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## **The Leadership Issue**

*Larissa Holland:  
A Model Citizen*





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## Momentum and Direction

**Fortunately, we've got both. And we'll need both – as well as your input – as Washington Academy gets ready to develop a new strategic plan wrapped around its 225th anniversary in the 2016/2017 school year.**



Back in 2007, my son, Jacob, helped bury a time capsule under the corner of the Talbot Dorm with fellow students from surrounding elementary schools. As part of Washington Academy's 225th anniversary celebration, we plan on unearthing the vessel in the 2016/2017 school year. My own experience watching Jacob grow over those 10 years is a good indicator of my future response when the capsule is opened. I think I'll laugh a little. I might be a bit sentimental. And I'll definitely be shocked by how much has changed.

Launched in 2011 by the Board of Trustees, Washington Academy's most recent five-year plan comes to completion in April 2016. Like the time capsule Jacob buried, revisiting this document annually, and now at its completion, always astounds me with the progress made. Greater diversity on campus, improving test scores and college placement, technology training for faculty, one-to-one computing, and enhanced athletic facilities are just a few of the tangible improvements. And it's been a team effort every step of the way. Much of what you will read about in this newsletter is a reflection of goals in that plan, goals that you helped bring to fruition.

As we start the next major planning cycle, we recognize that the challenges facing our graduates are innumerable and constantly shifting. Our response must be broad, farsighted, and swift. Today's challenges cannot be addressed by any one individual or even one school. Again, this is going to be a team effort and perhaps in an even greater way. If we want our students to think creatively and critically – to collaborate, synthesize, and problem solve – we must do the same.

We look forward to engaging you, our family and friends, in this next ambitious endeavor. As I've always believed, parents often know best about their children's education. We look forward to hearing those opinions. In addition, our alumni and surrounding community boasts talented people with invaluable insights outside of education. If we all work together, we'll develop a plan that will set the stage for another 225 years of WA history.

*Judson McGuire*  
Head of School

## Clinton (Peanut) Gardner retires from the Washington Academy Board of Trustees

# What's Packed in a Peanut?

**P**eanut Gardner is a planner: three dormitories, one gymnasium, a Fine Arts Center, countless campus renovations, and an enviable endowment fund to name just a few milestones reached during his quarter-century tenure on the Washington Academy Board of Trustees. Peanut Gardner is a leader: Chief of East Machias Fire Department for 33 years, WA Trustee for 24 years, life-long business owner, and storied community statesman.

Peanut Gardner is committed: 70-some years of personal, professional, and civic engagement devoted to countless concerns are indelibly marked by lengthy spans of service and dedication that each stretch decades. A close to home case in point? He's quite certain that in nearly 25 years of over 1,000 committee and monthly meetings with the Board of Trustees, he's missed exactly six. The mere fact that he actually keeps those kinds of records is keen testament to his unwavering attention to detail.

Head of School Jud McBrine praised Gardner saying, "One thing you could always count on was Mr. Gardner being at each meeting. Commitment truly marks his leadership style." Fellow Trustee Dick Gardner shared, "I think Peanut is probably one of the most dedicated Trustees that I have had the privilege to serve with. He's been a great ambassador for the school. He has watched the Academy's money as closely as he's watched his own. And he's incredibly generous. Not just of his resources, but of his time." A graduate of the Class of '49, Gardner received the Washington Academy Trustees Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

Peanut measures his leadership in commitment and his commitment in decades. He leads quietly, with consideration, vision and

purpose. He speaks with a soft-spoken, calming confidence that's like an old flannel blanket you rediscover each year at Grandpa's camp. He's safe and sure; you just feel like he's got to be right about something he believes in. And so you listen. That's a leader.

"We've come a long way from 15, 20 years ago," he says with both emphasis and pride. "We now have the luxury of long-term planning. We're not running around like chickens worrying about tomorrow and the next day anymore. And this is because a lot of people have worked very hard to get here. I'm very satisfied with the health of Washington Academy today, of what we've built. It remains in trusted hands."

Though Gardner is retiring, he won't be far away. Peanut lives just across the river.

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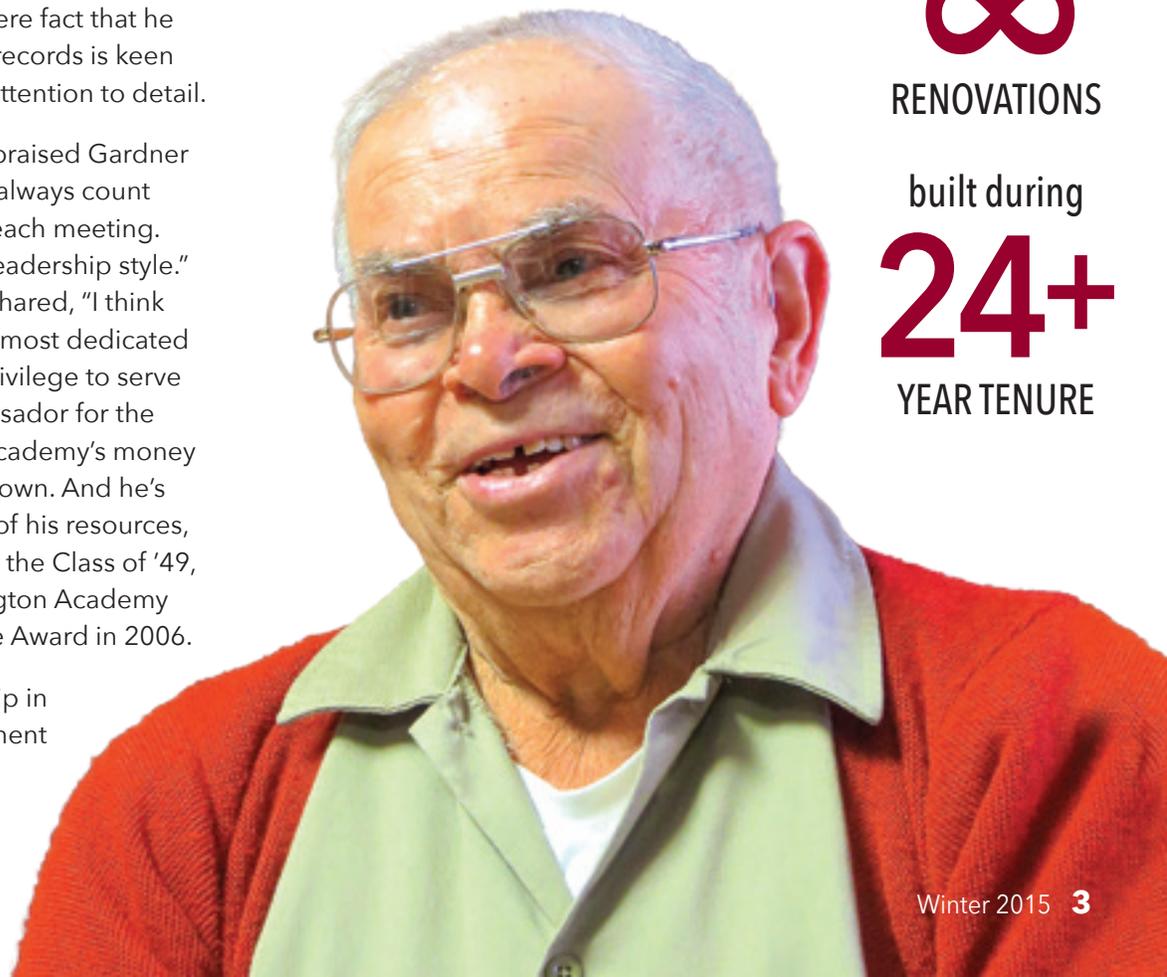
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SPOTLIGHT ON  
**ATHLETICS**

“It’s been an incredibly busy year. Never in my years as Athletic Director have I had two State Champions for two different teams in the same year. Both these teams represent the qualities of true champions.”

*Blaine Steeves, Athletic Director*



Leading on the Court and Field

# TWO TEAMS, TWO STATE CHAMPIONS





## Everything We Do Is Based On What We've Done

### ◀ Coach Chris Gardner

"I start new kids out each and every year with that phrase first simply referring to our practices. This is to make sure they pay attention. I 'drill sergeant' them into understanding that you must always pay attention and learn because what we work on one day will be built upon the next. It's basic building blocks. If they fail to pay attention at any time then they hinder themselves moving forward. I use it as a tool to get them to understand the stepped progression of teaching the sport and also in teaching teamwork. It has very little to do with soccer, but it has everything to do with life. And if we do it right, we should be using athletics to teach these kids lessons in life and help give them good foundations for their future."

# The Values of **CHAMPIONS**

## Confidence

### “ Coach Travis Oakes

Our year started out not in a practice or on the court, but through an informal conversation. We all talked and Coach Schwinn pointed out that it is perfectly fine to set your goals high. THE GOLD BALL? Wow. How did we dare even speak of it? Sometimes the word confidence gets a bum rap. However, confidence is one of those key traits in building character. In the beginning, confidence was not our strong suit. Slowly the team began to believe. They began to trust in themselves, in one another, and in us, as coaches. What I saw in the final weeks was a different team; confident in themselves, confident that the goal they were so determined to reach was attainable and confident that they were, in fact, deserving champions.”

## Character

### Coach Corey Schwinn, 2015 Volleyball Coaches Association Class B Coach of the Year ▶

"This season was amazing from beginning to end. When I think of this Raider volleyball team, the word that stands out is 'character.' Character is the totality of qualities that make us who we are, and these players added to their character over the course of the season, both individually and collectively. It took a few games, but when this team decided they could push through those self-imposed barriers, they came alive. These athletes had to struggle with losing matches, experience the effects of imploding as a team in the middle of a set, but as they struggled together to climb the hill, they got stronger. That strength propelled them through the most exciting and thrilling matches witnessed in a long time. The semi-final game against Machias, and final against Calais, gave this team the opportunity to test and display their determination, dedication, focus, togetherness, and overall, their HEART."





## Heart

### **Danielle Bragg, Senior Captain: East Machias, Maine**

"Squad, team, fam' was something I repeated to my team throughout the year. At first, I said this because it made people laugh, making fun of the slang some teenagers use. As I tried to lead on the court, I attempted to create positive energy. In volleyball, if you don't

put positive energy and heart into your game, it will never go your way. As we neared the playoffs, I realized it meant much more. Through ups and downs, we had built character together. We grew to have one heart with a common goal. As I said 'squad, team, fam' in the state game, I knew we had come so far, not as individuals, but as a family."

## Determination

### **Emily Lobley, Senior Captain: Marshfield, Maine**

"We've come so far since the beginning of the season. We lost our first three games and I didn't have much hope. As the season progressed, we gained momentum and became stronger. We set personal and team goals. We worked hard to encourage and support each other, while our coaches were the glue that held us altogether. I'm so proud of my team. It's been the best season ever!"

## Family

### **Kalyn Otto, Senior Captain: Machias, Maine**

"I really loved our team this year. It was an enjoyable season partly because we felt like a family. We made an effort to spend time together and one way was simply having team dinners together. By developing friendships, it strengthened the team immensely. The parents and families of all the individual players were a huge contribution to our success because of all of the support that they gave us. Lastly, in my opinion, our coaches were the most important part of our volleyball family. They pushed and nurtured us as a team and as individuals to great improvements, some of which we didn't even know we were capable. I thank them so much for it."



## Leadership

**Ian Currier, Senior Captain:  
Marion, Maine**

"I think this team was filled with skill and talent. We were very fortunate to have many seniors who had been in the soccer program together for all four years. Talent wasn't the only key to our success, though. Our team came together as a family and that allowed us to combine our skills in such a successful way".

## Heart

**Spencer Johnson, Senior Captain: Pembroke, Maine**

"This year was about family. The coaches and our team manager, Sasha Gukovskaia, kept us together. Everyone knew that jabbing at each other wouldn't help so we kept each other in check and we always watched each other's back. If we started to tear down, Sasha brought us back to reality and showed us what it meant to be a family."

## Family

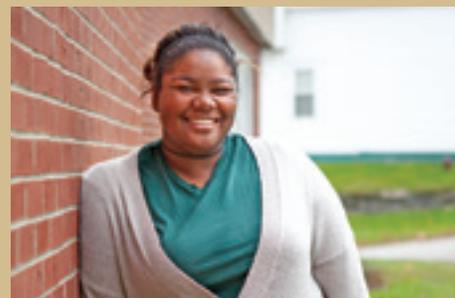
**Jordan Lambe, Senior Captain: Pembroke, Bermuda**

"We all had one goal and we were going to reach that goal together. Coming from an international student's point of view, this was and is my family away from home. I've been with these guys since 2012 through good and bad, both on and off the field. Playing with these guys is an amazing feeling, from the late practices to long bus rides and work parties. When the whistle blows I know that everything we've done will be executed perfectly. I know whatever happens on the field they got my back and I got theirs. You could basically call us brothers."

## Determination

**Bion Parsons, Senior Captain: Machiasport, Maine**

"Most of the members on this team had their hearts broken two years in a row when we lost early in the playoffs. We were determined not to be upset again. And as family, we didn't want to let each other down."



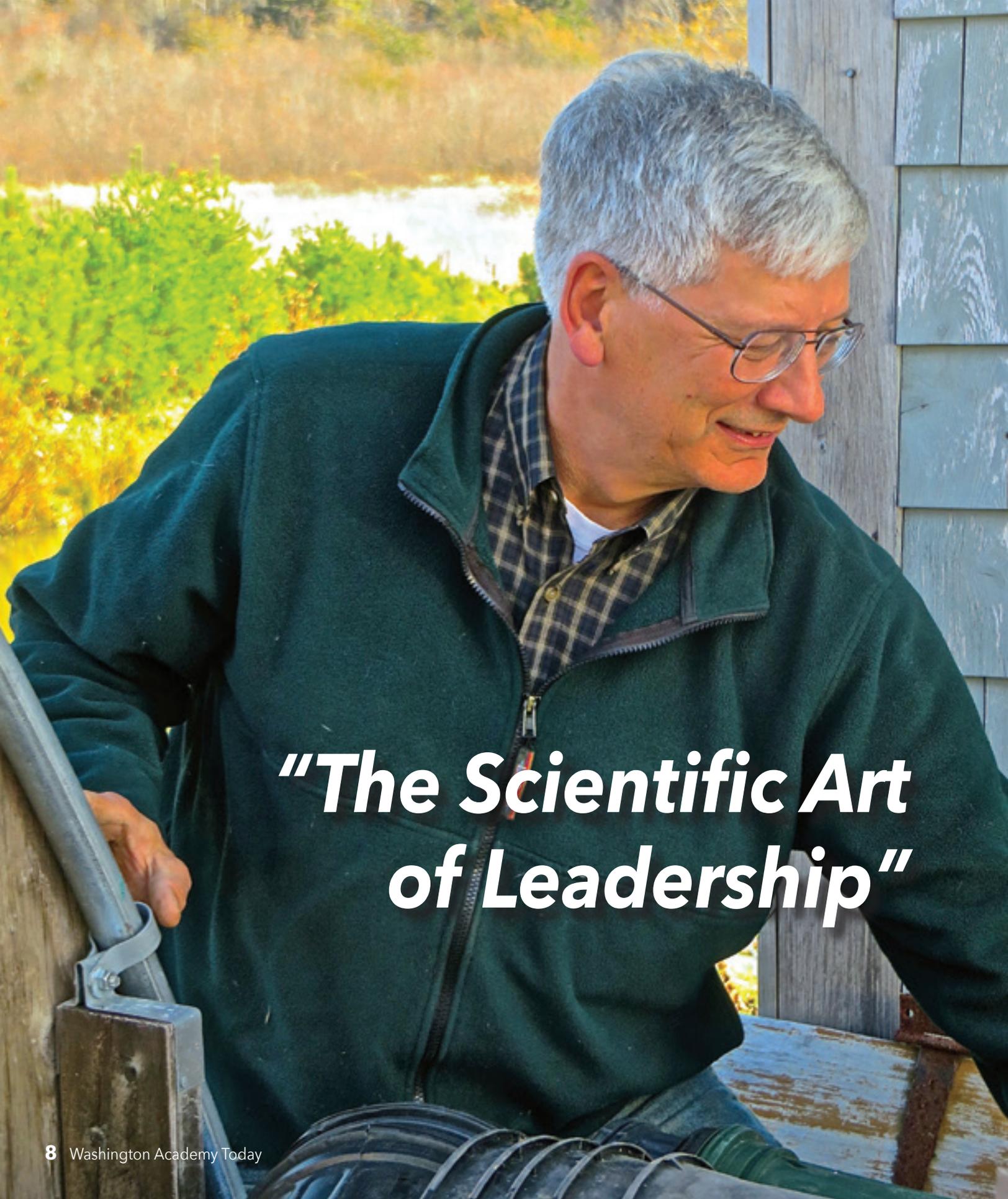
## Victoria Samuels Takes 6th in State Golf Finals

"It's such an honor to be able to compete against some of the best players in this region, and of course competing for my school one last time. The big highlight for me this season was placing third in regionals and then advancing to the top 10 at States. After 15 or more hours of practice a week, every week leading up to the championship, I was really conditioned and ready for playing better golf. Because of that I've qualified to move on to New England's!"



## Meg Moulton Competes in State Cross Country Meet

"The state meet was such a great experience for me. You're surrounded by some of the best runners in the state, and there's so much energy and excitement coming from both the crowd and your competitors. I had never run the course at Cumberland before, so everything was unfamiliar, but I still felt that my time was good and that the race went very well overall. I'm thankful that I have one more year to compete and I hope to qualify again next fall."



***“The Scientific Art  
of Leadership”***

Leadership has a lot of definitions but it generally centers around the process of social influence, used to maximize the efforts of others, toward the achievement of a common goal. This begs the question then, should it be considered a science or an art?

Don Sprangers is a scientist. He is also handily recognized as a leader, by many a definition. And there is no shortage of those who would consider him undoubtedly an artist. Is a great leader both?



Sprangers is a teacher, by trade, in the classroom and out. But even when he's not formally *teaching*, he's teaching. He teaches chemistry, biology, environmental science and field ecology at Washington Academy. He is the President of the Board of Directors of the Downeast Salmon Federation and an adjunct professor at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He has taught across multiple platforms as the director of the Nature Lodge

for the Camp Roosevelt Boy Scout Camp, as a teacher in Lubec and Wisconsin, as a chemist in Oregon, and as a previous President of the Board of the Cobscook Community Learning Center. He has both received as well as shepherded numerous student awards on a state, national and presidential level. In 2007 Sprangers won a \$10,000 award from International Paper and The Conservation Fund, with which he and his wife, Sherrie, decided to set up an annual WA Natural Resources Conservation Scholarship.

"When I think about leadership, and who I am as a leader, it starts with the opportunities I had when I was younger," he began. "As a scout, I was given certain responsibilities that required my calling upon other boys to accomplish. I quickly learned a leader is not someone who barks out orders. I learned to lead by example."

Sprangers went on to say, "Away at conservation camp, in sixth grade, I remember looking up to the high school counselors and wanting to be them. I became a counselor in high school, and then found myself looking to the professionals running the program and saying, 'I can do that.' Modeling is critical to leadership development. I try every day to be a leadership model."

When pressed on the question of art or science, Sprangers offered, "Science is problem solving, and so is leadership. Science is understanding conflict and so is leadership. Scientists, like great leaders, need to maintain some measure of emotional distance,



collect and analyze intelligence, and unite resources toward a chosen goal."

Sprangers continued, "Resolution and the ability to progress, both necessary leadership skills, require compromise. And compromise is an art. Furthermore, an artist must repeatedly put themselves outside their comfort zone to create new things, to find new ways of looking at things. Leaders must do that, too."

"A lot of the work I do has a basis in science," he added. "But the leadership side of it is, over time, undeniably artistic in terms of balance, developing and fine tuning skills, and frankly, sheer passion. Deep passion is infectious."

"I spend much of my life in a lab, and much of it in the gallery that is our world," Sprangers concluded. "A lab of science and order, and a gallery of art and conflict. Yes, leadership requires the application of both."



**LARISSA HOLLAND**

**LEADING with  
a Whistle ... or  
a Whisper**

*“I spent my childhood in the greenhouse. It was my enchanted portal to any world I wanted to invent. There weren’t a lot of other kids around so like so many other things in my life, challenge led to necessity, and imagination was necessary.”*

Like Academy educator Don Sprangers, WA senior Larissa Claire Holland is a leader who skillfully balances art and science every single day, both in the classroom and out. And like her teacher, she is a textbook advocate for leading by example.

There is no denying Holland is engaged. President of the National Honor Society, Vice-President of the Student Council, Co-leader of the Sustainability Club, the Science Club, and the Prom and Homecoming committees, lettered in both Varsity Track and Field as well as Cross-Country, active in Latin and Drama, and the recipient of awards too many to list, it is fair to say Holland is well-rounded.

And Holland produces. She participates in events, drives, communities, and teams, and she gets results. She's a piper, a caller to arms--someone who sees the moment and shares it. Someone who through sheer passion, unbridled enthusiasm, and fierce determination infects everyone around her. Where did this all come from? If you ask her, it came from adversity, support, balance, and opportunity.

"My dad died of cancer when I was 13," she shares candidly. "Coupled with that was the fact that growing up we didn't have much. We had less when he got sick." That's when her grandfather stepped back in as the "most important man" in her life.

"He's a farmer," Holland says proudly. "So I spent my childhood in the greenhouse. It was my enchanted portal to any world I wanted to invent. There weren't a lot of other kids around so like so many other things in my life, challenge led to necessity, and imagination was necessary."

Support and modeling came from a lot of places for Holland. Parents, grandparents, teachers, and counselors provided a safety net. They also provided what she calls "an endless well of encouragement." Franny Wallace, her grandfather, reflected, "Watching Larissa grow up was always quite the experience. Watching her be in charge of small jobs around the greenhouse, or in her band, or simply amongst her friends, I saw early signs of leadership. Now she is a leader of her own kind."

Claire Wallace, her grandmother, added, "Larissa has always been a very significant leader. With the passing of her father, she was our single strongest symbol of hope. She was what got us all through, and continues to do so. She's truly incredible."



Holland also feels balance is a pivotal hallmark of leadership. "I am equally passionate about academics, athletics, and the arts," she adds tellingly. "For me, it takes all three. Frankly, I think my comfort zone is actually when I'm a little out of it. I'd like to think I show others that that's a very positive place to be."

Opportunity is something else that Holland champions. "I am so very lucky to have had the opportunities I have," she says with genuine humility. "The Academy has changed my entire life. It has given me dozens of prop-filled stages. And in the process, I've discovered that sharing those incredible opportunities, and encouraging, empowering, and inspiring others to experience them with me, is perhaps my greatest leadership calling."

Some leaders lead with a whistle. And in some cases that works, and sometimes even works best. Many coaches lead with a whistle, as do many bosses. And even some teachers. Holland leads with a whisper. "Hey...you wanna do something great with me?"



*Organizer of the free prom dress boutique and advocate for the marginalized, Larissa Holland, shown above at National Honor Society's Box Out for the homeless, works to educate others on the economic challenges faced by some students in Washington County.*

## Leading Change

It has been a pleasure to serve as the Chair for Washington Academy's *Breaking New Ground* campaign. I've talked to many amazing people who are committed to the growth of our community through education and improved access to athletic facilities. These individuals and businesses are standing behind their words with action. The collective generosity of this community is remarkable and translates into a new football/soccer field, renovated facilities for softball and baseball, and a resurfaced practice field. My sincere thanks go to those donors who chose to support Washington Academy in this worthy \$400,000 endeavor.

Sincerely,  
Larry Barker  
Campaign Chair  
President, Machias  
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Team Wesley joins the Raider soccer team for the Wesley Keeton Memorial Scoreboard dedication

## Generosity is making its mark on campus.

This November, Washington Academy dedicated the new Wesley Keeton Memorial Scoreboard located in centerfield of the baseball field. The multipurpose scoreboard is a gift from the Hennessey and Gaddis families in memory of four-year-old Wesley Keeton. Wearing maroon T-shirts and sporting the color green, Team Wesley gathered with friends and Raider fans at the boys' soccer semifinal to celebrate Wesley's life and support youth athletics.



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## Class Notes



**1984**

**Allen Look** is the CIO and a member of the Board of Directors of ProcessOne

Solutions, based in New Zealand and the United States, as well as the Executive Director of Global Information Technologies for SI Group, a global chemical company based in upstate New York.

**1986/1989**



**Chuck Vose '86** and **Heather (Dennison) Vose '89** live on Gardner Lake in Whiting, Maine. Chuck is a Master Electrician and is employed at Emera Maine as a Planner in the T & D Construction division. Heather has been employed with Machias Savings Bank for the last 25 years and currently serves as the bank's Training Coordinator. They have three children; Joshua is a sophomore at Washington Academy, Micah is in eighth grade, and their daughter, Rachel, is in fifth grade.



**1990**

**Katherine Ragot '90** spent three years studying theater at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh,

Pennsylvania, after graduating from Washington Academy. Travel and raising two sons (**Zachary Ragot '14** and **Sebastian Ragot '15**, who are both attending UMO) put her studies on hold. Last spring Katherine completed her bachelor's degree at University of Maine at Machias and this summer she was hired as an Admissions Counselor at UMM. "Earning my degree 25 years after graduating from WA led to this terrific opportunity to work with students throughout New England and the Midwest sharing the wonderful programs we have to offer students here in Washington County."

**2003**



**Karami (Ham) Mantz '03** studied at the University of Maine at Presque Isle and also State University of New York in Potsdam, majoring in accounting and business management. Karami has been the Store Manager of Express at the Bangor Mall since 2010. She lives in Hampden with her husband of five years, Judd (SUNY Potsdam '07), and their two-year-old daughter, Kenley June.

**2003/2006**



**Shawn Schmitter '03** married **Kara Preston '06** on August 15, 2015.

**2008/2009**



Brantley Michael Lehman was born on May 13, 2015 to **Michael '08** and **Danielle (Tarbell) '09 Lehman** of East Machias at 8 lbs. 10 oz., and 21 in. long. Proud grandparents are Steve and Junia Lehman of Lubec and Wayne and Norma Tarbell of East Machias.

**2012**



**Steven Shi '12** came back to the Machias area this fall to visit WA and his former host home parents, Barry and Mathy Terrill. He's pictured here with his girlfriend (left) and Mathy Terrill (right).

## In Memoriam

**Lee Ackley '39**  
5/27/2015

**Stanley Mattatall '41**  
7/25/2015

**Adelbert Roberts '42**  
8/4/2015

**Virginia (Vose) Conard '58**  
5/4/2015

**Gregory Hanson '66**  
9/2/2015

**John Reynolds '86**  
10/5/2015



**2013**

**Dewey Sheehan '13** was selected for an internship in Baltimore, Maryland, at Under Armour this past summer. He was selected from a pool of 8,600 college applicants for this position. His employment experience with Needle.com as an online Adidas Soccer Advocate for the past year was key to his selection for the position.

Dewey is in his third year at University of Vermont in Burlington where he is currently pursuing a bachelor's degree in business administration with a focus in analytics. At present, his career goal is to become a Product Line Manager (PLM) for cleated footwear at a major sportswear company.

At Under Armour, Dewey was tasked with acting as the consultant for defected products within the quality assurance department. He worked collaboratively with supply planning, brand protection, and global expansion to target grey market activity (when factories dishonestly sell product under the counter). He collaborated with many department heads and presented the results of his studies to four executives to create a new position at Under Armour that will discover and pursue grey market cases.



## 50th Reunion. 50th Anniversary.

Young love. We see it all the time at Washington Academy. Many of you may remember it; smiles across the room, holding hands in the hallways, those awkward moments when you didn't know what to say. It's a hallmark experience for many high school students. Our alumni come back to visit and on occasion they inquire, "How is so-and-so anyway?" As seasoned professionals we know by the glint in their eye and the subtle smile that "so-and-so" holds a very special place in their heart.

Other couples started out as high school sweethearts and have stood the test of time. One such couple is Rick and Valerie Maker. This fall marked 50 years since Valerie graduated from high school and next spring will be her 50th anniversary. "I tried for a long time to get Rick's attention, sitting out on my doorstep every day after school waiting

for him to drive by. I thought he was so handsome," she said.

Valerie was involved in cheerleading but Rick didn't play sports. Rick said, "I just chased the girls and Valerie wasn't on my radar yet." One day Head of School Harold Grant called him into the office and said, "Rick, if you'd just leave the girls alone you could be on honor roll every single ranking period." Rick's response was telling of a 17-year-old boy, "Now that doesn't seem like much fun to me."

It wasn't until Valerie's senior year that she accomplished her mission. Rick and Valerie started dating the night of her graduation party and the romance blossomed into a 50-year marriage that has weathered the test of time. Valerie enrolled in a nurse's aide program at Eastern Maine Medical Center and went to work at Saint Joseph's Hospital in

Bangor. Rick would visit her on the weekends, creating a lot of time on the road.

The young couple married the following June and Valerie moved home to work at Down East Community Hospital while Rick went to work for the Machias Valley News Observer. In 1983, Rick launched his own printing business, Fundy Bay Printing, through the support of Dick Bagley and Machias Savings Bank. "I had quit my job at the newspaper and I didn't have any savings, but Dick gave me a loan anyway," Rick said. Valerie continued working through the birth of their first son, Rickford, Jr., and then stayed home for a time following the birth of their daughter, Tracy. She later worked in AOS 96 as an educational technician.

Retired and living part of the year in Arkansas with their daughter and grandchildren, Rick and Val's marriage is proof that young love, however flirty and foolish, can sometimes be the real deal. Having weathered peaks and valleys, including the tragic death of their son, Ricky, in a commercial accident in 1994, their love is stronger than ever. In fact, up until just a few years ago when Rick sold his clamming truck, you could still see them sitting side by side, holding hands on the bench seat.

### High School Loves, Lifetime Sweethearts

Roger '63 and Beverly Ackley '65  
 Bill '65 and Terry Moore '66  
 Dick '65 and Judy Purington '65  
 Gerald '55 and Anne Quimby '65  
 Larry '65 and Linda Spear '67  
 Kerry '66 and Christine Huckins '67

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 Trustee Tea & Awards 3 PM  
 Old Academy Lawn  
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# Legacy of Service

**E**very school has alumni who volunteer, but Washington Academy has a very unique volunteer in Linnie Crane. At 95, Linnie is the current necrologist. She reads newspapers from Ellsworth to Eastport for obituaries of Washington Academy alumni. She has been the school necrologist for at least 10 years.



Linnie graduated Washington Academy in 1937. She came back that next year to work in the office and take a few courses. Linnie has attended, worked, and volunteered

for Washington Academy for the last 80 years. She currently stays at home with her "bible," the Washington Academy Alumni Directory, and scanner, which allows her to keep digital records of the deceased alumni.

