearing about their successes." She recognizes that, "not everyone can give while they're alive" which is why Dolores chose a planned gift. Dolores now joins "The Legacy Circle," a group of individuals who have chosen planned giving as a way to support Washington Academy.

Increasingly, alumni, parents, and friends are using planned giving methods to add to gifts made to Washington Academy. These gifts help support Washington Academy students for years to come as well as provide tax benefits for the donor and donor's estate. The most common planned gift is the bequest, which can easily be added to a person's will. If you are interested in learning more about planned giving opportunities and their tax advantages, contact your financial advisor or email Development Associate Mike Libby, m.libby@washingtonacademy.org.

Charles Look '57 honored Washington Academy and contributed to ensuring the high quality of education it provides when he left a generous bequest in his will to the school from which he graduated. It is that kind of foresight, chosen from a variety of creative planned giving opportunities, which allows an individual to support the Academy as an alternative, or supplement, to making present donations.

Types of planned gifts include:

- Bequests
- Charitable Remainder Trust
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Real Estate
- Charitable Lead Trust

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HOMECOMING 2012

Cool, crisp nights and the scent of hamburgers in the air… it was the smell of Homecoming Weekend at Washington Academy! Alumni, friends, parents, and students enjoyed WA's 5th Annual Homecoming over the weekend of October 5-7, 2012. Homecoming was moved from September to October to accommodate the students and teachers at WA so they would have more time to prepare for events and activities, since school starts the first week in September.

Spirit Week was held during the week of Homecoming to get everyone in the school spirit. Raider Pride and Superhero/Rockstar Days were just a couple of the themes of the week. During locker break, students participated in "Minute to Win It" games.

The **Homecoming Weekend** kicked off with a Pep Rally on Friday afternoon, followed by a community parade down Route 1 with the parade marshals being 2012 Homecoming King and Queen seniors Alan Beam and Delesdenier Ashby.

The **Football Team** played Dexter that night under the lights. Even though it was a loss for the team, it was a night enjoyed by everyone that attended, bundled up and sipping hot cocoa from the concession.

The annual **5k Raider Run** began on a foggy Saturday morning, but was well received by all the runners and walkers. Everyone gathered back on campus for a Saturday afternoon boys soccer game against Ellsworth. There was also an Alumni Volleyball Game and a Homecoming Student Dance on Saturday night. New to the Homecoming weekend schedule was a Sunday morning pancake breakfast in the WA Cafeteria followed by the first Raider Ride, 16 miles of biking along the Sunrise Trail. It was a beautiful fall morning to ride the trails.

Save the date for the 2013 Homecoming: October 11 & 12

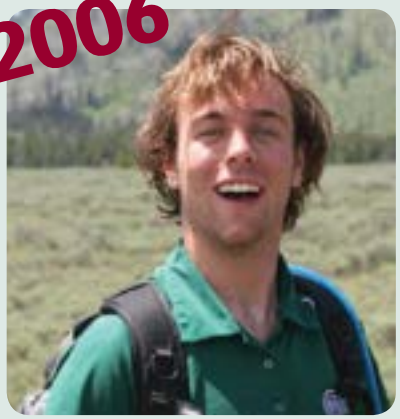
2010

Alumni Spotlight

Derrick Porter '10 will begin the first semester of a three semester NASA Cooperative Education Program in August of 2013. The Cooperative Education Program works with his current university, the University of Texas at Austin, to allow Derrick to pursue meaningful real-world work experience at NASA while also continuing his college-level academic study through his university. As part of this agreement, Derrick will work as an employee of NASA every other semester while also finishing his college education at the University of Texas at Austin. Upon completion of the program, participants are typically presented with the opportunity to pursue a career with NASA.

His parents and friends are very proud of him and know that he is working very hard to achieve his goals. They applaud his determination, and are thankful that he has had the opportunity to go to one of the best universities in the nation for his field. The University of Texas at Austin, whose Aerospace Engineering program was just ranked eighth in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*, has been instrumental in opening up many doors for Derrick's future. Derrick also remembers fondly his time at WA, saying this about one of his favorite teachers, "I attribute much of my love for engineering and the path that I chose to the skills and learning I received from Mr. Rensema and his classes."

2006



Jacob Swain finished his high school career at Washington Academy before moving on to Clarkson University. He graduated in 2009 with a dual degree in Mathematics and Digital Arts & Sciences. Since then, he has been working as a web developer at a few different agencies around New England.

In May of 2011, Jacob and a college friend started working on a company together: northeastrallytronics.com. The main focus was building an app for recording and broadcasting road trips. So far, it has been used on three big road trips that they have taken.

In November of 2012, he wanted a digital list of the mountain bike trails in New Hampshire and a way to check off the trails that he had ridden. Jacob started planning out how to build a website that would do just that. The only way to turn a profit with the product would be to have a huge audience, and no matter how great the product was, the target audience just wasn't that large. He started thinking of other venues to bring the idea to, that's when skiing came to mind. The product seemed to be a terrific fit for the skiing community as a whole. Skiers would use it to track their progress, pit themselves against the rest of the world, and find new places to ski. Resorts could use anonymous data recorded to make informed decisions on how to operate their mountain. Jacob has a team of four signed up to work on the Gravity Tracks project with him. They have been working on the product for the last four months and have made great progress.

The product as it currently stands keeps track of where you have skied, gives you points for achievements that you've accomplished, gives you rewards for earning certain amounts of points, and lets you compete against the rest of the world on many different metrics. This product turned skiing into a game and encouraged people to go out and explore new trails and new mountains.You can check it out at gravitytracks.com

The first version of Gravity Tracks is set to be released in October of 2013.

2009

"During my spring break I had an opportunity to partner with Outreach 360 to serve in the impoverished community of Monte Cristi. The goal of Outreach 360 is to break the cycle of poverty through education. By teaching the children Spanish and English literacy and conversational English, we believe every child will be able to pursue a college degree or be gainfully employed which leads to a life of choice. This remarkable experience has inspired me to continue making a difference and serve impoverished communities. It is important to remember that a lot of little makes one big!"

Arianna Sanborn, Class of 2009

Alumni News & Notes

'37 **Annie (Dowling) Mawhinney** writes that there are "not too many of the Class of 1937 left. I visit **Linnie Crane** each summer when we come to our cottage on Gardner's Lake. Would love to spend more time there! All of our grandchildren come there each summer and love it like I do."

'42 **Wayne Dennison's** wife, Winona Mitchell Dennison, passed away on August 19, 2012. They were married for 66 years.

'60 **Constance (Look) Holmes** is retired from the Maine State Legislature. She was a legislative aide.

'86 **Ruth (Daley) Moore** has been advocating for the past year in Congress for male and female veterans who have been sexually abused and assaulted. She went back to Washington D.C. in November 2012 to see HR-930 signed in a bipartisan committee. She also serves as the 2nd Jr. Vice Commander for the State of Maine Chapter of the Disabled American Veterans and serves on the national Women's Advisory Board for the Disabled American Veterans. Ruth earned a Master's Degree in Exceptional Student Education from National University and has retired from teaching both in schools and martial arts. She currently home schools her daughter and enjoys life on a micro-farm when she is not advocating for veterans.

'92,'96 Congratulations to **Frank P. Coffin II '92** and **Mandy L. Ramsdell '96** on the birth of their son, Brodie Howard Coffin, born on September 30, 2012. Frank is a lobster fisherman in Bucks Harbor, running his own boat, the "Manda Lynn". Frank named the boat he built after Mandy's nickname her grandmother, Geraldine, had given her. Mandy is a full-time student at the University of Maine at Machias and is in her second year. The couple was engaged in December 2011, but no wedding date is set at this time.

'94 **Sara (Bridgham) Andrews** works as an Instructional Designer for Saint Joseph's College in addition to working as Adjunct Faculty for their IT program. She earned her B.S. in Business and Entrepreneurial Studies from University of Maine at Machias in 2012, and graduated from University of Maine in May of 2013 with a M.Ed in Instructional Technology.

Matt and Gillian Ryan

'95 **Gillian (Hoftey) Ryan** has been living in Chicago since graduating from Michigan State University in 1999. She has been married to Matt Ryan for 5 years and celebrated the birth of their first child on June 11, 2012. She works at Acuo Technologies as a Director of Sales. She is also a commissioned artist.

'01 **Scott Caton** is currently a Captain in the United States Marine Corps and an Air Support Control Officer responsible for providing air support to Marines, integrating it with supporting arms, and controlling aircraft. He is also attending Expeditionary Warfare School. In June 2013, he was stationed at Camp Pendleton in California and will be working at Marine Air Command and Control Squadron - Experimental. Scott is married to Michelle (Dubord), a graduate of Saint Dominic Academy in Auburn, Maine. She is attending George Mason School of Law in Arlington, Virginia.

'03 **Rachel Gamertsfelder** spent close to nine years of service in the US Air Force Security Forces, with multiple deployments to both Iraq and Afghanistan. In 2012 she received an honorable discharge and completed her time in the military. In July 2012, she became engaged to Jake Shearer, who is a former Marine machine gunner from Hays, Kansas.

Rachel Gamertsfelder and Jake Shearer

Adam Hall

Adam Hall '03 lives in Lagrange, Maine. He is a Sergeant in the Maine Army National Guard and in March of 2006 did a year long tour of duty in Iraq working as convoy security. Adam also did a yearlong tour beginning in April of 2010 in Afghanistan providing security for an outpost as well as convoy security. Adam plans to reenlist in the Maine Army National Guard.

'04 **Sarah-Gayle Godish** is working for Catholic Charities at the Monsignor Carr Institute in Buffalo, New York as a mental health therapist.

Michael and Danielle Lehman

'08,'09 **Michael Lehman '08 and Danielle Tarbell '09** were united in marriage on August 18, 2012. Mike works for Coastal Maine Contracting of Machias and Danielle graduated from the University of Maine at Machias in May 2013 with a degree in Elementary Education and also works at Machias Savings Bank.

'09 **SPC Britany Carter** recently returned home from serving in Afghanistan in the Army National Guard.

In Memoriam

Caleb L. Maker '35	*03/07/2013*
Hazel Josephine (Harmon) Huckins-Corbett '36	*04/03/2013*
Isabel (Farris) Cates '42	*10/06/2012*
Virginia (Looke) Reynolds '42	*01/08/2013*
Avis (Tuell) Spink '46	
Emma (Parsons) Gaudet '47	*12/23/2012*
Betty (Dennison) Roberts '49	
Elaine (Ackley) McGuire '52	*12/01/2012*
Christine (Gardner) Small '53	*01/14/2013*
Charlotte (Kelley) Layman '61	*04/09/2013*
Earl L. Myers, Jr. '61	*10/23/2012*
Stephen L. Verburgt '70	*12/23/2012*
Laurence W. Dwelley '72	*10/18/2012*
Wade Berry '88	*03/29/2013*
Edmund Gibson *Former Faculty & Coach in the 1950's*	*12/09/2012*

Future WA Raiders

Let us know when your baby is born and we will send you a Future WA Raider tee! Send us a photo and we'll include it in the next issue!

Colton Jeremy Tyler, born to Jeremy and Kimberly (Berry) Tyler '00.

Sullivan Reynolds, born to Jenna Joeckel and Nick Reynolds '02.

Robyn (Townsend) Bryant '06 and her husband, Daniel Bryant, had a baby girl on February 14, 2013. Their daughter's name is Haleigh Dale Bryant and she weighed 7 lbs., 14 oz. She can't wait to be the next Raider alumni like her great grandmother, grandmother, and mother.

Arielle Richardson

'10 **Arielle Richardson** is majoring in International Affairs at Wagner College in New York. The Wagner College Chai Society recently awarded Arielle with the Outstanding Student Chai Mitzvah Award. As a student, she has been actively engaged with Israel and Hillel programs on campus. She has studied at the Rothberg School at Hebrew University in Jerusalem while living in Pisgat Ze'ev for one year. Arielle is committed to deep involvement and furthering understanding of the complexities of Israeli culture and history and has been an active force in Israel programs at Wagner College. The Chai Society of Wagner College, Staten Island, New York is dedicated to the strengthening of ties between the College and the Jewish community. Through support for academic studies and co-curricular activities, the Chai Society promotes knowledge and understanding of the richness of the Jewish experience. Arielle also was inducted into the Wagner College, Staten Island, New York chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, the National Political Science Honor Society. Pi Sigma Alpha is the only honor society for college students of political science and government in the United States. Pi Sigma Alpha is a member of the Association of College Honor Societies (ACHS) and is designated as a "Specialized, Upper-Division" society by ACHS.

Ashley Beam

'12 **Ashley Beam** is attending the University of Maine at Machias and majoring in elementary education. She was part of the UMM women's soccer team who were the 2012 Yankee Small College Conference champions and went on to the USCAA national tournament in Asheville, North Carolina.

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AUGUST 3, 2013

Arianna Sanborn '10 and Hope Prout

10:00 AM Muffins & Memories Brunch
Larson Library

10:00 AM-3:00 PM Class of 1993 Gathering
Roque Bluffs

Contact the '93 class agents for more information:
Wanda Kirshman:
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1:30 PM Alumni Association Annual Meeting
Fine Arts Room 5

3:00 PM Trustee Tea & Awards
Old Academy Lawn

4:00 PM Alumni Social
Gardner Gymnasium

5:00 PM Alumni Banquet
Gardner Gymnasium

Class of 1992

Alumni banquet registration forms are available online at washingtonacademy.org/alumni.

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1983: 30th Year	1988: 25th Year	1993: 20th Year	2003: 10th Year