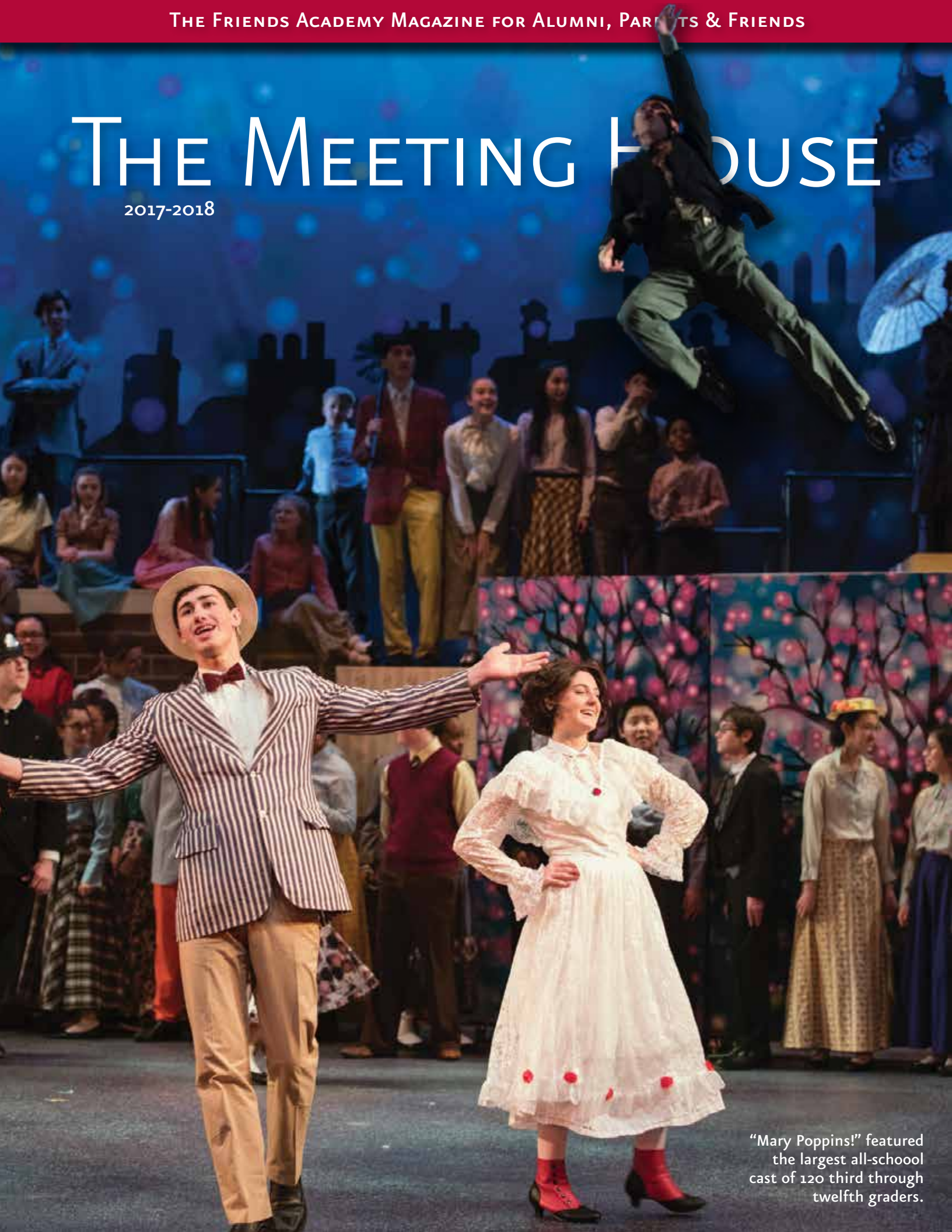


# THE MEETING HOUSE

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"Mary Poppins!" featured the largest all-school cast of 120 third through twelfth graders.



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## The Friends Academy Mission

Founded in 1876 by Gideon Frost for “the children of Friends and those similarly sentimented,” Friends Academy is a Quaker, coeducational, independent, college preparatory school serving 760 students from age three through twelfth grade.

The school’s philosophy is based on the Quaker principles of integrity, simplicity, patience, moderation, peaceful resolution of conflict, and a belief that the silence and simple ministry of the “gathered meeting” brings the presence of God into the midst of busy lives. Friends Academy is committed to developing a diverse community whose members value excellence in learning and growth in knowledge and skill, a genuine commitment to service and ethical action, and a realization that every life is to be explored, celebrated, and enjoyed in the spirit of the Religious Society of Friends.

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## FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

ANDREA KELLY

Friends,

In the pages of this issue of *The Meeting House*, you will take a year-long journey from magical stage productions to games and matches hard-won on fields and courts; from a full week devoted to the Peace Testimony to heartfelt testimonials delivered on a glorious June evening for retirees who impacted generations of Friends Academy students. You will delight in the active learning that characterizes Friends Academy today and draw inspiration from the peace-building efforts of featured alumnae and memories and milestones in class notes.

What inspires me most, however, is captured in the words and photos of the Friends Academy experience and includes every member of our school community. At Friends Academy, it is not enough to passively accept knowing. Learning in our Quaker school is in the doing – passion, action, experiential! An English Crime Fiction course springs to life when students dispatch to the science lab to delve into forensic science to solve the crime. The Junior class travels to Washington, D.C. for a passion and choice-driven experience, where students select between several interest themes including Congress, Law and Justice, and The Press. One might surmise that Peace Week on the Friends Academy campus is a time for calm, reflective peaceful moments. During this week, Lama Tenzin makes his annual visit and while he guides us to find peace through inward-focused meditative practices, the action students take is center stage this week. Among other activities, younger and older students pair up with Worship Buddies to create disaster relief packages for those recov-

ering from recent hurricanes. They grapple with critical essential questions, “Why do you think humanitarian aid is important? And, “How will this help make the world a better place?” By the end of the week students learn it is not enough to hope for peace – they must make attempts and take action to have an impact.

In stories featuring our alumnae we can draw the connection between experiences rooted in a Friends Academy education and movements that grow into the difference-making experiences in our communities.

Suzanne D’Addario Brouder ’90 became passionate about music during her time at Friends. Describing her Middle School music teacher she said, “I loved everything about her – her smile, her artistic energy, and her enthusiasm.” Today, Suzanne, the director of the D’Addario Foundation, has turned that passion

into funding not-for-profits that provide music instruction in underserved communities and public schools. Since 1981 the foundation has supported about 700 programs and over 200,000 children.

Courtney Devon Taylor ’01 balances law practice, her participation on the Friends Academy Alumni Board and her commitment to take action as Board Chair at Directions for Our Youth, a not-for-profit youth development organization providing out-of-school programming for under-served areas of the Bronx and Manhattan. Read about how Courtney turned the organization around and reflects on her experience at Friends. “I believe that everyone has talent and can contribute to the greater good in some way. Definitely this is something I learned in my time at FA.”



## FROM THE ARCHIVES: 1929-1940 – LEAVING THEIR MARK



While inspecting Frost Hall’s slate roof this fall, members of the Maintenance Department discovered these etchings of possible former FA alumni, including “Conny Lewis 1929-40.”

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**"IT IS IN YOUR HANDS TO CREATE  
A BETTER WORLD FOR ALL WHO LIVE IN IT."**

**– NELSON MANDELA**

Community Groups of K-12 students traced their hands and wrote messages of hope for Parkland students. FA Digital Arts teacher Jess Levey constructed a final banner from all the pairs of hands and FA mailed it to Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS.





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**ALL-SCHOOL MUSICAL TAKES FLIGHT.** The cast and crew of "Mary Poppins!" perform one of their final shows. The all-school musical featured the school's largest cast of 120 third graders through seniors. ARNOLD MILLER FOR FRIENDS ACADEMY



# MEETING HOUSE LETTERS

Thoughts, memories and reflections  
from our readers ... you!

## A few degrees of separation

I was aboard the Cross Sound Ferry recently and struck up a conversation with a woman by the name of Ruth Shank.

After a few minutes, we realized that her grandmother, Ruth Anna Underwood, graduated from Friends Academy. Apparently, her grandmother, who hailed from Ohio was sent to Friends because her parents (who were Quaker), were concerned that she was falling in love with a gentleman who was not Quaker! At the time Friends was a boarding school for Quakers and her parents felt confident she would find someone there.

Ultimately, she did marry, but not to someone from Friends!

We look forward to continuing to stay in touch with Ruth Shank, who promised to photograph and share a few FA artifacts with us in the future.

– Deborah Schoman,  
Middle School Principal

## On reflections & reunions

*(Stephen will join classmates at their 50th Reunion over Homecoming weekend, Oct. 12-14th.)*

As a respite from today's alternative facts and sideshows, I submit this speculative but gentle musing in advance of our 50th class reunion.

1968 is a year known for political upheavals and challenges to cultural traditions. The brittle pod of social norms had cracked and seeds of change were taking to the air in all directions. Halfway through that year, capped and gowned, we poured through the doors into the sunshine outside of the Boys' Gym and one-by-one drifted upwards, co-mingling with those seeds, eager to find a fertile patch of our own.

We return almost two generations later having, no doubt, been lost and found, broken and mended, celebrated and humbled, over and over. Good judgment and good fortune have enabled all of us to attend today.

Sadly, there are some who were broken one too many times to be here among us. They should be remembered today as our most special guests and I hope we can all share our memories of them as well as any

details of their decline or demise. We shall have to wait until some future reunion to learn what they already know.

I expect that we will all be carrying our "Greatest Hits" album to tell others about how things have turned out thus far. I am apprehensive about crossing the threshold into a room full of oft-repeated tales with maybe an extra coat of polish for impact (or perhaps to settle a score?).

I am hoping to find the room filled with a curiosity that gives everybody a fresh start. We all deserve consideration for being an enduring member of our interim family. After all, we learned our lessons from common parents, ate Mario's food each day, assimilated some degree of FA culture, and together received passage beyond the shelter of our native families. On that day, we disbanded to write our own stories.

Today we return to the prequel with characters who can reach back more than half a century and perhaps point to some latent predictors of what we eventually wrote into our own chapters.

I have tried to live my life straddling two worlds. One foot walks steadily forward in the world of work and family and community. The other steps through the swirling vapor of ephemera, gathering experiences, then leaving their traces behind as whorls of mist in my wake – a parallel world where leaving is more important than acquiring. Our activities today may provide us access to both worlds. Standing on the grounds of our common roots, intoxicated by the collective memory swirling amongst our heads, we attempt to trace the milestones that have brought us back here to what once seemed a distant, inconceivable future. Memories unlocking memories, exponentially; a time warp if ever there was! Stories traded today are weaving between our personal time warps and weaving a new understanding. Perhaps we never truly leave anything behind.

Let's talk about the situations that we

will never forget. Like how the lemonade from all those lemons can be much sweeter than anything from a bottle, or how eating crow has more sear than the sear on a plated steak; they make for more lively stories, anyway. What about those hormone-driven decisions and the debts we owe to luck, both of which often appear in the same story? How did we find the true dimensions of our influence? What do you suppose might have been down that road not taken?

I am hoping to engage in some intimate moments that may thaw some stories, frozen by repetition, and release the vulnerable

uncertainties that each of us is now facing.

When we knew each other back then, regardless of the confidence we tried to project, we were all uncertain. And we still are, despite all that we've learned. I didn't know much then and was particularly oblivious to that parallel world

which comes increasingly into play later in life. It's not a world that is easily understood by direct observation; more likely it is best explored through the eyes of another.

Today is a rare opportunity to link our uncertain beginnings with our inscrutable ends.

*(Note: "Wefting" is a weaving term.)*

– Stephen Tilden '68

"I am hoping to find the room filled with a curiosity that gives everybody a fresh start."

## SEND US A "MEETING HOUSE" LETTER OR REMEMBRANCE

*Let us know what you think about an issue or article or send us a remembrance of Friends Academy past. We would love to hear from you! Please send all letters to editor Andrea Miller at [andrea\\_miller@fa.org](mailto:andrea_miller@fa.org) or 270 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560.*





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Head of School Andrea Kelly found the perfect friends to experience every single ride at Fall Fair – this very willing group of sixth graders!

Fall Fair & Homecoming greeted friends and families and welcomed back alumni October 13-15.

Throughout the day Boys and Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Field Hockey and Football kept crowds cheering on the sidelines.

With a helpful group of sixth graders, Head of School Andrea Kelly made it her mission to experience every ride and game. Parent volunteers worked to dish up cuisines from all over the

world and Upper School students educated fairgoers about a variety of causes and issues. Under the Dolan Center awning, the Theater Department hosted a costume party with gently used Halloween costumes for sale.



History teacher Jozeph Herceg appears to reason with a contestant.



Above, FA families grab a BBQ bite before heading to the annual bonfire.



Left – waving hello to the camera and his parents.





Above, parent volunteers are the lifeblood of Fall Fair!



Carnival games test all kinds of skills.



The Tornado was just one of a number of Fall Fair favorites this year.



A reception for a special Alumni and Faculty photo exhibit.



A raging bonfire (with the Glen Cove FD not too far away) closes out FA Family Night.

Left, friends and family celebrate the life of Alexis D'Elia '99 as a new tree is planted for her.



KRISTIN MINUTO/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Mindfulness aids our youngest students with transitions between activities, improves attention and focus and helps to regulate emotions.

### Finding the peace within

In Early Childhood, students practice mindfulness daily and throughout the school day. The morning begins during a gathered meeting which opens with shared silence and breath work.

“We call the in-breath, ‘smelling the roses’ and the out-breath ‘blowing out the birthday candles,’” explained Early Childhood Director Kristin Minuto. Sometimes students use their arms as “elephant trunks” and raise their “trunks” up high on the in-breath and lower them down on the out breath. According to Minuto, these age-appropriate techniques give the children a framework for the breathwork exercises. By using their breath, students learn how to calm their bodies down and focus more intentionally on the moment they are in.

“We use breathwork and shared silence as we transition through activities throughout the day – between PE and a math activity for example,” added Minuto.

Some of the benefits include reducing stress, improving attention and focus, and helping to regulate emotions as well as encouraging empathy and compassion. This ties in with our Quaker testimonies and mission here at Friends Academy.

### CARDBOARD CHALLENGE

# CARDBOARD CREATIONS

*Annual Upper and Lower activity pairs exuberance, know-how and fun!*



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Lower and Upper School students work together to bring cardboard creations to life.

K-2 science students kicked off the school year by participating in The Global Cardboard Challenge. The purpose of this engineering challenge is to encourage and nurture creative thinkers and innovators.

“Caine’s Arcade,” a short documentary film by Nirvan Mullick, is the inspiration for The Global Cardboard Challenge. Katie Schlicht, our K-2 Science teacher, had students work collaboratively to brainstorm, design and construct anything they could imagine using recycled cardboard.

Using the design process and creative play they set out to build their creations. Working with Upper School students during the challenge allowed students to forge meaningful connec-



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Adding the final touches.

tions within our Friends Academy community.

The students’ perseverance was evident as they worked through the process. The Global Cardboard Challenge culminates with a Day of Play when students share their engineering accomplishments with their peers.



# VITAL (AND FUN!) EDUCATION



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Eighth grader Sophia Gardener uses heat to isolate the chemicals in her group's mystery "Sludge."

## Chemistry detectives 101

The Sludge project challenges eighth graders to separate and identify the chemicals in a large test tube of mixture. During this full-day experience, students apply prior knowledge and learn and practice new techniques.

Clear communication, focus, and some patience are key, as each small group of students gradually fits together the evidence to reach their final conclusion. After the high fives all around, individuals create a detailed poster to explain how their group arrived at their identifications for the contents of the mixture.



Eighth grade science teacher Selina Collier checks in on a team's progress.



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Top: Seventh graders navigate an obstacle course in Greenkill; middle, sixth graders meet a reptile friend at Ashokan; bottom, ninth graders navigate the waters in a vessel constructed from platform and inflatable rubber tubes in Connecticut. Every year, students in fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth and twelfth grades leave campus for an extended outdoor education program designed to forge deeper connections within the class.



## UPPER SCHOOL FORENSICS LAB

## CSI... Friends Academy

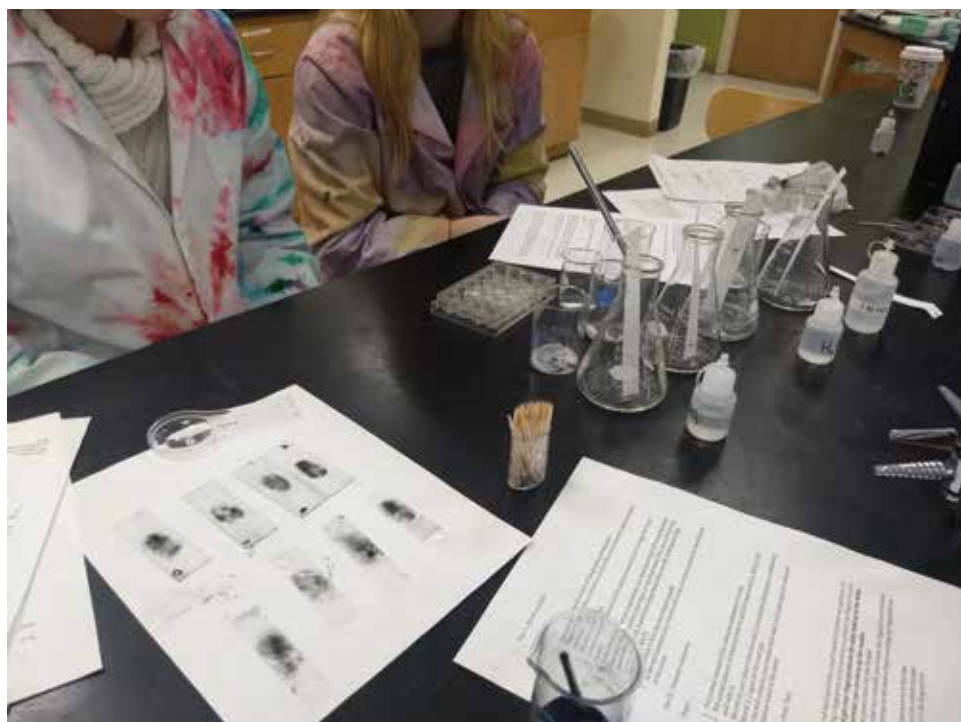
*Seniors design sophisticated hands-on projects that deepen their, and their classmates', understanding of crime fiction.*

In the depths of winter 2018, Ms. Loizides' senior English elective Crime Fiction class found themselves – not in class discussing the ratiocination of Sherlock Holmes – but in the chemistry lab in Frost Hall, clad in lab coats and conducting forensic experiments to solve a 'crime'.

The lab was run by Crime Fiction students Kelsey Nathan, Cristian Del Vecchio and Samir Singh. Their assignment was to consider the contemporary police procedural novel by Patricia Cornwell *Post Mortem*, featuring a female forensic doctor in the archetypal detective role, and to present a seminar to their classmates that explored in depth one of the essential questions that underpins the course.

Guided by pedagogical objectives – the presenters must articulate the understandings the students will master during the seminar – and a presentation rubric, Kelsey, Cristian and Samir were free to develop an inquiry-based seminar as they chose.

Cristian and Samir worked together to create a murder mystery scenario, and Kelsey drew on her deep interest in chemistry to create several forensic experiments for the students to conduct in order to solve the crime. 8 a.m on the morning of 15 December Kelsey,



LEANNE LOIZIDES/PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

For their English seminar, seniors Cristian Del Vecchio, Kelsey Nathan and Samir Singh designed a hands-on forensics lab for their classmates based on the novel, *Post Mortem* by Patricia Cornwell.

Cristian and Samir could be found in Mr. Alber's lab setting up neat groups of beakers, chemical solutions, test strips and glass slides. The students arrived and crossed bright yellow 'caution: crime scene' tape criss-crossed over the door. The students worked in groups of two or three to conduct tests in chromatography (to establish which pencil wrote the murder note), finger printing and even dangerous substance identification!

Several groups successfully analyzed the results of their experiments to deduce the solution to the 'murder', and all groups thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to engage in forensic science and meld their study of the literature with the practical application of the methods vividly described within the literature.





# BUDDY TIME

*From Worship Buddies to Community Groups to just time spent together reading, interdivisional sharing and learning happens throughout the school*



JESS LEVEY/FRIENDS ACADEMY

An interdisciplinary unit on the understanding of color got interactive as students created StopMotion clips.

## Lights, cameras, action... Color mix!

In 5th grade, Visual Arts students worked with Lower School Art teacher Mary Jo Allegra to dive deeper into their understanding of color and the color wheel.

For this class, they invited Digital Arts teacher, Jess Levey into their class to explore color mixing through a fun project with stop motion animation.

"Students collaborated and experimented with food dyes and water as they found ways to capture the process of color mixing using iPads and the Stop Motion app," explained Levey.

As they dropped food coloring into cups of water, students attempted to pinpoint the act of mixing.

"They needed to figure out the exact amounts of dye needed to create a new color, as well as determine the best camera angle to capture the process," added Levey.



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At Friends, every student is paired with a "Worship Buddy," a student from a different division and these buddies form one large Community Group that meets six times throughout the year. While Buddies reconnect, they also use the time to work on service activities together. From brainstorming and designing hurricane relief packages to creating a banner of hands for the students of Parkland, Community Groups reinforce the power of empathy, understanding and connection.



## PASSION-BASED EDUCATION

## TOURING 'YOUR' D.C.

*New "Interest Strands" connect student passion to place, program and people in the Nation's Capitol.*

Every year, the junior class heads to Washington, D.C. the weekend before Thanksgiving to explore the nation's capitol. This past year, history teacher Rick Simon developed concentrated strands of interest for students.,

Students were able to choose from a variety of tours and experiences, including President Lincoln and a stop by Ford's Theater; Congress – a visit to Congressman Suozzi's office; Law and Justice – visits to the FBI and Supreme Court; The Press – a tour of ABC TV and the Newseum; Technology – a visit to the Building Museum and Air and Space Annex; and the



On Nov. 15th, a separate group of students travelled to D.C. as part of their Global Studies Scholars curricular experience. Students workshopped with FCNL (Friends Council on National Legislation) and met with their representatives in Congress to discuss and support environmental and immigration actions before the houses. They visited the Meridian Institute and met with Ambassador Claudia Canjura at the Salvadorean Embassy.

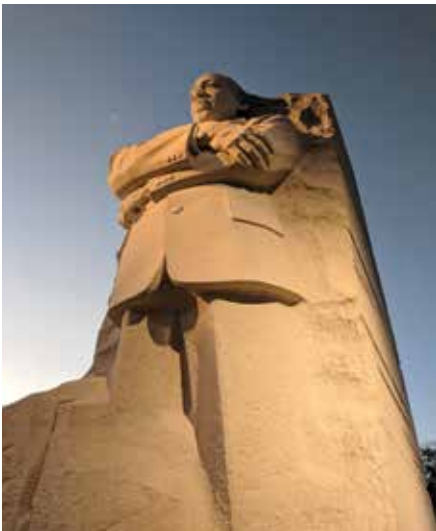


As part of their tour of Washington, D.C., all juniors took a Monuments Walk shortly after arriving and before separating into small group "interest strands," including the Korean War Monument, left.

## PASSION-BASED EDUCATION



Above, students hunt for hidden cameras and bugs in the FBI Museum. Below, the MLK Monument.



African-American Museum.

All students also had the opportunity to visit select museums, including the National Gallery of Art, Air and Space Museum, Holocaust Museum and Natural History Museum, a Monuments Walk and to witness the Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery.

At the Museum of African American History and Culture, students wandered through the museum's exhibitions and noticed not only the striking content lining its walls, but also the ways in which the content was presented – finding crucial connections between the two.

“We began in the basement – notably,

underground – and walked our way up to the top floor, connecting with American history in clearer ways than many of us have in the past,” recounted history teacher Rick Simon.

Students reflected on the emotional impact of the museum, enlivened by the deliberate placement of moving quotations alongside pointed analyses of the historical record. “We all felt lucky to be able to engage with American history in this way and think critically and thoughtfully about the complex nature of American life – since its inception to today,” he added.

The Congress interest strand toured

the Capitol, and more importantly observed where the real work gets done – in the halls and offices of Congress members. Students visited Congressman Tom Suozzi's office and were introduced to the Office Manager and two interns who explained their responsibilities in the office. The interns were all close in age to the students and shared how they got their jobs and why they felt it important to work for a Congressperson.

Students then traveled under the Capitol via tram to the Senate office buildings, where they met with a legislative aide to Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand. After some “lobbying,” students were able to compare and contrast how the Senate and House operate.

Within the Law and Justice Interest Strand, students began with a visit to the D.C. District Courts and the courtroom of Judge Judith McKenna. The judge met the students in her courtroom, and described her background and career path, her role as a criminal court judge and answered questions.

The group then had the opportunity to observe Judge McKenna in court, as she delivered sentences and presided over a variety of pleas, which included charges that ranged from illegal possession of firearms to assault and panhandling.



Students and faculty chaperones tour the D.C. Senate offices of Sen. Kristin Gillibrand as one of her interns shares the ins and outs of her legislative work and the Senate.



## UPPER SCHOOL FALL PLAY



# A Twist of Shakespeare

The fairy folk of *Midsummer Night's Dream* slumber and wait in their giant, mystical forest of trees.



**CAST OF CHARACTERS:** LOVERS, FRIENDS & ENEMIES

## UPPER SCHOOL FALL PLAY: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

By ANDREA MILLER  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS

Therater teacher, playwright and director Andrew Geha is known for his use of creative juxtapositions. And nowhere is that more visible and evident than in his bi-annual staging of Shakespeare at Friends Academy.

Every other year, the Friends Academy Theater and Dance Department bring Shakespeare to life as the fall Upper School play offering. In the fall of 2017, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* jumped onto the stage.

"I had been thinking about the Shakespeare that we wanted to do this year and this one felt right," recalled Geha, who always pairs conventional music with pure Shakespearean language.

"The biggest challenge of performing Shakespeare for the actors is the comprehension," explained Geha. "We really dig into the meanings of words that meant one thing in the 16th century and now could mean something entirely different. Take for instance the character of Bottom (played by Ellis Collier). At points, Bottom is referred to as Bully Bottom. And



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"The Mechanicals" work through some group issues as they rehearse their play for the Duke of Athens (with Ellis Collier, Dominick Williams, Theron Viljoen, Chloe Papouchado, Oliva Lizza and Danny Dacosta.

while today, no one wants to be called a bully, 400 years ago, bully meant 'a dashing man.'"

Set in Athens and the adjacent forest that is home to the resident fairy folk, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* spins a web of calculated revenge, which has unexpected



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Afflicted by the juice of the purple fairy love flower, Lysander pledges his (now) undying love to a very confused Helena.

ramifications for unsuspecting star-crossed lovers.

The Duke of Athens (Eddie Zuckerbrot) is preparing to marry Hippolyta (Noelle Munao), Queen of the Amazons as well as marry his daughter, Hermia (Ali Foley), off to the Duke's choice, Demetrius (Michael Bellioon).

In love with Lysander (Drew Donner), Hermia defies her father's wishes and instead runs away with her true love, telling only her best friend Helena (Ife Anyoku), who happens to have fallen for Demetrius. Lysander and Hermia steal away to the nearby forest with both Demetrius and Helena in tow.

Meanwhile, a lover's quarrel between

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Think you know who goes with who? After a *Midsummer Night's Dream* you may say otherwise...



## UPPER SCHOOL FALL PLAY: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM



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Mixed up and confused, Midsummer's couples are unsure of who they love and who loves them.

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the King and Queen of the Fairies, Oberon (Morgan Bo) and Titania (Raquel Hutt), has erupted. Angered, Oberon engages his mischievous servant, Puck (Dylan Sklar) to fetch a magical flower whose juice has the power to make people fall in love with the first creature they see. A set of poorly followed instructions, on the part of Puck, lead to new love and loathing, much to the amusement of Oberon.

And wandering aimlessly, but smack dab in the middle of all these relationship consternations, is the play within

the play. Local artisans, led by the vigorous weaver, Bottom (Ellis Collier), decide to present the tragic love story of Pyramus and Thisbe as entertainment at the Duke of Athen's wedding. Rehearsing where they can, namely the aforementioned fairy woods, the troupe is also caught up with the criss-crossed love juice and Bottom is magicked into a real bottom (donkey) and consequently becomes the love of an under-the-influence Queen Titania.

One general staple of a Friends Academy Shakespearean production is music, and finding the right musical foil to



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Titania, Queen of the Fairies, falls asleep on her supposed new love, the Mechanical formerly known as "Bottom."

the text can be challenging, but always fascinating.

"I started out with 'Drive My Car' by the Beatles as an intermission break, but the more I dug into our musical possibilities, I found that the song (though wonderful) didn't fit. *Midsummer*, when you get down to it, is about people treating each other callously, which led me to music with a harder edge," explained Geha, who drew upon his own musical knowledge and did extensive research into music of the 1960s.

"I took different paths to find each song," added Geha, who made intricate playlists in order to figure out order and what moment resonated with each song. "I instantly connected to 'Helter Skelter,' with the lyrics, 'do you don't you want me to live you?'" Thematically, it was perfect. 'Green Manalishi' was a song I'd never heard before I started researching

## CAST OF CHARACTERS: LOVERS, FRIENDS &amp; ENEMIES



## UPPER SCHOOL FALL PLAY: A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM

the show, but was so grateful to discover. And 'Mony, Mony,' with the lyrics "you make me feel so good," was a perfect act break as Titania falls in love with Bottom while under a spell."

"James Liverani and Kimo Kepano were perfect collaborators in this process, putting the band the choreography together in a way that made the magical trip lift off the ground."

If the music created a melodic lift off, the set – two 30-foot trees were donated by the Public – brought the visuals up into the sky.

Over the summer, Geha and Director of Arts Tracey Foster attended a Shakespeare in the Park production, in which three enormous and lifelike trees, specifically designed by David Rockwell, were featured. With FA Technical Director Michael Grant's help, (Grant was Technical Director of The Public Theater for 18 years), two of the trees eventually made their way to the Friends Academy stage.

"The trees were magical," recalled Geha. "The staff of the Public Theater actually had to chase raccoons out of the trees in Central Park. Here at Friends, they brought the forest inside in a really



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Some resident fairies amuse themselves with forest antics.

tangible way. The cast was climbing all over them – the atmosphere just drew you in," he added. "Add into that the costumes that Pia [Fleishmann], Selina [Collier], and the costume crew created, and we were transported into a completely new world." With the addition of lights and mist, the set was complete. But the magic didn't stop there.

Several days before opening night, a

group of students from the cast and crew tiptoed through the hallways of Friends dropping off invite cards and purple *Midsummer* flowers to each and every adult on campus. "They owned this process and owned this production. And this was one of the key things that made this show as successful as it was," said Geha.

"This was the biggest fall show we've ever had – 37 students," shared Geha. Fall shows usually number between 15 to 25. "It was daunting to keep everyone engaged, but the focus of the students was amazing.

"The seniors set a standard for how to work and work hard, and how to treat each other. It was a giant cast, but they behaved like a small cast in a really beautiful way.

And the final piece? "We couldn't have asked for better audiences. Our evening audiences laughed and cheered. The students in the audience for the Upper School matinee were so energetic – a few of them even sang along with the music. The magic that Shakespeare wove into his text came to life in so many beautiful ways on the FA stage, and everyone involved had an enchanting experience."



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King Oberon (Morgan Bo) and Puck (Dylan Sklar) prepeare to unleash a little magic on some unsuspecting mortals.

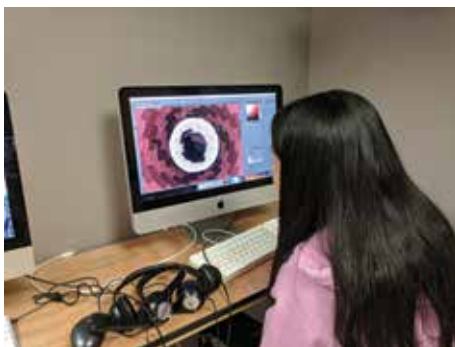


## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS WEEK



# THE ARTISTS WITHIN

Middle School Arts Week continues to be a highlight for students, providing opportunities to explore, reflect, create and grow.



“Middle School Arts Week is magical. For some students, it’s the place where they can share with their peers who they truly are and what genuinely inspires them. Students discover to what extent we are all artists. How powerful is that?”

– Camille Edwards, STEPS Workshop Co-Director

BY ELIZABETH SIRIS WINCHESTER '91

It was about 18 years ago that sitting around her kitchen table, Friends Academy Director of Arts Tracey Foster and Art Teacher John Regan came up with the idea for Middle School Arts Week. The annual event has taken place ever since. It gives Middle School students a break from their regular schedules and routines as they come together for one week to celebrate and explore the arts.

This year, the event took place the week of April 17. From 8:10 a.m. to 2:15 p.m., students chose between participating in and rehearsing for the Middle School play, *The Starry Messenger*, a show about Galileo Galilei, or selecting one or two arts workshops taught by Friends Academy faculty and guest artists. The 13 workshops offered ranged from print-making, filmmaking and songwriting to percussion, dance and a performance arts workshop called STEPS that used hip-hop dance, writing and spoken word poetry. At the end of the week, students were encouraged to demonstrate their work at a sharing assembly in the theater.

"The anticipation leading up to this week never fails for students and teachers alike," explained FA music teacher and professional musician Eden White, who led the songwriting workshop. "It's a whirlwind of exploration and freedom in the context of unadulterated joy and learning."

For students to create and express themselves across the disciplines, they must first feel comfortable, safe, and that they are being supported instead of judged. The result is that "a piece of Arts Week stays with students for a long time," continued White, "and helps them to walk forward standing a little taller and a little more with their own truth than they may have before."

Sixth grader Sara worked on a song



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Middle School students go hands-on in a print-making workshop.

based on her own experience of changing schools: "It was so hard to change schools for me/I didn't know until my mom surprised me/It was the middle of summer and I was so upset." Sara said that White helped her feel comfortable about sharing her experience through song. White explained that the song is helpful not

only to Sara as she continues to reflect on her feelings, but to others who are new to a school too. White encouraged students to "keep their words authentic, and to take the listener on a ride from beginning to end."

A group of four seventh grade boys followed White's advice to write a catchy song called "Boogie Bomb" about playing the game Fortnite all night long. The boys were very proud of what they accomplished. "Our song actually sounded ok, it didn't sound like garbage!" said a surprised Will. "I thought it would be impossible and sound terrible but it actually sounded cool," added Benji. When the boys performed their song at the sharing, the audience agreed!

Brother and sister team Camille and Courtney Edwards were excited about the turnout for their STEPS workshop, for writers, poets and dancers. Camille, who was a director of FA's summer program The Artist's Institute, has returned to the school for Arts Week for several years to



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Creating through "Art Therapy"



## MIDDLE SCHOOL ARTS WEEK



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A scene from "Starry Messenger," the Middle School play about Galileo, critical thinking and independent thought.

teach a hip-hop dance workshop. This was Camille's second year leading STEPS. "It was wonderful to have my workshop evolve and to have my brother join me in this work," she said. "We loved the vibe of veterans [returning to the workshop for a second year] and new faces mixing in together to challenge and uplift one another. It's good for students to be asked to perform. You see who's ready to be brave, to step up and out!"

Leading the Improvisation workshop, Chris McCann '12 encouraged students "to get out of their comfort zone and tell a story that they don't already know." At the sharing, kids picked characters and in pairs, acted out a scene. "I feel that each kid had an 'aha' moment where they were ok shedding away the idea of how they should be acting as a middle school student and knowing that it's ok to be silly, have fun and not know what they are doing."

In the Jam Session workshop, students also explored the skill of improvisation. Music teachers James Liverani, Joe Romano and Dan Gross led kids as they picked up instruments, some for the first time, and used them to com-

municate and have fun. "In order to jam, you have to have a conversation through instruments," explained Liverani. "One person is going to say something with an instrument and the other one is going to react." At the sharing, Liverani asked the audience before the performance to think about what was said in the jam. Spencer, age TK, learned the important lesson that in jamming "there are no mistakes."

In other workshops, students made mandalas with art teacher Amanda Fisk; students worked with clay, including an



exercise that required them to make 30 sculptures in 30 minutes, with ceramics artist Daniel Granias; and guest artist Marc Isaacs helped students explore

creating art in two and three dimensions. Dance teacher Joaldri Messina presented the school's first Latin jazz performance with girls only and boys only. "They worked through their fears and out of their comfort zones," she said at the sharing. "Just enjoy."

Arts Week gives students "the support to reach in and share who they are and to have these moments of growth," said Foster. She felt that the end result of this year's event was "the most amazing Arts Week sharing that we have ever had!"



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Courtney and Camille Edwards (brother-and-sister duo) lead a session of Middle School girls through their original hip-hop movement workshop, "STEPS."

## THE 2018-19 CONCERT AND ART SHOW SERIES

*Sights & Sounds*

## LOWER SCHOOL



## MIDDLE SCHOOL



## UPPER SCHOOL



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Above, scenes from the Lower, Middle and Upper School concerts from 2017-18. Students in all three divisions perform two major choral and instrumental concerts per year – winter and spring. Accompanying art shows are on display on the top floor Art Gallery, located in the Dolan Center Atrium.





Above, Mary Poppins triumphantly returns to the residents of Cherry Street Lane.

“Anything  
can  
**happen**  
if you let  
it.”



— MARY POPPINS



*Friends' largest all-school musical fills theater with high-flying, hand-clapping family-favorite musical.*

BY ELIZABETH SIRIS WINCHESTER '91

*"Winds in the east, there's a mist coming in, like something is brewin' and 'bout to begin. Can't put me finger on what lies in store, But I fear what's to happen all happened before."*

**T**he lovable chimney sweep character Bert, played by FA senior Ellis Collier, began Mary Poppins with the lines above. But the Friends Academy Theater and Dance Department (FATDD) production of the musical on February 8-10 was unlike anything that had ever happened at the school before.

With 120 students in grades 3-12 taking part, the musical was the largest that the school had ever done. It included more than 300 costumes, song and dance numbers that took more than 20 hours to learn, and several cast members in flight!

"Let me see your faces! Sing to the people around you and sing to the audience! Up your professionalism!" coached Director of Arts Tracey Foster at the first dress rehearsal. "I want to feel how happy you feel to be out under the blue sky! This is where the song starts to lift up literally [with cast member Morgan Bo, who played Neleus, in the air] and



Mr. and Mrs. Banks (played by Drew Donner and Raquel Hutt) with their trusty staff (Dylan Sklar, Margaux Bleau and Chloe Papouchado).



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From left, Ben Martin (Michael), Claire Sweeney (Mary Poppins) and Ellis Collier (Bert) and the cast of "Mary Poppins" finish an ensemble number.

figuratively with your voices."

The cast followed Foster's direction and stunned audiences with the professional and magical production. Morgan was one of the cast members who under Flight Crew Director Andrew Geha, soared in the air. "Not everyone can say, 'I was able to fly in my high school show,'"



said Morgan, a trained dancer in hip-hop and contemporary jazz who learned to perform a corkscrew (a spin upwards into the air), back flips and front flips, for his role. "I felt a rush of excitement once my feet lifted off the ground."

Geha worked with a team, which included students, faculty and parents, to fly the cast. "Safety was our biggest concern," he said, and explained that he and Assistant Vocal Director Sara Alt "were double and triple checking harnesses as well as inspecting fly lines every day before we took anyone up in the air." An outside company called Foy spent four days at the school in January working with the flying cast members. It was the third time that an FA production had flown students. As stage manager, FA junior Ali Foley was in charge of all the flight cues. "Her competency, care and attention to details gave me the utmost

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Ari Quan-Soon Victor (Jane) and Ben Martin (Michael) are about to find out what really happens in an outing with Mary Poppins, as Morgan Bo (statue of Neleus) waits above.





Bert (Ellis Collier) takes to the air as he heads over the smokestacks in Friends Academy's winter musical production of "Mary Poppins."



On their way to spelling out "Supercalifragilisticpealidocious!"

confidence," Geha said.

Flying in with her umbrella as Mary, FA senior Claire Sweeney had the chance to play her favorite role yet. "Mary challenged me to create a presence onstage bigger than myself," Claire explained. "Vocally and physically, Mary also gave me the chance to multitask as a performer—I had to be aware of ten

things at once, pushing me as an actor in a way that I've never experienced before." Claire plans to study acting and musical theater in college. "The joy this show gave to me further proved my desire to do this for the rest of my life."

Foster shared with audiences that she too felt joy and magic working on the show. "This has truly been an experience that has touched our hearts," she said in her speech to the matinee audience on February 10, which fittingly was National Umbrella Day. "Creating opportunities for all 120 students to engage in the material was the biggest challenge, but also a very creative and fun part of the process. There were several points in the play where we wanted the whole cast on stage singing and dancing at the same time. With this many students we had to teach the choreography in small groups," she explained.

The need to work in small groups

## ALL-SCHOOL WINTER MUSICAL



Christian Nesfield belts out orders as Mrs. Andrew, the stand-in nanny.

presented extra opportunities for younger students to work with and get to know older ones, which according to sixth grader Avery Davis, was a highlight. “The all-school musical is a really nice way

to mix with kids of all different grades,” she shared. Avery played the letter “O” in “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.” Fourth grader Sophia Diaz, who played the letter “T” in the song, added, “it’s really fun because the older students are always so nice to us and they always help us.” Foster also found that “the overwhelming feedback from students in the play is that they loved getting to know each other, spend time together and work together.”

Favorite numbers such as “A Spoonful of Sugar” and “Let’s Go Fly a Kite” reached new heights. “Step in Time” was the longest musical number, and took more than 20 hours for students to learn! Actors used the theater aisles in several scenes, truly bringing the audience into the production.

“My heart was filled with joy as I watched students dance and sing with great enthusiasm and pride,” wrote Lower School Visual Art Teacher MaryJo Allegra. “What a gift the dance, theater and

music department has given to our young artists: a platform to share their passion and voice and to discover their creative potential.” Claire Sweeney seconded that. “The FATDD is the most magical place in the world.”

The show’s song lyrics suggest, “anything can happen if you let it.” Tracey Foster proved with *Mary Poppins* that “anything” includes putting together a professional quality show with kids of all ages and providing all with a truly special and memorable experience. Bravo! Brava! Bravi!

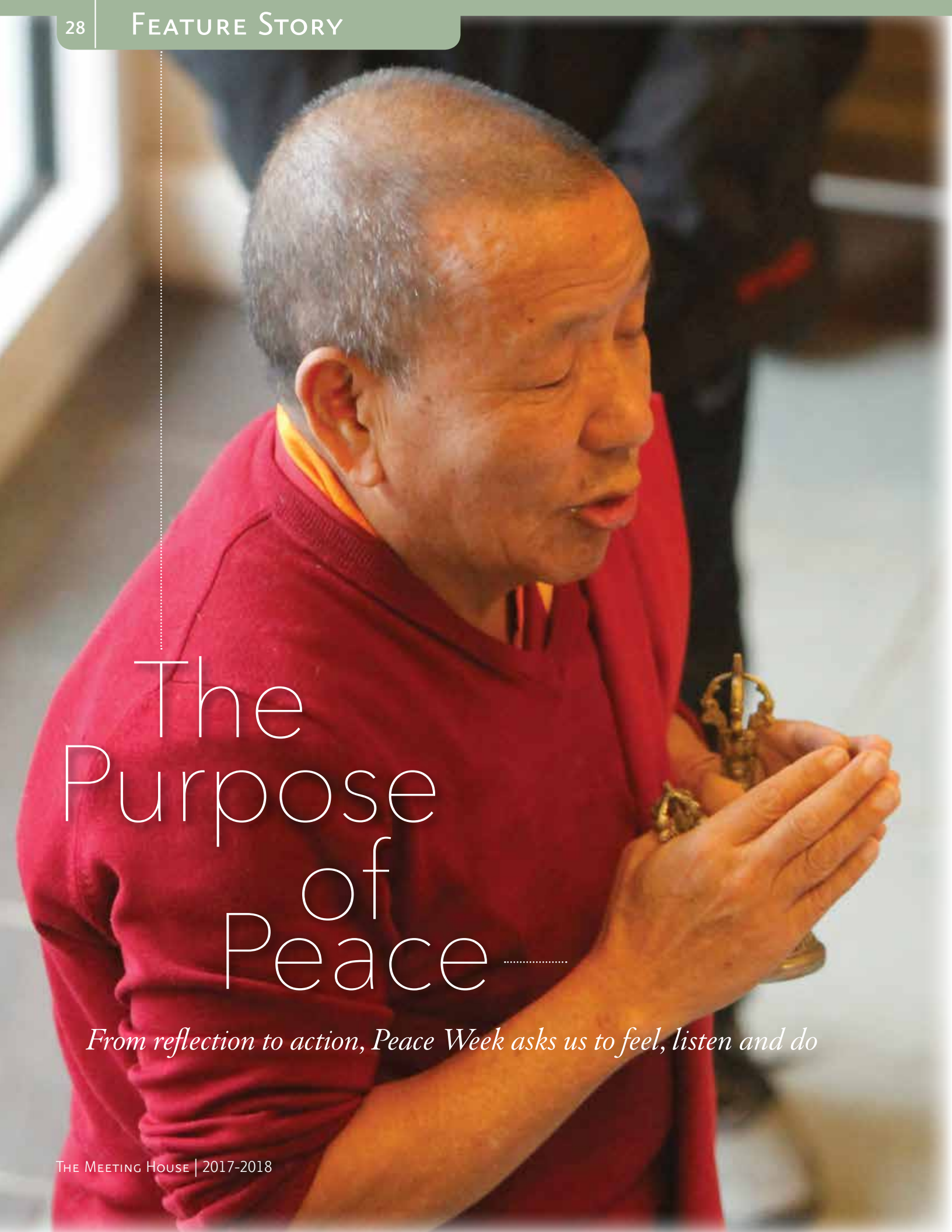


The Banks family – together and not needing Mary Poppins’ services any longer.



In the park with the cast of “Mary Poppins.”



A close-up, profile shot of a Buddhist monk with a shaved head, wearing a vibrant red robe over a yellow garment. He is holding a string of golden prayer beads (mala) in his hands, which are clasped in a prayer position. His eyes are closed, and he has a serene expression. The background is blurred, showing other people in a similar setting.

# The Purpose of Peace

*From reflection to action, Peace Week asks us to feel, listen and do*

BY ELIZABETH SIRIS WINCHESTER '91  
(WITH REPORTING BY ANDREA MILLER,  
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS)

*"You don't have to start a social movement to wage peace. It can be about the little things...when was the last time you said, 'I'm sorry,' or that you admitted to making a mistake?"*

— Andrea Kelly, Friends Academy Head of School

Friends Academy started the New Year with a long-standing school tradition: Peace Week. Traditionally observed the week of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, the celebration has grown to include events in the weeks before and after, all with the goal of highlighting the school's commitment to working towards a more peaceful, just and equitable world. Through classroom lessons, special programs and community events, how to build peace and why it's important to do so becomes the focus, which is central to the school's mission. "Peace Week reminds us that we are a Friends school," said Head of School Andrea Kelly.

Peace Week goals and purposes span from strengthening inner peace, learning about peacemakers and recognizing challenges to achieving peace, to identifying the school's programs that promote peace and making positive change in the community and beyond. It is also a time to embrace the school theme, which this year is Deepening Awareness: The Courage and Value to Explore all Perspectives.

Here's a look at the many ways that students, faculty, parents and the community took part in Peace Week events, and what they learned.

## Strengthening Inner Peace

*"I think that peace starts from within and the mandala teaches us how to cultivate compassion within ourselves in order to be an agent for peace."*

— Joy Lai, Visual Arts Department Head

Lama Tenzin Yignyen returned to Friends January 8–12 for his fourth visit to the school. The ordained Buddhist monk offered morning meditation in the Dolan Center Atrium and shared his teachings with students, parents and faculty. Throughout his visit, Lama Tenzin explored with students ways to make life more



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Lama Yingyen Tenzin returned to Friends to construct and share the Sand Mandala of Compassion. He painstakingly constructed the Mandala over four 8-hour days.

meaningful, emphasizing "loving kindness and compassion are the source of happiness."

Lama Tenzin spent much of his time at the school creating a mandala, a Tibetan sand painting. The school community enjoyed watching Lama Tenzin as he worked on it. On his last day, the fifth graders helped him dismantle it.

"This world is our guest house. We come, we stay, we go," Lama Tenzin shared before he asked the fifth graders for their help in wiping the colored sand away. "Use whatever life you have in the best way. Quantity is not important; quality is important." Taking part in the dismantling ceremony felt "complete, calming and relaxing," said fifth grader Ava Ward.

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"Waging Peace," a series of educational banners from the American Friends Service Committee were exhibited for several months in the Dolan Center Art Gallery and open to the public

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Art teacher Joy Lai first invited Lama Tenzin to the school. "The beauty of the mandala and the amount of patience it takes to create something like that was something that I really wanted to share with the community," Lai explained. "Its transitoriness—the fact that it is dismantled—is a big part of what it's trying to teach us in terms of how impermanent everything is, so we can really focus on working on ourselves and cultivating positive attributes."

## The Challenges to Achieving Peace

*"Listen to people, especially the ones you disagree with. When you begin to think about what other people feel, it makes it easier to resolve disagreements."*

— Ed Nakawatase, Peace Week Guest Speaker

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that was founded in 1917 in response to World War I. Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the AFSC created a traveling exhibition, "Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action," which opened at Friends

on January 15 for Peace Week. The 12-banner exhibit looks at issues such as poverty, prison, home and discrimination. It "pairs wage with peace, which tells us to wake up," Kelly explained at an opening Upper School assembly about the exhibition. "Peace is not passive. We must apply energy and activism."

Waging Peace activities took place all week with students of all ages. Twelfth grader Sharothy Mahmud and other Upper School students enrolled in the Global Scholar Studies (GSS) International Relations class made posters on the main exhibit topics and presented their findings to the school. "I really appreciate how Peace Week has always had a focus on student leadership," she explained.

On January 16, the GSS students led a Middle

Below, members of the Global Studies Scholar Program moderate a panel with ASFC member Ed Nakawatase.



School panel discussion with Peace Week guest speaker Ed Nakawatase. A life-long social justice activist, Nakawatase was born in a Japanese-American internment camp and spent 31 years of his career working as the National Representative for Native American Affairs for the AFSC. Nakawatase shared his thoughts on how race discussion has changed since the 1960s and how young people can help end discrimination. "There is no substitute for being well-informed," Nakawatase advised at a breakfast for parents the following morning. "Be conscious of people and current events."

At a special evening gallery walk open to the community, GSS students served as docents, leading visitors through the exhibit. "The word 'wage' is often used in the context of waging war but I found it interesting that the exhibit asks how do you wage peace," said Mahmud. "Our way of waging peace is becoming more aware of a topic, spreading information and getting rid of stigmas."

Visitors can explore the AFSC exhibition on display at Friends through March 29 and learn more about it at <http://exhibit.afsc.org>.

## Promoting Peace and Positive Change

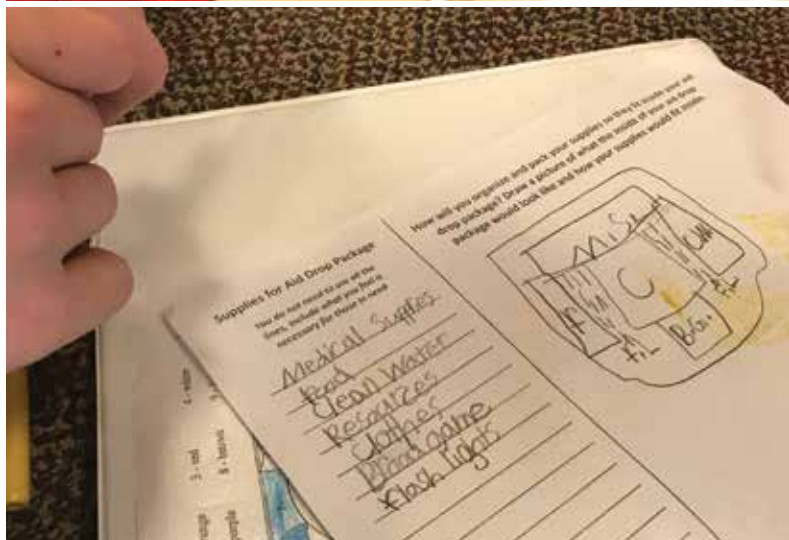
*"I love seeing everybody in our community come together from every different age group. Kids like working and spending time with the older kids, so it's fun to support."*

— Sara Alt, Lower School Music Teacher and Lower School TASQUE Advisor

Teachers and Students for Quaker Understanding and Education (TASQUE) and Meeting for Worship are central to the Friends Academy experience and to Peace Week. During Peace Week, students and faculty are encouraged to share thoughts about peace at Meeting for Worship. Kids from TASQUE read quotes each morning about how to promote and build peace. And throughout the week, TASQUE Community Groups and Worship Buddy activities focused on building peace.

The school Community Groups started through TASQUE in the past 10 years. Each student is assigned to a Community Group, which is made up of about 20 students in grades K–12. Within the Community Group, each Upper School student is paired with a younger student Worship Buddy.

On January 17, Community Groups took part in a peace crane activity. The activity was inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who was living in Hiroshima



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During Peace Week, students from Kindergarten through 12th grade engaged in a variety of service activities, including sandwich making for local shelters, as well as brainstorming care packages for hurricane victims.

during the 1945 bombing and developed leukemia from the radiation. There is a Japanese legend that says folding 1,000 paper cranes allows one's wish to come true. Sadako folded

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Lower and Upper school students share ideas for possible hurricane supply packages in Community Groups.

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Joanna Friedl, who fled from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia to Palestine with the aid of a Chinese visa, shared her life story and messages from the past and future.





“Our way of waging peace is becoming more aware of a topic, spreading information and getting rid of stigmas.”

– Senior Sharothy Mahmud

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paper cranes during her months in the hospital before she died, wishing for life, peace and healing.

Within the Community Groups, Worship Buddies worked together to fold paper cranes to help promote peace. Ninth grader Izzy Rosen enjoyed helping her kindergarten Worship Buddy Laila Chimming. “It’s a time to reflect,” Rosen said. “It makes me want to help people more and encourage peace.” While it was hard for some younger students to part with their creations they were eager to upon realizing “that people really need them,” said kindergarten student Pax Kerker.

For Hunger Awareness Day on January 19, Worship Buddies worked together to design disaster relief packages for people in need. Worship Buddies considered two questions: Why do you think humanitarian aid is important, and how will help make the world a better place?

Items that students brainstormed to include in relief packages ranged from clean water, medicine and toiletries to baby food, diapers and games. “I love that games were included because not only do people lose their possessions but they also lose a lot of fun,” commented fifth grade teacher Sara Weinstein.

Lunch served that day was a simple meal of rice, beans and water. “To have Peace Week culminate with Hunger Awareness Day is a good idea,” said ninth grader Spencer Kriegstein. To directly help the hungry, Worship Buddies made almost 1,000 sandwiches throughout the school day. On Saturday, January 20, the whole school community continued as part of the monthly service activity. Parents including Lisa Katovitz, Carolyn Mott, Steve Fortuna and Elvire Daniels helped deliver the sandwiches to Glen Cove Men’s Shelter, North Shore INN Soup Kitchen (also in Glen Cove), Mary Brennan INN Soup Kitchen in Hempstead and Part of the Solution (POTS) in the Bronx.

“It’s part of everyone’s duty to volunteer and help,” said



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Above, Quaker-in-Residence John Scardina introduces Peace Week speaker Ed Nakatawase to Lower School students during their weekly Gathering. Students fold Peace Cranes in Community Groups during Peace Week.

Daniels. “My kids know it’s not just about them – everybody else affects you.”

Peace Week was an ideal time for all to embrace that message.



## {2017 FALL SPORTS}



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Playoff action, competitive games, building depth, increasing experience – these were the themes of the **Fall Sports season.**

Top row: Ciaran Bardong, Brianna Visicchio and Carleigh Zelman. Middle: Wyatt Mullen, Boys quad, Laura Greene, Karly Eberly and Leah Loetman. Bottom: Katarina Mongiardo, Alumni soccer match, Alex Clinton.



## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS

# Competitive in top conference



Freshman Jordyn Cagner returns a volley.

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## VARSITY GIRLS TENNIS: YOUNG TEAM LOOKS TO NEXT YEAR

The Girls Varsity Tennis season began on Wednesday August 23rd with a significant turnout of new players joining the remaining players from last year's squad. The players were put through an eight-day match play try-out period with many of the first-time players challenging for spots on the Varsity Team.

Upon conclusion of tryouts, players were paired into the Varsity and JV squads. "We had many new additions to the Varsity team and after a week of drills/on-court conditioning and challenge match play, our roster began to take shape," said Coach Gino Uterano.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY –**  
GABBY BLOOM  
AND JILLIAN  
BRODERICK

hard in the top conference in Section VIII," said Uterano.

The team displayed exemplary conduct and behavior during their matches and did an outstanding job of representing Friends Academy in the right way during some very intense match play situations.

"Many thanks to our team captains and veteran players who were instrumental in keeping team morale high and in having our players focused and ready to compete. Although our win/loss record will not accurately reflect it, our players' efforts and commitment to each other and the team was excellent.

With the majority of our players returning next year we will be able to again field a very solid and competitive team going into the 2018 season," added Uterano.

**2017 ROSTER:** Leila Baadarani, Gabriella Bloom, Jillian Broderick, Jordyn Cagner, Juliet D'Aversa, Lillianna Gund, Mary Hills, Angela Holloway, Ariel Kalimian, MeiCheng Lu, Riona Park, Grace Riviezzo, Julia Satovsky, Eleana Tsiamtsiouris, Parisa Vahid, Brianna Vissicchio and Sherry Yang.



Sophomore Grace Riviezzo controls the court.

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## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS

### JV FIELD HOCKEY: MORE FIELD TIME = PLAYER IMPROVEMENT

This was a very successful fall for the JV field hockey team. By keeping their team small, each team member realized more playing time, which helped each player improve greatly. With a record of 1-3-6, it was clear that the team was led by an ironclad defense, only giving up six goals in 10 games.

"Some season highlights include our big, buzzer-beater goal win against local rival Oyster Bay, our team workouts, and awesome pizza parties. The coaches would like to thank all of our girls for their positive attitudes, hard work, and commitment. Looking forward to next year!" said Coach Victoria Kotowski.

**2017 ROSTER:** Ella Barry, Mary Classi, Samantha Damm, Angelica Del Vecchio, Mary Elizabeth Droesch, Halle Krypell, Margaret Leonard, Lauren Pasquale, Isabelle Rosen, Layla Saad and Riley Schultz.



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Top, freshman Lauren Pasquale battles for control; above Coach Kotowski and the JV Field Hockey team.



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Junior Katarina Mongiardo stays focused on the ball.

## Team celebrates Fall Fair win

### VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY: EARLY INJURIES DELAY TEAM BONDING

The Varsity Field Hockey team had a tough season with a fair share of wins and losses. After graduating five seniors, the team welcomed several new players, and spent pre-season learning to play together. Every player came eager to work hard, and FA used the beginning of the season to get in shape and bond as a team.

Unfortunately, the beginning of the Quaker's season was plagued with injuries, which caused constant readjustment on the field. "Despite these setbacks, the girls never gave up and worked hard every day," said Coach Christine Botti.

The second half of the season took off as players began to feel more comfortable working together as a team.

Throughout the season, the team's skill improved and led FA to an impressive win over their rivals, North Shore, during

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY** – KATARINA MONGIARDO

**ALL CONFERENCE** – ASHLEY BROWN, JESSE DE LA BASIDE, LOLA PIUGGI

**EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR** – LILY NEISLOSS

**UNSUNG HERO** – COLETTE HUGHES

Fall Fair. We also had several players recognized for awards by the Nassau County Field Hockey Coaches Association.

"We are confident that the program will only grow from here," stated Coach Botti.

**2017 ROSTER:** Ashley Brown, Emily Brown, Lilly Brown, Jocelyn Ceden, Adrienne Coleman, Jessica de la Bastide, Angelina Fodera, Jayda Foote, Cassandra Homayuni, Ashleen Hughes, Colette Hughes, Katrina Hunt, Katarina Mongiardo, Lily Neisloss, Lola Piuggi and Grace Sands.

## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS

### Varsity Crew: Big Fall Races Offer Rowers Competitive Experience

Varsity Crew had an outstanding season this Fall. Competing at the local races, the Row to Fight and the Head of the Oyster Bay, FA rowers brought home many medals. At the Frostbite Regatta, 10 FA rowers earned 10 medals, (gold – six; silver – two; bronze – two).

“We were lucky enough to send four rowers – Will Durban, Paige Lind, Effie Karageorgiou, and Will Richter, – to the Head of the Charles, the largest regatta in the world,” shared Coach Jason Moskowitz.

Although FA didn’t qualify for next year’s regatta, they showed great effort and represented the school and team well. “We look forward to an even better season in the Spring,” said Moskowitz.

**2017 ROSTER:** Jasmine Carnevale, Amelia Crowley, Isabella DiMeo, Lilah Donnelly, John Donohue, William Durban, Haydn Ellinger, Nathaniel Goldman, Andrew Hoyt, Elizabeth Ingrassia, Henry Jervis, Griffyn Kang, Efimia Karageorgiou, Paige Lind, Jack McCooey, Timothy Morgan, Jeanne Marie Rauff, William Richter, Henry Schoeffel and Michael Song.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The Girls bow-loader four races under the banner of Sagamore Rowing.

### JV Girls Tennis: Team Philosophy Provides Framework for Training



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The JV Girls Tennis team

This season, the JV Girls Tennis focused on preparing players to be future Varsity players, while still having a meaningful team experience.

Each member of the team was consistently asked to ENCOURAGE, APPLAUD and SUPPORT their teammates. A strong team chemistry resulted from this effort.

“As individuals, the players were urged to develop the components symbolized by the team CVS handshake,” explained Coach Tim Clouser.

● **COURAGE** to step outside their comfort zone.

● **VISION** to navigate necessary adjustments during a match.

● **SKILLS** to be practiced and further enhanced.

The JV Girls Tennis season was very spirited and ended successfully. After losing three of the first four matches, the team finished strong, winning three of their last four.

**2017 ROSTER:** Kelly Chee, Alexandra Grella, Julia Gulbransen, Emma Herold, Lindsay Lee, Anamaria Manu, Shivani Patel, S. Abigail Regis, Simrun Singh, Olivia Sutherland, Brianna Taylor, Despina Tsiamsiouris, Shiva Ward and Zara Ward.

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**COACHES AWARDS – SIMRUN SINGH, ANAMARIA MANU**



## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Junior Andrew LeoGrande keeps his eye on the ball.

## Quakers finish fourth in Class A

### VARSITY BOYS SOCCER: TIGHT GAMES

The Boys Varsity Soccer team had an exciting and successful season. With an overall record eight wins, six losses and two ties, the Quakers finished fourth of the 10 Class A schools in their conference, qualifying for the county playoffs.

"Considering how strong the conference was this year, making the playoffs was an impressive achievement," said Coach Marshall Lindner. "We are very proud of the spirit the players showed throughout the year," Lindner added.

Three highlights marked this season. In a game at Clark, FA trailed 3-2 with less than 10 minutes to play as Owen Ingrassia tied the game, and Casey Glover scored the winning goal to put Friends back in the playoff race. This was followed by an exciting victory over Seaford under the lights at home. "Clearly most exciting was a 1-0 victory over cross-town rival Glen Cove HS in a first-round playoff game," said Lindner. "Playing at home in front of a large and

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY – ANDREW MARSH**

**HONORABLE MENTION**

**ALL COUNTY – CASEY GLOVER**

**ALL CONFERENCE – CIARAN BARDONG, JARED ROSENBAUM, STEVE POPOOLA**

vocal crowd we played our best game of the season," he added.

FA met #1 seeded team Jericho HS in the next round and lost 3 to 1, despite having a fine game. "As always we fought right down to the last second. The coaches were very proud of the players' effort that day, as well as throughout the season," finished Coach Lindner.

**2017 ROSTER:** Charles Andolina, Samir Aziz, Ciaran Bardong, Justin Broxmeyer, Alexander Campbell, Vincent Como, Federico De Geronimo, Blaise DellaFera, Casey Glover, Owen Ingrassia, Andrew LeoGrande, Deremy Leon, Edward Mangiarotti, Andrew Marsh, Miles Miller, Stephen Popoola, Jared Rosenbaum, Jared Rothberg, Nicholas Santiago and Maxwell Savasta.

### BOYS JV SOCCER:

#### BUILDING DEPTH FOR VARSITY

A large group of players, both freshmen and sophomores, started pre-season in mid-August with a lot of promise as nearly 30 athletes took to the field.

Despite some initial challenges with injuries, the team started their season with a 1-2-1 record, playing some very talented opponents.

As the season progressed, coaches relied on the flexibility of players to move among multiple positions, including the position of goal keeper. "The team played better positional defense and matured as a group, exhibiting better ball movement and strategic offense," said Coach Bob Reilly.

The Quakers finished with a 4-8-3 record, playing against a lineup of strong Class A JV teams, which tested their mettle and helped them grow as soccer players, poised to contribute to FA's Varsity program in the future.

"The future is bright for this team, along with a promising group of eighth grade students coming up to fill the ranks next year," stated Coach Reilly.

**2017 ROSTER:** Eric Afzelius, Sajid Aziz, Jared Broxmeyer, Alexander Carden, Demarius Coleman, William Cuddeback, Jack Davis, Alexander Douglas, Theodore Grace, Max Kahane, Patrick Kenny, Ian Kim, Pius Lo, Spencer Login, Aidan Lundy, John May, Michael Mead, Miles Miller, Syklar Mott, George Panagopoulos, Albert Paniccia, Ezekiel Popoola, Thomas Robin, Jack Schamroth, Cullen Steel, William Stein, Luke Stellato, Justin Toby, Michael Walrath and Brian Wang.



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Freshman Ian Kim traps the ball.

## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS

## Post-season berth for Quakers

**VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER:  
MINDSET CARRIES TEAM  
THROUGH 2 PLAYOFF GAMES**

The Girls Varsity Soccer team started the season with a positive mindset. After moving up a conference, the Quakers faced much steeper competition.

"We surpassed expectations and were able to win a good number of our games," said Coach Gail Baker. The Quakers made it to post-season and played exceptionally well in both playoff games.

"We took pride in the level of intensity each team member brought into practice every day. We had a blast and really bonded as a team, especially during our many pasta parties and successful night game. The captains set the bar high and led with a positive example. All of the seniors are excited to come back and see

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

ALL CLASS – EVE FINE, JULIE XIAN

ALL CONFERENCE – GRETCHEN WAECHTER, EMILY JANE WAECHTER

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE – JULIE XIAN

how the team has progressed next year!

We wanted to congratulate our All-conference players, all-class players and Scholar-Athlete Julie Xian," stated Coach Baker.

**2017 ROSTER:** Francesca De Geronimo, Eve Fine, Bailey Hughes, Sydney Kang, Charlie Kliger, Emma Knopf, Alexis Mack, Madison Mack, Morgan McCartan, Amberlin Mott, Madison O'Sullivan, Sophia Pavlakis, Vanessa Quinland, Julia-Kate Schamroth, Emily Jane Waechter, Gretchen Waechter, Julie Xian, Carleigh Zelman and Alexandra Zucker.



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Freshman Samantha Flores wrestles the ball from her opponent.

**GIRLS JV SOCCER:  
INJURIES PUSH TEAM TO PLAY  
DIFFERENT POSITIONS**

Over the 2017 season, the JV Girls Soccer team worked together to develop the skills and knowledge of the game. Each girl worked hard and maintained a positive attitude throughout the entire season. "These girls kept an open mind, learned to play new positions, never gave up," said Coach Michele Cella.

Despite injuries, the girls rose to the challenge. Many stepped up and played new positions without any hesitation. "While our record does not reflect the girls' abilities – they outshot some of the teams and at times would dominate the time of play – the team always smiles on their faces and never stopped playing with all their hearts," said Cella. "They showed other teams that they will not back down and stood strong as a united front. These girls made coaching this season for Coach Dooley and myself an absolute pleasure."

**2017 ROSTER:** Uma Alagappan, Vimala Alagappan, Erina Bardong, Olivia Bragoli, Avery Bystrom, Katherine Cuddeback, Caroline Dineen, Meriwether Florence, Samantha Flores, Vanessa Foy, Riley Glover, Jessie Goldblatt, Helen Marcell, Samantha Paniccia, Madison Poll, Elizabeth Schwab and Eva Scott.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Sophomore Charlie Kliger races her opponent for the ball.



## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS

# Girls earn second in County Championship

## Varsity Cross Country: Boys Team Eyes Future with Youth on Their Side

**F**A Cross Country had an exciting season filled with victories, personal records, team-building, and just a dash of adversity. "Although the team is graduating five seniors this year, a solid core group of young and talented runners will return next year," said Coach Casey Reed.

The Boys team finished the season with a record of 4 and 9, an impressive record considering the youth of the team. The seven-runner Varsity team was composed of one junior, two sophomores, and four freshmen. The season's best time was run by Joe Lostritto: 19:11 for a 5k. "We are thrilled to have all of our runners from the Boys team returning next year – the future is bright!" said Reed.

The Girls team finished the season with a record of 7 and 6, unfortunately having to forfeit a few winnable match-ups due to illness and injury. However, they pulled it together for an incredible performance at the County Championship meet on October 28th. The Girls team earned second place overall and had four runners in the top 25. These four runners – Laura Greene, Caroline Green, Karly Eberly, and Leah Loetman – earned All-County honors. Anna Pappas was seven seconds away from All-County, but solidly earned All-Conference honors.

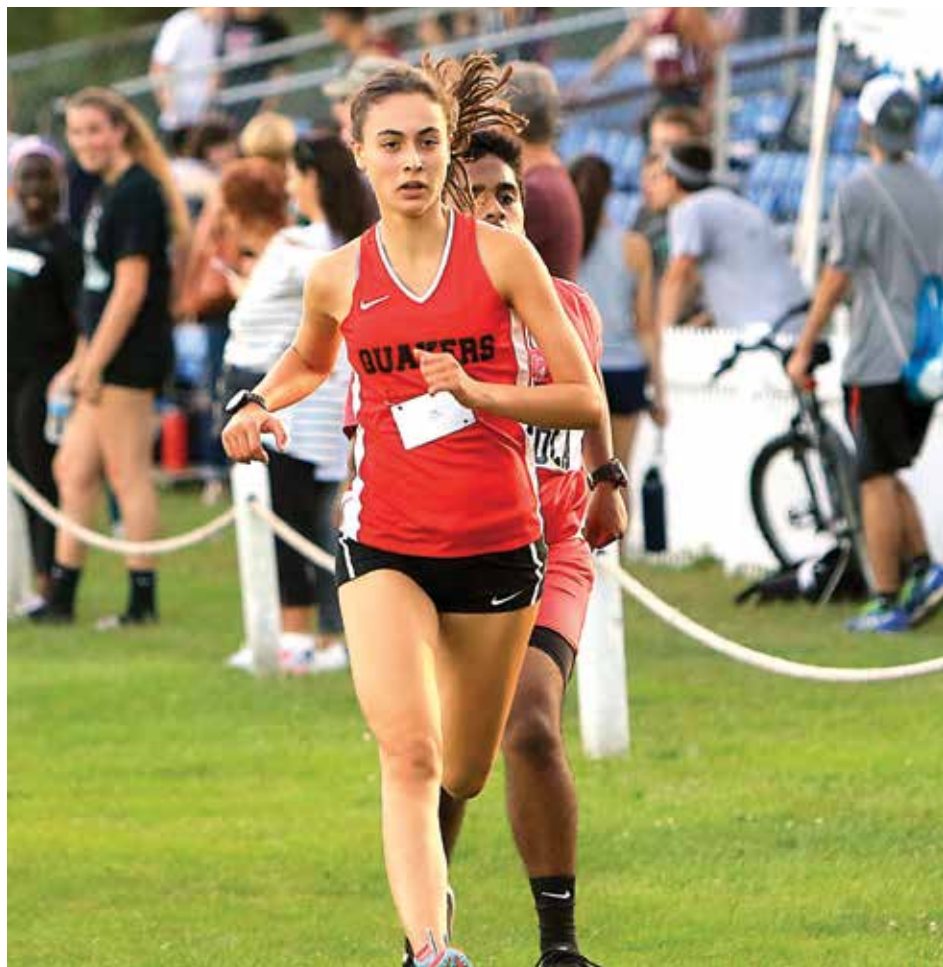
The Girls' team qualified for the next round: State Qualifiers, which was held on November 4th.

At the NYS Qualifying meet, the Girls team finished third out of 18 teams, with four girls running personal best times and a fifth running her season best.

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY – KARLY EBERLY**  
CAROLINE GREEN, LAURA GREENE,  
LEAH LOETMAN

**ALL-CONFERENCE – ANNA PAPPAS**



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Senior Laura Greene settles into race pace.

"We are always looking for new athletes to join our running family, regardless of experience. We work hard but it pays off with personal improvements – and endorphins," shared Coach Reed. Winter Track and Spring Track round out the year.

**2017 ROSTER:** Anna Asnis, James Byers, Elizabeth Chatpar, Alexander Clinton, Emma Deutsch, Karly Eberly, Thomas Gelfand, Jonathan Givre, Caroline Green, Laura Greene, Tina Huang, Grace Lavin, William Lawrence, Leah Loetman, Joseph Lostritto, Spencer Kriegstein, Alison Mosher, Anna Pappas, Thomas Gelfand, Gavin Park, Zachary Ragozino, Samuel Rotberg, Michael Sensale, Farrah Shikara, Ethan Sobel and Wang Max.



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Junior Max Wang lengthens his stride.

## FA 2017 FALL SPORTS

### Varsity Football: One Family, One Goal.

The 2017 Friends Academy Quakers football team competed with honor all season. The team returned only five players with experience. In light of that the senior leaders set the bar high playing each game with a high level of effort that earned the respect of our opponents.

This season was highlighted by outstanding play by our seniors as they also mentored a team made up largely of younger players. While the team's record may not show it, the coaching staff feels that every student-athlete played beyond his ability and gave the team a fighting chance in each game.

Each player and the team collectively is very proud of what they accomplished this year and the bond that now exists between them.

"We would also like to express our gratitude to all those who came out to support us, including Mr. Quackenbush, Aggie Jones and our Trainer Beth Muller, said Coach Ron Baskind.

**2017 ROSTER:** Luke Baskind, Alex Bergmann, Wilhelm Daal, Jake Damm, Aaron Daniels, Conor Dineen, Michael Driesch, Devon Forsyth, Casey Glover, Vikram Gupta, Andrew Hartog, Tyler Henry, Nickolas Hoffman, Joseph Horne, Tyler Hu, David Kaler, Michael Kaler, Matthew Kaplan, Jake Katz, Patrick Kavan, Michael Manu, Samuel Mufson, Edward Mullen, Blake Nagel, Peter Panacciulli, George Sanoulis, Cal Stellato, Matthew Storch, Alexander Sutherland, Connor Sweeney and Lucas Themelis.



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The Varsity Football line sets up for the next play.



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Freshman Billy Daal looks to move the football down the field.



## {2018 WINTER SPORTS}



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Conference play, grit, school spirit and a philosophy to 'dare to be better' defined this year's **Winter Sports season**.

Top row: Zach Kaul, Tyler Henry and Morgan Pascucci; Middle: The Squash team, the FA Cheerleading team, Avery Bystrom and Julia-Kate Schamroth; Bottom: Sammay Ghooi, Luke Dillmeier and Samantha Paniccia.

## FA 2018 WINTER SPORTS

# Boys finish second in Conference A

## **VARSITY BOYS BASKETBALL:** **ALL-COUNTY SENIOR TRAYVON** **ALEXANDER SURPASSES** **1,000 POINTS**

The Boys Varsity Basketball team concluded their regular season with a strong performance against Valley Stream South. The Falcons were undefeated in conference play and the Quakers knocked them off in a thrilling double OT game at the Quakerdome. The team effort was a great way to conclude the season and head into the playoffs against the Roosevelt Roughriders. FA finished in second place with a 10-2 record in Conference A IV and concluded the regular season with an overall record of 14-5.

Led by Captains Trayvon Alexander and Steve Popoola, the Boys team continued to work to come together as a cohesive group of student-athletes who look out for each other and push each other to get better every day in practice.

"Each season presents different challenges of developing team chemistry, a consistent work ethic in practice, and taking responsibility for our individual contributions. Everyone has played an important role in contributing to a memorable season," shared Coach Steve Hefelee.

Six seniors were honored at the Quakers' next-to-last home game. "We'd like to thank Charlie Andolina (who has been out with an injury), Derek Chiang, Zack & Elias Kaul, Sam Mufson, Casey Glover, and co-captain Steve Popoola for their efforts, leadership, and unselfish contributions to our season," said Hefelee.

The following members of the team were recognized by the Nassau County Basketball Coaches Association for the following Awards: Casey Glover, Teddy Mangiarotti, and Steve Popoola were named to the All-Conference team and Trayvon Alexander was named to the



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Co-captain sophomore Trayvon Alexander looks for an opening.

All-County team for a third straight year. Trayvon also personally eclipsed the 1,000 point scoring mark as a varsity player. "Congrats to the entire team

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY – TRAYVON ALEXANDER**

**ALL-CONFERENCE – CASEY GLOVER, TEDDY MANGIAROTTI, STEVE POPOOLA**

for helping these players achieve these accomplishments.

We would like to thank all students, faculty, and administrators for your support throughout the season," said Coach Hefelee.

**2018 ROSTER:** Trayvon Alexander, Teddy Mangiarotti, Stephen Popoola, Derek Chiang, Alexander Douglas, Casey Glover, Zachary Kaul, Tyler Fox, Elias Kaul, Billy Daal, Aaron Daniels, Nico Santiago and Sam Mufson.



### JV BOYS BASKETBALL: MATURITY AND TEAMWORK

The JV Boys Basketball team was a compilation of positive experiences. From the first day of practices to the last game of the season, the players gave 100% dedication and hard work. “The returning players and the new players coming up did not need an introduction or time to mesh. They came together quickly and really understood what it meant to be a team. The willingness to listen and the desire to know how to improve their skills was shown by each one of these boys every day.

In every game, no matter the score, they did not give up and worked together to get the win. Even with some games that may have been more one-sided, they held their heads up high and cheered on whoever was in the game. The hard work that they put into the practices showed throughout the season and each night. The thing that they can be most proud of is that they didn’t take this team or the games as a one-man show. They knew they had 12 guys on the team and they knew each and every one had skills and assets to contribute. This showed maturity and great teamwork. The coaches wish each one of these boys the best of luck in the future. — Coach Scott Yamond

**2018 ROSTER:** Alexander Carden, Haydn Ellinger, Sammay Ghooi, Nickolas Hoffman, Taye Holder, Skyler Mott, Albert Paniccia, Gavin Park, Ezekiel Popoola, George Sanoulis, Dylan Skolnick and Michael Song.



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Sophomore Taye Holder on the offense.

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Freshman Meriwether Florence dribbles the ball down the court.

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### VARSITY GIRLS BASKETBALL: YOUNG TEAM ‘DARES TO BE BETTER’

The 2017-2018 Varsity Girls Basketball was one of growth and improvement every day. Losing all five starters from last season and a young squad, which included three freshmen, senior captains Krissy Sanoulis and EJ Waechter took on leadership roles both on and off the court. Sanoulis transitioned to the point guard position for the betterment of the team and she flourished quarterbacking the Quaker offense. With a tough non-league/league schedule the Lady Quakers took on a “dare to be better” approach and emphasized becoming a family both on and off the court.

Junior captain Zeina Ashmawy, along with fellow junior classmate Morgan Pascucci, emerged as the team’s two leading scorers. Ashmawy, who can score both inside and out, had 20-point performances in games against Oyster Bay and a season-high 26-point performance vs. Bethpage. Pascucci’s perimeter shooting was on display in games against Wheatley where she had 17, and Island Trees where she had a career-high 18. With each game, the Lady Quakers improved on both ends

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE  
MENTION – ZEINA ASHMAWY

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE – KRISSY  
SANOULIS

on the floor.

The future looks bright for the Lady Quakers. Ashmawy and Pascucci are two of 10 players returning for the Quakers. Guards Samantha Paniccia, Collette Hughes, Julia Statovsky and Carleigh Zelmen, along with Pascucci will return in the back court. Returning with Ashmawy in the front court will include Alexis Mack, Hannah Popper, Meriwether Florence and Riley Glover. Along with these returning girls a talented JV group means the best is yet to come for the Varsity Girls Basketball program.

– Coach Jason Fiscina

**2018 ROSTER:** Zeina Ashmawy, Meriwether Florence, Riley Glover, Colette Hughes, Alexis Mack, Samantha Paniccia, Morgan Pascucci, Hannah Popper, Kristina Sanoulis, Julia Satovsky, Emily Jane Waechter and Carleigh Zelman.

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### JV GIRLS BASKETBALL: GRITTY TEAM COMPETE IN ONE TO TWO POINT GAMES

This year's JV girls basketball team can best be defined by the word "grit." The girls played hard from the tip-off of each game to the final horn, with many games decided by only one or two points. Whether it be from opposing coaches or officials, the girls earned respect for the Friends Academy basketball program throughout the season as a result of their resolve and perseverance.

Although sometimes intimidating to walk into a gym with a team of only 10 girls, the JV girls did not let that stop them, even winning a game at Valley Stream South with only five players! Whether it be playing "poison" at practice, talking about pets or working on shooting form, this group of girls always had fun which was evident in how they played as a team. "It has been a true pleasure to coach the team this year!" said Coach Jaclyn Mazur.

**2018 ROSTER:** Samantha Flores, Vanessa Foy, Emma Knopf, Jade Lewin, Madison Mack, Devishi Narula, Madison Poll, Elizabeth Schwab, Charlotte Semlies and Gretchen Waechter.



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Junior Samantha Paniccia pivots to dribble.



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Sophomore Abigail Regis sets her race pace.

### VARSITY WINTER TRACK: FIVE ATHLETES COMPETE AT STATE QUALIFIER

The Winter Track team braved another season of challenging weather conditions outdoors, cramped indoor facilities and late-night meets at St. Anthony's with a well-rounded group of 16 veterans and six new members of the team. "The team did a great job of staying positive and working hard to set new personal records and to come together to perform well in relays and end-of-season team competition," said Coach Franklin Thompson.

Despite having a small team, Friends Academy competed in nine running

events and four field events with notable performances in the sprints, jumps, and mid-distance events. The team had great opportunities to run at the Millrose Games qualifier at the Armory in the city and at the Yale High School Classic Invitational in Connecticut.

At the Conference 3 Championships the Boys team finished 9th and the Girls team finished 7th and the team earned nine medals. Ten athletes qualified for the Nassau County Class A Championships and they represented Friends well with five individuals and one relay team finishing in the top 10 overall. Five athletes from the team competed at the State Qualifier meet on Tuesday, February 13th.

**2018 ROSTER:** Grace Burrus, Avery Bystrom, Emma Deutsch, Karly Eberly, Jonathan Givre, Caroline Green, Laura Greene, Mary Hills, Bailey Hughes, Owen Ingrassia, Grace Lavin, Leah Loetman, Joseph Lostritto, Morgan McCartan, Alison Mosher, Natalia Pakh, Sophia Pavlakis, Vaness Quinland, Zachary Ragozino, S. Abigail Regis, Gail Saez-Hall, Jack Schamroth, Julia-Kate Schamroth, Farah Shikara, Matthew Storch and Stephen Zerilli.

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

##### CONFERENCE 3 CHAMPIONS –

MATT STORCH,  
AVERY BYSTROM, LEAH LOET-  
MAN, KARLY EBERLY, LAURA  
GREENE

**ALL-CONFERENCE –** GRACE  
BURRUS, MATT STORCH, AVERY  
BYSTROM, LAURA GREENE, LEAH  
LOETMAN, KARLY EBERLY



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### Varsity Squash: Despite Injuries, Team's Level of Play Stays High

The Friends Academy Squash Team season began in mid-November with a squad of (ten) co-ed players, several of whom were returning players from last year's team. The team went through two weeks of practices before playing their first match at the Poly Prep Invitational. The team did very well in the tournament, eventually winning the consolation bracket with a win over Rye HS in the finals.

Unfortunately a series of injuries to key players limited the Quakers' ability to fully compete in their league matches, but the level of play still remained high and the players competed very hard. "Although the won/lost record wasn't where it could have been, this was not indicative of how the healthy players competed," said Coach Gino Uterano.

"We would like to thank the senior players for their efforts this year and wish them well as they move on to college. We should have several returning players on next year's team and with the addition of some new players, our team should be very competitive again next year," said Uterano.

**2018 ROSTER:** James Araskog, Cristian, Angela Holloway, Charles Merrill, Jennie Miller, Thomas Mocerrea, Timothy Morgan, Lauren Nagel, Jared Rosenbaum and Philip von Stade.



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The Friends Academy Squash team



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The Friends Academy Cheerleading team engages the crowd at a basketball game.

### Varsity Cheerleading School Spirit Fuels Squad Bonds

This season has been quite an exciting one for the FA cheer squad. With a few bumps along the way, the team is proud of the progress it has made over the winter season. We were happy to welcome members from ninth through twelfth grade this year.

"Each girl entered the season with a positive attitude and a ton of school spirit – both key components of being a great cheerleader. The FA cheer team enjoyed cheering on the Varsity Boys Basketball team. As the season continued, the squad was able to learn new cheers and dance moves," said Alesandra Lipman.

"They were even able to incorporate a half time routine! The cheerleaders

brought a ton of school spirit to the games. The squad had a lot of fun incorporating the fans into the cheers this past season and using their energy to build upon ours," continued Lipman.

"The main goal of the 2018 cheer squad was to bond as a team. The girls really enjoyed getting to know one another during their team bonding time. Thank you to the team for their dedication! We hope to see new members join the team next year," finished Lipman.

**2018 ROSTER:** Skylar Brennan, Christine Capobianco, Adrienne Coleman, Jessie Glover, Trayon Grant, Halle Krypell, Alesandra Lipman, Lily Neissloss, Isabelle Rosen, Grace Sands and Shiva Ward.

### Varsity Ice Hockey: Success Through Unity

This year's Hockey season was a challenging one. Our team, comprised largely of underclassmen, was often playing against older and more skilled teams. The experience gained this year will pay off in the years to come as the hockey team found unity around the adversity facing them. Hockey is a sport that demands the players play for each other through parts of the game – this year, our team excelled in that department. We found success through unity, something that will help us grow the program tremendously. We look forward to next season.

– Coach Gunnar Esiason

**2018 ROSTER:** Carl Afzelius, Eric Afzelius, Andrew Becker, Alex Bergmann, Christian Cottone, William Cuddeback, Blaise DellaFera, Christopher Dillmeier, Luke Dillmeier, Michael Drosch, Theodore Grace, Andrew Hartog, Tyler Henry, Patrick Kenny, John May, Michael Mead, Thomas Robin, Ethan Sobel, Henry Statfeld and Michael Walrath.



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Freshman Patrick Kenny blocks his opponent.

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Teamwork brought players to the edge of success and beyond during the **Spring 2018 Sports season.**

Top row: Boys 8, Cristian Del Vecchio and Patrick Kavan. Middle: Sydney Kang, Matt Storch and Aaron Daniels; Bottom: Raquel Doscher, Jade Lewin and Pius Lo.



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# Boys Varsity Lax secures playoff spot

## BOYS VARSITY LACROSSE

### TEAM TAKES CARE

#### OF 'LITTLE THINGS,' PAVES WAY FOR BIG WINS

The Boys Varsity Lacrosse team had a successful season, meeting its goal of securing a playoff spot in the competitive C conference. The team ended conference play with a record of six wins and two losses and an overall record of 10-5.

The team played a competitive schedule facing five teams that ended up being among the top eight playoff teams in both the B1 and C1 conference.

The team motto of "win the day" stressed taking care of the daily little things that would help the team reach its overall goal of hard work and success on and off the field.

The team was made up of nine seniors, twelve juniors, one sophomore, and six freshmen who together formed a strong bond and developed into a team that Friends Academy can be proud of.

– Coach Bill Garry



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY  
Cal Stellato plays defense for the Quakers.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Mickey Wootten stops another one!

**2018 ROSTER:** Carl Afzelius, James Araskog, Ciaran Bardong, Luke Baskind, Morgan Bo, Alexander Campbell, Vincent Como, Christian Cottone, Blaise DellaFera, Christopher Dillmeier, Luke Dillmeier, Conor Dineen, Michael Drosch, Andrew Hartog, Jake Katz, Patrick Kavan, Patrick Kenny, Benjamin Lee, Edward Mangiarotti, Andrew Marsh, Nicholas Miller, Samuel Mufson, Edward Mullen, George Panagopoulos, Albert Panicia, Chandler Perry, Jonathan Sgaglione, Cal Stellato, Lucas Themelis, Michael Walrath and Mickey Wootten.

## INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN –  
ANDREW MARSH

ALL-COUNTY – ANDREW MARSH

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION –  
GEORGE PANAGOPOLOUS

ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE – GEORGE  
PANAGOPOLOUS, ALBERT PANNICIA,  
CAL STELLATO, PATRIACK KAVAN,  
ANDREW MARSH



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Members of the Varsity Boys Golf team.

ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

## Quakers secure state spot

### BOYS GOLF

#### DEL VECCHIO PROPELS TEAM TO RECORD FINISH WITH 13TH STATE RANKING

Having reached the apotheosis of what a high school golf team could do last season, it is perhaps an understatement to say 2018 FA boys golf team had nowhere to go but down. Rooting for last year's team was a bit like rooting for the house in a casino. We were almost certain to win in the long run. We were a dominant, looming, overdog. This year, we were a scrappy underdog, not even favored to win our five-team conference, let alone Nassau and Long Island.

But such qualitative language – “up,” “down,” “rising,” “falling” – has more to do with narratives or the marketplace than it does with something as complex as a group of eleven teenage athletes trying to figure out who and what they would be. So what was it we were? And with the season still left undone, what will we be in a few days time?

We were different – younger and older at the same time. The team was lead by its seniors, Cristian Del Vecchio, Erik Zetterstrom, Max Popper, and Michael

Manu. Against Jericho, Del Vecchio shot an eye-popping 3-under, 33 at Glen Oaks, site of a PGA tournament last summer. Younger players like Ethan Shalam, Liam Jachetta, Jack McCooley, and Teddy Grace all made big contributions to the team's 8-4 record. The team chemistry was our strongest suit – young players stepping up and kicking in; older players guiding and helping with wisdom and wit. Hard work and high character were our guides.

The team finished second to a very strong Manhasset team in the county tournament. Senior Cristian Del Vecchio finished 3rd overall with two rounds of 72 and 74, and qualified for the NY State Tournament, where he finished 13th for the second consecutive year.

The team thanks its seniors, its parents, the Athletic Department – Mr. Quack, Ms. Jones, and Ms. Muller – for their tireless work to support us on and off the course this spring.

– Coach Geoff Nelson

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-COUNTY** – CRISTIAN DEL VECCHIO,  
MAX POPPER, ERIK ZETTERSTROM

**ALL STATE** – CRISTIAN DEL VECCHIO

**2018 ROSTER:** Alex Bergmann, Cristian Del Vecchio, Tyler Fox, Thomas Gelfand, Theodore Grace, Liam Jachetta, Michael Manu, Jack McCooley, Maxwell Popper, Ethan Shalam and Erik Zetterstrom.



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Ethan Shalam chips on to the green.

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Juliette D'Aversa protects the cage.

### GIRLS VARSITY LACROSSE: PLAYOFF CONTENDERS

This year the Girls Varsity Lacrosse team was moved up to a higher conference following our successful 2017 season. Despite playing tougher competition, we were able to not only hold our own against these new teams, but do well enough to qualify for playoffs. Throughout the season we were able to improve not only our skills, but also bond on and off the field. Besides the overall success we had of making it to a post season, we also had a lot of individual achievements, such as having four players named All-Conference – congrats to Caroline Carrello, Ashleen Hughes, Sydney Kang, and Juliet D'Aversa!

We dedicated our season to a local 6th grade lacrosse player, who sadly lost her battle to cancer in March. Mary often came to camps and clinics at Friends and

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

**ALL-CONFERENCE** – ASHLEEN HUGHES,  
CAROLINE CARRELLO, JULIET D'AVERSA,  
SYDNEY KANG

**UNSUNG HERO** – MERIWETHER FLORENCE

**SCHOLAR ATHLETE** – MORGAN MCCARTAN



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Madison Poll drives hard to the cage.

always told Coach Vic that she hoped to come here someday. Mary reminded us of how lucky we are to have the opportunity to play as a team everyday.

We would like to say a final thank you to our seniors – Anna, Sophia, EJ, Morgan, and Krissy – for all of your hard work and dedication to our program. We also owe a big thank you to Mr. Quackenbush, Ms. Jones, and Mr. Rueger for everything you have done and continue to do for us! Go

Quakers!

We are looking forward to another great season in 2019.

– Coach Victoria Kotowski

**2018 ROSTER:** Lilly Brown, Caroline Carrello, Juliet D'Aversa, Meriwether Florence, Ashleen Hughes, Colette Hughes, Sydney Kang, Alexis Mack, Morgan McCartan, Katarina Mongiardo, Anna Pappas, Sophia Pavlakis, Madison Poll, Kristina Sanoulis, Charlotte Semlies, Parisa Vahid, Emily Jane Waechter, Gretchen Waechter



**VARSITY****GIRLS AND BOYS TRACK:****TEAM EARNS 28 MEDALS;  
GIRLS FINISH 2ND, BOYS 6TH  
IN DIVISION CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Despite having to endure consistently cold weather and rain that disrupted training and competition, the Boys and Girls 2018 track teams enjoyed a successful spring season. We were lucky to have eight senior girls on the team – their leadership was much appreciated. We were also fortunate to have 15 new team members.

The team competed in a very challenging Conference of large schools, but the athletes worked hard, stayed positive, and made consistent progress throughout the season. In regular season competition, the girls' team was 3rd in their Division and 8th in the Conference while the boys' team was 5th in their Division and 11th in the Conference. Individuals and relay teams set personal records and season best performances by jumping, running, and throwing to the best of their ability.

The team participated in four invitational meets and were awarded 28 medals for their competitive efforts. The girls traveled to Philadelphia to compete in the Penn Relays and ran their best times of the season in the 4 x 100m. relay and 4 x 400m. relay. Over 150 runners and walkers joined us to participate in the 7th annual memorial run and the team raised over \$2,300 for the Brian J. Hom Scholarship fund.

On May 17th we had a very successful night at the Division IIIB championships. The Girls team finished 2nd and the Boys team finished 6th. We had two individual Division Champions and one Championship relay, eight individuals earned All-Division honors and we brought home 26 medals. At the County Class AA Championships we had one County Champion and five athletes achieved All-County recognition. We are proud of this young team and have high hopes for the future.

– Coach Louisa Garry

**2018 ROSTER:** Emily Brown, Grace Burrus, Madison Daal, Samantha Damm, Karly Eberly, Caroline Green, Laura Greene, Mary Hills, Angela

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Senior Vanessa Quinland goes airborne and clears the hurdles.

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS****DIVISION CHAMPION**

1500M. - LAURA GREENE

400M. - EMMA KNOPF

400M. - LAURA GREENE

400M. - JULIE XIAN

400M. - CAROLINE GREEN

**ALL-DIVISION ATHLETES**

100M. DASH - NYAH THOMAS

100M. DASH - MATTHEW STORCH

GIRLS HIGH JUMP - NATALIA PAKH

400M. DASH - JACK DAVIS, EMMA KNOPF

800 M. RUN - LAURA GREENE, CAROLINE GREEN

200M. DASH - NYAH THOMAS

**ALL-COUNTY ATHLETES**

100M. DASH - MATTHEW STORCH

4 X 400M. RELAY - NYAH THOMAS, EMMAKNOPF, JULIE XIAN, CAROLINE GREEN 9

400 HURDLES - CAROLINE GREEN

Holloway, Ariel Kalimian, Emma Knopf, Kayla Koroma, Grace Lavin, Leah Loetman, Alison Mosher, Lauren Nagel, Gavin Park, Vanessa Quinland, S. Abigail Regis, Gail Saez-Hall, Nyah Thomas, Julie Xian, Victoria Zhu, Trayvon Alexander, Demarius

Coleman, Jack Davis, Jonathan Givre, Owen Ingrassia, David Kaler, Michael Kaler, Ian Kim, Joseph Lostritto, Aidan Lundy, Blake Nagel, Gavin Park, Zachary Ragozino, Jack Schamroth, Michael Sensale and Matthew Storch.

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Jared Toby drives a long one!

### VARSITY BASEBALL: SEASON FINISHES IN WINNING STREAK

*"The hardest thing to do in baseball is to hit a round ball with a round bat, squarely."*

— TED WILLIAMS

It was a great pleasure to work with the 2018 Varsity Baseball team. Our squad consisted of 14 dedicated and talented athletes. Although our season was impacted early on by the prolonged winter temperatures, our players were able to weather the storm and start the season off on the right foot, with a 3-1 record in our newly aligned conference. We were fortunate to

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL LEAGUE  
ALEX CARDEN

have had consistent pitching performances from Jared Toby, Joey Horne, Daniel Selby, Alex Carden, JJ Boose, and Dylan Skolnick.

Similarly, we had a lot of players contribute to our offensive success with timely hitting.

Junior Jared Toby was tied for second in our conference with two monstrous home runs. One of the most memorable aspects of our season was that we had many players contribute to the overall success of the team; there was always a new hero in each game. We finished the season with a record of 7-11, with a winning streak at the end, and losses that were close calls.

Our experiences this season have certainly helped to shape our team, and to ready us for next year. We were also lucky to have had the opportunity to play one of our games at the LI Ducks stadium, which was another amazing experience that we will all remember for years to come.

We want to acknowledge our senior captain Andrew Becker, for his four-year commitment to our program, and thank him for his leadership over the years. Beck was a selfless player, who always had the team's best interest in mind. He will be sorely missed and impossible to replace.

We would also like to give a shout out to Mrs. Jones in the athletic office for all of her tireless efforts to support our program. A special thank you also goes to our Athletic trainer, Beth Muller, for always keeping us healthy and limber. Finally, great gratitude goes the maintenance staff for always keeping our field in tip top shape.

We look forward to the 2019 season, during which we have some unfinished business to which to attend.

— Coach Mike Damm

**2018 ROSTER:** Andrew Becker, Javont Boose, Alexander Carden, Wilhelm Daal, Aaron Daniels, Joseph Horne, Spencer Kriegstein, Ryley McEvoy, Samuel Rotberg, Daniel Selby, Dylan Skolnick, Jared Toby, Justin Toby, Jack Towse and Jared Zelman.

### GIRLS SOFTBALL: BACK-TO-BACK CONFERENCE WINS

The Friends Academy Softball team had a successful season on and off the field. From the beginning, the team overcame many obstacles including cold weather, low numbers, and a very busy game schedule. The girls took all this in stride and brought their determination and enthusiasm to every single practice and game. The team quickly connected on-and-off the field which in turn, helped each player develop their skills and the team strive towards success.

The team carried themselves with class and treated all opponents with the utmost respect no matter what the score was. After many close, back-and-forth games, the girls ended the season with four back-to-back conference wins, which included a huge 19-7 victory on Spring Sports BBQ day. The spirit and drive to succeed continue throughout the season and each and every player should be incredibly proud of themselves and of their team.

— Coach Amanda Haughney

**2018 ROSTER:** Vimala Alagappan, Yusra Azaz, Jocelyn Cedeno, Jessica de la Bastide, Raquel Doscher, Eve Fine, Ella Fitzhugh, Kyla Graham, Kassandra Homayuni, Kyleigh Mitchell, Amberlin Mott, Madeline Scanlon and Sherry Yang.



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Senior Amberlin Mott releases a pitch from the hill.



### GIRLS GOLF: BOUND FOR STATES, 2ND YEAR IN A ROW

The Girls Varsity Golf team had a very successful season. The team was able to bond during practices and matches and became a very close knit group. The team was made up of mostly underclassmen and younger players, taking on new and unexpected challenges and doing so with grace and dignity.

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL COUNTY  
SERENA BIONDI

The girls saw huge improvements in their swings and scores from the beginning to the end of the season with some of our younger players stepping up and coming in with much lower scores than they had expected to shoot this year. Despite some very tough conditions, with bad weather frequently delaying our matches and making it tough to shoot low, the girls powered through and became both better golfers while increasing their mental stamina.

Serena Biondi advanced to the state tournament for the second consecutive year, after finishing 7th overall from a field of 50 girls in Nassau County. Serena entered the round in 10th place.

— Coach Gail Baker

**2018 ROSTER:** Erina Bardong, Serena Biondi, Mary Elizabeth Classi, Angelica Del Vecchio, Mary Elizabeth Droesch, Jade Lewin, Olivia Lizza, Julia Satovsky and Riya Subbaiah.



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Junior Olivia Lizza lines up her putt.

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Alexander Roti and Samir Singh bring home the hardware after finishing second in doubles in the county tournament.

### BOYS VARSITY TENNIS: DOUBLES TEAM QUALIFIES FOR STATES

The Boys Varsity Tennis season began on March 12th with a large contingent of new players joining the remaining players from last year's team. We held a spirited week of tryouts and challenge matches to determine player positions for the start of match play at the end of the month.

After completing our challenge matches the team was run through a week of strenuous strength and conditioning workouts/practice drills and match-play simulation. Despite dealing with some very difficult weather conditions the entire spring that hindered our ability to practice and play outdoors, the team managed to get a significant amount of workout time in before our first team match.

The team comprised many first year players and a handful of returning players, who competed hard in our team matches, and despite some of our players not having a great deal of match play experience, the team represented the school very well. The

#### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY HONORS  
ALEXANDER ROTI, SAMIR SINGH

players put forth a strong effort each and every match and managed to record a very respectable record of eight (8) wins and six (6) losses. Our captains provided terrific leadership and helped keep the team prepared and focused each week and for that they deserve many thanks from the coaching staff.

We wish our seniors all the best as they prepare for college in the Fall and we look forward to working with our returning players next year.

— Coach Gino Uterano

**2018 ROSTER:** Derek Chiang, John Donohue, William Duke, Nickolas Hoffman, Billy Lawrence, Pius Lo, Spencer Login, Miles Miller, Timothy Morgan, Alexander Roti, Matthew Sgaglione, Samir Singh, William Stein, Philip von Stade, Brian Wang, Max Wang, Edward Zuckerbrot and Managers Charles Andolina and Ally Zucker.

## FA 2018 SPRING SPORTS

# Quakers row to championship finish

## Varsity Crew: ROWERS EARN BRONZE AND GOLD

Our rowing team set the bar high with six races on the calendar this season.

All team members participated in a variety of races including everything from individual boats, the single scull, to team events such as the quadruple scull, and the premier event in rowing, the Eight Oared Shell. The season was highlighted by our achievements at the New York State Championships in Saratoga Springs. Friends Academy rowers raced in 13 different events with eight advancing to the grand finals.

The Novice Mens Eight crew including

AJ Hoyt and Henry Schoffel raced to an impressive Bronze medal while the Novice Women's Eight coxed by Jeanne Rauff took the Gold Medal claiming the State Championship.

These impressive performances by our Novice crews shows tremendous promise for the future oarsmen & women at Friends Academy.

This spring, three varsity members of our crew participated at the largest high school boat race in the world. Competing amongst over 6,500 athletes, William Richter raced the single scull while Effie Karageorgiou & Paige Lind raced the lightweight women's double to an impressive

12th place.

Congratulations to all Friends Academy athletes on their accomplishments this season!

Without having any seniors from Friends Academy in our young squad we look forward to an even more successful season next year!

**2018 ROSTER:** Sajid Aziz, Ella Barry, Jasmine Carnevale, Amelia Crowley, Isabella DiMeo, William Durban, Sammay Ghooi, Nathaniel Goldman, Vikram Gupta, Andrew Hoyt, Henry Jervis, Griffyn Kang, Efimia Karageorgiou, Paige Lind, Jeanne Marie Rauff, William Richter, Henry Schoeffel and Robert Ward.

– Coach Jason Moskovitz



Varsity Girls Crew sit ready.

ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY



### **GIRLS JV LACROSSE: ONE GAME SHY OF AN EXCEPTIONAL, UNDEFEATED SEASON**

I have been coaching lacrosse for years, at every level, but this season was unlike any other. Our program finally had enough girls to make two teams – a JV and Varsity – and initially it was just myself at the helm of this JV voyage, but fortunately Coach Badolato, jumped aboard just before our first game.

Our season opener was on March 26th with a 17-3 win against Floral Park. From then on, it was nothing but victories for our JV team.

The team was on a roll. We started to realize how talented we actually were, so as a team, we all agreed that an undefeated season was in our grasp. As the season continued, we were winning games by 10 or more, until our game against Mephram, our second to last game of the season. It began bad and ended bad.

We lost 6-11 and our goal of an undefeated season was over. As a team, we talked about the lessons they learned, and what could have been done or what they could have done differently. We emphasized that you lose and learn.

We quickly swept that game under the rug and finished our season off with a very memorable win, a shutout win. We played Clarke and won 12-0 finishing our season 7-1.

Congratulations to all our players for an exceptional season!

– Coach Rachel Dooley

**2018 ROSTER:** Olivia Bragoli, Avery Bystrom, Adrienne Coleman, Lilah Donnelly, Kathryn Grace Foley, Katrina Hunt, Charlie Kliger, Halle Krypella, Margaret Leonard, Madison Mack, Lauren Pasquale, Lola Piuggi, Hannah Popper, Isabelle Rosen, Charlotte Russell, Riley Schultz, Elizabeth Schwab, Eva Scott and Carleigh Zelman.

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### **BOYS JV LACROSSE SEASON PREPARES PLAYERS FOR VARSITY PLAY**

The Boys Junior Varsity Lacrosse team did an amazing job this season. It is an impressive feat when a team can do the most with the least, and that was the motto for the team. With a small squad this year the team had to make sure to work as hard as possible in practice each day as if it were a game. Each player had to learn not just their roles but the roles of others in case the time came for them to help out.

There were some impressive wins against Lawrence and Oyster Bay and while it's easy to revel in the glory of a win, these boys kept their focus each day. There

were also some tough losses where the team pushed themselves to the last minute. In those losses these boys kept their heads high and took it as a learning experience that they never wanted to experience again. Part of the Junior Varsity program is to prepare the students to be able to play Varsity in the coming years. The work ethic, perseverance, and passion for the sport made it an honor to coach these athletes and I look forward to what they can do for the program in the future.

– Coach Patrick Maguire

**2018 ROSTER:** Eric Afzelius, William Cuddeback, Jake Damm, Laurence Denihan, Alexander Douglas, Robert Grella, Max Kahane, May John, Michael Mead, Peter Panacciulli, Thomas Robin, George Sanoulis, Cullen Steel, Luke Stellato and Connor Sweeney.



Alexander Douglas looks for an opening.

ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

# FAREWELL...WE WILL MISS YOU!



Friends Academy celebrated the retirement of eight faculty and staff – from left, Marge Bevad, Steve Hefe, Martha Regelmann, Marshall Lindner, Mary Alice Kolodner, Judi Upright, Herb Lape and Ken Austin.

## KEN AUSTIN – 43 YEARS

Ken has served Friends Academy for 43 years! He began his career here in 1975, teaching all grades in the middle school. Mr. Austin served as a coach for many sports at the middle and JV level. He advised/developed the MS Natural Helpers program, and served as the Convener of the MS English program. The epitome of “cool” Mr. Austin was known for his Low-key, easy going style. Mr. Austin was awarded the Fahey Master Teacher Award in 2008. It is interesting, there is always a reference in his end of year letters of an interest in pursuing writing outside of teaching. We look forward to reading your novel, Mr. Austin.

## MARGE BEVAD – 22 YEARS

During her career, Marge taught all levels of French, has served as a key member of the College Counseling team for 19 years and has built and led the GSS program. Under her leadership, the GSS platform was created and new courses were born. This signature program has opened the door to new ways of thinking about teaching and learning. We thank you for

your pioneering spirit and the generosity with which you approach all you meet and in all your work. We will miss Madame Bevad.

## STEVE HEFELE – 33 YEARS

Steve Hefe began his career here thirty-three years ago, in 1985. He taught health in all divisions, coached football, basketball and softball at both the middle and upper school levels and served as an Upper School advisor. The boys varsity basketball team were state champions in 2011. Steve brings integrity and strong character to each game and he earned the 2017 Fred Smith Memorial Coaching Award in honor of his dedication to his craft.



Well-wisher keepsake boxes were on hand for each of the retirees.



## MARY ALICE KOLODNER – 25 YEARS

Mary Alice began her career at Friends in 1993 teaching MS Science, moved into the US where she taught biology, marine biology and where she started the science research program. She shaped a Science Research program in which students brought their work to competitions earning accolades and recognition. She earned an administrative degree at Columbia University and spent the next 14 years in her role as Dean of Faculty. Many of her initiatives have endured over the years including the formation of TLC21 committees: Global Studies, Environmental Sustainability and much more. Her impact at Friends Academy has been deep, and will be long lasting.

## HERB LAPE – 35 YEARS

Herb has served Friends Academy for 35 years beginning his career in 1983; Herb taught United States History with his unique humor and passion. He also served as Coordinator of Community Service, on TASQUE, taught Quakerism, and was chair of the religion/ethics dept.

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## FACULTY CELEBRATIONS &amp; MILESTONES



Friends, family and colleagues – new and veteran – gathered to mark the combined retirement of eight Friends Academy revered faculty and staff. We will miss you and wish you the best in your new chapters!





## FACULTY CELEBRATIONS &amp; MILESTONES



Herb also served as advisor of the WATCH committee, and was involved in the Student Faculty Board. More recently he launched a civil discourse initiative for students to help discuss political issues in a more civil manner. Herb is also known for his commitment to his better half and dance partner, Rene. We'll miss her, too.

**MARSHALL LINDNER – 35 YEARS**

Described as a Friends Academy legend, we say so long to Marshall Lindner after 35 years at Friends Academy. An enthusiastic US History teacher, Marshall will be remembered not only for his time in the classroom but also on the soccer field and baseball diamond. Mr. Lindner coached four state championship teams – 2009, 2010, 2013 in boys varsity soccer and 2004 in baseball. He and his wife Margaret will have more time now to enjoy their beautiful grandchildren. We'll miss you.

**MARTHA REGELMANN – 26 YEARS**

Starting 26 years ago, Martha began to revive the choral music program here at Friends Academy. From that time to this, Martha has worked tirelessly to develop our Music Program. Every music teacher she has worked with has acknowledged her superb musicianship. Alumni from all the way back to her early years remember her with fondness. And countless of our students thank her for helping them find their voice.

**JUDI UPRIGHT – 35 YEARS**

Judi has been a loyal, kid favorite among the faculty and staff for 35 years. What some of you may not know is that Judi started at Friends working in the Development office as the Assistant to the Director of Development. She later on moved into the Upper School working for Mr. Baskind where she has managed to keep him in line AND take the US student attendance every day! Beyond that, Judi keeps us laughing. Her quick wit brightened many a day for us and we will surely miss you. Judi, thank you for your service to Friends. Your table in the Commons is always ready!



On Saturday, May 13, 2017, former Upper School Spanish teacher,



who passed away two days later.

**Trisha Baca**, married Robert J. Romano, Esq. of Derby, Connecticut. She and Robert wed at Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital accompanied by 20 of their closest family and friends, along with her father, Patricio,

**FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Double summer honors head to Middle and Upper School Theater



teacher **ANDREW GEHA** – his original musical, which was performed in the winter of 2016, *Standing in the Current* was one of the 2018 winners of the American Alliance for Theatre and Education's Unpublished Play Reading Awards. A portion of it was shared at the national conference in Minneapolis back in August. Andrew's original Middle School play, *In Dreams, I Am Invincible* has won the Aurand Harris Memorial Playwriting Award, given by the New England Theatre Conference. There will be a staged reading, reception and awards ceremony on October 14th in Connecticut.

Director of College Counseling

**EDWARD DUGGER** has been nominated to serve on the Bentley University Counselor Advisory Board and as a founding member of the Counselor Advisory Board for Washington University in St. Louis. The Advisory Boards help students successfully navigate the college search and decision-making process.



The Academy for Teachers selected



Upper School English teacher **JOSEPH HERCEG** to attend "Frankenstein: The Monster in the Library," an Academy for

Teachers master class led by University of London professor John Tresch on Wednesday, October 24th, at The Morgan Library & Museum.

Director of Finance, Operations and Strategic Projects **ANN MARIE**

**TIDONA** has been elected to the Na-



tional Business Officers Association. NBOA is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to advancing business excellence in independent schools.



# from the president

PETER STEIN '79

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As we turn the corner on yet another wonderful Homecoming this year (celebrating the classes of 1968, 1973, 1983, 1993, 1998, 2008 and 2013), we look back on the highlights of Homecoming 2017. A beautiful afternoon was highlighted by the spirited 50th year reunion class of 1967, who certainly enjoyed their reunion and visit to the beautiful FA campus. They capped off their wonderful weekend of celebration with a dinner on Saturday night at the Basil Leaf Cafe in Locust Valley. The classes of 1972, 1982, 1992, 1997, 2007 and 2012 also held special events in celebration. Check out their photos on pages 72-75!

The Fall of 2017 also featured the second annual alumni soccer game at FA. A fast-paced game followed by a delicious lunch saw former FA soccer players demonstrate they still have game! Marshall Linder, long-time FA soccer coach, helped organize this great event. Marshall retired in June ending a 35-year career at FA, where he won numerous games, and state Soccer and Baseball Championships. He will be deeply missed, but another alumni game is being planned for the fall of 2018.

This issue of *The Meeting House* features two of our alumni who are civic minded and truly making a difference. On page 62, read about Courtney Devon Taylor, '01 a Philadelphia attorney who seems to find time for many incredible activities. Courtney, a FA Alumni Association Board member, has spent a great deal of effort helping Directions for Our Youth, Inc., a nonprofit community-based youth development organization, thrive. She is completing a five-year term as Chairman

of the Board of the Directors and has lead the organization through significant changes as it provides quality out-of-school programming in underserved areas of the Bronx and Manhattan. Suzanne D'Addario Brouder, '90 is another FA alumni that makes us all proud! Her story, on page 64, tells of her becoming the Executive Director of The D'Addario Foundation. This organization funds nonprofit music programs in communities and public schools. Suzanne's commitment to music education has helped the foundation help over 200,000 students a year. Both Courtney and Suzanne credit Friends Academy with instilling the values in them that have helped them be so civic minded and successful.

This past spring and summer we launched a new group called the Parents of Alumni Association. The connections to Friends won't end when your last child graduates – POAA makes you that promise! Please see the adjacent page for details.

Lastly, as Alumni, we too must join in the numerous accolades that have been given to this year's retiring teachers and staff. I do not believe that FA has ever seen such a large contingent of legends retire at the same time.

With over 254 years of service to Friends, the school, its community and, especially, its alumni bid a very fond farewell to Ken Austin, Marge Bevad, Steve Hefe, Mary Alice Kolodner, Herb Lape, Marshall Lindner, Martha Regelmann and Judi Upright. We thank them for all they have taught us both inside and outside the classroom and wish them "Happy Trails" in their retirements!



**PETER STEIN '79,  
FRIENDS ACADEMY  
ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION  
PRESIDENT**

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# Community Heart



*Alumna uses legal expertise to tackle community issues and give back*

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By HAYLEY KUCICH '03

Courtney Devon Taylor grew up in Westbury and remembers that her mother, Director of Operations of the New York State Liquidation Bureau, and her father, Chief of Department of the New York City Department of Corrections, always made Courtney their priority. She attended Friends Academy for the Upper School and graduated in 2001.

While at Friends, Courtney played Varsity Basketball her freshman and sophomore years, and rowed her junior and senior years. She participated in other sports too, but basketball and crew

were her primary sports. Courtney was also a member of the Girls Quad that won the New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships in 2001 in Saratoga, NY.

In addition to sports, Courtney participated in the French Club all four years of high school, becoming the President in her senior year. After school, Courtney continued to stay involved with FA through the Summerbridge Saturday School Program. For two to three years, she was a volunteer teacher for the Summerbridge program and as a senior, Court-



Courtney Devon Taylor from the 2001 Lamp yearbook.

## COURTNEY DEVON TAYLOR '01: COMMUNITY HEART

ney built her Independent Study Project around raising money for the program.

Courtney participated in FA's first-ever French trip, roughly 10 days in France. "Going to France with Madame Bevad and the other teachers is one of my fondest memories from high school. I had traveled internationally many times before, but that was my first time to Europe. The trip piqued my interest in the arts and history. It helped me to better understand the relevance of what I was studying in school. Afterwards, art and history became major interests of mine."

### Building her legal foundation

After graduating from Friends in 2001, Courtney attended Wesleyan University, where she majored in Government and became not only a Member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., but also president of her local undergraduate chapter during her senior year. In addition, she joined Wesleyan's Student Judicial Board during her junior and senior years, serving as co-chair during her senior year. In that role, she worked with the University's administration to consider alleged violations of the Student Code of Conduct and, where appropriate, recommend sanctions. As House Manager of Wesleyan's African American Studies House (Malcolm X House) during her junior year, she spearheaded many campus cultural programs.

After graduating in 2005, Courtney attended law school immediately and graduated from Emory University School of Law with honors in 2008. While at Emory, she was named a Kessler-Eidson Trial Techniques Scholar, a distinction awarded to the female student who demonstrates the most promise in trial advocacy as determined by lawyers and judges from the National Institute for Trial Advocacy. Upon graduation, she received the American Law Institute-American Bar Association Scholarship and Leadership Award – awarded to the student with the best combination of academic and leadership skills.

During her third year of law school, Courtney was appointed National Director of the College Student Division of the

National Black Law Students Association, the largest student-run 501(c)(3) in the country. In that role, Courtney led the organization's pre-law initiatives and organized law camps for undergraduates throughout the country. "I've been a lawyer my entire professional career. I was a lawyer in NYC for seven years. Now I practice at a Philadelphia-based law firm, Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP. At Schnader, I am counsel in the litigation department. Also, I am vice-chair of the firm's securities litigation practice group."

### Giving back

When Courtney is not practicing law, she stays connected to FA through her participation on the Friends Academy Alumni Association Board, on which she has served for about five years. Outside of the FA community, Courtney devotes her time to Directions for Our Youth, Inc. "Since 2011, I have served on the Board of Directors of Directions for Our Youth, Inc. (DFOY), a nonprofit community-based youth development organization that provides quality out-of-school programming in underserved areas of the Bronx and Manhattan for children in grades K-12. In 2014, I was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Since then, I have spearheaded a turnaround and stabilization of the underperforming agency's fiscal and administrative operations. I have led the hiring process of a new Executive Director and executive leadership team, led the revamping of the agency's fiscal operations, facilitated improvements to student programs, and liaised with various government entities and policy-makers. Furthermore, during my time on the board, I have planned four fundraisers and personally raised over \$80,000 for the agency. The organization has used these funds to provide its participants with quality programs, such as field trips to Wash-

ington, D.C. to visit the National Museum of African-American History & Culture. I am entering the final year of my Chairmanship, after which time the turnaround will be complete. I consider the successful turnaround of the agency one of my largest professional accomplishments to date."

Courtney embraces the FA motto of "Kind Hearts, Strong Minds." She notes, "I

look for the good in everyone, and I try to be kind to all. I believe that everyone has talent and can contribute to the greater good in some way. Definitely this is something that I learned during my time at FA. I possess an unwavering commitment to community service and I am very civic-minded. I am community-driven, even when it is not convenient, and even when the stresses of not-for-profit work are more consum-

ing than my actual job. DFOY is a great example of that."

### Distinctive recognition

Courtney Devon Taylor was recently named "Rising Star" on *Philadelphia Business Journal's* list of 2017 "Women of Distinction." She has embraced her career and has furthered it by taking on community causes to better the greater good. From her childhood in Westbury, to her well-rounded education at Friends Academy, where faculty like Madame Bevad, Mrs. Clark, and Mr. Dugger influenced her so greatly, she carries the Quaker spirit of enriching the lives around her wherever she goes. On a fun note, Courtney became the new owner of a row home in the historic Washington Square neighborhood of Philadelphia. "My current hobby is decorating the home in a manner that is honest to the time period. I moved to Philadelphia to be close to my parents because they now live in southern New Jersey, so Philadelphia is only 20 minutes away!" We are expecting an invite anytime soon, Courtney!

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SUZANNE D'ADDARIO BROUDER '90

# Music Matters

An alumna leaves home, but ventures back to bring music education and opportunities to those who need it most.

## SUZANNE D'ADDARIO BROUDER '90: MUSIC MATTERS

BY ELIZABETH SIRIUS WINCHESTER '91

**W**hen Suzanne D'Addario Brouder graduated from Friends Academy in 1990, she left for Miami University in Ohio and never returned to the East Coast. Settling in Chicago after college, Suzanne did not immediately seek out work opportunities with her family's business – the Farmingdale-based D'Addario & Co., the world's largest manufacturer of guitar strings and instrument accessories. She embarked on a career in fashion as a buyer for a national retailer and started her own grassroots organic beauty products business. She then began to dabble in philanthropy as a board member for music education nonprofits, including the D'Addario Foundation.

The D'Addario Foundation funds nonprofit music programs in communities and public schools. Suzanne became inspired by the Foundation's mission, and was appointed executive director about eight years ago. She feels the Foundation's work is important for several reasons.

"Making it possible for kids to study music is an essential element of education and we want to support programs that give a child that opportunity through as many stages of his or her education as possible," Suzanne says. "We actively support the efforts by innovative, independent not-for-profits bringing immersive (multiple days per week), quality music instruction back into underserved communities. There is a strong need in this country and beyond as schools, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, are devoid of music curricu-



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– SUZANNE D'ADDARIO BROUDER



lum. As grant-makers, our programs are designed very intentionally to use music as a tool to enhance cognitive function and literacy development and reduce truancy and remediation for at-risk kids."

Since 1981, the D'Addario Foundation has supported about 700 programs in 47 states and 54 countries. In 2017, the foundation awarded financial support to 30 programs in and around New York City, including the Henry Viscardi School in Searingtown and the Corona Youth Music Project in Queens.

A highlight for Suzanne and the Foundation is D'Addario's Long Island Lesson Program. The Foundation, working with the nonprofit Harmony Program, started the Long Island Lesson Program in 2013 for kids in grades 3-6 in the Copiague Public School District, where the majority of D'Addario & Co employees' children attend school. The district had not had a string program in over 30 years. "One of the primary reasons for establishing this program in our backyard was to directly experience and understand the many challenges our grantees face in execution. The insight we obtain makes us better grant-makers and more attuned to the attributes needed to drive a great success and manage an impactful program," Suzanne explains.

Students selected to participate in the program receive up to eight hours of afterschool strings instruction each week. Last summer, students took part in a six-



Suzanne D'Addario from the 1990 Lamp yearbook.

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## Education through Music

The D'Addario Foundation supports a few hundred programs; here is a sampling:

Education through Music: [etmonline.org](http://etmonline.org)

Corona Youth Music Project: [nucleocorona.org/Corona\\_Youth\\_Music\\_Project/Home.html](http://nucleocorona.org/Corona_Youth_Music_Project/Home.html)

Harmony Project: [harmony-project.org](http://harmony-project.org)

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Notes for Notes: [notesfornotes.org](http://notesfornotes.org)

Lead Guitar: [leadguitar.org](http://leadguitar.org)

El Sistema Kenya: [elsistemakenya.org](http://elsistemakenya.org)



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The Long Island Lesson Program allows selected students to receive up to eight hours of afterschool strings instruction a week.

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week intensive full-day training in New York City. The program also includes a Saturday orchestra intensive in New York City provided by the Harmony Program that includes a full-day workshop with members of the New York Philharmonic.

"Many of the students that started with us are now in middle school and have grown not only in their development as musicians but as productive, engaging, excelling students," Suzanne reports. These findings are aligned with research studies, which conclude that students of low socio-economic status with intensive arts involvement are five times more likely to graduate high school, earn better grades and demonstrate higher rates of college

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enrollment. "Through immersive music training, we can help offset the negative impact of poverty on a child's brain function, behavior and academic achievement."

The D'Addario Foundation also presents concerts throughout the year. The foundation hosted its first-ever performance benefit at the BRIC Arts and Media Space in Brooklyn in September 2016, with musical guests Jackson Browne, Karen O. of the *Yeah, Yeah, Yeah's*, Lucius and Blake Mills, raising \$160,000. "We are planning another performance event in 2018 to raise visibility for the need to support music education in New York and beyond," says Suzanne. In March, the Foundation will host classical guitar performance events in New York City and San Francisco. "The

## SUZANNE D'ADDARIO BROUDER '90: MUSIC MATTERS



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purpose is to provide performance opportunities to some of the most talented young artists in the world.” Visit [daddariofoundation.org/performance-series](http://daddariofoundation.org/performance-series) for details.

Suzanne’s FA classmate Josh Lohrius is on the foundation’s board. Suzanne says some of her earliest memories when she started at FA in seventh grade are with Josh. “I remember him introducing me to Black Sabbath on a field trip school bus,” Suzanne recalls. Josh is a musician and successful creative director, who like Suzanne, also lives in Chicago. “As the D’Addario Foundation began to actively build our board of directors, it was our desire to engage very dynamic, creative individuals who were passionate about our cause. Josh fit the bill perfectly and has been an immeasurable gift with his encouragement and uniquely creative perspective.”

Some of Suzanne’s earliest memories of school music involve Josh Lohrius’ mother, Linda Lohrius, who worked as the school’s music teacher from 1984 to 1992. “I loved everything about her – her smile, her artistic energy and her enthusiasm,” says Suzanne. Suzanne also participated in FA’s school orchestra, playing the violin,

and sang in the choir through upper school. At home, she took private piano lessons and still plays today. She took up guitar after moving to Chicago. “Having

graduated from FA, I feel blessed to have had exposure to an incredibly well-rounded education and a strong sense of community.”

Suzanne says she is “emotionally driven by the power and beauty of music.” Her mother was a talented pianist; raising three boys with her husband, she has “begun to appreciate the meditative qualities of playing an instrument in a very loud household!” Professionally, she seeks to have “music and the arts at the forefront of every child’s well-rounded education and used as a powerful tool to unlock creativity, encourage mentorship by giving back and making the world a more peaceful and equitable place.”

The D’Addario Foundation serves about 200,000 children annually but 40% of partner programs have waiting lists of students they are not able to accommodate. Support for the foundation is essential to help serve more children. 100% of every dollar raised goes directly to supporting partner programs. Visit [www.daddariofoundation.org](http://www.daddariofoundation.org) for information.



The D’Addario Foundation supports several concerts throughout the year to raise visibility for the need to support music education in New York and beyond.



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**Fay Biggins** writes: "Surprise! Hopefully I can get this to you. If you have seen the movie *A Walk in the Woods* with Robert Redford and Nick Nolte you'll know what I am talking about. I am doing one more year as President of the hospital auxiliary. Then I will slow down. My vice-president and I have started a few projects that need to be finished. Then it will be someone else's turn. At least it keeps the brain active. My daughter Nancy is doing very well with her copper hummingbird feeders and is planning to get into larger production in Arizona. So that means that I will have to move to Arizona within the next few years to be with her. Physically, I am keeping ahead of arthritis and neuropathy with physical therapy but I know sooner or later it will catch up with me. So life moves on. At least for now the grass doesn't grow under my feet. **Wendy Murphy** reports: "Still living a fairly normal life here in Kent and on our tiny primitive island in Maine, though Jack's Parkinson's Disease does limit mobility somewhat of late. I'm still writing several hours a day, finding the idea of retirement entirely peculiar. My most interesting project right now is researching and developing a comprehensive view of working dogs through the ages and how various canine types are 'wired' and trained to achieve their

extraordinary services to humankind, from scent and sight hunting dogs and sled dogs to search and rescue dogs, war dogs, diagnostic dogs, police and drug detection dogs, seeing eye and companion dogs to autistic kids and PTSD victims. I hope to submit the proposal to publishers before the end of the year if I can just keep from other distractions. Also very involved in conservation and open space preservation – goals happily shared with virtually all the towns in Connecticut's northwest corner. News from **Valerie and Laurie Castleman**: "We are going to be moving to a retirement community hopefully by year-end. It is 20 minutes from our present home, so we will still be relatively close to our son John and his family. Our seven grandchildren are progressing through school, three in college this year. Caroline just finished nine months in India and starts Princeton next month. I really enjoyed seeing the photo of the young girls in our class, I guess taken at a party at Heather's home. **Donn Andre '54** is alive and well living at a retirement community near his younger son outside Boston and winters in Florida at The Villages." **Connie and Bob Wilkinson** note: "We spent the winter in our AZ home, returning to Port Ludlow in May. Later that month we took our granddaughter to Branson and to see our farmland in KS. Natalie is starting her Master's degree study at Princeton later this summer with a full scholarship. Her little sister Alyson will be starting at Bridgewater College in VA with a full scholarship, I attended her graduation in Williamsburg in June. And another granddaughter, Alex, will be entering Brown. We are enjoying a beautiful summer in Port Ludlow... tennis, pickle-ball, bridge and book clubs. No big trips planned at the present moment." **Connie Miller** reports: "After my hip replacement last year, I've started to play golf again this summer; however, lost a lot of distance, and am playing like a beginner! At least I'm out there giving it a go. My two grandkids, Lindsay, nine, and Collin, six, are doing fine. Their dad and mom, Stu and Sue, live right around the corner from me, so I get to see them quite a lot. I'm in a bridge game two to three times a week, and still go up to the bank and have lunch with my former employee buddies once a week. So far life is good, and I guess we're all lucky to still be on the right side of the grass." **Terry Scheetz** replied: "As a former Long Islander, I am glad to know about Walt Whitman and the meaning of Paumanok, guessing it is an Indian name. We are enjoying being back in Pittsburgh for the warm weather months. Ted still goes to the office several days a week. I am helping with fundraising for our local nature center. We are celebrating our 100th anniversary as an Audubon Nature



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Center. Children and grands from east and west have come for overlapping visits so all the cousins can get together. The oldest heads off to college. We are planning a 60th wedding trip in September to London and Sicily where maybe I get to use some Italian." **Ann Galbraith Hayward** writes: "I moved to Petaluma at the request of my daughter, Donna, who lives in a new manufactured home while I am waiting for senior affordable housing. Unfortunately, the waiting lists are two to five years and most of the area needs more housing. I am still working part-time at a very posh retirement home in Marin County as well as a new job at my favorite store, Talbots. Talbots has opened a new store in the Outlet in Petaluma and the store is fun to work there, as well as the clothes are always great, and as an employee we get 50% off the prices! My daughter, Donna, is still loving her work as a medical assistant. My granddaughter, Kristina, has just opened a new specialized gym with her partner who does preparation of food for the individual who works out in their gym and wants very tasty food prepared by a 'real chef.' I miss our 'great class of 1952' at FA. Many thanks, Margaret, for being the 'longest class rep in FA history!'" **Heather Poetzsch** reports: "We were on Long Island this summer to visit Joachim's brother, our niece and nephew and great nieces on his

side. Everything has changed so much. The traffic getting there from the bridges and on the island itself is massive. Either they don't like Vermont plates or are always in a hurry, it's treacherous driving. In any event, we passed and drove through FA, but it was a Sunday and couldn't get in. It certainly is not the school I remember. It is massive with so many buildings, etc. etc. I guess many of you have seen it. The last time I was in the school was for our 50th. We both are well, other than minor aches and pains and we are trying to keep active. I became a great great aunt and Joachim a great great uncle this summer to the most beautiful great great niece in the WHOLE WORLD!! Her name is Quinn. So we were in Hyde Park, NY for that celebration and expect to go back pretty soon." From **Margaret Shiels**: "The Shiels family is pleased to be in good shape. Granddaughter Sara is teaching in McGregor, Texas, and working on her Master's in counseling as well as coaching volleyball. Sara's brother Andrew is with a bio-medical firm in San Antonio. Kate is in Boston and Cameron is in college in Arkansas. We are going to 'Family Weekend' with son Frank. I am still active in the Friends of the Library here in Kaufman and in the Monday Book Club of the Woman's Club in Fort Worth. I received an e-mail from **Jerry Lester '53** after seeing the photo of the FA

girls that Heather sent. Pictures are important. Send more! If you need a suggestion for a gift for the person who has everything, my daughter Heather gave her husband a drone for his birthday! We hope they will bring it to the farm so that we can all play with it. Sadly, **Dick Schulze** emailed that in March his sister Betsy Schulze Luther had a massive stroke and passed away. We send our best to Dick."

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**Sandy Abramson** is well and still living at his home in South Huntington. **Doris Atwater Bouwensc** is well and still actively gardens around her retirement village. Recently she enjoyed a visit to the Harvard Art Museum. **Stephanie Giardino Dobrinin's** great granddaughter Grace, born 4 Sept. 2016, is not only walking, but loves to dance. [Remember how we used to do that?] She and Maurice have sold their Garden City condo, but plan to visit their old haunts regularly. **Jim Graham's** twin son Andrew attended Peru's annual Guinea Pig Festival. First the little critters are dressed up in cute little outfits, pampered, and compete for prizes. Then they are fed a delicious last meal. And then ... well, you can guess the rest. Andrew gamely tasted, and proclaimed the meat to taste just like ... guinea pig! **Owen Smith** continues to be active in politics, but no longer holds public office. He and Bernadette still live in Roslyn Harbor. At this writing, he is courageously revising his father-in-law's Tax Planning Desk Book, even in anticipation of Tax Reform.

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**Loren Godfrey** writes: "We are going to a ranch in Montana with three of my ten grandchildren this July. In August we are going golfing in England with some friends. We have spent the last two months in Florida golfing. Fortunately, I am in good health and able to enjoy every moment even though my golf gets worse every year." I recently heard from **Peter Galbraith** who says that life in the old folks home (wakerobin.com) continues to be good. He has spent the last few months working with attorneys and judges to create a family drug treatment court that would reunify kids more quickly with their parents who have substance abuse disorder. He is also working with his State's Attorney to open



Peter Galbraith '56 visited with Judy Tingley and her husband Mike (pictured here) in May 2017. Judy attended Friends from Lower School through 8th grade. Her mother, Jean Burleson, taught 4th grade at Friends.

a Safe Injection Site in Burlington, an attempt to do something about the opioid overdose deaths that continue to rise in Vermont. Peter also recently caught up with **Judy Tingley**. From **Maria Espinosa** – After a dearth of publication, finally a few pieces are beginning to appear online. A short story, "Catalina, mi amor," will appear in the April issue of *Persimmon Tree*. Another story, a spoof about a yoga instructor back in the Sixties, has recently appeared in *Yellow Mama*, a publication with a lurid cover and a wide variety of work. This gives me hope that a recently completed novel may eventually find a publisher. Meanwhile – after countless rejections – I have begun a new novel which progresses slowly. I seem to have

much less energy than I used to have and greatly envy my robust neighbor who only needs five hours of sleep a night! My daughter and her male partner of 27 years – I guess that is as good as married – live just a few blocks away, and that is a great blessing. I'm also very fortunate to have found a community in Albuquerque. A slower paced town with far less traffic than the Bay Area, friendships develop more easily. Another highlight of my life is an Ashtanga Class. I am by far the oldest in the group, and the only reason I can do it is that we each go at our own pace. The instructor is tremendously encouraging! The yoga classes are the highlights of my week. **Peter Bergh** writes: "The decision to move west to the Colorado Rockies twenty years ago has proven to be a good one for me, as everything about the state is to my liking. Soon after settling in Edwards, I became involved in local politics and land trust work, putting my thirty some years experience in Vermont in these realms and as a land planner to good use. I still maintain very close contact with people and my wellness business in Vermont, The Sports and Fitness Edge, [www.edgevt.com](http://www.edgevt.com), as a director and major shareholder. The Edge is now recognized nationally as a leader in what is called Healthy Care, as opposed to the current system of healthcare in this country which is anything but and will soon go bankrupt unless a sea change occurs in the way people are treated. Working upstream I call it to promote a healthy lifestyle for all ages across the board. Vermont is now recognized as the third healthiest state in the nation, behind Massachusetts and Hawaii, and I take great pride in knowing that in a number of ways my efforts promoting early childhood education and wellness statewide has



Peter Bergh '56 and his favorite niece, Gay, on his deck overlooking Buzzards Bay, enjoy a feast of steamed quahogs dug up from right in front of his house!



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helped the state achieve this status. However not being satisfied with third place, at our board meeting last September I challenged the entire staff of over 650 individuals to join me in my efforts to have Vermont become number one by 2025, or sooner. Last month I turned 80, and my health is excellent as I practice what I preach, "movement is the fountain of youth." Colorado meets most of my needs except my passion for being in, on and next to the salt water, a need that is filled by spending the fall at my summer place on Buzzards Bay where I fish for bass, blues, windsurf, mess around in boats and do chores; and a couple of weeks windsurfing in Bonaire. Having lived alone for many years, but in the good company of my Malamute, Thor, recently a lovely woman came into my life and we are now a happy couple planning to spend the fourth quarter of the game of life together. Please pass on to all my classmates that I would welcome hearing from them, and would enjoy getting together should they be out this way. Edwards is just west of Vail, my email address is [pbergh@vail.net](mailto:pbergh@vail.net), and my phone 970-376-5927.

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**Steve Sundgaard** still enjoys road trips with Marie, spending time with grandkids in Dallas and Austin. His condo in South Padre Island survived Hurricane Harvey (Open invitation to all Classmates). Steve celebrates his 50th year in Texas this September and now says "Police" in two words (emphasis on the "PO"). **Gerry Bocian** continues to build Palmtree Clinical Research, keeping 10 young staffers (23-40) busy and keeping himself young. At 39 he went dancing at Studio 54, at 45 he went



Members of the Class of 1959 head back to class after Meeting for Worship.

horseback/endurance riding, at 54 he went to the gym every day and was down to 11% body fat, at 66 he went traveling. Well Gerry, at 76 you need a rest. **John Wenger** visited New York this past summer. He enjoyed seeing his old neighborhood in Flushing, Queens, after 35 years. John wanted to point out that 2019 is less than a year away, marking 60 years since we graduated. "Let's plan a reunion" (or maybe we should call it "The Last Supper"). **Karen Willits Zentgraf** divides her time with husband, Hank, between Ft. Collins, CO, and Naples, FL. She and daughter, Beth, swam The Boston Sharkfest in 2016. Swim Trek is from the U.K. and has swim holidays around the World; Karen plans to attend one in the near future in Galapagos. **Shirley Sanders Warrick** is simplifying her life from 22 horses down to three; adding three donkeys for sound effects; reducing 5 dogs to 3. Decided to keep brother Roger, who, with his wife Pauline, will visit her this fall. **Wendy Stone Fenner** has moved her talents from tennis to golf, and is winning tournaments. **Bruce Burrows** is hard-and-fast Republican, and is enjoying teaching a course on European Economic Community. He admits that there may be one complete idiot in office. Traveled this year to Japan and Alaska. Also enjoyed a Rhine Cruise with daughter Kat and husband Dave. "It is a great life and it always looks better when I look at my FA diploma, issued in 2015. It replaces the one Abbie Freedman made for me in 2000." **Julia Uris** enjoys her life in Weston, CT. Her son skippered for the junior version of the Americas Youth in Bermuda. She sends her best to all! **Jim Sykes** is still retired and living in the Big Apple. He plans to take a Williams College sponsored trip to Greenland next August. Last June, **Carol Klarberg Tabb** did some hiking in the Italian Dolomites, which are located in the Italian

Alps, close to the Austrian Border. Also, trips to Venice, Verona, and Bologna. She is an expert on Tortellina. **Charles Jameson** and wife Dana have limited their travel plans after Charlie's hip replacement and follow-up therapy. Prior to surgery, he was involved in mini-marathons (VERY mini). I am still operating my business, The Bayberry, but at a reduced pace. I plan to semi-retire and enjoy some non-profit work. Opera trips to England are planned for this summer, as well as visiting **Larry Corash** (Class of '61) for "The Ring" in San Francisco. Don't forget to contribute to Annual Giving. That's where you thank Friends Academy for getting us into great colleges. **Karen Willits Zentgraf** just returned from a swim trek trip to the Galapagos Islands. Swim Trek is a British firm that leads swimming trips in various exciting places around the world. Gerry Bocian is still working (at 76) and building the clinical research business he started in 2012. He has completed over 60 clinical trials and research studies. "My younger staff inspires me to continue and help save lives. I constantly think of Mrs. Stubbs and how grateful I am for our English education. I majored in Chemistry as an undergrad and got an MBA, but got out of Friends fairly literate. Who else had that Shakespeare book?" **Charles Jameson** and Dana want to announce the arrival of their new chocolate Labrador named Siren. They ask that no cards of congratulations or presents be sent. **John Wenger** recently visited Tucson, Arizona and had dinner with **Judy Reeve**, baker and husband Ken, and also met up with **John Froehlich**. **Judy Reeve** visited **Bonnie Rouzee Clarey** and husband Steve in San Diego. Steve is a retired Admiral and gave them a tour of the naval base. **Bruce Burrows** and wife Gay are traveling to Brazil for an

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# Reunion!



Members of the class of 1967 at Basil Leaf Café, where they celebrated their 50th reunion on Saturday, October 14th.

“The class of '67 had a wonderful 50th reunion the weekend of Oct. 13, 2017. We are much indebted to our Alumni Office for help in organization. Special thanks also to classmates Brad Lovette, Pete Lyman and Sherry Emmanuel for working very hard to personally encourage other classmates to attend our reunion. If I have neglected to give a shout out to anyone who helped, it is because I am 68 years old, just like the rest of the class of '67!

Highlights of the weekend included:

Lunch Friday at the Marion Jackson House, where classmates each related where they had been, who they had been, and how they felt that FA had help channel the course of their lives over the 50 short years since graduation.

Dinner Friday night at Creek Club, well attended, with classmate Nancy Vitriol returning for, I believe, the first time in 50

## [50TH REUNION]

# ★ 1967 ★

years, and a wood paneled beautiful venue for reconnecting with classmates and their companions. The evening was made more enjoyable by the presence of Sandy '66 and Brandt Rising '65.

On Saturday morning we visited the home of classmate Bill Wesp and his wife Anne. Bill was a gracious host. He has had several physical challenges in the past year, which precluded travel to FA, so we traveled to Centerport, and had a wonderful visit. Brad Lovette was the great moving force who organized that visit. Sherry Emmanuel got many of us there!

Dinner Saturday night at the Basil Leaf Café was a highlight of the reunion. Twenty-five people attended. Stories were told. Tears and laughter were shared. Fifty years melted away, and friends reunited to find comfort in loss, and to clap in praise of great deeds done. It was a

very fun night.

Dennis and I are so happy that we were able to see so many classmates, and to hear a little about the half century of events that have occurred since graduation, many of which were common to us all.

Attendees included: Dukie Bruckner, Bill and Pam Wicker, Ed DiBenedetto and wife Kym, Thor Eckert, Sherry Emmanuel, Lois Juliber and her husband Jon, Pete Lyman and wife Kathryn Clarke, Chico Moreno, Phil Rauch and wife Lynn, Stephen Silberling, Nancy Vitriol Saltzman and her husband Lorne, Doug Simes and his wife Sarah Burke, Paul LaLicata, Ned Maher and wife Christina, Jim March and wife Kay Finch, Robert Palma and Jan, the irrepressible Brad Lovette and a surprise visit from Greg Tarone '68.

If I tried to recount the many stories that were shared by the classmates in attendance and their significant others, we would run out of pages in *The Meeting House*, and it would still be wanting. Love you all, and I hope that we can get together again in five years!”

– Didi

## HOMECOMING REUNIONS – OCTOBER 2017



Left to right: Bill Finlayson, Sarah Hollett Hossfeld, Jim Kane and wife Melissa, Francie Bush-Brown Thompson, Karen Hohner and husband Randy, Lel Bush-Brown Gimbel, Karen Spero Albers and husband John, Cheryl Larimer Arnedo and husband Jaime, and Jonathan Rapp.

[45TH REUNION]

# ★ 1972 ★

Our class held its 45th reunion during the October 2017 Fall Fair Weekend. Three days of laughter, reminiscing and catching up!

The Glen Cove Mansion was used as our home base once again thanks to Jim Kane. On Friday evening, classmates Bill Finlayson, Sarah Hollett Hossfeld, Jim Kane and wife Melissa, Francie Bush-Brown Thompson, Karen Hohner and husband Randy, Lesley Bush-Brown Gimbel, Karen Spero Albers and husband John, Cheryl Larimer Arnedo and husband Jaime, and Jonathan Rapp met in the intimate setting



Jan Klocke O'Sullivan '73, Susan Schulman, Jim Neville, Jonathan Rapp, Bill Finlayson, Masha Sampsidis Slobodskoy, Jim Kane, Larry Mincer, Karen Hohner, Jane Dillof Mincer, Karen Spero Albers, and Laura Wicker Hackett '73.

of the mansion.

Following a day at the Fall Fair watching football, visiting with other FA alumni and meeting the new headmaster, we gathered at the home of Masha and Alex Slobodskoy. Joining us were Susan Schulman, Jim Neville and wife Tayler, Jonathan Rapp, Bill Finlayson, Jim and Melissa Kane, Larry and Jane Mincer, Karen Hohner and husband Randy, Karen and John Albers, Jan Klocke O'Sullivan '73 and Laura Wicker Hackett '73 and husband Charlie. After a lovely dinner and a few glasses of wine, Bill Finlayson, our amateur historian, regaled us with Civil War stories which eventually segued into post high school adventures (and shenanigans) of classmates. Time may have mellowed us, but as far as our memory recall, Mark Twain once said, "When I was younger I could remember anything, whether it happened or not."

On a personal note, class reunions are a collaborative effort. Thank you, Jim Neville for your words of encouragement and motivation; they are truly appreciated. Thank you, Jim Kane for getting us yet another great deal at the Glen Cove Mansion. Thank you Masha and Alex Slobodskoy for your warm hospitality and hosting our Saturday evening soiree. A special thank you to Christine Bowe and the Alumni Association for the fabulous gift bags.

My husband John remarked how lucky I was to have friendships that have endured over 45 years. Yes, indeed, we are all very lucky! Stay in touch."

– Karen Spero Albers

[35TH REUNION]

# ★ 1982 ★

It's hard to believe it's been 35 years since our class graduated from Friends Academy, 81 eager students excited to begin the next phase of our young lives!

On October 17th, several of our classmates gathered at Homecoming, followed by the FA Alumni Reception, and capped the evening at Buckram Stables. Classmates in attendance included Michele Pistone, Jill Ritter Salditt, Pamela Sokolow Randall, Nancy Stein Wolf, Jimmy Hummerstone, Ed DiMonda, Chris Dalton, Evan Myrianthopoulos, Rich Stingi, Chip Sealy, Mike Reid, and Ellen Field Greene.



Top: Michele Pistone '82 and Ellen Field Greene '82 at the alumni tent during Fall Fair.

Bottom: The class of 1982 celebrated their 35th reunion by getting together at Buckram's. Back row: Rich Stingi, Mike Reid, Jimmy Hummerstone, Chip Sealy, Ed DiMonda, Evan Myrianthopoulos and Chris Dalton. Front Row: Pam Sokolow Randall, Michele Pistone, Nancy Stein Wolf, Ellen Field Greene, Jill Ritter Salditt.



## HOMECOMING REUNIONS – OCTOBER 2017

[25TH REUNION]

# ★ 1992 ★

Thanks to Jay and Kirsten Benjamin for hosting the Classes of 1992 and 1997 for a joint reunion 90s house party in Oyster Bay!

Class of 1992 alumni attending their 25th reunion included Doug McGee, Rebecca Mai, Sarah Calderon (plus husband, Joe), Patrick McGillicuddy (plus wife Mink), Angela Tomlinson Tassie, James Tassie, Jeff Orenstein, Trina Smith, Clay Siegert, Jay Benjamin, Jon Dreizen, Jason Higgins. Also joining the Classes of 1992 and 1997 were current and former FA faculty including Herb and Rene Lape, Ron Baskind, John Regan, Bill and Louise Garry, Jen Newitt and Sid Bridges (currently headmaster at Brooklyn Friends). It was a great night!



Front Row: Doug McGee, Rebecca Mai, Sarah Calderon, Patrick McGillicuddy, Angela Tomlinson Tassie, Jeff Orenstein Middle Row: Trina Smith, Clay Siegert, Jay Benjamin. Back Row: Jon Dreizen, Jason Higgins, James Tassie.



Trina Smith Coviello and Jay Benjamin



John Regan (fac), Clay Siegert '92, Ron Baskind (fac), Jason Higgins '92, James Tassie '92. All three alums played football under Coaches Baskind and Regan from 1989-92.



The group who attended the Class of 1997's reunion at Kirsten and Jay Benjamin's home.

[20TH REUNION]

# ★ 1997 ★



The class of 1992 and 1997 celebrated their 25th and 20th reunions together at the home of Kirsten (Isaksen '97) and Jay Benjamin '92.

## HOMECOMING REUNIONS – OCTOBER 2017



[10TH REUNION]

# ★2007★

The group that attended the class of 2007's 10 year reunion at Chloe 81. Special thanks to Cassandra Merolla for organizing the evening!

[5TH REUNION]

# ★2012★

A group of over 30 alums came together at Fiddlesticks in NYC on October 20th. Special thanks to Chris McCann and Sarah Chartash for planning the evening!



## GET READY FOR REUNION 2018!

FEATURING THE CLASSES OF...

50th – 1968

25th – 1993

45th – 1963

20th – 1998

40th – 1978

15th – 2003

35th – 1983

10th – 2008

30th – 1988

5th – 2013





Judy Reeve '59 and Bonnie Rouzee Clarey '59 recently met at Bonnie's home on Coronado Island, CA. It was a fun reunion as they have known each other since 3rd grade but have not seen each other in many years.

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Amazon trip, then off to Cape Verde Islands and Canary Islands. In June they are off to South Africa. **Kelly Kammerer** and wife Nancy had a memorable trip to Australia and New Zealand. Highlights included an eight day hiking trip with backroads on New Zealand's South Island and a week on Lord House Island, a world heritage site on the Tasman Sea. Back in France now – pruning his olive trees. **Jim Sykes** is planning a Williams College trip to Greenland. He sold his beautiful sailboat and does basic ground travel. Jim and I try to meet at his club in NYC for lunch every month. **John Froehlich** is healing slowly but says he is headed in the right direction. He is interested in baseball since Carol's nephew-in-law, Justin Upton, plays for the LA Angels. Carol and John are planning a car trip up the California coast. I did this trip many years ago with John and had to deal with him loudly reading poetry from the bathtub while I was trying to watch a football game on TV. **Robert Pickels** is spending over a month vacationing in Sanibel, Florida. He enjoys turning exotic wood at his home in Sherrill, NY. He sends his best to all the "Master Class." Bob is retired from medicine but asks the class to contact him regarding any ailments, day or night at his unlisted phone number. **Shirley Sanders Warrick's** grandson, Chris, has been shipped to Afghanistan for a tour of duty. She writes, "I am afraid his 6 foot 2 inch size is going to provide too big a target. Y'all keep him in your prayers (Chris Warrick)." We will Shirley! **Sam Sugden** and wife Diane continue their life part time on the Island of Mustique in the Grenadines. He invites our class to come for a visit any time. Great Sam, I will take the large guest room, for January and February.

Their son, Will, has his law degree and MBA. Son, John, has his Masters in Environmental Science. **Susan Dundon** and her husband, Ron, have been spending winters in Pelican Cove, Florida, 75 acres of gardens and bird sanctuary. It has its share of wildlife: one could step out the door and encounter an armadillo. She writes: "In a circuitous way, this brings me to my latest passion, helping endangered species by creating wildlife adoptions for friends, family, and others. My granddaughter, 12, whose ambition it is to work with marine mammals, has adopted a seal; I support an elephant and a sloth, gifts from my son; a polar bear, a giraffe, and a tortoise are in the works. The last white rhinoceros died last week, just one of many extinctions to come, unless wildlife foundations flourish. It gets expensive, but it is rewarding and provides a brief respite from the latest ignorant utterance our president has unleashed upon the world." As for me, I am still enjoying my work at The Bayberry. Ngaere and I are developing some of our property in Amagansett (retirement fund). We plan to go to San Francisco for "The Ring" in the opera season and meet up with **Larry Corash** Class of '61 and his wife Michelle. Life is good. Don't forget to contribute to Annual giving – That's where you thank Friends Academy for getting you into great colleges. – David Seeler

## 1960

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Hurricanes and wild fires, but, as far as we know, our class came through unscathed. **Geoff Wharton** and his wife Susan have been in Los Angeles for the past nine years and he is currently senior advisor to LA Mayor Garcetti working on improving job prospects of the city's 80,000 "Opportunity youth" (youth between 16-24 out of school and out of work). Geoff was previously the COO for the Dodgers. Wonder how he feels about the recent World Series? **Fred Kuffler** and his wife Linda sold the Philadelphia house they had for 39 years and moved to a Quaker retirement community in Gwynedd, PA. In a unique arrangement he has shop space to continue his woodworking hobby. Sadly, **Pam Pease Harris'** husband, Dick, died in August of a rare auto-immune disorder. **Tina Matkovic Spiro** is hard at work on a large art project on sea level rise and climate change to debut in December in Miami. She adds, "Now hopefully people will take this seriously!" **Anne Wadsworth Moody** writes, "I am still studying classical ballet, mostly with teenagers and still

loving it though increasingly feeling like the tin man in *The Wizard of Oz*." Anne, I have an oil can for those creaking joints. I'm still flying some fun stuff, but say I will give it up when I can't get in and out of the cockpits without help. Starting on a sixth book. Yup, more aviation. On a promotional trip for *Wave Off!* (book #five), I stayed with **John Trauth** and his wife Astrid in their place in Incline Village, Nevada. Nothing like an evening with wine to get caught up on 57 years. Learned John was a serious tennis player and the intriguing story of his Paris connection. Hurricanes and wild fires, but, as far as we know, our class came through unscathed. A few more of you have vanished; if you did not get class bulletin #25, please drop me an e-mail.

## 1961

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We are saddened to report that **Pamela Harris McClure Johnston '62** lost her husband, Roy on June 15. "He was a jazz and classical performer on clarinet and tenor sax, a professor, poet and painter. We have lived in beautiful Oregon for the past nine years, but both hail from NY."

## 1962

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Many thanks to **Randi Filoon** for her years of service as a class rep. She is "retiring" this year and **Andy Merton** is now the new rep for the class of 1962. Randi reports, "**Nancy Moran** has left Vermont and moved to Texas. **Sandi Ray Holland** is mainly at her home in Nantucket and enjoying a bevy of grandchildren when not sailing the Mediterranean with Alfie. **Betsy Stuart Kintz** is a Great-Grandmother (yikes!) and still happily residing in Colorado surrounded by family. **Melissa Fox** is very good at sending me nice birthday cards. **Ellen Baird Lowry** splits her time between Maine and Florida. **Chip**

**Malcolm** is semi-retired, has two newish hips and is still living in Middlebury, VT. All of his kids and grandkids are still in the area and they have a family camp on Lake Champlain where they have many gatherings. Fred and I are still in Sun Valley, Idaho most of the time. Our family home on Cape Cod had a terrible fire over Labor Day so we are not having fun working with the insurance company. The house still sits charred and damp waiting for the insurance company to give the demolition people permission to begin the work that needs to be done. Check your smoke detectors! On a brighter side, we had a great two-week trip through British Columbia this fall – gorgeous, interesting, fun and very crowded. We didn't realize it was the 100th Birthday of Canada and all of the National Parks were open to the public for free! Cheerio and hope someone contacts the Alumni Office at Friends!" In his first note as the class of '62 rep, **Andy Merton** writes, "I retired from UNH in 2015, after 43 years teaching writing. At about the same time, Gail retired from her teaching job in the Berwick, Maine school district. This has given us time to travel; the highlight was a month-long trip to the U.K. in 2016, during which we visited old friends in Cambridge and Edinburgh, and did some hiking on the gorgeous coast of Wales. Last year our travels were domestic: to California, where we heard our son Gabe on the clarinet with the excellent La Jolla Symphony; and to the south, where we assisted our daughter Rachel, her husband Matt, and our granddog, Baguette the Bassett Hound, relocate from DC to what we in Durham, NH refer to as the other Durham (NC), where Rachel took what she calls her dream job, nurse practitioner in the trauma unit of the Duke University Medical Center. (Matt's a writer, but then, nobody's perfect.) Meanwhile, my second book of poetry, "Lost and Found," was published by Accents Publishing in 2016. After many years of dedicated service Randi has passed the class rep. baton on to me; I'm eager to hear your news. Please get in touch with me at [andrew.merton@unh.edu](mailto:andrew.merton@unh.edu)."

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Well, I was going to start off with one of the very first bursts of creativity I flung into/onto the walls of Friends Academy: "You know the date, the time, the spot...." (for a dance in 1961), but instead, I decided to hold a competition – who can remember the name of the dance? Big prize, really! The biggest prize from this year's emails from our classmates is the warmth and joy of living many of you old birds expressed! Some, for the very first time, evah (**Marvie Campbell**, **John Nix**, **Dykstra D (David Dykstra)**, **Gerret Warner**, **Perry Clark**)! Now, I have to let everyone read Marvie Sutton's in its entirety: "OK I'm checking in cuz I love hearing everybody else's news. I'll try to be brief. I'm living in the same old Vermont farmhouse for forty-five plus years now. On my left is a covered bridge and on my right is my brother **Michael (Sutton '62)** who lives in an old stone school house. I have two amazing sons with equally incredible wives and of course my two grandchildren are beyond belief. After raising a family and twenty eight years of teaching kindergarten I am happily busier than ever. In the summer I manage my small farm...bees, chickens, way too big garden, a small farm stand. Also an orchard with thirty plus apple trees as well as peaches and pears. I'm making cider like a mad woman right now. I'm on my own loving it. In the winter I work full time at Bromley Mt. supervising and teaching skiing. Then between skiing and farming I travel all over the world. I go simple, light and cheap. My favorites are Nepal, India. And PERU. I have always loved mountains and am constantly amazed at where my backpack and I can go on our own. I've also managed to run quite a few marathons (PR 3:07). It makes me giggle because I could never do well at sports at FA as much as I wanted to. So there it is... that's what I've been doing. I feel so lucky and fortunate. Maybe we can all get together for 55 Best, Marvie." This email, which was circulated to all on the class chain, prompted **Sue** and **Perry Melzig** to visit Marvie along with **Gail Spencer** and her husband, Larry. And Sue and Perry live in Phoenix! See what a draw a magnificent life is? Of course, it brings out the worst in me – an inveterate mutterer ("hmmmm, I was a marathoner, hmmm, I didn't do a 3:07", mutter, mutter, mutter). But I digress. Lots of folks in our class are also inveterate travelers – not me, of course, (only non-stop flights, mutter, mutter). Sue and Perry – globe trotters, check. Nina and

Irwin, ditto. Betsy and Indira, copy that. Then there is our **Sophia Lotowycz Stoller**. She wrote from Japan that she and her husband had just finished walking the last 200 miles of the 800 mile Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage. Whoa! And, one of her prayers on that walk was for a peaceful loving world for all children. Surely, George Fox would agree! Jeff Fox and his wife also get around, for fun and then again, also for doing medical missionary work (not me, oh, never mind,) so, they, too, seem to have been influenced to do good in the world, a wonderful reflection of what our Quaker education leads us to do with our lives... Amazing to many of us, who struggle to be nice... And Jeff mentioned **David Dykstra** and guess who wrote in! Yes, Dykstra-D (Estonian accent, please) wrote about his full life of studies (historyprof is his email handle), small business owner (historical research and databases), stay-at-home dad, and now he helps his wife and her partner in their on-line biz. How wonderful to hear from him! **Gerret Warner** also wrote in for the first time, a wonderful, beautifully written (Mrs. Stubbs getting a shout-out) life story filled with his family tradition/love of folk music, being an English teacher for years, then going to film school and now being a film maker/documentarian. Bet Gerret is still a musician, too. Just like our own John Nix who has rocked out with the best of them, but is also self-effacing a real trend in our class, I think (not me, of course!) John's honest account of his amazing, full, complicated life gleams with love of living (never letting working full time interfere with, as he says, "paying serious attention to life style." He also is very healthy and works out five to six days a week. Just like me! And that is another thread in our class – athleticism. Take a look at **Betsy Malcolm Eklof's** fun fleet of boats: kayaks, paddleboards and jetski(s)! And Douglas, Sue Melzig, Indira are still crazy for tennis. But John does win the prize for a rich, wonderful-crazy, happy life! Wow! Just like me! Just like a lot of us, I bet. Now, just because they didn't write in or didn't write much, **Indira Licht Garner**, **Victoria Young Ryan**, **Cathie Bush Wardell** and **Douglas Altchek** are constant friends, even neighbors, always trying to help me behave, play a little tennis, go for a walk, chat about important things, have a glass of wine (medicinal purposes only) or just show up! And Douglas and Cathie and Victoria are still working! So kudos to us all, doting grandparents, aging rockers (I include myself, of course), those struggling, those still working, all of us still connected! Now, one more thing about Gerret: like **Jeff Bloom**, he wanted to hear how other classmates were, like **Perry Clark**, **Tony Milham** and **Joan Fowler**, and this is what he wrote about Perry: "I saw an article about



Perry's good work in *The Meeting House*, and I'm not surprised. I always hoped some of him – and ya'll – would rub off on me, and maybe it did." So, then Perry, such a quiet, gleaming presence in our young lives, did write and his is the best way of all to end: "From what I am reading, your lives are such works of art. Though I did not fully appreciate it at the time, I was fortunate to share my formative years with you and I regard it a privilege now to be included among you." Don't we all feel just this way. Even I do, usually the rude one, now filled with love for my classmates, and gratitude for our wonderful lives! See you at my house for the 55th!

## 1965

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After having no news for several issues, I sent a group email to the class (If you did not get an email please send yours to [HRising@aol.com](mailto:HRising@aol.com)). Many in the class responded. **Clint Bush** sends news: "Life continues to be full of surprises. A very sad surprise last September when my beloved catamaran that I sailed around the world was lost in Hurricane Irma. On a more positive note, I am steadily busier in my resumed medical career which has morphed into occupational medicine and disability evaluations. The work is challenging and stimulating. My real joy these days, however, comes from my resumed singing career both with my church choir and the Master Chorale of South Florida. I am finding immense satisfaction in joining my voice with other musicians to interpret and share some of the most beautiful music ever written. I am now firmly planted in Miami, and if any classmates find themselves nearby I hope they will come and visit." Since Brandt and I have a condo in Islamorada we have visited with Clint over the years. But this winter we had to deal with damage from Irma and did not do much socializing. Next year we will be eager to greet visitors. From **Sally Hubbard Cronk**: I want to let you know I recently published a book on Amazon.com. It's in paperback and e-book formats. It's called *Just a Shelter Dog* and is



While getting ready for his upcoming move from McLean, VA to Winchester, VA, Bill Young '66 recently found these tickets from the FA Junior Prom.

narrated by a mind-reading hound who ends up being a service dog for an autistic boy. Thought you might pass the word to our common Friends alumni. I really had fun writing it from the dog's point of view! You did a really good job organizing our 50th reunion, I still think about it. Still enjoying AZ living – a cold day for us is when it's 55! Love the mild sunny winters here! Guess it's been pretty cold there. Come see us sometime except not June – August when it's too hot to enjoy much of anything. Thank goodness for air conditioning! Sally kept herself busy after FA: "I also taught in AZ for about 12 years before I retired so have been retired about three years now. My husband Jim, married 40 something years, was a city planner in various cities. His last job was as planning director in Flagstaff AZ. he's been retired for two years now. We had two children both living here in AZ. Not married and no grandchildren. We came out here after living in Maryland for 20 years." Spoke with **Pam Piffath Still** the other day. We commiserated on soon reaching the 7<sup>th</sup> decade landmark. Yet when we talk, it is as if no time has passed and we are back at FA. Pam and her husband David are fortunate to have their two children and five grandchildren nearby so they can enjoy watching the grands partake in many sports activities. Pam shares that a good sense of humor is what helps make a happy life. We also spoke of the joys of joint replacement. Pam has a new shoulder and I have a new left hip. Thank goodness for orthopedic surgeons. From **Carol Edgerton Downey**: Hitting the 70th year last month wasn't as awful as I was fearing. The great news is that I still got up that morning, felt great, and went about my day in a very normal way! Turns out there was nothing to fear after all! I am looking forward to a mini reunion at **Nancy Gad-Harf's** in Detroit this Sept. **Nancy Rauch Douzinas, Sally Hubbard Cronk** and I are all on board for a great visit. Will be different from

our class reunion since there won't be dashing from event to event occurring, and we'll get some quality time to just get caught up with each other's lives, kids, and grandkids. Doesn't get much better than that. Am really looking forward to this time together, and hope it will be the 1<sup>st</sup> of many mini reunions to come. Have been doing the same thing with close group of friends from college. Think this year will be the 15<sup>th</sup> reunion with that group. Going to be at a friend's on LI. First time since we began that I'm not hosting, so will be an entirely different reunion. I'll be a guest!! Anyway, discovered a long time ago that keeping good friends in your life is every bit as important as eating and air to survive. Hope both of these reunions continue far into the future! From **Priscilla Newell Terry**: Jim and I are in our third season of living in SE New Mexico, in the Sacramento Mountains, at 6900' up. We are actively involved with our church's Wednesday night children's ministry, teaching and feeding almost 32 children every week. We also work at our local food bank every Friday, distributing boxes of food to any resident of Lincoln County. I belong to a hiking group of people who love their dogs and we take three-to-four mile weekly hikes all over the county. I also "work" for the local Chamber as a Greeter, more PR for the Village of Ruidoso as we attend ribbon cuttings, open houses for new businesses, and the big fund raiser called Jubilee in November – a Lincoln County only merchant's early Christmas shopping extravaganza. Lots of work, but also so much fun! When we left Hamilton, Texas, we down-sized dramatically and have found much freedom in having less "stuff." Besides that, so many Texas friends were able to have a reminder of our friendship while helping us to divest ourselves of family heirlooms! Our daughter, Alison, comes to visit for a week in July to celebrate her birthday and then with her husband for a week at Christmas. We have made some new friends through church and the community and our lives are very richly blessed. **Bill Young** and his wife will be selling their McLean, VA 50s rambler and moving to Winchester, VA where they will be part of Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury. As Bill says "A big change, but we're convinced the only thing that would be more anxiety inducing would be to stay where we are. Onward and upward!" Bill forwarded some tickets he found while getting ready to move. Check out **Bill Dillof's** activities at: [reverbNation.com](http://reverbNation.com). He shares his love for music with many. Congratulations Bill on following your bliss. Bill writes: "After reluctantly acknowledging having turned 70, life goes on fairly undisturbed. Paula and I are busier than ever (and more selective) with our performances, with a nearly full schedule

for the coming summer. Somehow, we'll have to work in a visit or two with the kids and grandkids out in the bay area of California. We are based in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, with a condo near St. Pete Beach, FL for the snow season." **Nancy Gad-Harf** shares "feeling lucky to be alive and surrounded by loving family and friends. I see our grandchildren all the time, doing fun, silly things in an effort to subvert their parents' discipline! I have become immersed in art classes and practice in the fiber and needle arts. I volunteer with groups working on behalf of Israel, interfaith dialogue, and cancer survivorship. David and I are also very involved with local and politics. We spend a lot of time exploring Detroit, which has become a foodie heaven, according to the New York Times, as well as a cultural and artistic hub. I can hear you all laughing, but Detroit is really a remarkable place...so remarkable, in fact, that **Carol Edgerton Downey**, **Nancy Rauch Douzinas**, and **Sally Hubbard Cronk** are coming to visit in September! Do any of you have a bucket list? I never used to understand the concept, but as we age, David and I are creating one. Oddly, there are more mundane things on it than there are extraordinary...spending more time experiencing really good music and food, seeing more of America, learning new things. It would be interesting and, I think, inspiring to hear what others of you have on your lists.

## 1967

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The Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th Reunion last October. Please turn to the Reunion section for a full recap and pictures of the festivities! Here are a few messages from classmates who could not attend. **Andy Black** planned to attend, but had some last minute commitments which kept him away. Andy is still traveling extensively, and living in Purchase New York. **Scott Tilden** reported that he, his wife and daughter each had a tough 2017 with serious illnesses which precluded attending the reunion. We'll keep an eye open for the next one. **Candace Adelson** writes, "Dear Diana, I wanted to be there but had to choose between that and the yoga workshop that is required to complete my first 100 hours of teacher certification. Please give everyone a hug for me. I will be thinking of you! Namaste, Candace." Jay Dowling preferred Maui (a long time commitment) to Locust Valley. Go figure. From **Regis McKenna**: "I retired two years ago after a 40-year career in banking, am in a committed



The Class of 1967 celebrates their 50th reunion.

relationship for 15 years to a woman I met while standing on a flu shot line. No kids, eight nieces & nephews & a Rottweiler (seventh in a row). I have been living in California since 1983. After college and four more years in Florida, I could not face snow again! Have a great reunion! Loooong version: I went to Rollins College in Winter Park Florida for 4 years, and after having experienced 12 consecutive months of warm weather I moved to Ft. Lauderdale for another four years. I returned to NYC in 1975, where I got married, and began a 20-year career in retail banking. My wife was an Executive Assistant to a famous Broadway producer, so we were privileged to hobnob with some of the Broadway royalty: John Raitt, Christopher Plummer, James Earl Jones, Anne Bancroft, Mia Farrow, to shamelessly namedrop. Not a real accomplishment, I realize, but hey, most of my life is boring.... I once was at a cast party at an estate in Connecticut when Cybill Shepard's 6-year-old daughter was in the pool, so I was trying to take some pictures of her to ingratiate myself to Cybill. Cybill came over & burst into a song to me, and I didn't know what to do. When she finished, all of a sudden I heard applause, & turned around to see the entire party had stopped and we were being watched by about 100 people. Kind of a Woody Allenesque scene. We worked on a "Theatre at Sea" cruise ship, along with Eartha Kitt, Eli Wallach, & Anne Jackson, through the Panama Canal to Los Angeles and San Francisco, where we fell in love with California. We lived in "Lalaland" for a few years, after which we divorced, with her returning to NY, and me moving up to the Bay Area, where I still live in Marin. Just before Y2K (remember that? Bankers do!) in 1999 and after surviving about a 1/2 dozen robberies, I got out of retail (branch) banking & joined a financial trade association, where I eventually

rose to VP of Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management for electronic transactions (ACH), traveling to conduct audits in eight western states, as well as providing education and training to banks and credit unions. Having been retired for a while, I find that people often ask me 'what do you do NOW?', so my standard answer is that I'm working on a book. If they jump to conclusions and assume I've become a writer I can be a wiseguy & say 'no, I mean a LIBRARY book...' ta dum pa! Gaa, old goats do get corny, sorry. I'm sorry that I cannot actually be there at Friends Academy for the reunion, but my partner's mother passed away (at 98 years old), and her memorial is 10/14, so I'm sure you understand. I wish you all well, have a happy reunion, and post lots of pictures! Maybe 2027? Regis." As for my own personal news, on December 19, 2017, my husband Dennis had open heart surgery to repair a mitral valve. He is recovering well, and is already on his indoor trainer getting ready for cycling races this fall. On May 23, 2018, my son Hunter will receive his MD degree from Jefferson. We are enormously proud of him. He will spend the next seven to nine years in residency, General Surgery then Surgical Oncology fellowship.



Bill and Ed teamed up for the annual Member Guest Tournament at Mill River CC in East Norwich this year.



## 1968

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Hope you all have had a wonderful year thus far. As I said in the last issue, here we go again. As always, I appreciate any news from the class to report for *The Meeting House*, even if it's only a few. I never wanted the Class of 1968 to be blank. I haven't edited the news from your replies as this way the class can see what you all were thinking. Those that are on Facebook with me, please send me what you would like the class to see, as I won't take the liberty to show your post out of respect to you. Onto our 50th reunion in 2018.

**Cliff Dacso:** Hi, Lesley. Send thanks once again for your diligence in keeping the Class of '68 in people's memory. This has been a very eventful year for the Dacso family. Grandkid count is holding at four with little Adam making it to one, Eitan at two-and-a-half, Remy at three-and-a-half and Maya at six. Sheri's law practice continues to thrive with no letup in sight. I have had a great year in the lab with a senior-authored Cell Metabolism paper and two major grants. My research activities are now funded through 2023 so it does not look like retirement is beckoning. I still enjoy my internal medicine practice and teaching medical students. A recent peak experience has been working with my son who is also a medical school professor in the development of a not-for-profit focused on international health. We have thriving projects now in the Dominican Republic and Peru and we just sponsored an international program on social determinants of health in Chicago. It's an amazing time to be alive and active. I hope that my classmates are experiencing joy and fulfillment in their lives as well. **Laurel Brandt:** Hi Lesley. Well, I've finally got a bit of news for you. We are downsizing and relocating!! We are leaving Western Massachusetts (Longmeadow), where we've lived for nearly 35 years, and are heading east (to Acton, MA). Our new home is near our grandchildren (who are in Concord, MA) and only three hours from our Maine lake cottage. The process – purging, packing, moving – is daunting, but we are confident that now is the time ... I'll keep you posted! Mary Watkins: Thank you, Lesley, for continuing to carry this function of connecting us. **Greg Tarone:** Not surprisingly, it was a lot of fun to see class of '67 members last month at the Homecoming Alumni Reception, and then upon invitation, joining them for their dinner at the Basil Leaf Cafe. I saw organizer **Didi Dickson**, my former



Paul Hand '68 with his wife, Bunny, and daughters, Rebecca and Erika, discovered that Arizona has some fabulous wines and took two trips to Willcox, AZ where 75% of the grapes are grown.

Brookville neighbor **Sherry Lyon**, and all the "Blues (or Booze) Brothers:" **Ned Maher**, **Pete Lyman**, **Paul La Licata**, **Bill Wicker**, **Ed DiBendetto**, **Chico Moreno**, **Bob Palma**, **Brad Lovette**, **Jim March**, **Steve Silberling**, and **Phil Rauch**. A couple of people could not remember me, and that may be a good thing. I wish our class could have had a joint reunion with them, because several asked if others from our class were coming, too. They should come to our reunion – and if they are reading this, as our class' Vice (hmmm) President, I am inviting them now. In so little time, it was difficult to catch up with so many people, but the conversations were fascinating and I am very glad that I went. We have about 50 surviving classmates, so I look forward to our 50th reunion next October to see who shows up and cannot recognize me, and vice versa. If any of our classmates have not been back to the campus since graduation, they will feel the same way about our alma mater. **Steve Tilden:** This year, **John Reilly** joined **Lisa Craig** and me at the Fall Fair for our annual Campus Infrastructure Review and Food Vendor Critique. While prying about the new old Main Building, we came across the Math Room – that's right, an entire room with white boards and bookshelves devoted to everything Math! Inspired by the curved banquette backlit by a sunny bay window, I stepped up to a white board and poured out all of what I believe today's youth most needs to know about math, and life.

## Today's Lesson

Concept:  $1+1+1=3$ 

**Corollary:** Got to be good lookin' 'cause he's so hard to see. Early on, it's easy to think of life's trajectory as linear – like

birthdays:  $1+1$  uscue ad mortum.

Only later do we learn to walk the path that's circular, obscure, contradictory, and sometimes, delightful.

Those of you who may be coming to our 50th reunion through New York's third-world airport can hold me somewhat accountable for the first-world traffic problems at LaGuardia. I am a superintendent managing the construction of the new Terminal B from the sorry, neglected remains of a structure that was built when a few of us were just getting to know each other. Walking between the equipment that is building what is currently the largest construction project in the country – while right across the fence jets are taking off and landing every 30 seconds – still stirs my juices every day! **Betsy Harris Radecki:** Finally have some news. My second grandson, Graham, was born on October 11. He joins big sister Elliot. Larry and I continue to travel. We spent five weeks in Spain this spring, working on our Spanish and making new friends. My tennis team (55 and over) won the state tournament and will play in the USTA nationals next week in Orlando. Very exciting. I attended an FA fall gathering in Manhattan and got to catch up with **Doug Simes** and the class of '67. See you all next year for our 50th! **Willy Merriken:** While I'm still running my insurance planning and asset management practice we are getting a chance to travel a bit more than in the past. Louise and I are fine and just returned from a week long Mississippi river trip from New Orleans to Memphis. It is aptly named "The Big Muddy"!! Not only was it great fun but highly educational. Who knew the Mississippi drains more than 40% of the country?! As good as the

trip was the highlight was the WW2 Museum in New Orleans. WOW! No wonder it is rated the number two museum in the country! If you haven't been there make a point to go. Also excellent for kids as it is highly educational. This spring we visited Amsterdam, South of France, and Barcelona visiting friends in each place. In Barcelona we re-connected with an exchange student we hosted 22 years ago and had not seen since. Very cool!! We thought we were done adding grandchildren but daughter Kate and her husband are expecting their fourth next April. That will be number 9! **Susan Abrams Butler**: "Hi Lesley I'm doing fine. My husband Jay and I are still working hard at our structural engineering company. We have no plans on retiring. Our daughter Meagan and her husband are living in the top floor apartment of our Brooklyn brownstone. It's nice to have her close after her living in Glasgow Scotland for eight years. Our son Jared is living in Budapest Hungary teaching English. He's is fluent in Hungarian and taking full advantage of all the country has to offer. We're off to visit him in May. We moved mother to a lovely nursing home in New Orleans a few years ago. My niece and her family live there and I go down about 4 times a year to visit. Can you believe that she'll be 99 this year? That's about all the news from this end. Best, Susan" **Cliff Dacso**: "We continue to thrive in the sweltering south thanks in large part to our ability to flee to our house on Spruce Head Island in Maine. We stay very busy with work, although my patients are increasingly asking when I intend to retire. I'm not sure whether that is a legitimate question, or a suggestion. My lab life is very exciting as I am branching out into epigenetics and the physiology of social determinants of health. I have some nice funding in chronic disease mechanisms and in mathematical analysis of gene transcription. Our group also just received some funding to use drone technology for environmental sampling. The family is great; our three kids are well launched and we are holding at four grands – and they are indeed grand. Of interest, I am now the president of the synagogue in Rockland, Maine. This is indeed an odd juxtaposition but it has provided a good vehicle for community activism." **Bob Rushmore**: "Nothing really new to report. All is well with our family. We now have six grandchildren in Nashville, Columbus OH and Davis CA. So most of our traveling is to see them. I am still working. My company is a subcontractor for commercial construction. I continue to be a Volunteer Diver at the Georgia Aquarium, for 10 years now. I do love diving and swimming laps. Thank you Lesley for taking care of our class for the past 50 years." **Lisa Craig**: "Always great to hear from you, Lesley! I wish I had some news worth broadcasting,



Betsy Radecki '68 and her second grandson, Graham, who was born on October 11.

but no major events since last issue. (At our age, that's usually a GOOD thing!) Thanks so much for keeping me in the loop. Looking forward to our reunion, Lisa" **Betsy Harris Radecki**: "We just returned from six weeks in Switzerland and Italy, a great trip. I am looking forward to seeing you at the reunion." **Jim Evans**: "Hey Lesley – It is always good to hear from you. This will be very short. I have been busy this past month moving my 93-year-old mother into a smaller home. It has been rough sifting through 70 years of accumulated things deciding what to keep to fit into a smaller home. I watched her as she looked at items that brought back memories of past friends now gone and experiences with my father. Quite moving! She is now moved, and I have been helping her unpack those things she chose to keep. Sometime this summer a house across the street from her new home will be completed and I will move there to be closer to her. We will each be able to maintain our independence but have the comfort of being within an easy walk. My best to all. Whether or not I will make the 50<sup>th</sup> will depend a lot on how my mother is doing." **Kathy Anas**: "News is that I have been truly enjoying retirement as it is supposed to be: happy and relaxed!" **Paul Hand**: "Not too much to report this time. Kind of gets boring being retired (just kidding). Bunny and I have become "gym rats" 5 days per week and go hiking South Mountain. So far lost 30lbs with a goal of 17 more to go by the end of the year. All those years of sitting behind computer took its toll and the old body. Discovered that Arizona has some fabulous wines and took two trips to Willcox, AZ where 75% of the grapes are grown. Our oldest daughter Rebecca bought her first home in October and gives me something to do fixing stuff for her. Daughter Erika starts her new job as Special Education Mentor/Coach for

Baltz District in Phoenix. Out of the classroom and into Administration. Looking forward to our 50th in October and we will also be celebrating 37 years of marriage as well." As for me, nothing new since the last issue as life in Joplin remains tranquil and easy, enjoying retirement. I plan to travel to So. California see my buddies sometime next year. I have to say while writing these issues for the class, I often reflect on all my time at FA. Hard to believe this fall will be our 50<sup>th</sup> reunion. It is fun to hear on Facebook from **Pete Lyman** and **Doug Simes** 2 guys from the class of 1967 my dear brother Todd had fun with. You are dearly missed but always in my heart. I love hearing regularly from **Kathy Attridge Anas**, **Greg Tarone** and **Duncan Guild**. It is fun to see what's new periodically on Facebook with **Peggy Springsted Weiner**, **Nancy Goldberg Kassop**, **Bob Curtin**, **Bob Piro**, **Betsy Harris Radecki**, **Paul Hand**, **David Porter**, **Bob Rushmore**, **Anne Maher Franchot** and **Susan Abrams Butler**. So next time send me your news and of course, I have to mention my great friendship with **Kal and Judy Wynot**, hope we can get together again soon, such fun catching up with our favorite history teacher **Robbie Thomas**. Otherwise, life and health are good and we look forward to seeing everyone next year at our 50th.

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"Will you still need me, will you still feed me," queried John, Paul, George & Ringo, "When I'm

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# Reunion!

**NYC REUNION – JUNE 4, 2018**



A wonderful group of alumni ranging from the class of 1958 through the class of 2017, came together for our annual New York City Reunion on June 4, 2018. For the second year in a row, it was held at the BBar & Grill in the East Village, where alumni enjoyed reminiscing about Friends Academy. A great time was had by all on a picture perfect night.





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64?" **Angela Manno**: "Like most of our class, I turned 64 this year and, surprisingly, feel better than I have in years. Perhaps it's accumulated wisdom, appreciating I survived this long, dropping my perfectionism . . . or perhaps it's because we have that Beatles' song to accompany us into this new territory. I'm grateful for my health, to you, my classmates, to have been a visiting artist at Friends more than once, and to have experienced a 45th high school reunion for the record books." **Robin Campbell**: "Yep – turned 64 this year. Not sure how that is possible but there it is! Paul & I spend the month of June on Nantucket. I was a Visiting Scholar at Nantucket Historical Association working on a special costume and textile-cataloging project. Paul spent the month doing research in their archives for one of his projects. NHA put us up in a wonderful late 18th century house on upper Main Street. It was a wonderful experience. I am still teaching at U Albany and Excelsior College and loving it." **Katrina Taylor Clifford**: "POLITICS & THIS CRAZY WORLD ASIDE!!!!, 2017 has been a banner year – children and grand-child doing great – daughter Niko Everett in Newport Beach – living the joy of being uncompromising – and my daughter Jolie Clifford as a concept artist at Michael Kors, and freelance photographer. I'm still a Realtor at Coldwell Banker in Huntington, L.I. Happily married for 37 years, playing tennis & pickle ball, walking and enjoying life." **Peter Darbee**: "It was great to get together for the reunion. It was so good that we were able to see Merle one last time and so sad that our kind and dear friend has passed. While there was a lot of work involved in arranging the reunion, it was great fun working with the team in putting the event together. On the personal side, our big news is that we are expecting our fifth grandchild. Melinda is in seventh heaven over her grandchildren, as am I. Our grandson Keegan has begun in the preschool program at Friends. After the reunion, Melinda and I headed south on Sequoia, first to the Bahamas, then to Key West and on to Cuba. The Cuban people love Americans, fear both our government and theirs and believe Heaven on earth does exist, and it is the United States. These days I spend nearly all my time when not on the water working on the Salvation Army Board and leading our local and worldwide mission effort at our church. I want to wish our classmates prosperity and good health, and I cherish the good times we had at Friends. We

were all very lucky to have shared that experience." **Pat Croce Balcolm** & Ken have relocated from California to the Northern Virginia-DC exurbia, near Leesburg. "Since we moved here, we've been thoroughly enjoying our new surrounds and being back on the 'right coast.' Naturally, we miss our grandkids, but we 'facetime' regularly and we've begun a kind of grandparents 'pen pal' thing with our granddaughter. Hayden (seven-year-old and precocious) reads at about a fourth+grade level and loves to write, so we exchange hand-written letters. Imagine that, a lost art, for sure! We trust that she will develop some skills otherwise lost by keyboarding and (God help us) the acronym hell of texting, plus she will have tangible archival materials from her grandparents when it may actually mean something. Our hope; who knows what will actually occur... Nevertheless, she waits expectantly for our letters (according to her mom and dad) and, even that is a good thing. We also write (and draw pictures) for our grandson, who is just five years old, but he's still on the cusp of understanding the relationship between reading and the written word." I (DC) had the opportunity to go on an extended backpacking trek for the first time in 17 years, to Ontario's rockily rugged (pink granite and white quartzite ridges), lake-strewn Killarney Park. I was with a college buddy, also 64, and we were pushed to our physical limits – 78 kilometers in seven days, much climbing, some crawling. The younger fellow in charge of us had all the latest, mind boggling (to an old-timer) camping accessories and so we survived, unplugged though we were. I was forever remembering the 240 mile hike **John Heus** and I, when we were 18, undertook on the John Muir Trail, from Yosemite across the High Sierras: without a tent, without a camp stove, with – intentionally or not, in the spirit of Muir himself – minimal provisions. One other notable change from past decades: contemplating the starry night sky, the communications satellites, scudding by, are almost always visible. A **Scott Neilson** sighting: "All is well with the Neilson family. Jackie and Mike just added another little girl to the roster: Sara. Four grandchildren now altogether, ages 3, 2, 1 and 0. As for me, much the same: still living in Belgium half time and PA the other half. Learning Dutch...wow, whacky language. Some of the sounds you have to make actually cause physical pain. Oddly enough, my French actually sounds good in comparison. Not sure any of you remember, but can you imagine, I actually fall back on French in a pinch? That's how bad my Dutch is!!! This year's big deal is a bicycling benefit ride in Tanzania: four hundred miles from Kilimanjaro to the coast over 10 days. I am in the middle of training

and have a couple of good coaches...one keeping track of the workout schedule, and one for the nutritional side. Will actually spend about a month in the area--going on a safari after the ride--assuming I live through it." From **Robin Campbell**: it is worth repeating "I spent last June on Nantucket as a visiting scholar at Nantucket Historical Association. Am now Medicare eligible! Husband Paul had cataract surgery and an emergency appendectomy and I had a lumpectomy for early breast cancer, and we are both doing fine. Still teaching. Mom turns 96 in June of this year." **Bill Vitriol** bemoans the demise of the everyday ballplayer, as brittleness seems to be the order of the day: "Did injuries happen so frequently when we were kids? Didn't they all play 145+ (baseball) games a year, including doubleheaders? Now iron man status is awarded if you stay healthy for half the season." **Angela's** two cents: "Having taught *plein air* painting workshops near Burlington, Vermont over the past five years, I decided to set up a studio in the area and work on several new projects. Burlington is a human scaled city with a thriving University population and so many natural attractions. I am still based in New York City, however, and therefore still up for our Manhattan mini-reunions!" **Katrina Taylor Clifford** continues in her long time vocation as a Long Island realtor. "My husband is a master home renovator so our work lives have been centered around real estate and fixing up houses. Our 10 year-old grandson is a little surfer and sailor and everything Californian. Besides real estate & family, life is all about tennis, pickle ball & politics!" Apologies to **Julie Rogers**; in a previous issue I had her in Pensacola. She lives in Poinciana, FL. **Pat Croce Balcolm** and Ken have settled into their digs on the Virginia side of the Potomac, barely upstream from the mad house that is Washington City. I can attest to Pat's *bona fides* as a self-described "political junkie." She rendered an astute analysis, and correctly predicted the outcome, of the March special Congressional election in the quirky, gerrymandered Southwestern PA district that I call home. From our California bureau word filters in that **Marcia Wierda Halpern** has had get-togethers with **Jeff Haydu**, and then **Craig Kronman**: mini-reunions, if you will. Marcia reports that these outings were most pleasant, and Messers. Haydu and Kronman remain erudite, accomplished, and friendly fellows. Congratulations to **Melinda & Peter Darbee** on the birth of their 5<sup>th</sup> grand child, Luka Harry Darbee, who joined the fold in early April.



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The class of 1972 celebrated their 45th reunion during Fall Fair/Homecoming last October. Please turn to the Reunion section for a recap and pictures! News is pretty scarce from the class of '72. As always, I appreciate any news from our classmates to report for The Meeting House. This time we hit a trifecta; all three Jim's have sent in an update. **Jim Bebry** wrote: "Roe and I are cruising with two friends in a week from Rome to Barcelona for a week! Cooking lessons at an old castle in Tuscany (homemade pasta). Can't wait for this cruise on Viking. Last year we also cruised with our friends on a Viking River cruise from Amsterdam thru Germany, Holland, France and into Switzerland. I loved the windmills in Kinderdijk. What a beautiful world we live in!!! So much history. Our country is so young." **Jim Kane** reports from the north woods of Maine that his family is still digging out from a ton of snow and hope to see grass in early May when the sheep, pigs and the new batch of chickens arrive. "All members of our FA extended family are always welcome to visit and stay in our farm house or wilderness one room camp on the lake. Still contemplating semi-retirement which likely means a part time job that I would like ... probably with a non-profit." **Jim Neville** also reported that "I had the great pleasure of running into **Susan Schulman** last summer in Union Square. It is a pretty small world. I don't think I had spoken to her since about 1972, even though I did see her to say "hello" at **Roger Erickson's** sad and wonderful memorial meeting, which was in 2015, I think. We had coffee together a few days later, and it was a treat to chat with her. I saw Susan again some months after for lunch at Otto on 8th Street and 5th Avenue. Afterwards, she and I strolled over to 12th Street to call on **Augusto Mariani...** who happened to be home... A great visit! Still riding my bicycle by FA now and then. I go out very early, to avoid the traffic. If anyone ever wants to join me, I leave Port Washington at 4:00 a.m. Don't leave your running lights at home! I once saw a fabulous shooting star over Young's Farm, as I noodled along Hegeman's Lane. I've probably thought of just about everyone in our class at one time or another on those rides. I've also thought about some of the things I did at

Friends that I'm not so proud of, too. Oh well, I guess that's life. We live, and we learn..." Our last update comes from **Dang Permpnich**, an exchange student from Thailand, who joined us sophomore year. (Think New Jersey retreat, Dang saw snow for the first time!) Dang reports that he is doing well. He swims every day to stay fit, and is completing a renovation on his home in Bangkok. He also enjoys playing guitar and has been known to serenade us on Facebook with birthday songs or rock 'n roll! That's all the news for now. You can stay up to date with the latest news on our Facebook page, FA Class of '72. Warmest regards, **Karen Spero Albers**

## 1973

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Many thanks to **Laura Wicker Hackett** for her years of service as Class Representative. If anyone from the Class of 1973 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org). We would love to hear from you!

## 1974

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**Evette Beckett-Tuggle** writes: "Greetings to the Class of 1974. My heart is a little heavy as I read through some of the notes sent. Let's keep Dori and Mike and their families in our prayers. I am so grateful for all I have, most of all for my relatively good health. Let's not take it for granted, folks. Adopt a healthy lifestyle – mind, body and spirit. Get your annual screenings and check-ups. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us. Let's live each day to the fullest. That is also the title of a beloved poem by S.H. Payer. Live Each Day to the Fullest. Check it out. Peace." **Dori Eden** writes: "I want to share with you something that has changed my life this year. I never thought it'd be me... but in April of 2017, I was diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast Cancer. I thought the diagnosis couldn't be right, but the diagnosis was true & I was mad as heck and wanted to punch somebody. Thankfully, I've found a therapeutic, proactive (and legal) way to hit back hard in my personal fight against cancer: By becoming a grassroots advocate, and organizing a team (called: Its All About 'The Girls') who took part in this year's American Cancer Society

Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk on October 21st & held a raffle event, I have made a difference. I'm hitting back by reaching out to difference-makers like you, who can donate to my team and help us reach our goal of raising \$10,000 in the fight against breast cancer. Your tax-deductible donation will be instrumental in the battle to save lives and beat cancer, hopefully, in my lifetime. Simply click on "Donate Now" and it'll walk you thru the rest. It's that easy. [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCCY17FL?px=46122138&pg=personal&fr\\_id=84708](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCCY17FL?px=46122138&pg=personal&fr_id=84708). Fortunately, contributions like yours really can and do provide hope, and make significant differences—maybe even for someone you know, who (like me), once thought themselves to be bullet-proof... Our circumstances can change in the blink of an eye. That's why I'm here asking you to help. I am grateful for, and I thank you in advance for your openhandedness and bigheartedness. **Mike Gordon** writes: "To my class-mates and to the Friends community at-large and just for class notes: we have had a very difficult summer ourselves. After a five-and-a-half year battle with ovarian cancer, my sister **Merle Gordon Dowling '71** passed away on July 12th this year. More on Merle's life appears elsewhere in this issue of the Meeting House but I want to briefly share my experience and my learning here. Merle lived relatively symptom-free for five+ years from the date of her diagnosis. Yes, she had episodic chemo with its typical side-effects but these were for a couple of days, every couple of weeks in short chunks of time in which she underwent treatment cycles. Then, over the last three months everything went shockingly quickly – essentially my sister starved, because she could not digest or retain food. I'm sorry if this is difficult for some to read, but there's valuable learning in it that I'd like to pass on. I didn't know that things seem to move slowly, or not at all, until they don't. This underpins some things I feel are valuable to keep in mind in case you face this yourself or with someone close to you. Make sure you're working with a doctor who listens to you and considers you a partner in your treatment. This is particularly important if you intend to research options on your own. We had a last-ditch treatment prepared, and Merle was on-board for the fight. However, during one trip to the hospital, Merle's doctor blocked our intentions. He and his team bullied and misled Merle in order to get her into an inpatient hospice facility. Merle's doctors said 'What your brother is outlining will not help. You will be without a doctor because we will step away from treatment (which is exactly what they did once they trundled her away to hospice).' We then found a brilliant (and quite



well reputed) cancer doctor who was willing to prescribe precisely what we had researched, but it was too late – Merle did not then want to leave external hospice for in-home hospice, where he would treat her. As we age, our physical problems become more complex – we need curious doctors who respect our feedback and truly want to understand the research we do to contribute treatment ideas. We should be particularly suspicious of certitude in a doctor. Merle's doctors did not say 'in my view what you and your brother have settled on is unlikely to help.' Similarly, when I faced high cholesterol myself, my (since fired) doctor told me that dietary change 'would not help.' Five years later, my diet is transformed and my cholesterol is normal without any prescribed drug. We can recognize excessive ego, certainty and rigidity in a doctor through his or her language, well before we fall sick. As I sat with my sister for those last several months we had together, there were wonderful things we shared, and I also shared some serious guilt. I told her I wished I'd advocated for a hysterectomy, when her in vitro efforts were done and her child-bearing years were over. We only get one chance to learn, when those close to us face a clear health challenge. Let's share our learnings with one another. My new nuclear family? All is well with me, my wife, daughter and son. I promise more details and plenty of kvelling, in some future note!" **Sandy Hull** writes: "I continue to serve as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, in Jenkintown, PA, happily married to Belinda. Our four sons are spread across the country. Charlie and his wife, Kristi, live in Brooklyn; Tim is in San Diego; Kevin, Arianna his wife, and our two grandsons, Silas and Asher, recently moved to Charlotte; and Ned, a 2017 college graduate, is living with us and working at his first 'real job.'" **Ann Withington Wojtal** writes: "For all my theatre pals from Friends, I have to report I am living vicariously through our son, Andrew Wojtal, who is currently performing in the US Tour of Broadway's *Hamilton*. He is a dancer and singer onstage with other ensemble members, but also has a role as Samuel Seabury, where he gets a short solo and duet with the actor who plays Hamilton. The tour debuted in San Francisco, where we saw it twice, and is now in LA until the end of the year. Watching him perform is magic and we are very proud parents. Our daughter Emma is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner working in an ER in the Bronx, where she is busy saving the world, one child (and family) at a time. We are in awe of her, as neither of us could ever imagine doing the kind of work she does. While in San Francisco, I saw a former classmate whom many of you will remember, **Dru Dawkins Coates**. We had not seen each other since we were 18 years old! It

was a blast to catch up. I also saw **Susan Schrenzel Richter** quite recently. My husband Michael Wojtal and I live in Maine and are both still working. He is a teacher at the local high school, and I work for a semiconductor company as an admin/office manager. My company was acquired by a larger firm in September 2016, so there have been a lot of changes. I look forward to retirement one of these days, but not just yet.

## 1975

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From **Pamela Walker McNamara**, "We had an AWESOME reunion in late September with **Tilde Mariani Giacché**, **Vicki Chesler**, **Allison Bannister Benabdallah**, **Daphne Riker Hagan**, **Tina Rose Erardi**, **Lynn Chamberlain Adams**, and **Lydia Herzog Landesberg** in Newport!!! It was as though we had not missed a beat — great friends from Friends Academy days! We had many laughs and a great time catching up and exploring Newport, walking the Cliff Walk! I am living in South Dartmouth, MA with my husband, George and our three dogs. Our daughter, Casey, lives in London and son, Tim just moved to San Diego. I work in mobile software for healthcare, connecting patients and their doctors. We've just built a smaller home, downsizing after our kids flew the nest! We love sailing and fishing on Buzzard's Bay and kayaking on our local rivers." From **Vicki Chesler**, "Our big news this year was that our daughter Melissa got married on August 5th at Glen Tonche estate in Shokan, NY, near our home in Ulster County. [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/06/fashion/weddings/melissa-kovner-nicholas-levine.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/06/fashion/weddings/melissa-kovner-nicholas-levine.html?_r=0) It was a wonderful weekend celebration, from Friday's poolside Tiki Party to yoga overlooking the Ashokan Reservoir to the ceremony and dinner outdoors in the courtyard and dancing in the Great Hall. In other news, fellow FA classmates **Tilde Mariani Giacché**, **Daphne Riker Hagan**, **Tina Rose Erardi**, **Lynn Chamberlain Adams**, **Pamela Walker McNamara**, and **Allison Bannister Benabdallah** spent an amazing reunion weekend together at Allison's sister's gorgeous waterfront home in Newport, RI in September. From cocktails on the porch to touring the Vanderbilt Mansion, The Elms, to Cliff Walks and great meals, it is incredible how much we all enjoyed spending time together. While some of us have been in touch throughout the years, others hadn't seen each other in decades. Our time together at Friends Academy melted the years away." From **Cathy** and **Terrence Chermak**, "We've had an active year



Laurie Block '75 and Tilde Mariani Giacché '75 with FAAAB Board Members Alexandra Kelly '06, Katie de Svastich '07, Danielle Farrell O'Kane '06 and Rebecca Pacchiano '07.

filled with joy. Terry's eldest daughter, Tara, had our first grandson, Ari! We celebrate his first birthday in November. Jennifer, the middle daughter, will be married in February! And, Vanessa is in ninth grade at Viewpoint School in Calabasas. She is on the tennis team, plays alto and tenor sax and piano. When I look at her and her friends, I remember our ninth grade year and all of you! Most of us met in ninth grade at FA! Montauk remains our summer destination so if any of you are on the east end in July and August, please visit us! Peter was out there this summer and I found out on Facebook. We missed the opportunity to see one another. Oh, if you're on the west coast, please also let us know. Terry and I hope you are doing well and hope to see you when we travel to NY." From **Robin Beckhard**, "It was wonderful to see so many friends at our NYC reunion last Nov. 2 – thank you so much for hosting us, **Kimi (Puntillo)**! In the midst of an unsettled world, I'm feeling personally lucky these days. My daughter's second son, Teddy, was born in August, joining his older brother Kermit (yes). Claire, Ethan and the boys live 10 blocks away, so I get to see them and babysit every week. My son Alex got engaged in June to his long-time beau Alex (whom Kermit refers to as 'other uncle Alex'); they're thinking about a 2018 wedding. Life is good these days! I love the leadership consulting firm I joined in February 2017, Performance of a Lifetime, which uses techniques from theater and improv to help people give new "performances" when they and their organization are going through change. Music is, as always, a big part of my life – my chorus, New Amsterdam Singers, is celebrating our 50th anniversary of singing under the continuous direction of our conductor, and we've commissioned and performed several new pieces in her honor. I'm lucky that both of my kids are happily ensconced here in the city – Claire (M&A partner at Kirkland) and her husband Ethan live 10 blocks away with their little boys Kermit and Teddy, and Alex and his

fiance' Alex, who are planning to be married in Amsterdam next spring, live downtown. My folks still live down the road from FA – my dad just celebrated his 85th, and my mom is taking undergrad Italian classes at Queens College. A collective happy 60 to Class of '75. The only thing that's missing is a beau, so anyone who'd like to make an introduction as a 60th birthday present, please do!" **Robin Beckhard** says, "" On Thursday, November 2, 2017, over 30 alums gathered at the home of **Kimi Puntillo** '75 in New York City. Many thanks to Kimi for hosting the fabulous evening! **Linda Relli** says: "hahahaha, I really live a boring life, not worthy of print. If it weren't for Facebook I wouldn't have any socialization! I am getting ready to downsize, putting my farm on the market soon. I currently have 14 acres and hope to downsize to five acres and a little cottage. I am down to one dog, Isabella, a wire-haired dachshund who is an AKC champion, two Kunekune pigs (outdoor farm pets! The first question people usually ask is do I let them in the house? NO!) a mini horse who I adopted from a rescue organization and a burro. So 14 acres is overkill at this point! I look forward to less grass to cut and fence to fix! I work full time at an equine clinic where I have been for the past nine years. We are a 24-hour emergency clinic with two surgeons on staff and we also do routine/ambulatory work (vaccines, lameness evaluations, foaling out etc.) We cover a huge territory in the central Virginia area. And with nine veterinarians total there is rarely a dull moment, I can tell you that! I am one of two schedulers and it's like a new crossword puzzle every day. My Mom is in assisted living here in Virginia and still going pretty strong at 90! The facility where she resides is GREAT! They have

taken Mom and several other ladies who can still get around reasonably well, to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts a couple of times already. More recently we went to the historic Byrd Theater in Carytown to see the movie Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. :) I love your pictures on FB Tilde – they make me a little homesick I must admit!" **Stefan Shaffer** reports: "I am still working at the Company I founded (we are celebrating our 28th anniversary), SPP Capital based in NYC and splitting my time between NY and Nantucket. Much of my time is also spent on a number of Boards (LIM University in NYC, the Shipwreck and Lifesaving Museum in Nantucket, and the Visual Arts Center of New Jersey). Amy and my girls, Sara and Julia, are all well." **Andrea Alpern Feldman** tells me "my husband Peter and I are proud to announce that our son Josh is writing, producing, and acting in the Sundance Now series, "This Close." Here is the information on how to watch the show. The entire first season of #ThisClose is now available on Sundance Now. Go to SundanceNow.com or download the Sundance Now app or watch it via the Sundance Now channel on Amazon Prime, Apple TV or Roku. They all have a seven-day free trial already included. You can watch the entire season in around 3 hours, not including our fun after show, Now the Discussion. If you need more time use the promo code HEARTBEAT for 30 more days free! If you've already watched it." **Bob Holterman** tells me "All's well in upstate NY except for the snow. Our daughter, Leigh Ann, will be graduated with her doctorate from UVM in May, maybe we can get there without boots..." I wished **Roger Thomas** well on his upcoming surgery and he replied: "Thanks! Not looking forward to the surgery, but what can you do? Apparently both

my shoulders are shot and need the joints replaced. Ouch! One this spring and one next so I can rehab over the summers and not miss ski season! But have arguably the best shoulder guy at HSS, so I should be in good hands. Not too much to report. My kids are all doing well. JJ, my daughter who just turned 16, is doing well in her sophomore year in boarding school at Blair Academy. Her brother and sister, Will and Kayde, who are now 14 (twins), graduate from their K-8th school this spring and were each accepted to Blair as well. We're pretty happy about that (well, maybe not JJ!), and I hope they both decide to go as it's a great school. I started a new business with a partner about three years ago (Workspace Property Trust). We own suburban office buildings, with about 150 buildings in four states and ten million square feet of space. So far, we've put together a team of 75 people who work for us, so that's been keeping me busy when I'm not skiing! But I've been skiing as much as I can get away with, mostly out west indulging my passion for helicopter skiing. The guide I was skiing with a few weeks ago in BC got swept away in an avalanche and carried down the mountain. A bit scary (more so for him than me!), but he was airlifted to a hospital and while severely hurt will recover. My last trip of the season is in a couple weeks. Heading to Valdez, Alaska to heli ski up there for a week. Alaska is beautiful, but scary steep! Definitely feels like the frontier! Otherwise, I live in Bedminster, New Jersey, and have an office in NYC and outside Philly, so hopefully I can make the next shindig! Please give my best to everyone and as always, thanks for being the best class representative ever! Xoxo" **Peter Flint** has some great news: "I left Polaris partners about 4 years ago and joined JM Search as a Partner. The family is well and my son Tyler and his wife Dana are expecting a baby girl in June. So I am going to be a Grandfather. Very Exciting! **Wendy Bell Guerrera** adds: "I currently live in Wassaic, NY and work in animal rescue. Recently developed a program called Gimme Shelter Yoga where we have a shelter dog join a yoga class for enrichment and socialization. All is well! Love to you and thank you for all you do!!" It was so great hearing from **Linda Tillotson Loewy**: "Thanks for keeping on top of all of this...I wish I had something exciting to share...that being said, we are healthy and busy, and still working on a rebuild of a family cottage in southern VT. It takes all our weekend time, and of course, it's mud season over there, so we are concentrating on interior projects until summer...Our permanent home is still in NH, an hour north of Boston; our daughter, Faith, is in the Boston area so we are "close" if needed...Looking forward to a 2 week vacation at the end of the



Members of the class of 1975: Meredith Hull Smith, Robin Beckhard, Harriet Grimm, Susan Gravina King, Tilde Mariani Giacché, Kimi Puntillo, Howie Klein, Laurie Block and Chip Behal.



month to Cancun – a timeshare in a really laid-back resort...no clubbing, just lots of good books to read, sun, sand and cocktails. Neither Jeff nor I can retire yet, so we take our breaks when we can, and we are really looking forward to this one..." My good pal **Daphne Riker Hagan** and **Kevin** (Class of 1973): "we are enjoying life in Cold Spring Harbor and recently celebrated 36 years of marriage – CONGRATS guys! Our daughter Jenny just recently moved to San Diego and just got engaged! Our son Kyle lives in NY and works as a tunnel engineer for Mott McDonald." **Betsy Bober Polivy**: "How can anyone say "no" to Tilde? She has been our champion, our voice for the Class of '75, for some forty years now. She is simply the best – in every way – and I am thrilled to have reconnected with her. We have spent some lovely times together now that we live a short distance from one another. I am happy to report that I reached the pinnacle of my journey walking the side streets of Manhattan. It was an amazing experience discovering so many incredible places, but the people that I met along the way were what made it truly remarkable. In an effort to shine a light on the small businesses, I have documented every single place, and interviewed thousands of people from 1st through 155th Street. I continue to re-walk the streets in an effort to keep the **Manhattan Sideways** (sideways.nyc) site up to date. Sadly, so many places are closing on a daily basis, but there are always new ones to chance upon. Presently, I am working on a book – *Walking Manhattan Sideways*. I look forward to sharing many of the stories that the business owners have told to me over the years. And, in the meantime, I have been curating photography exhibits throughout the city, showcasing the beautiful photographs that have been taken inside these hidden gems. When not out walking, I am enjoying every moment possible with my three grandchildren. We travel to Boston often, but they are also getting old enough to be able to enjoy special times with us in New York. **Pamela Walker McNamara's** update: she and the Health Helm team are growing their mobile patient-clinician platform enabling patients to stay connected and prevent unneeded emergency room and hospital visits. She and husband George live with their three dogs (Black Lab, Bernese Mountain Dog, Jack Russell-Beagle rescue) in South Dartmouth, Mass, and are settling into the new, smaller home they built, now that they are mostly empty nesters. "Tilde, when are you coming to visit us?!!!" And as for me **Tilde Mariani Giacché**, after two years working with my sister at her fashion PR firm, I went back to my biggest love, teaching, in September. I'm currently a preschool teacher (ages two to four) in Clinton Hill, Brooklyn at Little Nest



Betsy Bober Polivy is on top of the world with her Manhattan Sideways group.

Learning Center and I absolutely LOVE IT!! My oldest Jennifer got married last year in our hometown San Terenzo to Steve whom we love very much, she works in Corporate Access at Bank of America, my son Josh is getting his Masters in Middle Eastern Studies, Oreste got his Masters in London at the London School of Economics and will begin at WORKDAY in September, and Vienna is a Junior at NYU and loves it. I just recently attended Betsy's MANHATTAN SIDEWAYS event highlighting Chelsea (see attached picture with Betsy, myself, her daughter Joelle and son Evan) and she will be having another one featuring Hell's Kitchen on May 15<sup>th</sup>. I just love going to these events, not to mention all the great tips on restaurants/bars/stores to visit! We're looking forward to a CLASS OF 1975 GATHERING in NYC on September 15<sup>th</sup> – save the date!!!! Big hug to all my pals from 1975 xoxo

## 1976

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## 1977

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Greetings Class of 77. With apologies to the late, great Roger Grimsby of Channel 7, "Here now, the news." **Heather Vuilette Lende** writes from Haines, Alaska that's she's now the grandmother of six, ages one to seven. Two blondes, two brunettes and two redheads. Her

daughter, Joanna, now 26, has followed in the footsteps of her grandmother (former FA Upper School principal and Director of College Guidance Sarah Vuillet) and is the principal of an elementary school in Unalaska-Dutch Harbor (Home of the Deadliest Catch). Heather is also involved in local politics and last year was voted on to the Haines Borough Assembly where almost immediately (in a sign of the times) she and two others were the subject of two recall elections by a "Make Haines Great" campaign. She and her colleagues prevailed and now, being the accomplished New York Times bestselling author she is, is going to write a book about the experience. Her other books have been optioned for television, and a semi-fictional drama is in development at NBC right now. In January she was given the Governor's Award for "Distinguished Service to Alaska's Arts and Humanities." Congratulations to **Michael Greene** on winning the Sunningdale Club Championship. The swing is sweet, the putter always smooth. Yes, I'm jealous. Michael and his wife Alison live in Scarsdale. **Susan Weinstein Dobuler** lives with her husband outside New Haven, CT. Their daughter, Zoe, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Yale and is now living outside of Boston as a project manager for HubWeek, which describes itself as a first-of-its-kind civic collaboration and weeklong festival that brings together the most creative and inventive minds making an impact in art, science and technology. The family loves to spend time on Martha's Vineyard "And not just in the summer." Caught up with **Jordan Grabel** and his wife, Vicki, when they came to Dallas in September for the Florida-Michigan football game (no we won't talk about the result). Jordan's son, Zach, was with us as well. Zach is a Florida graduate, doing his residency in orthopedics at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. **Liz Boyle**, living in Sullivan's Island, SC, has become quite the entrepreneur. Her company, Station 22, LLC has received a patent for a wearable nail polish holder called Tweezy (The first of its kind). It took a few years to develop, but was introduced in 2016 and went viral globally. With success comes having to beat back the counterfeiters which the patent is helping take down. The company is now waiting on international patents. I know an entrepreneur who happens to be a Shark. Thanks to Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban, among the many things my wife, Karen, and I did in a very busy off season was to watch the hit TV show, *Shark Tank*, being taped. I'm not allowed to tell you what we saw pitched, and what made the cut, but it was an incredibly enlightening experience into how TV is made and how very smart business people go about their investing in others. We also volunteered at a three-day conference in New Orleans called Collision. I'm

not sure how to describe what it is other than Tech, Music, Journalism and entrepreneurs, from around the world basically speed dating one another in 20 minute sessions. More than anything else, going there was just an excuse to gorge on New Orleans cuisine, which I'm sure, if I lived there full-time, would have me looking like chef Paul Prudhomme in no time. We also spend a spectacular week in August in Lake Tahoe celebrating our seventh anniversary, and a rather important number which will not be acknowledged, birthday for Karen. The Mavericks may be six years removed from their championship season, but there is no less love for the job I do with them. In my 13th season, I get just as excited to walk into the arena now as I did that very first night. I know how fortunate I am. Sorry about not being able to put together a 40th reunion this year. The combination of my living in Dallas combined with the arrival of the Mavericks and college football seasons make fall events rather problematic. But would love to see as many of you as possible. I'll be in New York with the team in mid-March for four days (with a trip to Toronto sandwiched in between). If you're headed to DFW, let me know. If you have news to share for future *Meeting House* editions, I'm easy to find on Facebook, on Twitter @coopmavs, or by email at CoopGator@aol.com. Would love to hear from more of you.

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**Claudia Kulesh** reports that she is living in NYC, working at Bloomberg and visits LI frequently to see her mother, who still lives in Garden City in the house that Claudia grew up in. **Donna Cirasole** continues to work in private practice obstetrician/gynecologist in Cincinnati and her husband is a liver transplant surgeon. Donna's daughter is graduating from Columbia University this spring, which will be followed a couple of weeks later by her son's high school graduation. **Michele Pistone** was thrilled to share that Villanova University has approved her plan to develop a new online interdisciplinary program on teaching students how to support migrants and refugees. The new program is designed to help community members who want to work with migrants and refugees in various settings. Students will start by learning about migration, the push and pull factors that impact migration, cultural difference, and how to interview and provide pastoral and community care to migrants. The curriculum then focuses on legal protections available to migrants and how non-lawyers can provide legal services before the Department of Homeland Security and immigration courts as an accredited representative. More information about the program is available here, <https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/teaching-learning/factuly/VillanovaMigrantRefugeeTraining.html>. Congratulations to **Matt Bloom**, who got married back in June 2015 to the lovely Shelley Simmons-Bloom. Although Matt works as an anti-money laundering investigator, he's up writing fiction in the early morning hours and should have a new adult novel complete early next year. Matt recently published a children's

book called "Hello, My Name is Bunny!" ([www.hellobunnybloom.com](http://www.hellobunnybloom.com)) which is a charity project to raise funds for pet shelters. Hence, the rather fluffy Facebook and Instagram notices that Shelley has been posting each day. Matt shared that he had lunch with **Jon Christian** at Katz's Deli last year. Jon is out of the navy now and Matt said it was great to see him after so many years, and that he hasn't changed a bit. **Joanne Maisano** is enjoying her life as a photographer in Northern VA. Right now her photography is centered around foxhunting as the season has just begun. So she is getting her exercise chasing the hounds and members on foot to get that unique shot! When Joanne isn't behind the lens, she's creating private, custom safaris in East and South Africa for clients who don't want to travel with a group of strangers. She keeps in touch with a handful of people from our class through social media. Here are a couple of her websites to check out. [www.joannemaisano.com](http://www.joannemaisano.com) & [www.safariandbeyond.com](http://www.safariandbeyond.com) Jane Newkirk reports that she and her husband Terry are in the process of selling their home in Avon, CT and moving back to Manhattan!! They hope to be settled on the Upper West Side by the new year. **John Corcoran** writes that he still lives in New Canaan CT, his boys are now 11 and 12, and attends St. Luke's school in town. He commutes daily to the city and is sometimes lucky enough to catch a Friday train home with his brother and **Ed Balazs**... so if anyone else is headed that way, give them a call! From the Alumni Office... Many thanks to Michael and Leslie for their years of service as class reps, and to Ellen and Ed for stepping in to their new role! Please flip to page 73 for a recap of the class of 1982's 25th reunion last October!

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**Melissa Errico** continues to sing & dance. She has had the opportunity to write for several magazines, and publish two essays in The New York Times about the highs and lows of an actress' life. 2018 was a year of singing Sondheim and doing an off-Broadway musical called "On A Clear Day You Can See Forever." She has three daughters – Victoria, twelve, and twins Diana & Juliette, nine, who love tennis and dancing, respectively, and at this moment approaches her 20th wedding anniversary. Melissa sends her love to her Friends classmates – and remembers her days with you as busy, fun and enriching. "Please know I will always put you in the front row at my little cabarets! I would be honored to see you on date nights, with your families, to sing for you anytime! I haven't turned out to be anyone who changed the world, but I know a lot of great music. You're always welcome & I would be inspired."

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Greetings Class of 1989!! Notes are short this time around! First, **Jennifer Meltzer Geller** has joined Corcoran Group and is doing an amazing job as a real estate agent in NYC. She has a fantastic understanding of market trends and does a great job for both buyers and sellers. Jen can be reached at [Jennifer.Geller@corcoran.com](mailto:Jennifer.Geller@corcoran.com) and I hope you turn to Jen for all of your real estate needs in the city. Anyone in the industry can tell you that Jen is hard-working, trust-worthy, professional and very easy to work with! Second, **Stephen Kunken** is brilliant in season three of Billions on Showtime (created by FA 1984 graduate **Brian Koppelman**). Stephen plays Ari Spyros and he is a definite scene stealer. Billions is such a tremendously well written and produced show and Stephen is a dry, witty natural in his role as Ari, the new Compliance Director for Axe Cap!! Stephen also plays Commander Warren Putnam on season three of *The Handmaid's Tale* where he is sure to be incredible once it premieres at the end of this month. Both shows should be on everyone MUST WATCH list as they are absolutely riveting. Please send in your notes Class of 1989 as everyone loves hearing from you! All the best, **JoAn Monaco** From **Lawrence Schimel**, "I am sending along a picture from earlier this week at the Premios SM in Spain, handed out to the winners every year by Her Majesty the Queen of Spain (as part of her efforts to encourage and promote reading). The photo is of myself, HM the Queen of Spain, and Llanos Campos, author of *The Treasure of Barracuda* which I translated into English for Little Pickle/Sourcebooks last



Lawrence Schimel with HM The Queen of Spain and Llanos Campos, the author of the middle grade novel, *The Treasure of Barracuda*, which he translated into English and won the Premio Barco de Vapor, a prize that the Queen presents each year.

year, and which won the Barco de Vapor prize in 2014. Meanwhile, I've recently delivered my translation of *The Wild Book* by Mexican author Juan Villoro, which will be published by Restless Books as the lead title of their new YA imprint Yonder. As they write: 'In the tradition of *The Neverending Story*, Mexican master Juan Villoro's *The Wild Book* is a wondrous adventure story of a boy who goes to live in a magical library where books have supernatural powers.' <http://www.restlessbooks.com/bookstore/the-wild-book>. Those're probably the highlights of my news for now. :-)"

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If anyone from the Class of 1990 would like to be the class representative, please contact us at [alumni@fa.org](mailto:alumni@fa.org). We would love to hear from you!

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**David Shalam** opened a commercial bakery, Heritage Bakers at 1 Garvies Point Road in Glen Cove, which is now open for customers Friday through Sunday from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Check out their website at [heritagebakers.com](http://heritagebakers.com) and stop by to try their amazing popovers!

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The class of 1992 celebrated their 25th Reunion during Fall Fair/Homecoming this past October. Check out the special reunion section for the recap and some pictures of the evening!

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**Todd Jacobson** was recently featured on ABC7 NY discussing the National Basketball Association's sensory inclusiveness initiative. The NBA recently made accommodations at their flagship store on Fifth Avenue to make their store more accessible to individuals with special needs. They also plan to expand their sensory inclusiveness initiative to 20 arenas by next season.

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**Josh Speisman** is living in Port Washington with his family and is loving being on Long Island. He is splitting his time between designing and installing vegetable gardens for his landscape clients with working as a realtor for Daniel Gale in the Manhasset office. This has been a big year for **Arthur Bovino**. He writes: "My wife Angela and I are thrilled to say that we welcomed a handsome baby boy, Augustus Miles Bovino. In what seems like an indication that he'll be taking after his father's night-owl tendencies, Augustus was born at 4:12 AM on Friday, August 25, weighing in at 6 lbs. 12 oz and measuring 20.5". I also just finished writing my first book, well, actually two books... a book



Josh Speisman '94 and his family on Halloween.



Arthur Bovino '94, his wife Angela and their baby boy, Augustus Miles Bovino born on August 25, 2017.

about the best wings, weck, and pizza in Buffalo, *Buffalo Everything: A Guide to Eating the Nickel City*, and a companion cookbook, both to be published by Countryman Press (a division of Norton) in June, 2018." **Rohit Chandra** writes: "I'm a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital. I co-chair MGH Chelsea's Community Research Program and teach at Harvard Medical School once a month. I'm in an Indian acting troupe, which performs plays in English, and I live in Brookline, MA. (No kids or wife. Had an arranged marriage to a woman from India



Rohit Chandra '94 who is a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital

that went badly. Now divorced, but dating again)." **Alana Teutonico Brock** writes: "Me and my crew are doing well. I am both happy and sad that my littlest one (Sofia, three) is now off to school with the older two. I'm coaching basketball again this year and am excited that the season is upon us. That's it for my uneventful update, but

I just recently visited with **Kristin** and **Damian Pieper**, who have welcomed another adorable, male family member... this one, however, of the furry kind! Welcome to Ollie Judge Pieper!!!" **Beau Peelle** writes that he and his wife Elizabeth are living in Manhattan Beach, CA and have three children: Leo (4), Ella (2.5) and Ava (0.2). As for me (**Neely**), not much is new except we added a delicious pup to our crew in Brooklyn and my husband and I finally finished our first zero-impact "Firefly Green" lake house in the Berkshires that is now available to rent. I was at FA for Fall Fair and wow has it changed. Brought back so many memories too. I saw

**Kristin Kelly Pieper's** baby sister **Alex Kelly '06** who is not such a baby anymore working the alumni tent, **Lara Hirsch Yanke** and her family who attend Friends now. I ran into **Dana Minutoli Forbes's** sister, **Jeanine Minutoli Sand '98**. I also saw **Natalia Porcelli Good '93** and **Adam Good '93**, **Chris DeNatale '96** all who send their kids to Friends along with my brother, Nish Doshi '98.

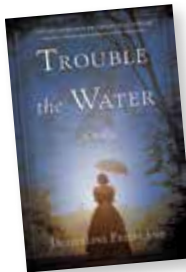
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Greetings from the Class of '95! **Sarah Hendler** writes that life is good in California. She is staying busy designing jewelry, which can be found locally at Broken English and Bergdorf Goodman. Sarah's two boys (three and six) are keeping her busy, while her husband's restaurant businesses are still growing. If you are visiting Los Angeles, you should check out "Animal." Sarah and family send everyone their best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. **Jackie**



The debut novel of Jackie Berkell Friedland '95

**Berkell Friedland** is excited to share the news that her first novel, *Trouble the Water*, will be published

in May 2018. Historical fiction that takes place in Charleston, South Carolina, twenty years before the Civil War, the book is currently available to pre-order on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Indiebound. **Brett Lambert**, his wife Mary, and son Hayes welcomed their second son Dillon Jack Lambert to their family this fall. Everyone is well and healthy! Congratulations! I (**Tom Pascarella**) wish to share that my wife Jess and I welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Amelia Shea, into our family in September. Amelia is our first child, and she is amazing and wonderful and we are so happy to have her in our family. The class of 1995 has some great accolades to share this quarter. **Allison Tomlinson** was recently promoted to Principal at her company, Gensler. Gensler is a global architecture and design firm, and Allison has been their Regional Counsel for the Northeast and Latin American Regions for the past eight years. Congratulations Allison! **Jackie Berkell**





Tom Pascarella and his wife Jess welcomed their first child Amelia Shea in September 2017.

**Friedland** is so excited to share that her debut novel *Trouble the Water*, (SparkPress, May 8, 2018) was released this spring. Historical fiction that takes place in the American South twenty years before the Civil War, *Trouble the Water* is available for purchase at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Indiebound. For more information, she suggests you visit her website: [www.jacquelinefriedland.com](http://www.jacquelinefriedland.com). Congratulations to our newest published author! Finally it is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of our classmate **Allison Serpe Lewis** on April 8, 2018. Allison passed away due to complications from Ehlers Danlos Syndrome. Allison was a wonderful artist, and had been living in Costa Rica since 2011 with her husband and 3 children. Please spare a thought for Allison and her family. Please contact me if you wish to be included in any events we do in her memory.

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A big congratulations to **Kerry Hsu** on being a mom and her relocation. Kerry and her husband, Chris, recently moved to Columbus, Ohio and are doing great. New York misses you, Kerry! We've been settling into Washington, D.C. and been here almost two years. It's a lot different from island living, but we're happy to be on the mainland. I accepted an Adjunct Professor position at Georgetown University Law Center and next semester I will be teaching White Collar Crime and Securities Fraud. It's an exciting opportunity that I am looking forward to. Please email me with your new email addresses when you can, many of the addresses on file are no longer in service. Thanks! –Luke

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**Amanda Parmer** writes, "I am living in Brooklyn and I'm the Curator at the Vera List Center for Art and Politics at the New School in New York. We're celebrating our 25th anniversary this year." From **Jason Schubert**: "We welcomed our second son, Henry Anders last January, and I've been working as Resident Engineer at RFK Bridge for the Harbor Lights Project. Harbor Lights is Governor Cuomo's plan to install an interactive LED light show on all of the state owned bridges in NYC." **Geri Lake-Bakaar** reports, "I have an 10.5 month old girl (turning one in December) named Maya and started my own specialty veterinary practice (Pulse Veterinary Cardiology) a year ago as well. I'm still happily married (despite chronic sleep deprivation :-)), living in Colorado with the family." **Kate Mincer** writes, "I'm a Costume Designer throughout NYC and last year opened my 50th design (*A Midsummer Night's Dream*)! I've worked at theatres throughout New York and beyond, and have worked at Blue Man Group, New York City Children's Theatre, the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre, Lincoln Center, the Wylliams/Henry Dance Company,



Lindsay Roth '99 and her husband Gavin Jordan attended the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May.

Classic Stage Company, Opera House Arts, Northeast Children's Theatre Company and other awesome places. I just started getting into writing and illustration, too. My husband Rocco and I live in Queens, NY, and are about to celebrate our seventh wedding anniversary." From **Ashley Heise Freger**, "Just a little update that my family and I moved out from the Upper West Side of Manhattan to Manhasset in September of 2016, and I had my second baby boy, Mark William Freger, on June 26, 2017. My first son, James Winn Freger is now two years, four months old and attending Pierce Country Day School. We are loving living on Long Island so far!"

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**Jason Jacobs** married Jessica Frenchman this summer on a farm in Woodstock, VT. His cousin Jesse, who introduced the couple,



Jonathan Koenig, David Greene, Jason Jacobs, Sam Eisner, Zach Rosenow and Ben Ryan (all '04) at Jason Jacobs' wedding last summer in Woodstock, VT.

officiated the event. It was a gorgeous outdoor wedding (with a 10-minute thunderstorm) attended by many FA alums and families.

**Jonathan Koenig, David Greene, Sam Eisner, Zach Rosenow and Ben Ryan** helped celebrate as part of the wedding party.

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**Sarah Schoenhut** is working as a veterinarian at a small animal clinic in the upper west side of New York City. **Richard Grasso** has transitioned careers in the last 15 months from real estate broker to investment associate at Stifel investment banking in New York City.

**Pam Bebry** has recently joined the FA Alumni Association Board and currently resides in New York City.

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**Brooke Silverstein** married Anthony LaGrasso on September 16, 2017, at the gorgeous Guastavino's in New York City, surrounded by 250 of their closest family and friends.

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Brooke Silverstein '06 married Anthony LaGrasso on September 16, 2017 at the gorgeous Guastavino's in NYC, surrounded by 250 of their closest family and friends.





Katie Koufakis de Svastich '07 and Derek de Svastich on their wedding day, September 16, 2017.

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**Katie Koufakis de Svastich** married Derek de Svastich at her parents' home in Mill Neck on September 16th with plenty of other Fighting Quakers in attendance! The couple met at Trinity College, where Katie continued to pursue her love for music and theater and Derek played on the 16x National Champion squash team. Katie works at the global headquarters for Coach in product merchandising and Derek is a currency trader at The Gelber Group. Katie's love for FA hasn't changed, serving as one of her class representatives and on the FAAAB. The couple currently lives in the Financial District in Manhattan. Congratulations to **Will Roland** and the entire cast of *Dear Evan Hansen* on their big Grammy win for Best Musical Theater Album on January 28, 2018.



Katie Scialabba '08 recently launched an Etsy shop featuring her celebratory and joyful watercolor paintings.

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**Katie Scialabba** recently launched an Etsy shop "Watercolor by Kate S" selling her original watercolor paintings. Katie studied fine arts growing up, specifically life drawing, oil painting and sculpture. After high school, she continued to sketch and draw whenever college and post-grad life allowed. Katie currently works for an interior design firm in Manhattan, Tharon Anderson Design. Katie writes, "Through work experience, I noticed a need for affordable original art to complement interior furnishings. I decided to experiment with watercolors and drew inspiration from some of my favorite textiles." She received so many inquiries and requests that she decided to launch the Etsy shop in October 2017. The shop has paintings for sale, but a majority of her orders come from custom commission requests. You can see Katie's work at [www.etsy.com/shop/watercolorbykates](http://www.etsy.com/shop/watercolorbykates).

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The class of 2010 has been busy these past few months: **Olivia Pascucci** got married and fellow classmate Eliza Budd was one of her bridesmaids; **ChiChi Anyoku** was elected to a position on the Brown Board of Trustees; Emily Hawkins is still busy with college admissions season while volunteering with Wellesley; **Morgan Schapiro** recently announced a cross-country move to California for a new job; while **Sam Gussack** has caught the entrepreneurial spirit and started his own business. **Chichi Anyoku** is a student at Harvard University in the joint MBA/MPP program. Speaking of moving, **Morgan Schapiro** has relocated to San Diego and I for one am beyond jealous of all the beautiful weather he's getting. **Anastasia Williams** has entered her 5th year of working as a producer/talent booker at ABC NEWS' Good Morning America. We should all



Cirsten Burton '10 in a recent art showcase.



Rose Mangiarotti '14 receives her diploma from Brown University Board of Trustee Chichi Anyoku '10 at her graduation. Sister Meredith Mangiarotti joins the group photo.

congratulate her for her two Emmy wins this year (one for Outstanding Morning Show as a producer and the other is for 'Outstanding Breaking News Coverage' for her work on Pulse shooting)! Anastasia is based out of NYC with her sister **Zoie Williams**, another outstanding 2010er. Zoie is currently working in real estate. **Cirsten Burton** recently participated in an art showcase where she exhibited 3 original makeup looks and costumes. If that wasn't fantastic enough, Cirsten has been also just had her work published in Paper Magazine. As for me, **Emily Hawkins**, I've achieved my dream of winning money on an HQ alternative and just winding down from college interview season. If you have any news to share please don't hesitate to reach out. I'd love to catch up.

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Congratulations to **Alex Kucich** on the opening of his new business, BOUT Boxing. Located in

Roslyn, NY Alek trained under Professional Boxing Coach Jesse Macrae and looks forward to bringing a luxury boutique boxing gym to the North Shore of Long Island. BOUT Boxing's goal is to bring boxing, which for the second year in a row has been voted most popular form of fitness throughout the country, to Roslyn to become the premier boxing gym of Nassau County. Alek is interested in providing clients with a program that will improve physical and mental health and allow attendees to learn the technical skills of boxing.

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**Regan Dvoskin** will be attending grad school in Scotland next year (MSc in Data Science at the University of Glasgow). **Rose Mangiarotti** graduated from the Business, Entrepreneurial and Organization school at Brown University on May 26th. Coincidentally, **Chichi Anyoku** from the class of 2010, who is on the Board of



Friends, family and supporters pose inside Bout Boxing.



Alek Kucich '13 in front of his new boxing gym in Roslyn, NY.



Trustees at Brown University and is currently a full time student at Harvard (dual MBA and MPP) handed Rosie her diploma!

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Congratulations to **Matt Feinstein** who was selected as the All Ivy League Honorable Menion as well as captain of the Dartmouth baseball team for 2018-19. A center fielder, Feinstein has started 102 games with a .299 average, 16 doubles and a pair of home runs in over 400 at-bats.

## 2016

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**Sam Towse** recently won the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers Young Jazz Composer of the Year award as well as an award from the NAMM Foundation.

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After helping to get our Civil Discourse effort started at Friends Academy, **Jacob Hutt** continues his political peacemaking work by publishing a piece, "The Opposite of Hate" in the *Yale Daily News*. He is a first year student in Silliman College at Yale University.



Our 2018 Legacy Graduation Photo: From left, Laura Greene and her mother Ellen Field Greene '82, Raquel Hutt and her mother Jenny Koppelman Hutt '88, Ashley Brown and her mother Kim Fahey Brown '88 and Lily Neisloss and father James Neisloss '76 (not pictured).

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Congratulations to recent graduate **Cristian Del Vecchio** who ended his career with Friends Academy with a banner year. Cristian was selected to the All-Long Island Golf Team by Newsday and placed 13th in the state in both 2017 and 2018, one of the best finishes for Friends Academy. He helped lead the team to its first-ever Long Island title in 2017. Fellow



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classmate **Andrew Marsh** was chosen as one of nine academic all-Americans from Nassau County.



Our 2018 college-recruited athletes: Alexander Roti – Carleton Univ. tennis, Andrew Marsh – Washington & Lee Lacrosse, Betty Pakh – NYU Track & Field, Laura Greene – Franklin and Marshall Track & Field, Jennie Miller – Yale Squash and (not pictured), Cristian Del Vecchio – Elon University Golf.

# ROGER RICHARDSON: BELOVED TEACHER AND COLLEAGUE

Roger “Doc” Richardson, a 33-year veteran of the Upper School Science department, passed away on July 30th, 2018. A brilliant mathematician with a Ph.D. in physics, Doc taught physics and astronomy during his time at Friends. A baseball pitcher and soccer player at LeMoyne College, Doc also served as an assistant track and field coach for many years. After retirement in 2009, Doc continued to teach astronomy and engage in informal research at Fordham University.

Doc traveled to Locust Valley from Thiells, N.Y. for his entire career, a roundtrip of 126 miles each day that included crossing several bridges. He always arrived well before everyone and could be found having his first and maybe second cup of coffee in the cafeteria at 7 a.m., chatting with colleagues and greeting students. Needless to say, Roger was a beloved teacher and colleague. He is survived by his wife Ann, their six children and 14 grandchildren.



When I first arrived at Friends in '77-'78, Roger had already been teaching for a year at the school, and had quickly acquired a reputation among students as a science guru. He had a following of scientifically inclined students, aka science nerds, who hung around him and bandied back and forth with him the latest concepts in the Physics ether, things like antimatter, the Big Bang, and dark energy.

I could tell he had stirred up a good deal of excitement. In fact, when I met with then headmaster, Ted Withington, in my job interview, he mentioned Roger as one of the school's stars, and indicated he hoped I could emulate Roger's success in my subject of English. I recall that Roger in either his second or third year was chosen by



Upper School Science teacher Roger Richardson

the students to give the faculty address at graduation. That was how quickly Roger had caught the students' fancy.

Roger also had a quick verbal wit and probably would have made a good English teacher. A close listener of everything that was said around him, he could pluck other peoples' words from the air and deftly spin puns from them. He enjoyed games, play and the active life of the mind. In the mornings in the Commons before school began one could find Roger solving crossword puzzles at a rate that I think my beloved colleague Alec Dick was envious of.

I observed some of his Physics classes and he brought the same witty playfulness to his lessons. At the blackboard or demonstrating Physics concepts with steel balls running down inclined planes, Roger would have a running dialogue with students that required them to be alert, curious, and quick thinking.

But what I came to appreciate most about Roger the more I got to know him was his extraordinary kindness and gentleness towards others. Roger like most of us had definite opinions in the realms of politics, education, child-rearing and school governance. In later years, a bit disgruntled, he would share with those close to him his



sense that things were not as they used to be or as they should be. Yet, Roger – ever sensitive – never imposed himself or his views on others.

He had a caring manner and expression that conveyed nothing but goodwill to his colleagues and students. Everyone at Friends during his years will easily recall the countless times Roger spent his after-school

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## Roger Richardson: Beloved Teacher and Colleague

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hours or weekends attending sports events – home or away. As a track coach teaching the shotput or discus, Roger could ease students of all body types and athletic abilities into the beautiful mechanics of launching these bulky projectiles into graceful flight.

Roger took a simple joy in being connected to the whole life of the school.

– Nora Sullivan



I had the good fortune of coaching with Roger Richardson. I was the head Girls and Boys Track coach and Roger was my assistant. I watched Roger train, instruct, coach and mentor our shot put and discus throwers. Most of our athletes were new to track and field and Roger showed endless patience in teaching any young person who wanted to try to throw a heavy implement.

Roger's instruction included a detailed explanation of how an athlete's movements affected the height, distance, and direction of the shot or discus based on physics. As a humanities teacher, I always enjoyed hearing him connect his academic area of study with his coaching instruction. Roger's approach often opened the way for students to ask him questions about what they were studying in physics class and he always had ready paper and pencil to write out some notes to better explain the material.

Roger was a great teacher and coach; he generously shared his vast knowledge and it was wonderful to see him inspire young people to learn and grow. Roger looked forward to spring track season and supported the program in every way he could: no job was too big or too small.

He was tireless in his efforts to set up the throwing areas with flagging and the appropriate lines; to carry hurdles and set them up for the first race of the meet; to direct students to carry out the high jump mats. I could always count on Roger to

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not only during track season, but throughout the year. When I was reading academic comments and providing feedback and edits to colleagues, Roger always responded positively to my suggestions and thanked me for my input. It took me awhile to realize that it was Roger who regularly left



Students in Roger Richardson's physics class collaborate and tackle an experiment.

check in with me during the day of a meet and ask "what can I do to help you?"

I am most appreciative of Roger's kindness and concern for me as a colleague and friend

a candy or two in my mailbox as thoughtful anonymous encouragement. This gesture was so thoughtful and so characteristic of Roger.

He was not loud and open with his praise, but in simple, significant ways he took the time to let people know he cared. In the off-season, Roger attended Cross-Country meets, soccer games, basketball games as well as other Friends Academy sporting events to cheer on the athletes.

After Roger retired, he stayed in touch to find out when and where the FA teams were competing near him and his presence at the NY State X-Country championships was particularly noted as we very rarely had fans and the athletes brightened up and took note of those who supported them. I can still picture Roger on the sidelines with an umbrella or cold-weather garb while proudly wearing FA colors and celebrating our teams.

## Allison Caroline Serpe '95: Passionate about art, her family and renowned craft master of ice cream

Allison Caroline Serpe was born on Sunday, June 5th, 1977, in Huntington, NY, to Karen and Robert Serpe and spent her childhood in Huntington Bay where she lived with her younger sister, Lauren, and older brother, Greg. In addition to enjoying swimming, cycling and spending time with her best friends, Gabrielle Sterbenz and Taylor Hilligoss, Allison was an avid reader, something that she would do voraciously throughout her life.

Allison has always remembered her time spent at Friends Academy fondly. She often reflected on the moral foundations of honesty, openness, diversity, and acceptance that she was introduced to at Friends. Friends Academy was one of the best experiences of her life and formed the basis of many of her life goals and beliefs. She would utilize these beliefs extensively when she home-schooled her own children. At Friends Academy, as well as at home, she found her love of art strongly encouraged. During her high school years, she also studied at Huntington Fine Arts Studio under the direction of Joseph Mack and Lisa Hock.



Allison CS Lewis

After graduating from Friends Academy in 1995, Allison attended Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was one of a limited number of students who were accepted into the Fine Arts Department and she quickly showed a strong talent for oil painting. In her Junior year, she was granted the honor of independent study under the guidance of Steve Kurtz. Allison was known for her unique style and extremely personal expressionism. During tours of the Fine Art Department, it was not uncommon for the guide to remark to tour groups visiting her studio: "This is what it means to have your own style." In her senior year, she studied abroad at Kuvataideakatemia in Finland and graduated from Carnegie Mellon University with a BFA in 1999.

It was in a mandatory computer class at CMU that Allison learned to create web pages. This skill, along with her strong background in art, allowed her to find success creating websites in Manhattan. While her days were spent absorbed in code, she would often stay up late into the night working on paintings and exploring the varied cultures available in online communities.

She met her husband, John Lewis, through a mutual contact on Friendster and they were married a little over a year later. Allison CS Lewis and John Kipling Lewis shared a love of the arts, sciences, and they both worked with web technologies. After the home birth of their son, Jackson, in 2005, Allison quit her job at Draft/FCB and devoted herself to her family and painting. She loved being a mother and having the time to work on her art. Both activities gave her so much joy. Allison became a strong advocate for home births and the nascent 'baby wearing' ideology, which she used in rearing Jackson. They loved their early life together living in the Corinthian on 38th Street and 1st Avenue in Manhattan. When Allison



Above, Allison and her three children, Jackson, Cole and Mackenzie at their home in Costa Rica.



Left, a sample of Allison's artwork and unique expression.

became pregnant again they moved their family to Park Slope, in Brooklyn, New York, living right across the street from Prospect Park where they often spent time as a family. There she had another home birth, her second son, Cole, in 2008. She was so inspired by the experience that she became a Certified Doula the following year. Later, she would pine for her time in Park Slope, where she felt she had the best of everything.

Their new home had room for a studio for Allison and she would continue her painting, often working long into the night after the rest of the family was asleep. She became famous in the art community with solo and group shows in galleries in New York City. She was also featured in a show for alumnae at Friends Academy. Following her success, Allison decided to focus on her family and reduced her studio time.

In Park Slope, Allison suffered from an undiagnosed illness which started to create obstacles to living a full life. The cold winter months in New York exacerbated her body aches and pains and caused an increase in joint dislocations. Once she had identified that her symptoms were greatly reduced by a warm climate, the family decided to move to the Central American country of Costa Rica, which has often been referred to as the "Switzerland of Central America" and one of the happiest countries on Earth.

In 2010, Allison, together with her husband and two young sons, left New York and decided

on a small village named Playa Chiquita, which is located on the Atlantic coast, not far from the Panamanian border. There, she and her husband opened a restaurant, which they named Alice, featuring Caribbean cuisine, locally-grown organic produce, and an abundance of freshly-caught seafood. Working together, they received many awards for excellence in service.

Allison began spending more and more time in the water, where she felt a dramatic relief from the many ailments that she experienced on land. Upon returning home after a day spent at the beach, Allison would often remark that she wished she could live under the sea. It was only there that she felt free of pain and she sought to spend as much time there as possible. Allison became a PADI and SDI certified Dive Master and embarked on exploring the waters of the Costa Rican coastline while also teaching many new diving enthusiasts.

In October of 2012 Allison gave birth to a daughter, Mackenzie, at home, with only her husband John in attendance. Having had two previous home births, together with Allison's training as a doula, they had the knowledge and skills necessary to manage Mackenzie's birth safely alone. Being born in Costa Rica, Mackenzie is a dual citizen of both Costa Rica and the United States. Following Mackenzie's birth, Allison's medical condition became more intense and she started to have periods of severe debilitating joint pain, particularly in the neck, dislocations of joints, and various skin conditions. It was a year later she was finally diagnosed with the chronic and genetic illness known as Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (cvEDS). Reluctantly she decided to shift her focus exclusively to her children and palliative care.

Allison and John converted their restaurant into an Ice Cream Parlor, providing more time for quality of life. Her secret recipes for both vegan and dairy ice creams became known worldwide and their establishment was consistently listed among hundreds as one of the best food attractions in the area. Allison gave the same attention to creating ice cream that she did to everything in her life; she embarked on reading dozens of books and going so far as to read scholarly papers regarding the chemical process of ice cream creation. In the end, she was considered a master of the craft and even the President of Costa Rica came by for a sample. Unfortunately, in 2016, they reluctantly closed the restaurant because Allison's medical condition had progressed to a stage where it was too physically difficult for her to continue making her now famous ice cream.

Allison still found solace in her love of the ocean. Trips to the beach with John and their children were where she felt the most freedom. In her final months, even these activities were too difficult and she was relegated to spending most of her time confined to her bed reading. On the morning of April 7th, she was found unconscious. Allison died in her husband's arms while he awaited an ambulance.

Allison is survived by her husband and three children, together with her Mother, Father, Sister and Brother, all of whom will forever love her and miss her.





THE SENIOR CLASS

### Catherine “Catchi” Childs ’38: Life-long artist and dedicated advocate for the arts

Catherine Childs, known fondly as “Catchi” to family and friends passed away on September 2, 2018 at The Manor in Morrisville, VT. Catherine was born August 27, 1920 to William Henry Harrison Childs and Catherine Oeland Childs in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Her grandfather, Eversley Childs, was co-founder of the Bon Ami Company and a well-known philanthropist.

Catchi, an only child, was raised on Long Island where her next-door neighbor was illustrator John R. Neill, best remembered for his “Wizard of Oz” characters. Mr. Neill used Catchi and his own daughters as models for “Oz” children, paying them twenty-five cents an hour, a good wage at that time. She attended Briarcliff Preparatory School and graduated from Friends Academy, Locust Valley in 1938.

She discovered her love of art while in her early teens. The family wintered in Miami Beach, Florida, and she would collect seashells on the beach and work them into place cards to sell at a Miami gift shop.

She saved her profits to pay for art lessons. She ultimately studied with Paul Wood in Port Washington, Leon Kroll and Hans Hoffman in New York City, and Angelo Savelli in Italy. Art became a life-long occupation and led to a long, illustrious career. She spent many years staying in Pietrasanta where she not only painted gorgeous landscapes, but also learned print making and how to sculpt in marble.

Her work has been exhibited in the United States House of Representatives and many important galleries in United States, Europe and Asia. She was a past President of the National Association of Women Artists, a past President of the New York Society

of Women Artists, and a member of the Board of Directors Artists Equity. She is listed in *Who's Who in American Art*, *Who's Who of American Women*, *Who's Who in the East*, and the *World Who's Who of Women*. In addition to her many memberships in important professional artistic associations, Catchi was the recipient of numerous awards and honors.

With advancing age, Catchi developed another passion – rug hooking. She brought her love of color and creativity to the craft.

She enjoyed attending week-long workshops up and down the East Coast, developing new friendships, and occasionally having a four generational hook-in with her daughters, grandchild, and great grandchildren. She often demonstrated the technique at the annual Cow Neck Historical Society fair. She loved calling herself a “happy hooker.”

Catchi is survived by daughter Diane Neuse of Middlebury, VT, daughter Heather Sargent of Morrisville, VT, and son, Charles E. Willis (“Trip”) of Leicester, VT. She was predeceased by son, Jeffrey C. Willis in 1969 and by three husbands, Charles E. Willis, Jr, Donald Twomey, and Mel Fowler.

She was the grandmother of eight and great-grandmother of twenty-one.

A private memorial service was held in the Chapel at the Memorial Cemetery of St. John's Church, Laurel Hollow, New York, with internment to follow. Charitable gifts in Catchi's memory may be made to The National Association of Women Artists, 315 W 39th Street, Suite 508, New York, NY 10018 or the North Shore Animal League America, 25 Davis Avenue, Port Washington, NY 11050.



Catchi Childs  
from the 1938  
Lamp Yearbook

## WE REMEMBER...

Catherine “Catchi” Childs ’38  
Craig Randall ’52  
Mary Bowne Brandt ’67  
Bill Wesp ’67  
Merle Gordon Dowling ’71  
Allison Caroline Serpe Lewis ’95  
Roger Richardson

### Mary Bowne Brandt ’67 ‘Cared deeply about the world’

Mary Elisabeth Bowne Brandt ’67 passed away at her home in Portland, Oregon, on March 29, 2018 after a 21-month struggle with brain cancer.

Mary was born on December 6, 1949 in Glen Cove, New York to Jane Ludlow Bowne now of Northampton, and the late Sidney B. Bowne, Jr. After graduating from Friends Academy in 1967,



Mary Bowne  
Brandt from the  
Class of 1967

Mary attended Skidmore College from 1967-68, and graduated from Adelphi University in 1971 with a B.S. in childhood education.

On August 14, 1971 Mary married E. Michael Brandt. After living in Baltimore and San Diego, they raised their three sons, four guinea pigs, a dog, a hermit crab, and one unfortunate salamander in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts for 30 years

before moving to Portland in 2008 to be near their children and grandchildren.

She had a questing spirit, seeking out wisdom from many sources. Her broad curiosity about the lives and feelings of others often resulted in striking up conversations anywhere, including the grocery store checkout line – much to her children's chagrin. Mary's activism manifested in many ways. She brought her energy and passion to the Raging Grannies, the Annual Walk for Peace of the Leverett Peace Pagoda, Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, La Leche League, and many other groups. At the Mt. Holyoke College interfaith center, she cooked for a crowd and mothered students, creating a true sense of home for any and all. Mary cared deeply about the state of the world, and everyone in it. She lived the creed to “Think Globally, Act Locally,” seeking out opportunities for activism and hope, and creating communities of mutual support and solidarity. With her exhortation to just “shower and show up,” she made the world an immeasurably better place.

– Excerpted from the *Daily Hampshire Gazette*

## Bill Wesp '67: CEO of Lehman Brothers Bank, sailor and continental traveler

Bill Wesp '67, a "lifer" at Friends Academy, sadly passed away September 7, 2018 after a long illness. Born in New York City, Bill grew up in nearby Sea Cliff.

Growing up, Bill belonged to Sea Cliff Yacht Club and became an avid sailor, a passion that stayed with him throughout his life. At Friends Academy, Bill was remembered as "extremely popular" and served as Class President his senior



Bill Wesp from the 1967 Lamp Yearbook

year. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1971. One of Bill's first jobs was Assistant to the Chairman and CEO of American Express.

He went on to become a portfolio manager at the Company and then became a Senior Vice President of Investments at Central Federal Savings Bank. Bill joined Fidelity New York FSB in 1986 as CFO and CIO; he ended his career there as President and Director.

From 1999-2000, Bill was CEO of Lehman Brothers Bank. He rejoined the Bank in 2009, as a Director and eventually CEO and President of its successor, Aurora Bank, FSB.

Bill loved traveling and eventually visited all seven continents. He was particularly fond of the high arctic and Antarctica. He loved taking photographs, especially of polar bears and penguins.

He was a member of the New York Yacht Club, the Centerport Yacht Club and the Explorers Club.

When Bill's classmates learned that he would be unable to attend the class' 50th Reunion, nearly all of his classmates drove out to visit him in Northport.

Bill is survived by his wife, Anne Wesp and by his mother Elizabeth Young and by his sister Susan Naylor and by his niece, Jennifer Naylor, nephew David Hartman, niece Tracy Darmosal, niece Katherine Leary and nephew Tucker Hutchinson.

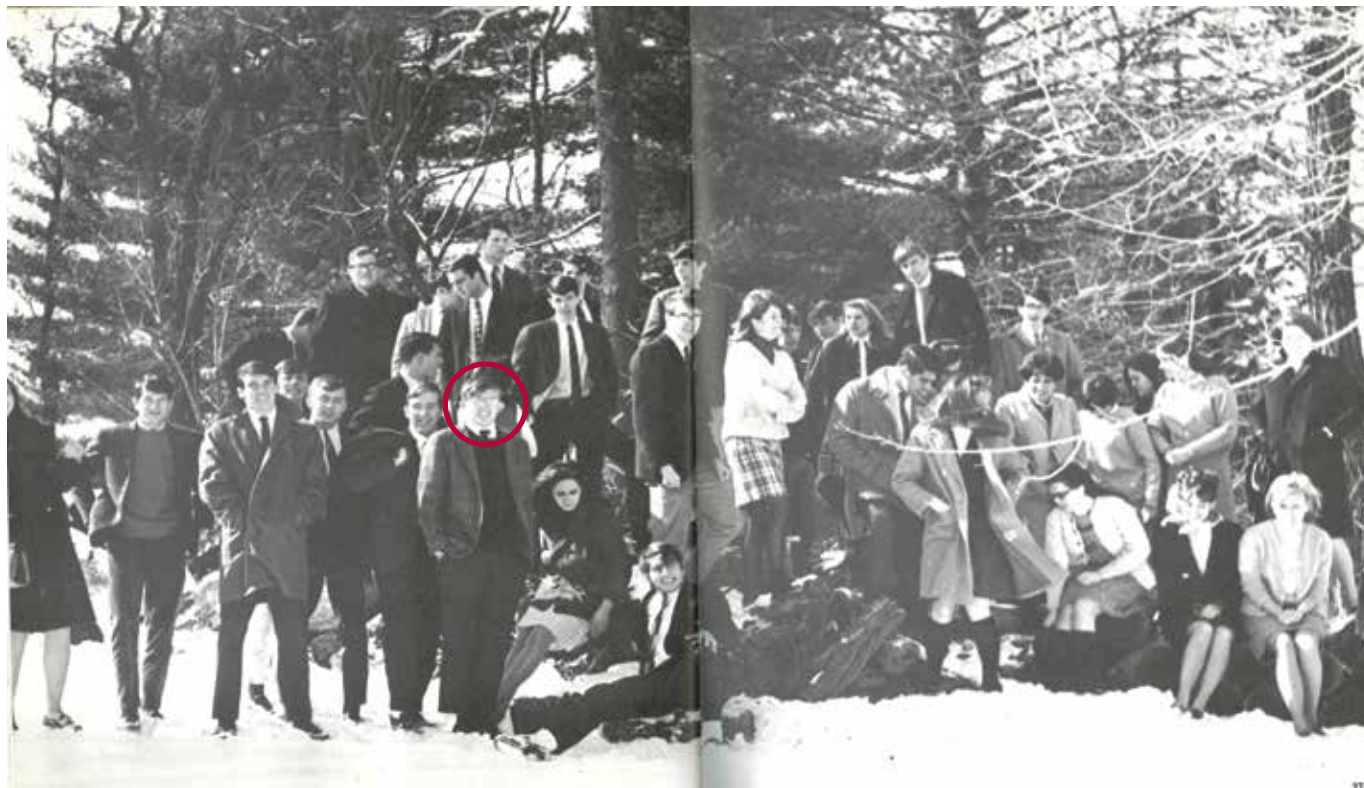
In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the following: Friends Academy, 270 Duck



President Bill Wesp and the Senior Class officers, including Vice President Paul LaLicata, Secretary Linda Hasselman and Treasurer Todd Graham

Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer ("SPOHNC"), PO Box 53, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

— Excerpted from *Newsday* on Sept. 9, 2018



The Class of 1967 in their senior year as published in the 1967 Lamp Yearbook.



### Craig Randall '52: Coach to many, friend to all

Craig Wesley Randall passed away peacefully at OCH Regional Medical Center on Tuesday April 11, 2017. His wife Kathryn was by his side as Craig went home to eternal healing to be with his Lord Jesus Christ. Craig was born on April 9, 1934 in Glen Cove, New York. Many people that knew Craig knew him as "Coach Randall."

He graduated in 1952 from Friends and 1956 with a bachelor's degree in history from Colgate University in Hamilton, New York. While in college at Colgate, Craig played football and lacrosse. Craig was known for his beautiful singing voice and while at Colgate he also sang in the chapel choir. In 1958, Craig finished his master's degree in social science and enlisted in the United States Army. It was in the Army that Craig began his football coaching career.

Craig met the legendary football coach Colonel Earl "Red" Blaik, and Col. Blaik had him ordered to West Point Military Academy where Craig began coaching football, swimming and lacrosse for the Army. After his time serving and coaching in the Army, Craig moved on to Wichita State University as an assistant football coach. From there he moved on to Texas A&M coaching the Aggie defensive line from 1962-1964. In 1965, Craig moved on to Louisiana State University.

From 1965-1977 Craig coached the LSU defensive line with the Tigers leading the nation in rushing defense in 1969 by allowing only 38.9 yards per game. In 1970, the LSU Tigers won the SEC Championship and also lead the nation in rushing defense.

After he completed his stint with LSU, Craig moved on to the United States Air Force Academy from 1978-1979. In 1979, Craig came to Starkville and Mississippi State University as part of Emory Bellard's coaching staff. It was here in Starkville that he settled in, coaching at MSU from 1979-1982, working in the athletic department as an assistant athletic director from 1982-1987, and then coaching again from 1987-1989.

Over his career Craig had the privilege of working with many wonderful coaches, players, trainers, and equipment staff.

He also coached 11 All Conference Players, 5 All-Americans, and 10 professional players (one named AFC Rookie of the Year). After his coaching career ended in 1989, Craig stayed on at MSU working as an assistant planner with



Craig Randall from the Class of 1952.

the MSU physical plant.

Craig might have been known to others as "Coach," but to his family he was known as a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Kathryn Perkins Randall, his sons David Craig Randall (Daria), Kevin Lynn Randall (Carrie Beth), and four grandchildren, Katie (12), Allie (8), Donovan Craig (3), and Dexter (1). Craig loved his family dearly and he enjoyed nothing more than spending time with his family, especially his four grandchildren.

He was an active member of the Starkville First United Methodist Church Choir for many years where he was able to enjoy his love for music and singing. Craig also had a special love for the staff and patients at the OCH Cardiac Rehab. He was extremely grateful for his caregivers and friends at cardiac rehab.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to OCH Regional Medical Center Cardiac Rehab, Starkville, MS or the Starkville First United Methodist Church Choir, Starkville, MS. You can leave the family a condolence at: [www.welchfuneralhomes.com](http://www.welchfuneralhomes.com).

### Obituaries & Memorials

Please send announcements and memories to Christine Lunsford at [Christine\\_Lunsford@fa.org](mailto:Christine_Lunsford@fa.org) or call (516) 465-1796. Feel free to include a photo with your message.

### Merle Gordon Dowling '71:

#### Motivator, advocate and bright light

Producer, Protector, Ethical and Passionate Salesperson, Loving and powerful Mother, Daughter, Partner, Sister and Friend

Moving mountains came naturally to Merle Gordon Dowling '71.

Merle earned a BA in drama from Vassar in 1975 and joined the Yale School of Drama to gain an MFA in Theatre Management in 1981.

Merle had several careers – in theater, in television production, in the energy efficiency industry and ultimately in child advocacy. Merle innately found challenging projects, attracted and motivated extremely creative people and then found the supporting resources necessary to make it all come together.

She designed her first job at RKO Nederlander, licensing music and clips but mostly motivating people to offer great deals on material they really wanted out there, seeding a new media service. She then built an accessible film and video library for an archive company – Baseline. Merle wanted great work to be accessible so she catalogued and democratized. For over 10 years, Merle worked in Miami Beach in the film and video production industry, working with the Miami Beach Tourism Commission, the Miami Beach Executive Development Board, the Coconut Grove Playhouse, Filmworks Corp. and Venture Productions to name a few, and then eventually as executive producer for FLEPCo, the independent production company, with regional and national advertising agencies.

Merle then returned to Carmel, New York to work in energy efficiency with her brother Mike '78. People trusted Merle to tell them the truth. When she believed in what she was offering, she could accomplish the undoable. She transformed the residential energy efficiency industry by getting folks to say yes. Then she advocated for her clients better than anyone else could. In this role, Merle was integral in helping millions of people earn billions of dollars, simply by providing efficiency relief to the electricity power grid when the grid was in danger of failing – she helped to invent an industry.

While working at ConsumerPowerline she remained active in theater by serving on the Board of Directors for the Chekhov International Theatre Festival in Ridgefield, CT.

How ironic it was that she'd have a long career in the energy field, when she herself was such a self-renewing source of energy and creativity for those lucky enough to be in her orbit.

In 2015, Merle moved to Landrum, South Carolina and served as Guardian ad Litem, Child Advocate at the South Carolina Governor's Office. Many children are the richer for the way she got to know them and passionately argued for their best interests within the justice system.

Born on March 7, 1953, Merle passed away on July 12, 2017 and is survived by her son Ethan, brother Mike, his family, her partner Joe, and the innumerable friends who were lucky enough to be in her world – a true extended family.

But true to her theater roots, she's still the only person we know who had her very own amphitheater at her beloved home in Landrum, South Carolina. She'd laughingly show it off to all who visited her there.

Merle laughed at a lot of things; she'd laugh hardest at herself.



Merle Gordon Dowling, Class of 1971

# Sharing his 'transformative experience'

— Ken Mills '78 and his wife, Elaine

When Ken Mills was a student in the North Babylon School District, his youth football league coach put him in touch with Joe Umbria, then head football coach at Friends and he had no idea how much his life was about to change.

Shortly after that meeting, Ken started eighth grade at Friends Academy and immersed himself in Friends Academy. "I participated in three sports, almost every Upper School play, dabbled in student government and at one time was sports editor for the *Inkwell*, Friends' student newspaper."

Ken's favorite memories of Friends were the relationships that he had with his teachers and coaches. Ken recalls, "My teachers pushed me hard in the classroom just as my coaches pushed me hard on the field. My coaches were my teachers and my teachers were my coaches." Ken grew to respect this philosophy during his time at Friends and it has since turned out to be his lifetime mantra. After graduating from Friends, Ken went on to Williams College where he graduated with a double major in psychology and biology. After briefly considering medical school, Ken realized that his calling was education and took a job at The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey, where he taught for over 30 years. In 2012, he and his wife, Elaine, relocated to Florida where Ken continues



Ken Mills and his wife Elaine

to teach science and coach football as the Head of the Upper School at Ransom Everglades School.

After so many years in education, Ken says that he has a greater appreciation for the opportunities that were given to him at Friends. Ken and his family have always supported Friends, but the decision to make a Planned Giving Bequest was about looking towards the future. "I hope I can help others to have the same transformative experience that I had while at Friends."

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### OCTOBER 17

5-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN  
COMMUNITY LAUNCH, 7 PM  
(MAIN GYM)

### NOVEMBER 1-3

UPPER SCHOOL FALL  
PRODUCTION, "248 MILES"  
7:30 PM (THEATER)

### JANUARY 12

DOLAN CENTER 20TH  
ANNIVERSARY: A BROADWAY  
SALUTE AT FA, 7 PM  
(THEATER)

### JANUARY 17

COMMUNITY MEDITATION/  
RECEPTION WITH LAMA  
YIGNYEN TENZIN, 2 PM  
(DOLAN CENTER)



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