

THE MEETING HOUSE

2019-20





EDITOR'S NOTE

The production of this issue of The Meeting House began before Friends Academy went virtual for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. We appreciate your patience in the arrival of this issue! The first issue of the 2020-21 school year will take a deeper dive into Virtual Friends Academy.



STRONG MINDS.
KIND HEARTS.

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 775 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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LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL



In his book, *My Life: From Brooklyn to LA*, one of our featured alumni, Geoff Wharton states, “It may sound like a cliché, but I believe in living in the moment and trusting in possibilities of tomorrow.” I draw inspiration and hope from Geoff’s words as we reopened the Friends Academy campus on September 8th following a six-month closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In this issue of *The Meeting House*, we look back and trust in possibilities for the future. Kids enjoying carnival rides at Fall Fair 2019, students paddling a canoe on the 9th-grade camping trip, a powerful performance of the all-school musical, *Newsies* featuring electric on-stage moments on opening night, and backstage hugs following the final performance, and of course, weekly Meeting for Worship in our beloved Meeting House. These are the defining moments we think of when we think of Friends Academy.

The events in the spring of 2020 forced us to live in the moment and to lean on our unique strengths as a Quaker School. Friends Academy reopened as a fully virtual school in mid-March with the goal of retaining the integrity of our academic program and grounding it in our Quaker Mission. In the wake of loved ones we lost to the virus and the reckoning of social and racial injustices near and far, we held powerful and meaningful virtual family Meetings for Worship, as students, parents, colleagues, and alumni supported each other with moving messages of truth and hope. Virtual Coffee House performances replaced spring concerts as we listened raptly to student musicians, singers, and poets from all divisions – these opportunities reminded us of the power of peace and community. A culminating senior celebration weekend (all socially distanced) made up for treasured last moments on campus for the Class of 2020.

As 2019 Career Day panelist Lucky Gobindrum ‘04 reminds us, “It is important to focus on what you have learned from every experience, good or bad, win or loss. If we as individuals can do that, we will continue to grow, build, and win.” In the spirit of continuing revelation, we look forward to the possibilities of tomorrow, wiser, stronger, and more assured that our Quaker values are always there, supporting, guiding, and empowering us.

My very best,

ANDREA KELLY



A few scenes from the first day of school, Fall Fair, and our annual Family Night from the 2019-20 school year!



Last September, 9th graders spent three days in Danbury, Connecticut, on their outdoor education trip! Students built and tested their own cardboard canoes, climbed a ropes course and played team-building games, allowing the class to solve problems, build confidence and develop community in a beautiful outdoor setting!

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STRONG MINDS.
KIND HEARTS.

THE HISTORY OF THE FRIENDS ACADEMY FLAG



The original Friends Academy flag that originated in 1954, designed by student council president Ward Burian '54.

The Friends Academy flag originated in 1954, when as president of the Student Council, Ward Burian '54 proposed to design a flag and have it as a gift from the student body for outdoor and/or indoor use and at special events. It was happily received by the Merrill Hiatt Administration and used as intended. Even the school's Alma Mater song reads "Flag we love, Red and Black, ever wave, dear old FA o'er thee, We will ever prove most loyal to thy memory." Thanks to an everlasting love for Friends Academy, and to the generous support by Ward Burian '54 to this day, we are reproducing this classic relic from our history.



The 2020 redesign of the Friends Academy flag.

2019 FALL FAIR & HOMECOMING

On Saturday, October 5, 2019, a beautiful fall day, the Friends Academy campus bustled with students, families, colleagues, and members of the surrounding community at Fall Fair & Homecoming. enjoying rides, games, and international food homemade by FA families. On the field, the field hockey and boys and girls soccer teams' energetic performances helped set the tone for the day.

The Class of 1969 returned to campus to celebrate its 50th class reunion, spending time at Meeting for Worship in the Meeting House and enjoying an elegant lunch at the Jackson House before joining the festivities on the Quad.

The night before, Friends Academy families got a special chance to enjoy the rides before gathering around the traditional bonfire on the soccer field – a favorite moment for many FA students!





Above: Members of the Class of 1969 reunited on the Meeting House porch.

Left and top right: Smiles and laughs abounded as Friends Academy students enjoyed the rides!

Bottom right: A Fall Fair tradition is the International Food Festival, when FA families prepare food from their heritage.



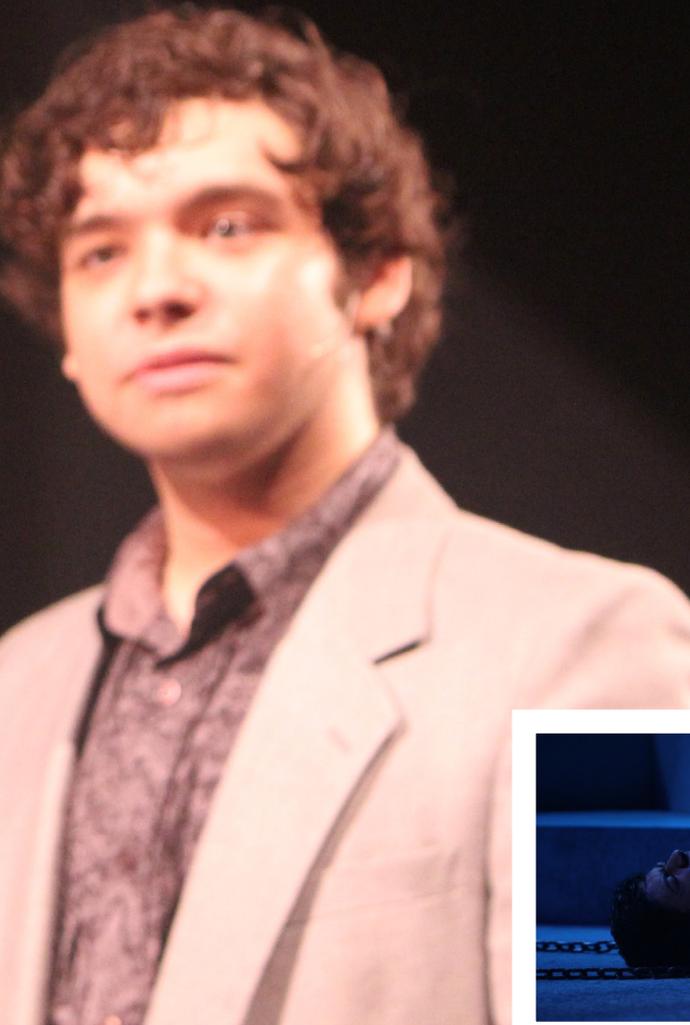
In a modern world of seemingly constant change, the quid pro quo of gender politics seems to have been a constant theme throughout the ages, immortalized as it was in William Shakespeare's "Measure for Measure."

Set against the ubiquitous city center of Vienna, "Measure for Measure" tells timeless tales of love and heartbreak, taking action against corruption, and facing moral dilemmas.

The Friends Academy adaptation put a modern spin on a Shakespeare classic, setting the story to a punk rock soundtrack, complete with neon costumes, bright splatter paint, wailing electric guitars, and drum solos.

"MEASURE FOR MEASURE"



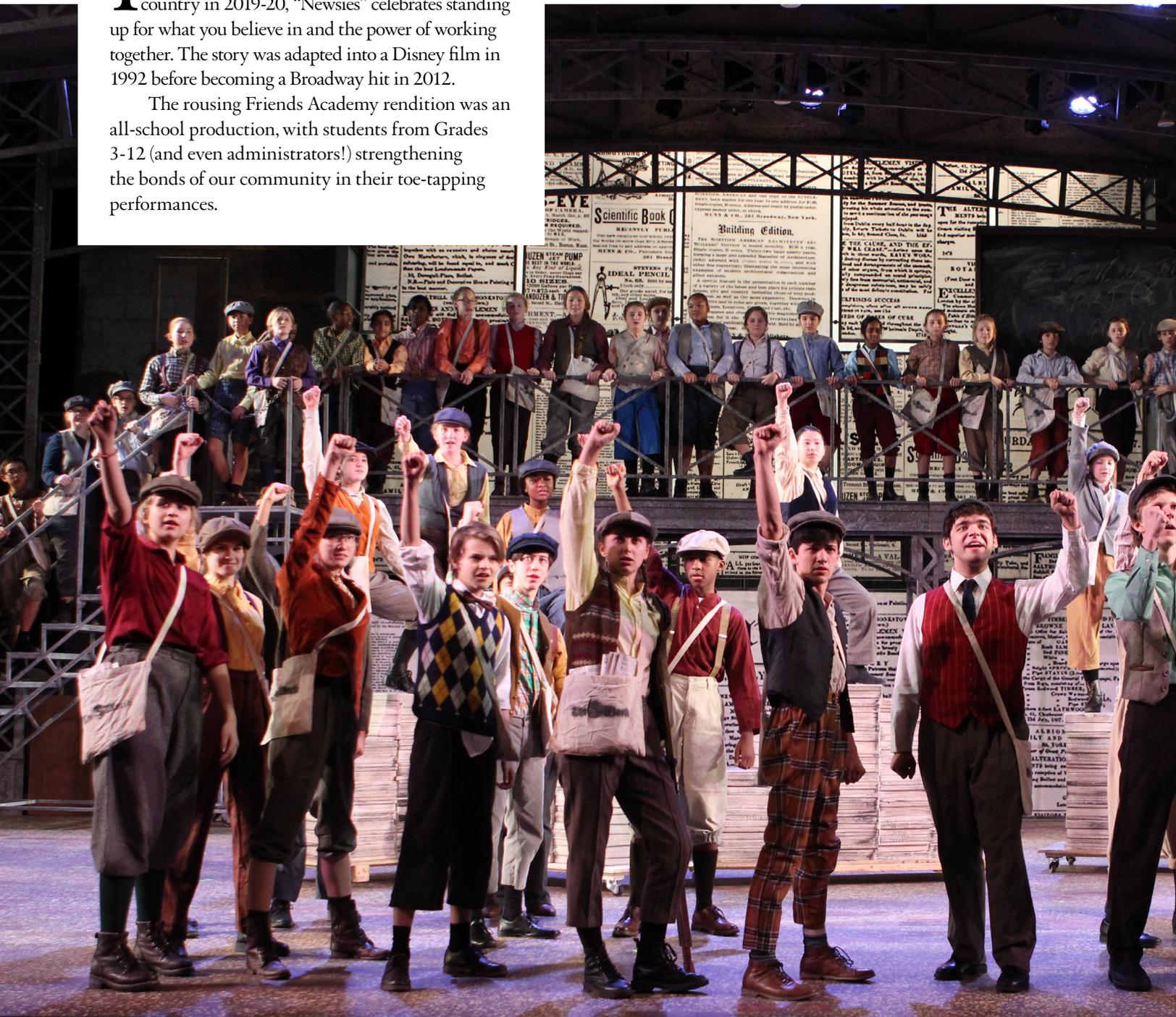


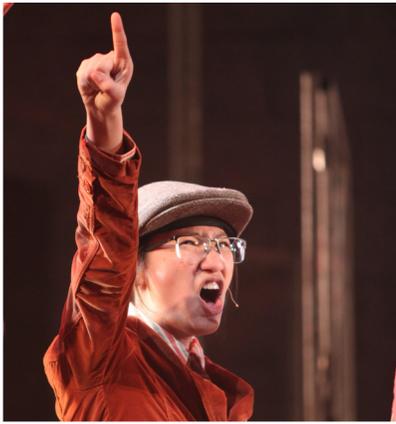
Clockwise, Isabella (senior Kyla Graham) rejects Lord Angelo's (Danny DaCosta) advances, as well as his proposal. Emma Herold launches the play with an eye-opening punk-rock score. Lucio (Dominick Williams) tries to fly above the radar with Kate Keepdown (Grace McCormick) and Lynn Lockwood (Kylie Mitchell). Departing Duke Vincentio (Madeline Scanlon) gives her second-in-command Lord Angelo (Danny DaCosta) the keys to the kingdom. Claudio (Dylan Sklar) is sentenced to suffer the ultimate punishment for his before-marriage transgression.

Inspired by the Newsboys Strike of 1899 and as the most produced high school musical in the country in 2019-20, “Newsies” celebrates standing up for what you believe in and the power of working together. The story was adapted into a Disney film in 1992 before becoming a Broadway hit in 2012.

The rousing Friends Academy rendition was an all-school production, with students from Grades 3-12 (and even administrators!) strengthening the bonds of our community in their toe-tapping performances.

“NEWSIES”





Clockwise, the Newsies celebrate winning the strike. Henry (Sarah Wang) joins the rebellion. Medda Larkin (Julie Fine) houses the striking Newsies in the lounge where she sings. Joseph Pulitzer (Billy Duke) is admonished by Governor Theodore Roosevelt (Upper School Principal Mark Schoeffel). Spot (Chelcie Crutch) stands tall with her fellow Newsies. Reporter Katherine Plummer (KG Foley) and leader of the strike Jack Kelly (Dylan Sklar) profess their love.



Under the tutelage of first-year head coach Cherkira Lashley, the Friends Academy Girls Varsity Basketball team completed a dramatic turnaround season. After finishing the 2018-19 campaign 3-16, the Quakers advanced to the county finals in 2019-20 after a thrilling one-point win over Cold Spring Harbor in the semifinals. Friends Academy finished the season as county runner-up with a 9-9 record. Freshman Danielle Davis had a stellar first season, earning All-County honors, as classmate Paris Panagopoulos was named an All-County Honorable Mention. Juniors Samantha Flores and Carleigh Zelman earned spots on the All-Conference Team. With just one senior graduating, the Quakers' future continues to look bright.

WINTER 2020 SPORTS





The Boys Varsity Hockey team finished the season 8-8. Seniors Henry Statfeld (24 points) and Will Cuddeback (19 points) led the team in scoring.



In Winter Track, the girls 4x400m relay finished second in the county. Emam Knopf, Caroline Green, Adrienne Coleman and Nyah Thomas earned All-County honors, while Leah Loetman, Sam Amritt, Knopf, Green, and Coleman were named to the All-Conference Team.



The Boys Varsity Basketball team had a season for the history books, becoming A5 Co-Conference Champions and advancing to the county quarterfinals after a pair of playoff wins. Alex Douglas and Billy Daal were named to the All-County Team, while Skyler Mott, Aaron Daniels and CJ Williams earned All-Conference nods.



For the first time ever, Friends Academy fielded a Girls Hockey team. The Quakers put up a valiant effort against Greenwich Country Day in their historical first game on January 22.

Clouds and rain gave way to crisp air and sunny skies setting the stage for another fantastic Fall Fair at Friends Academy! The weather did not stand in the way of big wins for all of our athletic teams, nor did it keep our friends at home. Rides and games ran all day long and fun was had by all. Off the fields, co-chairs Kimberly Griffiths Broder and Stacey Daal led a team of energetic and dedicated parent volunteers who manned craft and food booths, providing delicious drinks, treats, and local and ethnic cuisine from around the world. Special thanks go out to our flash mob organizers and dancers for a lively and special addition to the day. (Will this new addition become a tradition?) Alumni and friends gathered to join in the fun, celebrating class reunions

2019 SPORTS



GIRLS LACROSSE

Quakers capture Conference 2 title



8-1

Record

170

Goals Scored

12.1

Goals Per Game

THE TEAM

CAROLINE CARRELLO
JULIET D'AVERSA
MERIWETHER FLORENCE
ASHLEEN HUGHES
COLETTE HUGHES
SYDNEY KANG
CHARLIE KLIGER
ALEXIS MACK
KATARINA MONGIARDO
PARIS PANAGOPOULOS
LOLA PIUGGI
MADISON POLL
HANNAH POPPER
KASI SAMUDA
RILEY SCHULTZ
CHARLOTTE SEMLIES
PARISA VAHID
GRETCHEN WAECHTER
CARLEIGH ZELMAN



Above, Seventh grade Math teacher Bill Garry goes classy in the dunk tank.

+65



SEASON GOAL DIFFERENTIAL

WON NINE GAMES BY SIX OR MORE GOALS



HOME WINS

CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

VICKY KOTOWSKI

ALL-COUNTY

ASHLEEN HUGHES
KAT MONGIARDO

ALL-CONFERENCE

PARIS PANAGOPOULOS
CAROLINE CARRELLO
MERIWETHER FLORENCE

UNsung HERO

SYDNEY KANG

BOYS LACROSSE

Quakers' 14 seniors lead the way



4-12
Record

103
Goals Scored

6.75
Goals Per Game

THE TEAM

CARL AZFELIOUS
LUKE BASKIND
VINCENT COMO
CHRISTIAN COTTONE
WILLIAM CUDDEBACK
JAKE DAMM
BLAISE DELLAFERA
CHRIS DILLMEIER
LUKE DILLMEIER
MICHAEL DROESCH
ANDREW HARTOG
MAX KAHANE
JAKE KATZ
BEN LEE
ANDREW LEOGRANDE
JOHN MAY
MICHAEL MEAD
WYATT MULLEN
GEORGE PANAGOPOLOUS
ALBERT PANICCIA
THANASI PAPPAS
CHANDLER PERRY
HENRY STATFELD
CAL STELLATO
LUKE STELLATO
LUCAS THEMELIS
MICHAEL WALRATH



The Quakers' roster featured 14 seniors, including eight starters, as the team's veterans led the way and accounted for four of the team's six award winners.

75



COMBINED POINTS FOR ATTACKMEN BLAISE DELLAFERA,
BEN LEE AND LUKE DILLMEIER

51 GOALS AND 24 ASSISTS



128

GROUND BALLS
FOR GEORGE
PANAGOPOLOUS

IN 16 GAMES

ALL-COUNTY/ACADEMIC ALL-COUNTY

GEORGE PANAGOPOLOUS

HONORABLE MENTION ALL-COUNTY/ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

CAL STELLATO

ALL-CONFERENCE/ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE

WYATT MULLEN
LUKE DILLMEIER
ALBERT PANICCIA

ALL-CONFERENCE

BLAISE DELLAFERA

TRACK & FIELD

Quakers set records, personal bests



17
Medalists

4
All-Division
Athletes

1
Division Champion

4
All-County
Performances

BOYS TRACK & FIELD

ZACAHARY BENMOHA
ALEXANDER CLINTON
DEMARIUS COLEMAN
BILLY DAAL
AARON DANIELS
JACK DAVIS
SAMMAY GHOOI
VIKRAM GUPTA
TAYE HOLDER
OWEN INGRASSIA
SEAN JOHNSON
DAVID KALER
MICHAEL KALER
IAN KIM
JOSEPH LOSTRITTO
FARAZ LOTFI
AIDAN LUNDY
QUINN MCLAUGHLIN
ANGEL MENDOZA
SKYLER MOTT
BLAKE NAGEL
ZACHARY RAGOZINO
JACK SCHAMROTH
MATTHEW STORCH
BOBBY WARD

GIRLS TRACK & FIELD

UMA ALAGAPPAN
EMILY BROWN
AVERY BYSTROM
OLIVIA COMO
ADRIENNE COLEMAN
PENELOPE CONSTANTINO
MADISON DAAL
SAMANTHA DAMM
FRANCESCA DE GERONIMO
CAROLINE DINEEN
KARLY EBERLY
CAROLINE GREEN
MARY HILLS
ANGELO HOLLOWAY
MACKENZIE KATZ
EMMA KNOPF
GRACE LAVIN
LEAH LOETMAN
ALISON MOSHER
ABIGAIL REGIS
GAIL SAEZ-HALL
FARRAH SHAKIRA
NYAH THOMAS



Billy Daal (top right) and Caroline Green (bottom) combined for four All-County performances in 2019.

66.17

NEW SCHOOL RECORD IN 400-METER HURDLES

SET BY CAROLINE GREEN

12

PERSONAL BESTS



12

TOP-10
FINISHES AT COUNTY
CHAMPIONSHIPS

ALL-COUNTY PERFORMANCES

BILLY DAAL - 100M DASH
BILLY DAAL - LONG JUMP
CAROLINE GREEN - 400M HURDLES
**CAROLINE GREEN, KARLY EBERLY,
UMA ALAGAPPAN, ADRIENNE COLEMAN**
- 4X800M RELAY

SOFTBALL

Quakers propelled by offense



5-4
Record

128
Runs Scored

14
Runs Per Game

58
Hits

71
Runs Batted In

40
Pitcher Strikeouts

THE TEAM

VIMALA ALAGAPPAN
DYLAN BEYER
OLIVIA CARDEN
JOCELYN CEDENO
JESSE DE LA BASTIDE
RAQUEL DOSCHER
EVE FINE
ELLA FITZHUGH
KYLA GRAHAM
KASSANDRA HOMAYUNI
ANASTASIA KAZANAS
SAVANNAH MAHMUD
ANGELINA MILLER
KYLEIGH MITCHELL
CHARLOTTE ROSEN
LUCY SCHOEFFEL
ANGELA SHI
SHERRY YANG



The Quakers averaged 14 runs per game en route to a winning record in 2019.

4



SENIORS THAT PLAYED FOUR SEASONS

7 TOTAL SENIORS



121.1

MILES TRAVELLED FOR AWAY GAMES

BASEBALL

Quakers enjoy turnaround season



11-7
Record

LAST YEAR FINISHED 7-11

122
Runs Scored

140
Hits

73
Bases Stolen

21
Doubles

6
Games in
Eight Days

THE TEAM

CARL AFZELIUS
ERIC AFZELIUS
IAN AFZELIUS
LUKE BASKIND
ALEX BERGMANN
CHRISTIAN COTTONE
WILLIAM CUDEBACK
BLAISE DELLAFERA
CHRISTOPHER DILLMEIER
LUKE DILLMEIER
MICHAEL DROESCH
PANTELIS FAKIRIS
THEODORE GRACE
ANDREW HARTOG
TYLER HENRY
PATRICK KENNY
THOMAS KENNY
JACK KOCH
MICHAEL MEAD
CHARLES MERRILL
GAVIN MURPHY
PETER PAPPAS
THOMAS ROBIN
JACK SCHAMROTH
ETHAN SOBEL
HENRY STATFELD
MICHAEL WALRATH



The baseball team did a complete 180 in 2019, finishing with an 11-7 record after going just 7-11 the previous season.



AS A TEAM
THIS YEAR



PLAYERS
HIT OVER
.300 THIS
SEASON



PLAYER
HIT OVER
.400 THIS
SEASON

3  OUT
OF 14

PLAYERS ARE LEFTIES

PLUS ONE COACH

PLAYED



3

CONSECUTIVE
YEARS AT
DUCKS STADIUM

DEFEATED CSH 11-8

2 SIBLINGS ON THE TEAM

JARED TOBY '19, JUSTIN TOBY '20

2 SENIORS TO PLAY COLLEGE BALL

JARED TOBY (BARD COLLEGE)
JOE HORNE (WELLS COLLEGE)

2 ALUM PLAY COLLEGE BALL

MATT FEINSTEIN '15
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE

GRANT ELGARTEN '16
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

GOLF

Quakers finish seasons strong at Counties



6-5-1
Girls' Record

2
County Tournament
Qualifiers

43
Lowest Score
ON A PAR 36 COURSE

GIRLS GOLF

ERINA BARDONG
SERENA BIONDI
MARY CLASSI
ANGELICA DEL VECCHIO
MARY ELIZABETH DROESCH
ELIZABETH INGRASSIA
JADE LEWIN
OLIVIA LIZZA
JULIA SATOVSKY
RIYA SUBBAIAH
ZARA WARD



BOYS GOLF

ALEX BERGMANN
THOMAS GELFAND
THEODORE GRACE
ANDREW HOYT
LIAM JACHETTA
JACK MCCOONEY
ETHAN SHALAM
ZACHARY SHALLAT



The boys and girls golf teams combined for three top-20 performances at the Nassau County Tournaments, with the boys team placing third overall.

7TH 

PLACE FINISH FOR ZACH SHALLAT
AT NASSAU COUNTY TOURNAMENT

FINISHED 43RD IN NYS

12TH 

PLACE FINISH FOR SERENA BIONDI
AT NASSAU COUNTY TOURNAMENT

16TH 

PLACE FINISH FOR MARY DROESCH
AT NASSAU COUNTY TOURNAMENT

ALL-COUNTY

ZACH SHALLAT
SERENA BIONDI

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION

MARY DROESCH

ALL-STATE ALTERNATE

SERENA BIONDI

FIELD HOCKEY

Quakers finish winning season on a roll



9-3

Record

29

Goals Scored

10

Goals Against

2ND

Place finish in Conference

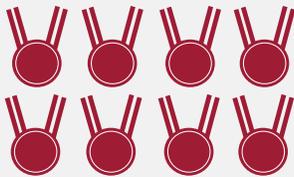
THE TEAM

- DYLAN BEYER
- EMILY BROWN
- HEIDI BROWN
- LILLY BROWN
- SYDNEY CAGNER
- MARY CLASSI
- ADRIENNE COLEMAN
- SAMANTHA DAMM
- MARY ELIZABETH DROESCH
- ANGELINA FODERA
- SOFIA GARDNER
- ASHLEEN HUGHES
- KATRINA HUNT
- ELIZABETH INGRASSIA
- SOPHIA IPPOLITO
- ANASTASIA KAZANAS
- CHRISSI LAGOIANNIS
- MARGARET LEONARD
- AVA MOREY
- JORDAN MYERS
- LAUREN PASQUALE
- LOLA PIUGGI
- ISABELLE ROSEN
- LAYLA SAAD
- SERENA SAAD
- RILEY SCHULTZ
- CHARLOTTE SEMLIES
- NATALIA TAUTER
- ADDISON WEIGHT



The field hockey team finished the season on a seven-game win streak en route to a second-place finish in the conference.

8



NASSAU COUNTY COACHES ASSOCIATION AWARD WINNERS

7

WWWWWWW

STRAIGHT WINS TO CLOSE THE SEASON

6



SHUTOUTS

CONFERENCE COACH OF THE YEAR

CHRISTINE BOTTI

ALL-COUNTY

ADRIENNE COLEMAN

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION

LILLY BROWN
LAUREN PASQUALE

ALL-CONFERENCE

ASHLEEN HUGHES
LOLA PIUGGI

ALL-LEAGUE

EMILY BROWN

GIRLS SOCCER

Quakers earn trip to playoffs



12-3
Record

10-2 CONFERENCE RECORD

52
Goals Scored

17
Goals Against

2ND
Place finish in
Conference A

THE TEAM

OLIVIA BRAGOLI
 AVERY BYSTROM
 CAROLINE CARRELLO
 CAROLINE DINEEN
 MERIWETHER FLORENCE
 SAMANTHA FLORES
 SYDNEY KANG
 CHARLIE KLIGER
 EMMA KNOPF
 MADISON MACK
 MAYA MOREY
 ALEXA MOSCHETTO
 PARIS PANAGOPOULOS
 MADISON POLL
 GABI SANDOVAL
 ELIZABETH SCHWAB
 GRETCHEN WAECHTER
 CARLEIGH ZELMAN



After an incredible regular season, the team earned a spot in the county play-in game. In front of a spirited crowd, the Quakers battled neighboring Locust Valley, ultimately falling in double overtime.

32



ASSISTS

53



SAVES



HOME WINS

5 CONFERENCE HOME WINS

ALL-COUNTY

GRETCHEN WAECHTER

ALL-CLASS

CAROLINE DINEEN

ALL-CONFERENCE

MADISON MACK
EMMA KNOPF

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

CHARLIE KLIGER

BOYS SOCCER

Quakers capitalize on home soil



5-11-1
Record

4-6 CONFERENCE A RECORD

17
Goals Scored

THE TEAM

ERIC AZFELIUS
ERICK ALMENDARES
SAJID AZIZ
KYLE BEAMAN
JARED BROXMEYER
ALEXANDER CARDEN
DEMARIUS COLEMAN
JACK DAVIS
MARCO DERLly
ALEXANDER DOUGLAS
JUSTIN EDWARD
THEODORE GRACE
ANDREW HOYT
MAX KAHANE
IAN KIM



The boys soccer team competed hard all season, with 10 of their games being decided by one goal, including a big 5-4 comeback win in the home opener after trailing 3-0.

140



SAVES

COMBINED BETWEEN THREE GOALKEEPERS

5-4



BIGGEST
COMEBACK
WIN

TRAILED 3-0 IN THE SECOND HALF



4-2
HOME RECORD

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION

MARCO DERLly

ALL-CONFERENCE

ALEXANDER CARDEN
DEREMY LEON

FOOTBALL

Quakers bookend season with big wins



3-4
Record

24
Total
Touchdowns

158
Total Points

1500
Total Rushing
Yards

THE TEAM

ZIAD ASHMAWY
DANIEL BASKIND
ZACHARY BENMOHA
ALEX BERGMANN
ZANDER BYERS
BILLY DAAL
JAKE DAMM
AARON DANIELS
QUENTIN DENIHAN
ALEX DOUGLAS
SAMMAY GHOOI
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JACKSON LODATI
MICHAEL MEAD
MARCO MINUTO
BLAKE NAGEL
ALBERT PANICCIA
MALACHI RUSSELL
MAXIMILLIAN SCHUITEMAKER-MARCH
JOEY SELBY
ZACH SHALLAT
RICHARD WALKA
BOBBY WARD
BRADLEY WILLIAMS



The football team opened the season with a big win over West Hempstead, before outscoring opponents 58-8 in the final two games of the season.



TOUCHDOWNS
OVER 55 YARDS

3 OVER 85 YARDS

4



ONSIDE
KICKS
RECOVERED

1



1000-YARD
RUSHER

SCORED



3

DEFENSIVE
TOUCHDOWNS

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION

BILLY DAAL

ALL-CONFERENCE

BILLY DAAL
AARON DANIELS

UNsung HERO

TYLER HENRY

114



COMBINED YEARS OF COACHING EXPERIENCE

4 COACHES PLAYED HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL IN NASSAU COUNTY

CREW

Quakers finish winning season on a roll



9-3

Record

29

Goals Scored

10

Goals Against

2ND

Place finish in Conference 2

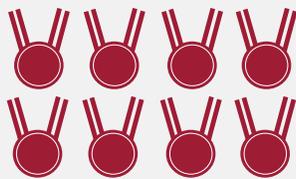
THE TEAM

BRETT BEAMAN
 MIKA BENABRAHAM
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 ISABELLA DIMEO
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 ELLA SIM
 NICHOLAS SMITHERS
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 RYAN ZOUAK



Above, Seventh grade Math teacher Bill Garry goes classy in the dunk tank.

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2 ALUM PLAY COLLEGE BALL

MATT FEINSTEIN '15
 DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
 GRANT ELGARTEN '16
 MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE

CROSS COUNTRY

Quakers shine on cross country trails



7-6

Girls' Record

4-8-1

Boys' Record

6

State Qualifiers

25

Top-10 Finishes

THE TEAM

- OLIVIA CARDEN
- OLIVIA COMO
- QUINN DOUGHERTY
- CAROLINE GREEN
- JESSICA GUO
- TINA HUANG
- SPENCER KRIEGSTEIN
- ETHAN LABELSON
- GRACE LAVIN
- RAYMOND LI
- RICHARD LI
- JOHN LIVANOS
- LEAH LOETMAN
- JOSEPH LOSTRITTO
- QUINN MCLAUGHLIN
- ALISON MOSHER
- ELENI PAPPAS
- MALACHI POLSON
- ZACHARY RAGOZNIO
- JEANNE RAUFF
- MICHAEL SENSALÉ



The cross country teams combined for 25 top-10 finishes in league meets (12 boys, 13 girls). The team made great strides throughout the season, with Richard Li improving his 5K time by six minutes over six weeks.



10TH

CAROLINE GREEN'S
FINISH AT COUNTIES

OUT OF 85 RUNNERS



11TH

ZACH RAGOZINO'S
FINISH AT COUNTIES

OUT OF 134 RUNNERS

ALL-COUNTY

- CAROLINE GREEN
- ZACH RAGOZINO

ALL-CONFERENCE

- OLIVIA CARDEN
- OLIVIA COMO
- LEAH LOETMAN

TENNIS

Quakers put together solid seasons



7-6

Girls' Record



5-7

Boys' Record

GIRLS TENNIS

MARISA BENJAMIN
 JORDYN CAGNER
 JULIA GULBRANDSEN
 ANGELA HOLLOWAY
 ARIEL KALIMIAN
 HALLE KRYPELL
 RACHEL NA
 TAYLOR OVERSTROM
 GRACE RIVIEZZO
 INES ROTI
 CHARLOTTE RUSSELL
 JULIA SATOVSKY
 ISABELLA SHA
 OLIVIA SUTHERLAND
 BRIANNA TAYLOR
 DESPINA TSIAMTSIOURIS
 BRIANNA VISSICCHIO
 SHIVA WARD
 AVA ZUCKERBOT

BOYS TENNIS

JOHN DONOHUE
 PIERCE HIRSHFIELD
 NICKOLAS HOFFMAN
 MOHAN JAUHAR
 JOHN JERVIS
 FARAZ KHAN
 WILLIAM LAWRENCE
 PIUS LO
 SPENCER LOGIN
 MILES MILLER
 CONOR O'KEEFE
 FRANK O'KEEFE
 MAX WANG
 EDWARD ZUCKERBOT



The boys and girls tennis teams combined for 79 individual wins in 2019.

44



GIRLS' INDIVIDUAL WINS

35



BOYS' INDIVIDUAL WINS

GIRLS MVP

ISABELLA SHA

GIRLS SPORTSMANSHIP

MARISA BENJAMIN

BOYS MVP

PIUS LO

BOYS SPORTSMANSHIP

NICK HOFFMAN



KENYATT GODBOLT '93

KENYATT FINDS HIS PURPOSE

By ELIZABETH SIRIS WINCHESTER '91

Kenyatt Godbolt attended FA's Upper School from 1989 to 1993. Originally from Uniondale, Long Island, Kenyatt now lives with his wife, Crystal, and their two children, Samira, 12, and Kenyatt, 9, in Charlotte, North Carolina. Kenyatt is a speech-language pathologist who works with children with special needs. He is also an emerging playwright. His play *Kings Without A Queen*, which stems from his childhood experiences, was one of 40 plays selected from hundreds of submissions to receive a staged reading at the 2019 Atlanta Black Theatre Festival (ABTF) in October.

"I hope my play can teach individuals to forgive their parents while providing insight to understand their flaws," Kenyatt said. He also answered the following questions about his time at FA, study, work and goals.

What Friends Academy experiences and lessons do you value most?

If I had to choose three experiences, I would pick my involvement in sports, theatre and the *On Your Marks* (previously *Summerbridge*) program. The most important lesson I learned at Friends Academy was how to find my inner voice. Sidney Bridges was my high school English teacher, and he greatly influenced my experience at the school.

What were your educational experiences like after Friends Academy?

After FA I was accepted into Syracuse University's film school. However, I left after a year because I realized I did not want to pursue a career in film. I worked in Brooklyn, as a part-time sales representative for a large corporation. After a year of menial labor, I enrolled in classes at Nassau Community College and was hired by a bank as a customer service representative. A year and a half later, I transferred to New York University. While at NYU, I worked as an educator in a community center in the city and wrote album reviews for a few music magazines.

My undergraduate experiences pale in comparison to my time at FA because I was a transient college student. I made some connections with a few classmates but the vast majority of my friends that I speak with often are either from FA or my childhood neighborhood.

What led you to become a speech-language pathologist?

FA directly led me to my career as a speech-language pathologist. After graduating from NYU with a teaching degree, I reached out to Sidney Bridges. He was so happy to hear from me! In fact, he encouraged me to apply for a job at FA. After being interviewed, I was offered the position of fifth grade Language Arts teacher! I was beyond thrilled, and I worked at FA in the Lower School from 2000 to 2006. William Morris, who was then the school's headmaster, gave me a teacher's stipend award that allowed me to take the prerequisite classes for communication sciences and disorders. I applied and was accepted to graduate school at Adelphi University. I taught at FA and went to graduate school on the weekends for two years. Finally, in the fall of 2006 I begrudgingly left FA to pursue my new career. Although I truly loved teaching, my new calling was forcing me to leave the traditional classroom setting.

I currently work in the preschool department of a rural public school district and through my private practice, see clients in home and day care settings. My areas of expertise are in articulation disorders as well as the deaf and hard-of-hearing population.

Why did you want to become a playwright?

I would say my whole life—growing up on Long Island, living in New York City and being an American of African descent—all played powerful roles in my desire to become a playwright. Writing is something that I have always done and enjoyed.

For how long have you been sharing your stories and plays with others?

I wrote my first play actually in high school. It was called *Dreams*, and it was about the racial and socioeconomic disparities in America. FA allowed me and my other high school friends to perform it several times on campus to the student body. At NYU, I wrote a monologue that was chosen for a student showcase, and I wrote several skits that were performed at FA when I was a teacher. Nevertheless, I decided to share *Kings Without A Queen* with others because I hope my play can teach individuals to forgive their parents while providing insight to understand their flaws.

What was most challenging about writing *Kings Without A Queen*?

The most challenging part was the amount of "blood" I left on the paper. August Wilson, my



Kenyatt Godbolt mentions his involvement in sports, theatre and the On Your Marks (previously Summerbridge) program as some of the most impactful experiences he had at Friends Academy.



Godbolt encourages current Friends Academy parents to study Quaker principles and for students to use the Meeting House as a sanctuary.



Like most writers, my art reflects my life.

favorite playwright, used this term often. Some of the hard truths about my life and the lives of my family members came out. One of my childhood friends described this play as my alternate universe, and I concur. Like most writers, my art reflects my life. Since my high school play, my mother, brother and father have always encouraged me to write; but I actually did not tell them anything about this play until after it was accepted into the play festival. They are all extremely proud of the work. Like I told my family, this play is certainly about us, but it is also about more than us.

What is next for *Kings Without A Queen* (after ABTF) and for you as a playwright?

My plan for this play is to have it picked up by a regional theatre company. I also plan to personally produce the play in Charlotte as well as Winston-Salem, using the actors and director from the staged reading in October.

The next project in my head revolves around reciprocity. It's about a talented woman who regretfully puts her budding career on hold for the sake of her husband. It's set in 1978 in Greenwich Village, New York City.

What is the connection between music and your work as a playwright?

I have a strong connection to music. I often use musical analogies to describe

my writing style. My dream is to write a play that is as beautiful as John Coltrane's landmark album, *A Love Supreme*. Growing up, my parents constantly played music. I played piano and trumpet from grade school through high school. My cousin, Nasheet Waits, is a world-class drummer who tours constantly. Nasheet attended George School, which is a private Quaker boarding school in Pennsylvania, and has played with everyone from Bradford Marsalis to Roy Hargrove to Christian McBride. I lived with him when I attended NYU. My uncle, Freddie Waits, was also a well-known drummer who played with numerous musicians such as Ella Fitzgerald, Max Roach and Marvin Gaye. I truly love all music.

What words of wisdom would you share with the Friends Academy community?

I encourage the current students to use the Meeting House as a sanctuary. It is a special place. I encourage all alumni to return for a Fall Fair. I hope current parents take the time to study the Quaker principles. I encourage the faculty and staff to continue to be the reason why parents send children to FA.

Anything else that I didn't ask you that you would like to share with readers?

Thank you everyone for taking the time to read this article. Thank you, Liz, for reaching out to me. You are a friend of mine as well as a talented artist yourself!

For more information about *Kings Without A Queen*, visit the Atlanta Black Theatre Festival at atlantabtf.org.

A Peek at the Play

Kings Without A Queen tells the story of David, a 48-year-old man whose wife of 22 years divorces him for a variety of reasons. David is struggling to accept his part in the divorce as well as the realities of parenting his two sons without the help of his ex-wife.

EXCERPT FROM *KINGS WITHOUT A QUEEN*

Act 1, Scene 9

SETTING:

(JAYVON is reading a book and doing his homework. He is in the living room. JAYVON is icing his leg. JAYVON wears shorts and a tee shirt. DAVID enters from the basement. He has on his police uniform.)

DAVID

Hey man, I'm getting ready to split for my retirement party. How I look?

(BEAT.)

DAVID (Cont.)

Hey, son, I know today's your birthday, and I know we didn't do anything special. But these last few days, man. I've been doing a lot of paperwork to prepare for retirement, you know. But we'll do something nice to celebrate once I officially retire. Maybe we can go car shopping or something. One for you, one for me, you know?

(BEAT.)

DAVID (Cont.)

Son, I've been wanting to ask you about your plans for life after you graduate from high school. Now that you eighteen and all...What's your plan?

(BEAT.)

JAYVON

Well, so, as of now, I'm thinking I'll work, get a job and go to community college.



DAVID

That sounds like a plan. Boy, when I was your age, I didn't know what I wanted to do with my life. And before I knew it, bam, Uncle Sam got me jumpin' out of airplanes with a parachute, M-16 and helmet. I was in the jungles of Vietnam, you know. My job was to burn the houses and dead bodies. They called me "the fireman." I can still smell those dead bodies. I truly believe the only reason I made it out of there alive was because of all those old women folk. Dem old woman folk down der at dat church in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, praying for me, praying and crying over my picture with candles, oils and incense and what have you. Because some of the things I did...

GEOFF WHARTON '60

MAKING YOUR OWN LUCK

BY COURTNEY TAYLOR '01

With a career rich in real estate, business, and community partnerships, Geoff Wharton '60 has demonstrated that a winding path can be a successful one, if you are open to “making your own luck.”

Born to first-generation, Jewish-American parents in NYC, Geoff attended several schools, eventually landing at Friends Academy in 1958. It is here where he developed his love of reading, writing, and literature by English teacher Jean Stubbs. Ms. Stubbs taught him that in order to write, you must first truly learn to read. After graduating from FA, Geoff went to Brown University in Rhode Island, where he began his civic engagement. He helped to establish the International House of Rhode Island (IHRI), a nonprofit organization which promotes friendship, connection, learning, and global understanding by bringing people together from around the world for cross-cultural exchange. The IHRI stands strong in its mission and purpose today, a testament to the foundation that Geoff and his classmates built while at Brown. After finishing his undergraduate degree in political science, Geoff went on to complete a law degree at the New York University School of Law.

Though he often felt he suffered from a lack of confidence in high school, college and early into his career, he finally hit his stride landing positions at prominent NY law firms Moses & Singer and more specifically, the real



Wharton, second from left, celebrates his 25th wedding anniversary with his wife Susan, son James and daughter-in-law Sara.

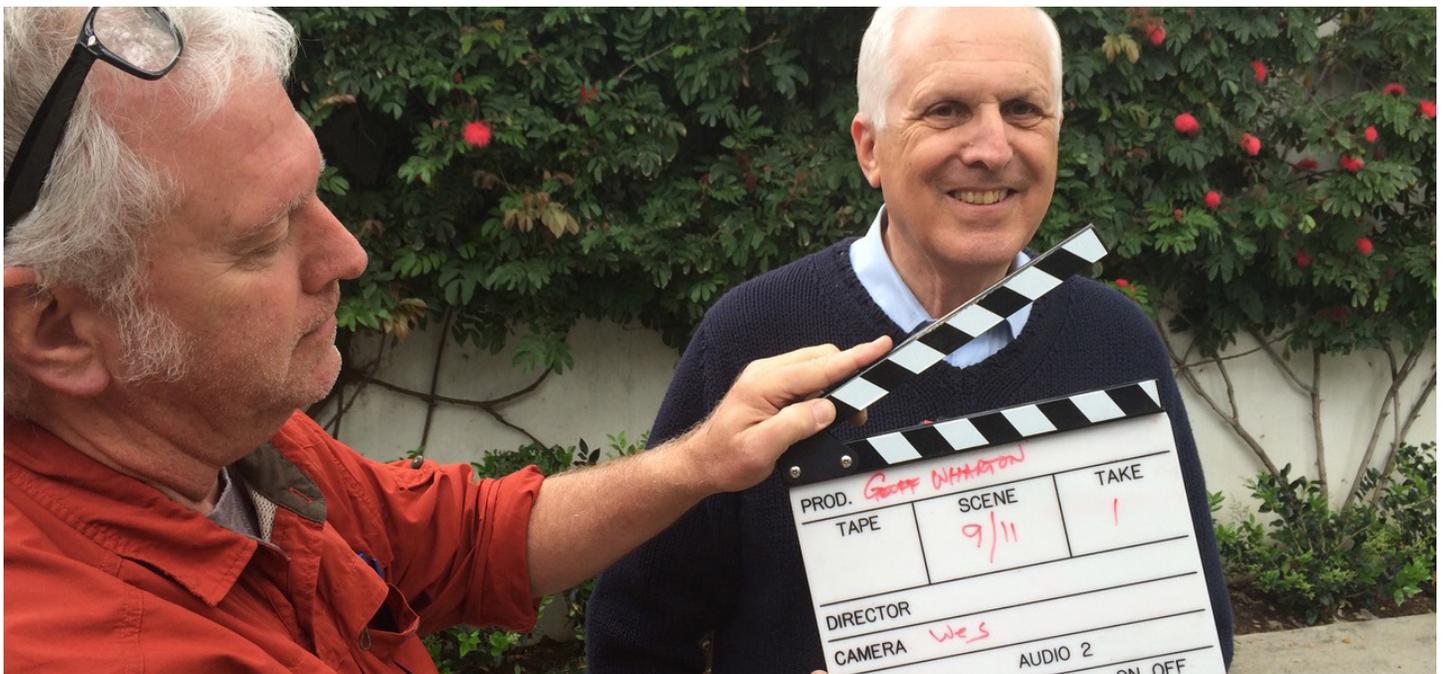
estate department at Weil Gotshall. While there he benefited from mentorship and exposure, going on to secure a top position as a Senior Managing Director of Tishman Speyer Properties. On 9/11, Geoff was on the last elevator down from the restaurant on the top of the World Trade Center. After narrowly escaping, he was even further committed to relentlessly pursuing his career ambitions. He went on to become President of Douglas Elliman, one of New York City's largest residential real estate brokerage firms. Then, after building a

relationship with the McCourt family who had purchased the Dodgers, he made the move out to the West Coast to take on the position of Chief Operating Officer of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Throughout his life, Geoff has remained committed to service in his community. He has served as Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Real Estate Board of New York and as a trustee of the LIJ-North Shore Healthcare System, the Parson's School of Design, Muhlenberg College and The Educational Alliance. He serves as a

Senior Advisor to the Los Angeles Mayor, working intimately with The Mayor's Fund for Los Angeles (MFLA), an independent nonprofit organization that supports civic partnerships between the public, private and philanthropic sectors of Los Angeles.

Geoff has repeatedly said that he has been lucky in life, and that in order to truly be successful, you must also make your own luck. He strongly believes that you "can't let defeat define you," and the ever important motto that it is critical to live in the present.



Wharton was interviewed for a television show shot by National Geographic about 24 hours before the 9/11 attacks.

AN EXCERPT FROM HIS BOOK, *My Life: From Brooklyn to LA:*

Life is an adventure. It's messy and chaotic, with an ever-changing landscape of opportunities, challenges, disappointments, heartaches, and setbacks. Either we embrace this reality, or succumb to it. While it's important to have long-term goals, realistically, we only control the short-term—much like sailors who tack left and right as the wind dictates, but never forget that the end goal is to arrive at a set destination. It may sound cliché, but I believe in living in the moment and trusting in the possibilities of tomorrow. In my

darkest hours and deepest despairs, I have never forgotten this, although, as with matters of faith, I have questioned it. I was born to first-generation, Jewish-American parents in New York City. They taught me to work hard, which resulted in a law degree from Brown University, but I ultimately discovered a passion in real estate development. New York City is where my son was born, where I met the love of my life, where my first multi-billion-dollar business deal was struck, and where I survived 9/11—the greatest terrorist attack in history. It is these events, along with a lifetime of others that have fostered my ambitions, molded my identity, and created the string of knotted pearls that represents my life from Brooklyn to Los Angeles.

FACULTY MILESTONES



JILLIAN CHIARENZA

Congratulations are in order for math teacher **Jillian Chiarenza** as she has been nominated and selected to attend Math Beats Memory: Creative Problem Solving, an Academy for Teachers master class led by Carnegie Mellon University professor of mathematics Po-Shen Loh. Acceptance is a distinct, and well-deserved, honor. Of many nominees, only twenty-two were accepted. Master classes are a rare opportunity for public and private school teachers to learn from a leading expert and from each other. Both aspects are highly prized. Participants become Fellows of The Academy for Teachers, joining a growing number of the city's strongest educators.



DIANE BIOLSI



KEVIN BARRY

Diane Biolsi, Director of Annual Giving and **Kevin Barry**, Director of Advancement, attended the CASE NAIS Independent Schools Conference (Council for Advancement and Support of Education; National Association of Independent Schools). While attending and meeting with more than 1,000 advancement professionals from around the world, they learned about strategies and opportunities that will enhance donor and alumni outreach. During their time in Philadelphia, they also held a small Friends Academy Alumni reception.

Andrew Geha presented at three different sessions at AATE this year, also leading a workshop titled "LGBTQ Theater Advocacy: Supporting our Students and Engaging our Communities,"



ANDREW GEHA

where they worked through the challenges and importance of representation of all identities on the secondary stage, utilizing the trajectory at FA from when they first proposed Laramie Project in 2003 to our 2017 production of Standing in the Current. He also presented a scene from 248 Miles in the annual Playwright Slam, and I sat on a panel with Tracey Foster titled "Act Your Age: Creating Roles for High School & College Actors," where a group of playwrights, publishers and directors spoke about the importance of creating experiences for young actors to play characters that reflect their life experiences.



MARIKA KNIGHT



STEVE BRENNAN

Marika Knight and **Steve Brennan** were invited by The Friends Council on Education to be part of the 2019-2021 cohort of SPARC: Spirited Practice and Renewed Courage for teachers in Friends schools. Over one hundred ninety educators from 42 schools, in eight cohort groups with ten SPARC facilitators, have experienced the program.



KARL HOENSCH

In June, **Karl Hoensch** received his second master's degree, a Master of Library Science degree from Queens College. He also published an article about the 19th-century writer George MacDonald for North Wind: A Journal of

Studies. The article is entitled "A Great Machine: George MacDonald and Popular Science." In it, he discusses how his work intersects with scientific discourse throughout the 19th century and dispute the notion that he was uninterested in science. Karl's latest achievement, is the addition of baby Charles Anthony Richard Hoensch!



Jane Dai, **Fina Cassara**, **Polly Duke**, **Maxime Lavallee**, **Sara Pozzi**, and **Amy Mulcahy** participated in the Organic World Language (OWL) East Coast Bootcamp hosted by Friends Academy from August 4-9. They spent an amazing week exploring ways to increase proficiency in the target language, build community, and increase student engagement.



From left to right, language teachers Maxime Lavallee, Amy Mulcahy, Fina Cassara, Sara Pozzi, Jane Dai and Polly Duke at the Organic World Language East Coast Bootcamp hosted at Friends Academy in August.



DAN O'KEEFE

Dan O'Keefe, Jen Halliday, and Leanne Loizides went to Cleveland for a three-day conference at the Korda Institute, which helps educators develop entrepreneurship courses or classes that stress true project-based learning for authentic audiences. They went as part of the preparation/training for launching an FA entrepreneurship course this spring in the Upper School. They spent time unpacking how they can connect students to local and non-local businesspeople and non-profit organizations who are seeking our kids' input on how to solve their actual business/operational issues.



JEN HALLIDAY



LEANNE LOIZIDES

Brad Wetherell was nominated for a Pushcart Prize for his short story, "Balance," which was published in issue 22 of Superstition Review. The Pushcart Prize is an American literary prize published by Pushcart Press that honors

the best "poetry, short fiction, essays or literary whatnot" published in the small presses over the previous year.

Louisa Garry and Franklin Thompson attended the USATF Level 2 Program at St. John's University July 9th through 12th. This is an intense four-day course that includes 20 hours of sports science instruction and exams covering biomechanics, physiology, skill acquisition and training theory before the coach is accepted into the course. Coaches from high schools and colleges from across the U.S. are separated into event specific groups for the duration of the course. The courses are taught by several highly successful high school and college coaches and focus on the technical aspects using video analysis, group projects, classroom instruction, and hands-on training to help the Level 2 students improve their understanding of the events and ability to construct a training



BRAD WETHERELL



LOUISA GARRY



FRANKLIN THOMPSON

plan to raise the level of performance for their athletes. At the conclusion of the 36 classroom hours, coaches are tested on their knowledge from the event specific lectures. Franklin completed the Sprint/Hurdles Relays Level 2 program and Louisa completed the Endurance Level 2 program. They were thrilled to pass their tests and both received their certificates at graduations! They look forward to putting their new knowledge of sports science, biomechanics and training theory to good use in coaching Friends Academy Winter and Spring track athletes.

2020 RETIREES



MARY ANN VASCOTTO



NINA WAECHTER

Congratulations to our 2020 retirees, Upper School engineering teacher **Mary Ann Vascotto**, and Director of Admissions **Nina Waechter**!

FORMER FACULTY AND STAFF NOTES:

Congratulations to former History teacher **Sam Abrams**, who welcomed new baby, Frans, in 2019.

Deb Schoman is a grandmother! Olivia Grace Schoman was born last August. Mom, Dad and baby are doing well, and Deb and Jeff are over the moon! As she said in a text "I can't begin to tell you the joy!"



A celebration of our 2019 retirees! From left, Head of School **Andrea Kelly**, School Nurse **Imelda Jensen**, Lower School Librarian **Kate Madigan**, former Lower School Art teacher **Margaret Lindner**, 6th Grade English teacher **Debbie Alber**, current 6th grade History teacher **Phil Ciccari**, Lower School teacher **Lynn DeNatale**, current Athletic Director **Alan Quackenbush**, Middle School Principal **Deb Schoman**, and current Upper School Science Department head **Jen Newitt**.

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS

Alumni continue to play a vital role in the day-to-day life of Friends Academy students. Here are just a few ways in which alumni have shared their expertise, experience and sound advice with our students...

Tod Aufiero '79 and **Katherine Poscillo McGowan '86** joined present parent Richard Walka as panelists for the sixth grade basement project presentation. They helped to provide feedback on groups of 3-4 students who were tasked with using a \$25,000 budget to design a safe, functional and family-friendly basement.



In another annual tradition, young alumni (from left, **Leila Baadarani '18**, **Sarah Rubin '19**, **Jalijah Daniels '16**, **Max Sutherland '16**, **Stephen Graham '16**, **Trevor Dineen '16**, **Nate Shepherd-Tyson '16**, **Ben Freund '16**; not pictured, **Jillian Keschner '19**) joined us this past January for our Recent College Panel, and shared what it is like to transition from Friends Academy to college life. Our seniors were grateful to get "insider" tips on life after FA.

Melissa Korn '02, joined us as a guest speaker at this year's Senior Parent Luncheon. Melissa is a higher education reporter at the Wall Street Journal. She graduated from Cornell University with degrees in English and History and has a master's degree from the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism. She got her start in journalism as a reporter, and then editor at the Inkwell, the F.A. newspaper. Melissa has been covering the college admissions cheating scandal, Operation Varsity Blues, since prosecutors announced charges against 50 people last March. She's working with a WSJ colleague on a book about the case in the context of college admissions madness, to be published this summer by Penguin's Portfolio imprint. The book has also been optioned by Annapurna for a miniseries.



Thank you to **Will Sands '14** and **Kira Garry '11** who joined us as speakers at recent sports assemblies, instilling the values of hard work both in the classroom, and on their teams, as a way to reach true success. Will had a noteworthy lacrosse career at Friends Academy and then at Bucknell University. He currently works in investment banking and plays with the Boston Cannons of the professional Major Lacrosse League. Kira graduated from Yale in 2015 Yale, having served as the 2014-2015 Track and Field Captain. She is now pursuing medical school and has her sights set on the 2020 Olympics in Tokyo.

Tim Dooley '02 and **Remsen Weir Dooley '02** met with and advised the "Shop Local" Middle School Club, teaching them about farming, entrepreneurship and building a small business



Last Spring, 11 Alumni joined us for our Annual Career Day featuring a panel discussion on “Finding your path” for the entire Upper School, followed by breakout sessions for Juniors and Seniors which focused on specific areas of industry. Alumni gave thoughtful reflection on their journeys after FA, including landing their first jobs, with specific information building your career and making connections.

Alumni passed along some poignant words of wisdom:

“Trust that voice inside of you. Be the best YOU because you are the ONLY you there is.”

-Donna Cooper '81

When asked about changing anything in his past, **Lucky Gobindram '04** replied, *“Hindsight is always 20/20 but, I wouldn't necessarily change anything. It is important to focus on what you have learned from every experience good or bad, win or loss. If we as individuals can do that, we will continue to grow, build and win.”*

“The community of FA extends way beyond after you graduate. You will find people along your way who went to Friends and are always there to lend a hand. Even if you have never spoken to or known that person before, being a Friends alum unites you forever. You will also carry the values taught at FA such as having compassion, showing empathy, and just learning how to listen to others forever. People don't always show those values in the working world, but it is important to be true to yourself and don't sacrifice who you are and where you came from.” **-Nell Kucich '09**

“One of my former VPs had a ‘10 second rule.’ When faced with an ethical dilemma, if you have to think for more than 10 seconds about whether an activity you are contemplating is or is not appropriate, it probably is NOT. After 10 seconds, you're not deciding; you're just rationalizing something you know deep down is wrong.” **-Chip Behal '75**

When commenting about Career Day, **Lauren Russo '09** said, *“The thing about Friends that stands out most is that the school is such a community, even*



Trust the voice inside of you. Be the best you are because you are the only you there is.

though I wasn't in the same grade as a lot of the other speakers today, we found common ground to connect over and had friends in common or siblings who knew each other, so that was very special, and it felt like I was talking with an old friend!”



Congratulations to our Distinguished Alumni Award 2019 winner **Michele Pistone '82**! Michele is the 29th alumna/us to receive this honor, given annually to and alumna/us who has let his/her life speak. It is our hope that others will find the recipient's life inspirational and will be motivated to devote themselves to a life of service.

REUNIONS



The Class of 1969 returned to Friends Academy to celebrate their 50th Reunion at our annual Fall Fair celebration.

-50TH REUNION-

1969

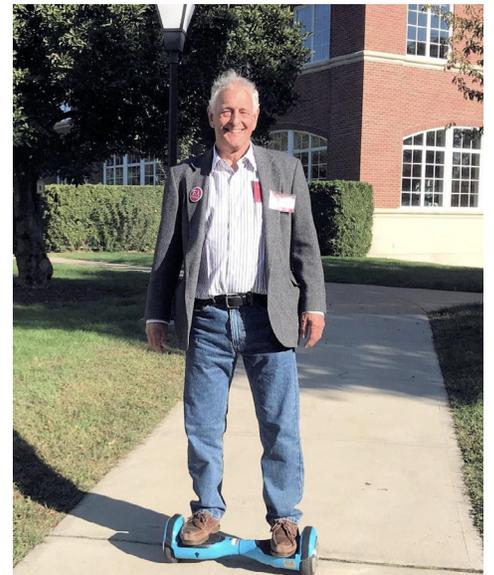
The Class of 1969 shared a beautiful weekend of stories and memories commemorating their 50th reunion from Friends Academy. In their words:

Forecast 1969 – The Lamp (yearbook)

The murmuring of many voices
 The upturning of many faces
 The passing of many footsteps in the outskirts of the crowd
 So that it swells forward in a mass like one great heave of water,
 All flashes away

Fast Forward 2019 – The Reunion

The gathering of old friends
 The celebration of a shared history
 The creation of a book to honor and remember 50 years passed in a flash
 We have found our voices



-35TH REUNION-

1984

The 35th reunion enjoyed great food, drinks and laughter at the home of Glenn '84 and Jeannine Lostritto, who so generously hosted their special night.



-30TH REUNION-

1989

The Class of '89 celebrated their 30th reunion in style at The View Grill in Glen Cove.



-25TH REUNION-

1994

25 years since FA! The Class of 1994 had a wonderful reunion celebration, hosted by Neely Doshi Cather '94 and parents at their home in Great Neck.





-20TH REUNION-

1999

The Class of 1999 shared a great evening of merriment and memories at Meritage Wine Bar in Glen Cove, celebrating 20 years since their graduation from FA

-10TH REUNION-

2009

Members of the Class of 2009 gathered at the Jackson House during Fall Fair in October.



REUNIONS PAST

Inadvertently omitted from the last issue, these reunion celebrations from 2018 brought together the wonderful reunion classes of 1963, 1973 and 1988...



-55TH REUNION- 1963

From B.J. Brundige '63:

It was a real pleasure organizing our 55th reunion with all the support from our class.

Paula flew in from Texas and **Kathy** came in from Maine!! **Steve and Beda Lyon** came from Vermont!

We had 3 days of fun starting Friday night - lunch at Friends on Saturday at the head of school's

residence is always fun (this is held every year on the day of the fair for all alumni who have had their 50th). **Earl Kabnick** and his wife joined us for dinner on Saturday night coming over from New Jersey. **Nancy Wadsworth Hanna** also arrived by train from Manhattan and **Bob Darbee** and **Tom Waldes and Regina** attended all weekend. **Diane and Mel Stanley** also settled in for the weekend with us!

Several classmates emailed us including **Bruce**

Birkett who is still in Portugal. **Steve Lapham** also wrote that is now lives near Tampa and is enjoying retirement. **Van and Lauren** sold their farm in Vermont and now live in Hilton Head. They were amidst their move and could not attend. **Trip Willis** was also not able to attend and lives in Leicester, Vermont.

We all agreed some mini reunions along the way would be a good idea - please send me any ideas you have on that!

-45TH REUNION-

1973

The Class of '73 celebrated a wonderful 45th reunion at The View Grill in Lattingtown, NY.



-35TH REUNION-

1983

From **Laura Dilimetin:**

Friends Academy is a very special place and our Class of 1983 is extraordinary! We held our 35th year Class Reunion during the October 2018 Fall Fair weekend and it was amazing. A big thank you to Christine Lunsford, Director of Alumni Relations at FA, for her support, she helped to

make the evening a tremendous success. We missed those who could not make it, and hope everyone can plan to attend the next get together. I'm thinking it's about time for TOGA III.

We met at the Vienna in Roslyn for cocktails and dinner, and then had fun dancing in the adjoining lounge. We were able to catch up with classmates who travelled long distances to be there.

Attendees were: **Frank Caponegro, Carrie Kaplan, Robin Wilpon Wachtler, Karen Van Riper Lezny, Buddy Coleman** and his wife, Elizabeth Salzhauer **Axel, Andre Blake, Christian Dunlay, Gordon Ifill, Sally Calame, Jen Burian Rowe, Kim De**

Angelis Glavin, Janet Rice Fox, Christa Ulich and her husband **Steve, Rusty Dioguardi, Pat Parker, Ulana Lysniak, Will Cheshire, Danny Fox** and his wife, **Dave Bushnell and his wife Julie Dreizen '85, Carol Reitenbaugh Bernat** with her daughter Marina, and me, **Laura Dilimetin.**

Frank Caponegro was an integral part of making Reunion a success and he keeps in touch with many of our classmates. Thank you Frank for reaching out to our class and bringing everyone together. Frank told me that his son, Frank IV, graduated from Marist and is currently working in NYC a block away from where Frank works! They have lunch together everyday. Frank's daughter Zoe is a sophomore at Holy Cross, where Frank and his father went to college. Frank said that the Class of '83 Reunion was great and that we celebrated 35 years like it was yesterday. **Robin Wilpon Wachtler** said that it was great to see so many of her class of '83 friends at reunion. "It is amazing how everyone slides right back into old friendships. It's like stepping back into the cozy slippers at the back of the closet!" Robin was so happy to catch up with everyone at the Reunion and it was wonderful to see **Dave Bushnell** and his wife **Julie Dreizen '85** and **Carol Reitenbaugh Bernat** with her daughter Marina. Robin commented that all three of her children are FA grads!! **Christa Ulich** told me that she is currently living in Williston Park with her family, and she is enjoying working in the medical field. She plans to move to Florida this summer for the sun and the



sand! Christa and her husband Steve had a great time seeing everyone at Reunion and she hopes to see more at our 40th!! She is not sure where she will be living yet, but hopefully will be close to Liz and Carol.

Some of those who could not attend sent their best wishes. **Avigal Hoffman Horrow** works for a Family Crisis Center in California, doing all the outreach and education on behalf of victims of domestic violence, human sex trafficking victims and At-Risk Youth, ages 10-17. **Sam Huh** was at a medical conference the weekend of Reunion and could not attend, but my husband and I recently had dinner with Sam and his wife Susan at TOKU in Manhasset- they are proud empty nesters relaxing and chatting in a quiet house. Sam says that time flies and it feels like yesterday that he was relaxing and chatting in the Friends ' Senior Lounge.



My husband, Adam, and I met at Bucknell and we live in Manhasset with our two children and yellow lab Hailey. Noah is in 9th grade and is passionate about playing baseball and the METS (his nickname at school is David Wright and his number on any team he plays on, when he can get it, is 5), and Hannah is in 7th Grade and is a Lacrosse Goalie. She spends most of her free time painting.

With a heavy heart and great sadness I attended a Mass for my former boss, Charles J. Hynes, who passed away recently and had the distinction of being the District Attorney for Kings County

from 1990 to 2013, among many other important achievements. He was a man of strong faith, love of family, and had the calling to serve the Public. I was honored to serve as an Assistant District Attorney in his first class in 1990, and learned so much about life from him ever since.

At the Mass, his son spoke about his vision and that he was a pioneer, who created innovative and progressive programs to make the criminal justice system better. He quoted Theodore Roosevelt "It is not the critic who counts, not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions;

who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worse, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat."

It was very moving, and it is something that I will always hold onto. As I sat down to write these notes, I have been thinking about my classmates from Friends Academy- such good people, with great values, and give back to society. I have also been thinking of what an amazing environment that we had, and have as Alumni, at Friends Academy. I want to thank our class of 1983 for living in the arena, and, I want to thank Friends Academy for creating the environment to give us the courage and strength to be in the arena. In high school we learned together, in subsequent years we see our connection strengthen, and at Reunions we learn about our classmates' noble achievements. We have been fortunate to have our FA friendships. I am honored to be a part of the Friends Academy Class of 1983.

Class of 1983 has a Facebook page and communicates via messenger. Please reach out to me if you want to join. Laura M. Dilimetin - ldilimetin@gmail.com or my cell is 917.881.0095. We are lucky and blessed to have each other, I know I am. If you know of anyone that is not receiving my messages or school correspondence, please let me know.

Thank you! Laura



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Tom Jackson '55 enjoying life in Tryon, NC with his '57 T-Bird



The children of Joan '55 and George Hawkins '55 gave them a wonderful 60th Wedding Anniversary party

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Tom Jackson: Enjoying life in Tryon, NC with my '57 T-Bird and wife Angie of 54 years •

The children of **Joan and George Hawkins** gave them a wonderful 60th Wedding Anniversary party at their home on July 14, 2019. The most senior table at the party was composed of **Joan and George, Owen Smith** (Bernadette was at a wedding in Corsica), **Morley and Anne Smith** and **Naomi Dempsey/Denslow and Clark Denslow** (who took the picture).

1956

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From **Mary Laqueur Holt:** Wow! 50 years ago, today, my late husband, Don and I drove to a Jesuit Retreat House in Searingtown for a Marriage Encounter weekend. On Sunday morning, after a deeply meaningful dialogue with each other, we returned to the conference room to gather with the other couples, priest and team. We were told they had successfully landed on the moon. We all looked at each other and someone commented that we, as married lovers, had already landed on the moon that morning in our dialogue! This momentous occasion is forever embraced in my heart and memory. And although my beloved Don is now pure Spirit since New Year's Eve 2015, this memory, my years at FA, the life I co-created with Don, the family we were blessed with, the friendships and experiences I continue to revel in make me, indeed, deeply grateful. Thank you, **Anne Wauchope Smith**, for being such a long lasting, faithful contact for our class.

Elizabeth Heseltine: Another time, another country! Well, here is what I've done with my life since FA. BSc and MSc at McGill University in Montreal, the MSc followed by work in the Department of Pharmacology at Cambridge University, taking me "back" to England, which I had left to go to Canada at the age of 6. After a year at Cambridge, I took a job with the BBC (British Broadcasting Company) on a science programme on television, Horizon, interviewing scientists on their work. I married a newspaper photographer, Michael Ward, moved to the country and had one daughter. When I was pregnant with my second daughter, Michael found someone else. I moved with my two daughters to the countryside in south-west France, where I still live. I have worked for United Nations organizations such as the World Health Organization and the United Nations

Environment Programme ever since, initially by post and now by e-mail, editing and rewriting technical documents- all thanks to inspiration from Miss Taylor and from Mr. Barnes- an ideal combination of English and science! I also go to United Nations meetings and write the reports, with other colleagues with language skills so that we cover the six UN languages, mine being English, French and Russian. I turned 80 this year but am still working, as I enjoy it so much. I have just come back from a meeting in Nairobi (Kenya) on countries' last-ditch efforts to halt loss of biodiversity. I am still learning new information every day, keeping the old brain going! Looking forward to hearing other people's stories! Thank you Anne and Morley. (I'm going to a meeting in Montreal in November. I hope we'll get to see each other.) "Biddy" Heseltine (although I haven't been called Biddy since I left FA!)

1959

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Shirley Sanders Warrick announces the arrival of her first great granddaughter on May 14, named Emerson Gray Currier (great job Shirley, I haven't done the daughter part yet). "Still minding my babies - 4 cats, 2 donkeys, 2 horses and 3 dogs." Shirley is also taking art classes and helping kids learn to read in a community program.

Kelly Kammerer enjoys life on his little olive farm in Provence. He advises classmates if they are in the area between Aix-en-Provence and Nice to come and visit.

Sue Guerin Dundon is now living in Sarasota, Florida. Besides watching Pileated woodpeckers, she passes her writing deadlines to others and will be teaching a class in essay writing and also dealing with six grandchildren. Good luck with that, Sue.

Steve Sundgaard writes: still enjoying retirement, grandkids and road trips. My fiancée, Marie, and I recently returned from a 3 week, 5,350 mile road trip to Nashville, Asheville, the Blue Ridge Parkway, Richmond, Boston, Acadia National Park, Quebec City, Lake Placid and the

Adirondack Mountains. Makes one realize that our country has places as beautiful as anyplace in the world!

Sam Sugden writes: Diane and I continue to spend time in Clayton, Georgia, Block Island and Mustique. We would be delighted to host members of the Class of '59 in Clayton or Mustique. The weather is exceptional in Mustique and the privacy is special. Dave, I am particularly grateful for the effort you devote to keeping our class in touch. Thank you very much. (**David** replies: Don't forget Sam, I have the large room with an ocean view in Mustique.)

John Froehlich will spend August in Santa Fe visiting his kids and avoiding the Tucson heat. His daughter Hilary is going for her doctorate in psychiatric nursing and his son is starting a hiking business.

Tom Carter and his wife Ramola have moved to L.A. near their daughter Anisha. Daughter Archana lives down the street in San Francisco. Tom hopes **Kelly Kammerer** will advise him on growing olive trees. The Carters will visit India to advise his old colleagues at India's Dairy Board. Good luck Tom and remember to send me a case of 2%.

Jim Sykes and I got together for lunch in N.Y.C. and he helped me advise a young job-seeking college graduate. It's a rough market out there for young people starting out. Thanks Jim.

Bruce Burrows reports that he will be teaching a modern China course at the University of Alabama. He plans to take his family on a river cruise in Europe in October. He also did some baby-sitting for his daughter Kathy while they were in South Africa. Burrows' rate is \$9.50 per hour and limits you to two children for his service. Contact him directly for reservations.

Judy Reeve is now a retired landscape designer and her husband Ken is a retired professor at Dartmouth. They spend most of the time cashing in their retirement checks, but did pause for a cruise to Venice and Athens.

David Seeler writes: I am working full time at The Bayberry and still enjoy my design-build business. My wife Ngaere and I have a great interest in opera. We will attend the opera in Santa Fe in August, Salzburg and Vienna in December, and Paris in the spring. "Great fun." Don't forget to contribute to the annual giving. That's where you thank Friends Academy for getting you into great colleges.

1960

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Bob Powell writes: I just finished proofing my next book in the same week all three teenaged grand kids were here—a bit hectic. The boys at 13 and 14 are both over 6 feet tall. At same time was brow-beaten into replacing my 12 year-old computer so nothing is where I'm used to seeing it. Heard from a few of you, but the emails are buried in files I am only now, straightening out. Apologies. Remember 60 for 60 in 2020.

1961

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Randi Reeve Filoon: Greetings from Cape Cod, we just moved back into our summer home here two years after we had a bad electrical fire. We had a tough time dealing with our insurance company and we wound up having to take the house down to the studs and now all is new. It was a miracle that no one was hurt due to it starting at 6:30 at night. Fred and I went to Paris for 10 days to celebrate my 75th Birthday. I love that city - its architecture, art and culture in general. Took in multiple museums and ate way too much. One week later- Notre Dame burned. So sad to say the least. Happiness is having all 7 grandkids visiting us on the Cape- complete and lovely chaos with so many sweet moments! This may be my favorite role in this life. Born to be a Grandmama! Loving retirement! Back to Idaho in August and praying for no Forest Fires!!! My mother passed away in February 2017 at 101 with all her marbles. I miss her a lot but must admit it does not make me want to be that old. Not easy! She aged with grace and humor. That helped!

Sandra Ray Holland writes: Although I left Friends in my Junior year to go away to school, I have nothing but happy memories of my years at Friends Academy starting in 5th grade. I am still in close touch with **Randi Reeve Filoon** so I still feel connected to that special place. I am now living year round on Nantucket, a place which I love and used to just summer in. I have two married sons Tucker and John both with wonderful families. Tucker and his wife Michelle live on Nantucket year round with their 3 children, and John and his wife Shelley live with their 2 daughters in Jackson, Wyoming. We are all blessed. Have been doing a lot of sailing the last 20 years of my life and have now been almost 12,000 miles. Our most recent sailing has been done in the Greek Islands for the last six years...they are magical. Simple, authentic, and beautiful. Hope all of you are enjoying good health and a happy life.

Andrew Merton writes: For me and Gail, the highlight of the past few months has been an eleven-day trip to Peru: Lima and then the Inca Trail-- Cusco, Machu Picchu, and surrounding towns and villages, tucked into the Andes Mountains 11,000 feet above sea level. What a vibrant mix of peoples and cultures—diversity personified. And this is reflected in the glorious cuisine—a delightfully complex fusion of Spanish, Quechua, Chinese, and African-Peruvian influences. One featured dish: roast guinea pig. (Don't laugh until you've tried it.) Two other specialties are chocolate and coffee. You can't get a bad cup of coffee in Peru. The national drink, the Pisco Sour, is mildly addictive as well. Salud! **Andy Merton** welcomed grandson, Kirby Seidel, on July 7, 2018. He lives with his parents, Rachel Merton and Matthew Seidel, in Durham, NC.



Andy Merton welcomed grandson, Kirby Seidel, on July 7, 2018

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Suzanne Notides Melzig: Class of '64. Sorry to hear about your foot Les. No fun, but knowing you, it won't slow you down. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in Sitges, Spain with our four kiddos, their spouses and eight grandchildren. Didn't know it was possible to have that much fun. Perry and I got to the French Open the week before so we are closing in on all four majors!! Let's rally the troops for oct 2020. That would be our 56th. Gail and I are on board- I get to see Gail when I'm visiting our son Doug in Vermont. Retirement is just fine. Keep in touch!

Marvie Sutton Campbell writes: First of all, I'm so happy, independent and thank god healthy. I run my little farm and teach skiing and supervise the children's program at Bromley Mt. I love to travel all over the world cheap, and last April I survived my fourth trip to Nepal himalaya. I go with my backpack no guide or porter and find my way...as happy as can be. Life is so good.

Lesley Birkett Jacobs: The Class of '64 is a wonderful mix of kind, even adventurous folks and miserable, frail shut-ins. I know many folks lump me in the first group (naturement), but the truth is I am actually in the second group. Yes, I am a former tennis champion and a 3 time hole-in-one chick, but now, now, I trip and fall and break a bone here, get some sciatica there and generally mumble and mope. That is when I am sending out pleas for class notes and so hoping to be overwhelmed with astonishing news of OTHER peoples lives, real lives. Remember our 50th Reunion notes - OMG!

John Nix! Jeff Bloom! Marvie Sutton regaling us! Now, yes, I may have made some unfortunate comments, but all in good fun (for the most part,

or some part). This year, not so much. Maybe there was a psychic connection - you knew something was rotten in, not Denmark, but Sweden, where your revered note-taker took a rotten turn and oh, never mind! It is too dreary. All I will say is that the shoulder is a complex entity that can take months to heal, even after wearing unattractive immobilizer slings for 24 hrs a day for 6 friggin' weeks. Thank gawd for Oxycodone. NO!, no only a few days of that, I promise. And as I was two weeks into Physical Therapy - oh hallelujah! I got a lovely email from **Suzanne** (we went to camp together) **Notides Melzig**, She and Perry celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by taking their four "kiddos" and their spouses and all eight grandchildren to Spain. Wow! What a trip! Do you think Spain might have been a better choice for Jack and me? I did have 1 year and two weeks of Spanish with Senora Wolf, so consider myself quasi-fluent in Spanish (NOT, I repeat, NOT Swedish) and might not have had that horrific fall....Oh, I digress. Happy anniversary, you class of '64 poster couple, you! They, like me are aiming for our 60th Reunion.

And then, after I contracted pneumonia in August (oh, yes!) and was moping around the house even more, who did I hear from? Oh, my dear friend **Betsy Malcom Eklof**, who is (hah!) an inveterate traveller, often with Indira Licht Garner, not just to Florida (usually a safe harbor), but, oh Hawaii (easy language) and even Norway (Scandinavia - danger, danger! The languages are impossible - all consonants, and the vowels "u" and "e", and an occasional "a". Really.) Here's what she wrote: I'm doing great, always enjoying life in VT on Lake Champlain with kids and six grandkids nearby, filling days with book clubs, tennis cx skiing pickle board, hiking. All the good stuff. No Complaints." Now, I am always skeptical about people who say "no complaints." Come on! I have so many complaints, too numerous to name all. Did I mention I have Sleep Apnea? Laws, laws laws! (an old fashioned complaint).

Well, I will wind this up by mentioning **Victoria Young Ryan** who had the kindness to move in to a house almost diagonally in back of ours in Sea Cliff. We often walk, charming passerbys with our stylin'. And **Cathie Bush Wardell** continues to invite me to visit and we catch up on FA and Wells College. Remember, Indira went to Wells, too and both of them are still talking to me! And so is dear **Douglas Altchek**, the dermatologist we revere!

So, if you are - like me - always trying to get your name in print - write me a line or two, make something up, or wax on. As we get older, we really do become wiser, if not wise-crackers!

1965

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1966

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Helen Lotowycz Rising: Hello to all from the Fieldhouse where Brandt and I have moved, selling our Brightwaters home after 40 years. Those who have attended some class reunions know this unique building. It has been a challenging move. We were grateful to find an online auction so we could empty much of the Fieldhouse and have room for our furnishings. We took a break from the moving project and spent a couple months in Islamorada, Florida. While in Florida we had a lovely lunch with Clint Bush at the Boater's Grill in No Name Harbor on Key Biscayne. In July attended my third Pysanky retreat in Wilkes Barre, PA. Just a hop, skip and jump from **Betsy Gordon Kirk's** summer place on the Leigh river. Betsy shared pictures of her trip to Beirut. They were so moving, I asked her to write a bit about her trip.

Betsy Gordon Kirk: Imagine living in an airless, dark apartment on the ninth floor. There is no elevator. Your supplies have to be hauled up to you by rope. Your running water is salty and so is not good for drinking or washing your clothes. You must pay for your fresh water. Your electricity is sparse and intermittent and comes from a dangerous tangle of coils and cables running outside your apartment. This is what life is like for the 23,000 Palestinians packed into the one square kilometer Shatila refugee camp in suburban Beirut, Lebanon. Education has always been a way out of poverty but in Lebanon, by law, Palestinians are not allowed to become doctors, lawyers, engineers or any other lucrative profession. Only the most brilliant make it out of the camp. Palestinians try their best to educate their children. But the walls of their ill-lit classrooms are poignantly decorated with images of green plants, trees, and waterfalls—things these children—crammed into dark apartments—crave and cannot have. These were some of the observations I made during a recent trip to Beirut, Lebanon with my daughter, Mimi. She is managing director of a Palestinian think tank called Al Shabaka,



Bill Young '66 with Ms. Carol Croy Ebert '40

The Palestinian Policy Network. Her job is to educate and foster public debate about the dire circumstances of the Palestinians in Palestine, Israel and beyond. Tourists cannot easily enter refugee camps (there are 12 in Lebanon) but through Mimi's contacts, we were able to gain access. Beirut is truly a beautiful city and has been likened to Paris. Indeed, it has been called "The Paris of the Middle East." It is full of colorful flowering shrubs, palm trees, glitzy nightclubs and cafes. While you do hear the Muslim call to prayer and you do see many Christian churches, there is definitely a secular vibe to the city. But just beyond the fancy downtown with its Dior and Chanel boutiques is another Beirut—that of the Palestinian refugee camp.

Nancy Gad-Harf: We love living within ten minutes of our son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren, Jonah, 7, and Rylee, 4. We are all part of each other's daily lives and feel very, very lucky. Of course, Jonah and Rylee are gorgeous, brilliant, funny, and loving! David is still doing corporate fundraising for Henry Ford Health Systems. I do lots of volunteer and art work. Detroit has changed dramatically in the past ten years and has become a foodie's destination point, per the New York Times! We'd love to have visitors so we can show off the city. I hope everyone is coping well with the aging process... it is an eye-opening experience!

Bill Young: Last Fall, my wife and I moved from our house of 32 years in McLean VA to Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury (svwc.org), a relatively small retirement community in Winchester, VA. One of the things residents are supposed to do is a short (like one page) bio, telling where they grew up, went to school, what they did in their careers, etc. I finally got mine finished up this week, and of course noted attending (5 through 12)

FA. Not two hours after it got distributed this morning, I got a call from Ms. **Carol Croy Ebert**, now resident in the Health Care section here -- and a member of the Friends' Academy Class of 1940. What are the chances. I went around for a visit and we had a great time telling FA stories. Her parents were living in Forest Hills when she was born; her father was the author Homer Croy. She was at Friends for 3rd grade, then her parents moved to NYC, but she returned to FA as a border in the 6th grade, living in the rooms up on the third floor, and remained through graduation. Small world, indeed.

1967

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Hello everyone! I must start by saying that we are all saddened by the loss of Andy Black this past year. We have lost quite a few of our classmates and it always reminds us how fragile our lives are. I have taken this wonderful job over from Didi and I must say, getting information from you all isn't the easiest job in the world! But I did have some thoughtful souls write me back. Maybe next time we will all try harder...

Brad Lovette: Same-Same. I suppose that the biggest news is that we dodged a Cat 5 hurricane. I just hope I haven't jinxed myself since there is another 2 months (as of early October) in the season. Still working but at 75% speed - only two projects left in the hopper, including my first and definitely last India-based venture. I'll keep the office for another couple of years as a family office and to see if anything else comes along to tickle my part-time fancy. Otherwise, I am growing content with been-there and done that entrepreneurial-wise. Planning our usual New Years travel - this time to Morocco.

Chico: Still doing Risk Management work here in CT but I just spent 4 days in Tennessee outside of Knoxville looking at houses and property along the Clinch River and that is where Emma and I are going to settle in about a year and a half. Been fishing saltwater all my life so I figure it is time to do some fresh water fishing. All seven grandkids doing fine. Looks like we will have lots of visitors over the summer vacation months. John Watson and I had our annual lunch meeting this summer at the Main Street Grill in Niantic, CT to catch up. We laughed for several hours.

Doug Simes: We're closing in on four months in our new home in St. Louis, a town that Jane Smiley has dubbed as "the paradigmatic American city." For the moment I've left architecture behind for a more recreational and pleasant pace. Sarah's younger brother and sister-in-law just moved into a neighboring building. The built world of St. Louis is lovely to see, with exquisite masonry and tasteful ornament. Car culture is an adjustment, but outside of that I'm not missing New York City just yet. Our apartment affords space for a small studio and I'm making some headway into the local art scene: next month a piece of mine will be included in a group show called "The Idea of Order," an exhibition of conceptual work in a gallery in Clayton. Thanks for the nudge. Good luck fielding all our news. Hope you're enjoying it.

As for me (**Sherry**), I live in southern Vermont and spend my retirement years playing a lot of golf. I have also recently taken up pickle ball as it is great for all ages and I can play with my 4 grandchildren. They live in Brooklyn, Buckhead and San Francisco. Needless to say, I spend a lot of time traveling around to see them. I guess we all turned 70 this year and I'm still finding it hard to believe! Time has truly gone by fast. -**Sherry**

Bob Palma and the Mighty Jan showed Christina & me two wonderful days skiing Beaver Creek and Arrowhead last winter. It's always so nice to ski a new mountain with people who know the terrain (and places to eat!). Trust all's we'll with you and family. Stay well and thanks! -**Ned Maher**

1968

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Dear Classmates, Thank you to all who have responded! Our class email chain has been especially rewarding, in particular **Steve Tilden's** beautifully written and thought-provoking descriptions of our shared memories at Friends - about Mario, the glass house, Mr. Schmidt's demonstration of resonance, to name a few. Keep them coming Steve! And thanks to **Betsy Harris**



Bob Palma '67 and Ned Maher '67 skiing in Beaver Creek and Arrowhead



Betsy Harris Radecki '68 and Betsy Billhardt '68 in Nice, France

Radecki for sending this wonderful photo from her visit with Betsy Billhardt in Nice, France. Looks like the Betsys had a lovely meal together.

Betsy Billhardt: I don't make it back to the States too often, so I was thrilled that my visit last year coincided with our reunion. While it came together on rather short notice, I was thrilled to see all who were able to join in. Had a post reunion treat to see **Betsy Harris** and her husband Larry on their European visit this past Spring! Amongst your talks for future reunions, if there's anyone wishing to organize an "off reunion here in Nice someday, please let me know. While there's much to see, part of an 'expérience niçois' is also to take time to relax, breathe in and enjoy the beauty that surrounds us. Would love to see you soon, à très bientôt..." Speaking for myself, on my bucket list is to visit Betsy in France where she has been living and making beautiful photography for many years. Anyone want to join me? Speaking of France, I heard from **Livia Blankman**, who wrote that she "forever" thought she would end up in Paris, "just me and my little dog ... sitting in a café with my knitting watching and listening to all that goes by." Instead she ended up in the "tiny jewel town of Ashland, Oregon" with her little dog, along with her Nigerian dwarf goats, Southdown baby doll sheep, and chickens ("gotta have chickens"). While "it's a far cry from Paris", she is loving Mother Nature, working in her garden and tending to her animals. She said, "I truly think I am just where the stars intended me to be." She is also fortunate to have one of her three children and 2 grandchildren living nearby. For 30 years before moving to Oregon, Livia was in the dance world, performing and teaching around the country and Europe while living in San Francisco where she also had a garden/landscape business.

Greg Tarone: As the summer wind pleasantly blows through the lovely Hudson Valley, I am reminded of what Yukio Mishima's character Iao said in *Runaway Horses* -- and to which all lawyers can certainly relate: 'The law is an accumulation of tireless attempts to block man's desire to change his life into an instant of poetry.' Maybe that is really why it is called 'law practice'.

Bob Piro continues to love his Tesla as the best performing and most economical car he has ever owned. He and Mary recently bought two new gray Irish Sport horses. His kids are doing well, the oldest coordinating pediatric programs at Maine Medical and its eleven associate hospitals across Maine, his youngest starting a new life in Watertown, MA. Bob's farm is in Norwich, Vermont and he welcomes a visit: "If you're ever up this way, I hope you will stop by. We're only 15 min from the intersection of I-89 and I-91". And he promises a ride in his Tesla.

Lucinda Abbe: It's August in Wyoming as I write this... still very cool at night and warm during the day, more like June on the east coast. I am delighting in the crop of strawberries in my yard, sweet and ready, and reflecting on the continuity in my life over the span of these last 50-plus years: I still love to be outdoors, barefoot, picking flowers, tending the garden, watching the baby ospreys learn to fly, connecting with friends, making art... what has changed? My life has expanded to include more family... my partner, my son and niece and nephews... all fascinating people. Retirement is an interesting concept; I am not sure how it will go for me, as I am naturally busy and my life fills up easily. I imagine gauging my 'retirement' by whether I sit and read books during the day! it may happen...greetings to all my Friends classmates!

Always interesting to hear from **Nancy Goldberg Kassop**, political science Professor at SUNY New Paltz. She is hoping to take a year's leave from teaching (Jan-Dec 2020) to work full-time in Washington on the non-partisan White House Transition Project on which she has worked part time for many years, interviewing former White House staff members (from the Trump and earlier administrations) for the purpose of preparing briefing materials for the incoming White House staff in January 2021. The project prepares transition materials for each presidential election, even when an incumbent is running for re-election, because there will be a transition in staff, in either case. I'm selfishly hoping this will come to pass for Nancy because it would be great to have her close by in DC for a year. She and I are fellow political junkies and even bumped into each other in the ladies' room at the Democratic Convention in 2003! Nancy has spent the remainder of her summer with multiple family visits (her 2 daughters, 2 grandsons, and her sister from London) and is now readying for the Fall semester.

It was nice to hear from **Jim Evans**, who has been focusing on the care of his 94-year old mother and is hoping to get her home from the rehab facilities where she has been for the last month. He wishes the class well and would love another reunion.

Mary Watkins: What a joy to spend time with many of you at our reunion! Since then, I have continued working pro bono with asylum seekers in detention centers, co-facilitating Alternative to Violence workshops at Lompoc Federal Penitentiary, and my usual teaching. But I am happy to say that I had a rare three month sabbatical and was able to travel to Peru and Ecuador with my husband, Ed. While struggling with the altitude, we immersed ourselves in Indigenous history and also the more recent history of the Shining Path and the Truth and Reconciliation process. Swimming with turtles, penguins, and seals in the Galapagos was a fun antidote to the latter! After ten years of research and writing, my book *Mutual Accompaniment and the Creation of the Commons* emerged in May (Yale University Press). There is no doubt in my mind that it has its roots in my exposure to Quakerism at Friends, though this is not explicit in the book. I am hoping you are enjoying good health and sweet times amidst the deeply troubling period we are living in.

Lesley Graham reports that she is enjoying retirement in Joplin, MO and can't believe that 15 years have whizzed by since she left California. She plans a visit there soon to see her old friends. She, as many others have

noted, enjoys reading **Steve Tilden's** missives. She loves hearing from "the usual suspects:" **Duncan Guild**, **Greg Tarone** and **Kathy Attridge Anas**, **Johnny Malcolm** and **Robbie Thomas** (her favorite teacher), and following classmates on Facebook. She also hopes for another reunion sooner than our 55th.

Paul Hand writes that he, **Bunny** and their two "live close-but far enough away" daughters are enjoying the summer's cool temperatures (Avg: 103-118 so far) in Phoenix, Arizona (NOT). October can't come soon enough. Been busy exploring some of Arizona's hot spots - Bisbee, Willcox (AZ wine country), Jerome, and Sedona. Plan travel to Cancun in September and back to Rhode Island in October to visit family and celebrate our 38th wedding anniversary on the 10th. Can't wait to experience Providence's Federal Hill Italian restaurant fares at Camille's Roman Garden. We are all healthy, not wealthy, but still wise. Life is good in the retirement years. Wishing my fellow classmates much happiness and health.

I was glad to hear from **John Reilly** who has been enjoying lots of biking, golf, and kayaking this summer, mostly around NYC, but also New Hampshire, Ohio and Chicago. He heard talk about future class gatherings: "Sounds good, might even show up this time." Now wouldn't that be great!

Laurel Brandt is semi-retired from her job as an assistant district attorney. In 2017, she and Art moved to Acton, Mass, close to their daughter and two granddaughters. "We now live only 4 miles from them in Concord, enabling us to play significant roles in their lives. Pure joy!!" Laurel wrote from her cabin in Maine "where the air is fresh, the lake crystal clear, the trees green, and the only loons we hear are aquatic birds!" Laurel and I both started our legal careers at the Federal Trade Commission, lived in the same town and socialized as young couples and parents. Peter and I were sorry when they moved up to New England!

As for me, I am semi-retired and looking forward to the life ahead. We lost the last of our parents this summer - Peter's 97-year old dad, but a month later a new grandson appeared on the scene! I am looking forward to a bike trip in Normandy and Brittany in September. Part of my inspiration for the trip came from the thoughtful email exchanges at the time of the 75th Anniversary of D Day between **Willy Merriken**, **Marsha Feigman Gullo**, and **Cliff Dasco** and **Greg Tarone** and **Steve Tilden**. If you haven't read them, I recommend you do. Best to All!



Spencer Lovette '69 climbed Kilimanjaro last October

1969

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Spencer Lovette: I am pleased to announce my retirement this month (March) and I feel great! I can't wait to get to my retirement projects book; I've been pretty active during the past year. The highlight was a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. (You may recall my mother passed in 10th grade.) The appeal was tied to a climb up Kilimanjaro which I completed last October. Backpacking in the White Mountains, skiing and SCUBA diving are keeping me in good shape as well. Now I will have more time to spend with my family. Judie isn't into the activities that I have been doing, so will probably need to try a cruise or something. I would love to hear your ideas. If anyone is going to be in N.H., look me up. I hope to see you all at our 50th reunion soon.

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Angela Manno: It's been quite some time since I've been in touch with you. I must say, the waiting was worth it. A long gestation period



"Sunrise, Lotus Pond"
photograph by Angela Manno '71



"March, Looking Deeply"
photograph by Angelo Manno '71

has brought forth a series of surprising artworks -- a new grouping of contemplative photographs. They were taken in March during a month-long meditation retreat at a Buddhist monastery. Every morning at 7am, when we exited the meditation hall, a lotus pond was before us, in the process of thawing from the long winter. Astonished by the most exquisite patterns in the melting ice, I ran and got my camera and took pictures over three consecutive mornings. This new series, entitled, "Looking Deeply," refers to one of two kinds of meditation that are practiced together. Also known as Vipassana, it is the practice of looking deeply into our thoughts and feelings to determine their root cause. The other kind of meditation, of course, is Mindfulness. I am so happy to share these images with you that symbolize so well the states of mind experienced while practicing meditation.

1972

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Chris Baum: It's been quite awhile since I last updated our Class of '71 on what's new, so here goes. The Baum family moved back to Rochester, Michigan three years ago after I wrapped up a tour as President & CEO of Reno Tahoe USA in northern Nevada. I am currently Publisher of MeetingMentor, a business journal for the meetings and conventions industry... a perfect role for me after spending 25 years in the hotel business, ten years in the destination marketing industry, and four previous years in publishing at The New Yorker magazine. My oldest son, Hunter, graduated from Michigan

State, is married, and lives a half-hour away from us. My daughter Lilly is a freshman at Calvin University in Grand Rapids, and my youngest son, Parker, is a junior at Adams High School. My wife of 22 years, Denise, works part-time in the continuing education field... and "full-time" as president of the high school band organization! When I'm not rushing to close the latest issue of our magazine, I enjoy collecting autographs, attending car shows and antique fairs, and traveling with my family. (Baum family photo attached. Left to right: Parker, Hunter, daughter-in-law Theresa, me, Denise, and Lilly.) It's hard to believe that we are just two years away from our 50th reunion, and although my attendance has been worse than infrequent in the past, I definitely intend to be back in Locust Valley for this one! Like most of us, I consider my time at Friends amongst the best years of my life, and just thinking about the good old days there has brought a smile to my face."

Pat Croce Balcom: Ken and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Ireland, Iceland and Scotland. We were scheduled to make a stop in Guernsey in the Channel Islands, but the seas were too rough to tender into that port safely. In fact, the seas were pretty rough throughout the entire cruise. Don't ask. I'm a pretty good sport, but not a great sailor. I'm not a big fan of things on board needing to be tied down because the seas are going to be 'unpredictable'. Anyway, we had two stops in Ireland: Cobh (Cork) and Dublin. In Cork, we did the obligatory journey to Blarney Castle and, yes, I did climb all those steps, lay down on the ground, bend backwards down a small hole, and kissed the Blarney Stone. What can I say, either you do it with gusto or you opt out. In Dublin, we spent the morning touring the EPIC museum (I encourage anyone

who visits Dublin to check out this museum, it is amazing). Then, in the afternoon, we toured Trinity College and its surrounds. We were caught in a driving rainstorm—it was Ireland after all—so we bailed on the last part of the tour and headed back to the ship. Iceland is exactly what everyone says and what you would expect: waterfalls, glaciers, amazing gorges and basically some of the most jaw-dropping natural scenery I've ever seen. There's a reason that several episodes of Game of Thrones were shot there. Our final port was in the Shetland Islands off the coast of Scotland. What a charming place. We loved walking around the town of Lerwick and found the people enchanting. We already have plans to go back and spend some time touring the Scottish mainland. Otherwise, we're well and very happy here in Leesburg. If anyone finds themselves in this neck of the woods or in Washington DC—we're only 45 west of DC—give us a shout."

Melinda and **Peter Darbee** have moved to Jacksonville: "As we sit down for our first cocktail in Florida, many thoughts go through our minds. The first is the many happy years (25) we had in California together as a family. Among the great things about CA have been the beautiful vistas, the great climate in the East Bay and the opportunities for sailing, hiking and sightseeing. In Florida many have already asked quizzically why have we left CA, but in CA many have said 'everyone is leaving CA or is thinking about it. It is a great place to come for work but a place to leave when you retire.' The very good news tonight has been, as we sat on the front patio overlooking the water, a sense of beauty and calm came over us much like the feeling we have had overlooking the mountains in CA. Unlike many other homes we looked at in Florida, the backyard and view from our new



Baum family photo. Left to right: Parker, Hunter, daughter-in-law Theresa, Chris '72, Denise, and Lilly

home is fantastic and quite peaceful. In viewing it, Melinda and I have concluded we have made a fair trade of the mountains of CA for a fantastic view and backyard overlooking the St. John's River in Florida." Peter and Melinda have also recently welcomed a new arrival--Conor Robert Darbee--their 6th grandchild.

Angela Manno will be exhibiting her "contemporary icons" in a show entitled **ENDANGERED EARTH** this December (2019) in Manhattan. It's a perfect venue for the work she has been doing for several years, expanding the imagery of traditional Byzantine-Russian iconography to highlight the rest of the natural world. Everyone is invited. Stay tuned for more details.

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I'm writing this column the day after attending Fall Fair, which means only four years to go until our 50th reunion! Here's what I have heard from classmates over the summer.

Dave Rosenburg: As you may know I am living in San Diego and have been for the past 42 years with my wife Barbara. We have two children, Jennifer and Daniel, and we are blessed to be expecting our first grandson in October. My daughter is an equine veterinarian and my son is a paramedic/firefighter and also a Ferrier. I have been in constant touch since graduation with **Vince Mazzeo** and I speak frequently to **Marty Jacobson**. I have also been fortunate to have seen **Cliff Gardner**, and both he and **Brian Cressey** have been to my house to play tennis. I am still active in my law practice and hope that I will continue for many years, but also hope to cut back on my hours. I think back fondly of my time at Friends Academy, and wish everyone well. **Cliff Gardner** is also still enjoying his law practice, and writes: Just got back from one month away: a week hiking Hadrian's Wall in England with my youngest who just graduated from college; then some time in France and Belgium; finishing up with a one-week bike trip in Sicily. I still live in the Bay Area and am happy to reconnect with anyone passing through this neck of the woods. I am in periodic touch with **Kris Horvath**, **Ray Goodrich**, and **George Brandon**; at last contact, all were doing well.

Kris Horvath: From June until early October,

Bronwyn and I have been traveling around northern Canada and Alaska in a motor home. After traveling to well over a hundred countries, we are continually amazed by the exceptional beauty and experiences available in the good ole USA. Some highlights were: seeing a Caribou migration on the "Top of the World Highway;" hiking on a glacier in Wrangell-St. Elias (largest National Park in the USA); flying low over Glacier Bay National Park; viewing bears at Katmai National Park; kayaking in icebergs at the Western Glacier; getting close to just about every type of wildlife up here; catching a freezerful of halibut, salmon, and black cod; and watching Bronwyn kiss an actual live moose. It has been a great summer.

The highlight of **Bill Dudjoc's** year was America's Most Beautiful Bike Ride with Team in Training in Lake Tahoe. Our team, Team Remission, raised \$92,000 towards a cure for blood cancers. We were riding in memory on Beth Rose's mother Beverly who passed away from Multiple Myeloma years ago. Our goal was \$100,000 which would have allowed us to name a research grant after Bev. I was so proud of our team as we were the second highest per capita team in Tahoe raising \$9,200/rider!!! In 2020 we will try it again!! There was also not so great news: at the beginning of September, on an early morning ride, I was hit by a car. I am still in the process of healing. Nothing broken: a bad bruise on my hip, torn muscles in my hip and lower back. The bike.....well that is another story.

Susan Nappa Cocke: All is well here. I am still traveling quite a bit with my business, PK Collection. It is a successful business model and one that keeps me very busy.

Kathy Neisloss Leventhal: Just returned from a week with our kids and grandchildren in Paris. My husband and I slipped away from the family to go to Normandy for a day. If you have a chance, GO. D-Day is a remarkable day in history, and it inspires such appreciation for veterans and the United States' place in geopolitics.

Chris Rising Turner: Preston and I are anxiously awaiting the finalization of a methane digester being installed at the large (milking over 900 cows) dairy farm down the road. We are surrounded by agricultural land, so having digested manure spread will not only benefit Middlebury with piped methane and Lake Champlain with phosphorous and nitrogen reduced runoff, but we benefit with less odiferous product being spread by our back door! In other news, I continue to travel to LI to visit my mother who is still living

independently at 94. I admire her ability to adjust to her circumstances. She has many fond memories of Friends - Fall Fair Days, collecting dishes for Shatter the Platter, playing her father's hardy gurdy, Field Days, and all our sports activities. Stay well everyone!

Barbara Boyle Weaner: I still find a home in West Virginia with my husband Scott, on our small farm. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner, but have moved my practice from full time with WVU to working part time in my own practice, focusing on Integrative Medicine. As you know from the news, West Virginia, which was naive to most drugs, has been plagued with the opioid crisis and a flood of Meth and other catastrophic illicit drugs in the last 10-15 years. In 2017, I got training in the NADA (National Acupuncture Detoxification Association) protocol for ear acupuncture used in treatment of addiction and trauma. I have been giving treatments at a Recovery program in a neighboring county and will be offering treatments to pregnant and postpartum women with substance use disorder at our local hospital. Part time work has allowed me frequent visits to South Carolina to help with the care of my parents who have relocated there to be closer to my sister Liz ('77) who is an entrepreneur living on Sullivan's Island. It has been a pleasure to see more of my family and serve my parents, who are approaching 90. We have three grandsons (10, 8 and 6) who live in Pennsylvania and Delaware, who give many belly laughs and great pleasure. The challenging part is seeing them often enough, with South Carolina in the opposite direction, and finding farm sitters not always easy. Having more time out of the office has allowed me to learn to weave, knit and spin, which I am having fun exploring. We now have two empty bedrooms in our farmhouse, and a sweet little guest room over the root cellar, so if any of you need a mountain break in the Monongahela National Forest, please reach out. We'd welcome a visit.

As for me, **Jan Klocke O'Sullivan**, I recently competed in the Bryant Park Coffee & Crosswords Tournament, which, yes, is outside behind the NY Public Library. I seem to do well solving puzzles with sirens, low-flying pigeons, and a parade going on. I'd love to hear from any other FA alums who are crossword enthusiasts and might be attending some of the same events I go to. Also, I was at my favorite artisan craft fair in July, and a familiar name popped out at me from one of the enticing booths. Sure enough, it was our classmate, **Valerie Bunnell**, and she and I enjoyed catching up. You can see her mixed media sculpture here: www.valeriebunnell.com.

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Evette Beckett-Tuggle: I have spent a good part of this year traveling with my husband, Reggie and sharing in the care of my 92 and 93-year old parents with my siblings. Reggie and I traveled to Asia for 3 weeks this spring and plan to journey to South Africa later this summer. As Reggie has often said, "We have to see the world while we are still able." For many reasons, I couldn't agree with him more. I feel both grateful and blessed that we are able to do this. Our class elected to forgo a 45th reunion gathering this year. We will plan to see each other again in 5 years. Happy 45th Anniversary, Class of 1974! I wish health and happiness to everyone.

Roger Stern: Gail and I are happily ensconced in the Westchester community of Hartsdale. We just celebrated our 29th wedding anniversary—where did all the time go. I'm still running around chasing news stories for 1010 WINS Radio, and also anchoring for the Fox News Headlines 24/7 all-news radio service on Sirius X-M satellite radio. It's on Channel 115. As for our two kids—not kids anymore—my son Jeremy is trying to become an entertainment producer. As of this writing he had yet to put together his first big deal. If he succeeds he promises to take his mother to the Oscars or Emmys. Our daughter Gemma is going for her PsyD in psychology at Rutgers; she's studying to be a therapist. Good to have one in the family. And we have two golden doodles, one of whom was supposed to be 40 pounds, but grew up to be about twice that size. That's about it for us. I



Kyle, son of Daphne Riker Hagan '75, married Macy



Cathy Blechman Chermak '75 (right) with husband Terry and daughter Vanessa

look forward to seeing all my classmates at the next reunion.

1975

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Jill Fowler Dragiff: I just returned from an amazing weekend celebrating my mother's 100th birthday, having wonderful family and friends gather to surround her with love. Mom is an amazingly healthy and happy woman who has modeled faith, friendship, and curiosity to me and my family through her generous spirit, faithful communications and community service. She was a huge inspiration to me while I was at Friends and a big proponent of the benefits of women's colleges (she went to Wells, I went to Smith). She's continued to be a special mother, grandmother, and friend through her long life- May we all live with such joy! I was

joined by my siblings **Joan Fowler Reynolds** and **Stephens Fowler**, both Friends alums.

Cathy Blechman Chermak: We're looking forward to an active 2020. Terry happily began a new business last year and is enjoying it. I've expanded my RE business to include investment properties on the west coast. Vanessa will be turning 17 (I remember when we were all 17!). It is Vanessa's junior year at Viewpoint School and she is driving now. (Tilde, Wendy, Daphne, do you remember our driving lessons with Mr. D? I don't think I ever laughed so hard...) Terry's eldest, Tara, is enjoying their beautiful home in Roslyn and now that our first grandson, Ari, is 3 years old, we're looking forward to our second due in April. Jennifer and her husband, bought a home in Bayville and love living one block from the beach. We will try to be in NY a lot more this year. Come visit us when we're in Montauk. Or, if you're in LA, let's get together.

Robert Levy: This is for all the FA 1975 lifers. I was at the "Wilton CT Meeting House" last summer for a good friends wedding and a Mr. Bob Fatherly was there officiating the event. Yes, 50 years later it was our sixth grade teacher. He is doing well and living in Westport with his wife. BTW...he said Roger owes him an assignment. My wife and I are well living in Pleasantville NY. My youngest is 12, so I hope to be an empty nester sometime around 2025.

Daphne Riker Hagan: Hi everybody! Kevin and I have had quite a busy year – our daughter Jenny got married to Adam last March in San Diego and our son Kyle and Macy got married in October in the Catskills! Hope you're doing well and looking forward to our next reunion!

Tina Rose Erardi: We are still living the typical Manhattan life: enjoying everything the city



Jenny, daughter of Daphne Riker Hagan '75, married Adam



Ellen Fasano '75 and her sons, Zac and Alex

has to offer but always looking for ways to get out! We spend as much time as possible at our place in the Adirondacks or visiting the kids in their respective freezing locations (Nick, 35, tech consulting in Calgary and Katherine, 31, Art Director at Target in Minneapolis). I see Vicki Chesler and Tilde regularly in the city and we're looking forward to year 5 of our annual Fall trip with Daphne Riker Hagan, Lynn Chamberlain Adams, Pam Walker McNamara & Allison Bannister Benabdallah. I recently started volunteering with cancer patients at Mt Sinai hospital, after passing the 5 yr mark as a breast cancer survivor. Wishing everyone a peaceful and healthy 2020!

Robin Beckhard: I have much to be grateful for these days! My son Alex and his husband Alex got married in Amsterdam last May, and my beau Bryan took that opportunity to propose to me. We will be married on May 30 at Housing Works Bookstore in NYC. We get to see my daughter Claire and her husband Ethan, and my (now our!) grandsons Kermit and Teddy, ages 5 and 2-1/2, every week—such fun to be involved in their day-to-day lives. My parents still live on Piping Rock, and, at 86 and 87, are still travelling and very active. (My mom is studying Italian at C.W. Post!)

Betsy Bober Polivy: The year has been an incredibly sad one as well as quite joyous - I lost my beloved dad and my son got married. Both the wedding and launching a podcast series enabled me to refocus on the positive and to slowly bring a smile back to my face. The wedding was on top of Solitude Mountain in Utah -- it was magnificent in every way. The podcasts are an outgrowth of my Manhattan Sideways website (sideways.nyc). Each interview shares the story - the history - of the amazing small business owners on the side streets. Be sure to listen to the one with our wonderful and lovely Tilde, whose dad owned an iconic



restaurant in New York. And, I am hopeful that by the time you read this, Walking Manhattan Sideways will be ready for publication. I am in the midst of writing a book celebrating the small businesses that have stood the test of time on the side streets. Last, but, certainly, not least, are my daughter's three beautiful children - there is nothing in the world quite like being a grandparent, but then many of you already know this.

Ellen Fasano: My 22-year-old son Zac just graduated from Pace University with a degree in Arts and Entertainment Business. My 28-year-old son Alex is working as a computer analyst. Scott and I will be celebrating our 32 year wedding anniversary this year. I am still working for immigration as an asylum officer. It has been a challenging time given the crisis at the US/Mexico border. That's my news. Hope you are all well!

Chip Behal: In the spring of 2019 I made the decision to retire. Jo-Anne went on her second safari to Africa with a friend of hers in June.



Harriet Grimm '75 at a climate march this past fall

Then together we spent a month in Australia in the fall visiting friends and family. This was before the bushfires got so completely out of control. In November I started volunteering at two museums on the North Shore of LI to occupy my days. Jo-Anne's niece and boyfriend stayed with us for three weeks over Christmas and New Year, and we took them around the City and the Island. I'm looking forward to enjoying the freedom from daily work. Please let me know if any class gatherings are planned. Fond regards to all!

Kurt Olander: It is hard to believe that it's been almost 45 years since we graduated from High School. It's amazing to see what everyone has accomplished since Graduation. I retired a year and a half ago, and am loving it. My wife Teresa and I will be celebrating our 40 year anniversary in March. We spend much time with our eight grandchildren and have frequent family gatherings. Generally, retirement has brought me the gift of time. So much of the time previously spent commuting to & from work in Manhattan, is now time spent figuring how to improve my community, I started volunteering at the Hudson Valley Food Bank- "People to People." Inspired by Greta Thunberg, the star environmentalist from Sweden, our family is trying to make changes to reduce our impact on the environment. We visited my son & family in Senegal, West Africa, as well as traveling throughout Iceland & Scandinavia in September. During 2019, I ran six half marathons, multiple distance cycling races, and the Crystal Lake Triathlon. 2020 looks to be a significant year.

Harriet Grimm: I'm still living and working in Manhattan as a landscape architect. Our daughter Sylvia is a college senior. Photo from climate march this past fall. Working at staying positive in a troubled world.



Dinner in New York City, from left to right: Tina Rose Erardi '75, Tilde Mariani Giacche '75, Tina's husband Greg, Kevin Hagan '73, Vicki Chesler '75, Daphne Riker Hagan '75 and Vicki's husband Matt

Pam Walker McNamara: My husband, George, and I are fortunate to be healthy, settling into the house we recently built in South Dartmouth, MA. My Health Helm business supports patients and clients after surgery or between office visits to stay compliant and on track managing their chronic conditions and recoveries. Our daughter, Casey, her husband, Mike, and another partner launched Scuttlebutt Coffee Company, offering craft coffee at their New Bedford, MA cafe. Our son, Tim, left sunny San Diego for Pittsburgh for a PhD / Fellowship program at Carnegie Mellon, focused on optimizing power distribution. Those passing through Southeastern Massachusetts, please stop by!

Allison Bannister Benabdallah: I am still living in Natick, Massachusetts, just outside of Boston with my husband and our two dogs. In January 2020, I was appointed as the Principal of King Elementary School in Framingham MA, a K-5 school serving 420 students with approximately 60 teachers and staff. I am very excited about this next endeavor. My husband, Mohamed, is currently working as a consultant for a company called Convergent Technologies. He likes to say that he is "semi-retired". Our three children are thriving in their various cities and professions. Adam, our oldest, works for the State Department and lives abroad with his wife, Sara, and our grandsons, Jackson, 4, and Oliver, 21 months. We enjoy traveling the world to spend time with them whenever we can. Justin, our second oldest, is a Urologist who works for Johns Hopkins University out of one of their Washington DC hospitals, Sibley Hospital. He recently got engaged to his fiancée, Annabelle and we are looking forward to a wedding within the next year! Our youngest, Hannah, is in PR and currently works for Vice Media in Brooklyn, NY. One of the highlights of each year are the reunions that I am fortunate enough to be a part of that include some wonderful

childhood friends from FA and before! Whether it's LI, NYC, Newport, Maine, Chicago or CA, we just love our sleepover parties! Much Love to TM, VC, LCA, TRE, DRH, PWM and of course JH & LHL (BCDS)

Wendy Bell Guerrero: I'm happy and content and living in upstate NY doing animal welfare work and advocacy. I've been vegan for 9 years now and always looking to live a greener, more compassionate life. My 4 month old Luca Daniello and first grandchild has made me a fool! Life is great!

Vicki Chesler: My husband Matt Kovner and I had some fun travels in 2019, including a Caribbean trip to Martinique and Dominica and Western ski trip to Jackson Hole, Wyoming and Solitude/Brighton in Utah when we got 7 feet of snow over two weeks. We also spent more than 40 days on our 38' Beneteau which we now keep in the beautiful harbor at Padanarum MA, right near Pam Walker McNamara's house! Memorial Day weekend, Tina Rose Erardi and



Pam Walker McNamara '75, Tina Rose Erardi '75 and Vicki Chesler '75 at Pam's house in South Dartmouth, Mass.

her husband Greg came up with us and we had a great time exploring the area, visiting the island of Cuttyhunk, and having an amazing dinner at Pam and George's house. On another sailing trip, we got to see Allison Bannister Benabdallah and her husband Mohammad, at Allison's sister Holly's waterfront mansion in Newport. We also got to see Tilde Mariani Giacche numerous times in New York City, including a dinner with Tilde, Tina, Greg, Daphne Riker Hagan and her husband Kevin, and a visit with Tina to meet Tilde's adorable new grandson, Marco. In September, we had a great trip to the Adirondacks to visit Tina and Greg at their house on Blue Mountain Lake, and later in the month was our annual Buckley/FA reunion in Maine. FA alums Pam, Tina, Allison and I had a wonderful time with our BCDS pals Jamie Hale and Lydia Landesberg at Lydia's beautiful lakeside house. Daphne Riker Hagan and Lynn Chamberlain Adams missed it this year, but had amazing travels of their own in Austria and Spain!

Tilde Mariani Giacche: Hi to all my buddies from the Class of 1975, hope all is well with you all! I would have to say the most exciting event for me this year has been becoming a "Nonna" for the first time - little Marco James Hurley was born on June 1st - mom (my oldest Jennifer) and Steve are great parents and luckily for them, all of us live in NYC at the moment so lots of babysitting all around! I never take for granted how lucky I am to have all my kids in NYC after having been so spread apart for so many years. Although things will change for sure, we're all loving this amazing time we get to spend together. I often see a bunch of my classmates for dinners and even an awesome trip up to Maine back in September (Daphne and Lynn couldn't make it so we surprise Facetimed them!) I am so thankful to be in touch with them and catching up every time we see each other is what we all look forward to! Big hug to you all xoxo



Tilde Mariana Giacche '75, Vicki's husband Matt and Vicki Chesler '75 in Williamsburg, Brooklyn

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From **Dr. Janet Palmer**: I recently released a book and would love the thoughts of my HS friends regarding it. Also, if so led, please review it either in written form or by video on Amazon. Thanks much in advance. Human GPS- God's Perfect Script: The Fulfillment of My Why.

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Hello fellow classmates, **Ellen Field Greene** and I (Ed DiMonda) have heard from a few of you and want to share the latest news. Through some digging on the Internet, I've managed to reconnect with some classmates. Please go to our pages on Facebook and add your name.....a great way to stay in touch. The pages: Friends Academy – Class of 1982, and Friends Academy 1982. We hope to see you all at the next reunion.

Congratulations to **Michele Pistone** for receiving the Friends Academy Distinguished Alumni Award in June 2019. **Michele** writes: Looking forward to addressing the graduating class – as they head to college, I want them to realize that you learn about yourself through life experiences – through trial and error. I want to encourage them to be open to new experiences, reflect on what they like and dislike about those experiences.

Donna Cirasole: After 28 years in California and the Midwest, my husband and I recently moved to Philadelphia. I left my private practice in obstetrics and gynecology and am loving my new job as a laborist (labor and delivery physician). My husband still works in transplant surgery. Our daughter is a graduate student at the University of Michigan and our son is an undergraduate at the Ohio State University. I am very happy to be back east after all these years so I can spend more time with my parents and extended family.

Matt Bloom: I'm still happily married and all is good here in NYC. I'll be attending **Captain John Christian's** wedding in Jacksonville, FL, in November. Nice to have reconnected with JC after all these years. I'm still working as an anti-money laundering investigator and still writing fiction. I'm happy to report that each of my two *Hello, My Name is Bunny!* children's illustrated chapter books have won awards, and the third book in the series is on the way. I also just had a new novel, *Salt of the Nation*, published by Adelaide Books in NY. It's been featured at Book Expo, the Frankfurt Book Fair, the Lisbon Book

Fair, and is nominated for a National Book Award. Fingers crossed, but I'm not holding my breath. I hope everyone is well!

Mike Dreizen: A quick update on the last 37 years! Here goes....married in 1993, widowed in 2014. Spent 30 years in NYC doing commercial real estate. Engaged in 2015, first child born 2016, Archie! 2017 moved to Bay City, Michigan, married, started new companies, one makes gold kaleidoscopes called Kaleiya, one makes Urns called Forevurn. Loving life and wish you all well and looking forward to next reunion!

Congratulations to **Michele Pistone** who was awarded the JM Kaplan Innovation Prize for her work developing the online curriculum to train immigrant advocates. It was a highly competitive competition with more than 1300 applicants!

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Jim Cerny: Attached are a couple photos of recent get togethers: 1) me, Lisa, Rich Pecoraro, Liz Pecoraro and Will Cheshire in Manhattan. 2) Buddy Coleman, Greg Ifill, Chris Dunlay, Will Cheshire and me on Long Island. Lisa and I still live in Westchester, NY and are celebrating our 29th wedding anniversary on Sept 23! Our son, Ryan, is 22. He graduated from Flagler College in St. Augustine, FL this past spring and currently is working for the New York Mets! Lisa is a Business reporter for the New York Post and has had a string of high-profile stories this past year! After nearly a decade working as the New York Rangers beat reporter, I am now Senior Editor with the National Hockey League's web site, NHL.com. We both were working the night of the reunion and were sad to miss it; BUT in the past year one or both of



Class of '83 friends Chris Dunlay, Rob Miller, Buddy Coleman, Rich and Liz Pecoraro, Linda Mykoff, Greg Ifill and Will Cheshire



Buddy Coleman '83, Greg Ifill '83, Chris Dunlay '83, Will Cheshire '83 and Jim Cerny '83 on Long Island

us have been able to get together with Class of '83 friends **Chris Dunlay, Rob Miller, Buddy Coleman, Rich and Liz Pecoraro, Linda Mykoff, Greg Ifill and Will Cheshire!** We wish everyone well and hope to see more FA friends in the coming year!

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North Hempstead, District 4, Councilwoman Veronica Bisek Lurvey '88

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Veronica Bisek Lurvey writes: Hi! I wanted to share that I've been appointed as Councilwoman for the Town of North Hempstead, District 4. The focus on community and engagement that was instilled in me in my youth, including the lessons and values I learned at Friends Academy, are serving me well in this position. I look forward to reconnecting with alumni/ae in the Town as I campaign for election in November, 2019!

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Rear Admiral **Aisha K. Mix**, is a newly appointed Chief Professional Officer (CPO) - Chief Nurse Officer - and will advise the Office of the Surgeon General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on the recruitment, assignment, deployment, retention, and career development of nurse professionals, and will be responsible for providing leadership to Commissioned Corps and civilian nurses.

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Alvin Haruthunian: Hey guys, hope summer is treating you well! For contact info, please update my email to alvinh32@gmail.com, and my phone to 310-663-3958.

Neely: Still married (approaching 20 years), raising 3 kids and a dog, live and work with non-profits in Brooklyn and Berkshires. So many FA classmates have moved back to LI and I don't get to see most of them nearly enough...**Josh Speisman** more often than the rest perhaps, have seen **Adam Ronzoni** who is married and has two adorable kids and still lives in the city, recently saw **Alvin and Dan** in Santa Monica and surprise - we went to a burger and beer place! •

Alvin: I'm full-time in the Hospitality business now, with part ownership in 3 successful bars in

the LA area and full involvement in a boutique liquor store (with a bar inside!) called Hi-Lo (www.hilolquor.com). I'm loving what I do, and also just got back from Jordan, my 50th country! No complaints. Next, I'll be moving down to Long Beach temporarily to help open our second Hi-Lo, then who knows what...I also see **Dan Herscher** and **Heather Upton** a lot, they're both doing well. Heather hikes constantly and loves food (ha!), and Dan has been perfecting his burgers on the grill all summer, plus recently got certified for scuba diving.

Paul Samala: Been living with my wife Alix, daughter Nina and basset hound George just outside of Washington DC in Arlington, VA. After 18 years being an architect, I just changed careers and transitioned to project management for a commercial real estate firm. **Jon Berroya** and family live 5 minutes away and when the kids are asleep we sometimes steal away for late night beer and oysters in DC. Occasionally make it back to Manhasset to visit my parents and to marvel at the number of pizza/italian restaurants that can exist on Plandome Rd.!

Katie Hsu Hoberman: Enjoying life in Omaha with Clay, Bennett and Beatrice. Teaching at Duchesne Academy for the past 7 years in the preschool, and love leading the creative and curious 3-5 year olds in Music class. I have been coaching Beatrice's lacrosse team for the past 5 seasons and it is exciting to work with the Omaha Lacrosse Club to help grow the women's game in the Midwest. Looking forward to making a trip to LI for our 25th Class Reunion.

Kristin Gruber Grunert: currently lives just outside Boston in Brookline with her husband Douglas. She is the Director of the Children's Center and the Family Resources Office at Boston University. Over the last few years, she has been heavily involved with the expansion of the Children's Center from a program that serves 33 children to a program that will eventually serve 92 children. This project includes the gut renovation of a large historic home in Brookline and she has been able to work closely with the architect in all aspects of the design of the new Center. Kristin and Doug are also in the process of adopting a child and hope to welcome a new addition to their family in the coming year!

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Kristin Gruber Grunert '94 with her husband Douglas

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Lance Sandler, father of **Jack Sandler '98**, has written a book about his late son, titled "Live in His Glow." The book is a testimony of Jack's Quaker beliefs, his approach to life, and the values he learned at Friends Academy and how they shape and change the world. The book can be found on Amazon.com with all proceeds going to The Jack Sandler Leadership Foundation.

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Amanda Parmer: I'm the Director of Programs for Independent Curators International (ICI) we're an organization based in Tribeca that focuses on the role of the curator in contemporary art. Part of that is organizing training and forums for curators internationally and producing exhibitions around the world. I'm heading out for our next Curatorial Intensive in Auckland tomorrow and we have another in Cape Town in the fall! When I'm in NY I live in Brooklyn with my dog, Bear ;)

Geri Lake-Bakaar: I'm still in Colorado, married, with a 2.5 yo girl named Maya, and 3 dogs Cheyenne, Zelda and Rose. I have my own veterinary cardiology business, and my husband and I are opening a specialty veterinary hospital called Evolution Veterinary Specialists that will be opening in September.

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Courtney Taylor has been elevated to Partner by Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis. She joined the firm as Counsel in 2015. Courtney is vice-chair of the Securities Litigation Practice Group, resident in the firm's Philadelphia and New York offices. She focuses her practice on commercial litigation, as well as on securities litigation and enforcement.

Pam Karches Keaneally welcomed Quinn Grace Keaneally on October 16th, at 8:40pm. Myles and James met Quinn this afternoon, and are so excited to have a little sister!

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Hannah Walcoe '13, Samantha Statfeld '13, Evan Goldstein '13, Henry Statfeld '20, Brian Statfeld '84, Hayley Schanback '13, Jack Statfeld '15 and Greg Rosenthal '13 at Samantha and Evan's engagement

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Brittany Kriegstein was recently published in El Diario (https://eldiario.com/2019/06/03/las-manos-migrantes-de-long-island/?fbclid=IwAR1_8n7Vsr9JYYIM38TbvKkaKD3-edPGewx_cMuYAZ-wmbS9Jynn_yfTFJQ). She wrote the article in Spanish about the potential economic impact of undocumented immigrants leaving Long Island. Another language student living our Quaker mission and making us proud.

Samantha Statfeld '13 and Evan Goldstein '13 got engaged in December 2019!

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Matt Feinstein, Sr. was one of ten Dartmouth student-athletes selected for the Academic All-Ivy League Spring Team. With a 3.32 GPS, he helped lead the baseball team as an All-Ivy League Second Team outfielder, leading the time in hits (54), runs (32) and total bases (88). Career .306 in 150 games.

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Cole Vissicchio led the Amherst men's golf team

to two records in route to claiming first place in the Wildcat Spring Invitational Sunday afternoon when they finished with a score of 596 which was the lowest team score in tournament history, while Cole was the medalist after notching the lowest score by an individual winner with a combined 143 on the weekend. Vissicchio, who carded an even par (71) on day one, capped off the opening spring tournament for the Mammoths with a 72 on the second day to receive the tournament accolade.

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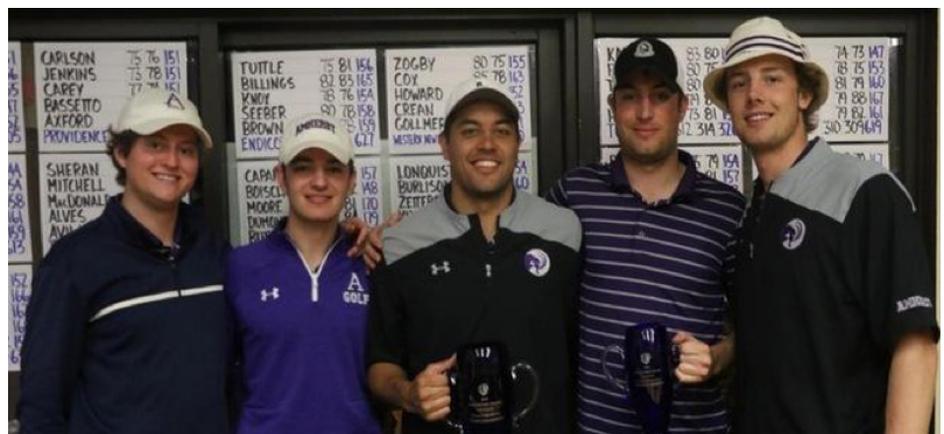
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Elissa Fielding writes: My dystopian-epic novel "When Ryder Stands: The Beginning" is in the process of being printed and formulated into a physical book. Recently, I just approved the front and back cover for the novel. First, I'll be receiving 50 to 100 author copies for myself to give to friends/family/acquaintances/etc. prior to the book being released online and in physical bookstores (Side Note: Once it does hit stores, it'll cost \$31 USD. It's 492 pages!) I'm attending a 4-week academic program at Oxford University's "Oxford Royale Academy." The first two weeks is a class I signed-up for called "International Law in the 21st Century" whilst the latter two weeks I signed-up for "Global Business, Management and Finance." Among other things, I added "Mandarin Chinese" (language) as a minor, am working on writing a second novel for the "When Ryder Stands" series, started private language tutoring for those interested in Mandarin Chinese and its culture, started self-studying Japanese as a third language and started self-studying Vietnamese as a fourth language. I am coming-up with ideas for a future news/creative blog similar to when I had IMHQ (International Millennial Headquarters), an international news blog written for and by young people about topics ranging from politics to sports to food to education, etc.



Cole Vissicchio '16 led the Amherst men's golf team to two records in route to claiming first place in the Wildcat Spring Invitational.



Henry Palau '46

Henry Palau, a Captain, JAGC, U.S. Navy (retired) age 90 and husband of the late Nancy B. Palau, passed away Wednesday, October 9, 2019 in his bed at his home known as "Sailors Rest" on Bell Island.

Born April 13, 1929 in Danbury, Connecticut, he was the son of the late Henry Palau and Alberta M. Palau. Captain Palau graduated high school from Friends Academy in 1946. He received a bachelor of arts degree from Trinity College in Hartford, CT in 1950. Shortly after earning his LL.B. from Boston University in 1953, he entered the Navy and served his initial tour of duty as communications officer and antisubmarine warfare officer aboard the U.S.S. Gatling (DD671). A Vietnam war veteran, he proudly served his country at many duty stations throughout the United States and Japan. Some of his awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, and a meritorious unit citation. His final tour of duty was in Washington, DC, where he served as Assistant Judge Advocate General of the Navy until his retirement in September 1977. Upon his retirement from the Navy, he joined the staff of the National Headquarters of TROA as legal counsel and assistant legislative counsel. In 1981 he became the association general counsel and was elected to the position of national secretary in 1985 and served until his retirement on August 1, 1994.

In 1995, Captain Palau moved to his final home on Bell Island. He earned his General Contractor license and began to build Sailor's Rest overlooking Long Island Sound on Bell Island. He proudly served the community in many various positions including multiple board positions (including President) for the Bell Island Improvement Association. He also served on the board for the Rowayton Civic Association and the Norwalk Harbor Management Commission until December 2012. He also volunteered at St. Matthew

Church as a Reader and Usher for the Mass Ministry group. Captain Palau, when asked "How are you doing" would cheerfully answer "Peachy" or "Top Drawer." He loved boating on the Sound and proudly named his boat NAP TIME, in honor of his wife Nancy Ann Palau (hence NAP Time). As the Chairman of there Board for The Water Preservation Society of Northern Virginia, he proudly opened up another chapter on Bell Island. He invited many new members and gave them a polo shirt and hat to wear during their meetings on his deck where they enjoyed the sights and sounds from his deck with good food. In keeping with the tradition of the Society no water was served. He loved his family, his country, his community and his life on Bell Island. He is survived by sons Mark S. Palau, Richard H. Palau and his wife Gigi Palau of Tiffin Ohio; 5 grandchildren, Adam and Eric Palau of Jacksonville Florida, Mary, Henry and Ian of Tiffin Ohio and 2 great-grandchildren, Alexa and Asher. The final burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery with full Military Honors at a future date to be determined.



Richard Koelle Moore '51

Richard Koelle Moore—born October 19, 1933 passed away peacefully on August 2, 2019. He graduated from Friends Academy in 1951, and later Brown University where he was active in campus conservative politics and a member of the Varsity Tennis team. Mr. Moore was employed by the California Texas Oil Co. prior to joining the U.S. Air Force. He attained the rank of Captain and at the height of the Cold War served in West Germany as a fighter pilot attached to the elite 22nd squadron of the 36th Fighter Wing, NATO's first European squadron to be assigned a nuclear attack mission. After discharge from the USAF he worked for 30 years at J.P. Morgan in various capacities as a Vice President in corporate finance and international private investments at 23 Wall Street and London, England. After retirement

from the bank her served for a number of years as Chairman of a U.K. based mutual fund. He was also an Officer of the Winston Churchill Foundation of the U.S., British Friends of Pavlovsk, St. Petersburg, a founding member of the Governor's Club, American Associates of the British Museum and for a number of years represented the U.S. banking industry as a member of the U.S.-India Business Council in New Delhi. He is survived by his four beloved daughters, five grandchildren and loving sister Jackie Moore Copp '50.



Virginia Rieger Denton '56

Virginia Rieger Denton passed away peacefully on October 27, 2018 at the age of 80 in her beloved Fayetteville home which she had carefully restored over the years. She was born in 1938 in New York City to Dr. Henry Rieger and Grace Virgo Rieger, and grew up in Syosset, NY where she attended Friends Academy. Following graduation from Syracuse University in 1961 with a major in Design, she took a position in the Syracuse University Office of Design and Construction where she went on to serve for forty-two years. In 1986 Ginny was appointed Director, becoming one of the first women to oversee new construction, renovation and major maintenance of all facilities for a major university. During her tenure, Ginny drafted the Campus Master Plan for Syracuse elements of which still guide decisions today as the University evolves. Every view on campus owes something to Ginny. She was particularly proud of her work on the design and development of the Carrier Dome, Eggers Hall, and the "Place of Remembrance," a site honoring the memory of thirty-five SU students who died in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am 103. Ginny received the Chancellor's Citation for Distinguished Service in 2004 and the Distinguished Alumni Award from the College of Visual and Performing Arts in 1991.

Ginny's passion for architecture and historic preservation was at the center of home life. In 1969 she and her longtime friend Antje bought a 19th-century cobblestone house in Fayetteville, and commenced a decades-long restoration project. Ginny's vision was that a home should embody a hand-in-glove connection between its design and its soul, and that both are necessary to lift the experience of inhabitants as well as visitors. That experience was lifted further by lively conversations that often took place around the kitchen table or while working on a house project. Wise and compassionate, Ginny was blessed with a gift for illuminating just about anything, whether simple or nuanced. She was always ready to help a friend through a difficult challenge. Her unique and pithy aphorisms were actually known as "Ginnyisms." Ginny was also a positive force in her local community, serving on the Fayetteville Historic Review Commission, as a member of the Board of Directors at the Metropolitan School of the Arts, and as a Trustee at the Fayetteville Free Library and Vera House Foundation. Ginny was predeceased by her brother Professor James Rieger, her cousin Janice Tack, her longtime friend Antje Bultmann Lemke and her dear cat Chloe. She is survived by her cousin Marjorie Borg and many other cousins.



Michael S. Sutton '62

Michael Sinclair Sutton, 73, passed away peacefully Saturday, Dec. 8, 2018 at his home in Lower Bartonsville with his family at his side. He was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., son of George Richard Holahan III and Clothilde Sinclair Price. He grew up on Long Island, N.Y., graduated from Friends Academy, Locust Valley, N.Y. He attended Cornell University, worked on Wall Street in New York City for a period of time and then joined the Clyde, Beattie & Cole Circus, tending the elephants. Michael always maintained his love and unique

ability to communicate with animals both wild and domestic. He was a true gentleman with a charming sense of humor as well as being a brilliant man of words and letters. Family and friends remember him reading the New York Times and the New Yorker to his last day and solving all the crossword puzzles. For many years, Michael was a foreign car mechanic, a craftsman and carpenter, and a talented photographer. He moved to the Lower Bartonsville School House in 2012 after his career in Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington on Long Island. Michael is survived by his lifelong friend Clare Luce Abbey of California; his sister Marvie Campbell of Bartonsville and her partner William Brown of Grafton; nephews Christopher Campbell of Bozeman, Mont. and Teo Campbell of Cambridge, Vt. and their families; and his cousins Dr. Fiske Warren of New York City, Cicily Hajek of Sharon, Conn., and Prudence Borland of Glen Ridge, N.J. He was predeceased by his mother, father, and two brothers Richard and Thomas.



Mary Ann Engle Jenness '63

Mary Ann Engle Jenness passed away at Hyder House Hospice on Saturday, December 1, 2018, with her husband by her side. She was born in Daytona Beach, Florida on October 28, 1945, the only child of the late Doris M. Cullen and LeRoy M. Engle. Education was Mary Ann's calling and she applied her skills as an educator in many forms. She earned a Masters degree in education and held teaching positions in Massachusetts and Florida prior to New Hampshire where she devoted the last twenty-seven years of her teaching career to fifth graders at the Stratham Memorial School, from which she retired in 2008. In addition to the classroom, her instructional abilities were of assistance to student teachers from UNH, students that she tutored and the teachers and students of the classrooms in which she substituted

following her retirement. Mary Ann's interests were broad and her friends legion. She was an avid reader of mysteries, history and travel, and she enjoyed her book clubs. A college cheerleader and later aerobics instructor, Mary Ann continued to enjoy walks on the beach and to explore historic sites throughout New England with friends. Her interest in education was continued through the Seacoast Retired Educators Association, for which she served as Membership Chairman for the past several years. Mary Ann enjoyed her home, entertaining family and friends and observing her backyard menagerie which included owls, flocks of turkeys and, on occasion, a black bear.

Most of all, Mary Ann loved traveling with her husband, Steve, to Europe, the British Isles, Turkey and Greece, her favorite being Italy, and particularly her beloved Florence. She enjoyed experiencing different cultures and saw human diversity as a strength, making friends wherever she went. In addition to her devoted husband of 26 years, Mary Ann leaves their god children Aine and Liam Hawthorne, their mother, Tracy Hanley, and the Jenness family to whom she was never an "in-law": Priscilla Jenness, of Rye; Chris Jenness and his wife Cheryl of Greenland; and Cynthia Jenness Drelick of Lee; numerous nieces and great nephews and nieces. Mary Ann was a true partner in marriage and a true friend, often caregiver, to many. She was outgoing, with a dynamic personality and a true love of life.





Andrew Black '67

Andrew J. Black passed away peacefully at the age of 70 on August 27, 2019 in London, England. He grew up in Lake Success, New York, the son of Andrew Black and Virginia Bilous Black and beloved nephew of Stephanie Bilous.

He graduated cum laude from Friends Academy, Locust Valley, New York in 1967. At Friends Academy Fourth Day Honors ceremony, he received an award entitled "The Society of Mayflower Descendants." The description for this award reads that "A copy of the Mayflower Compact is given to the student showing the greatest interest and proficiency in history throughout the school year." Andy graduated from Brown University in 1971.

Shortly after graduation from Brown, Andy joined the Bilous family real estate business in Queens, New York where he remained until his retirement in 2002. For three decades, this brilliant man, with a photographic memory, managed a very large real estate business, without ever touching a computer. He moved to Millbrook, New York in 1980, where he has been an active participant in a community that he loved. Every fall, Andy particularly loved the wine pairing outdoor grand event at the Millbrook winery.

Andy made annual pilgrimages to Pennsylvania to play "War Games" which went on for days, and were a great joy to Andy, who was an absolute authority on all of military history. Andy could also recite verbatim the lines from any character in any movie he had ever seen. Andy actually wrote a few scripts for Suma Wrestling skits, which were produced and broadcast on Saturday Live! Andy seldom lost a game of Trivial Pursuit. He also had the uncanny ability to ensure that birthday cards and anniversary cards arrived on the exact day of the remembered event!

In retirement, he enjoyed his golden retriever,

Pellie, and cat, Puss, sailing, visiting friends, traveling the world, and going to dinner and the theater with his friend, Susan Battista. Andy traveled to Belize many years, to England many years, and enjoyed cruises on many occasions. Andy also went to Manhattan a couple of times each year to the theater and two art auctions. Andy enjoyed his mostly solitary life, and would not have changed much of it, other than to have had the company of his beloved mother, Virginia, for more years than he did.

Andy will be remembered by us all as "one of a kind", a brilliant, erudite and colorful raconteur and connoisseur of the good life. Many of his witticisms will be repeated for many years, like my personal favorite: "Friends come and go, but enemies accumulate". Andy will be much missed by his friends, and the community of Millbrook, NY.



Steve Salerno '85

It is with deep sadness to report that Steve Salerno passed away on May 25th, 2019 after a multiyear battle with cancer.

Steve came to Friends Academy his junior year, far later than most students but seamlessly fit in a class where most students had been there many years. Returning students, as any Friends' Alumnus can attest to, were eager to meet the handful of new students. Steve's easy-going, good natured personality and propensity for sports banter among a group of so-called experts allowed him to make instant connections. Steve quickly became part of the fabric of the school and was beloved by his classmates. He was a loyal friend and kid who wished to see you succeed more than he wanted success for himself.

Steve flourished at Friends and would go on to find great success in life. He was an integral part in building his family's insurance firm, but the

success that best defines Steve came as a husband and father. His wife Karen and children, Sydney and Steven, are wonderful people, and Steve's dedication and devotion, absolutely played a large part. Sydney is succeeding at NYU and Steven is off to Fairfield University in the fall. Steve's greatest passion was his family, that was always obvious by the pride worn on his face and in his voice whenever he spoke about them.

A testament to Steve's enduring personality comes in the fact that his friends group remain close to this day...thirty-five years since their graduation from Friends Academy. Through the years they still meet for dinners, golf outings, birthdays and anniversaries and Steve never missed one. It was a privilege to be considered a friend of Steve and anyone who knew him is a better person for that. His buddies will continue their dinners and golf outings, and these times will be tough without Steve's loud laugh and his generous ways, but the numerous stories about their old friend will live on.

—The Class of '85



Michele Pauporté '89

Dr. Michèle Pauporté of New York City died unexpectedly on Monday August 26, 2019 at the age of 48. Michèle was a board certified dermatologist in Manhattan, specializing in Mohs skin cancer surgery. She cared deeply about her patients, and was extremely proud of being able to help them through the difficulties of a cancer diagnosis. Michèle grew up in Locust Valley, N.Y., the second of four children. She graduated from Friends Academy in 1989 and received her B.A. from Dartmouth College. After completing her post baccalaureate premedical work at Bryn Mawr College, she graduated from Drexel University College of Medicine with Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) honors.

After a lifetime on the east coast, Michèle headed west in 2000 to train as a dermatology resident and Mohs surgery fellow at the University of California - San Francisco. She loved her years there, exploring her new city and looking for places to hike or run. She was an avid tennis player, swimmer and skier. Michèle was a true athlete at heart.

Michèle was a devoted daughter, sister, aunt and friend. After her medical training, she settled in New York City to be close to her family, especially her older sister, Dr. Joëlle Pauporté, who was battling breast cancer. Michèle did everything she could to support Joëlle and her young daughter, and spent as much time as she could making memories with them. In 2004, Michèle and Joëlle created "Light One Little Candle", a non-profit organization that provides picture books and chapter books to children who have a parent battling cancer. After Joëlle's death, Michèle served as a board member and continued to honor her sister's legacy.

But of all the titles and roles that Michèle held, her proudest was mother to her two young children, Tiger Pauporté Patton and Samantha Joëlle Pauporté. She shared with them her love of reading and taught them to skate and ski. Michèle built her life around her son and daughter and loved them with all of her heart.

In addition to her children, Michèle is survived

by her parents, Dr. Joyce Pauporté, a pediatrician in Manhattan, and Dr. Jacques Pauporté, a retired surgeon in Brussels, Belgium. She is also survived by her sister Chantal Pauporté of New York City, her brother Pierre Pauporté of New York City, her niece Halle Wagner of West Hartford, CT, and her circle of heartbroken friends.



John Ernest Shipman '73

John Ernest Shipman of Centerport, New York, passed away on May 21, 2020 at age 64. After graduating from Friends Academy, John studied Mechanical Engineering and Energy Management at NYIT, and went on to a 33-year career at Con Edison, acting as Chief Automotive Engineer and Department Manager of Demand Management. He also evaluated energy vehicle products for GM, Ford, Chrysler, Toyota, BMW, and Mitsubishi. His

work made great impacts in the New York City area for curbside charging and electric buses. He is survived by his wife Donna Ingrassia, and children, Nicole and Matthew.



Rick Sullivan

Former Friends Academy English Teacher Parent, Naomi '89, Nora, '92 and John '05

On Sunday, Oct. 27th, 2019 Rick Sullivan passed away after a year-long battle with pancreatic cancer. As his fellow colleague Herb Lape shared, Rick is "remembered at Friends Academy for his dedication to his craft, his love of literature, and his supportive dedication to teaching his students to write and communicate well." Rick taught at Friends Academy for 39 years before retiring in 2016 and supported students and his colleagues in a number of roles – Assistant Principal of the Upper School, English Department convener, Upper School English, Middle School English, Director of Summer School, and co-founder/Director of On Your Marks – a program that operated in the summer and engaged Friends Academy seniors and alumni to teach middle schoolers.

Beyond the classroom, he was a beloved coach in wrestling, golf, and football; faculty advisor to the Upper School TASQUE Committee (Teachers and Students for Quaker Understanding and Education), Student Work Crew Supervisor, a leader of the Upper School (Faculty) Voice Committee, adviser for the student Civil Discourse Club, and other aspects of the school that fostered character based on our Quaker mission.

Dedicated to life-long learning, Rick continued as a teacher and student in several adult literature and political seminars right up to his passing in Bellingham, WA, where he and his wife Betsy retired. Finally, Rick will always be known as a loyal and loving friend and colleague, and he will be missed.





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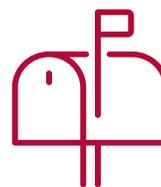
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