

THE MEETING HOUSE

FALL/WINTER 2018-19



Middle and Upper school Photography classes explore our deeper selves in collaborative "Humans of FA" social media exhibit. More photos and captions on pages 4-5.



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Friends,

Meet the *Humans of FA*, which features portraits of Friends Academy students and faculty. Under one is the quote, “I definitely really believe in equality and standing up for what you believe... and another, “...but most of all, I am thankful for this school.” These sentiments expressed by current FA students are threaded throughout this issue of *The Meeting House*.

I am often asked how I know a Friends education makes a difference or provides its graduates with a clear return on investment. Quaker education underpins every program at Friends Academy. Standing up for what is right, for equality, for justice, and empathy for all humans is the core of a Quaker education.

Verify for yourself as you make your way through the feature stories. Where is Quaker education visible in our theater productions, in our academic programs and in the the accomplishments of Friends Academy alumni who are exemplars of the adage “Let your life speak?”

Michele Pistone from the Class of '82 is a leader in immigration law, legal education, technological

innovation, human rights advocacy and more. She

says, “I yearned to do something good for the less privileged members of society.”

Like Michele, Digna Nosike from the class of '09 heeded the call to “...be an arbiter of hope and a catalyst of social change.” How? Through her work and goals to eliminate inequalities in health care outcomes for marginalized, vulnerable populations particularly in her research in gynecological cancers.

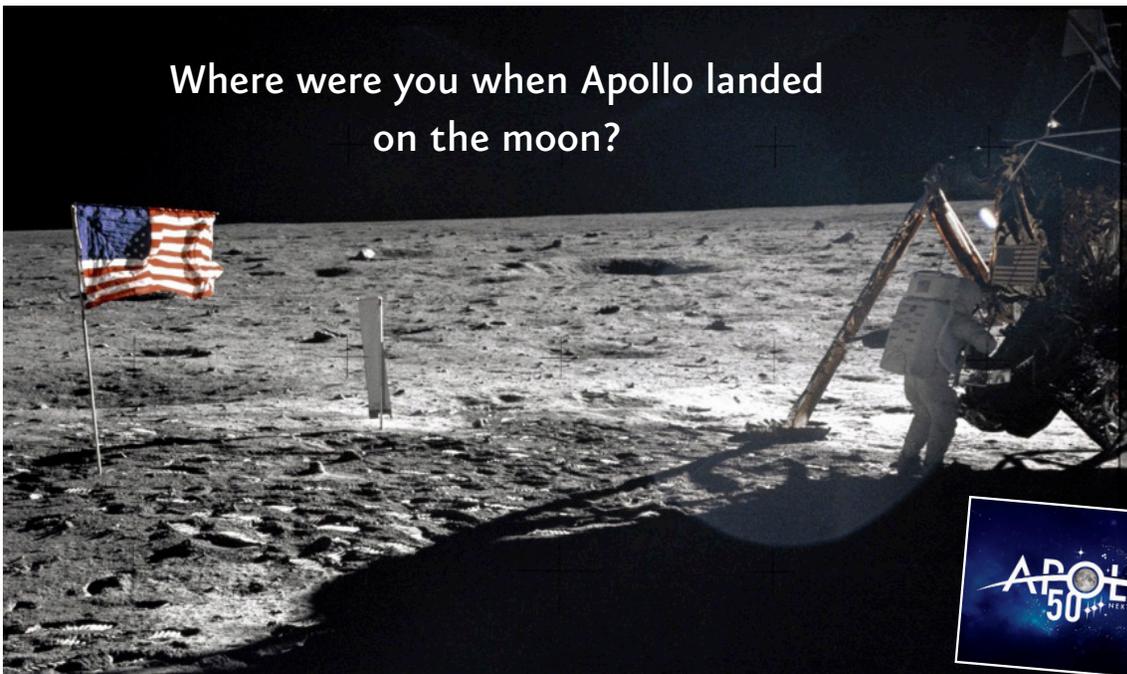
Finally, Bill Wicker, '67 reflects that in his first weeks at Friends, much to his amazement, he learned that teachers loved their subject matter and authentically liked the kids and vice versa. He goes on to describe the lasting impact of an exemplary educator and what effect that can have on a life and the lives that person touches. For Wicker, that was coach Fred Smith. To take pride and to recognize and leverage your desire to achieve and create a foundation on which to succeed.

Like these alums, our featured students in the *Humans of FA*, are deeply grateful for Friends Academy and the unique gift of a Quaker education.



FROM THE ARCHIVES: JULY 1969 – MOON LANDING

Where were you when Apollo landed on the moon?



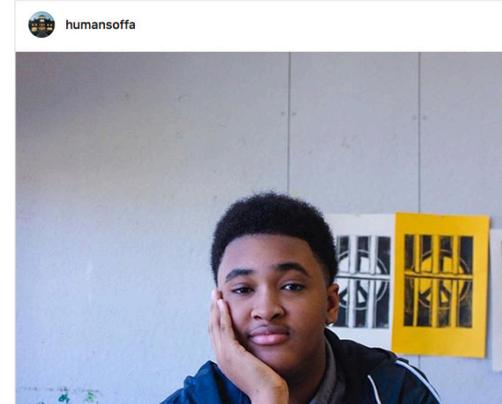
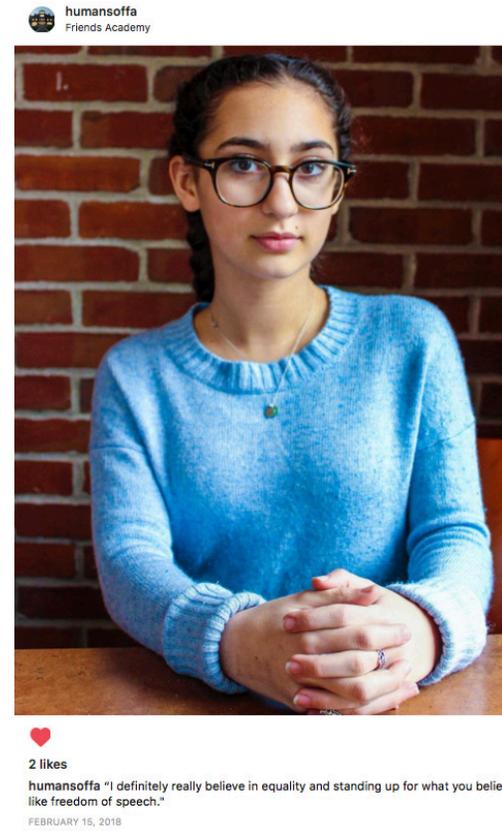
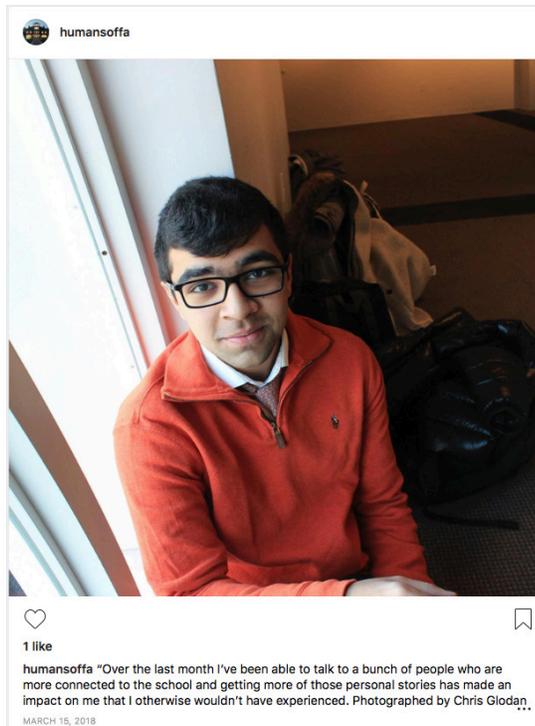
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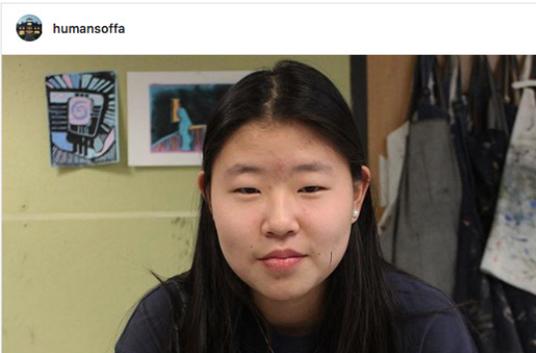
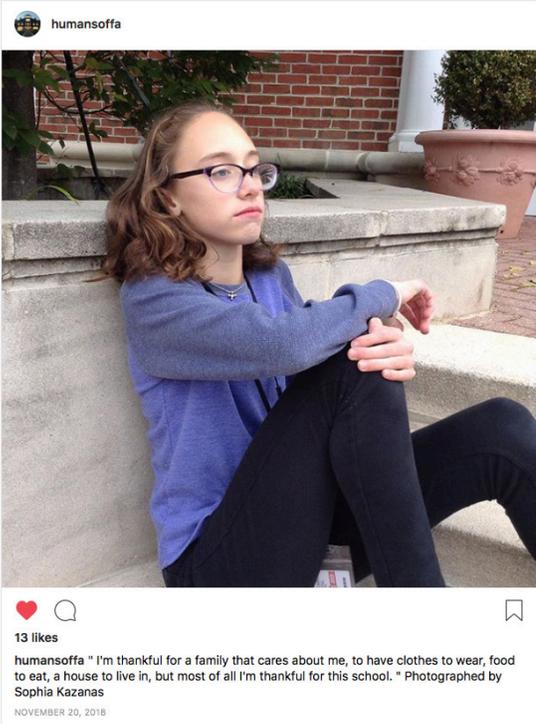
This July 2019 marks the 50-year anniversary of Commander Neil Armstrong and lunar module pilot Buzz Aldrin landing on the moon. As we remember this great American achievement, tell us...where were you when Apollo landed on the moon? What are your memories of that time? **E-mail submissions to alumni@fa.org for inclusion in the next Meeting House.**

HUMANS OF FA

Inspired by Brandon Stanton's Insta-famous Humans of New York, as well as the Photography series, "Class Pictures" by Dawoud Bey, photography students in grades 6, 10 and 11 have been working on this ongoing portrait project. Through thoughtful and well planned conversations with fellow students, teachers, and staff, students have learned how we can use the photographic medium to develop and create empathy within and beyond a single community.



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Window to the soul. Photography students document their peers and faculty through the lens of a Quaker community. FRIENDS ACADEMY STUDENTS

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Thoughts, memories and reflections of Friends Academy

What will this boiler mean?
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Red and Black

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Opinion is good news to the student.
—Milton

Vol. XXVII, No. 1 FRIENDS ACADEMY, LOCUST VALLEY, NEW YORK October, 1963

ROLL CALL — NEW TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Rolling getting some more electricity, some new books and walls, F.A. has acquired five new additions to the faculty.

The first to be interviewed was Miss Singleton, the new Spanish and French teacher from New York. Miss Singleton went to Boston University and the University of Virginia. She is currently working at Columbia for an M.A. in Spanish literature. The amiable Miss Singleton is one time spent 7 years in South America. She is now living in San Cliff. A potential for this year's Varsity. Finally before going, she enjoys outdoor sports.

Next was Mrs. Puchkin, the new Latin and German teacher. Mrs. Puchkin was born in Berlin and attended Berlin and Munich Universities. Before coming to the United States in 1951, she taught languages in Germany and has worked on a radio station behind the Iron Curtain. Mrs. Puchkin, who lives in San Cliff, would like to travel in the United States. When asked if she is



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Nervous giggles, slightly bashful, and sweetly shy. This might be expected from the new teacher, but on this is from the veterans. Who came home they know as much about the "new" school as the new students. They fearlessly direct the newcomers to study hall, which school where it is supposed to be!

These courageous ones are the guides at Orientation Day. One of my members to study hall, Mr. Felton distributes schedules and tries to explain what is inconceivable even to an Initiation. After his station comes a welcome by Mr. Nollan, the new Latin teacher, and finally a tea. Everyone leaves, confident, but full of hopes for the future days of F.A.

For the benefit of those unaccountable or shy F.A. students, the Red and Black has taken School last year. Mrs. Burton went to school in Argentina. At a hobby she paints portraits. Last summer she and her husband

1963

Red and Black

Vol. XXXIII, No. 1 Friends Academy November 1963

Has All the Spirit Gone? Election Night '68: Some Random Thoughts

By Steven Peters

The election night of 1968 was a night of great excitement and confusion. It was a night when the American people were called upon to make a choice between two candidates who represented very different visions of the future of our country. The election was held on November 5th, 1968, and it was a night that will be remembered for many years to come.

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F.A. Struck by Storm

By J. Lee Fisher

The storm that struck Friends Academy was a storm of great magnitude. It was a storm that brought with it a great deal of destruction and loss. The storm was a result of a combination of factors, and it was a storm that will be remembered for many years to come.

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The Inkwell

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Another Openin' — Another Show...

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The History of The Inkwell

Inkwell, our student newspaper, has a long history. The paper began in 1918 as the *Red and Black* and was originally published quarterly. Articles from the first year tended to focus on creative writing or school-related topics with articles on "Music at Friends' Academy" and "Football."

In the mid-1960s, the student newspaper also began to focus on broader issues, including racial inequality, civil rights, Vietnam, pollution, and prison reform. Reflecting this shift to a focus beyond school topics, the *Red and Black* was renamed *Inkwell* in 1971.

Today's *Inkwell* has a similar approach. Over the past year, students have written about topics ranging from midterm elections to fuel taxes in France to climate change. Jozeph Herceg, Upper School English teacher and current faculty advisor for *Inkwell*, says the following about the

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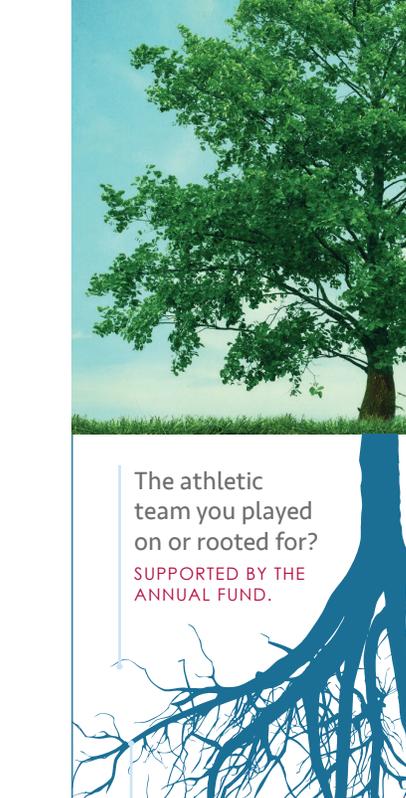
2019

importance of critically engaged student journalism:

"It has been a joy to see the student leaders really establish the paper as an outlet for student voices. They've worked hard to rebrand our web presence to appeal to a larger audience, develop structures to field student concerns and opinions, and ensure that the students who partake in the wide-ranging life of our immediate community are the ones reporting from the field.

Editors and writers both have proven themselves astute and intelligent observers of the FA community, the New York City area, and indeed, the world. We all benefit from their continued outward gaze as we examine how to celebrate and improve the lives of our students, faculty members, and families."

— Karl Hoenzsch, FA Archivist



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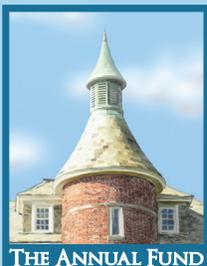
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AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

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

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 and showing the next generation their alma mater.



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



Above, The FA Flash Mob dances onto the scene and dazzles FA goers.



Left, taking a spin around the track.



Above, parent volunteers feed hungry fairgoers with delicious cuisine.



Adding some facepainting pizzazz!



Student performances peppered the day, including new, original music from sophomore Dominick Williams.



A reception for a special Alumni and Faculty photo exhibit.



What's better than a brand-new goldfish?!

Left, the FA Ferris Wheel made an appearance at this year's Fair.



FRIENDS ACADEMY

Upper School students worked collaboratively to help bring their Lower School buddies' cardboard ideas to life.

No limit to this year's cardboard creations

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

"Caine's Arcade," a short documentary film by Nirvan Mullick, is the inspiration for The Global Cardboard Challenge. Mrs. Schlicht, our K-2 Science teacher, had students work collaboratively to brainstorm, design and construct anything they could imagine using recycled cardboard. Using the design process and creative play they set out to build their creations.

Working with Upper School students during the challenge allowed students to forge meaningful connections within our Friends Academy community. The students' perseverance was evident as they worked through the process.

The Global Cardboard Challenge culminated with a Day of Play when students

shared their engineering accomplishments with their peers.



SENIOR PARENT MILESTONE – THE FINAL YEAR



AMANDA FISK PHOTOS/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Courtney Taylor '01, a member of the FA Alumni Association Board, returned to campus to talk to Senior parents who are graduating their last child from Friends. Below, parents gathered for a luncheon at Jackson House.

Full Circle

Alumni speaker honors the community of Friends Academy

“**Y**ou can take a beautiful education and do well – and you can also do good,” is how Head of School Andrea Kelly introduced Courtney Taylor '01 at the November Senior Parent Luncheon.

An annual event that recognizes those parents who are graduating their last child from Friends, the luncheon is one of the first milestones to kick off the final year.

Courtney spoke movingly of how Friends has been woven throughout her life, starting with French and Madam Bevad, Mrs. Clark and her college counselor, Mr. Dugger.

After graduating from Friends, Courtney headed to Wesleyan, but shared that she truly saw the impact of her education while attending law school at Emory. “I was disciplined in a way that other students weren't. I definitely didn't learn this at college, but at Friends,” she said.

Courtney began her law career at a large firm the day Lehman collapsed. “It



was really hard and people just weren't nice,” recalled Courtney. “I thought, ‘I will always be nice to people... I will always help the new kid... Strong Minds. Kind Hearts.’”

Courtney's network would have a way of bringing her back to FA. At the Annual NYC Alumni Reunion, she connected with an alum at a Philadelphia firm; within six weeks she had been hired at the firm, where she mentors young people in the community. “The first partner I took to went to Harvard – twice. She was a really kind person and guess what? She went to Friends.”

FRIENDS HEADS TO WORLDS



JENNIFER NEWITT/FRIENDS ACADEMY

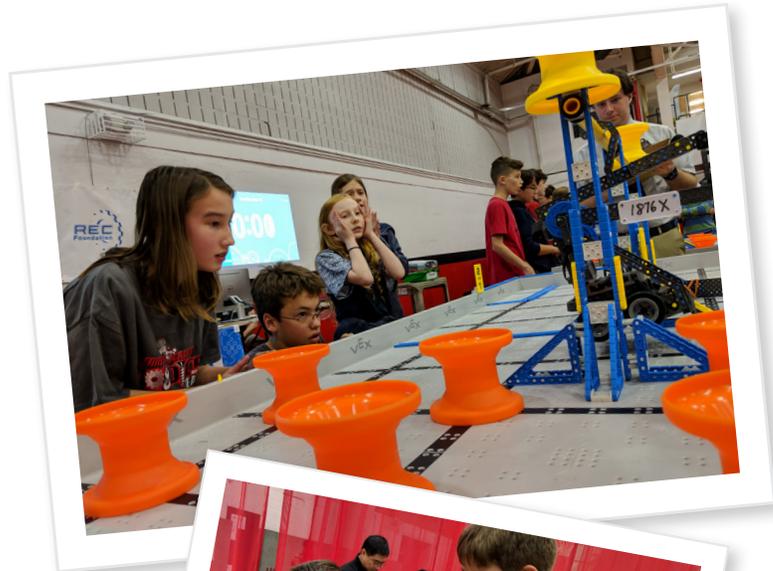
Members of the Friends Academy Academic JV Team above and Varsity below.

After 8 year hiatus, Academic Team heads back to Regionals

Following a successful season, the Friends Academy Varsity Academic Team edged into the Regional Quiz Bowl playoff as the 20th out of 20 teams. Falling against the number 1 seeded team, FA regained its momentum to finish 15th out of 41 Varsity teams across Long Island.

“The last time we qualified for the RQB playoffs was in 2011,” shared co-advisor and coach Jen Newitt. “So, this is very exciting and a testament to the seniors on the team, most of whom have competed since they were in 9th grade!” she added.

Highlights of the season included a 100-point lead and a come-from-behind, down-to-the-final-question victory.



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The Middle School Robotics Team of 1876X captured the distinguished Design Award at the Vex IQ Southern New York State Championships, which helped propel them and their robot into the World Championship in Kentucky in April. The top 25 teams in Southern NY qualified for this competition, which was held at the Hewitt School in NYC. Friends Academy was represented by three teams, who have been busy designing, building and adjusting/tweaking their robots since September.

PEACE WEEK 2019



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Older and younger Worship Buddies gathered in their Community Group circle to describe what Peace looks, feels and sounds like.

‘Peace – It’s a Verb.’

“Think of peace as an active word,” explained Quaker-in-Residence Jen Cort.

“Disagreements are actually about seeking discernment.”

This year, peace, wellness and inclusion intersected at Friends Academy’s annual four-day Peace Week. With session for parents regarding peace-making in our families, training for student leaders in grades 5 through 12, and faculty training in the Quaker practices of clerking, decision-making and implicit bias, a new FFamily Night (*see next page*) the throughline was evident. “Stopping + Listening = Thinking + Doing.”

In their workshop for parents, Quakers-in-Residence Jen Cort and John Scardina, along with School Psychologist Mike Quinland stressed that “empathy is usually not a born skill. And connections are really important to Quakerism.”

All-school community groups connected physical wellness and peace as students suggested ways to be more peaceful when frustrated: “Take a breath,” urged one student. “Lie down and take a nap,” said another. “Physi-

cal activity,” said one more student.

During Lower School Gathering, Jen Cort asked students to practice breathing with eyes closed. “Think about that part of the your body that lets you know something is not right. Now take a breath and send your air to that place,” she guided.

During intensive leadership training workshops, students were asked, “What does being a leader in a Quaker school look like?” and challenged to figure out, “How can student leaders help committees talk about difficult topics in a peaceful way?”

Jen Cort joined third graders for a Q&A about Quakersim and Quaker schools.

Students asked a myriad of questions including, “Why do you want us to call you Jen, rather than Ms. Cort?” (*Response*: “My value and your value are equal”) to, “Were most Quakers put in jail?” (*Response*: “Some were; it was way to stand up for what they believed in) to, “What kinds of things are Quaker at other schools?”

(*Response*: Some have Meeting Houses, others do not; some schools have no Quakers; all of them have pictures of people who are change agents. And



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Second graders practice mindfulness during Peace Week.

all of them have Meeting for Worship and silence.”)

Finally, students made hundreds of sandwiches for the school’s partner and Bronx-based P.O.T.S. and learned something from 2nd and 3rd graders “Hunger starts with a bellyache. But when you have the proper food, you’ll feel more strong.” And where there is strength, there is change.



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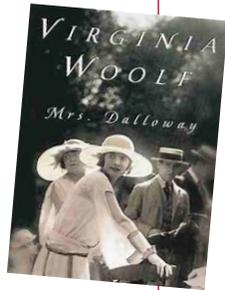
10th grade students concentrate on their stream of consciousness writing after observing the comings and goings in Locust Valley.

Life imitates art

Ms. Loizides' 10th grade English class visited Locust Valley Village on a sunny mid-March day in connection with their study of Virginia Woolf's modernist novel *Mrs. Dalloway*. The students found benches and cafe tables and observed the passersby and then replicated the stream of consciousness writing style of the novel in their own writing.

The guidelines of the assignment asked the students to write from the various perspectives of the people they observed and to use appropriate syntax to reflect the arbitrary nature of our thoughts. Students found inspiration in customers at the local coffee shop, workers at the local deli and a passerby walking her golden retriever. The students plunged imaginatively into the interior worlds of these people in much the same way Clarissa Dalloway plunged into the bustling summer day in London in 1923 and mused on mortality, aging and love.

The students soaked up the sun, enjoyed some iced coffee, watched the comings and goings in Locust Valley, and wrote thoughtful stream of consciousness pieces.



DIVERSITY + INCLUSION



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A new special Peace Week event, Family Night built upon the honored Friends Academy tradition of "Diversity Night" to celebrate the incredible and rich diversity that all families continue to bring to the Friends community. From student performances in dance and music, to outside cultural offerings, multi-lingual presentations, interactive family activities, and an international potluck, Family Night recognized that the stories of all our families contribute to the larger Friends Academy biography. This night also marked the importance of celebrating diversity + inclusion in the same spaces where peace and equality are examined.



AMANDA FISK/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Walking the red carpet at the Fourth Grade Spanish Fashion Show!

Uno, dos, tres! Fashion Week hits 4th Grade Spanish

In 4th grade Spanish, a dynamic Fashion Show set the stage for a vocabulary unit about clothing and accessories.

Dressed with a hint of flair and a touch of pizzazz, students flaunted down the runway of their desfile de moda (fashion show) as one of their peers announced their outfit.

Using Spanish vocabulary to describe precise garments, accessories and colors, each student documented the event as well.

Middle School Computer Science teacher Clare Nesfield introduced the Circuit Playground Express – a round microcontroller with 12 neopixels that light up with a range of colors when programmed. Students programmed the CPX (which was attached to a cardboard-shaped camera) to light up when one of the buttons is pressed to mimic the flash of a camera.



SIXTH GRADE SCIENCE SHARE

Facts and Ethics

Quaker testimonies help transform science fair into a study of consequences, impact and responsibility



FRIENDS ACADEMY

Sixth grade students present their findings to family and faculty.

On February 5 the Sixth grade Science Share was held for the Friends Academy community. The science share is an opportunity for students to learn how science works by being scientists for themselves. They begin by asking a question, planning and conducting experiments that answer the question, and finally sharing their results. Through the experience of the Science Share, the students also see how the Quaker testimonies fit into their lives.

The focus of each experiment is to compare the qualities of various household consumer products, such as paper towels, window cleaner, or garbage bags; then improving the sustainability of the product by redesigning its life cycle to have less impact on the environment. After taking into account the quality, price, and environmental sustainability, the students make recommendations on which brand to purchase.

Simplicity: The simple wonders of science bring us joy. Knowledge gained from

science helps us to make clear decisions, less affected by media and advertising.

Peace: The resolution of conflicts can be facilitated with knowledge. Science can help to solve many of the causes of conflict: hunger, access to clean water, and disease are just some examples.

Integrity: Scientists must be honest with their results otherwise people will not be able to make good decisions. As citizens, we can't ignore science because the truth is inconvenient or uncomfortable.

Community: Scientists work together to gather information. They share the results of their work with a wider community to help improve all lives.

Equality: All humans and should have access to the information gathered by scientists; we all are scientists.

Stewardship: No matter what, we will have an impact on the planet. With science, we can figure out ways to live more responsibly and in a more environmentally sustainable manner.

– Dan Kriesberg, 6th Grade Science

HANDS-ON RESEARCH

Lower School Learning Celebrations bridge curiosity, inquiry and imagination

What does research and inquiry look like in the Lower School classroom? This winter, a number of “Learning Celebrations” offered families a ground-level look into the process of how Quaker education unfolds in the classroom.

In second grade, students started their research phase by exploring non-fiction literature. Working within this genre, they studied how to extract and contextualize information from these sources, which formed the foundation for their unit on a study of communities – rural, suburban and urban.

Students lifted and transformed data, as they constructed three-dimensional urban and rural block communities, incorporating in elements that they had researched. Continuing within non-fiction, each student chose a particular topic of expertise which was personal to them to create their own research literature, their “All About” books.

In fourth grade, students welcomed parents into the classroom to share and demonstrate their knowledge of Westward Expansion. Taking their initial research to the next level, students created original board games in small groups, which featured their facts and trivia about the Oregon Trail. Using the Lower School Makerspace, each team designed and built their own unique boardgame, along with playing cards, tokens, and figurines.

Fifth graders utilized Quaker principles of inquiry by beginning their research with the essential question, “How can ideas lead to change?”

Following a unit about the frenetic and explosive Industrial Revolution, students considered this same question from a science perspective.

Using real-world problems such as homelessness on LI, use of plastics on campus, reducing plastics in oceans, teams developed innovative solutions and some prototypes for their inventions.

In Language Arts, students explored persuasive writing techniques in order to author essays to sell their inventions to prospective clients. Finally, math curriculum guided each team through the process of creating realistic budgets for their real-world solutions.



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Above, second grade students take their parents on a tour of their community studies, from rural to urban to suburban.

BY ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

“Have you been listening in on our lives?” asked one cast member this fall of Friends Academy director and playwright Andrew Geha about his original Upper School production, *248 Miles*.

Set against the backdrop of present-day high school, *248 Miles* explores the isolation that teenagers can feel, and consequently, can't share publicly.

The play, featuring 32 characters and a multitude of subplots, opens without warning onto the panicked and hyperventilating breaths of Daphne (Chloe Papouchado), who, with blood-soaked hands, drags us into her mind's eye and a relentless and repeating nightmare of anxiousness and growing hysteria that only she sees.

248 Miles

Written by Andrew Geha



As suddenly as it begins, the stage is reset and the audience readjusts upon a small triangle of characters – School Guidance Counselor Adrian (Nico Santiago), 17-year-old Mikaela (Ali Foley), and the willowy, almost invisible figure of Kharen (Penelope Constantino).

Following an attempted suicide, Michaela is transitioning back to school. With a heavy dose of teenage sarcasm and generous use of airquotes, she vainly tries to project an exterior bravado to Adrian in an attempt to mask her deteriorating desperation.

As Mikaela returns to the classrooms, locker-lined hallways, and social gathering spaces of high school, we meet her classmates, each one immersed in their own social tug-of-war.



Adrian (Nico Santiago), Kharen (Penelope Constantino) and Mikaela (Ali Foley) tread around each other during an opening consultation at school.

From cyber exclusion to physical bullying, academic anxiety to social frustration, and living with an identity that is both expressed and

repressed, each character must sort out their own path.

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"248 Miles" opens on Daphne's (Chloe Papouchado) recurring nightmare.

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The members of the Academic Team sort out issues in between classes.

To date, Geha has written nine full-length original pieces for Friends Academy, both musicals and plays, but *248 Miles* represented a new sort of breakthrough, following a programmed Meeting for Worship last May around mental illness and mental health.

“In 2008, we hit ‘peak smart phone’ – the moment when ownership and usage of internet-connected devices surpassed 50%,” explained Geha. “Since then, we have seen rates of destructive behavior and self-harm among young people skyrocket. The root causes? Online bullying and feelings of social isolation. So, in an era where we are more connected than we’ve ever been, why do so many people still feel alone?” Geha recalls, “Five people spoke very eloquently at Meeting about the impact of isolation... how we

need to be better at this and how this is not working. That got me thinking about how well we do at isolating ourselves and that the only way to make it through any of this is by reaching out.”

Geha was very deliberate with the arc of the story and certain subplots. “This is my 18th year,” Geha explained, who has witnessed years of adolescent development over his teaching tenure. “All of us can’t help but listen, watch, and absorb.” As playwright, he also intentionally built in a level of non-resolution. “Not everyone gets the high school kiss on prom night. It ends because we live through high school, not because there is some closure,” he reflected.

Interconnected in a myriad of ways, the 30+ characters seem to create an endless number of vocal and non-verbal

points of tension.

There’s the Academic team, led by the unflappable Maura (Madison Daal), which also includes six other triva-rich teammates, including one who feels invisible to the group.

They welcome newcomer Alphonse (Luke Jennings), who is the brother of Edie, Michaela’s former BFF (Olivia Lizza) and Ozzy (Dylan Sklar), who is being tormented by local bullies Gabe (Dominick Williams) and Roger (Kenny Silver).

Geha weaves in the repeated cycle of exclusion, from upperclassmen who banish a younger student from a bench, who in turn then alienates a classmate with social media.

Geha also plays with the juxtaposition of two characters and their ability,



The Angel of Death reveals herself to Edie (center) and Mikaela.

and inability, to live their full identity. Carissa (Mariana Posada), is a girl who likes to dress in less “feminine” garb, and though she becomes a popular target for Gabe and Roger, she finds an inner strength that allows her to grow more fully into herself. Contrast that to Cyrus (Theron Viljoen), who spouts flippant misogynistic and homophobic remarks, only to discover later in the play that he is repressing his own sexual orientation and identity.

“We talked a lot in rehearsal about themes and how we see those themes playing out in the community,” explained Geha. “But yet, we found moments in rehearsal to laugh. The running joke of the show was, ‘What’s the play about?’ ‘Oh, it’s about high school.’”

Cutting through the middle of the play is the relationship breakdown



Turner’s (Michael Bellion) anger at his girlfriend, Edie’s, death starts to consume him.

between Mikaela and Edie, formerly best friends. Slowly, the audience learns that Mikaela’s slide into an unmanageable depression was too much for Edie to bear. And so, when Mikaela suggested she kill herself, Edie couldn’t help but agree.

An anonymous phone call saves Mikaela as she is rushed to the hospital, and when she awakens, she is convinced that her guardian angel, Kharen, is responsible.

It is only at the breathtaking close of Act I, with Edie’s untimely and fatal

heart attack, that we discover Kharen is a different kind of angel – The Angel of Death.

From here, some characters begin to unravel and others find inner strength. “This play felt much closer to the bone,” said Geha. “Every student in the cast gave it their all and wanted each character’s arc to feel as truthful as possible.”

Ultimately, Mikaela discovers her guardian angel is Edie’s younger brother, Ozzie, who just happened to be reading a social media cry for help from Mikaela and acted upon it.

“Every year we see seniors who are stressed outside of their capacity to handle stress. It feels unique to them. And because as a society we fail to talk about it, we don’t see that this is much more common than anyone realizes,” relates Geha.

Geha is hopeful that against the backdrop of a Quaker school, this work can help close the distance. “I want to move the needle forward about inclusion, about how we treat each other; to understand that there is always more going on and that we owe each other kindness. Because maybe if we have more of that in our world, we will have less to be afraid of. Maybe we will be safer and happier. And more connected.”



Mikaela and Ozzy reach a heartwarming epiphany at the conclusion of the play.

2018 WINTER ART SHOW

Traditionally, the Winter Art Exhibition showcases a variety of works of art from all fall semester courses including Photography, Ceramics, Studio Art, Digital Art and Graphic Design. It is a unique exhibition because it is the only time throughout the academic year when you

can visit the Dolan Center Art Gallery and witness works of art made by students in all three divisions; grades 3-12. Through photography, printmaking, painting, ceramic sculpture, graphic design and digital media, students demonstrated their knowledge of the elements of art and design. Students also strengthened their ability to express their artistic voice through themes of identity and Quaker values.



2018 WINTER CONCERT SERIES

LOWER SCHOOL



MIDDLE SCHOOL



UPPER SCHOOL



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Students from all three divisions performed at their annual winter concerts, both vocally and instrumentally.

UPPER SCHOOL WINTER MUSICAL



‘All the Live Long Day...!’

The cast of *Working* examined the American working life: from accepted drudgery to heartwarming satisfaction.

Friends Academy clocks in and brings ‘Working’ to life

BY ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

From iron workers to flight attendants, caregivers to Wall Street tycoons, switchboard operators to dentists, truck drivers to housewives, the

Upper School musical, *Working*, based on the 1974 same-named book by Chicago journalist Studs Terkel criss-crossed lines of class, race, and gender in a stirring collection of essays about what it means to live and work in America.

“It touches on many topical themes



From left, Kyla Graham, Theron Viljoen, Danny Dacosta, Lucy Schoeffel and Luke Jennings

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Julie Fine and Kyleigh Mitchell share stories about passengers from their flights.

in our country today,” recounted director and Arts Department head Tracey Foster. “The show allowed our students to look at our country nearly 50 years ago, around the time the play was written, and three years ago when it was updated by Stephen Schwartz (*Wicked*) with help from Lin-Manuel Miranda (*Hamilton*).”

The two Broadway legends revised some of the content to take out jobs that are now obsolete and include jobs that have been created (such as anything related to a computer!) They also rethought how race and ethnicity was represented on the original play and added several songs and monologues that reframed how these topics were presented. Foster included both of these themes as conversational launch pads for an exploration of identity, equity and inclusion, which has become a significant way the theater department brings our Quaker Values into action.

“What I really like about *Working* was that it looks at community in a very different way than we have ever done,” explained Foster.

Following last year’s blockbuster all-school musical *Mary Poppins*, Foster was keen to bring a musical to Friends

Bicycle messenger Grace McCormick threads her story throughout the musical.



Members of the “Swan Lake” entourage charm the audience with their slightly wacky interpretation.

that would allow every student involved to be seen as an individual.

“With a musical like *Mary Poppins*, invariably there will be students who have limited roles. And while there is joy and learning in an entire community performance, we wanted to offer a different type of learning experience this year and give every cast member a speaking line and a possible solo.”

As Foster explained it, *Working* is experiencing a bit of a resurgence right now, especially due to Lin-Manuel Miranda’s involvement. “Using his particular brand of genius Lin injected some material that captured the

sweeping arc of social change, as well as several trends that spoke to current immigrant experiences. This became a driver for many of our conversations.” Characters such as the delivery person and the in-home care workers added more depth to the American experience.

Cast members were asked to conduct their own primary-source research by interviewing a member of their family about their working life and then writing up a short monologue.

“This gave us a jumping off point to talk about our own family histories of work,” shared Foster. “We reached out to FA’s Dean of Equity and Inclusion Camille Edwards and she led a series of conversations about language, race and socio-economic disparity with the cast. The conversations were fascinating and highlighted the struggles that our students feel today regarding these issues. We had discussions throughout the rehearsal process and it was wonderful to see the students’ thoughts and analysis deepen as they more deeply understood the characters they played!”

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The cleaning ladies of "Working" share their empowered views.

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According to Foster, the cast found themselves being increasingly drawn to the part of the soldier, played by senior Theron Viljoen, who read aloud his letters home to his parents about his time in a war zone.

"This character reappeared throughout the show. He spoke of being far away from home, of trying hard to do his best, of the good people with whom he was working, and what he was learning about the world. These themes particularly resonated with our seniors, many of whom were right in the middle of the college process during the rehearsal period."

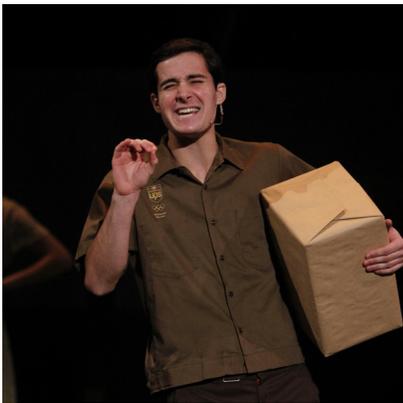
Students also got to dive into a part of the American workforce to which many never had a personal connection.

"In Terkel's book, he found that work was a search, sometimes successful, sometimes not for 'daily meaning as well as daily bread.' Most students have not had to fully grapple with the idea that there is an economic reality to adult lives, but they understand fully that they are supposed to be finding



Department store cashiers swing the mood up-tempo with some shopping cart-based choreography.

UPPER SCHOOL WINTER MUSICAL



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Top, truck driver Brian Wang loves the open road. Above, UPS delivery man Frick Byers explains the nuances and perks of the job.

something that they are passionate about, that is 'meaningful' to invest in as their life's work," said Foster. "To hear senior Margaux Blau sing about the richness of Grace's childhood and then to compare that with the physical difficulty and monotony of her life as a factory worker – that revealed an aspect of our world that we don't often talk about."

Unlike the original musical, one of the challenges – and opportunities – that the revised version of the show provided was a conversation about race. "This was something with which the cast and the creative team spent quite a bit of time wrestling," said Foster.

"This play marked the first time we had material that dealt directly

and in-depth about race. We have always cast any student in any part, ignoring race. Except not really. It has been okay to put a student a color in a role traditionally played by a white person, but what happens when we want to tell the stories of people of color? The truth is, we rarely tell those stories on our stage. But research tells us what we already know – representation is a critical component of a child's education," Foster added.

"This script and this group of students gave us the opportunity to start this conversation. Through a series of conversations where we discussed the various aspects of how this production represents race. We got to talk about how to bring these representations to life in ways that felt authentic. Ultimately, the students who chose to stand on stage and represent a perspective of race did so with incredible integrity and courage. Our students of color did a great job being leaders in these challenging conversations and rehearsals. Many of them stood on



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Nanny Uma Alagappan brings on the rhythm.

stage with pride, representing complex and nuanced stories, some of which spoke to their own family histories.

"We got to talk about how to do that with sensitivity and equity. Our students of color did a great job being leaders in challenging conversations that were loaded in so many different ways, and then performing on stage, being proud to represent these stories, some of which spoke to their own past."

Foster hopes *Working* is just the beginning of larger community conversations. "Theater is a powerful way to understand differences and commonalities. It can be a powerful tool to tell everyone's story."



~2018 FALL SPORTS~



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Strong seasons, post-season play, honor,
and effort frame this year's **Fall Sports**
season.

Top row: Jared Toby, AnaMaria Manu and Sherry Yang and Sydney Kang. Middle: Aaron Daniels and Nick Hoffman, Jessie Goldblatt, Alison Mosher and Tina Huang; Bottom: Samantha Damm, Cullen Steel and Zachary Ragozino.

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Playoff contenders

VARSITY GIRLS SOCCER: LADY QUAKERS FINISH 2ND IN CONFERENCE

The Girls Varsity Soccer team had a wonderful season. After a rough start, the Quakers managed to come back and finish second in their conference. The team made it to the second round of playoffs after their exciting win against Jericho where they went into overtime, sudden death and won in penalty kicks.

As the team captains stated, “We are really happy with how the season turned out. We exceeded our expectations and became a really close team. We would like to thank our amazing coaches who supported us on and off the field.

“We would also like to thank the team and congratulate a few individuals who received awards this season;



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Senior, goalie, and co-captain Eve Fine races to defend her goal.



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Sophomore Gretchen Waechter fights for possession.

Gretchen Waechter who received All County and Maddy Mack and Emma Knopf who received All Conference.”

We would also like to congratulate Eve Fine for receiving All class and Scholar Athlete. We are extremely proud of the whole team and can't wait to see what the future brings.”

2018 ROSTER: Olivia Bragoli, Avery Bystrom, Caroline Carrello, Francesca De Geronimo, Caroline Dineen, Eve Fine, Samantha Flores, Meriwether Florence, Sydney Kang, Charlie Kliger, Emma Knopf, Alexis Mack, Madison Mack, Samantha Paniccia, Madison Poll, Gretchen Waechter and Carleigh Zelman. Manager: Uma Alagappan

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – GRETCHEN
WAECHTER

ALL CLASS – EVE FINE

ALL-CONFERENCE – MADISON
MACK, EMMA KNOPF

SCHOLAR ATHLETE – EVE FINE

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VARSIITY BOYS SOCCER: WIN AGAINST RIVAL PROPELS QUAKERS INTO PLAYOFFS

The Boys Varsity Soccer Team started the pre-season with a new Head Coach, a new team philosophy, and a new formation. Contagious enthusiasm and strong leadership of the team's captains (Andrew LeoGrande, Vinny Como, Owen Ingrassia, and Blaise DellaFerra) accompanied the structural changes and the team soon became a cohesive unit that acquired great affection and respect for each other.

"They have become a soccer FAMILY. They gave everything they could on the pitch in every game we played. When no one gave us a chance to make it to playoffs, they believed in each other and worked hard to make it happen," said Head Coach Edgar Posada. "They are a true testament of resilience. It was truly an honor working with this group of young men this 2018 season," he added. The Boys finished fourth in their conference, beating FA's crosstown rivals for a playoffs seed.

"Although we were unable to move further into the playoffs this year after losing a tough game against Jericho H.S., we know the future of Friends Academy Mens Soccer is a bright one," promised Posada. "We are young, but if we commit



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Deremy Leon handles a defender.



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Jack Davis plays the field from head to toe.

to working and improving every aspect of our game, we have the potential to make it back to playoffs next year. Coach Posada and Coach Rouff look forward to continue working with the returning players in the 2019 season," added Posada.

2018 Roster: Owen Ingrassia, Andrew LeoGrande, Alexander Carden, Vincent Como, Jack Davis, Blaise Dellafera, Marco Derlly, Alexander Douglas, Tyler Fox, Patrick Kenny, Ian Kim, Deremy Leon, Spence Login, Aidan Lundy, Edward (Teddy) Mangiarotti, Michael Mead, Miles Miller,

Skylar Mott, Georg Panagopoulos, Ethan Shalam, Andrew Simeone, William Stein, Matthew Storch, Jared Toby, Justin Toby and Jared Zelman.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE
MENTION – ANDREW LEO-
GRANDE

ALL-CONFERENCE – VINCENT
COMO, OWEN INGRASSIA, ALEX-
ANDER DOUGLAS

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VARSITY FIELD HOCKEY: GIRLS TURN IN ROCK-SOLID 9-2 SEASON FINISH

The 2018 Girls Varsity Field Hockey team had a very successful season. “Finishing with a record of 9-2, not only did we qualify for playoffs but we were also named league and conference champions. After a loss to Oyster Bay in the beginning of our season, the team quickly bounced back and had some amazing games such as our 6-0 win against Sewanhaka,” said Coach Christine Botti.

Some of the team’s most exciting games included a win against Clarke in overtime and a win against Seaford in a shootout on Fall Fair and Senior Day. The team was very happy to be able to achieve the goals of maintaining a strong record and making playoffs that were set in late August. “We became a close knit team both on and off the field through our pasta parties and traditions like boxes,” added Coach Botti.

Along with their successful season as a team, a number of players were recognized individually by the Nassau County Field Hockey Coaches’ Association. “We would like to acknowledge Katarina Mongiardo – All County, Adrienne Coleman and Colette Hughes – All County honorable mention, Jesse Delabastide and Ashleen Hughes – All Conference, Riley Schultz – All League and Lauren Pasquale – Unsung

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY –

KATARINA MONGIARDO

ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE

MENTION – COLETTE HUGHES,
ADRIENNE COLEMAN

ALL-CONFERENCE – JESSE DE LA
BASTIDE, ASHLEEN HUGHES

ALL-LEAGUE – RILEY SCHULTZ

EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR –

KATARINA MONGIARDO

UNsung HERO – LAUREN
PASQUALE

SCHOLAR ATHLETE –

KASSANDRA HOMAYUNI



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Above, Katarina Mongiardo hugs her teammates after a goal is scored.

Right, Emily Brown maintains possession.

Hero. “We would also like to thank our coaches, parents, Ms. Muller, Mr. Quackenbush and Ms. Jones for all of their support this season. And we wish the girls the best of luck in their season next year!” said team captains.

2018 ROSTER: Halle Krypell, Lauren Pasquale, Lola Piuggi, Charlotte Semlies, Colette Hughes, Katarina Mongiardo, Ashleen Hughes, Kassandra Homayuni, Lyla Saad, Lilly Brown, Jocelyn Cedeno, Emily Brown, Angelina Fedora, Adrienne Coleman, Katy Hunt, Jessica de la Bastide and Riley Schultz.



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GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS: DEEP TEAM ENJOYS SUCCESSFUL SEASON

The Girls Varsity Tennis team began try-outs for the Fall 2018 season on August 27th with a tremendous turnout of new players, who joined returning players from the previous season. The first week of tennis consisted of very competitive challenge matches to determine which players would qualify for the Varsity team.

After a week of try-out matches, the teams were divided into the Varsity and Junior Varsity squads, which were followed by a week of very intense workouts consisting of on-court drills, conditioning, and match play.

The team's Conference 2 matches began on September 14th with a solid win at home vs Glen Cove H.S. Despite the uncooperative weather, which severely limited outdoor practice time, the girls continued to work hard indoors on their strength and conditioning. Captains did a tremendous job of helping to keep the players organized and focused during the many indoor work-outs.

"With play resuming, the team continued to compete very hard as we moved further into the season and the girls were able to finish with a very respectable record of seven wins and seven losses. Although we did not qualify for the playoffs, the team gained some valuable match play experience which will serve us well going forward," wrapped up Coach Gino Uterano.

"All of the players contributed to this season's success, as we had to juggle our lineup a number of times for each match in order to remain competi-



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Maisie Hills and Julia Satovsky await the serve.

tive. The coaches owe a great deal of gratitude to our Captains Parisa Vahid, Juliet D'Aversa and Grace Riviezzo, for their efforts in helping to organize and supervise the team, as well as our seniors who helped lead the way for the new players.

This year's team developed excellent chemistry and that was evident in the team's performance. It was a pleasure working with this year's group and we wish our seniors the best of luck moving forward next year and look ahead to another successful year in 2019," finished Coach Uterano.

2018 ROSTER: Jordyn Cagner, Juliet D'Aversa, Julia Gulbransen, Lillianna Gund, Mary Hills, Angela Holloway, Ariel Kalimian, MeiCheng Lu, Anamaria Manu, Grace Riviezzo, Julia Satovsky, Calista Sha, Simrun Singh, Brianna Taylor, Parisa Vahid, Brianna Vissicchio, Sherry Yang and Isabella Zhang.

VARSITY FOOTBALL: HONOR AND EFFORT

The 2018 Friends Academy Quakers football team competed with honor throughout the season. After graduating a number of key starting players, the team set the bar high by playing each game with a high level of effort.

This season was highlighted by outstanding play by the team's seniors leading to a 3-5 finish.

A highlight of the season was the Quakers' homecoming win against Great Neck United, finishing on top by a score of 36-16. The coaching staff feels that every student-athlete

played beyond his ability and gave the team a fighting chance in each game.

"We would also like to express our gratitude to all those who came out to support us, especially during our final night game against Island Trees. We would also like to thank Aggie Jones and our Trainer Beth Muller for all their support throughout the season," said Coach Ron Baskind.

2018 Roster: Billy Daal, Mikey Kaler, Luke Baskind, Zach Shallot, Blake Nagel, Cal Stellato, Lucas Themelis, Joe Horne, Sean Johnson, Aaron Daniels, George Sanoulis, David Kaler, Conor Sweeney, Marco Minuto, Michael Mead, Zach Benmoha, Tyler Henry, Jake Katz, Wyatt Mullen, Vikram Gupta, Jake Damm, Nick Hoffman, Alex Bergmann, Peter Panacciulli, Daniel Selby, Rob Ward, Tyler Hu, Sammay Ghooi and Michael Drosch.



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Billy Daal breaks through a defender.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-CONFERENCE
– AARON DANIELS,
BILLY DAAL

SENIOR ALL STAR TEAM – LUKE BASKIND

UNsung HERO – JOEY HORNE

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CROSS COUNTRY: RUNNERS FROM BOTH TEAMS QUALIFY FOR STATE QUALIFIERS

You may have seen the Cross Country team this season literally running circles around your practices and you may have wondered why anyone would ever subject themselves to this sport. We don't really have the answer for that, but as a famous sportswriter once said: "Sports do not build character, they reveal it."

Here are a few of our character-revealing moments from the season:

1. Heat advisories that kept us cooped up in the cardio room, but responding by having (really, really bad) team sing-alongs while we worked out.

2. Downpours during a League Meet that created new rivers flowing through the trails on the course, but responding with more cheerfulness and energy than we knew we had (and a victory over Mineola).

3. Pulling ourselves together after long, busy weeks at school and managing to enjoy each others' company at Friday evening pasta dinners.

Overall, the Boys team finished the season with a record of 5-7-1. Our top performance was by 10th grader Zack Ragozino at the County Championships with a time of 19:07 for a 5km race (a pace of 6:09 per mile). Zack and three other individuals – Michael Sensale, Joe Lostritto, and Ethan Labelson – qualified for the next round of postseason and competed at the State Qualifier meet on November 3rd.

The Girls team finished with a record of 4-9. Their top performance was a 21:10 by 10th grader Caroline Green (a pace of 6:49 per mile). Caroline earned All-County recognition for her performance at the County Championship, where she placed

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY – CAROLINE GREEN
ALL-CONFERENCE – VOLIVIA COMO, KARLY EBERLY, SPENCER KRIEGSTEIN, JOSEPH LOSTRITTO, ZACHARY RAGOZINO, MICHAEL SENSALÉ



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Olivia Como paces her cross-country course.

14th. The Girls team also qualified as a full team for the State Qualifier meet.

The team is graduating three incredible seniors, Sam, Alex, and Karly, who have been dedicated members of the team through thick and thin. The team will not be the same without your sportsmanship and your firm, but loving, leadership styles.

"Cross Country: No half times, no

timeouts, no substitutions. It must be a great sport."

2018 ROSTER: Alexander Clinton, Olivia Como, Karly Eberly, Caroline Green, Tina Huang, Spencer Kriegstein, Ethan Labelson, Grace Lavin, Joseph Lostritto, Conor O'Keefe, Frank O'Keefe, Quinn Mclaughlin, Alison Mosher, Zachary Ragozino, Samuel Rotberg, Michael Sensale, Farrah Shikara, Nyah Thomas, Max Wang

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FALL CREW: RECORD ATTENDANCE AT CHARLES

The Friends Crew team had a good season this year, competing in several competitive races, including the Housatonic, the Schuylkill, and the Head of the Charles. Friends brought more people to the Charles this year than in past seasons, including senior Will Richter, and juniors Griffyn Kang, Jeanne Rauff, and Henry Schoeffel.

“While we may not have won every race, each of our members put in their best effort and competed to the best of their ability. We are all looking forward to the competition next season,” said Coach Jason Moskowitz.

2018 ROSTER: Brett Beaman, Jasmine Carnevale, Nathaniel Chen, Isabella DiMeo, John Donohue, Alex Goldglit, Nathaniel Goldman, Henry Jervis, Griffyn Kang, Jeanne Marie Rauff, William Richter, Henry Schoeffel, Christopher Smithers, Nicholas Smithers and Josh Sukoff.

GIRLS JV SOCCER: ‘SECOND HALF TEAM’ KEEPS PRESSURE ON



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Samantha Amritt weaves the ball around defenders.

This season the Girls JV Soccer team showed great improvement from beginning to end. The team learned how to work hard and push through hard times. The girls supported each other throughout every game and practice to help keep spirits high.

Despite their record, the team fought hard from the first whistle to the last whistle. They liked to call themselves “a second half” team, and took pride in that name because they knew they would fight back to score some goals. The girls displayed exceptional sportsmanship towards the opposing teams, as well as each other.

2018 ROSTER: Samantha Amritt, Avery Bystrom, Kennedy Daal, Samantha Flores, Riley Glover, Emma Goldblatt, Jessie Goldblatt, Alexandra Mead, Alexa Moschetto, Alexandra Poll, Charlotte Rosen, Elizabeth Schwab, Olivia Schwab and Angela Shi.

JV BOYS SOCCER: NEARLY UNDEFEATED SEASON GIVES QUAKERS 1ST PLACE IN LEAGUE

The season started in mid-August with an unprecedented heat wave, causing three scrimmage cancellations, but ended in a rousing success.

The FA Soccer program showed its terrific health as 52 student athletes came out to play. After a rigorous two-week pre-season, 44 players remained. The numbers in the program necessitated breaking into two teams, the black and the red squads.

The black team played in the League games and the red in all scrimmages and non-league games. The red team lost to a strong A team from Port Washington and 2-1 to Locust Valley in a scrimmage, finally beating Herricks in a non-league contest 4-3. The games played resulted in an 8-1 record, the only loss to CSH 1-0. This resulted in a 1st place finish in the League, since FA beat CSH 5-3 prior.

The boys overcame many injuries to key players, as well as the loss of three top play-

ers, who moved up to the Varsity.

Other players took these opportunities to “Step up” and win starting spots on the black team. “We, (the four coaches), were extremely proud of the teamwork and the unselfish play amongst the players as they continually shared the ball, and celebrated each others success,” said Coach Bob Reilly.

The Quakers scored an unprecedented 47 goals with eight players sharing in that total. “It was our pleasure to coach this fine group of young men,” added Reilly.

2018 ROSTER: Eric Afzelius, Erick Almendares, Sajid Aziz, Kyle Beaman, Jared Broxmeyer, Harrison Bruderman, Christopher Clinton, Demarius Coleman, Peter Fakiris, Vincenzo Fodera, Theodore Grace, Andrew Hoyt, Mohan Jauhar, John Jervis, Max Kahane, Patrick Kenny, Thomas Kenny, Ian Kim, Jack Koch, Benjamin Lee, Jared Login, Spencer Login, Ethan Lowenstein, Mir Mathewson, Angel Mendoza, Skyler Mott, Joseph Onorato, Peter Pappas, Thanasi Pappas, Brandon Polke, Ezekiel Popoola, John Sanoulis, Jack Schamroth, Samuel Schamroth, Cullen Steel, Luke Stellato, Brandon Tong and Justin Tong.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY
Ezekiel Popoola stays focused on the ball.

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GIRLS JV TENNIS: IMPROVEMENT IN SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Samantha Damm challenges a defender.

JV FIELD HOCKEY: OVERCOMING OBSTACLES ON WAY TO WINNING SEASON

The JV Field Hockey team had nothing short of an excellent season. The girls have been working hard since August to develop their field hockey skills, refine their game sense, and find ways to work together as a team. Their determination and work ethic certainly helped them achieve a winning record this season of four wins, three ties, and three losses.

The girls overcame many obstacles including extreme heat, low numbers, a packed schedule, and a lot of rain, but their commitment to the team never wavered. Whether they were winning, losing, or tied, this team treated their opponents, coaches, officials, and each other with utmost respect. "Each player not only worked hard to better her own skills but also to help her teammates be successful as well. We are so proud of this team and cannot wait to see all they will contribute to the FA field hockey team in the future," said Coach Amanda Haughney.

2018 ROSTER: Dylan Beyer, Sydney Cagner, Mary Classi, Samantha Damm, Mary Elizabeth Droesch, Sofia Gardner, Elizabeth Ingrassia, Sophia Ippolito, Anastasia Kazanas, Mya McBride, Ava Morey, Isabelle Rosen and Addison Weight.

Congratulations to the Girls JV Tennis team for the effort they gave this past season. Two of the starting singles players were eighth and ninth graders. Four doubles starters were freshmen.

Although the team did not enjoy a winning record, the girls were competitive and gained valuable skills and experience, which will pay dividends next season and in campaigns to come.

Over the course of the season, the team improved in a number of areas, including reducing unforced errors, communicating more effectively in doubles matches, and

supporting each other at matches as well as practices.

"We got consistently strong match play from Rachel Na, our #1 singles player and M.V.P. Sydney Wurtzel, our number #2 singles player, as well as Ally Grella and Lindsay Lee, our #1 doubles team," said Coach McMurray.

2018 ROSTER: Yara Bendary, Kelly Chee, Charlotte Chen, Angelica Del Vecchio, Alexandra Grella, Lindsay Lee, Margaret Leonard, Rachel Na, Shivani Patel, S. Abigail Regis, Charlotte Russell, Anastasia Stratakis, Riya Subbaiah, Olivia Sutherland, Despina Tsiamtsiouris, Shiva Ward, Zara Ward and Sydney Wurtzel.



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Rachel Na returns a serve.

~2019 WINTER SPORTS~



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Youthful exuberance, senior vision and an abundance of sportsmanship on the court and ice defined the **Winter sports season.**

Top row: Alex Douglas, Christian Cottone and Paris Panagopolous. Middle: The FA Squash team, our FA cheerleaders, and Caroline Green; Bottom: John Sanoulis, Tyler Henry and Dylan Beyer.

FA 2019 WINTER SPORTS

Boys Basketball see 2nd half surge

BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL: YOUNG TEAM

The 2018-19 Varsity Boys Basketball season was one of tremendous growth. With a roster that consisted of nine sophomores, four seniors (three of which did not play the year before), and only four players with any Varsity experience, the Quakers needed some time to find their stride. After starting the season 1-11, the team won five of their last eight games and put themselves in position to make the playoffs on the last day of the season. The members of the team played hard in every game and never gave up. They came together as a team and improved every week. Although the Boys fell one game short of their goal, the team set their foundation for seasons to come.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY –
ALEX DOUGLAS
ALL-CONFERENCE
– BILLY DAAL,
AARON DANIELS,
SKYLER MOTT

2019 ROSTER: Zachary Benmoha, Vincent Como, Billy Daal, Aaron Daniels, Alexander Douglas, Sammay Ghooi, Taye Holder, Skyler Mott, Albert Paniccia, Thanasi Pappas, Gavin Park, Ezekiel Popoola, Sam Rotberg, Nicholas Santiago and Lucas Themelis.



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Alex Douglas sizes up his competitor.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Skyler Mott looks for an opening.

FA 2019 WINTER SPORTS

High-scoring games frame season

**GIRLS VARSITY BASKETBALL:
COMPETITIVE IN LEAGUE PLAY**

The 2018-2019 Varsity Girls Basketball season was one encapsulated by new beginnings and consistent improvement on a daily basis. From a leadership perspective, senior captains Zeina Ashmawy, Morgan Pascucci and Colette Hughes led Quakers both on and off the court. Fellow seniors Sam Paniccia and Alexis Mack also served as role models for the young squad which included five sophomores, one freshman and two 8th graders.

The young squad got off to a hot start winning two of their first four games, which included a dramatic over-time victory versus MacArthur. 8th grader Kasi Samuda led the Quakers with a game-high 23 points.

Sophomore Riley Glover's foul shot with 12 seconds left helped secure the Quakers their first win of the season. Two games later, the Quaker offense erupted to a 61-32 victory over Clarke. Senior Captain Zeina Ashmawy had a game-high 17 points and was one of nine players to record at least one basket for the Lady Quakers in the victory.

As league play began, the Lady Quak-



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Senior and co-captain Zeina Ashmawy leads a drive down the court.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Kasi Samuda lines up for a basket.

ers continued to be competitive, playing hard no matter the score or situation. The Quakers picked up their third win of the season versus Oyster Bay. Freshman Emma Zambrotta's 15 points, along with Ashmawy's 11 points and Samuda's 20 points led the Quakers to their highest point total of the year, beating the Lady Baymen 66-50.

As the season came to an end the Lady Quakers celebrated the careers of their five seniors – Ashmawy, Pascucci, Hughes, Paniccia and Mack. The five players had a great impact on the program both on and off the court and will be greatly missed.

The future looks bright for the Quakers. Promising returners include junior Hannah Popper, sophomores Meriwether Florence, Sam Flores, Riley Glover, Liz Schwab, Carleigh Zelman, freshman Emma Zam-

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION – ZEINA ASHMAWAY

CHOLAR ATHLETE – MORGAN PASCUCCI

brotta and 8th graders Kasi Samuda and Paris Panagopolus. With these nine players and a promising JV group, it's safe to say the 2019-2020 season has the potential to be a special one for the Girls Basketball program.

2019 ROSTER: Zeina Ashmawy, Meriwether Florence, Samantha Flores, Riley Glover, Colette Hughes, Alexis Mack, Paris Panagopoulos, Samantha Paniccia, Morgan Pascucci, Hannah Popper, Kasi Samuda, Elizabeth Schwab, Emma Zambrotta and Carleigh Zelman.

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Nyah Thomas runs the stretch.

WINTER TRACK: ALL ATHLETES FINISH IN TOP 10 AT STATE QUALIFIER

Winter Track athletes have all done a great job of staying positive and working hard to set new personal records and compete well at post regular-season team competition. With no home meets, the team is often on the road competing at meets off Long Island.

The Quakers had excellent results at a number of invitational meets, including the Nassau Coaches meet and Gardiner Holiday Relays at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island; the Hispanic Games at the Armory in NYC and at the Yale University High school Invitational in Connecticut.

Highlights from the season include three medalists at the Frosh-Soph Championships, one Conference Three Champion and ten Conference medalists. Nine athletes qualified for the County championships and all ran either a personal best or season best.

Athletes from Friends Academy placed in the top six in four events, despite competing against the 27 largest schools in Nassau County. "We were proud to have five athletes competing in the State Qualifier meet on Tuesday, February 12th," said Coach Louisa Garry.

The team finished out a great season with

an amazing night of racing at the Nassau County State Qualifier meet. All the athletes finished in the top 10 overall in the County and the girls' relay team (all freshman and sophomores) finished 5th.

In early March, Caroline Green qualified for the NYPHSAA Indoor Track Championships on Saturday, March 2nd at Ocean Breeze in Staten Island.

She ran the 600 meters as a part of the Section VIII relay.

2019 ROSTER: Samantha Amritt, Avery Bystrom, Charlotte Chen, Adrienne Coleman, Francesca De Geronimo, Karly Eberly, Caroline Green, Mary Hills, Owen Ingrassia, Emma Knopf, Leah Loetman, Joseph Lostritto, Ethan Lowenstein, Angel Men-

doza, Madison Poll, Zachary Ragozino, S. Abigail Regis, Jack Schamroth, Matthew Storch and Nyah Thomas.

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ALL-COUNTY

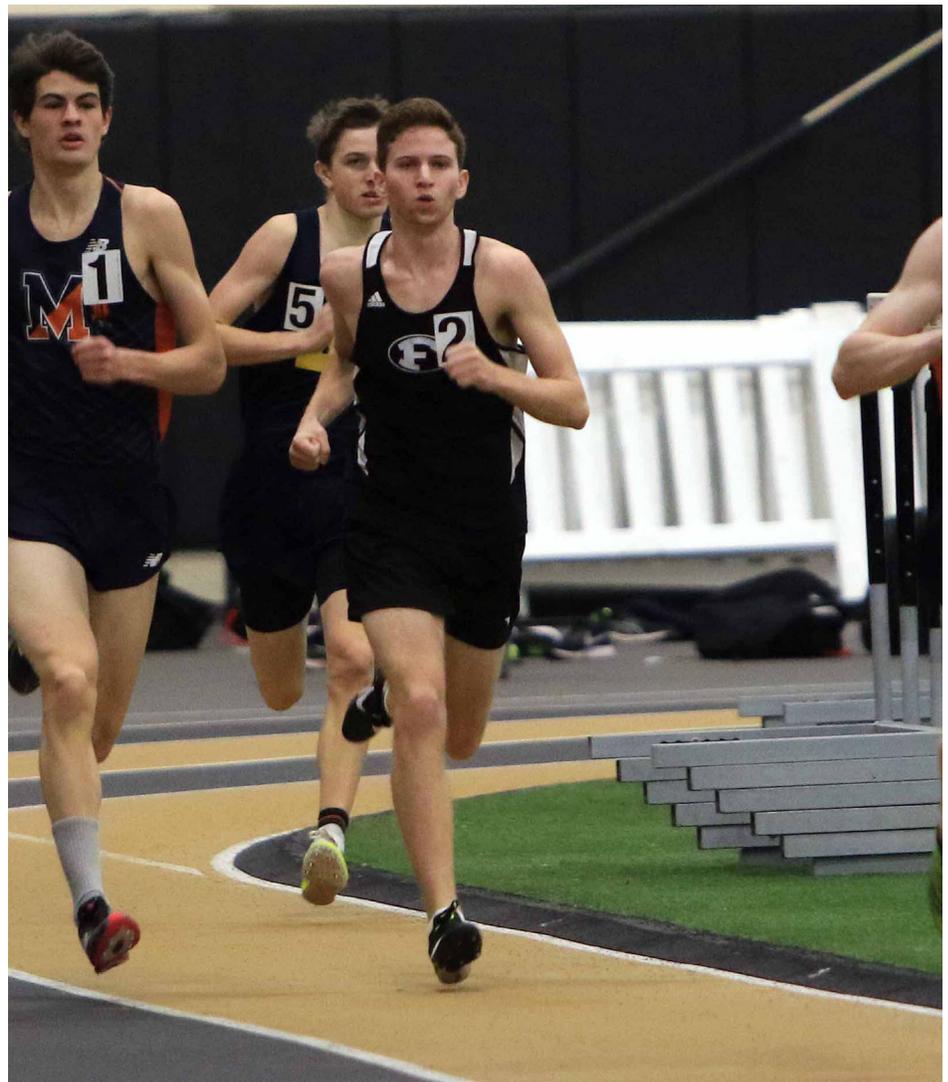
4 X 400M. RELAY – (EMMA KNOPF, ADRIENNE COLEMAN, NYAH THOMAS, CAROLE GREEN)

600M. RELAY – CAROLINE GREEN

300M. DASH NYAH THOMAS

600M. RUN OWEN INGRASSIA

ALL-CONFERENCE – NYAH THOMAS, CAROLINE GREEN



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Owen Ingrassia keeps the pace.

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ICE HOCKEY: NEW TEAM DEPTH CONTRIBUTES TO STRONG SEASON

The Friends Academy Hockey program saw its highest level of participation since the program's resurgence, with 27 student athletes showing up for tryouts. This year's team was unified with strong leadership from the senior class, and excellent play from many of our younger players.

Christian Cottone led the league in both goals and points, 31 and 49, respectively.

"Many of the seniors had started with the team in middle school and dedicated many years to the program, and for that we are thankful!" said Coach Gunnar Esiason.

The highlight of this season was the program's first-ever win over rival Portledge, outdoors, under the lights at Beaver Dam in the final game of the season. We wish our graduating seniors the best of luck with their next phases of life!

2019 ROSTER: Carl Afzelius, Eric Afzelius, Ian Afzelius, Luke Baskind, Alex Bergmann, Christian Cottone, William Cuddeback, 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 and Michael Walrath.



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Luke Dillmeier looks to pass the puck.



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

The Friends Academy Squash team

Team qualifies for Nationals

SQUASH: SEASON DEFINED BY CLOSE AND COMPETITIVE GAMES

The 2018-19 Squash season began in mid-November with an excellent turnout of many new players. The team participated in several weeks of intense practices at the Creek Club in preparation for competing in the Poly Prep Invitational in the beginning of December.

The team followed up with a number of intense matches against some of the top Squash teams in the tri-state area. Friends Academy players put forth an excellent effort and although the match play win/loss record did not indicate it, the matches were very close and competitive.

The Quakers qualified for Nationals in Hartford Ct. in early February and again represented our school extremely well

against some outstanding opponents.

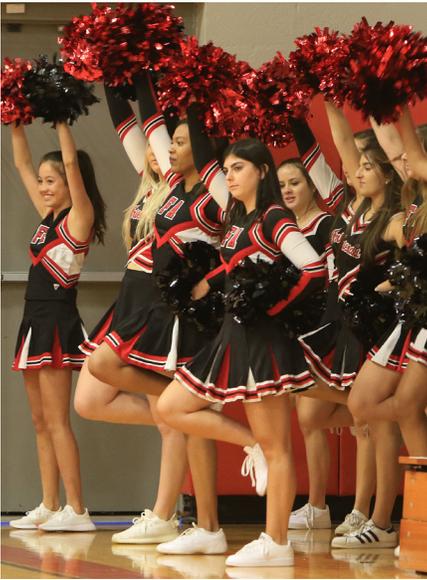
"The overall experience was tremendous and our team gained some valuable match play experience that will serve them well moving into next season," said Coach Gino Uterano.

"Many thanks go to Captains Miles Miller and Angela Holloway for their efforts in helping to organize and communicate to our team members during our busy schedule. We look forward to our returning players joining us again next season and helping to build our Squash program," added Coach Uterano.

2019 ROSTER: Kyle Beaman, Harrison Bruderman, Thomas Gelfand, Angela Holloway, John Jervis, John May, James Merrill, Miles Miller, Conor O'Keefe, Frank O'Keefe, Daniel Selby and Justin Toby.

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CHEERLEADING: LARGE SQUAD SHINES FROM INSIDE OUT



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Members of the 2018-19 Cheerleading Squad

This year, Friends fielded a Varsity Cheerleading squad of twenty team members. While most were new to the team, a few had been on the team the previous year.

Throughout the season, the team learned the cheers with accuracy and precision. By the end of the season the girls advanced from 16 cheers to roughly 25 cheers – many of which were new variations they created themselves. The girls also choreographed a dance piece, and although not yet finished, worked collaboratively and enthusiastically as a team to build it into

the routine.

The team-building activities the team did throughout the season helped to breathe a sense of community and foster a deeper connection between team members.

Some of these activities included “getting to know you” conversation starter, beginning each practice with an opening share circle, group meditation, poster making, baking/bake sale, making holiday cards for a local community center, peer mentoring activities, and team celebrations. When faced with challenges, the team came together as a group to communicate openly and honestly and shared ideas on how to solve the problem at hand and grow from the experience.

The team showed tremendous growth this season in their knowledge of cheers and routines, their ability to work together as a team, their ability to problem solve through open communication with respect towards one another and in their bond as a collective group. They showed excellent enthusiasm and school spirit. They should be very proud of their dedication and teamwork throughout the season.

2019 ROSTER: Skylar Brennan, Jordyn Cagner, Sydney Cagner, Jasmine Carnevale, Leah Cherenfant, Olivia Como, Caroline Dineen, Annamaria Fazio, Sofia Gardner, Mya Guiler-Papin, Elizabeth Ingrassia, Sophia Ippolito, Mackenzie Katz, Mya McBride, Ava Morey, Charlotte Rosen, Isabelle Rosen, Lauren Stewart, Shiva Ward, Zara Ward and Gem Weissman.

GIRLS JV BASKETBALL:
A SEASON OF GROWTH

This year's JV Girls Basketball season was full of growth. Through challenges, this group of girls quickly became close knit and learned that being a teammate is more than just wearing the same colored jersey. The girls worked hard in practice to hone in on their basketball skills, and then let their hard work speak for itself on game day. Without hesitation, Kennedy Daal and Charlotte Semlies stepped into leadership roles, ensuring the team was focused and ready to go at all times.

Friends Academy demonstrate exceptional character and class when faced with difficult situations. Congratulations to the JV girls basketball team on a great season.

2019 ROSTER: Dylan Beyer, Chelcie Crutch, Kennedy Daal, Alexandra Grella, Anastasia Kazanas, Alexandra Poll, Olivia Schwab, Charlotte Semlies, Angela Shi and Addison Weight.



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Charlotte Semlies maintains control.

BOYS JV BASKETBALL: THE WILL TO WIN



ALAN QUACKENBUSH/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Sean Johnson dribbles around a defender.

Vince Lombardi said it best. “Winning isn’t everything but the will to win is everything” – a quote that has best described our JV season as a whole. Discouragement and obstacles were no match for the Junior Varsity Quakers—athletes battled the entire season. They became better every day and it showed. “As a first-time Head coach at Friends Academy, I am proud of our student-athletes and most importantly, I am proud to be a part of the Quaker family,” said Coach Fred Cange.

2019 ROSTER: Christopher Clinton, Alexander Goldglit, Pierce Hirshfield, Sean Johnson, Marco Minuto, Brandon Polke, Brandon Rokhsar, John Sanoulis, Samuel Schamroth, Dylan Skolnick, Brandon Tong, Justin Tong, Robert Ward and Dominick Williams.

NEW DIRECTORS JOIN FRIENDS ACADEMY

ASSISTANT HEAD OF SCHOOL,

JEN HALLIDAY joins Friends Academy as our new Assistant Head of School and Director of Academic Affairs. Jen brings extensive experience in many areas of



Jen Halliday

independent school leadership. Jen started her professional career teaching high school social studies. From 2002 to 2005 she served as a teacher and curriculum coordinator at ACS Hillingdon International School, London. From 2005 to 2015, Jen worked at Hawken School, Lyndhurst, Ohio, where she provided extensive school leadership, having served as Director of Hawken Middle School and as a member of Hawken School's Administrative Council. She served in many roles, including teaching, admissions, student life, special projects and administration. In addition, Ms. Halliday taught graduate level education courses at John Carroll University through the school's Site Based Program. Before arriving at Friends Academy this past July, Ms. Halliday served as Head of School at Magnificat, an independent, Catholic all-girls high school serving 750 students.

Jen has served on and continues to serve on several committees and panels, including Because I Said I Would, Curriculum Project Committee; Ursuline College, Academic Affairs Committee; Case Western Reserve University, Board Chair for the Flora Stone Mather Center for Women, and currently as the Chair of the Development Committee for Frontline Service, and organization that serves some of Cleveland, Ohio's most vulnerable individuals, including those struggling with homelessness and mental illness. In addition, Jen continues to work with Columbia University Teachers College Collaborative for Spiritual Development, where she contributes to a research and program development team working to partner with pre-k-12 schools to give them a Spiritually Supportive Pedagogy by providing the guidelines, tools, and training they need to nurture the spirituality of their students. Previously, she chaired Independent Schools Association of the Central States (ISACS) Self-Study Committee on Middle School Program; presented at the INDEX Annual Conference on The Benefits of Measuring School Culture and Climate; was a panel expert at the Mission Skills Assessment

(MSA) Annual Conference on Teaching Character and Shaping Culture; and was a participant in Oxford University's Conference on Virtue Ethics, and in 2014 presented a paper at Oxford entitled Using Culture as a Teaching Tool for Character Education. Most recently, she presented at the National Association of Independent Schools conference on Empowering the Authentic Child.

Jen recently presented at the National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS) Conference in Long Beach, California. Jen's depth of experience on the whole child and their relationship with spirituality as it relates to learning, led her to present "Empowering the Authentic Child (in a World with an Identity Crisis)." In her presentation, and here at FA, she is sharing programs and practices that emphasize and prioritize authenticity and creativity within the school culture and classrooms to engage in conversation that focuses on the learning experience as a vehicle toward the mastery of skills for the purpose of making meaning now and in the future.

Jen holds a Bachelor of Arts in History and Education and Master of Arts in Education Administration from John Carroll University. She and her husband, Chris, have twin daughters, Molly and Maddie, and reside on campus. Ms. Halliday enjoys spending time with her family. She makes time for cooking, writing, reading and running, and is an attendee at Matinecock Meeting House.

CARLINE FOLKES, DIRECTOR OF AUXILIARY PROGRAMS, is responsible for the strategic leadership throughout all auxiliary programs (after school and summer). Carline joined Friends Academy in December 2018. She will be providing vision and coordination with a number of school-wide initiatives, including our Strategic Plan.



Carline Folkes

Formerly the Director of the Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP) at Nassau Community College, Carline worked with school administration to develop mentoring and tutoring programs, coordinate summer programming, and enrichment workshops – specifically in laboratory sciences, mathematics and technology. Addition-

ally, Carline was the Founding Early College Liaison of Pathways in Technology Early College High School (PTECH). In 2013, President Obama visited PTECH and praised this cutting-edge school for its innovation in education and technology. During her time at Friends thus far, Carline has developed an advisory board comprised of faculty, staff and parents to work collaboratively to expand school program offerings. Additionally, Carline has brought to Friends an American Red Cross Childcare Certification course for students, SAT/ACT Prep Courses and is currently restructuring the "Spring into Summer" Program to offer week-long intensives designed to give students exposure to specialized areas such as entrepreneurship and technology. Carline is also working with local colleges and universities to develop partnerships that would allow students to earn college credits in high school.

KEVIN BARRY, DIRECTOR OF ADVANCEMENT joins the Friends Academy Development team with over 15 years in educational fundraising experience, most recently serving as the Senior Director for Athletic Development at Hofstra University. Prior to that, he was the Director of Athletic Development at St. John's University where in addition to overseeing a team of five and raising over \$3.5 million annually, he completed a re-branding including a new logo and brand mark. Kevin has over-



Kevin Barry

seen nearly every area of development and fundraising, including capital campaign, annual fund, major gift and planned giving efforts, and event management. Throughout the years, Kevin has served the Long Island and NY metro-area as a youth soccer coach, from young players just beginning to learn the game, to competitive regional teams. He has helped to lead homeless outreach programming in the five boroughs and has often lent a hand at his local soup kitchen. He is looking forward to helping form service partnerships within the FA community and beyond. As head of the Development department, Kevin will build upon a strong culture of philanthropy at Friends Academy, bringing us to new heights and enabling us to deliver on the ambitious goals of our Strategic Plan.

FACULTY PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS

UPPER SCHOOL MATH TEACHER ALEX BURT was awarded NCTMA Teacher of the Year. It is given annually to a Math teacher in Nassau County who demonstrates outstanding achievements in leadership, teaching and service.



Alex Burt

HEALTH AND PE TEACHER AND FA COACH, CHRISTINE BOTTI recently completed a certificate program for instruction in social-emotional learning and character development and is currently working on a SHAPE America task force creating social and emotional learning assessments for Health and Physical Education.



Christine Botti



Jillian Chiarenza

Alison Fornell

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UPPER SCHOOL TEACHERS JILLIAN CHIARENZA (MATH), JOZEPH HERCEG AND ALISON FORNELL (ENGLISH), were nominated and selected to attend an Academy for Teachers master class. Additionally, all three were accepted as “honorary fellows” of The Academy for Teachers.

HEALTH AND PE TEACHER MICHAEL DAMM completed a six-week class entitled, “Resources for Enhancing School Climate: Empathy, Compassion, Upstander responsibility and responsible and ethical decision making” and this spring, he will be taking a second class entitled, “Balance the Mind and Heart Creating Resilient Schools that Address the Social, Emotional, Ethical, and Academic learning.” Mike says, “We have examined emerging trends/research, created our own lessons, and most importantly, how to create a safe environment for our students to learn and grow. I actually have already rolled out my lessons on empathy with my middle school students.”



Michael Damm

In March, the College Board recognized **DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE COUNSELING EDWARD**



Edward Dugger

DUGGER as an exemplary Professional School Counselor for the 2019 College Board Counselor Recognition Program. Ed will be profiled on the College Board website, who stated, “It’s an honor to highlight the important work of innovative, results-oriented counselors who are committed to student success and opportunity.”

UPPER SCHOOL MATH DEPARTMENT HEAD MARIKA KNIGHT recently presented at the Long Island Mathematics Conference on Friday, March 15. Her presentation to about 60

participants, “Get Students Up and Moving” addressed the growing need to stimulate student engagement in the curriculum by incorporating different activities that get kids out of desks and moving about the classroom, such as “Mazes” and “Find your Family Games,” and others. The regional conference featured 100 different sessions and draws teachers and supervisors from Suffolk, Nassau and New York City.



Marika Knight

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE TEACHER DAN KRIESBERG has recently had three articles published on outdoor education and Quaker teaching practices. He notes in one article, “It is essential to come in contact with plants and animals in the wild whenever possible. Allowing students to dig into the soil to find all those creepy, crawly creatures is an opportunity to engage students with life. Even if a child doesn’t want to hold a worm, after learning about them in their real-world environment, they may think twice before stepping on one. Sitting still and watching a bird sing helps to see that bird as an individual with its own life to live. No matter what, humans are going to have an impact, but the choice we do have is to limit our impact by continually reminding ourselves that all lives have value. As a bonus, outdoor education is best taught in cooperative groups; activities like digging for worms or listening to birds, become moments where children engage with one another when all have equal space to contribute and to learn.”



Dan Kriesberg



DIGITAL ARTS TEACHER JESS LEVEY was a presenter at the National Art Education Association’s Annual Conference in Boston (above). She presented on her students’ “Humans of FA” project (numerous portraits are currently hanging in the hallway of Frost Hall.) The title of the presentation is “Developing Empathy with Portrait Photography.” She was a selected artist for the NAEA art gallery exhibition in Alexandria, VA last fall. She was also a selected artist for the exhibition “Color” at Brooklyn Waterfront Artists Coalition in Brooklyn, NY last summer.



Jess Levey

UPPER SCHOOL LANGUAGE TEACHER AND FA ATHLETICS COACH EDGAR POSADA notes: “My BIG milestone was being appointed as the Head of the Boys Soccer Program this past fall. I’m honored and excited to continue the proud winning legacy of our FA Boys Soccer Program. I feel confident and ready to take the Boys Soccer Program into a new era. I’ve been preparing for this opportunity for the past two decades, working side by side with Coach Lindner. I’ve worked very hard to continue my coaching education and earn all of my coaching certifications and licenses in preparation for this very natural next step in my career at FA. I’m currently one requirement away from achieving my Professional Coaching Certification from NY State. I’m incredibly proud of ALL our teams’ performances this first year under my leadership. The FA Varsity earned a bid to the playoffs, the JV Team won their conference, and the Middle School team also had a successful winning season. There is no doubt the future of our Boys Soccer Program looks very bright.”



Edgar Posada

SECOND GRADE TEACHER KIM SOSCIE was recently awarded the Responsive Classroom Teacher Certification. It was an intensive process to complete and obtain the certification – she worked on it throughout the spring semester last year and submitted her application in June. “The Responsive Classroom Teacher Certification is only awarded to educators who demonstrate mastery use of Responsive Classroom practices and strategies in their classrooms and schools. As a certified Responsive Classroom Teacher, you are a model implementer who can serve as a resident expert and leader of the Responsive Classroom approach to teaching. Responsive Classroom Teacher Certification is a designation awarded to educators who use Responsive Classroom practices and strategies with fidelity in their classrooms and schools.”



Kim Soscie

In December, **FIFTH GRADE TEACHER SARA WEINSTEIN** completed the National Geographic Educator certification program. Through this professional development program, she created activities that were interdisciplinary and centered around real world problems at local, regional, and global scales. She connected with other educators throughout the world in a variety of professional settings at various grade levels and across all subject areas. Sara said, “it was an amazing program and it was free! I learned so much about myself as an educator and a person.”



Sara Weinstein

from the president

PETER STEIN '79

Dear Fellow Alumni,

As springtime enfolds us, the FA community again gets ready to bid farewell to its seniors as they embark on their next adventure. We were all there at some point. It's a time for reflection and excitement. It's a time to remember a remarkable school and its caring faculty. The impact of our high school experiences on our paths in life cannot be overstated. As alumni, we all have our unique memories of FA and its amazing faculty. Those faculty members have influenced our lives significantly and in turn helped us affect numerous others. On pages __, you can read about some of the current FA faculty and their individual achievements as they continue to inspire the next generation of FA students. In this issue of *The Meeting House*, we also highlight several of our dynamic FA alumni and their remarkable careers. Their narratives help to reinforce the notion of high school's important effect on their future life decisions.

In June of 2018, Bill Wicker, FA '67, was honored with the Friends Academy Distinguished Alumni Award. In his dynamic acceptance speech at Fourth Day Honors, Bill explained how his FA education helped shape his remarkable career. Specifically, he credited the legendary FA football coach Fred Smith. It was Coach Smith who taught Bill the principles of pride and desire – "pride in everything you did and the tremendous desire to be successful." Bill has certainly followed Coach Smith's words both professionally and personally. Bill's story, including his philanthropy at his alma mater Union College, can be found on page 44.

Class of 1982 superstar attorney Michel Pistone has had a very interesting and somewhat circuitous career. As a professor of law at Villanova University, Michele continues to follow her Quaker education as she is a leader in immigration law. Using the guidelines of "service to others and a duty to those in the community," Michele has helped hundreds of immigrants be granted

asylum and continues to make a difference in so many lives. She identified former FA Upper School Principal and teacher Frank Brogan for having made a difference in her life; Mr. Brogan "believed in me and encouraged me to take chances." Michele's profile can be found on page 48.

For Digna Nosike '09, the opportunity to use her research as a doctor and scientist is what is propelling this young alumna to not only find a cure for gynecological cancers, but also address social inequalities within the healthcare setting and ultimately improve healthcare outcomes for marginalized, vulnerable populations. Read about how she was inspired by her faculty and program at Friends on page 52. Digna is currently pursuing her medical degree and I cannot wait to see how she impacts our world in the years ahead.

Springtime also means it's time for the annual FA Alumni Association New York City Gathering. This year's event will take place on June 5 on a magnificent NYC rooftop at 6:30 p.m. This event attracts hundreds of FA alumni and this year's event is sure to be memorable so mark it down on your calendars! Fourth

Day Honors is on June 12 and we continue to look for nominations for the FA Distinguished Alumni Award. Please reach out to Christine Lunsford, our new FA Director of Alumni Relations with any suggestions.

Lastly, Fall Fair and Homecoming is on October 5, and it's never too soon to reserve the date. This year classes ending in 4 and 9 will be celebrating their reunions!



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BILL WICKER '67

ENDURING LESSONS

*Wisdom of coaches
and faculty lead
alum through
crossroads of life*

By ANDREA MILLER
Director of Communications

Today, Bill Wicker '67 looks back on a career as an investment banker, senior executive and consultant, and one who has traveled and worked in 26 different countries. From talks with Israel's Shimon Peres to observing first-hand the reawakening of the human spirit in Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary when Soviet troops left, to living in Beijing, Bill is sure of one thing... "My career would not have been possible without the education, relationships, and central message of my Friends Academy education. Trust me, this is not a cliché."



Bill Wicker from the 1967 Lamp yearbook.

Bill Wicker on his way to scoring a touchdown after intercepting a pass in a matchup against St. Paul's of Garden City on Nov. 12, 1966.

BILL WICKER '67: ENDURING LESSONS

Wicker arrived at Friends as an eighth grader in 1962 – “a tall kid, who always got blamed for everything in school.” The year before, Wicker’s hometown of East Norwich had voted to centralize schools. With no local high school to attend, it was either Oyster Bay HS or Friends Academy.

“As my parents were pondering what this meant for the three of us, my mother was called to a meeting by my seventh grade homeroom teacher,” explained Wicker. “She was told that when my class went to Oyster Bay for eighth grade next year that I would not be on the ‘C’ track (the College track). When asked why, the teacher told my mother that it had been determined that I was a ‘disruptive influence.’ My mother asked about grades and test scores, which the teacher said, were not an issue. The next thing I knew I was taking the admissions test for Friends Academy.”

Immediately, Wicker knew that Friends Academy was different. “For starters, the main building was extremely old at that point with wooden stairs and doors. So out of date was the main building that it had to undergo a major renovation in the summer of 1963 or risk being shut down for failure to adhere to local fire codes.”

But the real surprise wasn’t the building itself, but the classrooms. “I was used to sitting in the back row in public school. At Friends the back row was only one or two seats behind the front row! But the most stunning observation was this: When the teachers talked, all the students (I mean everyone) listened. The teachers seemed to love their subject matter as well. More shocking than this was the fact that the teachers seemed to like the kids and the kids liked the teachers! Where the heck was I?”

It was his teachers that Wicker still remembers in vivid detail. From elementary and intermediate algebra teacher Blanche Schmidt, “patient, demanding and a great teacher;” 9th grade Ancient History and 10th grade English teacher David Cox, “he wrote TV scripts in his spare time and made us keep a journal in 10th grade;” to 8th grade English teacher Rick Van



The Wicker family in 2014 – Pam, Bill, Carrie, Molly, Billy, Allison and Amy.

Sanvoord, “we called him ‘Mr. Van’;” 11th grade American History and AP History teacher Arthur O’Hanlon, “he also directed the Acapella Choir;” 9th and 11th grade English teacher Doris Davis, “she never ran out of enthusiasm for literature and vocabulary. It was just amazing the energy she brought to the classroom every day, and Upper School Principal Rodman Pellet, “he seemed omnipresent and he was always teaching. Many times he would stand up in Meeting – his messages were always about life, not school.”

But there was one teacher in particular whom Wicker would draw strength, advice and wisdom for many years to come – Football coach Fred Smith.

“Fred Smith arrived at Friends in 1959 after graduating from SUNY Cortland. He had grown up in Glen Cove in a family of modest means. Unfortunately, his father

died early, when Fred was just 10,” said Wicker. Early in high school Fred decided he wanted to be a coach.

After college, Smith looked for a job on Long Island and when he discovered there were no openings in public school,

approached Friends, and was hired as an assistant Athletic Director.

“I had actually met Coach Smith on my first day at Friends in eighth grade on my way to get a gym locker,” recalled Wicker. “He was 5’10” or so with arms like tree trunks. He had a blonde crew cut (1950s-style) and wore somewhat bookish looking glasses. He seemed like he was all business. NOTE TO SELF: AVOID THIS GUY! Little did I know at that point that he

would become one of the most important people in my life.”

Although Wicker was a member of the basketball and track teams, football was

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BILL WICKER '67: ENDURING LESSONS



Bill Wicker and Head of School Andrea Kelly following Fourth Day Honors this past June.

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his passion – he'd been playing organized football since he was 9. In 11th grade, the FA Varsity Football team would go on to become undefeated, (8-0) where he started on both offense and defense. Perhaps more important than the season were the teachings he was beginning to pick up from Smith.

“He was a tough customer and very demanding,” said Wicker of Smith. “He maintained a very comprehensive philosophy on what it takes to be a good athlete and a successful person. Pride and Desire were his dual themes. You took Pride in everything you did and always had a tremendous Desire to be successful. How you played the game said something about your character – were you mentally prepared, could you play in the heat, the cold, the snow, the rain? Did you make excuses when you missed a play; could you help a teammate who was having a tough day; did

you let down in the fourth quarter? Coach Smith seemed to imply that there was something far greater than football at stake here, but he never said what it was.”

In 1967, Wicker graduated from FA, and turned toward Union College and the prospect of playing collegiate football. After securing a starting position on the Freshman team, Wicker would continue to grow and mature athletically... until an event in his sophomore year that would threaten to change the course of his life.

“Midway through preseason football practice my sophomore year, one morning I could not catch my breath. My heart was racing and beating somewhere about 180- 200 beats per minute and would not slow down normally. I was helped off the field and over the next few hours given an EKG, sent to the team doctor, and hospitalized in the Coronary Care Unit at the local hospital. My heart had returned to normal but the lab tests indicated that something could be seriously wrong.”



Siblings Laura Wicker Hackett '73, Bill Wicker '67 and Rick Wicker '69 at the opening of the Wicker Wellness Center at Union College in 2013.

Wicker would ultimately be diagnosed with Wolff-Parkinson-White Syndrome (WPW), a rare and genetic condition that creates an extra electrical pathway within the heart and can lead to an extremely high heart rate. The result can cause a stroke or cardiac arrest and affects .2% of the population.

Today, the condition can be treated either with medicine or surgically, but in 1968 neither option existed. Wicker was told he could not continue with football at Union and returned two weeks later, crushed and emotionally deflated. Behind in all of his classes and facing a seemingly insurmountable academic challenge, Wicker was ready to give up when a young political science professor asked him to meet after class. “He got right to the point. He said, ‘You know, Bill, there are times in class when you are making a really solid point and then you don’t seem to finish it. Your papers are the same way. What’s going on?’ He added somewhat gravely that he thought that I was ‘settling for less than best of myself.’”

As Wicker walked away from the meeting with these words still ringing in his ears, quite suddenly the advice of Coach Smith came flooding back. “What the professor was saying was that I was ‘quitting.’ In football or other team sports quitting on a play is a serious offense. It will get you benched. I would never do that in a team sport. In short he was telling me that I had no Pride in my work nor did I have the Desire to be excellent.”

With new-found energy, Wicker began his junior year at Union. The academic turnaround was dramatic: his GPA the first two years had been 2.33; it was 3.83 his last two years. “I had always had two value systems – one for academics and one for athletics. It finally occurred to me that if I had two value systems, I really had none at all.” In 1971, Wicker would graduate from Union College Cum Laude and with Distinction in Political Science.

After earning an MBA at Harvard (and meeting his future wife, Pam, in Boston), a



Coach Fred Smith at Friends in 1967.

business school classmate suggested Wicker try out Dallas. “If you ever have a chance to go, you need to go,” he told me. That classmate? George W. Bush.

From there and later in New York, Wicker would alternate between the oil business and investment banking with positions at McKinsey and Co., Texaco, Goldman Sachs and Morgan Stanley. The two industries synchronized for Wicker in the early 1990s. “When I saw

the Berlin Wall come down, I said, that’s where I’m going. I’m going to privatize all the oil companies in Eastern Europe; and then I’m going to work on Russia.” The rapid collapse of communism had created the immediate need for private capital.

With a master’s degree in political science from Indiana University and a firm grasp of the previous Soviet economic system, Wicker instinctively knew that the privatization process was political and not just business. “It was so complex that I didn’t have much competition. Nobody really wanted to get involved in something that might take years.”

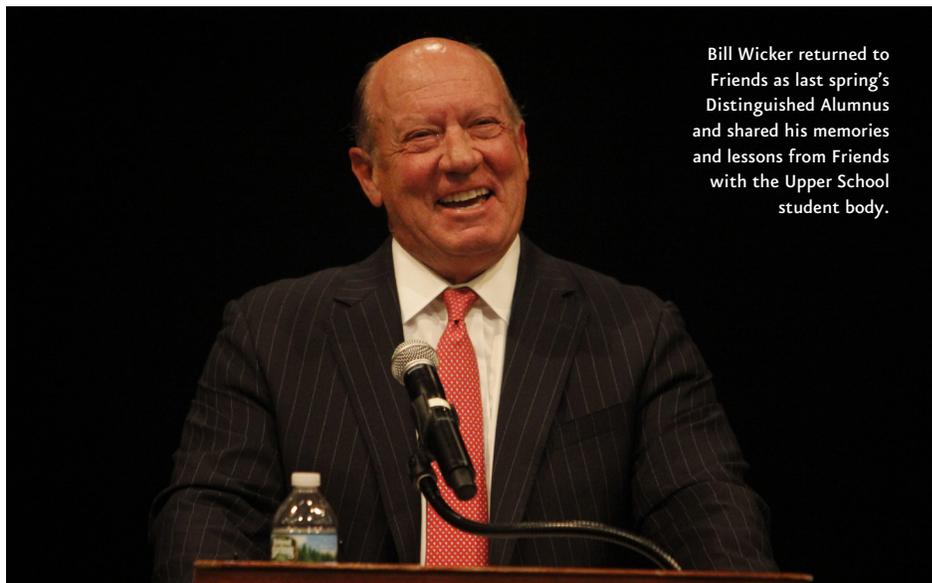
Wicker’s career in privatization would take him into an array of countries – from Brazil, and Argentina, to Japan and China and many more. By 2014, and after weathering the 2009 recession, and at age 65, Wicker decided to “retire” as Vice Chairman, Investment Banking at Morgan Stanley. He now spends his time as an investor in stem cell therapy software, medical devices, liquefied natural gas, and commercial real estate. Bill also continues to be a Trustee at Union College, where he has been on the Board since 2010.

Today, Wicker is the father to five children – Carrie, 40, Billy, 37, Amy, 35, Allison, 28 and Molly, 20. Bill and Pam have been married 44 years.

“When I faced the abrupt end to my athletic career in college I was able to fall back on the things that I had learned at Friends – in particular the enduring philosophy of Fred Smith,” recalled Wicker.

A few years ago, Wicker mentioned Fred Smith to his son, Billy, in conversation, who said, “Dad, this guy Fred Smith you’ve always talked about – how old was he when he was telling you all this?” I thought about this for a minute and I said that I thought Coach Smith was probably in his late 20s when I was at Friends. My son said, “Are you kidding me? This guy wasn’t yet 30 years old and he had all this wisdom?”

I said, “Yeah, come to think of it, I guess that’s right.”



Bill Wicker returned to Friends as last spring’s Distinguished Alumnus and shared his memories and lessons from Friends with the Upper School student body.

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MICHELE PISTONE '82



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A PURPOSEFUL PATH

*Alumna discovers new area of law that leads
to a life of compassion and action for refugee rights*

BY LAUREN MENZIN '81



MICHELE PISTONE '82: A PURPOSEFUL PATH

“[A Quaker education] taught me to find purpose outside myself toward service to others and a duty to those in the community; these were such an integral part of what we did,” Michele Pistone, class of 1982 and current law professor at Villanova, reflected on her time at FA. “I loved Friends Academy. When I think back, I realize how special a place it was and how much of an impact it made on me and the person I have become.”

Michele’s selfless nature and willingness to take chances led her on a personal and professional journey as a leader in immigration law, legal education, technological innovation, human rights advocacy and more. She describes her path as always being “a little obscure...I would never have thought I would spend the bulk of my legal career practicing asylum and refugee law, in fact I did not even know what a refugee was when I graduated law school!”



Michele Pistone
from the 1982
Lamp yearbook.

After studying Business and Economics at NYU in college, she went straight to St. Johns University School of Law. Michele’s first ‘real’ job was in the corporate department of a New York law firm working with major companies and banks as her clients. Looking back, Michele said, “I liked the work – it was fast-paced, involved high stakes and I learned so much about business and finance ...BUT...something was missing, I yearned to do something good for the less privileged members of society. SO I did two things.”

First, in pursuit of this goal, Michele chose to use her ‘position of privilege’ at the firm to raise money for the homeless in NYC. She gathered a group of FA alums and classmates (Jill Ritter Salditt, Pam Sokolow Randall and Ellen Field Greene) along with fellow co-workers, to launch a new organization called New Yorkers Helping the Homeless. For several years they hosted fundraisers at art galleries, sending the proceeds to Women in Need, which provides shelter to women and children.

Second, she took on her first pro bono case helping a young man from Somalia, who fled to the United States with his father (a high-level diplomat whose life was in danger). She recounted, “Wow – what a case that was. I had so much to learn, not just about a new area of law, but about a country on the other side of the world, a culture that was so different than mine.” After months of hard work she won the case, saving the life of the client who was granted asylum in the U.S. and avoided deportation



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back to his home country that was in the midst of a civil war. She recalls, “The feeling was unmatched. I had never done anything as important in my life!” More family members followed and Michele soon became an expert in asylum for Somalia. She was called upon to take on the hardest cases, drawing her further into immigration law which led her to realize “how broken the immigration system really was.”

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MICHELE PISTONE '82: A PURPOSEFUL PATH



Over the years she has won asylum for hundreds of clients from many countries, whom she says has “each taught her lessons in empathy, resilience, and the sheer strength of human character.”

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Michele continued pro bono immigration work until 1995 when her firm offered her the post of Acting Legal Director of Human Rights First in Washington, D.C., where she led a national legislative campaign to preserve asylum protection in the U.S. Through that position she met Philip Schrag at Georgetown, who recruited her to study under him to become a law professor. After teaching for two years, she founded and remains the director of a clinic at Villanova University School of Law – Clinic for Asylum, Refugee and Emigrant Services (CARES). “I started teaching here 20 years ago and have never once thought of it as work.”

It is evident that Michele has taken to heart what she has learned from past mentors and has chosen to guide her students to use their talents to assist others. “I love being a teacher, especially in a clinic. My students learn how to become lawyers by representing asylum seekers in immigration court. They learn by doing – there is no better way. Being there for a client is life-changing and it gives students a sense

of purpose and a reason to learn beyond earning a grade. It also sets them up to think of their careers as a way to serve others. Those were the lessons that were instilled in me at Friends and I pay them forward in my own teaching.”

At a training event for new professors, participants were asked to identify a teacher or person who made a difference in their lives. “Most named famous law professors. My answer was Frank Brogan (from Friends). He was very special... he taught me things about myself that, at the time, I didn’t know.” She was grateful to have had the chance to visit him and his wife a few years before his passing, telling him how influential he was.” He believed in me and encouraged me to take chances.” Mr. Schwarz, her Spanish teacher, had a great impact on her as well, helping her to develop confidence in speaking another language, (which has come in handy with her many clients from Central America). She noted how special the teachers were at Friends because they gave individualized instruction and challenged their students.

Michele’s career trajectory has been circuitous, yet steady, as her determination and willingness to be open to new ideas have driven her interests into action. She is an adjunct Fellow with the Clayton Christensen Institute for Disruptive Innovation. Application of this theory to education seems to have been a perfect niche for her to build upon and cultivate groundbreaking work – *Disrupting Law School: How disruptive innovation will revolutionize the legal world.*



Michele co-authored this book about disrupting education at the law school level.

She explained that during the economic crisis ten years ago there was a drastic reduction in applicants to law schools and increased critique of the legal academy. At the time she created Villanova’s clinical program, she saw the need for a more practical model of legal education. Her economics background guided her to combine a business model and technology to make legal education more sustainable. This work has propelled her to become a leader in the incorporation of online technologies in law school teaching and to ultimately found LegalEd, an online community of scholars.

Michele is a regular speaker, hosting conferences with legal authorities from around the world and her TEDx on the Future of Higher Education has been viewed over 13,000 times (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nsiQ6-JTOWM>). She was inspired by the first TEDx she ever saw by Sir Ken Robinson. “He used the analogy of moving people through education as an assembly line in industrialization – and it clicked with me. I thought I could use technology for more personalized learning and meet people where they are!”

MICHELE PISTONE '82: A PURPOSEFUL PATH



Michele's 2012 TEDTalk has drawn over 13,000 views. In it, she discusses the evolution and revolution of online learning.

As co-author of one book on migration related to Catholic social thought, her background has even led Michele to the appointment of Advisor on Migration to the Holy See Mission to the United Nations, where she recently attended a conference on the Global Compact of Migration. She is notably honored by this opportunity.

Michele is equally enthusiastic about her latest venture launching in 2020: VIISTA – Villanova Interdisciplinary Immigration Studies Training for Advocates, a new online certification program to train immigrant advocates, which also includes one of her classmates, Jane *Newkirk* Brady, as a student. “This really brings together all of my interests and is transformative.” Graduates will be able to apply to become accredited legal representatives who are authorized to appear for immigrants and asylum seekers before the immigration courts and Department of Homeland Security. This program will help to target people in communities with limited access and will allow non-lawyers to represent them. She espouses the comprehensive view that immigration law is an “interdisciplinary subject,” which needs to be approached from many perspectives. Just to start, there are the cultural and

“I have always followed my own path and I think I learned it was okay to be me at Friends Academy.”

language barriers. In teaming up with different departments at the University to build on the core curriculum she created, she has enlisted retired immigration judges who understand the complex issues involved. “There is currently no program like it... we plan for it to be offered nationally. It will demonstrate that we can add additional layers, akin to physician’s assistant into the legal services ecosystem.”

When asked what she would like to personally highlight, she is quick to respond, “Anything that brings more attention to the plight of refugees is the greatest gift.”

Michele Pistone’s compassionate outlook and boundless contributions to teaching and helping others are far-reaching, and no doubt infinitely impactful. Over the years she has won asylum for hundreds of clients from many countries, whom she says has “each taught her lessons in empathy, resilience and the sheer strength of human character. I am so fortunate to do the work I do and it is a privilege to work with refugees. They teach me so much and remind me not to take for granted the values that our forefathers fought so hard to protect – the right to practice your religion, to express your political beliefs... to be.”



DIGNA NOSIKE '09

JOURNEY TOWARD

A CURE

Alum chases
cancer with goal
to remedy
social inequalities
in healthcare

BY HAYLEY KUCHICH '03

On the surface, Digna Nosike '09 is like so many recent graduates of college and graduate schools – eager to take on the world around them. But, you will quickly see upon closer look that Digna is actually more like “one of a kind,” in that she actually wants to just help those around her and those to come. She enrolled at Friends Academy in the sixth grade and, during that year, she quickly learned that she was in a unique academic environment.

She explains, “My educational experience was punctuated by defining moments inside and outside of the classroom. For example, I participated in trips taken during the academic year to communities off campus. In these communities, my classmates and I would complete activities uniquely designed to equip us with the skills needed to address greater social challenges. Additionally,



Digna Nosike from the 2009 Lamp yearbook.

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DIGNA NOSIKE '09: JOURNEY TOWARD A CURE

we were encouraged to take a course on poverty and homelessness. Through these experiences, I learned to fearlessly pursue my academic goals and to 'bear the light' — to be an arbiter of hope and a catalyst for social change. Interestingly, the mission statement of the school, "Strong Minds, Kind Hearts" highlights its deeply rooted commitment to academic excellence and service. This mission aligns with my academic and career goals. Social inequalities are magnified in a healthcare setting, therefore, I am committed to improving healthcare outcomes for marginalized, vulnerable populations."

Presently, Digna is pursuing a career in medicine in research at the Stony Brook University School of Medicine and she aspires to eliminate inequalities in healthcare locally and globally. Her life's mission is to become a physician-scientist. Of note, her research pursuits have given her an opportunity to explore, in depth, the biological mechanisms that underlie human disease.

Digna's pursuit of a career in research and medicine began at Barnard College where she, as a Neuroscience and Behavior major, participated in a two-year laboratory placement program and completed an independently designed study at the Fifer laboratory, a National Institutes of Health (NIH) funded research group at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. As an undergraduate researcher, she studied the effects of maternally mediated exposures on the developing fetus, early learning and memory, behavioral and cortical activity during environmental challenges, development of brain regulation during sleep and assessment of risk for neurological disorders.

Digna continues to explain, "I was eager to build on my experience as a budding researcher and was deeply committed to the study of health disparities in a novel setting; therefore, I joined the Pogo laboratory, a research group at the Icahn School of Medicine that

"I am committed to improving healthcare outcomes for marginalized, vulnerable populations."



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elucidated the relationship between viral infection and breast cancer pathogenesis. As a research trainee, I extracted DNA from human tissue samples, utilized polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and southern blot techniques to amplify and isolate DNA sequences, respectively. Additionally, I used radioactive and fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) procedures to locate the position of complementary viral sequences on human chromosomes."

She then advanced her pursuit of a career in research and medicine as a researcher at Matus laboratory, a research group at Stony Brook University. As a student in the Masters in Physiology and Biophysics program, Digna learned, at an introductory level, how to design and build gene blocks. As a medical student,

she participated in the Scholarly Research Program (SCP) last summer. This experience afforded her an opportunity to work closely with Dr. Michael Pearl and Dr. Wen-Tien Chen, whose studies have demonstrated that invasive circulating tumor cells (iCTCs) may be a biomarker for endothelial ovarian cancer.

Moving forward, Digna hopes to devote a year of study to research. She explains, "As a research fellow, I aspire to continue my investigation of the prognostic determinants of gynecologic malignancies. I aim to use the expertise and skills I acquire to eliminate disparities in gynecologic cancer locally and globally."

It is through Digna's core beliefs instilled in her at home, then at Friends Academy, and then at her higher education institutions, that she has turned a passion into a reality; one based in research, and science, and dedication to the hope that one day a cure will be found for all those who suffer from disease.



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An avid athlete throughout his Friends career, Bill credits the coaching wisdom he received at FA central to changing the course of his life.



2017: TODD JACOBS '93 –

Senior Vice President for Social Responsibility for the NBA, Todd used the power of sport to bring people together and change lives.



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Deeply affected by the 1980s HIV epidemic, Larry devotes his career to developing a technology to prevent transfusion-transmitted infections.



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Founder of Social Promise, an organization that supports critical health and educational resources in impoverished Ugandan communities.



2013: MARJA BRANDON '79 –

Life-long educator and educational innovator helps found and cement a school for girls based on her Quaker beliefs.



2012: BARBARA BOYLE WEANER '73 –

Establishes rural clinics to treat patients with chronic kidney disease; uses organic farming to educate others about sustainability.



2011: PETER GALBRAITH '56 –

Leaves dental practice and private sector to answer Quaker-inspired calling in public health.



2010: SUSAN STEIN DANOFF '60 –

An inner-city family court judge with a heart and mind continually open to service.



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Marion Frahm Tincknell shares that she has been traveling around the world, having enjoyed a month-long cruise, which included tours in New Zealand, the eastern and northern coasts of Australia, the Great Barrier Reef, Komodo Island, and Bali. She and Les were honored by a YES, WE CAN! Luncheon at a Midland arts organization, Creative 360, which acknowledges the activities and contributions of people over 80. The year was capped off with a surprise birthday party, with her entire family arriving on her doorstep to exclaim "Happy Birthday," which was followed the next day by an even bigger celebration with family and friends at the Country Club. She notes, "I have not yet floated back to earth! Let me recommend reaching YOUR 90th birthday!"

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Sandy Abramson reports that he is still happily living in his Cold Spring Harbor house, and enjoys reading about how well Friends is doing. **Janet Boeing Francis** and Rich now live at 257 Ramsay Hill Rd., Walpole, NH 03608. Tel 603-756-2552. They have a new Tibetan Terrier puppy, who is a joy but lots of work, and sensibly spend half of January, February, and March in Florida. With a group of local families, they bought a town-owned golf course to ensure that it would not be developed, and preserve the beautiful, green open space. **Doris Atwater Bowensch**, long an avid gardener, has taken a landscape design course and helps out her retirement residence in Wayland, MA with perennial plantings. **Connie Bryson** still makes her home in East Brunswick, NJ, brightened by a pair of lovebirds she has kept for about fifteen years. Her daughter Jeanie Bryson, a musician, has made a documentary film, *Sing You a Brand New Song* and an album about her husband Coleman Mellett, also a musician and songwriter, who died in a tragic plane crash. A story of love, music and friendship, the film and album were released in February 2019 on the 10th anniversary of the accident. Both feature

high-profile jazz musicians. **George Cadwell** has not worked in over two years and enjoys retirement immensely. Speaking of work, his book *American Dream* about his long career at Flanders Filters and on the company's rise has been published. He rides his bike twelve miles almost every day, setting a good example for the rest of us to engage in regular exercise. Last summer he enjoyed a week in Siesta Key, FL with 26 of his immediate family. And what a family it is: eleven children between himself and Myrna, 25 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and six great-great-grandchildren! **Peggy Egan Alley** and husband Brian, now in a life-care residence, celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary last June. **Mary Foster Everett** has been at her current home in West Hartford, CT for 9 years. While she has relinquished her position in the League of Women Voters, she continues on the board of Hartford's Community Renewal Team and continues to enjoy water aerobics. **John Galbraith** has been reasonably healthy except for an eye problem. He and Susan are enjoying their children and grandchildren, who are in the area, and are planning to visit his brother in Vermont this fall. **Art Geoffrion** and Helen are doing fine, though her memory problems now curtail their travel. Their daughters don't live nearby, but the family manages to convene regularly. Two grandsons are freshmen at Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo, and another a junior at UT, Austin. His active interests include genealogy, good music, non-fiction, and three stimulating discussion circles. **Steffie Giardino Dobrinin** has a new year-round address: 11 Devonshire Way, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33418. This is a life-care community with many amenities. Fil Graff and Robbie, still in St. Thomas, PA after 20 years, currently have their son and his wife and pets – who are relocating from Florida – living with them while house-hunting. **Jim Graham** had a health issue come up last July, and treated it with CyberKnife and an immunotherapy drug. So far, so good. He has been working out regularly in a gym for more than a year and continues his work as a Zoning Officer. **Naomi Johnson Dempsey** and Clark Denslow have limited their traveling to seeing family in Maryland, Arizona, Nantucket, where Clark's youngest daughter lives year-round. The rest of Clark's family live nearby in Madison, CT. She and Clark enjoy having the many activities of the Connecticut shore so handy. **Pete Klinge** and Sandy are doing fine and enjoying their grandchildren. They have a project going that we should all undertake if we haven't gotten to it yet – going through and organizing masses of old letters and cards, richly laden with memories, family history, and even some surprises. **Joan Konvalinka Hawkins** and George are enjoying retirement. They go up to their house in Waitsfield, VT from time to time. Two of their children's families are still in the area, while Jack's family is

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now in Austin, TX and Peter's family is in Ohio. **Keville Larson** and Weezie are dealing with the usual assortment of health problems. They go to a lot of basketball games, thanks to two athletic granddaughters in the area, and their Texas-based son visits several times a year. Keville still makes it into the woods every so often. **Quin Munson** writes that all is well with him. **Owen Smith** still chairs the Board of Trustees of The Institute for World Politics. From Palm Beach recently, where he was hosting a dinner at Mar a Lago for their Master's program, he mentioned that he expects to be off his walker soon. **Walda Whiteley** has a new email address: waldawhiteley@gmail.com. She fondly remembers **Bruce's** friendly classmates at the 2005 reunion and is grateful for their help in publishing his book. We are deeply saddened to report the deaths of **Rick Randall** on Nov. 20, 2017, survived by his wife Sally, a daughter, two sons, and six grandchildren; of **Woody Glenn** on July 22, 2018, survived by his wife Glo, two sons, and a daughter; and of **Phyllis Wood Ponvert** on Aug. 8, 2018, survived by a son and five grandchildren.

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Sue Guerin Dundon -- Husband Ron survived a horrendous car accident and is doing well in recovery. They moved to Sarasota, FL, so that Ron can play tennis all year. He is a retired Federal Prosecutor of organized crime. Sue states, "I'm compelled to say that cross examination is more

suited to a courtroom than in one's home." She misses her 1855 restored French farmhouse, but is happily ensconced in a small townhouse called "Treehouse" in Pelican Cove. Sue's new address is: 1700 Treehouse Circle, T-132, Sarasota, FL 34231. **Dr. Robert Pickles** – enjoys semi-retirement by working in a local hospital helping smokers. He places the patients in a pressure tank and brings them to 150' below sea level. Bob spends one month in Florida looking for Burlwood which he turns into wood bowls that sell for \$500. He will take phone orders. While lurking about in Florida, he might meet **Judy Reeve Davidson**, who is vacationing there with her daughter. **Judy Reeve Davidson** – Judy's husband Ken retires this year from 50-odd years of Professoring – 40 at Dartmouth Tuck School of Business. Judy plans to lead an Osher course next Fall about the fascinating Sonoran Desert, where they live part time. After taking a Balkans history course at U. of AZ this winter, they are celebrating with a Viking Cruise and excursions along the Adriatic Coast and Greece in late June. **Julia Uris** – Reports that two grandchildren graduated from college and the other four are still working towards their degrees. She sends her best to classmates. Thanks, Julia, but I think you should send your best to your kids who must pay for all that college. **Sam Sugden** – Retired from his Law Practice. He lives in Clayton, Georgia and winters in his home in Mustique in

the Grenadines. Sam and wife Diane are married 52 years and their children live in Atlanta and Billings, MO. **Jim Sykes** – is off to an eight-night cruise from Lisbon to London. He will spend time in Normandy on tour by David Eisenhower II. **John Froehlich** – is planning a trip to Santa Fe to spend time with his kids. He expresses great frustration with the current state of our government. **Gerry Bocian** – is still involved with clinical research trials. His company is moving to larger quarters after doing 65 clinical trials since 2012. His company is referred by the Mayo Clinic. He is on the recovery from a few spinal operations, but said he is doing great. **Steve Sundgaard** – is retired and spends time with wife Marie on South Padre Island. He is contemplating Stem Cell Therapy rather than replacement on his hip. Sorry Steve, let's face it, we have reached the age of replacement parts. **David Seeler** – I am still working full time at The Bayberry in Amagansett. My wife Ngaere and I are enjoying Opera late in life. We will do Glynbourne and Garsington in England in June, Santa Fe Opera in August, Salzberg and Vienna Opera over Christmas, and the Paris Opera the following Spring. Great fun!! Don't forget to support Annual Giving at Friends. That's where we thank Friends Academy for getting us into great colleges.

1960

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Time for another reunion, "60 Reunion 60." Ten years is not too bad a wait after the last – Thursday, October 15, 2020 in Virginia Beach. Start planning now. If you did not get e-mail with bulletin 26#, please contact me so I can get the address list up to date.

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Randi Reeve Filoon writes: "We are still spending most of our time in Sun Valley – hitting the

cross-country ski trails in the winter and the Big Wood River for fly fishing when it isn't frozen! Lots of music, theatre, and lectures here all year so we keep busy and stimulated. I am feeling very good about working for The Hunger Coalition out here. We help provide food for hundreds of families in our Valley and beyond. We also have a project called BLOOM in the summer where people help grow and harvest food for themselves as well as for our Hunger Coalition. Our family home in Hyannis Port had a very bad electrical fire a year and half ago. After over a year of difficult dealings with our insurance company, we will finally move back in the end of June. We are totally enjoying our kids and seven grandchildren. Boy, do they keep us smiling and busy! My Mother passed away last February at the ripe age of 101. She remained clear as a bee up to the very end. We feel so lucky to have had her for so long." **Melissa Fox** writes: On the last day of August in 2016, I retired from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. I'd worked seven years in the Libraries [Administrative Assistant in Director's Office, Library Assistant in Aero/Astro and Engineering] and nearly seven years supporting the Director of the Center for Global Change Science – his group dealt with atmospheric gases, and he traveled worldwide along with teaching graduates and undergrads, and advising doctoral students. Life was never dull! And it still isn't, as I am serving my college class as Secretary for five years, as well as helping recruit speakers for the local garden club, assisting at worship for my church – sorting materials for their archives, hosting coffee hours – plus other duties. And I've been traveling to see far-flung [U.S.] family and friends, with a bit of overseas visiting. For a few years, I have been assisting a nonagenarian to get out to appointments both medical and social. A year ago I helped her clear out her apartment – a painful and painstaking challenge – when she had to move into long-term care. I'm still winding up some chores, as she died unexpectedly in December. She had some fascinating stories about her professional career... Early on she had worked in public relations at the Plaza in New York and opened other hotels for the Hiltons. I miss her, and am inspired for my current major project, to declutter my own apartment and storage. Alas, there are decades of files – bet I have Christmas cards as far back as 1966. And of course all my yearbooks from FA; still have a sweatshirt from 7th grade sports – a slightly hole-y relic! **Sandra (Sandi) Roy Holland** writes: "At **Randi Reeve Filoon's** suggestion I am writing to add a few notes for your Alumni newsletter. Although I did not graduate from Friends Academy, I did attend it from 5th grade through 10th grade and still remember it with the fondest memories. I live full time now on Nantucket Island, 30 miles to sea. I have lived here year round now, since 1980,

and feel blessed to be in this very special and historic place. I live with my life partner Alfred Sanford, who is an architect and lifelong sailor and designer of sailboats. We are fortunate to each have one of our children and their children living here year-round as well. My son, Tucker Holland, and his wife Michelle and their three children live here, and Alfie's daughter, Chloe, and her husband, Geoff, and their one child live here as well. The Holland family started an Antiques and Interior Design business here in 1973. For those of you who may travel here, it is located directly across from the Yacht Club. It is called Nantucket House Antiques and Interior Design, Inc. We specialize in country antiques (English, American, and Canadian) and have had a wonderful time through the years traveling and meeting many wonderful customers from all over the country and beyond. I was lucky enough to work on some wonderful private projects, but also some for the Town, including the renovation of the town's historic library (the Nantucket Atheneum), as well as the renovation and restoration of the Town's historic theater (The Dreamland.) I am happily still in touch with a few members of the class of '62! Still remember running down the hill after school to get a Good Humor – how magical was that? I wish the Good Humor man was still around for my grandchildren though we have something like that here. As Randi mentioned, our grandchildren are the joy of our lives, both those here and those living in Jackson, Boston, and Miami. Hoping you are all well and happy to be back in touch. Love, Sandra Ray Holland (Sandi) P.S. I loved Meeting once a week, and live just two blocks from a Meeting House here on Nantucket. Nantucket was established by Quakers. Amazing how small the world can be." **Dr. Chip Malcolm** writes: "Nance and I have five grandchildren all living within 10 miles so we see them often and also get drafted for duty during school closures, school days off, etc. Nance and I are well. I'm now four and-a-half years out from closing out the 40 years of Ob-Gyn practice. I am back on the new consolidated school board for our Middlebury-centered district. After serving 15 years then, off for 15, now back on, the Ed world is changing rapidly with the state controlling 75% of the funding. I also spend time involved with Opera Company of Middlebury, the only professional opera company in Vermont. It has been great fun seeing the productions evolve from auditions in NYC to the final product. Nance and I are entrenched in the community and with our kids and grandkids here, we aren't going anywhere. I very seldom get to LI, mostly dealing with the Jericho Friends Meeting House and burying ground. I do occasionally talk to Rob Vorisek in Kentucky. We owned standardbred racehorses together for years. Retirement helped end that 'investment.'" As for me, **Andy Merton**, Gail and

I continue to be active in political and cultural affairs. One highlight: Last March 24 we were among hundreds of thousands who marched down Central Park West in the rally masterfully organized by survivors of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School massacre in Parkland, FL, the previous month. Back home, I've continued to write – my third book of poetry, *Final Exam* was published by Accents Publishing early this year. In it you will find, among other things, a scholarly inquiry into the origins of the vexing riddle of why the chicken crossed the road; an explanation of why tubas and walruses are rarely romantically linked; an account of angels searching in vain for the perfect head of a pin on which to dance; and, of course, a description of the Final Exam. (Shameless plug – you can get a copy through amazon.com or directly from the publisher at <http://www.accents-publishing.com/>.) And Gail sings with, and writes the program notes for, the excellent Community Chorus of South Berwick, Maine. But the big news is the advent of our first grandchild. Our daughter Rachel brought forth Kirby Andrew Seidel last July. Rachel is a nurse practitioner working in the trauma unit of the Duke University Medical Center, so Kirby's arrival has meant numerous trips for Gail and me from our home in Durham North (NH) to hers, in Durham South (NC).

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I am proud of “us.” A new year's greeting was sent out, and a barrage of “reply all” messages fluttered back during the next day. All that day's pleasant thoughts have continued as I have

gathered news for this column. The general feeling was that we are getting old, but doing it fairly well. **Eric Koster** hasn't thought of retiring yet, and his co-workers find his mental lapses “endearing.” **Steve Beslity's** retirement is almost complete. **Mike Bruce** does a lot of charity work, and mixes it with being a cowboy; he says he can “still rope and brand with the young guys.” **Peggy Attridge Young** is toughing it out too; without much detail, she expressed great delight and gratitude that she can still golf, walk on the beach, and even swim, although she lost part of one leg. She is retired but has made a second career of “giving back.” **Marianne Darbee Pecoraro** is loving life in South Carolina, and has thumbed her nose at three different types of cancer over the years. **Joe Williams** follows the seasons north and south, still works, but mixes it with golf and charity work. **Angela Van Rynbach** splits her year between Shelter Island and Puerto Rico. At the north end of her year, she is the doting great aunt to a tribe of kids, helps keep the island beautiful with the garden club and the youth group it sponsors. She enjoys local politics. **Barbara Kemp**, alive and well in San Francisco, also wrote of family and politics. My shirt-tail cousin Jack Beuttell now resides in Virginia, and **Wendy Miller Coslett** is preparing for a South America cruise as I prepare this column. **Bill Benjamin** splits his time between California and Massachusetts, and found himself on the Cape talking to a gal that was part of the local rowing club. The conversation meandered along, and he discovered that he was talking to **Carol Curran Lyall!** Carol really loves her little village at the base of the Cape. **Larry Piro** and I had a long conversation a while ago; he is in New Hampshire raising grapes, berries, fruit, and following his dream. Further up the coast, **Dave Laemmler** wrote that he has been in Maine since 1972 and “still can't wait for the next day!” He now works as a hobby in his new workshop at home. He still tinkers and loves goin' fast. **Mike Brown**, near Boston, is retired but still tends his “fleet” of small boats. He mentioned that a pier in Gloucester Harbor was named in honor of **Harriet Merton Webster**. We Googled her very impressive obituary, which also noted Jonathan as her “high school sweetheart.” **Dave Pratt** is in eastern Vermont, and says there is always room for visitors. **Susy Deane Norton** surprised me with a phone call from her place in Vermont recently. She talked with my wife for half an hour until I came home and then we talked until her phone battery died. Nice. Every few months I talk with **Brandt Rising** and **Jay Tucker**. Both are well. Brandt and Sandy are moving from their house to the Field House, the venue of four (?) of our class reunions. Our new class reunion website is fa65.us. I had to abandon the old fa65.com website because it was terribly difficult to update it. I re-wrote it with WordPress. The website contains the complete e-mails that are

referenced in this note, plus many pictures and older postings. Each class member has a page that is linked from an index page. Check it out!

1966

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So what are we septuagenarians up to? **Nancy Gad-Harf** hosted a mini-class reunion with **Nancy Rauch Douzinas** and **Sally Hubbard Cronk**, a tour of the resurging Detroit was a highlight. Plans are in the works for another reunion in 2019! I spend a few days in July making Pysanky in Wilkes Barre, PA. On the way home I had the pleasure of visiting **Betsy Gordon Kirk** and her husband Carey along the banks of the Leigh River at their family compound. Betsy and Carey enjoyed travelling to the Washington, D.C. area to visit their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughter, Lena, over the New Year holiday. Brandt and I are moving from our house of 40 years to the Fieldhouse where we have had a couple reunions. We are presently resting up in Islamorada before we tackle the task of moving. I had a pleasant conversation with **Priscilla Newell Terry**. As you might remember, Priscilla and her husband moved to NM after retirement. She enjoys hiking and fishing, feeling much more like 50 than 70. She has learned to paddleboard on a nearby lake and hopes to take the zip line across the lake next year. She also helps with the Ruidoso Chamber of Commerce and with a local food bank. Seems life is busier in retirement than when working as a language teacher. **Bill Young** writes: We did make the move at the end of August to Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury (svwc.org) in Winchester, VA (about 70 miles east of McLean, and about 20 miles south of MA's hometown of Martinsburg WV). We are in a nice two-bedroom, two-bath apartment, with housekeeping once a week, and a maintenance dept. to call if we need a light bulb replaced, let alone something significant. It has been a big change – bigger emotionally and physically than we could really appreciate until we made the move and began the process of settling in. We are still getting organized and getting all our boxes unpacked, figuring out picture hanging, etc., etc. The whole downsizing bit is more than a little daunting and an ongoing effort, as is the process of learning all the ins and outs of our new community, where and how we fit in, and new routines. But, everyone, staff and residents, has been very nice and welcoming. There are lots of activities that have kept us busy along with the move itself, and we remain convinced it was the right thing to do at the right

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Reunion!



Members of the Class of 1963 enjoy catching up at their 55th Reunion at the Jackson House.

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 three 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

~ 55TH REUNION ~

★ 1963 ★

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. Elin *Mainwaring* Richards attended all weekend as she was living in Glen Cove taking care of her

mom at the time. Diane and Mel Stanley also settled in for the weekend with us!

Several classmates e-mailed us, including Bruce Birkett who is still in Portugal. Steve Lapham also wrote that he 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!



HOMECOMING REUNIONS – OCTOBER 2018



Members of the Class of 1968 tour Friends Academy during their 50th Reunion in October.

~ 50TH REUNION ~

★ 1968 ★

This has been a noteworthy year for the class of '68.

First, Lesley Graham, our class rep has passed the baton to me after 50 years of commendable work and success in keeping us connected to each other. It is truly amazing what she has given us. Everyone has expressed utmost gratitude and appreciation. On behalf of us all, Thank You, Lesley! I will work to honor your legacy.

Second, Our 50TH REUNION (drum roll). Many wrote about how meaningful the day was and hoped we could get together again. From our President, Johnny Malcolm: "It was obviously overwhelming for me to have 50-60 years of my life and memories collide on itself at one moment in public, but it was wonderful to hear of everyone else's voyages passing through more than one generation and how great everyone was looking and doing.

It amazed me how little Locust Valley and Bayville have changed and it was a treat to see the improvements at Friends, with the Theater and Library. Seeing the old girl's gym was powerful for me since it was such a shared center of morning Assembly and the walk back up to classes, Christmas and drama programs (and Robert Kennedy!), proms and decorating, printing tickets and hiring bands. I discovered

that perhaps by not having children kept these memories more uncovered for me, but like a tattoo that could be on my shoulders, they are always with me, although not in easy view." Janice Gatty summed it up beautifully: "The experience was unexpectedly extraordinary and uplifting. Who knew? I was nervous about seeing everyone, but many people helped pave the way.

Thanks to Lucinda for her valiant efforts to reach as many of our classmates as possible, arrange details of the Homecoming event and for finding a lovely venue to dine and visit. Thanks to Steve Tilden for writing the most insightful, engaging notes full of internal musings, self-effacing humor, related to our age and stage in life, and history of shared adolescence, as we planned the visit. I miss the

notes. Thanks to Mary Watkins for suggesting we gather in silence to begin the day (and for bringing name tags and markers to reduce the embarrassing first greetings!). It was familiar and welcoming to gather with our class in the Meeting House as we did 50 years ago.

The contributions of each person who attended Meeting were careful, intimate, heartfelt and meaningful. They spoke to those relationships formed at a time in our lives when we were just beginning to know ourselves. And now that we know ourselves (but are not dead), they were characterized by gratitude, acceptance, grace and love supported by the Quaker roots and context of the setting. It made the experience wonderful and memorable.

Thanks to Johnny Malcolm for showing up. To those who were unable to attend, you were missed, talked about, and toasted." And as Steve Tilden wrote in his popular "Strained Beliefs" e-mail: "Throughout the day, it was unbelievably exciting to be listening and sharing the events of our lives. At the end of the day, I took everybody's story home it its own glass cup to steep, sample and reflect." I also agree wholeheartedly with Lucinda Abbe: "It seems to me, we are a resourceful and gifted group of people, with good hearts and minds; the kind of people I would like to spend time with. I hope our meetings continue." Greg Tarone, too, hopes to reconvene in the near future at the Meeting House, "our unifying symbol." He even quoted Andrew Marvel's To His Coy Mistress to make his point that we should giddy up: "But at my back I always hear/Time's winged chariot hurrying near..." Brought Roger Erickson to my mind. I nominate Greg to lead the effort for our next reunion. Anyone second?



The Class of 1968 gather for Meeting at the Matinecock Meeting House, following Fall Fair & Homecoming.

HOMECOMING REUNIONS – OCTOBER 2018

~ 25TH REUNION ~

★ 1993 ★

We can't believe it has been 25 years since we graduated from Friends Academy!

Natalia and I had so much fun planning the reunion. It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces that came from near and far to attend. Pictured in the photo from left to right; Rosemary Alley, Joe Bonventure, Becky Seamen, Kenyatt Godbolt, Chris Rovengo, Mary Beth Kelly, Amanda Valente, Todd Jacobson, Amanda Levy, Jesse Lasserson, Jessie Shafer, PJ Mcclusker, Danielle Valenti, Leslie Lowenthal, Adam Good, Natalia Porcelli, Tim Kane, Jim Gilles and Sandy Lyon. Not pictured is John Winik, who was also in attendance. It was a great evening and hope to see everyone at the 30th reunion!

– Danielle and Natalia



Members of the Class of 1993 reunite for a homecoming dinner.



HOMECOMING REUNIONS – OCTOBER 2018

~ 20TH REUNION ~

★ 1998 ★



Members of the Class of 1998 celebrate their 20th reunion.

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time. We have already had the pleasure of watching someone else cut the grass and do other yard work, and of gazing out at the first snow while someone else does the shoveling. We can walk inside from our apartment to meals and the gym and swimming pool, and I can get outside for a run (well, jog) around the community without dodging 40 cars with drivers all looking at the Waze app and thinking our side streets are a clever short cut, only to get stuck because other traffic keeps them from making the turn back onto a main road (grrrr!). Meanwhile, Mary Anne has developed a number of new walking routes. And, there is the comfort of knowing that if we toppled over during a jog or a walk or a stint on the treadmill or elsewhere, someone would notice and take action. Plus, since it is a continuing care community; if there comes a time when we are no longer able to deal with independent living, we can move to assisted living or other levels of care as may be appropriate down the road. (Which means that, as a CCRC, there is in effect a need to err on the side of moving too soon rather than too late, since you have to move in to independent living). To add to the excitement, I had to have cataract surgery on my left eye in November. More than a little disconcerting to have the doctor stick a probe in your eye, break up the lens with an ultrasound, and replace it with a piece of plastic, all in about an hour or so, mostly under local anesthetic with the doctor talking to you. But the results are quite marvelous. Before it was almost like looking through wax paper with that eye; now everything is bright and clear. Truly amazing. Leaving the McLean house was particularly poignant, since it will be, or may already be, a teardown. But, we were able to sell it to a former neighbor, who is a custom house builder and who gave us a very good price. And because he was really buying the lot, we did the sale with no contingencies, no inspections, no septic system issues, no staging the house and having people coming through, and no real estate agent commission. Could not have been neater or cleaner. Sign the deed and cash the check. Plus we got to stay in place rent-free after the closing while we dealt with the logistics of the move. So here we are. Respectfully submitted, Sandy Rising '66.

1967

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From **Regis McKenna**: Hope you guys are well. We're struggling with the fall-out from the fire near Chico. It's still less than 50% contained after ten days and the smoke makes it look like

a very foggy day. It's eerie because the sunlight is yellowish and twilight starts by 3:00, even though we're three hours away from it. A lot of people are now wearing these masks, which are very hot and uncomfortable. Schools are all closed but it's very quiet out since people have been told to stay indoors. We had been looking at relocating to Chico for the last year, but I don't know what will happen now with 30,000 extra homeless people. Paradise kind of looked like Lake Tahoe without the lake, with mostly retirees, but now has not just been damaged, but wiped clean. I cringe when the news binges on hurricanes in Florida, but smelling the fire opens some primeval fear in everyone. Now, one of the shelters has had an outbreak of norovirus on top of everything. These folks can't seem to catch a break. P.S. – our AQ index is at 212 today. From **Diane Williams Murphy**: Hello to everyone from the West Coast! LA has been cold and rainy – but a fast start to the year and it is warming up! I'm enjoying my first grandchild, Rose, now 8 months, who of course is perfect in every way. I'm taking her and her parents (in that order) to France this summer (can never be too early). In business, all is great, but of course I work in disruptive technologies so trying to change world in every way for the better – from autonomous cars to flying taxis, to new space launch systems that don't use fuel... to a vaccine to prevent Alzheimer's. Also, great to see one of my clients was the lead act at the Oscars this week (Astrophysicist Brian May, who you know as lead guitarist for QUEEN, but of course my connection to him is Planetary Science.) It is of course sad to see how many in our class are no longer with us. We initiated conversations on how to remember them through Alumni dona-



Regis McKenna '67



Diane Williams Murphy's granddaughter, Rose

tions – still looking for the best idea – so send them in. From **Brad Lovette**: 2019 started off well. Ikuyo and I spent Christmas week at Lake Como and New Year's in Venice. But February had an entirely different vibe – interesting in the sense of the Chinese curse, "May you live in interesting times." Let me count the ways. Case 1. I've been kicked out of my house a total of 10 days for termite tenting (an initial schedule was cancelled on account of Florida downpour); Case 2. Someone T-boned my rolling sculpture of a car in a parking lot seconds after as I finished a dealership service call; took a day to turn it to the body shop in and get a rental to tide me over for the two months it will take to repair; and of course there was the obligatory day getting unnecessary X-rays of a gimpy knee and hip replacement and a CT of my dicey neck. Case 3. Next up, they break my septum to fix the obstructive nose John Malcom and Glenn Harris broke for me in wrestling. The distinctive right hand twist has always served as a lasting reminder to me of my fine times at FA. Otherwise everything here is just swell. From **Peter Lyman**: Katy and I are well and still in Santa Barbara. I've had the pleasure of communicating with so many of my high school classmates since our 50th reunion. I'm still working as an insurance broker and Katy continues to give of herself as a caregiver. Our vacations consist of rotational visits to see our ten grandchildren, mostly throughout the South. Looking forward to our 55th. From **Fernando (Chico) Moreno**: I continue to work in the area of Risk Management here in Connecticut and my wife Emma continues to teach in a Charter School in New Haven. There is a new grandchild, Jackson Dean,

who is now number seven and will be one year old in March of this year. This past summer John Watson, a friend of our entire class, and I had our annual lunch together in Niantic to catch up on family news and enjoy some beverages. Can't wait for spring to go out and fish on the Ursa II our lobster boat and right now we just keep the wood stove burning to keep this "OLD HOUSE" nice and warm over a long winter. Hi to all in the class!!

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Thanks for all the updates, and the lovely New Year's greetings from **Lisa Craig**, **John Reilly** and **Betsy Billhardt**. Retirement age has come upon us, but not everyone is retiring. It's interesting to observe all the iterations. I myself have pulled back from my advertising law practice this year by not going into the office anymore, but continue working with some clients on ongoing projects. It's new territory, but so far so good. **Bob Curtin** and his wife now live permanently on the Jersey Shore in a little town on Barnegat Bay with its own mile-long beach and boardwalk. Very active in their yacht club, Bob's wife takes sailing lessons and Bob is Rear Commodore, running the bar and social activities. Bob is also active as a volunteer SHIP counselor (senior health insurance program) for the state of New Jersey, helping people with Medicare, Medicaid and any other social programs. "I am very passionate about this work since it is so complicated for people to navigate these programs and so easy to make a mistake and be permanently affected." **Willy Merriken** reports that "life and health are good!" He was "really, really disappointed" to miss our 50th but he was visiting the Galapagos Islands and Machu Picchu. He did love reading the e-mails, seeing the pictures, and echoed what many others in our class are saying: "Who knew **Steve Tilden** was such an eloquent statesman?!" (More on that later.) Willy is still working because, "I still really enjoy coaching people to figure out how to reach their financial and retirement goals and then watching them do it. I guess it's sort of like Betsy and Lucinda with their photography – why stop when you enjoy it!" He and Louise, live in Moorestown, PA, where he is actively involved with the Rotary Club and Community House, but spends many weekends at his home



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on the Chesapeake Bay, near Chestertown, MD. **Anne Post Benedict** got a ME in Computer Science from Johns Hopkins and worked at Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Laboratory for 30 plus years doing computer programming and database management. She and her husband bought a vacation home in Texas near the grandchildren and are currently enjoying the life of a retired couple – travel, and time for family and friends. When in Maryland, she helps raise service dogs and has two therapy dogs who keep her busy visiting hospitals, schools and nursing homes. I really enjoyed seeing Anne at the reunion and hope to see her sometime in Maryland! **Cliff Dasco** reports that he and Sheri are in good health and that life is "hovering between excellent and spectacular." (I believe Cliff's totally authentic and consistently upbeat nature was a comfort to us back in the day.) Cliff has been working on some seriously impressive stuff – small molecule enhancers of a protein's activity that have very salutary effects on preservation of cardiac function after heart attack; some other fundamental mechanisms in gene activity; as well as a project on mechanisms of disparities in prostate cancer. He and Sheri continue to work full time, but have contrived to spend a fair amount of time on Spruce Head Island in Midcoast, Maine, at a cottage his father bought in 1953. Cliff has become the president of the synagogue in Rockland, Maine which has been a tremendously rewarding experience, allowing him "to pursue a line of scholarship that has interested me for many years. I am diving in to Robert Alter's new (and terrific) translation of the Hebrew Bible." Wow. **Bob Piro** and **Johnny Malcolm** reconnected on the five-hour drive to and from our reunion and then a month later Johnny and Sue visited Bob and Mary's farm where they had some great political discussions. **Bob Pirro** writes: My other big news was getting my Tesla at Christmas. I am very excited about this and it is really fun to drive. It is the future, and after having it a

month, it's hard to believe we are all mostly depending on a very crude, archaic technology to get around. If only Al Gore had won! Then, we'd all be driving, and exporting, solar-powered electric cars by now." Speaking of cars, Laurel Brandt wrote: "You've probably seen the Facebook postings by elite members of the Class of 1968 extolling the virtues of their new, environmentally sensitive cars. While likely not 'correct,' I am immensely proud of our automotive accomplishment, achieved on January 1, 2019, with our 'new' (2006) car. And yesterday, Art and I celebrated our 40th anniversary! Our three adult children, two grandchildren, and my nearly 92-year-old mother seem to be doing well. We feel very lucky. Wishing all a healthy, happy and peaceful 2019." **Lucinda Abbe** writes: "My life in Jackson Hole, Wyoming is centered around the outdoors: skiing (and shoveling snow) in winter; hiking and boating in the summer, all of it accompanied by my eagerness to record the beauty of my surroundings with camera or by painting. The wildlife species we see around here every day is a long list. Some of my favorites are elk, bison, moose, deer, eagles, trumpeter swans, coyotes. Seasonally we have pelicans, sandhill cranes, migrating birds. More occasional sightings are bear, wolves, fox, ermine, martens, wolverine, badgers, porcupine, snowshoe hare, otters, beaver. Sometimes they just run across the road in front of me! They are not far away. The land in Teton County, where I live, is 97% public land – much of it wilderness. Lots of room to experience freedom and beauty." **Sue Norton Allen** and John "escaped a northwest Connecticut snowstorm for Egypt where we explored Cairo, experienced a sandstorm at the Pyramids, survived insane traffic and now are relaxing by the Red Sea with spectacular snorkeling, delicious food and friendly Egyptians. Next off to Luxor, Aswan and a long-awaited trip up the Nile before returning home where I continue my environmental passion as a Sharon Audubon board member, while enjoying a baby grandson, gardening and restoring a 1736 house." **Jim Evans** truly regretted missing the reunion but finds it difficult to be away from his 94-year-old mother, who is quite frail with eyesight and hearing issues. He tries to read to her at least an hour each day and is currently reading Michelle Obama's new book. As for **Lesley Graham**, life in Joplin remains tranquil and easy. She is enjoying retirement and plans to travel this year to southern California to see friends. Lesley wrote: "I have to say while writing these issues for the class, I often reflect on all my time at FA. Hard to believe last fall was our 50th reunion. I felt badly I couldn't attend but had such fun chatting with those who did. It is fun to hear on Facebook from **Pete Lyman** and **Doug Simes**, two guys my dear brother Todd had fun with. You are dearly missed but always in my heart. I love

hearing regularly from **Kathy Attridge Anas**, **Greg Tarone** and **Duncan Guild**.” Lesley also enjoys checking in periodically on Facebook with **Peggy Springsted Weiner**, **Nancy Goldberg Kassop**, **Bob Curtin**, **Bob Piro**, **Betsy Harris Radecki**, **Paul Hand**, **David Porter**, **Bob Rushmore**, **Anne Maher**, and **Susan Abrams Butler**, and catching up with our favorite history teacher Robbie Thomas. Speaking of Robbie Thomas, **Nancy Goldberg** recently had dinner with him while in Ohio for work, and said: “He recounted to me that a few years ago, he reconnected with his 6th grade teacher and ultimately wrote a book about this person who had an extraordinary life story. “The fun part about this was when he described how and why this teacher was so special and why he had such a formative influence on him – that the teacher, at the time, was young and charismatic (and was a heartthrob to all the females in his classes), and I looked at him, and said... ‘you are describing yourself!’ He blushed shyly and smiled... it was a very sweet moment.” From **Johnny Malcolm**: “As my life has changed without cows and the Legislature, so is Vermont’s uniqueness in transition up here. Dairying and agriculture, the soul of the state, is sadly collapsing with consumer dietary changes, huge, efficient farms in the western U.S. and worldwide competition for markets resulting in low prices. Farms like mine are obsolete and as the population ages, local schools are merged out of town and also local country stores shutter resulting in much less social interaction ‘glue’ and more “bedroom” communities and suburban-like situations. I shouldn’t be surprised to face this for the second time of my life, but Vermont remains quite beautiful and you still hear folks speak ‘Vermontese’ where the word “elm” has two syllables. I continue to enjoy being a Town Selectman and Justice of the Peace and I witness daily episodes that could be right out of Hee-Haw or The Newhart Show. Finally, **Steve Tilden** and I have been having a uniquely entertaining and interesting conversation about our memories and impressions from FA times. He reminded me about the proverbial glass house where we used to wait (and sometimes freeze) for our rides home. I recounted my vivid memory of Mrs. Davis exotically weaving through our desks to teach us what “peripatetic” meant. Steve also reminded me that I was the ‘gossip columnist’ of *The Red and Black* (which I had forgotten). We are hoping to open up our conversations on e-mail to everyone in the class who might enjoy such conversations. Stay tuned!

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Scott Neilsen '71

Scott Neilson reports on his bicycle trek across Africa, summer 2018: “This fundraising event, RIDETZ, was a 400-mile mountain-bike benefit ride in Tanzania, from the base of Mt. Kilimanjaro to the Indian Ocean. It was very possibly the most physically challenging thing I have ever done. We spent 10 days riding seven-plus hours per day over rocky roads, dirt paths, hard pack, sand and mud to complete the challenge. It was absolutely exhausting! Not only did we raise a lot of money for the education of these bright and motivated young children, we saw some incredible countryside, immersed ourselves in an entirely different culture, and gained a whole new respect for a people and culture I previously knew little about. I had trained for five months, ultimately riding four hours a day for five days a week, and supplementing that with several days a week of weight and HIIT Training. I needed EVERY bit of that training to make it through.

It was well worth it.” Scott also tells us that he is a huge fan of the Blues – the music, that is. **Chris Gatty** and his son Christopher, 13, had a memorable autumn 2018 cheering on the undefeated (almost) Notre Dame football team. They were at Notre Dame Stadium for the epic win against Michigan. Christopher is quite the athlete and, unlike the old man, plays the skill positions. Chris gracefully ignored the preceding cheap shot to add: “The trip to South Bend was followed by a visit to Locust Valley. At the Fall Fair we met up with **Bill Vitriol** and his lovely wife, (who entertained young Christopher while the alums socialized!). My sister, **Janice** (Class of '68) gathered with her class for their 50th year reunion. Vit and I joined them for cocktails on campus and got to see old football teammates **John Malcolm**, **Bob Piro** and **Rick Spencer**. A good time was had by all.” **Marcia Wierda Halpern** informs that her son Gator has been selected as a United Nations Young Champion of the Earth for his work restoring coral reefs. “He and the winners from other regions were honored at the UN in September 2018. The prize consists of a lot of networking opportunities and prestige, as well as a bit of money.” Angela M has been living this past autumn and winter (2018-19) in Burlington, Vermont working on things, including a “writing project.”

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Kevin Glynn and Amelia Erickson



Matthew Stevenson: The Wall separates two neighborhoods in Belfast- the Catholic Republican Falls Road and the Protestant Unionist Shankill. Between these high walls runs Divis(?) street whose sides are adorned with graffiti and posters of varying propagandas and intents. The gates at either end close at dark to prevent any mischief.

Greetings from the Class of 1972! Although we're old enough to be on Medicare, it's important to remember: 65 in Celsius is only 18! With that said, on to the news. **John Mankiewicz** has co-created and is starting to produce a new show, "Interrogation", starring Peter Saarsgard, an excellent actor who looks like he could have gone to Friends Academy. The ten-episode true crime drama will air on CBS All Access (the network's streaming service) sometime in the Fall of 2019. (Unless, of course, John loses his car keys or breaks a hip.) **Kevin Glynn** writes, "It was quite a year! By happy coincidence, I met **Matthew Stevenson** at Dublin Airport in late August as he was writing a series of articles and doing several radio interviews about "The Troubles" and Brexit in Northern Ireland. So, just like the good ' days we took off driving up to the cities of Derry and Belfast. We did a lot of catching up on mutual friends and families as well as sharing many, shall we say, trenchant, observations about politics hither and yon. Lightning struck again as Matt was meeting his wife Connie for their 30th wedding anniversary getaway in Edinburgh the same week I was meeting my better half Helen with children in tow in Edinburgh as well. God knows what they said when they went to the ladies' room to powder their noses as they had never met before. Helen and I finally got our airdate for our appearance on Let's Make a Deal (that's us as an Italian restaurant). Tune in March 25th on your local CBS station for thrills and chills. Another strange coincidence, that's the day before our 25th anniversary!



John McGrane and Dang Permpanich during John's visit to Bangkok, Thailand

We're going to party like it's 1994! Retirement is fine, but I have gone back to acting along with writing. After all, the Hollywood sign is just up the road so why not? Have been on "Veep" and some other PSAs. Gotta pay those college bills!" Speaking of **Matthew Stevenson**, the series of aforementioned articles "Across the Troubles in Northern Ireland" can be found: <https://www.counterpunch.org/author/be2uyeta/>. His new travel book is Appalachia Spring, a drive across the coal belts of America and is available on Amazon. As for me, it is always a special treat to catch up with former classmates again after a long absence. Even with the passage of time when most things slip out of sight — and out of mind — this sort of relationship somehow endures. Perhaps, it's also because absence does make the heart grow fonder. During a recent visit to Southern CA, I spent a memorable evening with **Amelia Erickson** and **Kevin Glynn**. Nothing quite compares to the stomachache you get when laughing with your friends! While Kevin regaled us about his escapades in Ireland and Scotland with his flamboyant rhetoric and use of hand gestures even this Greek was unfamiliar with, Amelia sat in quiet contemplation, with a Cheshire cat grin, patiently waiting for an opportunity to make a comment. Quite the dichotomy of personalities! Amelia is now retired from her medical practice. When she isn't traveling to distant lands, she enjoys spending time on her boat in Long Beach Harbor. It's easy to picture her kicking back on the deck of her boat, on a warm sunny day sipping a Prosecco cocktail. OK, next visit for sure! That's all the news for now. You can stay up to date with the latest news on our Facebook page, FA Class of '72. Warmest regards, **Karen Spero Albers**

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It was wonderful to see everyone who came to the reunion, especially **Beth Rose**, who came from New Zealand via her work in the UK! Many of the rest of you said you would come to our 50th, so I expect a big turnout in 2023! Thanks again to **Laura Wicker Hackett** for compiling our news for the last 45 years (and mostly before email)! Here's the latest: **Chris Rising Turner** writes, "Vermont suits us. Still traveling a bit. Camped in June 2018 around the Olympic Peninsula, Mount St. Helens and Mt. Rainier. More visits with my mother who still lives independently at 93. She has many fond memories of organizing games at the Fall Fair and playing the hurdy-gurdy her father bought from a man in Brooklyn. I was very glad I attended our 45th Reunion in October. Preston

and I are planning another camping trip with friends in March south of Las Vegas and a bike tour in Scotland this summer. Motion is lotion!! Stay well everyone!" From **Van Stogner**, "It was great to see everyone at the 45th reunion! Sandy and I reconnected with **Bruce Nauman** and his fiancée Barbara several months ago and have enjoyed boating and going into NYC together. Sandy and I plan to retire next year and live six months in Florida with the other six months in New England closer to family and friends. In the meantime, we are having fun golfing, playing tennis, and skiing in the winter." **Cliff Gardner** reports, "Not retired yet; still enjoying very much my criminal defense practice. Julie and I just returned from three weeks in Morocco. Fantastic trip – the highlight for us was several days camping in the Sahara desert. If you've not been, put it on your list." **Kris Horvath** has big news, "The engagement of our son Nicholas to his long-term girlfriend Krystin. Earlier this year they appeared on HGTV Beachfront Bargain Hunt Renovation, Season 4, Episode 1. My wife Bronwyn (who still puts up with me after 37 years) and I were visiting New Zealand when they filmed the "reveal party" so we missed our big chance to be on TV. However, I did manage a small cameo appearance during demolition. Travel is one of our big passions and we are now well past the 100-country mark. Our next big adventure will be a summer-long motorhome trip to the Yukon and Alaska. Bronwyn finally convinced me to get one of these monsters. I see myself ending up somewhere between Robin Williams in RV and Donald Sutherland in The Leisure Seeker. Life has been pretty good for us, but nothing is perfect. A few years ago, I had robotic surgery for prostate cancer, and I will probably need some radiation therapy pretty soon. The odds and Mayo are with me so I am hopeful. While we are on this topic, please consider making a donation to **Billy Dudjoc's** bike ride cancer fundraising effort. I still have trouble imagining Billy riding 100 miles on a bike and am tempted to join him just to see for myself. Here's what Bill Dudjoc has to add, "Cindy is retired. I am still working for Amazon at our Pop-Up location in West Hartford, CT. Team Remission is getting larger, now up to fourteen riders, and five are women. Our team goal is \$100,000. If we hit that, the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society will name a research grant for Multiple Myeloma after Beth Rose's mother, Beverly Rose. For anyone interested in helping: <https://pages.teamintraining.org/ctwhv/amb-br19/BDudjoc>." From **Susan Nappa Cocke**, "The last year was full of travel on both coasts for my fashion and accessories collection, PK Collection. I have met so many wonderful people along the way. From our class, I see and/or keep in touch with **Lulu Viscardi Laird**, **Cyndy Beach Koch**, **Robert Copp**, **Hank Reusch**. My husband Phil and I live in Greenwich, CT for the time

being!" **Eli (Ray) Goodrich** says, "I'm still on LI, with five children raised, a grandchild living with us at home, married 38 years, still running my tech company, no desire to retire, part of a team hosting the PGA tournament in May at Bethpage, went back to school (Harvard) taking HBS courses on occasion, off to Switzerland and Alps in January, and travel the US often, kind of damn happy all the time, and glad health is good and mind has not slipped yet!" As for me, Jan, I'm still volunteering a lot and doing as many crossword and puzzle events as I can. One of my volunteer gigs for the last 20 years has been free income tax preparation for seniors. My husband Dan will be retiring from leading Outreach to Haiti this summer, but will still be involved (and will probably still do their annual bike ride – thanks for the inspiration, Bill!)

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Evette Beckett-Tuggle writes: "We had all three daughters, two sons-in-law and our grandson with us under one roof this past Christmas – which was a rarity. In addition to the usual festivities, we decided to do an Escape the Room as a family, which proved to be very interesting. Reggie and I are continuing our travel in 2019, this time, to Asia and South Africa. I wish everyone much joy, peace and all good things in 2019." **Chris Flanagan** writes: "I'm living in Briarcliff Manor in Westchester, New York with my wife, Natasha and the two youngest of our four children. My oldest daughter is getting married on the Cape next year and my younger daughter is competing internationally with the US Fencing team."

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Hi to all! Well, 2019 is a very exciting year for us all and we are so grateful. I'm going to be a grandma for the first time – my oldest daughter, Jennifer, and her husband Steve are having a baby at the end of June and we are so excited! She has also been promoted to VP of Corporate Access at BANK OF AMERICA and really loves her job. Josh just finished his Masters in Middle Eastern Studies and just began his new job on the Advancement Team at AUB (American University of Beirut). Oreste is on the Integration Team at WORKDAY (HR



Tilde Mariani Giacché and her family

software) and was just transferred to NY. My youngest, Vienna, is a senior at NYU and has been working hard on her thesis and interning at a few media marketing companies as well. It's actually a dream come true having all my kids and (and their significant others!) all here in NYC, I feel so lucky! As of September 2018, I've been working for Manhattan Youth, an afterschool enrichment program for Manhattan public schools. I teach in a middle school in the West Village and absolutely love this age group, such an incredible change from my little ones in preschool, but so much fun as well. These kids really keep me on my toes! A big hug to all my friends from FRIENDS! **Linda Relli**: Not a lot of news from Virginia. On a sad note, my Mom died on December 5th, she was 91 and succumbed to the ravages of Parkinson's and dementia. It made for a quiet Christmas. I sold my farm in August, it was time to downsize! I had a 14-acre farm and the horses were the easy part of all the upkeep, lots of grass to mow and weeds to eat! And boy did I time it right because this had been the wettest year I can remember since moving to Virginia. I am currently renting a small house on a farm and have my critters (a mini horse I adopted from a rescue, a burro and two pigs) at a farm across from where I am living. I am hunting for a small place, small being the operative word! Small house and two acres or so for my zoo. :) It hasn't been an easy hunt. I am trying to find a place that is not too far out in the boondocks or my hermit tendencies might take over and no one will ever see me again! **Jill Fowler Dragiff** came for a visit on her

way up north from Florida and we had so much fun catching up! Not much else to tell...life is happily quite boring, I like flying under the radar! **John Sengstaken**: Margie and I are empty nesters! Our youngest, Nick, 20, is now a junior at UNC, Chapel Hill studying jazz performance, political science and public policy. Law school is



From left to right: Vanessa (their daughter), Cathy Blechman Chermak '75, Terry Chermak '75



From left to right: Cathy Blechman Chermak '75, Christopher Mayer '75, Penelope Wylie Mayer '75



Class of 1975 celebrate their reunion in New York City

next on the horizon for him. Jack, our oldest son, 23, just graduated from WPI and is a mechanical engineer. He has accepted a job at the Portsmouth Naval Ship Yard as a test engineer. Amy, 34, and her husband Andy are in New Hampshire. Amy is a high school guidance counselor and Andy is an English teacher. Crystal, 36, and her husband Sean live in Los Angeles and brought our first grandchild, Ellie Mae Ferris, into the world last May! After twenty wonderful years raising kids in Hollis, NH, Margie and I decided to move to North Carolina, and accelerate the retirement plan, just a bit. We now live in beautiful Southport, NC, and are loving life in the south. I'm enjoying teaching on the Boeing 757 & 767, and have four more years at Delta before mandatory retirement at 65. We visited with **Gene & Kathy Knoll** last summer. They are enjoying life in Sarasota, FL. Of course **Holt** and I remain close, and communicate regularly! My best to all of the class of '75! **Cathy Blechman Chermak**: Hi all. As an update, we've had an active and adventurous year with awesome travel to Italy and France and of course, summer in Montauk! I met **Penelope and Christopher Mayer** in Glen Cove and had a wonderful, but long overdue, visit getting the scoop on their plans for retirement and what their beautiful all grown-up daughter Augusta is up to. Terry's daughter Jennifer bought a home in Bayville and is working at Piping Rock. Tara bought a home in Roslyn and has our most adorable grandson, Ari, now 2 years old. So, we will be on Long Island a lot moving forward. Vanessa is now 16. (I remember all of us at 16!!!!) By the time of this read, she will have played the piano at Carnegie Hall as a member of her orchestra.



Daphne Riker Hagan and her family

We hope you and your families are thriving and would enjoy getting together during one of our visits to NY. Take care everyone. **Daphne Riker Hagan**: Happy news for the Hagan family is that Jenny is getting married end of March and living in San Diego (this will be a great opportunity to get the whole Hagan Clan together) and Kyle is getting married mid-October and living in Brooklyn. **Jill Fowler Dragiff**: Hello friends! I'm retiring from full-time teaching this spring to travel, spend time with the family, and play with my adorable 1- and 2-year-old grandchildren who live nearby in Florida. We're celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary this June and are planning a trip to Italy. We're also renovating our home bit by bit mostly ourselves and having fun! **Kurt Olander**: Here's a run-down... I retired last April from the federal government after 35 years – including the DoD schools overseas in the Philippines, Japan, and Belgium, the DOJ in the Southern District of New York, and the 2nd Circuit Court of Appeals... from teaching to directing IT operations. In March, my wife and I will celebrate our 39th wedding anniversary. As we enjoy our eight grandchildren, and four children, we have the opportunity to travel throughout the world, including traveling to the Baha'i Gardens in Haifa, Israel, Senegal, West Africa (to visit my son and his family), to Armenia, and Greece in addition to tons of places in the U.S. and Canada. I love retirement as it affords us so much time to see and do what I wasn't able to do as I was working full-time and commuting to and from the city.

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Ann Weiss reached out in late 2018. I'm remarried to John Harrison and have two children, Greg, 29, and Katha, 26, from my first marriage as well as two stepsons, John, 31, and William, 29. We have a granddaughter Stella, six months and a grandson due Christmas Day (Griffin). For the last 22 years I worked for the state teachers union (NYSUT) and retired last month. I am an attorney and now working part-time in private practice. I'm still involved with horses and my daughter is a professional in the hunter/jumper world. I'm in touch with Debbie **Dolan** Sweeney



Chuck Cooperstein '77 and David Cohen '77



Steve Mills '77 and Chuck Cooperstein '77

(thanks to horses) whose children have attended FA. I always enjoy reading *The Meeting House* publication and go immediately to the class notes. I just spent five days with my brother **Ed Weiss '75** at his vacation home in Sarasota, FL. I had dinner with **Allison Davis Kinsley**, and her husband Steve, early in 2018 in Denver. They told me of Steve's need for a kidney from a living donor. Well, late in 2018 that donor was found, and there is surgery scheduled for early 2019. All of that sandwiched around interesting travel to Australia, and Vancouver, BC. (Yes, everyone needs to go there and whale watch.) **David Cohen** and his wife Debbie were diverted to Dallas trying to get back to New York, so they stayed at our place, (A lot closer to DFW than where they were going to stay) and we went to dinner at the great Al Biernat's Steakhouse, one of the great steakhouses in country. And then when the Mavericks traveled to Denver we caught up again, as they are staying at their place in Telluride. Heard from **Peter Rubin**, now a resident of Palm Beach Gardens, FL, where he recently got together with both **Jordan Grabel** and **Michael Greene**. From **Peter** in early Jan 2019: We are now on vacation in Playa del Carmen, Mexico. Acadia is a freshman at Brown and Robert just got into Princeton. Robert is a huge NBA fan. He would like to do an analytics internship with an NBA team, particularly the Celtics. Of course, I got to see **Steve Mills** when the Knicks came through Dallas in November 2018. It

happened to be one of the few bright spots in a dismal season for the Knicks as they handled the Mavericks with ease. I'm convinced he's got the team on the right path, even if it might take awhile for them to get where they ultimately want to go. Speaking of the Mavericks, Season 14 has been fascinating to say the least, chronicling the likely end of one of the greatest players in NBA history in Dirk Nowitzki, while welcoming his heir apparent in Luka Doncic, who does things on a basketball court no teenager should be doing. I also did a weekly podcast for the Big 12 Conference during college football season, which was a blast as well as having the opportunity to vote for a couple of the major college football awards. The Doak Walker Award, given to the nation's top running back, and the Heisman Trophy. My wife Karen and I traveled to the Oregon coast in June 2018. Karen lived thirteen years in Portland, so as she's fond of telling me, "Here's what you know about Portland (and Oregon). Bus from airport. Hotel. Walk downtown, find something to eat. Bus to the Arena for the game. Bus to the Airport. Maybe, a side trip to the Nike Employee store in Beaverton." So she wanted to show me HER Oregon, and it was awesome. We drove out to the coast, and stayed in a little cottage in Rockaway Beach for two days. The coast is SO remote. So different from what you think of a coastline. There's the Ocean... The Beach. A two-lane road. And then the mountains. Desolate and spectacular. And yes, a TON of rain. Came back to Portland and then the next day set out for Mount Hood. Amazing, and then drove to Hood River, which is a quaint little town with great shops and food and fun. Awesome trip. And then out to Lake Tahoe for our usual first week of August trip to beat the Dallas heat. So that's the news. Again, would love to hear from you - there are many ways to reach me. Snail Mail: 6729 Barcelona, Irving, TX 75039. E-Mail: CoopGator@aol.com Twitter @CoopMavs Or on Facebook. See you later

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Michael Dreizen: Happy Thanksgiving greetings from Michigan! I have retired to the hometown of my wife Jayme after 30 years of doing commercial real estate in Manhattan, and life couldn't be sweeter. I have been married for almost two years, and have a 13-year-old stepson who has me doing algebra homework, and a 2-year-old son who has me chasing him around the house trying to get my car keys back... I wouldn't change a thing. My hobby of collecting Kaleidoscopes has turned into a business of making and selling my own designs, and not a bad thing to be the boss (or I guess I should say



Michael Dreizen '82, Jayme and son Archie

be married to the boss). We make our own hours, and try to actually get a few things done when it fits into our kids schedules. Very grateful this Thanksgiving for all my friends and family, hope you are well if you are reading this, and will hope to see you if you make it to Michigan. - MD

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André Blake lives in Montclair, NJ and is raising his two children there while he works as an actor and voice-over artist. You can catch him currently in a Tide Commercial on TV and he has been doing voice work for the BET Network (Black Entertainment Television), AT&T, and is a stock trader in his spare time. And we had a Great time at our reunion and we look Damn Good!!!

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David Johnson: I've recently run into a few FA alumni, so was reminded to share an update. I currently live in Madison, NJ with my wife Michele and two kids, Nicole and Christopher. After many years in the corporate world, I left to start an investment company, Endurance Homes LLC, focused on real estate finance and construction. One of the projects is a single-family home renovation in Lawrenceville, NJ. I still love competing in sports, recently running the JFK 50-mile ultra marathon in Boonsboro, MD. My son represented his high school, rowing at the Head of The Charles Regatta in Cambridge, MA. My daughter Nicole is attending Middlebury College, where her team won the Division III Field Hockey championships! As a freshman, she is intending to major in History or English, possibly on a pre-Law track. I still stay in contact with FA alumni, and was delighted to join Bill Callahan for his 50th birthday in Florida last year.

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Barry Joseph: I left the American Museum of Natural History last year to begin my new position as VP of Digital Experience at Girl Scouts of the USA (shout-out to all the Girl Scout alums out there!). My first book was also published, Seltzertopia: The Extraordinary Story of an Ordinary Drink, and my speaking tour is talking me all over North America (more info at Seltzertopia.org). My daughter just turned ten and we are all preparing for my son to become a Bar Mitzvah this May. I am also starting a new business with **Todd Grupe**, **Sandy Williams**, and **Andy Bart** through Kickstarter, called GLITTER GUARD, to sell an aerosol can to spray on your hands prior to using anything with glitter. Sandy also had a second child (and his figure still looks fabulous!). **Alison Kellan Trani:** Hi Barry! Love your book!! I have a son tanner junior at Boston college and a son, Luke, at Portledge, who is a senior going to Trinity College next year, and a daughter who is a sophomore at Portledge...Still live in Mill Neck...nothing that exciting!

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Timothy Jones Edwaujonte married A. Nia Austin-Edwards in May 2018 in Castara, Tobago. Celebrating with them was classmate **Olufemi James**. Congratulations, Timothy!



Timothy Jones Edwaujonte '99 with his wife A. Nia Austin-Edwards.



Molly Fox '04 and her husband, Stanislav Minsker

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Merrie Aaron Gebhardt and her husband Michael proudly welcomed Madelyn Adi Gebhardt into their family on May 12, 2018. Their new family of three moved back to New York in July and are enjoying being closer to family and friends there. **Will Roland** is carrying over his Broadway success in Dear Evan Hansen as the lead character Jeremy in Broadway's Be More Chill. In this musical, whose cast album has been streamed over 150 million times, a socially awkward teenager achieves newfound popularity after ingesting a pill-sized supercomputer.



Merrie Aaron Gebhardt, husband Michael and baby Madelyn Adi Gebhardt



Laura Berke and Jonathan Brett Mottel

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Laura Berke and Jonathan Brett Mottel were married Nov. 17 at Oheka Castle in Huntington, N.Y. Laura continues her work as a consumer marketing manager in New York at Oxygen Media, NBCUniversal. Congratulations, Laura!

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Well it's been nine years since we graduated, which means that next year is a reunion year and I'm hard at work planning the event – if anyone has ideas and wants to get involved, reach out! This year has been a lot of hustling for me, but it paid off in a promotion after being transferred teams. Speaking of professional news, **Anastasia Williams** is currently in her fifth year of working for ABC NEWS. She's the Talent Booker for the third hour of Good Morning America with Michael Strahan and Sara Haines. Anastasia has won three Emmy Awards and an Edward Murrow award! She lives with **Zoie** in the East Village. **Laura Schwarz** has become engaged! She and her fiancé are currently based out of Washington, D.C., but may be looking at coming back north to New York. **Samantha Nesfield** is also making moves, but career-related ones! She has started a new position at the Global Press Institute. That's all I have for updates this go around, but give me your news (or recipes/ anecdotes/ photos) and I'd love to share it! -Emily Hawkins

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Augusta Mayer '13 (left)

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Marianna Cuomo Maier: Graduating from Yale in May 2019; Teach for America Corps Member in Chicago beginning in June 2019. **Javana Clark:** Through the University of Vermont's social work program, I am interning at the Jean Garvin school as a behavioral interventionist. Jean Garvin is a therapeutic school for students 11-18 years old with behavioral and developmental challenges. **Thomas Frey:** I plan on attending Law School next year. **Danielle Ramsay:** I captain the Varsity Rugby team at Dartmouth and we just won the National championship in the Fall season. **Jeffrey (Alex) Nagel:** Starting as software engineer at Bloomberg L.P. in the fall. **Stephanie Gherlone:** I am currently in my last semester at NYU Rory Meyer's College of Nursing. I am studying for my NCLEX board exam to hopefully begin working as an oncology nurse in a New York hospital! **Cameron Helleman:** Graduating from University of Pennsylvania this May with a BA in Political Science. After helping secure Governor Cuomo's successful re-election this past year, I plan to start working on a 2020 presidential campaign after graduation.

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From **Elissa Fielding:** My dystopian novel, *When Ryder Stands: The Beginning* is in its final stages of publication (will be published soon — sometime between mid/late February and early March — and will be available in small and big bookstores such as Barnes & Noble). I will update you once it's finished. The transition into university from high school has been such a huge change (social life, academics, navigating classes, campus, etc.) Quite honestly, it's a culture shock because you're surrounded by a different crowd than you were used to during high school. For Hofstra University's Honors College, I'm on the path on one of their designations called HUHC Graduate with Distinction. This will be finalized when I graduate from Hofstra.



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**Barbara Van Vranken Wolfe '51:
Served on boards for Girl Scouts,
hospital and mental health**



Barbara (Barb) Inez Van Vranken Wolfe, 85, passed away peacefully at Novant Forsyth Medical Center on December 7th, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on January 28, 1933 in Brooklyn, NY, daughter of the late John Frederick VanVranken and Inez Pascual VanVranken. She graduated from Friends Academy in

Locust Valley, NY and Bradford College in Haverhill, MA. In 1955, Barb married the love of her life, Dayton C. (Corby) Wolfe, and they had four children together. Barb was known for her deep love of family and involvement

in her community. While living

in Toledo, OH, she served on the boards at Riverside Hospital, The Girl Scouts of America and the Lucas County Mental Health Agency. She was also active with the Junior League and at St. Michaels in the Hills Episcopal Church, serving on the Vestry and as Director of the Altar Guild. Barb participated in sports throughout her life. In her later years she was passionate about golf, active at the Toledo Country Club and serving as chair of the membership committee of the women's golf association at Pinehurst Golf Club in North Carolina.

Barb is survived by her loving husband of 63 years, Corby, and her four children – Sarah Wolfe Goodman of Emerald Isle NC, Teresa Wolfe Plain of Eagle CO, Gregory Alexander Wolfe of San Francisco, CA and Timothy William Wolfe of Pittsburgh PA. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



Barbara Van Vranken Wolfe from the 1951 Lamp

Phyllis Wood Ponvert '55: Animal love, artist and master gardener

Phyllis Wood Ponvert, 80, of Ann Arbor, MI, died August 8, 2018 in her home. Phyllis was an artist and master gardener. She loved birds and animals, especially cats. She fought against injustice and abuse of power on several continents, cared for the disenfranchised and oppressed, and refused to remain silent in the face of mistreatment of humans and nature. She is survived by her son Antonio, and her grandchildren Nicholas, Nathaniel, Story, Quincy and Luisa. Phyllis' children Adele and Philip already left this world. Perhaps she will catch up with them.



Phyllis Wood Ponvert from the 1955 Lamp

Richard T. Randall '55: Life-long teacher and lacrosse coach



Richard was born on Long Island to the late Ernest and Bertha Randall. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees from Colgate University. For over 50 years, Rick, a teacher at Columbia High School in the East Greenbush Central School District, educated and mentored students who remember him to this day.

Coach Rick loved sports and coached athletes throughout his entire life. He developed the Blue Devils lacrosse program in 1981 and served as head coach for 15 years. He was honored as "Coach of the Year" five times and led his teams to 161 wins and a Section II Championship. In recognition of his enduring commitment and success as a coach, Rick was inducted into the Adirondack Lacrosse Hall of

Fame and the Columbia High School Athletic Hall of fame. So deeply did Coach Randall instill the importance of values, fairness and hard work, his athletes held him in the highest respect and sought his advice long after their athletic efforts ended.

As a husband, father, grandfather, father-in-law, brother and friend, Rick built relationships that lasted. He is described by those who loved and cherished him as kind, dedicated, generous, loving, and endearing. Rick gave his all to all who knew him, whether they were famous or known only to him. He always reached out to help friends and neighbors when he could. Known as one friend's "martini partner and best man," another's "role model," a "man's man" to one, and the "greatest Papa" to his grandchildren, Rick meant so much to so many.

He will always remain deeply loved and profoundly missed. In addition to his parents, Rick was predeceased by his brother, Craig Randall. Rick is survived by his wife, Sally (Storms) Randall; a daughter, Kristen Randall; two sons, Kyle (Michelle) Randall and Kurt (Jennifer) Randall; and six Randall grandchildren including, Kolby, Kyler, Karsen, Sienna, Alaina, and Sawyer.

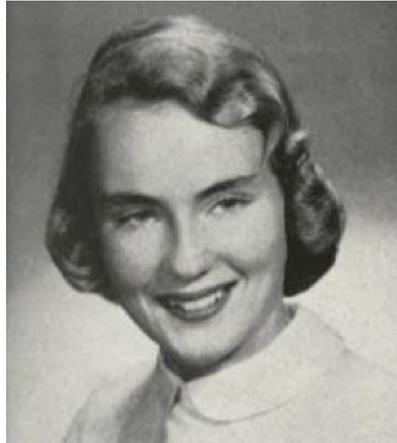


Richard Randall from the 1955 Lamp

Nancy Campbell Craig '54: Early career with NBC

Nancy C. Craig passed peacefully from the world on Dec. 4, 2018, surrounded by her family. She was 82. She was born on March 23, 1937, in New York, NY, the daughter of the late James and Lillian Campbell. Following her graduation from Friends Academy in Locust Valley, NY, and the Katharine Gibbs School, she worked at NBC at Rockefeller Center in New York City.

Nancy married Michael Craig '50, and they lived in New York, Germany, Florida, Connecticut before settling in Oxford, Md. In 1996. She loved volunteering at the Academy Art Museum in Easton, Habitat for Humanity, as well as the Talbot Interfaith Shelter. Everybody who had the pleasure of meeting her, loved her. Nancy's favorite times were spent with her children and grandchildren, traveling, volunteering, going to the beach and walking about Oxford visiting with friends and neighbors. Surviving are her two sons, Chris and his wife Maelynn of Gilroy, CA, Scott of Denver, CO, daughter, Kimberly and her husband Danny



Nancy Campbell Craig from the 1954 Lamp

of Reston, VA; four grandchildren, Dale, Sean, Cassidy and Cameron; two sisters, Kate of Hilton Head, SC, and Jamie of San Diego, CA. She was predeceased by her husband of 48 years, Michael Craig '50.

WE REMEMBER...

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Nancy *Campbell* Craig '54

Phyllis *Wood* Ponvert '55

Richard T. *Randall* '55

Bette Ann *Allen* '60

Jeff *Jones* '75

Peter *Bliven* '76

Lindsey *Kumar* '07

Jane L. *Bowne*

Charlie *Butt*

Jane L. Bowne: Dedicated to FA

Wife of the late Trustee *Sidney B. Bowne, Jr.* '37, mother of *John Bowne* '70, *Peter Bowne* '74 and the late *Mary Bowne Brandt* '67.

Jane was born on March 9, 1924 in Sea Cliff, Long Island to Charles E. and Jane N. Ludlow, attended local public schools and graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1945. In 1946 she married Sidney B. Bowne, Jr. of Glen Cove, who predeceased her in 1985. They purchased, in her words, "a wreck of a house" overlooking Mill Neck Creek in Bayville, LI which they worked on night and day, turning it into a great place to spend a childhood for their three children, Mary Bowne Brandt, who predeceased her in 2018, John Sidney Bowne and Peter Underhill Bowne.

Her years in Bayville were filled with kids, cats, boats, and a myriad of family, school and volunteer activities. She was a whiz at a variety of crafts from knitting and needlework to rugs both hooked and braided. She maintained gorgeous perennial gardens wherever she lived and was always willing to try a recipe at least once. She was one of a core group of parents who put in countless hours for Friends Academy activities and fundraisers, especially the Fall Fair.

In the 1960s they built a vacation home on Harbour Island, The Bahamas, which was enjoyed by family and friends for many years. In 1970 she and Sid took on another project – a ramshackle place in Perkinsville, VT which



An active FA parent, Jane Bowne was mother to three FA alumni.

became a vacation getaway and, in 1981, their primary residence. In Vermont she continued to work to improve the community, volunteering at the Wethersfield Historical Society's semi-annual Frippery Sale, the Weathersfield-Proctor Library in Acutney and the annual Five-College Book Sale, to name but a few. She expanded her circle of friends while staying in touch with

lifelong friends going back to Kindergarten. Following Sid's death in 1985 she maintained her adamantly independent lifestyle in Vermont while also fulfilling her dream of traveling to the corners of the world – Europe, Asia, South America and Africa – with small groups and family over the next 10 years.

In 2005, as a minor concession to her age, she began spending the colder months at the Lathrop Community in Northampton where she quickly acquired a new group of friends and a calendar filled with volunteer and social activities. She took great advantage of the cultural life of the Five-College area and, yes, maintained a seasonal garden as well.

Her family, friends and neighbors knew her as passionate and compassionate, an eternally realistic optimist who was quick to offer a lift to the store or to a doctor's appointment and who could always spot the silver lining while never losing sight of the cloud. She is sorely missed for her loyalty, kindness, optimistic outlook, good humor and thoughtfully considered advice born of experience.

Jane is survived, and missed, by sons John and wife Jeanne of South Venice FL, and Peter and partner John Civilinski of Jamaica Plain, MA., as well as Mary's husband, E. Michael Brandt of Portland, OR and their three sons – Eli and wife Katy King and children, Adam and Meredith of Seattle, Joshua and wife Brooke and children, Elliot and Jane of Portland, and Oliver and wife Madeline, also of Portland.

Lindsey Kumar '07: Avid photographer who volunteered with NYC-based Children of Promise

Lindsey was a brilliant, beautiful, independent, and caring soul. She attended Friends Academy in Locust Valley, Long Island; Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford, CT; and Hofstra University on Long Island. Lindsey was the owner of a small social media marketing firm serving the restaurant industry in New York City. Lindsey is survived by her loving mom and dad, Sylvia and Sanjay; her sister and best friend, Alisha, and Alisha's partner, Reid Williamson; her aunts and uncles Shemi Kumar and Jim Penosky, Sharmila Kumar, and Teena Adams; and cousins Stephen Kumar Lesch and Joshua Adams; her faithful and beloved German Shepherd, Monty, and Golden Retriever, Benjamin; and countless friends whose lives she touched in memorable ways in her short 29 years. Lindsey was a voracious reader, an avid photographer and a world traveler. Most of all, Lindsey's passion in the last few years was to volunteer at a small Brooklyn-based charity called the Children of Promise NYC, which supports the children of incarcerated parents. Lindsey was there faithfully every Saturday morning to tutor, mentor and often photograph these beautiful children. We all will miss this beautiful, witty, charitable and soft-hearted soul. We will forever hold close to our hearts the many fond memories that she left us.



Lindsey Kumar in Middle School



Jeff Jones '75: 'He had the ability to make you feel special'



Jeff Jones pictured with classmates at a recent reunion.

Remembrances of Jeff Jones...

"One of my fondest memories of Jeff was from the last reunion Margie and I attended. We hadn't seen each other in years, and perhaps only a couple of times since graduation day. Yet, when we approached him, his eyes lit up, and he greeted both of us with enthusiasm and joy. He was truly happy to see me and to meet Margie. He had the ability to make you feel special. I will miss his warm smile and his exceptional kindness. Rest in peace, my friend."

– John Sengstaken

"He was funny and always entertaining. We skied together when we were at Friends. I remember his dad worked for TWA, and at the time in-flight movies were a novelty. TWA had them, so rather than return directly back from skiing he flew to California to return on a movie flight. Typical Jeff! I will remember him fondly."

– Terry Blechman Chermak

"I can honestly say that what I remember most about Jeff was his genuine smile. I recall him always being happy and positive with lots of energy."

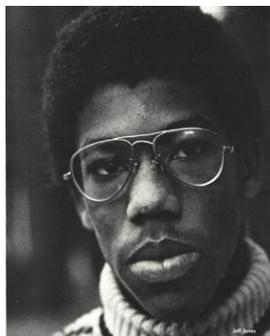
– Betsy Bober Polivy

"Jeff Jones and I lived close to each other in Westbury and we took the school bus together to and from Friends Academy. I will always remember his sense of humor and friendship."

– Gene Persip

"He was a kind and gentle soul who always made us laugh. He had an amazing sense of humor and he will be greatly missed."

– Tilde Mariani Giacché



Sheila Morrisey Potter '45: Passionate about family archives

Sheila (Morrisey) Potter, 91, of Coles Meadow Road in Northampton, died suddenly on January 22, 2019, from the complications of a fall. Born in New York City on April 29, 1927, to parents William George and Mildred (Lyon) Morrisey, she grew up in Forest Hills, New York and Hampton Bays, Long Island. She attended Friends Academy in Locust Valley, New York and graduated from Vassar College in 1949, subsequently earning a Master's degree in Education from Western New England College. She taught reading and writing skills for many years at Wilbraham Monson Academy and privately tutored students of all ages in reading and writing from her home in Longmeadow. She volunteered both at the Williams Middle School and also for several years at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Longmeadow.



Sheila was a long-time Friends Academy class representative, keeping in touch with classmates who shared her love of the school.

Sheila's married life began in Tarrytown, NY in 1951; the couple settled permanently in Longmeadow, MA in 1967. Her summers were spent with her family in Harwichport, MA. She moved to Northampton in 2012 and spent the last seven years of her life at the Rockridge Retirement Community. Sheila was an avid bridge player and especially enjoyed her Thursday afternoon bridge group at the Northampton Senior Center. She was also a voracious reader and passionate gardener. She loved traveling in her younger days, and maintained a life-long interest in tennis and the ballet. She took great pleasure in her role as family archivist – her greatest joy was her family.

She is survived by her daughter, Anne Hunter Wheelock, and husband Donald F. Wheelock of Whately, and her daughter Jane Lyon Potter and husband, M. Francisco Palomo of Northampton. She was pre-deceased in 1999 by her daughter Susan Rice Potter, and her former husband Ian Leslie Potter. She leaves behind four beloved grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren.

Correction

In the 2017-18 issue of *The Meeting House*, the first memoriam about Rodger Richardson was written by Rick Sullivan; the second article was written by Louisa Garry.

Please send announcements and memories to Christine Lunsford at Christine_Lunsford@fa.org or call (516) 465-1765. We welcome a photo with your message.

Peter Bliven '76: Helped place students in Citibank trainee program

Peter S. Bliven passed away on March 10, 2019. Beloved husband of Jennifer Bohner for 30 years. Loving father of Brooke, Allison, and Emma. Dear brother of John Jr., and the late Barbara. Peter was an active participant in both academics and athletics at Friends Academy, Locust Valley, NY and Syracuse University where he excelled in ice hockey. Peter's career started in institution municipal sales at Langdon P. Cook, and went on to become a leader in sales at Citibank's institution municipal bond group where he became a managing director. He ran recruiting for Citibank at Syracuse University, University of Vermont and Trinity College, placing many qualified students into the Citibank trainee program. He received The Exceptional Service Recipient Award from The Whitman School of



Management, Syracuse University 2018. Peter loved his wife and girls, all of his friends, playing golf and tennis at his beloved Creek Club and raised continuous funds for St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Charlie Butt: Former FA Summer Camp swim teacher



Charlie Butt passed away on Friday, September 14, at the age of ninety-three. Charlie was born on May 19, 1925, in Shanghai, China, to Portuguese parents. He thrived on the athletic opportunities afforded by the Foreign YMCA of Shanghai, establishing a record of achievement in swimming, water polo, soccer, softball, bowl-

ing, and boxing.

Charlie ran the Friends Academy early morning swim team for many years, as part of our summer camp. He was a wonderful man who had a great disposition and the ability to coach high-level college athletes as well as teach the youngest of children how to swim. He had an incredible way with children where he could get them to swim and train, but they loved it, and they loved him. Charlie taught generations of parents and children how to swim...he was beloved by everyone. He went on to a remarkable career at Bowdoin College, coaching men's swimming for 39 years, women's swimming for the first 24 years of the program, and served as coach of men's soccer for 23 years. In his active "retirement," Charlie was an assistant coach for the women's squash team.

Bette Ann Allen '60: Entertainment lawyer, critic of overdevelopment

Bette Ann Allen passed away on Saturday, January 5th. Bette, a community organizer, activist, attorney and longtime resident of Great Neck, died at North Shore University Hospital. She was 76. Bette was born on Aug. 13, 1942, in Mineola and grew up in Great Neck. She went on to be an entertainment lawyer for companies like CBS, until getting into a serious accident. For more than two decades, Bette, a longtime Great Neck resident, made her voice heard in a fight to protect her village's charm. She was a frequent presence in the Great Neck News and board meetings of all kinds over the years, pushing against what she saw as a steady "drip, drip, drip" of overdevelopment with projects like the Millbrook Court and AvalonBay threatening Great Neck's suburban charm.





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