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The Friends Academy Mission

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

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

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Friends,

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

What inspires me most, however, is captured in the words and photos of the Friends Academy experience and includes every member of our school community. At Friends Academy, it is not enough to passively accept knowing. Learning in our Quaker school is in the doing – passion, action, experiential! An English Crime Fiction course springs to life when students dispatch to the science lab to delve into forensic science to solve the crime. The Junior class travels to Washington, D.C. for a passion and choice-driven experience, where students select between several interest themes including Congress, Law and Justice, and The Press. One might surmise that Peace Week on the Friends Academy campus is a time for calm, reflective peaceful moments. During this week, Lama Tenzin makes his annual visit and while he guides us to find peace through inward-focused meditative practices, the action students take is center stage this week. Among other activities, younger and older students pair up with Worship Buddies to create disaster relief packages for those recovering from recent hurricanes. They grapple with critical essential questions, “Why do you think humanitarian aid is important? And, “How will this help make the world a better place?” By the end of the week students learn it is not enough to hope for peace – they must make attempts and take action to have an impact.

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

Suzanne D’Addario Brouder ’90 became passionate about music during her time at Friends. Describing her Middle School music teacher she said, “I loved everything about her – her smile, her artistic energy, and her enthusiasm.” Today, Suzanne, the director of the D’Addario Foundation, has turned that passion into funding not-for-profits that provide music instruction in underserved communities and public schools. Since 1981 the foundation has supported about 700 programs and over 200,000 children.

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

From The Archives: 1929-1940 – Leaving Their Mark

While inspecting Frost Hall’s slate roof this fall, members of the Maintenance Department discovered these etchings of possible former FA alumni, including “Conny Lewis 1929-40.”
“It is in your hands to create a better world for all who live in it.”
– Nelson Mandela

Community Groups of K-12 students traced their hands and wrote messages of hope for Parkland students. FA Digital Arts teacher Jess Levey constructed a final banner from all the pairs of hands and FA mailed it to Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS.
As we gear up for Fall Fair 2018, a look back at last year's Fair!

Finding the peace within
Cardboard Creations
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From Shakespeare to Mary Poppins and all the concerts, art shows and workshops in between.

The Purpose of Peace – Between reflection and action, Peace Week asks us to feel, listen and do.

The 2017-18 Sports Season in review

Professional accolades, personal milestones and a fond farewell to eight faculty and staff.

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

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

I was aboard the Cross Sound Ferry recently and struck up a conversation with a woman by the name of Ruth Shank.
After a few minutes, we realized that her grandmother, Ruth Anna Underwood, graduated from Friends Academy. Apparently, her grandmother, who hailed from Ohio was sent to Friends because her parents (who were Quaker), were concerned that she was falling in love with a gentleman who was not Quaker! At the time Friends was a boarding school for Quakers and her parents felt confident she would find someone there.
Ultimately, she did marry, but not to someone from Friends!

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

– Deborah Schoman, Middle School Principal

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

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

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

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

Sadly, there are some who were broken one too many times to be here among us. They should be remembered today as our most special guests and I hope we can all share our memories of them as well as any details of their decline or demise. We shall have to wait until some future reunion to learn what they already know.

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

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

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

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

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

I am hoping to engage in some intimate moments that may thaw some stories, frozen by repetition, and release the vulnerable uncertainties that each of us is now facing.

When we knew each other back then, regardless of the confidence we tried to project, we were all uncertain. And we still are, despite all that we’ve learned. I didn’t know much then and was particularly oblivious to that parallel world which comes increasingly into play later in life. It’s not a world that is easily understood by direct observation; more likely it is best explored through the eyes of another.

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

(Note: “Wefting” is a weaving term.)

– Stephen Tilden ’68

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Let us know what you think about an issue or article or send us a remembrance of Friends Academy past. We would love to hear from you!
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Strong Minds. Kind Hearts.
Fall Fair & Homecoming greeted friends and families and welcomed back alumni October 13-15. Throughout the day Boys and Girls Soccer, Girls Tennis, Field Hockey and Football kept crowds cheering on the sidelines.

With a helpful group of sixth graders, Head of School Andrea Kelly made it her mission to experience every ride and game. Parent volunteers worked to dish up cuisines from all over the world and Upper School students educated fairgoers about a variety of causes and issues. Under the Dolan Center awning, the Theater Department hosted a costume party with gently used Halloween costumes for sale.
The Tornado was just one of a number of Fall Fair favorites this year.

Above, parent volunteers are the lifeblood of Fall Fair!

Carnival games test all kinds of skills.

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

A reception for a special Alumni and Faculty photo exhibit.

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

CARDBOARD CREATIONS

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

Finding the peace within

In Early Childhood, students practice mindfulness daily and throughout the school day. The morning begins during a gathered meeting which opens with shared silence and breath work. “We call the in-breath, ‘smelling the roses’ and the out-breath ‘blowing out the birthday candles,’” explained Early Childhood Director Kristin Minuto. Sometimes students use their arms as “elephant trunks” and raise their “trunks” up high on the in-breath and lower them down on the out breath. According to Minuto, these age-appropriate techniques give the children a framework for the breathwork exercises. By using their breath, students learn how to calm their bodies down and focus more intentionally on the moment they are in.

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

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

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

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

Using the design process and creative play they set out to build their creations. Working with Upper School students during the challenge allowed students to forge meaningful connections within our Friends Academy community.

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

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

Adding the final touches.
Chemistry detectives 101

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

Clear communication, focus, and some patience are key, as each small group of students gradually fits together the evidence to reach their final conclusion. After the high fives all around, individuals create a detailed poster to explain how their group arrived at their identifications for the contents of the mixture.
In the depths of winter 2018, Ms. Loizides’ senior English elective Crime Fiction class found themselves – not in class discussing the ratiocination of Sherlock Holmes – but in the chemistry lab in Frost Hall, clad in lab coats and conducting forensic experiments to solve a ‘crime’.

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

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

Cristian and Samir worked together to create a murder mystery scenario, and Kelsey drew on her deep interest in chemistry to create several forensic experiments for the students to conduct in order to solve the crime. 8 a.m on the morning of 15 December Kelsey, Cristian and Samir could be found in Mr. Alber’s lab setting up neat groups of beakers, chemical solutions, test strips and glass slides. The students arrived and crossed bright yellow ‘caution: crime scene’ tape criss-crossed over the door. The students worked in groups of two or three to conduct tests in chromatography (to establish which pencil wrote the murder note), finger printing and even dangerous substance identification!

Several groups successfully analyzed the results of their experiments to deduce the solution to the ‘murder’, and all groups thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to engage in forensic science and meld their study of the literature with the practical application of the methods vividly described within the literature.
Lights, cameras, action...
Color mix!

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOURING ‘YOUR’ D.C.

New “Interest Strands” connect student passion to place, program and people in the Nation’s Capitol.

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

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

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

As part of their tour of Washington, D.C., all juniors took a Monuments Walk shortly after arriving and before separating into small group “interest strands,” including the Korean War Monument, left.
All students also had the opportunity to visit select museums, including the National Gallery of Art, Air and Space Museum, Holocaust Museum and Natural History Museum, a Monuments Walk and to witness the Changing of the Guard at Arlington Cemetery.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

“The biggest challenge of performing Shakespeare for the actors is the comprehension,” explained Geha. “We really dig into the meanings of words that meant one thing in the 16th century and now could mean something entirely different. Take for instance the character of Bottom (played by Ellis Collier). At points, Bottom is referred to as Bully Bottom. And while today, no one wants to be called a bully, 400 years ago, bully meant ‘a dashing man.’”

Set in Athens and the adjacent forest that is home to the resident fairy folk, *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* spins a web of calculated revenge, which has unexpected ramifications for unsuspecting star-crossed lovers.

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

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

Meanwhile, a lover’s quarrel between

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Think you know who goes with who? After a Midsummer Night’s Dream you may say otherwise...
The King and Queen of the Fairies, Oberon (Morgan Bo) and Titania (Raquel Hutt), has erupted. Angered, Oberon engages his mischievous servant, Puck (Dylan Sklar) to fetch a magical flower whose juice has the power to make people fall in love with the first creature they see. A set of poorly followed instructions, on the part of Puck, lead to new love and loathing, much to the amusement of Oberon.

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

One general staple of a Friends Academy Shakespearean production is music, and finding the right musical foil to the text can be challenging, but always fascinating.

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

“I took different paths to find each song,” added Geha, who made intricate playlists in order to figure out order and what moment resonated with each song. “I instantly connected to ‘Helter Skelter,’ with the lyrics, ‘do you don’t you want me to live you?’ Thematically, it was perfect. ’Green Manalishi’ was a song I’d never heard before I started researching...”
The show, but was so grateful to discover. And ‘Mony, Mony,’ with the lyrics “you make me feel so good,” was a perfect act break as Titania falls in love with Bottom while under a spell.”

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

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

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

“The trees were magical,” recalled Geha. “The staff of the Public Theater actually had to chase raccoons out of the trees in Central Park. Here at Friends, they brought the forest inside in a really tangible way. The cast was climbing all over them – the atmosphere just drew you in,” he added. “Add into that the costumes that Pia [Fleishmann], Selina [Collier], and the costume crew created, and we were transported into a completely new world.” With the addition of lights and mist, the set was complete. But the magic didn’t stop there.

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

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

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

And the final piece? “We couldn’t have asked for better audiences. Our evening audiences laughed and cheered. The students in the audience for the Upper School matinee were so energetic – a few of them even sang along with the music. The magic that Shakespeare wove into his text came to life in so many beautiful ways on the FA stage, and everyone involved had an enchanting experience.”
Middle School Arts Week continues to be a highlight for students, providing opportunities to explore, reflect, create and grow.

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

– Camille Edwards, STEPS Workshop Co-Director
By Elizabeth Siris Winchester ’91

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

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

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

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

Sixth grader Sara worked on a song based on her own experience of changing schools: “It was so hard to change schools for me/I didn’t know until my mom surprised me/It was the middle of summer and I was so upset.” Sara said that White helped her feel comfortable about sharing her experience through song. White explained that the song is helpful not only to Sara as she continues to reflect on her feelings, but to others who are new to a school too. White encouraged students to “keep their words authentic, and to take the listener on a ride from beginning to end.”

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

Brother and sister team Camille and Courtney Edwards were excited about the turnout for their STEPS workshop, for writers, poets and dancers. Camille, who was a director of FA’s summer program The Artist’s Institute, has returned to the school for Arts Week for several years to
teach a hip-hop dance workshop. This was Camille’s second year leading STEPS. “It was wonderful to have my workshop evolve and to have my brother join me in this work,” she said. “We loved the vibe of veterans (returning to the workshop for a second year) and new faces mixing in together to challenge and uplift one another. It’s good for students to be asked to perform. You see who’s ready to be brave, to step up and out!”

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

In the Jam Session workshop, students also explored the skill of improvisation. Music teachers James Liverani, Joe Romano and Dan Gross led kids as they picked up instruments, some for the first time, and used them to communicate and have fun. “In order to jam, you have to have a conversation through instruments,” explained Liverani. “One person is going to say something with an instrument and the other one is going to react.” At the sharing, Liverani asked the audience before the performance to think about what was said in the jam. Spencer, age TK, learned the important lesson that in jamming “there are no mistakes.”

In other workshops, students made mandalas with art teacher Amanda Fisk; students worked with clay, including an exercise that required them to make 30 sculptures in 30 minutes, with ceramics artist Daniel Granias; and guest artist Marc Isaacs helped students explore creating art in two and three dimensions. Dance teacher Joaldri Messina presented the school’s first Latin jazz performance with girls only and boys only. “They worked through their fears and out of their comfort zones,” she said at the sharing. “Just enjoy.”

Arts Week gives students “the support to reach in and share who they are and to have these moments of growth,” said Foster. She felt that the end result of this year’s event was “the most amazing Arts Week sharing that we have ever had!”
The 2018-19 Concert and Art Show Series

Sights & Sounds

Lower School

Middle School

Upper School

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

“Anything can happen if you let it.”

– Mary Poppins
By Elizabeth Siris Winchester ’91

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

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

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

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

The cast followed Foster’s direction and stunned audiences with the professional and magical production. Morgan was one of the cast members who under Flight Crew Director Andrew Geha, soared in the air. “Not everyone can say, ‘I was able to fly in my high school show,’” said Morgan, a trained dancer in hip-hop and contemporary jazz who learned to perform a corkscrew (a spin upwards into the air), back flips and front flips, for his role. “I felt a rush of excitement once my feet lifted off the ground.”

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

Friends’ largest all-school musical fills theater with high-flying, hand-clapping family-favorite musical.
“confidence,” Geha said.

Flying in with her umbrella as Mary, FA senior Claire Sweeney had the chance to play her favorite role yet. “Mary challenged me to create a presence onstage bigger than myself,” Claire explained. “Vocally and physically, Mary also gave me the chance to multitask as a performer—I had to be aware of ten things at once, pushing me as an actor in a way that I’ve never experienced before.” Claire plans to study acting and musical theater in college. “The joy this show gave to me further proved my desire to do this for the rest of my life.”

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

The need to work in small groups
All-School Winter Musical

presented extra opportunities for younger students to work with and get to know older ones, which according to sixth grader Avery Davis, was a highlight. “The all-school musical is a really nice way to mix with kids of all different grades,” she shared. Avery played the letter “O” in “Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious.” Fourth grader Sophia Diaz, who played the letter “T” in the song, added, “it’s really fun because the older students are always so nice to us and they always help us.” Foster also found that “the overwhelming feedback from students in the play is that they loved getting to know each other, spend time together and work together.”

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

“My heart was filled with joy as I watched students dance and sing with great enthusiasm and pride,” wrote Lower School Visual Art Teacher MaryJo Allegra. “What a gift the dance, theater and music department has given to our young artists: a platform to share their passion and voice and to discover their creative potential.” Claire Sweeney seconded that. “The FATDD is the most magical place in the world.” The show’s song lyrics suggest, “anything can happen if you let it.” Tracey Foster proved with Mary Poppins that “anything” includes putting together a professional quality show with kids of all ages and providing all with a truly special and memorable experience. Bravo! Brava! Bravi!
The Purpose of Peace

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

Peace Week goals and purposes span from strengthening inner peace, learning about peacemakers and recognizing challenges to achieving peace, to identifying the school’s programs that promote peace and making positive change in the community and beyond. It is also a time to embrace the school theme, which this year is Deepening Awareness: The Courage and Value to Explore all Perspectives. Here’s a look at the many ways that students, faculty, parents and the community took part in Peace Week events, and what they learned.

**Strengthening Inner Peace**

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

– Joy Lai, Visual Arts Department Head

Lama Tenzin Yignyen returned to Friends January 8–12 for his fourth visit to the school. The ordained Buddhist monk offered morning meditation in the Dolan Center Atrium and shared his teachings with students, parents and faculty. Throughout his visit, Lama Tenzin explored with students ways to make life more meaningful, emphasizing “loving kindness and compassion are the source of happiness.”

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

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

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

The Challenges to Achieving Peace

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

— Ed Nakawatase, Peace Week Guest Speaker

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC) is a Quaker organization that was founded in 1917 in response to World War I. Celebrating its 100th anniversary, the AFSC created a traveling exhibition, “Waging Peace: 100 Years of Action,” which opened at Friends on January 15 for Peace Week. The 12-banner exhibit looks at issues such as poverty, prison, home and discrimination. It “pairs wage with peace, which tells us to wake up,” Kelly explained at an opening Upper School assembly about the exhibition. “Peace is not passive. We must apply energy and activism.”

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

On January 16, the GSS students led a Middle
School panel discussion with Peace Week guest speaker Ed Nakawatase. A life-long social justice activist, Nakawatase was born in a Japanese-American internment camp and spent 31 years of his career working as the National Representative for Native American Affairs for the AFSC. Nakawatase shared his thoughts on how race discussion has changed since the 1960s and how young people can help end discrimination. “There is no substitute for being well-informed,” Nakawatase advised at a breakfast for parents the following morning. “Be conscious of people and current events.”

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

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

Promoting Peace and Positive Change

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

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

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

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

On January 17, Community Groups took part in a peace crane activity. The activity was inspired by the story of Sadako Sasaki, a Japanese girl who was living in Hiroshima during the 1945 bombing and developed leukemia from the radiation. There is a Japanese legend that says folding 1,000 paper cranes allows one’s wish to come true. Sadako folded
Lower and Upper school students share ideas for possible hurricane supply packages in Community Groups.

Joanna Friedl, who fled from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia to Palestine with the aid of a Chinese visa, shared her life story and messages from the past and future.
paper cranes during her months in the hospital before she died, wishing for life, peace and healing.

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

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

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

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

“It’s part of everyone’s duty to volunteer and help,” said Daniels. “My kids know it’s not just about them – everybody else affects you.”

Peace Week was an ideal time for all to embrace that message.
Playoff action, competitive games, building depth, increasing experience – these were the themes of the Fall Sports season.

Top row: Ciaran Bardong, Brianna Visicchio and Carleigh Zelman. Middle: Wyatt Mullen, Boys quad, Laura Greene, Karly Eberly and Leah Loetman. Bottom: Katarina Mongiardo, Alumni soccer match, Alex Clinton.
The Girls Varsity Tennis season began on Wednesday, August 23rd with a significant turnout of new players joining the remaining players from last year’s squad. The players were put through an eight-day match play try-out period with many of the first-time players challenging for spots on the Varsity Team.

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

Players competed for starting positions on the team and after a very tough week of practice and match play, coaches narrowed the squad down to the starting eleven players. “The team faced a very challenging season head-on and did a tremendous job of competing extremely hard in the top conference in Section VIII,” said Uterano.

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

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

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

**JV Field Hockey: More Field Time = Player Improvement**

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

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

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

**Varsity Field Hockey: Early Injuries Delay Team Bonding**

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

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

The second half of the season took off as players began to feel more comfortable working together as a team. Throughout the season, the team’s skill improved and led FA to an impressive win over their rivals, North Shore, during Fall Fair. We also had several players recognized for awards by the Nassau County Field Hockey Coaches Association.

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

**2017 ROSTER:** Ashley Brown, Emily Brown, Lilly Brown, Jocelyn Cedeno, Adrienne Coleman, Jessica de la Bastide, Angelina Fodera, Jayda Foote, Kassandra Homayuni, Ashleen Hughes, Colette Hughes, Katrina Hunt, Katarina Mongiardo, Lily Neisloss, Lola Piuggi and Grace Sands.
**Varsity Crew: Big Fall Races Offer Rowers Competitive Experience**

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

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

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


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

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

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

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

- **Skills** to be practiced and further enhanced.

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


**Individual Awards**

COACHES AWARDS – SIMRUN SINGH, ANAMARIA MANU
**FA 2017 Fall Sports**

**Boys JV Soccer:**

**Building Depth for Varsity**

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

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

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

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

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


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**Quakers finish fourth in Class A**

**Varsity Boys Soccer:**

**Tight Games**

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

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

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

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

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

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**Individual Awards**

**ALL-COUNTY – ANDREW MARSH**

**HONORABLE MENTION**

**ALL COUNTY – CASEY GLOVER**

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

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*Junior Andrew LeoGrande keeps his eye on the ball.*

*Freshman Ian Kim traps the ball.*
Girls JV Soccer: Injuries Push Team to Play Different Positions

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

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


Varsity Girls Soccer: Mindset Carries Team through 2 Playoff Games

The Girls Varsity Soccer team started the season with a positive mindset. After moving up a conference, the Quakers faced much steeper competition. “We surpassed expectations and were able to win a good number of our games,” said Coach Gail Baker. The Quakers made it to post-season and played exceptionally well in both playoff games.

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

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

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

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

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

The Girls’ team qualified for the next round: State Qualifiers, which was held on November 4th. At the NYS Qualifying meet, the Girls team finished third out of 18 teams, with four girls running personal best times and a fifth running her season best.

**Individual Awards**

**ALL-COUNTY** – Karly Eberly, Caroline Green, Laura Greene, Leah Loetman

**ALL-CONFERENCE** – Anna Pappas

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

**2017 Roster:** Anna Asnis, James Byers, Elizabeth Chatpar, Alexander Clinton, Emma Deutsch, Karly Eberly, Thomas Gelfand, Jonathan Givre, Caroline Green, Laura Greene, Tina Huang, Grace Lavin, William Lawrence, Leah Loetman, Joseph Lostritto, Spencer Kriegstein, Alison Mosher, Anna Pappas, Thomas Gelfand, Gavin Park, Zachary Ragozino, Samuel Rotberg, Michael Sensale, Farrah Shikara, Ethan Sobel and Wang Max.
The 2017 Friends Academy Quakers football team competed with honor all season. The team returned only five players with experience. In light of that the senior leaders set the bar high playing each game with a high level of effort that earned the respect of our opponents.

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

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

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

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

Top row: Zach Kaul, Tyler Henry and Morgan Pascucci; Middle: The Squash team, the FA Cheerleading team, Avery Bystrom and Julia-Kate Schamroth; Bottom: Sammay Ghooi, Luke Dillmeier and Samantha Paniccia.
FA 2018 Winter Sports

Boys finish second in Conference A

**Varsity Boys Basketball:**

**All-County Senior Trayvon Alexander Surpasses 1,000 points**

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

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

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

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

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

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**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**All-County – Trayvon Alexander**

**All-Conference – Casey Glover, Teddy Mangiarotti, Steve Popoola**

All-County team for a third straight year. Trayvon also personally eclipsed the 1,000 point scoring mark as a varsity player. “Congrats to the entire team for helping these players achieve these accomplishments.

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

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

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

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


Varsity Girls Basketball: Young Team ‘Dares to be Better’

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

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

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

– Coach Jason Fiscina

2018 ROSTER: Zeina Ashmawy, Meriwether Florence, Riley Glover, Collette Hughes, Alexis Mack, Samantha Panicia, Morgan Pascucci, Hannah Popper, Kristina Sanoulis, Julia Satovsky, Emily Jane Waechter and Carleigh Zelman.
Sports: Go FA!

JV Girls Basketball: Gritty Team Compete in One to Two Point Games

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

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


Varsity Winter Track: Five Athletes Compete at State Qualifier

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

Despite having a small team, Friends Academy competed in nine running events and four field events with notable performances in the sprints, jumps, and mid-distance events. The team had great opportunities to run at the Millrose Games qualifier at the Armory in the city and at the Yale High School Classic Invitational in Connecticut.

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


Individual Awards

Conference 3 Champions – Matt Storch, Avery Bystrom, Leah Loetman, Karly Eberly, Laura Greene

All-Conference – Grace Burrus, Matt Storch, Avery Bystrom, Laura Greene, Leah Loetman, Karly Eberly

FA 2018 Winter Sports
**Varsity Squash: Despite Injuries, Team’s Level of Play Stays High**

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

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

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

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

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**Varsity Cheerleading: School Spirit Fuels Squad Bonds**

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

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

“They were even able to incorporate a half time routine! The cheerleaders brought a ton of school spirit to the games. The squad had a lot of fun incorporating the fans into the cheers this past season and using their energy to build upon ours,” continued Lipman.

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

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

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**Varsity Ice Hockey: Success Through Unity**

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

– Coach Gunnar Esiason


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

The Friends Academy Squash team engages in a match.

Freshman Patrick Kenny blocks his opponent.
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Teamwork brought players to the edge of success and beyond during the Spring 2018 Sports season.

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

Team takes care of ‘little things,’ paves way for big wins

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

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

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

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

— Coach Bill Garry


INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

ACADEMIC ALL-AMERICAN – ANDREW MARSH
ALL-COUNTY – ANDREW MARSH
ALL-COUNTY HONORABLE MENTION – GEORGE PANAGOPOULOS
ACADEMIC ALL-CONFERENCE – GEORGE PANAGOPOULOS, ALBERT PANNICIA, CAL STELLATO, PATRICK KAVAN, ANDREW MARSH
Boys Golf
Del Vecchio propels team to record finish with 13th state ranking

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

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

We were different – younger and older at the same time. The team was lead by its seniors, Cristian Del Vecchio, Erik Zetterstrom, Max Popper, and Michael Manu. Against Jericho, Del Vecchio shot an eye-popping 3-under, 33 at Glen Oaks, site of a PGA tournament last summer. Younger players like Ethan Shalam, Liam Jachetta, Jack McCooy, and Teddy Grace all made big contributions to the team’s 8-4 record. The team chemistry was our strongest suit – young players stepping up and kicking in; older players guiding and helping with wisdom and wit. Hard work and high character were our guides.

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

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

– Coach Geoff Nelson

INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

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

2018 ROSTER: Alex Bergmann, Cristian Del Vecchio, Tyler Fox, Thomas Gelfand, Theodore Grace, Liam Jachetta, Michael Manu, Jack McCooy, Maxwell Popper, Ethan Shalam and Erik Zetterstrom.
Girls Varsity Lacrosse: Playoff Contenders

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

We dedicated our season to a local 6th grade lacrosse player, who sadly lost her battle to cancer in March. Mary often came to camps and clinics at Friends and always told Coach Vic that she hoped to come here someday. Mary reminded us of how lucky we are to have the opportunity to play as a team everyday.

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

We are looking forward to another great season in 2019.

— Coach Victoria Kotowski


**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

ALL-CONFERENCE – ASHEEN HUGHES, CAROLINE CARRELLO, JULIET D’AVERSA, SYDNEY KANG

UNSUNG HERO – MERIWETHER FLORENCE

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

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

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

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

– Coach Louisa Garry

**INDIVIDUAL AWARDS**

**DIVISION CHAMPION**
- 1500M. - LAURA GREENE
- 400M. - EMMA KNOPF
- 400M. - LAURA GREENE
- 400M. - JULIE XIAN
- 400M. - CAROLINE GREEN

**ALL-DIVISION ATHLETES**
- 100M. DASH - NYAH THOMAS
- 100M. DASH - MATTHEW STORCH
- GIRLS HIGH JUMP - NATALIA PAKH
- 400M. DASH - JACK DAVIS, EMMA KNOPF
- 800 M. RUN - LAURA GREENE, CAROLINE GREEN
- 200M. DASH - NYAH THOMAS

**ALL-COUNTY ATHLETES**
- 100M. DASH - MATTHEW STORCH
- 4 X 400M. RELAY - NYAH THOMAS, EMMA KNOPF, JULIE XIAN, CAROLINE GREEN
- 400 HURDLES - CAROLINE GREEN

Girls Softball: Back-to-Back Conference Wins

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

The team carried themselves with class and treated all opponents with the utmost respect no matter what the score was. After many close, back-and-forth games, the girls ended the season with four back-to-back conference wins, which included a huge 19-7 victory on Spring Sports BBQ day.

The spirit and drive to succeed continue throughout the season and each and every player should be incredibly proud of themselves and of their team.

– Coach Amanda Haughney


Jared Toby drives a long one!

Varsity Baseball: Season finishes in winning streak

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

– Ted Williams

It was a great pleasure to work with the 2018 Varsity Baseball team. Our squad consisted of 14 dedicated and talented athletes. Although our season was impacted early on by the prolonged winter temperatures, our players were able to weather the storm and start the season off on the right foot, with a 3-1 record in our newly aligned conference. We were fortunate to have had consistent pitching performances from Jared Toby, Joey Horne, Daniel Selby, Alex Carden, JJ Boose, and Dylan Skolnick.

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

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

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

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

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

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

– Coach Mike Damm


Senior Amberlin Mott releases a pitch from the hill.

Individual Awards

All League

Alex Carden

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Girls Golf: Bound for States, 2nd Year in a Row

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

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

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

– Coach Gail Baker

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

Individual Awards

All County

Serena Biondi

Boys Varsity Tennis: Doubles Team Qualifies for States

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

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

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

Individual Awards

All-County Honors

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**Varsity Crew: Rowers earn bronze and gold**

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

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

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

This spring, three varsity members of our crew participated at the largest high school boat race in the world. Competing amongst over 6,500 athletes, Willam Richter raced the single scull while Effie Karageorgiou & Paige Lind raced the lightweight women’s double to an impressive 12th place.

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

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


– Coach Jason Moskovitz
Girls JV Lacrosse: One game shy of an exceptional, undefeated season

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

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

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

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

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

Congratulations to all our players for an exceptional season!

– Coach Rachel Dooley


Boys JV Lacrosse Season prepares players for Varsity play

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

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

– Coach Patrick Maguire


Alexander Douglas looks for an opening.
Ken Austin – 43 Years

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

Steve Hefele – 33 Years

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

Marge Bevad – 22 Years

During her career, Marge taught all levels of French, has served as a key member of the College Counseling team for 19 years and has built and led the GSS program. Under her leadership, the GSS platform was created and new courses were born. This signature program has opened the door to new ways of thinking about teaching and learning. We thank you for your pioneering spirit and the generosity with which you approach all you meet and in all your work. We will miss Madame Bevad.

Mary Alice Kolodner – 25 years

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

Herb Lape – 35 Years

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

Well-wisher keepsake boxes were on hand for each of the retirees.
Friends, family and colleagues – new and veteran – gathered to mark the combined retirement of eight Friends Academy revered faculty and staff. We will miss you and wish you the best in your new chapters!
Herb also served as advisor of the WATCH committee, and was involved in the Student Faculty Board. More recently he launched a civil discourse initiative for students to help discuss political issues in a more civil manner. Herb is also known for his commitment to his better half and dance partner, Rene. We’ll miss her, too.

Marshall Lindner – 35 Years

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

Martha Regelmann – 26 Years

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

Judi Upright – 35 Years

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

On Saturday, May 13, 2017, former Upper School Spanish teacher, Trisha Baca, married Robert J. Romano, Esq. of Derby, Connecticut. She and Robert wed at Montefiore New Rochelle Hospital accompanied by 20 of their closest family and friends, along with her father, Patricio, who passed away two days later.

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

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

The Academy for Teachers selected Upper School English teacher Joseph Herceg to attend “Frankenstein: The Monster in the Library,” an Academy for Teachers master class led by University of London professor John Tresch on Wednesday, October 24th, at The Morgan Library & Museum.

Director of Finance, Operations and Strategic Projects Ann Marie Tidona has been elected to the National Business Officers Association. NBOA is a nonprofit membership association dedicated to advancing business excellence in independent schools.

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Dear Fellow Alumni,

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

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

This issue of The Meeting House features two of our alumni who are civic minded and truly making a difference. On page 62, read about Courtney Devon Taylor, '01 a Philadelphia attorney who seems to find time for many incredible activities. Courtney, a FA Alumni Association Board member, has spent a great deal of effort helping Directions for Our Youth, Inc., a nonprofit community-based youth development organization, thrive. She is completing a five-year term as Chairman of the Board of the Directors and has lead the organization through significant changes as it provides quality out-of-school programming in underserved areas of the Bronx and Manhattan. Suzanne D’Addario Brouder, ’90 is another FA alumni that makes us all proud! Her story, on page 64, tells of her becoming the Executive Director of The D’Addario Foundation. This organization funds nonprofit music programs in communities and public schools. Suzanne’s commitment to music education has helped the foundation help over 200,000 students a year. Both Courtney and Suzanne credit Friends Academy with instilling the values in them that have helped them be so civic minded and successful.

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

Lastly, as Alumni, we too must join in the numerous accolades that have been given to this year’s retiring teachers and staff. I do not believe that FA has ever seen such a large contingent of legends retire at the same time. With over 254 years of service to Friends, the school, its community and, especially, its alumni bid a very fond farewell to Ken Austin, Marge Bevad, Steve Hefele, Mary Alice Kolodner, Herb Lape, Marshall Lindner, Martha Regelmann and Judi Upright. We thank them for all they have taught us both inside and outside the classroom and wish them “Happy Trails” in their retirements!

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Introducing the new Parents of Alumni Association!

We are here to make sure your connection to FA continues long after your last child graduates from Friends. Join our new Facebook Group by searching for “Parents of Friends Academy Alumni” in Facebook or head to www.fa.org/parents/poaa.

We want to hear from you and keep you connected to events that are unique and valuable to Alumni Parents.

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

While at Friends, Courtney played Varsity Basketball her freshman and sophomore years, and rowed her junior and senior years. She participated in other sports too, but basketball and crew were her primary sports. Courtney was also a member of the Girls Quad that won the New York State Scholastic Rowing Championships in 2001 in Saratoga, NY.

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

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

Building her legal foundation

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

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

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

Giving back

When Courtney is not practicing law, she stays connected to FA through her participation on the Friends Academy Alumni Association Board, on which she has served for about five years. Outside of the FA community, Courtney devotes her time to Directions for Our Youth, Inc. “Since 2011, I have served on the Board of Directors of Directions for Our Youth, Inc. (DFOY), a nonprofit community-based youth development organization that provides quality out-of-school programming in underserved areas of the Bronx and Manhattan for children in grades K-12. In 2014, I was elected Chairman of the Board of Directors. Since then, I have spearheaded a turnaround and stabilization of the underperforming agency’s fiscal and administrative operations. I have led the hiring process of a new Executive Director and executive leadership team, led the revamping of the agency’s fiscal operations, facilitated improvements to student programs, and liaised with various government entities and policy-makers. Furthermore, during my time on the board, I have planned four fundraisers and personally raised over $80,000 for the agency. The organization has used these funds to provide its participants with quality programs, such as field trips to Washington, D.C. to visit the National Museum of African-American History & Culture. I am entering the final year of my Chairmanship, after which time the turnaround will be complete. I consider the successful turnaround of the agency one of my largest professional accomplishments to date.”

Courtney embraces the FA motto of “Kind Hearts, Strong Minds.” She notes, “I look for the good in everyone, and I try to be kind to all. I believe that everyone has talent and can contribute to the greater good in some way. Definitely this is something that I learned during my time at FA. I possess an unwavering commitment to community service and I am very civic-minded. I am community-driven, even when it is not convenient, and even when the stresses of not-for-profit work are more consuming than my actual job. DFOY is a great example of that.”

Distinctive recognition

Courtney Devon Taylor was recently named “Rising Star” on Philadelphia Business Journal’s list of 2017 “Women of Distinction.” She has embraced her career and has furthered it by taking on community causes to better the greater good. From her childhood in Westbury, to her well-rounded education at Friends Academy, where faculty like Madame Bevad, Mrs. Clark, and Mr. Dugger influenced her so greatly, she carries the Quaker spirit of enriching the lives around her wherever she goes. On a fun note, Courtney became the new owner of a row home in the historic Washington Square neighborhood of Philadelphia. “My current hobby is decorating the home in a manner that is honest to the time period. I moved to Philadelphia to be close to my parents because they now live in southern New Jersey, so Philadelphia is only 20 minutes away!” We are expecting an invite anytime soon, Courtney!
Suzanne D’Addario Brouder ’90

Music Matters

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

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

“Making it possible for kids to study music is an essential element of education and we want to support programs that give a child that opportunity,” Suzanne says. “We actively support the efforts by innovative, independent not-for-profits bringing immersive (multiple days per week), quality music instruction back into underserved communities. There is a strong need in this country and beyond as schools, particularly in low-income neighborhoods, are devoid of music curricula. As grant-makers, our programs are designed very intentionally to use music as a tool to enhance cognitive function and literacy development and reduce truancy and remediation for at-risk kids.”

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

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

Students selected to participate in the program receive up to eight hours of afterschool strings instruction each week. Last summer, students took part in a six-...
week intensive full-day training in New York City. The program also includes a Saturday orchestra intensive in New York City provided by the Harmony Program that includes a full-day workshop with members of the New York Philharmonic.

“Many of the students that started with us are now in middle school and have grown not only in their development as musicians but as productive, engaging, excelling students,” Suzanne reports. These findings are aligned with research studies, which conclude that students of low socio-economic status with intensive arts involvement are five times more likely to graduate high school, earn better grades and demonstrate higher rates of college enrollment. “Through immersive music training, we can help offset the negative impact of poverty on a child’s brain function, behavior and academic achievement.”

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

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Suzanne D’Addario Brouder ’90: Music Matters

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

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

Some of Suzanne’s earliest memories of school music involve Josh Lohrius’ mother, Linda Lohrius, who worked as the school’s music teacher from 1984 to 1992. “I loved everything about her – her smile, her artistic energy and her enthusiasm,” says Suzanne. Suzanne also participated in FA’s school orchestra, playing the violin, and sang in the choir through upper school. At home, she took private piano lessons and still plays today. She took up guitar after moving to Chicago. “Having graduated from FA, I feel blessed to have had exposure to an incredibly well-rounded education and a strong sense of community.”

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

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Fay Biggins writes: “Surprise! Hopefully I can get this to you. If you have seen the movie A Walk in the Woods with Robert Redford and Nick Nolte you’ll know what I am talking about. I am doing one more year as President of the hospital auxiliary. Then I will slow down. My vice-president and I have started a few projects that need to be finished. Then it will be someone else’s turn. At least it keeps the brain active. My daughter Nancy is doing very well with her copper hummingbird feeders and is planning to get into larger production in Arizona. So that means that I will have to move to Arizona within the next few years to be with her. Physically, I am keeping ahead of arthritis and neuropathy with physical therapy but I know sooner or later it will catch up with me. So life moves on. At least for now the grass doesn’t grow under my feet. Wendy Murphy reports: “Still living a fairly normal life here in Kent and on our tiny primitive island in Maine, though Jack’s Parkinson’s Disease does limit mobility somewhat of late. I’m still writing several hours a day, finding the idea of retirement entirely peculiar. My most interesting project right now is researching and developing a comprehensive view of working dogs through the ages and how various canine types are ‘wired’ and trained to achieve their extraordinary services to humankind, from scent and sight hunting dogs and sled dogs to search and rescue dogs, war dogs, diagnostic dogs, police and drug detection dogs, seeing eye and companion dogs to autistic kids and PTSD victims. I hope to submit the proposal to publishers before the end of the year if I can just keep from other distractions. Also very involved in conservation and open space preservation – goals happily shared with virtually all the towns in Connecticut’s northwest corner. News from Valerie and Laurie Castlemaker: “We are going to be moving to a retirement community hopefully by year-end. It is 20 minutes from our present home, so we will still be relatively close to our son John and his family. Our seven grandchildren are progressing through school, three in college this year. Caroline just finished nine months in India and starts Princeton next month. I really enjoyed seeing the photo of the young girls in our class, I guess taken at a party at Heather’s home. Donn Andre ’54 is alive and well living at a retirement community near his younger son outside Boston and winters in Florida at The Villages.” Connie and Bob Wilkinson note: “We spent the winter in our AZ home, returning to Port Ludlow in May. Later that month we took our granddaughter to Branson and to see Port Ludlow in May. Later that month we took our granddaughter to Branson and to see Port Ludlow in May. Later that month we took our granddaughter to Branson and to see our farmland in KS. Natalie is starting her Master’s degree study at Princeton later this summer with a full scholarship. Her little sister Alyson will be starting at Bridgewater College in VA with a full scholarship. I attended her graduation in Williamsburg in June. And another granddaughter, Alex, will be entering Brown. We are enjoying a beautiful summer in Port Ludlow... tennis, pickle-ball, bridge and book clubs. No big trips planned at the present moment.” Connie Miller reports: “After my hip replacement last year, I’ve started to play golf again this summer; however, lost a lot of distance, and am playing like a beginner! At least I’m out there giving it a go. My two grandkids, Lindsay, nine, and Collin, six, are doing fine. Their dad and mom, Stu and Sue, live right around the corner from me, so I get to see them quite a lot. I’m in a bridge game two to three times a week, and still go up to the bank and have lunch with my former employee buddies once a week. So far life is good, and I guess we’re all lucky to still be on the right side of the grass.” Terry Scheetz replied: “As a former Long Islander, I am glad to know about Walt Whitman and the meaning of Paumanok, guessing it is an Indian name. We are enjoying being back in Pittsburgh for the warm weather months. Ted still goes to the office several days a week. I am helping with fundraising for our local nature center. We are celebrating our 100th anniversary as an Audubon Nature
Center. Children and grands from east and west have come for overlapping visits so all the cousins can get together. The oldest heads off to college. We are planning a 60th wedding trip in September to London and Sicily where maybe I get to use some Italian.” Ann Galbraith Hayward writes: “I moved to Petaluma at the request of my daughter, Donna, who lives in a new manufactured home while I am waiting for senior affordable housing. Unfortunately, the waiting lists are two to five years and most of the area needs more housing. I am still working part-time at a very posh retirement home in Marin County as well as a new job at my favorite store, Talbots. Talbots has opened a new store in the Outlet in Petaluma and the store is fun to work there, as well as the clothes are always great, and as an employee we get 50% off the prices! My daughter, Donna, is still loving her work as a medical assistant. My granddaughter, Kristina, has just opened a new specialized gym with her partner who does preparation of food for the individual who works out in their gym and wants very tasty food prepared by a ‘real chef.’ I miss our ‘great class of 1952’ at FA. Many thanks, Margaret, for being the ‘longest class rep in FA history!’” Heather Poetzsch reports: “We were on Long Island this summer to visit Joachim’s brother, our niece and nephew and great nieces on his side. Everything has changed so much. The traffic getting there from the bridges and on the island itself is massive. Either they don’t like Vermont plates or are always in a hurry, it’s treacherous driving. In any event, we passed and drove through FA, but it was a Sunday and couldn’t get in. It certainly is not the school I remember. It is massive with so many buildings, etc. etc. I guess many of you have seen it. The last time I was in the school was for our 50th. We both are well, other than minor aches and pains and we are trying to keep active. I became a great aunt and Joachim a great uncle this summer to the most beautiful great great niece in the WHOLE WORLD!! Her name is Quinn. So we were in Hyde Park, NY for that celebration and expect to go back pretty soon.” From Margaret Shiels: “The Shiels family is pleased to be in good shape. Granddaughter Sara is teaching in McGregor, Texas, and working on her Master’s in counseling as well as coaching volleyball. Sara’s brother Andrew is with a bio-medical firm in San Antonio. Kate is in Boston and Cameron is in college in Arkansas. We are going to ‘Family Weekend’ with son Frank. I am still active in the Friends of the Library here in Kaufman and in the Monday Book Club of the Woman’s Club in Fort Worth. I received an e-mail from Jerry Lester ’53 after seeing the photo of the FA girls that Heather sent. Pictures are important. Send more! If you need a suggestion for a gift for the person who has everything, my daughter Heather gave her husband a drone for his birthday! We hope they will bring it to the farm so that we can all play with it. Sadly, Dick Schulze emailed that in March his sister Betsy Schulze Luther had a massive stroke and passed away. We send our best to Dick.”

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

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Loren Godfrey writes: “We are going to a ranch in Montana with three of my ten grandchildren this July. In August we are going golfing in England with some friends. We have spent the last two months in Florida golfing. Fortunately, I am in good health and able to enjoy every moment even though my golf gets worse every year.” I recently heard from Peter Galbraith who says that life in the old folks home (wakerobin.com) continues to be good. He has spent the last few months working with attorneys and judges to create a family drug treatment court that would reunify kids more quickly with their parents who have substance abuse disorder. He is also working with his State’s Attorney to open a Safe Injection Site in Burlington, an attempt to do something about the opioid overdose deaths that continue to rise in Vermont. Peter also recently caught up with Judy Tingley. From Maria Espinosa – After a dearth of publication, finally a few pieces are beginning to appear online. A short story, “Catalina, mi amor,” will appear in the April issue of PersimmonTree. Another story, a spoof about a yoga instructor back in the Sixties, has recently appeared in Yellow Mama, a publication with a lurid cover and a wide variety of work. This gives me hope that a recently completed novel may eventually find a publisher. Meanwhile – after countless rejections – I have begun a new novel which progresses slowly. I seem to have much less energy than I used to have and greatly envy my robust neighbor who only needs five hours of sleep a night! My daughter and her male partner of 27 years – I guess that is as good as married – live just a few blocks away, and that is a great blessing. I’m also very fortunate to have found a community in Albuquerque. A slower paced town with far less traffic than the Bay Area, friendships develop more easily. Another highlight of my life is an Ashtanga Class. I am by far the oldest in the group, and the only reason I can do it is that we each go at our own pace. The instructor is tremendously encouraging! The yoga classes are the highlights of my week. Peter Bergh writes: “The decision to move west to the Colorado Rockies twenty years ago has proven to be a good one for me, as everything about the state is to my liking. Soon after settling in Edwards, I became involved in local politics and land trust work, putting my thirty some years experience in Vermont in these realms and as a land planner to good use. I still maintain very close contact with people and my wellness business in Vermont, The Sports and Fitness Edge, www.edgevt.com, as a director and major shareholder. The Edge is now recognized nationally as a leader in what is called Healthy Care, as opposed to the current system of healthcare in this country which is anything but and will soon go bankrupt unless a sea change occurs in the way people are treated. Working upstream I call it to promote a healthy lifestyle for all ages across the board. Vermont is now recognized as the third healthiest state in the nation, behind Massachusetts and Hawaii, and I take great pride in knowing that in a number of ways my efforts promoting early childhood education and wellness statewide has
helped the state achieve this status. However not being satisfied with third place, at our board meeting last September I challenged the entire staff of over 650 individuals to join me in my efforts to have Vermont become number one by 2025, or sooner. Last month I turned 80, and my health is excellent as I practice what I preach, “movement is the fountain of youth.” Colorado meets most of my needs except my passion for being in, on and next to the salt water, a need that is filled by spending the fall at my summer place on Buzzards Bay where I fish for bass, blues, windsurf, mess around in boats and do chores; and a couple of weeks windsurfing in Bonaire. Having lived alone for many years, but in the good company of my Malamute, Thor, recently a lovely woman came into my life and we are now a happy couple planning to spend the fourth quarter of the game of life together. Please pass on to all my classmates that I would welcome hearing from them, and would enjoy getting together should they be out this way. Edwards is just west of Vail, my email address is pbergh@vail.net, and my phone 970-376-5927.

1959

Steve Sundgaard still enjoys road trips with Marie, spending time with grandkids in Dallas and Austin. His condo in South Padre Island survived Hurricane Harvey (Open invitation to all Classmates). Steve celebrates his 50th year in Texas this September and now says “Police” in two words (emphasis on the “PO”).

Bruce Burrows continues to build PalmTree Clinical Research, keeping 10 young staffers (23-40) busy and keeping himself young. At 39 he went dancing at Studio 54, at 45 he went horseback/endurance riding, at 54 he went to the gym every day and was down to 11% body fat, at 66 he went traveling. Well Gerry, at 76 you need a rest. John Wenger visited New York this past summer. He enjoyed seeing his old neighborhood in Flushing, Queens, after 35 years. John wanted to point out that 2019 is less than a year away, marking 60 years since we graduated. “Let’s plan a reunion” (or maybe we should call it “The Last Supper”). Karen Willits Zentgraf divides her time with husband, Hank, between Ft. Collins, CO, and Naples, FL. She and daughter, Beth, swam The Boston SharkFest in 2016. Swim Trek is from the U.K. and has swim holidays around the World; Karen plans to attend one in the near future in Galapagos. Shirley Sanders Warrick is simplifying her life from 22 horses down to three; adding three donkeys for sound effects; reducing 5 dogs to 3. Decided to keep brother Roger, who, with his wife Pauline, will visit her this fall. Wendy Stone Fenner has moved her talents from tennis to golf, and is winning tournaments. Bruce Burrows is hard-and-fast Republican, and is enjoying teaching a course on European Economic Community. He admits that there may be one complete idiot in office. Traveled this year to Japan and Alaska. Also enjoyed a Rhine Cruise with daughter Kat and husband Dave. “It is a great life and it always looks better when I look at my FA diploma, issued in 2015. It replaces the one Abbie Freedman made for me in 2000.” Julia Ursi enjoys her life in Weston, CT. Her son skippered for the junior version of the Americas Youth in Bermuda. She sends her best to all! Jim Sykes is still retired and living in the Big Apple. He plans to take a Williams College sponsored trip to Greenland next August. Last June, Carol Klarberg Tabb did some hiking in the Italian Dolomites, which are located in the Italian Alps, close to the Austrian Border. Also, trips to Venice, Verona, and Bologna. She is an expert on Tortellina. Charles Jameson and wife Dana have limited their travel plans after Charlie’s hip replacement and follow-up therapy. Prior to surgery, he was involved in mini-marathons (VERY mini). I am still operating my business, The Bayberry, but at a reduced pace. I plan to semi-retire and enjoy some non-profit work. Opera trips to England are planned for this summer, as well as visiting Larry Corash (Class of ’61) for “The Ring” in San Francisco. Don’t forget to contribute to Annual Giving. That’s where you thank Friends Academy for getting us into great colleges. Karen Willits Zentgraf just returned from a swim trek trip to the Galapagos Islands. Swim Trek is a British firm that leads swimming trips in various exciting places around the world. Gerry Bocian is still working (at 76) and building the clinical research business he started in 2012. He has completed over 60 clinical trials and research studies. “My younger staff inspires me to continue and help save lives. I constantly think of Mrs. Stubbs and how grateful I am for our English education. I majored in Chemistry as an undergrad and got an MBA, but got out of Friends fairly literate. Who else had that Shakespeare book?” Charles Jameson and Dana want to announce the arrival of their new chocolate Labrador named Siren. They ask that no cards of congratulations or presents be sent. John Wenger, recently visited Tucson, Arizona and had dinner with Judy Reeve, baker and husband Ken, and also met up with John Froehlich. Judy Reeve visited Bonnie Rouzee Clarey and husband Steve in San Diego. Steve is a retired Admiral and gave them a tour of the naval base. Bruce Burrows and wife Gay are traveling to Brazil for an

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

Highlights of the weekend included:

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

Dinner Friday night at Creek Club, well attended, with classmate Nancy Vitriol returning for, I believe, the first time in 50 years, and a wood paneled beautiful venue for reconnecting with classmates and their companions. The evening was made more enjoyable by the presence of Sandy ’66 and Brandt Rising ’65.

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

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

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

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

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

– Didi
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**Homecoming Reunions – October 2017**

### [45TH REUNION]

**1972**

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

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

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

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

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

— Karen Spero Albers

### [35TH REUNION]

**1982**

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

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

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

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

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

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

[25TH REUNION]

1992

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

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


[20TH REUNION]

1997

The class of 1992 and 1997 celebrated their 25th and 20th reunions together at the home of Kirsten (Isaksen ’97) and Jay Benjamin ’92.
A group of over 30 alums came together at Fiddlesticks in NYC on October 20th. Special thanks to Chris McCann and Sarah Chartash for planning the evening!

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

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Their son, Will, has his law degree and MBA. Son John, has his Masters in Environmental Science. Susan Dundon and her husband, Ron, have been spending winters in Pelican Cove, Florida, 75 acres of gardens and bird sanctuary. It has its share of wildlife one could step out the door and encounter an armadillo. She writes: “In a circuitous way, this brings me to my latest passion, helping endangered species by creating wildlife adoptions for friends, family, and others. My granddaughter, 12, whose ambition it is to work with marine mammals, has adopted a seal; I support an elephant and a sloth, gifts from my son; a polar bear, a giraffe, and a tortoise are in the works. The last white rhinoceros died last week, just one of many extinctions to come, unless wildlife foundations flourish. It gets expensive, but it is rewarding and provides a brief respite from the latest ignorant utterance our president has unleashed upon the world.”

As for me, I am still enjoying my work at The Bayberry. Ngaere and I are still developing some of our property in Amagansett (retirement fund). We plan to go to San Francisco for “The Ring” in the opera season and meet up with Larry Corash Class of ’61 and his wife Michelle. Life is good. Don’t forget to contribute to Annual giving – That’s where you thank Friends Academy for getting you into great colleges.

– David Seeler

1960

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Hurricanes and wild fires, but, as far as we know, our class came through unscathed. Geoff Wharton and his wife Susan have been in Los Angeles for the past nine years and he is currently senior advisor to LA Mayor Garcetti working on improving job prospects of the city’s 80,000 “Opportunity youth” (youth between 16-24 out of school and out of work). Geoff was previously the COO for the Dodgers. Wonder how he feels about the recent World Series? Fred Kuffler and his wife Linda sold the Philadelphia house they had for 39 years and moved to a Quaker retirement community in Gwynedd, PA. In a unique arrangement he has shop space to continue his woodworking hobby. Sadly, Pam Pese Harris’ husband, Dick, died in August of a rare auto-immune disorder. Tina Matkovic Spiro is hard at work on a large art project on sea level rise and climate change to debut in December in Miami. She adds, “Now hopefully people will take this seriously!” Anne Wadsworth Moody writes, “I am still studying classical ballet, mostly with teenagers and still loving it though increasingly feeling like the tin man in The Wizard of Oz.” Anne, I have an oil can for those chafing joints. I’m still flying some fun stuff, but say I will give it up when I can’t get in and out of the cockpits without help. Starting on a sixth book. Yup, more aviation. On a promotional tour for Wave Off! (book #five), I stayed with John Trauth and his wife Astrid in their place in Incline Village, Nevada. Nothing like an evening with wine to get caught up on 57 years. Learned John was a serious tennis player and the intriguing story of his Paris connection. Hurricanes and wild fires, but, as far as we know, our class came through unscathed. A few more of you have vanished; if you did not get class bulletin #25, please drop me an e-mail.

1961

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

1962

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

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Amazon trip, then off to Cape Verde Islands and Canary Islands. In June they are off to South Africa. Kelly Kammerer and wife Nancy had a memorable trip to Australia and New Zealand. Highlights included an eight day hiking trip with backroads on New Zealand’s South Island and a week on Lord House Island, a world heritage site on the Tasman Sea. Back in France now – pruning his olive trees. Jim Sykes is planning a Williams College trip to Greenland. He sold his beautiful sailboat and does basic ground travel. Jim and I try to meet at his club in NYC for lunch every month. John Froehlich is healing slowly but says he is headed in the right direction. He is interested in baseball since Carol’s nephew-in-law, Justin Upton, plays for the LA Angels. Carol and John are planning a car trip up the California coast. I did this trip many years ago with John and had to deal with him loudly reading poetry from the bathtub while I was trying to watch a football game on TV. Robert Pickels is spending over a month vacationing in Sanibel, Florida. He enjoys turning exotic wood at his home in Sherrill, NY. He sends his best to all the “Master Class.” Bob is retired from medicine but asks the class to contact him regarding any ailments, day or night at his unlisted phone number. Shirley Sanders Warrick’s grandson, Chris, has been shipped to Afghanistan for a tour of duty. She writes, “I am afraid his 6 foot 2 inch size is going to provide too big a target. Y’all keep him in your prayers (Chris Warrick)” We will Shirley! Sam Sugden and wife Diane continue their life part time on the Island of Mustique in the Grenadines. He invites our class to come for a visit any time. Great Sam, I will take the large guest room, for January and February.
Malcolm is semi-retired, has two newish hips and is still living in Middlebury, VT. All of his kids and grandkids are still in the area and they have a family camp on Lake Champlain where they have many gatherings. Fred and I are still in Sun Valley, Idaho most of the time. Our family home on Cape Cod had a terrible fire over Labor Day so we are not having fun working with the insurance company. The house still sits charred and damp waiting for the insurance company to give the demolition people permission to begin the work that needs to be done. Check your smoke detectors! On a brighter side, we had a great two-week trip through British Columbia this fall – gorgeous, interesting, fun and very crowded. We didn’t realize it was the 100th Birthday of Canada and all of the National Parks were open to the public for free! Cheering and hope someone contacts the Alumni Office at Friends!” In his first note as the class of ’62 rep, Andy Merton writes, “I retired from UNH in 2015, after 43 years teaching writing. At about the same time, Gail retired from her teaching job in the Berwick, Maine school district. This has given us time to travel; the highlight was a month-long trip to the U.K. in 2016, during which we visited old friends in Cambridge and Edinburgh, and did some hiking on the gorgeous coast of Wales. Last year our travels were domestic: to California, where we heard our son Gabe on the clarinet with the excellent La Jolla Symphony; and to the south, where we assisted our daughter Rachel, her husband Matt, and our granddog, Baguette the Bassett Hound, relocate from DC to what we in Durham, NH refer to as the other Durham (NC), where Rachel took what she calls her dream job, nurse practitioner in the trauma unit of the Duke University Medical Center. (Matt’s a writer, but then, nobody’s perfect.) Meanwhile, my second book of poetry, “Lost and Found,” was published by Accents Publishing in 2016. After many years of dedicated service Randi has passed the class rep. baton on to me; I’m eager to hear your news. Please get in touch with me at andrew.merton@unh.edu.”

1964

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Well, I was going to start off with one of the very first bursts of creativity I flung into onto the walls of Friends Academy: “You know the date, the time, the spot….” (for a dance in 1961), but instead, I decided to hold a competition – who can remember the name of the dance? Big prize, really! The biggest prize from this year's emails from our classmates is the warmth and joy of living many of you old birds expressed! Some, for the very first time, evah (Marvie Campbell, John Nix, Dykstra D (David Dykstra), Gerret Warner, Perry Clark)! Now, I have to let everyone read Marvin Suton’s in its entirety: “OK I’m checking in cuz I love hearing everybody else’s news. I’ll try to be brief. I’m living in the same old Vermont farmhouse for forty-five plus years now. On my left is a covered bridge and on my right is my brother Michael (Sutton ’62) who lives in an old stone school house. I have two amazing sons with equally incredible wives and of course my two grandchildren are beyond belief. After raising a family and twenty eight years of teaching kindergarten I am happily busier than ever. In the summer I manage my small farm…bees, chickens, way too big garden, a small farm stand. Also an orchard with thirty plus apple trees as well as pears and pears. I’m making cider like a mad woman right now. I’d love to hear from you. The winter I work full time at Bromley Mt. supervising and teaching skiing. Then between skiing and farming I travel all over the world. I go simple, light and cheap. My favorites are Nepal, India. And PERU. I have always loved mountains and am constantly amazed at where my backpack and I can go on our own. I’ve also managed to run quite a few marathons (PR 3:07). It makes me giggle because I could never do well at sports at FA as much as I wanted to. So there it is…that’s what I’ve been doing. I feel so lucky and fortunate. Maybe we can all get together for 55 Best, Marvie.” This email, which was circulated to all on the class chain, prompted Sue and Perry Melzig to visit Marvie along with Gail Spencer and her husband, Larry. And Sue and Perry live in Phoenix! See what a draw a magnificent life is? Of course, it brings out the worst in me – an inveterate mutterer (“hmmmmm, I was a marathoner, hmmmm, I didn’t do a 3:07”, mutter, mutter, mutter). But I digress. Lots of folks in our class are also inveterate travelers – not me, of course, (only non-stop flights, mutter, mutter). Sue and Perry – globe trotters, check. Nina and Irwin, ditto. Betsy and Indira, copy that. Then there is our Sophia Lotowycz Stoller. She wrote from Japan that she and her husband had just finished walking the last 200 miles of the 800 mile Shikoku 88 Temple Pilgrimage. Wow! And, one of her prayers on that walk was for a peaceful loving world for all children. Surely, George Fox would agree! Jeff Fox and his wife also get around, for fun and then again, also for doing medical missionary work (not me, oh, never mind,) so, they, too, seem to have been influenced to do good in the world, a wonderful reflection of what our Quaker education leads us to do with our lives... Amazing to many of us, who struggle to be nice… And Jeff mentioned David Dykstra and guess who wrote in? Yes, Dykstra-D (Estonia accent, please) wrote about his full life of studies (historyprof is his email handle), small business owner (historical research and databases), stay-at-home dad, and now he helps his wife and her partner in their on-line biz. How wonderful to hear from him! Gerret Warner also wrote in for the first time, a wonderful, beautifully written (Mrs. Stubbs getting a shout-out) life story filled with his family tradition/love of folk music, being an English teacher for years, then going to film school and now being a film maker/documentarian. Bet Gerret is still a musician, too. Just like our own John Nix who has rocked out with the best of them, but is also self-effacing, a real trend in our class, I think (not me, of course) John’s honest account of his amazing, full, complicated life gleams with love of living (never letting working full time interfere with, as he says, “paying serious attention to life style.” He also is very healthy and works out five to six days a week. Just like me! And that is another thread in our class – athleticism. Take a look at Betsy Malcolm Eklöf’s fun fleet of boats: kayaks, paddleboards and jetskis! And Douglas, Sue Melzig, Indira are still crazy for tennis. But John does win the prize for a rich, wonderful-crazy, happy life! Wow! Just like me! Just like a lot of us, I bet. Now, just because they didn’t write in or didn’t write much, Indira Licht Garner, Victoria Young Ryan, Cathie Bush Wardell and Douglas Altchek are constant friends, even neighbors, always trying to help me behave, play a little tennis, go for a walk, chat about important things, have a glass of wine (medicinal purposes only) or just show up! And Douglas and Cathie and Victoria are still working! So kudos to us all, doting grandparents, aging rockers (I include myself, of course), those struggling, those still working, all of us still connected! Now, one more thing about Gerret: like Jeff Bloom, he wanted to hear how other classmates were, like Perry Clark, Tony Millham and Joan Fowler, and this is what he wrote about Perry: “I saw an article about

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

1965

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

1966

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While getting ready for his upcoming move from McLean, VA to Winchester, VA, Bill Young ’66 recently found these tickets from the FA Junior Prom. Narrated by a mind-reading hound who ends up being a service dog for an autistic boy. Thought you might pass the word to our common friends alumni. I really had fun writing it from the dog’s point of view! You did a really good job organizing our 50th reunion, I still think about it. Still enjoying AZ living – a cold day for us is when it’s 55! Love the mild sunny winters here! Guess it’s been pretty cold there. Come see us sometime except not June – August when it’s too hot to enjoy much of anything. Thank goodness for air conditioning! Sally kept herself busy after FA: “I also taught in AZ for about 12 years before I retired so have been retired about three years now. My husband Jim, married 40 something years, was a city planner in various cities. His last job was as planning director in Flagstaff AZ. He’s been retired for two years now. We had two children both living here in AZ. Not married and no grandchildren. We came out here after living in Maryland for 20 years.” Spoke with Pam Piffath Still the other day. We commiserated on soon reaching the 7th decade landmark. Yet when we talk, it is as if no time has passed and we are back at FA. Pam and her husband David are fortunate to have their two children and five grandchildren nearby so they can enjoy watching the grands partake in many sports activities. Pam shares that a good sense of humor is what helps make a happy life. We also spoke of the joys of joint replacement. Pam has a new shoulder and I have a new left hip. Thank goodness for orthopedic surgeons. From Carol Edgerton Downey: Flirting the 70th year last month wasn’t as awful as I was fearing. The great news is that I still got up that morning, felt great, and went about my day in a very normal way! Turns out there was nothing to fear after all! I am looking forward to a mini reunion at Nancy God-Harf’s in Detroit this Sept. Nancy Rauch Douzinias, Sally Hubbard Cronk and I are all on board for a great visit. Will be different from our class reunion since there won’t be dashing from event to event occurring, and we’ll get some quality time to just get caught up with each other’s lives, kids, and grandchildren. Doesn’t get much better than that. Am really looking forward to this time together, and hope it will be the 1st of many mini reunions to come. Have been doing the same thing with close group of friends from college. Think this year will be the 15th reunion with that group. Going to be at a friend’s on LI. First time since we began that I’m not hosting, so will be an entirely different reunion. I’ll be a guest!! Anyway, discovered a long time ago that keeping good friends in your life is every bit as important as eating and air to survive. Hope both of these reunions continue far into the future! From Priscilla Newell Terry: Jim and I are in our third season of living in SE New Mexico, in the Sacramento Mountains, at 6900’ up. We are actively involved with our church’s Wednesday night children’s ministry, teaching and feeding almost 32 children every week. We also work at our local food bank every Friday, distributing boxes of food to any resident of Lincoln County. I belong to a hiking group of people who love their dogs and we take three-to-four mile weekly hikes all over the county. I also “work” for the local Chamber as a Greeter, more PR for the Village of Ruidoso as we attend ribbon cuttings, open houses for new businesses, and the big fund raiser called Jubilee in November – a Lincoln County only merchant’s early Christmas shopping extravaganza. Lots of work, but also so much fun! When we left Hamilton, Texas, we down-sized dramatically and have found much freedom in having less “stuff.” Besides that, so many Texas friends were able to have a reminder of our friendship while helping us to divest ourselves of family heirlooms! Our daughter, Alison, comes to visit for a week in July to celebrate her birthday and then with her husband for a week at Christmas. We have made some new friends through church and the community and our lives are very richly blessed. Bill Young and his wife will be selling their McLean, VA 50s rambler and moving to Winchester, VA where they will be part of Shenandoah Valley Westminster Canterbury. As Bill says:” A big change, but we’re convinced the only thing that would be more anxiety inducing would be to stay where we are. Onward and upward!” Bill forwarded some tickets he found while getting ready to move. Check out Bill Dillof’s activities at: reverbnation.com. He shares his love for music with many. Congratulations Bill on following your bliss. Bill writes: “After reluctantly acknowledging having turned 70, life goes on fairly undisturbed. Paula and I are busier than ever (and more selective) with our performances, with a nearly full schedule...
for the coming summer. Somehow, we’ll have to work in a visit or two with the kids and grandkids out in the bay area of California. We are based in the Berkshires of Massachusetts, with a condo near St. Pete Beach, FL for the snow season.” Nancy God-Harf shares “feeling lucky to be alive and surrounded by loving family and friends. I see our grandchildren all the time, doing fun, silly things in an effort to subvert their parents’ discipline! I have become immersed in art classes and practice in the fiber and needle arts. I volunteer with groups working on behalf of Israel, interfaith dialogue, and cancer survivorship. David and I are also very involved with local and politics. We spend a lot of time exploring Detroit, which has become a foodie heaven, according to the New York Times, as well as a cultural and artistic hub. I can hear you all laughing, but Detroit is really a remarkable place...so remarkable, in fact, that Carol Edgerton Downey, Nancy Rauch Douzinias, and Sally Hubbard Cronk are coming to visit in September! Do any of you have a bucket list? I never used to understand the concept, but as we age, David and I are creating one. Oddly, there are more mundane things on it than there are extraordinary...spending more time experiencing really good music and food, seeing more of America, learning new things. It would be interesting and, I think, inspiring to hear what others of you have on your lists.

1967

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The Class of 1967 celebrated their 50th reunion last October. Please turn to the reunion section for a full recap and pictures of the festivities! Here are a few messages from classmates who could not attend. Andy Black planned to attend, but had some last minute commitments which kept him away. Andy is still traveling extensively, and living in Purchase New York. Scott Tilden reported that he, his wife and daughter each had a tough 2017 with serious illnesses which precluded attending the reunion. We’ll keep an eye open for the next one. Candace Adelson writes, “Dear Diana, I wanted to be there but had to choose between that and the yoga workshop that is required to complete my first 100 hours of teacher certification. Please give everyone a hug for me. I will be thinking of you! Namaste, Candace.” Jay Dowling preferred Maui (a long time commitment) to Locust Valley. Go figure. From Regis McKenna: “I retired two years ago after a 40-year career in banking, am in a committed relationship for 15 years to a woman I met while standing on a flu shot line. No kids, eight nieces & nephews & a Rottweiler (seventh in a row). I have been living in California since 1983. After college and four more years in Florida, I could not face snow again! Have a great reunion! Looooong version: I went to Rollins College in Winter Park Florida for 4 years, and after having experienced 12 consecutive months of warm weather I moved to Ft. Lauderdale for another four years. I returned to NYC in 1975, where I got married, and began a 20-year career in retail banking. My wife was an Executive Assistant to a famous Broadway producer, so we were privileged to hobnob with some of the Broadway royalty: John Raitt, Christopher Plummer, James Earl Jones, Anne Bancroft, Mia Farrow, to shamelessly namedrop. Not a real accomplishment, I realize, but hey, most of my life is boring…. I once was at a cast party at an estate in Connecticut when Cybill Shepard’s 6-year-old daughter was in the pool, so I was trying to take some pictures of her to ingratiate myself to Cybill. Cybill came over & burst into a song to me, and I didn’t know what to do. When she finished, all of a sudden I heard applause, & turned around to see the entire party had stopped and we were being watched by about 100 people. Kind of a Woody Allen-esque scene. We worked on a “Theatre at Sea” cruise ship, along with Eartha Kitt, Eli Wallach, & Anne Jackson, through the Panama Canal to Los Angeles and San Francisco, where we fell in love with California. We lived in “Lalaland” for a few years, after which we divorced, with her returning to NY, and me moving up to the Bay Area, where I still live in Marin. Just before Y2K (remember that? Bankers do!) in 1999 and after surviving about a ½ dozen robberies, I got out of retail (branch) banking & joined a financial trade association, where I eventually rose to VP of Regulatory Compliance and Risk Management for electronic transactions (ACH), traveling to conduct audits in eight western states, as well as providing education and training to banks and credit unions. Having been retired for a while, I find that people often ask me ‘what do you do NOW?’, so my standard answer is that I’m working on a book. If they jump to conclusions and assume I’ve become a writer I can be a wiseguy & say ‘no, I mean a LIBRARY book…’ ‘a dam pa! Gaa, old goats do get corny, sorry. I’m sorry that I cannot actually be there at Friends Academy for the reunion, but my partner’s mother passed away (at 98 years old), and her memorial is 10/14, so I’m sure you understand. I wish you all well, have a happy reunion, and post lots of pictures! Maybe 2027? Regis.” As for my own personal news, on December 19, 2017, my husband Dennis had open heart surgery to repair a mitral valve. He is recovering well, and is already on his indoor trainer getting ready for cycling races this fall. On May 23, 2018, my son Hunter will receive his MD degree from Jefferson. We are enormously proud of him. He will spend the next seven to nine years in residency, General Surgery then Surgical Oncology fellowship.
Hope you all have had a wonderful year thus far. As I said in the last issue, here we go again. As always, I appreciate any news from the class to report for The Meeting House, even if it’s only a few. I never want the Class of 1968 to be blank. I haven’t edited the news from your replies as this way the class can see what you all were thinking. Those that are on Facebook with me, please send me what you would like the class to see, as I won’t take the liberty to show your post out of respect to you. Onto our 50th reunion in 2018.

**Cliff Daceo:** Hi, Lesley. Send thanks once again for your diligence in keeping the Class of ’68 in people’s memory. This has been a very eventful year for the Daceo family. Grandkid count is holding at four with little Adam making it to one, Eitan at two-and-a-half, Remy at three-and-a-half and Maya at six. Sheri’s law practice continues to thrive with no letup in sight. I have had a great year in the lab with a senior-authorized Cell Metabolism paper and two major grants. My research activities are now funded through 2023 so it does not look like retirement is beckoning. I still enjoy my internal medicine practice and teaching medical students. A recent peak experience has been working with my son who is also a medical school professor in the development of a not-for-profit focused on international health. We have thriving projects now in the Dominican Republic and Peru and we just sponsored an international program on social determinants of health in Chicago. It’s an amazing time to be alive and active. I hope that my classmates are experiencing joy and fulfillment in their lives as well.

**Laurel Brandt:** Hi Lesley. Well, I’ve finally got a bit of news for you. We are downsizing and relocating!! We are leaving Western Massachusetts (Longmeadow), where we’ve lived for nearly 35 years, and are heading east (to Acton, MA). Our new home is near our grandchildren (who are in Concord, MA) and only three hours from our Maine lake cottage. The process – purging, packing, moving – is daunting, but we are confident that now is the time … I’ll keep you posted! Mary Watkins. Thank you, Lesley, for continuing to carry this function of connecting us. Greg Tarone. Not surprisingly, it was a lot of fun to see class of ’67 members last month at the Homecoming Alumni Reception, and then upon invitation, joining them for their dinner at the Basil Leaf Cafe. I saw organizer Didi Dickson, my former

**Today’s Lesson**

**Corollary:** Got to be good lookin’ cause he’s so hard to see. Early on, it’s easy to think of life’s trajectory as linear – like birthdays: 1+1 usque ad mortum. Only later do we learn to walk the path that’s circular, obscure, contradictory, and sometimes, delightful.

Those of you who may be coming to our 50th reunion through New York’s third-world airport can hold me somewhat accountable for the first-world traffic problems at LaGuardia. I am a superintendent managing the construction of the new Terminal B from the sorry, neglected remains of a structure that was built when a few of us were just getting to know each other. Walking between the equipment that is building what is currently the largest construction project in the country – while right across the fence jets are taking off and landing every 30 seconds – still stirs my juices every day! Betsy Harris Radecki: Finally have some news. My second grandson, Graham, was born on October 11. He joins big sister Elliot. Larry and I continue to travel. We spent five weeks in Spain this spring, working on our Spanish and making new friends. My tennis team (55 and over) won the state tournament. While praying about the new old Main Building, we came across the Math Room – that’s right, an entire room with white boards and bookshelves devoted to everything Math! Inspired by the curved banquette backlit by a sunny bay window, I stepped up to a white board and poured out all of what I believe today’s youth most needs to know about math, and life.

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

### 1968

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trip was the highlight was the WW2 Museum in New Orleans. WOW! No wonder it is rated the number two museum in the country! If you haven’t been there make a point to go. Also excellent for kids as it is highly educational. This spring we visited Amsterdam, South of France, and Barcelona visiting friends in each place. In Barcelona we re-connected with an exchange student we hosted 22 years ago and had not seen since. Very cool!! We thought we were done adding grandchildren but daughter Kate and her husband are expecting their fourth next April. That will be number 9! Susan Abrams Butler: “Hi Lesley I’m doing fine. My husband Jay and I are still working hard at our structural engineering company. We have no plans on retiring. Our daughter Meagan and her husband are living in the top floor apartment of our Brooklyn brownstone. It’s nice to have her close after her living in Glasgow Scotland for eight years. Our son Jared is living in Budapest Hungary teaching English. He’s is fluent in Hungarian and taking full advantage of all the country has to offer. We’re off to visit him close after her living in New York, NY 10014 Apartment 3F Annapolis, MD 21403 Case Notes Baltz District in Phoenix. Out of the classroom and into Administration. Looking forward to our 50th in October and we will also be celebrating 37 years of marriage as well.” As for me, nothing new since the last issue as life in Joplin remains tranquil and easy, enjoying retirement. I plan to travel to So. California see my buddies sometime next year. I have to say while writing these issues for the class, I often reflect on all my time at FA. Hard to believe this fall will be our 50th reunion. It is fun to hear on Facebook from Pete Lyman and Doug Simes 2 guys from the class of 1967 my dear brother Todd had fun with. You are dearly missed but always in my heart. I love hearing regularly from Kathy Attridge Anas, Greg Tarone and Duncan Guild.

It is fun to see what’s new periodically on Facebook with Peggy Springsted Weiner, Nancy Goldberg Kassop, Bob Curtin, Bob Piro, Betsy Harris Radecki, Paul Hand, David Porter, Bob Rushmore, Anne Maher Franchot and Susan Abrams Butler. So next time send me your news and of course, I have to mention my great friendship with Kal and Judy Wynot, hope we can get together again soon, such fun catching up with our favorite history teacher Robbie Thomas. Otherwise, life and health are good and we look forward to seeing everyone next year at our 50th.

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“Will you still need me, will you still feed me,” queried John, Paul, George & Ringo. “When I’m

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A wonderful group of alumni ranging from the class of 1958 through the class of 2017, came together for our annual New York City Reunion on June 4, 2018. For the second year in a row, it was held at the BBar & Grill in the East Village, where alumni enjoyed reminiscing about Friends Academy. A great time was had by all on a picture perfect night.
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64?" Angela Manno: “Like most of our class, I turned 64 this year and, surprisingly, feel better than I have in years. Perhaps it’s accumulated wisdom, appreciating I survived this long, dropping my perfectionism … or perhaps it’s because we have that Beatles’ song to accompany us into this new territory. I’m grateful for my health, to you, my classmates, to have been a visiting artist at Friends more than once, and to have experienced a 45th high school reunion for the record books.” Robin Campbell: “Yep – turned 64 this year. Not sure how that is possible but there it is! Paul & I spend the month of June on Nantucket. I was a Visiting Scholar at Nantucket Historical Association working on a special costume and textile-cataloging project. Paul spent the month doing research in their archives for one of his projects. NHA put us up in a wonderful late 18th century house on upper Main Street. It was a wonderful experience. I am still teaching at U Albany and Excelsior College and loving it.”

Katrina Taylor Clifford: “POLITICS & THIS CRAZY WORLD ASIDE!!!!. 2017 has been a banner year – children and grand-child doing great – daughter Niko Everett in Newport Beach – living the joy of being uncompromising – and my daughter Jolie Clifford as a concept artist at Huntington, L.I. Happily married for 37 years, still a Realtor at Coldwell Banker in Virginia-DC exurbia, near Leesburg. “Since we moved here, we’ve been thoroughly enjoying our new surroundings and being back on the ‘right coast.’ Naturally, we miss our grandkids, but we ‘facetime’ regularly and we’ve begun a kind of grandparents ‘pen pal’ thing with our granddaughter, Hayden. (seven-year-old and precocious) reads at about a fourth+grade level and loves to write, so we exchange handwritten letters. Imagine that, a lost art, for sure! We trust that she will develop some skills otherwise lost by keyboarding and (God help us) the acronym hell of texting, plus she will have tangible archival materials from her grandparents when it may actually mean something. Our hope; what knows what will actually occur… Nevertheless, she waits expectantly for our letters (according to her mom and dad) and, even that is a good thing. We also write (and draw pictures) for our grandson, who is just five years old, but he’s still on the cusp of understanding the relationship between reading and the written word.” I (DC) had the opportunity to go on an extended backpacking trek for the first time in 17 years, to Ontario’s rockily rugged (pink granite and white quartzite ridges), lake-strewn Killarney Park. I was with a college buddy, also 64, and we were pushed to our physical limits – 78 kilometers in seven days, much climbing, some crawling. The younger fellow in charge of us had all the latest, mind boggling (to an old-timer) camping accessories and so we survived, unplugged though we were. I was forever remembering the 240 mile hike John Heus and I, when we were 18, undertook on the John Muir Trail, from Yosemite across the High Sierras: I, when we were 18, undertook on the John Muir Trail, from Yosemite across the High Sierras: “Yep – turned 64 this year. Not sure how that is possible but there it is! Paul & I spend the month of June on Nantucket. I was a Visiting Scholar at Nantucket Historical Association working on a special costume and textile-cataloging project. Paul spent the month doing research in their archives for one of his projects. NHA put us up in a wonderful late 18th century house on upper Main Street. It was a wonderful experience. I am still teaching at U Albany and Excelsior College and loving it.”

Katrina Taylor Clifford continues in her long time vocation as a Long Island realtor. “My husband is a master home renovator so our work lives have been centered around real estate and fixing up houses. Our 10-year-old grandson is a little surfer and sailor and everything Californian. Besides real estate & family, life is all about tennis, pickle ball & politics!” Apologies to Julie Rogers; in a previous issue I had her in Pensacola. She lives in Poinciana, FL. Pat Croce Balcom and Ken have settled into their digs on the Virginia side of the Potomac, barely upstream from the mad house that is Washington City. I can attest to Pat’s bona fides as a self-described “political junkie.” She rendered an astute analysis, and correctly predicted the outcome, of the March special Congressional election in the quirky, gerrymandered Southwestern PA district that I call home. From our California bureau word filters in that Marcia Wierda Halpern has had get-togethers with Jeff Haydu, and then Craig Kronman: mini-reunions, if you will. Marcia reports that these outings were most pleasant, and Messers. Haydu and Kronman remain erudite, accomplished, and friendly fellows. Congratulations to Melinda & Peter Darbee on the birth of their 5th grand child, Luka Harry Darbee, who joined the fold in early April.
The class of 1972 celebrated their 45th reunion during Fall Fair/Homecoming last October. Please turn to the Reunion section for a recap and pictures! News is pretty scarce from the class of ’72. As always, I appreciate any news from our classmates to report for The Meeting House. This time we hit a trifecta; all three Jim’s have sent in an update. Jim Bebry wrote: “Roe and I are cruising with two friends in a week from Rome to Barcelona for a week! Cooking lessons at an old castle in Tuscany (homemade pasta). Can’t wait for this cruise on Viking. Last year we also cruised with our friends on a Viking River cruise from Amsterdam thru Germany, Holland, France and into Switzerland. I loved the windmills in Kinderdijk. What a beautiful world we live in!!! So much history. Our country is so young.” Jim Kane reports from the north woods of Maine that his family is still digging out from a ton of snow and hope to see grass in early May when the sheep, pigs and the new batch of chickens arrive. “All members of our FA extended family are always welcome to visit and stay in our farm house or wilderness one room camp on the lake. Still contemplating semi-retirement which likely means a part time job that I would like... probably with a non-profit.” Jim Neville also reported that “I had the great pleasure of running into Susan Schulman last summer in Union Square. It is a pretty small world. I don’t think I had spoken to her since about 1972, even though I did see her to say “hello” at Roger Erickson’s sad and wonderful memorial meeting, which was in 2015, I think. We had coffee together a few days later, and it was a treat to chat with her. I saw Susan again some months after for lunch at Otto on 8th Street and 5th Avenue. Afterwards, she and I strolled over to 12th Street to call on Augusto Mariani... who happened to be home... A great visit! Still riding my bicycle by FA now and then. I go out very early, to avoid the traffic. If anyone ever wants to join me, I leave Port Washington at 4:00 a.m. Don’t leave your running lights at home! I once saw a fabulous shooting star over Young’s Farm, as I noodled along Hegeman’s Lane. I’ve probably thought of just about everyone in our class at one time or another on those rides. I’ve also thought about some of the things I did at friends that I’m not so proud of, too. Oh well, I guess that’s life. We live, and we learn...” Our last update comes from Dang Permanich, an exchange student from Thailand, who joined us sophomore year. (Think New Jersey retreat, Dang saw snow for the first time!) Dang reports that he is doing well. He swims every day to stay fit, and is completing a renovation on his home in Bangkok. He also enjoys playing guitar and has been known to serenade us on Facebook with birthday songs or rock ‘n roll! That’s all the news for now. You can stay up to date with the latest news on our Facebook page, FA Class of ’72. Warmest regards, Karen Spera Albers

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

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Evette Beckett-Tuggle writes: “Greetings to the Class of 1974. My heart is a little heavy as I read through some of the notes sent. Let’s keep Dori and Mike and their families in our prayers. I am so grateful for all I have, most of all for my relatively good health. Let’s not take it for granted, folks. Adopt a healthy lifestyle – mind, body and spirit. Get your annual screenings and check-ups. Tomorrow is not promised to any of us. Let’s live each day to the fullest. That is also the title of a beloved poem by S.H. Payer. Live Each Day to the Fullest. Check it out. Peace.”

Dori Eden writes: “I want to share with you something that has changed my life this year. I never thought it’d be me... but in April of 2017, I was diagnosed with Stage 1 Breast Cancer. I thought the diagnosis couldn’t be right, but the diagnosis was true & I was mad as heck and wanted to punch somebody. Thankfully, I’ve found a therapeutic, proactive (and legal) way to hit back hard in my personal fight against cancer: By becoming a grassroots advocate, and organizing a team (called: Its All About ‘The Girls’) who took part in this year’s American Cancer Society Making Strides Against Breast Cancer 5K Walk on October 21st & held a raffle event, I have made a difference. I’m hitting back by reaching out to difference-makers like you, who can donate to my team and help us reach our goal of raising $10,000 in the fight against breast cancer. Your tax-deductible donation will be instrumental in the battle to save lives and beat cancer, hopefully, in my lifetime. Simply click on “Donate Now” and it’ll walk you thru the rest. It’s that easy. http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCCY17FL/?x=461221388&pge=pers onal&fr_id=84708. Fortunately, contributions like yours really can and do provide hope, and make significant differences—maybe even for someone you know, who (like me), once thought themselves to be bullet-proof... Our circumstances can change in the blink of an eye. That’s why I’m here asking you to help. I am grateful for, and I thank you in advance for your openheartedness and bighartedness. Mike Gordon writes: “To my class-mates and to the Friends community at-large and just for class notes: we have had a very difficult summer ourselves. After a five-and-a-half year battle with ovarian cancer, my sister Merle Gordon Dowling ’73 passed away on July 12th this year. More on Merle’s life appears elsewhere in this issue of the Meeting House but I want to briefly share my experience and my learning here. Merle lived relatively symptom-free for five+ years from the date of her diagnosis. Yes, she had episodic chemo with its typical side-effects but these were for a couple of days, every couple of weeks in short chunks of time in which she underwent treatment cycles. Then, over the last three months everything went shockingly quickly – essentially my sister starved, because she could not digest or retain food. I’m sorry if this is difficult for some to read, but there’s valuable learning in it that I’d like to pass on. I didn’t know that things seem to move slowly, or not at all, until they don’t. This underpins some things I feel are valuable to keep in mind in case you face this yourself or with someone close to you. Make sure you’re working with a doctor who listens to you and considers you a partner. This is particularly important if you intend to research options on your own. We had a last-ditch treatment prepared, and Merle was on-board for the fight. However, during one trip to the hospital, Merle’s doctor blocked our intentions. He and his team bullied and misled Merle in order to get her into an inpatient hospice facility. Merle’s doctors said ‘What your brother is outlining will not help. You will be without a doctor because we will step away from treatment (which is exactly what they did once they trundled her away to hospice).’ We then found a brilliant (and quite
well reputed) cancer doctor who was willing to prescribe precisely what we had researched, but it was too late – Merle did not then want to leave external hospice for in-home hospice, where he would treat her. As we age, our physical problems become more complex – we need curious doctors who respect our feedback and truly want to understand the research we do to contribute treatment ideas. We should be particularly suspicious of certitude in a doctor. Merle's doctors did not say 'in my view what you and your brother have settled is unlikely to help.' Similarly, when I faced high cholesterol myself, my (since fired) doctor told me that dietary change 'would not help.' Five years later, my diet is transformed and my cholesterol is normal without any prescribed drug. We can recognize excessive ego, certainty and rigidity in a doctor through his or her language, well before we fall sick. As I sat with my sister for those last several months we had together, there were wonderful things we shared, and I also shared some serious guilt. I told her I wished I’d advocated for a hysterectomy, when her in vitro efforts were done and her child-bearing years were over. We only get one chance to learn, when those close to us face a clear health challenge. Let’s share our learnings with one another.

My new nuclear family? All is well with me, my wife, daughter and son. I promise more details and plenty of kvelling, in some future note!” Sandy Hull writes: “I continue to serve as pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, in Jenkintown, PA, happily married to Belinda. Our four sons are spread across the country. Charlie and his wife, Kristi, live in Brooklyn; Tim is in San Diego; Kevin, Arianna his wife, and our two grandchildren, Silas and Asher, recently moved to Charlotte; and Ned, a 2017 college graduate, is living with us and working at his first ‘real job.’” Ann Withington Wojtal writes: “For all my theatre pals from Friends, I have to report I am living vicariously through our son, Andrew Wojtal, who is currently performing in the US Tour of Broadway’s Hamilton. He is a dancer and singer on stage with other ensemble members, but also has a role as Samuel Scabby, where he gets a solo and duet with the actor who plays Hamilton. The tour debuted in San Francisco, where we saw it twice, and is now in LA until the end of the year. Watching him perform is magic and we are very proud parents. Our daughter Emma is a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner working in an ER in the Bronx, where she is busy saving the world, one child (and family) at a time. We are in awe of her, as neither of us could ever imagine doing the kind of work she does. While in San Francisco, I saw a former classmate whom many of you will remember, Dru Dawkins Coates. We had not seen each other since we were 18 years old! It was a blast to catch up. I also saw Susan Schrenzel Richter quite recently. My husband Michael Wojtal and I live in Maine and are both still working. He is a teacher at the local high school, and I work for a semiconductor company as an admin/office manager. My company was acquired by a larger firm in September 2016, so there have been a lot of changes. I look forward to retirement one of these days, but not just yet.

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From Pamela Walker McNamara, “We had an AWESOME reunion in late September with Tilde Mariani Giacché, Vicki Chesler, Allison Bannister Benabdallah, Daphne Riker Hagan, Tina Rose Erardi, Lynn Chamberlain Adams, and Lydia Herzig Landesberg in Newport!!! It was as though we had not missed a beat — great friends from Friends Academy days! We had many laughs and a great time catching up and exploring Newport, walking the Cliff Walk! I am living in South Dartmouth, MA with my husband, George and our three dogs. Our daughter, Casey, lives in London and son, Tim just moved to San Diego. I work in mobile software for healthcare, connecting patients and their doctors. We’ve just built a smaller home, downsizing after our kids flew the nest! We love sailing and fishing on Buzzard’s Bay and kayaking on our local rivers.” From Vicki Chesler, “Our big news this year was that our daughter Melissa got married on August 5th at Glen Tonche estate in Shokan, NY, near our home in Ulster County.

https://www.nytimes.com/2017/08/06/fashion/weddings/melissa-kovner-nicholas-levine.html?_r=0 It was a wonderful weekend celebration, from Friday’s poolside Tikki Party to yoga overlooking the Ashokan Reservoir to the ceremony and dinner outdoors in the courtyard and dancing in the Great Hall. In other news, fellow FA classmates Tilde Mariani Giacché, Daphne Riker Hagan, Tina Rose Erardi, Lynn Chamberlain Adams, Pamela Walker McNamara, and Allison Bannister Benabdallah spent an amazing reunion weekend together at Allison’s sister’s gorgeous waterfront home in Newport, RI in September. From cocktails on the porch to touring the Vanderbilt Mansion, The Elms, to Cliff Walks and great meals, it is incredible how much we all enjoyed spending time together. While some of us have been in touch throughout the years, others hadn’t seen each other in decades. Our time together at Friends Academy melted the years away.” From Cathy and Terrence Chermak, “We’ve had an active year filled with joy. Terry’s eldest daughter, Tara, had our first grandson, Ari! We celebrate his first birthday in November. Jennifer, the middle daughter, will be married in February! And, Vanessa is in ninth grade at Viewpoint School in Calabasas. She is on the tennis team, plays alto and tenor sax and piano. When I look at her and her friends, I remember our ninth grade year and all of you! Most of us met in ninth grade at FA! Montauk remains our summer destination so if any of you are on the east coast in July and August, please visit us! Peter was out there this summer and I found out on Facebook, We missed the opportunity to see one another. Oh, if you’re on the west coast, please also let us know. Terry and I hope you are doing well and hope to see you when we travel to NY.” From Robin Beckhard, “It was wonderful to see so many friends at our NYC reunion last Nov. 2 – thank you so much for hosting us, Kimi (Puntillo) ! In the midst of an unsettled world, I’m feeling personally lucky these days. My daughter’s second son, Teddy, was born in August, joining his older brother Kermit (yes). Claire, Ethan and the boys live 10 blocks away, so I get to see them and babysit every week. My son Alex got engaged in June to his long-time beau Alex (whom Kermit refers to as ‘other uncle Alex’); they’re thinking about a 2018 wedding. Life is good these days! I love the leadership consulting firm I joined in February 2017. Performance of a Lifetime, which uses techniques from theater and improv to help people give new “performances” when they and their organization are going through change. Music is, as always, a big part of my life – my chorus, New Amsterdam Singers, is celebrating our 50th anniversary of singing under the continuous direction of our conductor, and we’ve commissioned and performed several new pieces in her honor. I’m lucky that both of my kids are happily ensconced here in the city – Claire (M&A partner at Kirkland) and her husband Ethan live 10 blocks away with their little boys Kermit and Teddy, and Alex and his
Members of the class of 1975: Meredith Hull Smith, Robin Beckhard, Harriet Grimm, Susan Gravina King, Tilde Mariani Giacché, Kimi Puntillio, Howie Klein, Laurie Block and Chip Behal.
Learning Center and I absolutely LOVE IT!!

My oldest Jennifer got married last year in our hometown San Terenzo to Steve whom we love very much, she works in Corporate Access at Bank of America, my son Josh is getting his Masters in Middle Eastern Studies, Oreste got his Masters in London at the London School of Economics and will begin at WORKDAY in September, and Vienna is a Junior at NYU and loves it. I just recently attended Betsy’s MANHATTAN SIDEWAYS event highlighting Chelsea (see attached picture with Betsy, myself, her daughter Joelle and son Evan) and she will be having another one featuring Hell’s Kitchen on May 15th. I just love going to these events, not to mention all the great tips on restaurants/bars/stores to visit! We’re looking forward to a CLASS OF 1975 GATHERING in NYC on September 15th—save the date!!!! Big hug to all my pals from 1973 xoxo

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

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Greetings Class of 77. With apologies to the late, great Roger Grimsby of Channel 7, “Here now, the news.” Heather Vuilette Lende writes from Haines, Alaska that’s she’s now the grandmother of six, ages one to seven. Two blondes, two brunettes and two redheads. Her daughter, Joanna, now 26, has followed in the footsteps of her grandmother (former FA Upper School principal and Director of College Guidance Sarah Vuille) and is the principal of an elementary school in Unalaska-Dutch Harbor (Home of the Deadliest Catch). Heather is also involved in local politics and last year was voted on to the Haines Borough Assembly where almost immediately (in a sign of the times) she and two others were the subject of two recall elections by a “Make Haines Great” campaign. She and her colleagues prevailed and now, being the accomplished New York Times bestselling author she is, is going to write a book about the experience. Her other books have been optioned for television, and a semi-fictional drama is in development at NBC right now. In January she was given the Governor’s Award for “Distinguished Service to Alaska’s Arts and Humanities.” Congratulations to Michael Greene on winning the Sunningdale Club Championship. The swing is sweet, the putter always smooth. Yes, I’m jealous. Michael and his wife Alison live in Scarsdale. Susan Weinstein Dobuler lives with her husband outside New Haven, CT. Their daughter, Zoe, graduated Summa Cum Laude from Yale and is now living outside of Boston as a project manager for HubWeek, which describes itself as a first-of-its-kind civic collaboration and weeklong festival that brings together the most creative and inventive minds making an impact in art, science and technology. The family loves to spend time on Martha’s Vineyard “And not just in the summer.”

Caught up with Jordan Grabel and his wife, Vicki, when they came to Dallas in September for the Florida-Michigan football game (no we won’t talk about the result). Jordan’s son, Zach, was with us as well. Zach is a Florida graduate, doing his residency in orthopedics at Emory Hospital in Atlanta. Liz Boyle, living in Sullivan’s Island, SC, has become quite the entrepreneur. Her company, Station 22, LLC has received a patent for a wearable nail polish holder called Tweexy (The cut, but it was an incredibly enlightening experience into how TV is made and how very creative and inventive minds making an impact in art, science and technology. The family loves to spend time on Martha’s Vineyard “And not just in the summer.”

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

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Claudia Kulesh reports that she is living in NYC, working at Bloomberg and visits LI frequently to see her mother, who still lives in Garden City in the house that Claudia grew up in. Donna Cirasole continues to work in private practice obstetrician/gynecologist in Cincinnati and her husband is a liver transplant surgeon. Donna’s daughter is graduating from Columbia University this spring, which will be followed a couple of weeks later by her son’s high school graduation. Michele Pistone was thrilled to share that Villanova University has approved her plan to develop a new online interdisciplinary program on teaching students how to support migrants and refugees. The new program is designed to help community members who want to work with migrants and refugees in various settings. Students will start by learning about migration, the push and pull factors that impact migration, cultural difference, and how to interview and provide pastoral and community care to migrants. The curriculum then focuses on legal protections available to migrants and how non-lawyers can provide legal services before the Department of Homeland Security and immigration courts as an accredited representative. More information about the program is available here, https://www1.villanova.edu/villanova/provost/teaching-learning/faculty/VillanovaMigrantRefugeeTraining.html. Congratulations to Matt Bloom, who got married back in June 2015 to the lovely Shelley Simmons-Bloom. Although Matt works as an anti-money laundering investigator, he’s up writing fiction in the early morning hours and should have a new adult novel complete early next year. Matt recently published a children’s book called “Hello, My Name is Bunny!” (www.hellobunnybloom.com) which is a charity project to raise funds for pet shelters. Hence, the rather fluffy Facebook and Instagram notices that Shelley has been posting each day. Matt shared that he had lunch with Jon Christian at Katz’s Deli last year. Jon is out of the navy now and Matt said it was great to see him after so many years, and that he hasn’t changed a bit. Joanne Maisano is enjoying her life as a photographer in Northern VA. Right now her photography is centered around foxhunting as the season has just begun. So she is getting her exercise chasing the hounds and members on foot to get that unique shot! When Joanne isn’t behind the lens, she’s creating private, custom safaris in East and South Africa for clients who don’t want to travel with a group of strangers. She keeps in touch with a handful of people from our class through social media. Here are a couple of her websites to check out. www.joannemalesano.com & www.safariandbeyond.com Jane Newkirk reports that she and her husband Terry are in the process of selling their home in Avon, CT and moving back to Manhattan!! They hope to be settled on the Upper West Side by the new year. John Corcoran writes that he still lives in New Canaan CT, his boys are now 11 and 12, and attends St. Luke’s school in town. He commutes daily to the city and is sometimes lucky enough to catch a Friday train home with his brother and Ed Balazs… so if anyone else is headed that way, give them a call! From the Alumni Office… Many thanks to Michael and Leslie for their years of service as class reps, and to Ellen and Ed for stepping in to their new role! Please flip to page 73 for a recap of the class of 1982’s 25th reunion last October!

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

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Greetings Class of 1989!! Notes are short this time around! First, Jennifer Melzter Geller has joined Corcoran Group and is doing an amazing job as a real estate agent in NYC. She has a fantastic understanding of market trends and does a great job for both buyers and sellers. Jen can be reached at Jennifer.Geller@corcoran.com and I hope you turn to Jen for all of your real estate needs in the city. Anyone in the industry can tell you that Jen is hard-working, trust-worthy, professional and very easy to work with! Second, Stephen Kunken is brilliant in season three of Billions on Showtime (created by FA 1984 graduate Brian Koppelman). Stephen plays Ari Spyros and he is a definite scene stealer. Billions is such a tremendously well written and produced show and Stephen is a dry, witty natural in his role as Ari, the new Compliance Director for Axe Cap!! Stephen also plays Commander Warren Putnam on season three of The Handmaid’s Tale where he is sure to be incredible once it premieres at the end of this month. Both shows should be on everyone MUST WATCH list as they are absolutely riveting. Please send in your notes Class of 1989 as everyone loves hearing from you! All the best, JoAn Monaco

From Lawrence Schimel, “I am sending along a picture from earlier this week at the Premios SM in Spain, handed out to the winners every year by Her Majesty the Queen of Spain (as part of her efforts to encourage and promote reading). The photo is of myself, HM the Queen of Spain, and Llanos Campos, author of The Treasure of Barracuda, which I translated into English for Little Pickle/Sourcebooks last year, and which won the Barco de Vapor prize in 2014. Meanwhile, I’ve recently delivered my translation of The Wild Book by Mexican author Juan Villoro, which will be published by Restless Books as the lead title of their new YA imprint Yonder. As they write: ‘In the tradition of The Neverending Story, Mexican master Juan Villoro’s The Wild Book is a wondrous adventure story of a boy who goes to live in a magical library where books have supernatural powers.’ http://www.restlessbooks.com/bookstore/the-wild-book. Those’re probably the highlights of my news for now. :-)”

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

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

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

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

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

about the best wings, weck, and pizza in Buffalo, **Buffalo Everything: A Guide to Eating the Nickel City**, and a companion cookbook, both to be published by Countryman Press (a division of Norton) in June, 2018.” **Rohit Chandra** writes: “I’m a child, adolescent and adult psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital. I co-chair MGH Chelsea’s Community Research Program and teach at Harvard Medical School once a month. I’m in an Indian acting troupe, which performs plays in English, and I live in Brookline, MA. (No kids or wife. Had an arranged marriage to a woman from India that went badly. Now divorced, but dating again).” **Alana Teutonico Brock** writes: “Me and my crew are doing well. I am both happy and sad that my littlest one (Sofia, three) is now off to kindergarten and that the season is upon us. That’s it for my uneventful update, but I just recently visited with **Kristin** and **Damian Pieper**, who have welcomed another adorable, male family member...this one, however, of the furry kind! Welcome to Ollie Judge Pieper!!” **Beau Peele** writes that he and his wife Elizabeth are living in Manhattan Beach, CA and have three children: Leo (4), Ella (2.5) and Ava (0.2). As for me (Neely), not much is new except we added a delicious pup to our crew in Brooklyn and my husband and I finally finished our first zero-impact “Firefly Green” lake house in the Berkshires that is now available to rent. I was at FA for Fall Fair and wow has it changed. Brought back so many memories too. I saw

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

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

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Greetings from the Class of ’95! **Sarah Hendler** writes that life is good in California. She is staying busy designing jewelry, which can be found locally at Broken English and Bergdorf Goodman. Sarah’s two boys (three and six) are keeping her busy, while her husband’s restaurant businesses are still growing. If you are visiting Los Angeles, you should check out “Animal.” Sarah and family send everyone their best wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season. **Jackie Berkell Friedland** is excited to share the news that her first novel, *Trouble the Water*, will be published in May 2018. Historical fiction that takes place in Charleston, South Carolina, twenty years before the Civil War, the book is currently available to pre-order on Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Indiebound. **Brett Lambert**, his wife Mary, and son Hayes welcomed their second son Dillon Jack Lambert to their family this fall.

**The debut novel of Jackie Berkell Friedland ’95**

Everyone is well and healthy! Congratulations! I (Tom Pascarella) wish to share that my wife Jess and I welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Amelia Shea, into our family in September. Amelia is our first child, and she is amazing and wonderful and we are so happy to have her in our family. The class of 1995 has some great accolades to share this quarter. **Allison Tomlinson** was recently promoted to Principal at her company, Gensler. Gensler is a global architecture and design firm, and Allison has been their Regional Counsel for the Northeast and Latin American Regions for the past eight years. Congratulations Allison! **Jackie Berkell**
Friedland is so excited to share that her debut novel Trouble the Water (SparkPress, May 8, 2018) was released this spring. Historical fiction that takes place in the American South twenty years before the Civil War, Trouble the Water is available for purchase at Amazon, Barnes & Noble and Indiebound. For more information, she suggests you visit her website: www.jacquelinefriedland.com. Congratulations to our newest published author!

Finally it is with a heavy heart we announce the passing of our classmate Allison Serpe Lewis on April 8, 2018. Allison passed away due to complications from Ehlers Danlos Syndrome. Allison was a wonderful artist, and had been living in Costa Rica since 2011 with her husband and 3 children. Please spare a thought for Allison and her family. Please contact me if you wish to be included in any events we do in her memory.

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

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Amanda Parmer writes, “I am living in Brooklyn and I’m the Curator at the Vera List Center for Art and Politics at the New School in New York. We’re celebrating our 25th anniversary this year.” From Jason Schubert: “We welcomed our second son, Henry Anders last January, and I’ve been working as Resident Engineer at RFK Bridge for the Harbor Lights Project. Harbor Lights is Governor Cuomo’s plan to install an interactive LED light show on all of the state owned bridges in NYC.” Geri Lake-Bakaar reports, “I have an 10.5 month old girl (turning one in December) named Maya and started my own specialty veterinary practice (Pulse Veterinary Cardiology) a year ago as well. I’m still happily married (despite chronic sleep deprivation :)), living in Colorado with the family.” Kate Mincer writes, “I’m a Costume Designer throughout NYC and last year opened my 50th design (A Midsummer Night’s Dream)! I’ve worked at theatres throughout New York and beyond, and have worked at Blue Man Group, New York City Children’s Theatre, the Pan Asian Repertory Theatre, Lincoln Center, the Wylliams/Henry Dance Company, Tom Pascarella and his wife Jess welcomed their first child Amelia Shea in September 2017.

Lindsay Roth ’99 and her husband Gavin Jordan attended the wedding of the Duke and Duchess of Sussex in May.
Classic Stage Company, Opera House Arts, Northeast Children’s Theatre Company and other awesome places. I just started getting into writing and illustration, too. My husband Rocco and I live in Queens, NY, and are about to celebrate our seventh wedding anniversary.” From Ashley Heise Freger, “Just a little update that my family and I moved out from the Upper West Side of Manhattan to Manhasset in September of 2016, and I had my second baby boy, Mark William Freger, on June 26, 2017. My first son, James Winn Freger is now two years, four months old and attending Pierce Country Day School. We are loving living on Long Island so far!”

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Ailsa Pierrepont has moved to San Francisco for a new job in the last year. Helen Hatch moved to San Francisco in August as an Assistant Vice President, Specialist with Sotheby’s. Sarah Schoenhut is working as a veterinarian at a small animal clinic in the upper west side of New York City. Richard Grasso has transitioned careers in the last 15 months from real estate broker to investment associate at Stifel investment banking in New York City.

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

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Jason Jacobs married Jessica Frenchman this summer on a farm in Woodstock, VT. His cousin Jesse, who introduced the couple, officiated the event. It was a gorgeous outdoor wedding (with a 10-minute thunderstorm) attended by many FA alums and families.

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

Brooke Silverstein ‘06 married Anthony LaGrasso on September 16, 2017 at the gorgeous Guastavino’s in NYC, surrounded by 250 of their closest family and friends.
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**Katie Scialabba** recently launched an Etsy shop “Watercolor by Kate S” selling her original watercolor paintings. Katie studied fine arts growing up, specifically life drawing, oil painting and sculpture. After high school, she continued to sketch and draw wherever college and post-grad life allowed. Katie currently works for an interior design firm in Manhattan, Tharon Anderson Design. Katie writes, “Through work experience, I noticed a need for affordable original art to complement interior furnishings. I decided to experiment with watercolors and drew inspiration from some of my favorite textiles.” She received so many inquiries and requests that she decided to launch the Etsy shop in October 2017. The shop has paintings for sale, but a majority of her orders come from custom commission requests. You can see Katie’s work at www.etsy.com/shop/watercolorbykates.

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The class of 2010 has been busy these past few months: Olivia Pascucci got married and fellow classmate Eliza Budd was one of her bridesmaids; Chichi Anyoku was elected to a position on the Brown Board of Trustees; Emily Hawkins is still busy with college admissions season while volunteering with Wellesley; Morgan Schapiro recently announced a cross-country move to California for a new job; while Sam Gussack has caught the entrepreneurial spirit and started his own business. Chichi Anyoku is a student at Harvard University in the joint MBA/MPP program. Speaking of moving, Morgan Schapiro has relocated to San Diego and I for one am beyond jealous of all the beautiful weather he’s getting. Anastasia Williams has entered her 5th year of working as a producer/talent booker at ABC NEWS’ Good Morning America. We should all
congratulate her for her two Emmy wins this year (one for Outstanding Morning Show as a producer and the other for ‘Outstanding Breaking News Coverage’ for her work on Pulse shooting)! Anastasia is based out of NYC with her sister Zoie Williams, another outstanding 2010er. Zoie is currently working in real estate.

Cirsten Burton recently participated in an art showcase where she exhibited 3 original makeup looks and costumes. If that wasn’t fantastic enough, Cirsten has been also just had her work published in Paper Magazine. As for me, Emily Hawkins, I’ve achieved my dream of winning money on an HQ alternative and just winding down from college interview season. If you have any news to share please don’t hesitate to reach out. I’d love to catch up.

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

2014

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Regan Dvoskin will be attending grad school in Scotland next year (MSc in Data Science at the University of Glasgow). Rose Mangiarotti graduated from the Business, Entrepreneurial and Organization school at Brown University on May 26th. Coincidentally, Chichi Anyoku from the class of 2010, who is on the Board of...
Trustees at Brown University and is currently a full time student at Harvard (dual MBA and MPP) handed Rosie her diploma!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

I could tell he had stirred up a good deal of excitement. In fact, when I met with then headmaster, Ted Withington, in my job interview, he mentioned Roger as one of the school’s stars, and indicated he hoped I could emulate Roger’s success in my subject of English. I recall that Roger in either his second or third year was chosen by the students to give the faculty address at graduation. That was how quickly Roger had caught the students’ fancy.

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

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

But what I came to appreciate most about Roger the more I got to know him was his extraordinary kindness and gentleness towards others. Roger like most of us had definite opinions in the realms of politics, education, child-rearing and school governance. In later years, a bit disgruntled, he would share with those close to him his sense that things were not as they used to be or as they should be. Yet, Roger – ever sensitive – never imposed himself or his views on others.

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

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Roger Richardson: Beloved Teacher and Colleague

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hours or weekends attending sports events – home or away. As a track coach teaching the shot put or discus, Roger could ease students of all body types and athletic abilities into the beautiful mechanics of launching these bulky projectiles into graceful flight. Roger took a simple joy in being connected to the whole life of the school.

– Nora Sullivan

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

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

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

He was relentless in his efforts to set up the throwing areas with flagging and the appropriate lines; to carry hurdles and set them up for the first race of the meet; to direct students to carry out the high jump mats. I could always count on Roger to check in with me during the day of a meet and ask “what can I do to help you?”

I am most appreciative of Roger's kindness and concern for me as a colleague and friend a candy or two in my mailbox as thoughtful anonymous encouragement. This gesture was so thoughtful and so characteristic of Roger.

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

After Roger retired, he stayed in touch to find out when and where the FA teams were competing near him and his presence at the NY State X-Country championships was particularly noted as we very rarely had fans and the athletes brightened up and took note of those who supported them. I can still picture Roger on the sidelines with an umbrella or cold-weather garb while proudly wearing FA colors and celebrating our teams.
Allison Caroline Serpe ’95: Passionate about art, her family and renowned craft master of ice cream

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

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

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

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

She met her husband, John Lewis, through a mutual contact on Friendster and they were married a little over a year later. Allison CS Lewis and John Kipling Lewis shared a love of the arts, sciences, and they both worked with web technologies. After the home birth of their son, Jackson, in 2005, Allison quit her job at Draft/FCB and devoted herself to her family and painting. She loved being a mother and having the time to work on her art. Both activities gave her so much joy. Allison became a strong advocate for home births and the nascent ‘baby wearing’ ideology, which she used in rearing Jackson. They loved their early life together living in the Cornishman on 38th Street and 1st Avenue in Manhattan. When Allison was pregnant again they moved their family to Park Slope, in Brooklyn, New York, living right across the street from Prospect Park where they often spent time as a family. There she had another home birth, her second son, Cole, in 2008. She was so inspired by the experience that she became a Certified Doula the following year. Later, she would pine for her time in Park Slope, where she felt she had the best of everything.

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

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

In 2010, Allison, together with her husband and two young sons, left New York and decided on a small village named Playa Chiquita, which is located on the Atlantic coast, not far from the Panamanian border. There, and her husband opened a restaurant, which they named Alice, featuring Caribbean cuisine, locally-grown organic produce, and an abundance of freshly-caught seafood. Working together, they received many awards for excellence in service.

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

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

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

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

Allison is survived by her husband and three children, together with her Mother, Father, Sister and Brother, all of whom will forever love her and miss her.
Catherine “Catchi” Childs ‘38: Life-long artist and dedicated advocate for the arts

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

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

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

She saved her profits to pay for art lessons. She ultimately studied with Paul Wood in Port Washington, Leon Kroll and Hans Hoffman in New York City, and Angelo Savelli in Italy. Art became a life-long occupation and led to a good wage at that time. She attended Briarcliff Preparatory School and graduated from Friends Academy, Locust Valley in 1938.

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With advancing age, Catchi developed another passion – rug hooking. She brought her love of color and creativity to the craft. She enjoyed attending week-long workshops up and down the East Coast, developing new friendships, and occasionally having a four generational hook-in with her daughters, grandchild, and great grandchildren. She often demonstrated the technique at the annual Cow Neck Historical Society fair. She loved calling herself a “happy hooker.”

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

A private memorial service was held in the Chapel at the Memorial Cemetery of St. John’s Church, Laurel Hollow, New York, with internment at the Laurel Hollow Cemetery. Laurel Hollow, New York, will remain Catchi’s home for all time.

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

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

Mary was born on December 6, 1949 in Glen Cove, New York to Jane Ludlow Bowne now of Northampton, and the late Sidney B. Bowne, Jr. After graduating from Friends Academy in 1967, Mary attended Skidmore College from 1967-68, and graduated from Adelphi University in 1971 with a B.S. in childhood education.

On August 14, 1971 Mary married E. Michael Brandt. After living in Baltimore and San Diego, they raised their three sons, four guinea pigs, a dog, a hermit crab, and one unfortunate salamander in the Pioneer Valley of Western Massachusetts for 30 years before moving to Portland in 2008 to be near their children and grandchildren.

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

– Excerpted from the Daily Hampshire Gazette
Bill Wesp, a “lifer” at Friends Academy, sadly passed away September 7, 2018 after a long illness. Born in New York City, Bill grew up in nearby Sea Cliff.

Growing up, Bill belonged to Sea Cliff Yacht Club and became an avid sailor, a passion that stayed with him throughout his life. At Friends Academy, Bill was remembered as “extremely popular” and served as Class President his senior year. He graduated from Hamilton College in 1971. One of Bill’s first jobs was Assistant to the Chairman and CEO of American Express.

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

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

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

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

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

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

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any of the following: Friends Academy, 270 Duck Pond Road, Locust Valley, NY 11560. Support for People with Oral and Head and Neck Cancer (“SPOHNC”), PO Box 53, Locust Valley, NY 11560.

Excerpted from Newsday on Sept. 9, 2018

Bill Wesp from the 1967 Lamp Yearbook

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

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

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

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The Class of 1967 in their senior year as published in the 1967 Lamp Yearbook.
Craig Wesley Randall passed away peacefully at OCH Regional Medical Center on Tuesday April 11, 2017. His wife Kathryn was by his side as Craig went home to eternal healing to be with his Lord Jesus Christ. Craig was born on April 9, 1934 in Glen Cove, New York. Many people that knew Craig knew him as “Coach Randall.”

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

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

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

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

Over his career Craig had the privilege of working with many wonderful coaches, players, trainers, and equipment staff. He also coached 11 All Conference Players, 5 All-Americans, and 10 professional players (one named AFC Rookie of the Year). After his coaching career ended in 1989, Craig stayed on at MSU working as an assistant planner with the MSU physical plant.

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

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

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

Merle Gordon Dowling ’71: Motivator, advocate and bright light

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

Moving mountains came naturally to Merle Gordon Dowling ’71.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Merle laughed at a lot of things; she’d laugh hardest at herself.
When Ken Mills was a student in the North Babylon School District, his youth football league coach put him in touch with Joe Umbria, then head football coach at Friends and he had no idea how much his life was about to change.

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

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

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

**PLEASE JOIN KEN AND OTHERS, WHO HAVE INCLUDED FRIENDS IN THEIR ESTATE PLANS:**

- **You** can make a gift that has a substantial, long-lasting impact.
- **You** can leave a legacy and recognize the value Friends holds in your heart.
- **You** can make a difference in more students’ lives with a bequest than with a gift that comes from today’s income or savings.

A bequest is a simple way to make the maximum positive impact without compromising your lifestyle or budget.

For information on how to include Friends Academy in your estate plans, how to establish an endowment, or to discuss ways to match your interests with school needs, contact Director of Alumni Relations at christine_lunsford@fa.org or 516-463-1796.
Calendar Highlights

October 17
5-Year Strategic Plan Community Launch, 7 PM (Main Gym)

November 1-3
Upper School Fall Production, “248 Miles” 7:30 PM (Theater)

January 12
Dolan Center 20th Anniversary: A Broadway Salute at FA, 7 PM (Theater)

January 17
Community Meditation/Reception with Lama Yignyen Tenzin, 2 PM (Dolan Center)

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Spread the word about Friends and find us at niche.com/k12/friends-academy-locus-valley-ny/ and add your review to our school profile.

A Meeting House that is just good enough to eat...! Tom Hawkins ’78 hand-crafted this edible model for the Friends Academy College Office earlier this winter. Rumor has it, the house was dropped off and eaten that very same day.