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FROM THE HEADMASTER

Dear Friends,

Maine Central Institute provides a rigorous academic program which prepares students for college and for many other post-secondary opportunities. Our primary focus is on the work that takes place in the classroom as students learn that academic success is achieved when they become curious learners. Grades are only a representation of how they are maturing and progressing towards true scholarship.

However, a full liberal arts education includes countless activities outside of the classroom where students are developing leadership skills, the ability to work collaboratively with others—a skill that is becoming more crucial in the modern workplace—learning the importance of trying a wide variety of things (taking “positive risks”) even if they are unsure or inexperienced, and employing creativity to solve problems and grow strengths.

In the past couple issues, you have read about the one-to-one technology program, the continued excellence of the visual and performing arts and the lasting relationships formed between students of many cultures. This edition of the *Alumnus* features an increased focus on the athletic program at Maine Central Institute. You’ll find an expanded recap of the fall teams’ seasons, an announcement of the return of a sport to MCI after a 40 year hiatus, and within some student vignettes, testimonies which credit athletic participation with success in other areas of school life.

You have read about culture change at MCI in this magazine and, if you’ve been on campus, you perhaps have seen or felt it. Adults and student leaders have demanded more of themselves and each other. In this case you’re seeing this manifested in athletics as the rebuilding of a “culture of winning,” raising the aspirations of student-athletes and those who attend games as spectators.

Maine Central Institute athletes are preparing harder for seasons than ever, are believing in themselves more and more, and the surrounding community is supporting them with renewed vigor. The result? School pride and peer support and success in other areas of school life.

The goal? Camaraderie. Confidence. Competition with class and pride and impeccable sportsmanship. A sense of accomplishment and pride regardless of the outcome. And, most importantly, fun (after all, despite our national sports obsession which often obscures the reality, in the end these are just games!).

On behalf of the athletes, coaches, boosters and fans, thank you for your support of our scholar-athletes and all of the teachers, staff, coaches, club advisers and dorm parents at Maine Central Institute.

Sincerely,

Christopher J. Hopkins



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor of the *Alumnus*,

Below is a note I originally posted on the MCI Alumni Association Facebook page after the state championship football game. What a great day for the MCI community!

Dear MCI Football Team,

Congratulations on a great season, despite the tough loss yesterday. I'd like to provide you my perspective on what this season and your team meant to the MCI community.

I don't know any of you personally; I haven't lived in Pittsfield since 1982. But I grew up with, went to school with, and played football at MCI with many of your parents (or maybe your grandparents!). I was fortunate enough to spend my senior season playing guard and linebacker for the first MCI team to compete in the Little Ten Conference, in the fall of 1977. We hadn't had much success the previous two seasons, and a lot of people thought we shouldn't be admitted to that conference, including a lot of doubters in our own community. I vividly recall members of our soccer team warning us that we were going to get our butts kicked. (Yes, the soccer team!!!). But despite a few tough losses, we finished the season 4-4 in the conference and 5-4 on the season.

Orono were the big boys on the block then, on the front end of multiple undefeated seasons. We lost a close, hard-hitting game in the mud and the rain on their home

field, and we went on to upset John Bapst (their only loss other than to Orono) on their home field in the only night game we played. That represented a pretty successful season at MCI, and I will always remember teammates from previous classes telling us how proud we made them. That meant a lot to me then, and still does, 37 years later. Now I'm here to pay it forward.

While my team blazed the trail for MCI in the LTC, your team went undefeated in the conference and won the conference championship. That alone is a fantastic achievement. But you may not fully realize what it meant for the larger MCI community. Despite your disappointment yesterday, it was one of the most memorable days of my life. I flew up from my home in New York City just for the day, just to watch you play, and then had the great pleasure of socializing from noon until midnight with hundreds of former classmates, former teammates, family and neighbors, many of whom I hadn't seen in decades. We hugged and laughed and caught up and reminisced about our days at MCI, which we almost all agree were the best years of our lives. It was epic and cathartic and emotional and unforgettable. And it wouldn't have happened without your effort and success on the football field this season.

So thank you, Husky players and coaches, cheerleaders and boosters. We all are so proud of you, and you gave us a season of thrills and happiness, and then yesterday

you gave us an even greater gift — one extraordinary day that we will cherish for the rest of our lives. That's something that you should be proud of forever. Go Huskies!

Robert Cianchette '78

Do you have a story about a favorite faculty member featured in the magazine? Did one of the articles bring back a fond memory, question or concern? Send in your Letters to the Editor! Please include your name, address and phone number on the letter or email.

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By the Numbers

MCI has students from:

15 Countries

17 Maine Towns

7 States



69% Students from Pittsfield, Burnham and Detroit

6% Private Day Students

25% Boarding Students



11:1 Student-Faculty Ratio

67% Faculty with Advanced Degrees

26 Advanced Placement Courses Offered

Top 5 popular elective courses

- Sociology**
- Psychology**
- Introduction to Engineering**
- Studio Foundations I (Art)**
- Piano**



31 Clubs & Activities



10 Performing Music Groups



17 Varsity Teams

Athletic Conferences:

KVAC and LTC

2,243 Student Community Service Hours*



*Performed by students between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 2014

92 Full-Time Employees

36% Employees who have worked at MCI for 10 years or longer

20% MCI Alumni Employees

Top 5 intended majors for the Class of 2015

- Business**
- Physical Therapy**
- Engineering**
- Nursing**
- Mathematics**

Most popular colleges/universities for the Class of 2015

- Bates College**
- Bowdoin College**
- Northeastern University**
- University of Maine**
- Husson University**
- Boston University**



SCHOOL NEWS



Mia Fox '16 and Addi Williams '18 with their Readak workbooks



Johnathon Smith '04 with Dean of Students Tom Bertrand '90



Holden Brown '15 and Stephen Mims '18



Gavin Dugas '15 with Rep. Stanley Short

MCI Partners with Readak to Advance Students' Study Skills

This fall, MCI partnered with Readak Educational Services to offer a special advanced learning skills course. Readak has conducted this respected program at thousands of independent schools throughout the world since 1957. The program focused on maximizing reading competency, giving instruction in general and specialized areas of study skills, and preparation for exams. In addition to improving reading speed and comprehension, the Readak course also fostered more efficient time management, better note taking, and improved listening. "MCI collaborated with Readak to offer quality study skills programming for our students," explained Dean of Academics Jason Judd. "We were excited about how the Readak instructor worked with our faculty members on instructional strategies to teach study skills. Many of our students benefitted from taking the Readak program, and we have begun to see improvements in their grades as a result of this course."

Jonathon Smith '04 is First Patterson Lecture Series Speaker of the Year

Jonathon Smith '04 spoke to the School community during Homecoming Weekend on September 19 as the first Patterson Lecture Series Speaker of the year.

After MCI, Smith went on to play Division I football at the University of Delaware. After pursuing a professional career with the NFL, Smith began his own personal training company, Living Legends. Smith also began working as a motivational speaker, using the lessons he learned as a successful student-athlete to encourage students to apply the same drive, ambition and focus that they have on the field to their academic and professional lives. In 2013, Smith published his first book, a children's novel titled *Dare to Dream, Play to Win*. The book focuses on integrating traits

learned from sports into the classroom and is designed to encourage younger children to stay in school and learn all they can while participating in team sports for fun. Smith is also actively involved in his community by volunteering his time to many events and nonprofit organizations that involve kids. For more information about Smith's book, please visit www.daretodreamplaytowin.com.

Holden Brown '15 and Stephen Mims '18 Chosen for National Leadership Conference

Holden Brown '15 and Stephen Mims '18, who participate in the Jobs for Maine's Graduates program, were chosen to attend the National Student Leadership Academy in Washington, D.C. on November 20-23. The trip included a national awards banquet, over ten hours of leadership workshops for the high school attendees, a photo session in front of the capitol, a tour of Arlington National Cemetery, the changing of the guard and placing of the wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, and a nighttime guided tour of the monuments around the city.

This year's Academy was a celebration of the one millionth student served by Jobs for America's Graduates, the umbrella under which JMG operates. This is the second year in a row that MCI has been chosen to represent JMG in Washington.

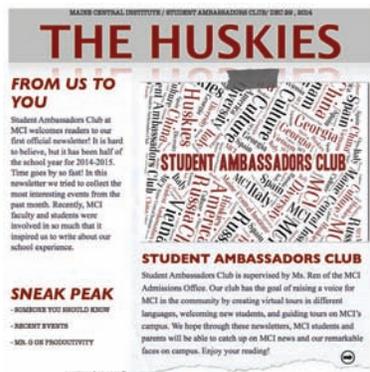
Gavin Dugas '15 Receives Legislative Sentiment

Representative Stanley Short presented an Expression of Sentiment to Gavin Dugas '15 for his golf achievements this year. Dugas won the Class B state golf championship. His score of 71 at the championship match was the lowest for boys in all three classes. Dugas, who also didn't lose any of his matches during the regular season, recently signed a letter of intent to play at Southern New Hampshire University. He is the son of Dawn '83 and Mike Dugas.

SCHOOL NEWS



Forty-five students attended the Colleges of the Fenway Tour



The new Student Ambassadors Club Newsletter



Amanda Hays '16 and Mia Fox '16 with their Poetry Out Loud awards



Key Club students make pies for Thanksgiving meals

MCI Launches New "Alumni Professional Contacts" Volunteer Role

MCI has recently launched a new role for alumni volunteers. Alumni Professional Contacts are MCI alumni volunteers who are available to talk to current MCI students and young alumni about their career interests and options. This may include supervising an approved internship, being available on the phone or electronically and/or mentoring.

These professional contacts act as a resource for young alumni and help current students gain experience and perspective on potential careers and make informed choices about their post-secondary options. Please contact Jen Beane '97 for more information about this new service at jbeane@mci-school.org.

College Access Team Leads Second Annual Colleges of the Fenway Tours

MCI's College Access Team coordinated the second annual Colleges of the Fenway tour for forty-five students on November 14. In addition to this tour, students have had the opportunity to visit schools like the University of Maine at Farmington and KVCC. The Access Team also hosted UMaine Transcript Review Day, where UMaine admission representatives traveled to campus to review students' transcripts and provide suggestions for competitive coursework and activities. The Academic Office is also hosting the first annual "FAFSA-thon" for seniors and their parents to provide support for families applying for financial aid for college.

Student Ambassadors Club Launches New Blog

The Student Ambassadors Club, which works to promote student activities and achievements at MCI, has launched a new blog and newsletter. Written from a student perspective, the blog and newsletter detail the many student activities taking place both on- and off-campus. In addition to the blog, the group

has also created virtual campus tours in different languages, leads tours for prospective students and families and welcomes new students to campus. To read the blog, please visit <http://thehuskies.wordpress.com/>

Mia Fox '16 Wins MCI Poetry Out Loud Competition

Mia Fox '15 and Amanda Hays '16 are this year's Poetry Out Loud first and second place winners (respectively) of the school-wide Poetry Out Loud competition. MCI first started participating in the Poetry Out Loud contest in 2008 and has incorporated the contest into the curriculum. All students participate in the classroom competitions as part of their English classes. Poetry Out Loud uses a pyramid structure that begins at the classroom level. Winners from the classroom advance to the school-wide competition, then to the state regional competition, and ultimately to the National Finals. Fox will compete at the Maine Regional Competition on February 25 in Hampden, Maine.

Key Club Students Host Fall/Winter Community Events

Key Club students have continued their mission to serve the community by teaming up with student groups to provide services to the local area. In addition to coordinating the Fall Community Service Day in October, Key Club and Student Council teamed up to host the first annual Husky Howl-o-ween on campus. This event, open to the community, provided a fun-filled evening for local families. MCI students and area children decorated pumpkins and cupcakes. In November, Key Club worked with MCI's Kindness Krew on the Thanksgiving Dinner Basket Project. In addition to holding a food drive for members of the local community in need, many students spent time over their Thanksgiving vacation baking pies for the basket. A total of thirty-two families were given a Thanksgiving basket filled with food and the student-baked pies.

Athletics @ Maine Central Institute

Fall 2014 Team Recap

Jim Leonard, Athletic Director



The MCI **Cross Country** team had its most successful season in decades. The boys' team improved consistently throughout the season and achieved personal bests at the season's conclusion. The girls' team won two meets during the season and qualified for the State Class B Team Championship with a 7th place finish in the Eastern B Regional Meet in Belfast. Megan Noble '16 (15th place) and Abigail Berdgoll '15 (30th place) also qualified for the State Class B Girls Individual Championship.



Fall **Cheerleading** saw participation double this year. The newly bolstered team cheered at every home and play-off football game – and at several soccer and field hockey games. The team also attended and assisted at our home cross-country meet during Homecoming Week and attended a late season golf match. Throughout the fall they participated in several community service projects as a team and represented the Husky Way with pride and distinction.



The Husky **Golf** team, and its Captain, Gavin Dugas '15, continued an amazing run with a 9-1 regular season record and the top spot in the Kennebec Valley Athletic Conference Class B North Division. As a team, the Huskies are 29-1 in regular season match play over the past three seasons. Their only loss coming this year to eventual Class B State Champ Camden Hills – after handing the Windjammers their only loss of the season two weeks prior. The team finished third in the Class B State Team Competition on the Tomahawk Course at Natanis on October 11. Gavin Dugas capped a stellar four-year career by winning the State Class B Boys Individual Golf Title on October 18 on the Tomahawk Course at Natanis. Dugas shot a 1-under par 71 to take the title, the best score in any classification on the day. Gavin was also named Maine Schoolboy Golfer of the Year by the *Morning Sentinel* and *Portland Press Herald* newspapers. He and brother Eric Dugas '17 qualified to play in the New England Schoolboy Golf Championship in Keene, N.H. in June. MCI placed four golfers – Gavin Dugas, Eric Dugas, Carter Pearl '17 and Nate Tilton '16 - on the All Conference First Team.



The steady improvement of the MCI **Field Hockey** program continued this season. The Huskies, on the strength of victories over conference powers Belfast, Nokomis and Mt. View, finished the regular season with a 9-5 record and a spot in the Eastern C playoffs. The season ended with a 1-0 loss to Mt. View in the quarterfinal round. A host of starters will return next season and the team has great depth at the junior varsity level. These factors combine with this season's success to establish the Huskies as a team to be reckoned with for years to come. Senior Captain Cassie Miller was a KVAC All-Conference Second Team selection.

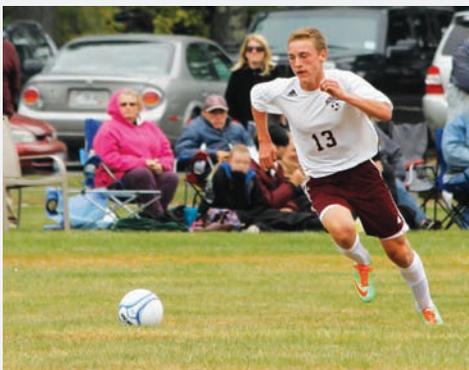


A very young **Girls Soccer** team showed flashes of brilliance this season. On the strength of season opening victories over Nokomis, Winslow and Leavitt, the Huskies finished with a 4-8-2 overall record and a spot in the Eastern B playoffs. The ladies fell, 3-0, to a very strong Erskine Academy team in the prelim round. With only

Congratulations, MCI Football! 2014 Eastern D Regional Champions!



three seniors, the MCI girls played very competitively, with 5 of their 8 losses coming by two goals or less. Five freshmen logged extensive playing time and the emergence of two, Sydney Morton '18 and Paige Lord '18, give the Huskies a bright outlook in the coming years. Morton, who led MCI with 9 goals, was selected to the KVAC Class B All Conference First Team – the only conference freshman so honored.



The **Boys Soccer** program played competitively under new coach Scott Varney. The Huskies finished the season with a 4-9-1 overall mark and just out of the playoff picture. With

a strong returning cast this team is poised for noise in the coming years. Seniors Ethan Duplisea, Slade Emery and River Massey led the way for the Huskies this fall, accounting for 65 percent of the MCI scoring. All will be missed next season, but all helped tutor a talented group of underclassmen eyeing a return to the playoffs next season.



MCI **Football** returned to prominence this fall. Employing a no-huddle offense and suffocating defense, the Huskies finished the regular season with a perfect 8-0 mark in Little Ten Conference play. The Huskies followed that up with convincing 20-0

and 21-7 playoff victories over Matanawcook and Bucksport respectively, earning a berth in the Class D State Championship game. MCI fell to Oak Hill in the State Game by a 41-21 score. Over the past two seasons the MCI football team has compiled a 17-3 record. This season the Huskies outscored opponents by a margin of 42.3 to 12.7 in each game. Nine MCI players were honored with all conference recognition and from that group the Huskies were recognized with 14 All Conference First team designation and two more garnering All Conference Second Team honors. Senior running back Jonathan Santiago was a nominee for LTC Player of the Year despite missing a good chunk of the season due to an injury. There's plenty of bark left in these dogs too. While the Huskies graduate a talented group of seniors, great depth will help them fill those slots and the return of All Conference first teamers Greg Vigue '16, Curtis McLeod '16 and Alex Bertrand '16, MCI will be prepared to defend their regional title.

THE ARTS @ MCI

MCI Celebrates New Patterson Performing Artist Series



MCI is proud to announce the Patterson Visiting Artist Series, a new companion to the Patterson Lecture Series. The Patterson Visiting Artist Series brings talented artists to Maine Central Institute not just to perform or share their work during a school meeting but to collaborate with, instruct and often present with students to the rest of the community.

The first Patterson Performing Artist, Eric Thomas, is the director of jazz and wind ensembles at Colby College. Thomas has conducted the Phillips Academy Andover Jazz Band, the Moab Chamber Orchestra, the Bangor Symphony Orchestra and the Colby College Symphony Orchestra. Thomas is also an active performer and has played with several ensembles, is the winner of the prestigious Concert Artist Guild International Competition and is a two time recipient of a Ragdale Foundation residency.

Thomas worked with MCI jazz students from November 17 through 19. His visit culminated with the Fall Jazz Concert on November 19th.

Future visiting artists this year will include Russ Copelin '01, Summer McKane '94 and Molly Gawler '03.

MCI Concerts Are Now Live Streamed!



Starting with this year's Fall Jazz Concert, the Music Department has begun livestreaming their performances using High School Cube. Over 300 people worldwide viewed the jazz concert online. Alumni, parents and friends who cannot make it to campus to view the shows in person, will now have the chance to view them on their computers and other devices. Please like MCI's Facebook page for announcements on future viewing opportunities!



Drama Team Incorporates School Community into Performances

The Drama Team, led by Debra Susi, performed "Twin Bills: An Evening of Comedy" for the School community and the public in mid-November.



Hannah Switzer '18



Alex Bertrand '16



Frank Liu '16

Students presented two plays, *15 Reasons Not to be in a Play* and *This is a Test*. Several MCI faculty and staff members collaborated with the students including Dean Neal, Tom Bertrand, John Buys and Rachel Chisholm.

Drama students in the Technical Theatre Class also worked backstage during the production of *The Nutcracker*, providing lighting and sound assistance.

Next, students on the 2014-15 Drama Competition Team will perform *The Orphan Train* by Aurand Harris for the regional drama competition in March. There are currently over forty students involved on some level with the production either on the stage or behind the scenes.



BBT @ MCI Students Form New Group to Help the Community

Several BBT students formed a new student group, "Attitude! Art Taking a Position," to use their art to serve and support the community. In association with *The Nutcracker*, they organized a gift drive to support The Christmas Program of Maine Children's Home for Little Wanderers. In addition, the students planned an informal interactive holiday performance for some of the young children served by the Maine Children's Home, to introduce them to the arts in an up close and fun way. For more information, please visit the group's Facebook page at facebook.com/Attitude.ATP.



BBT @ MCI Welcomes Visiting Guest Instructors

Bossov Ballet Theatre was pleased to welcome visiting guest instructor Sabir Yapparov, academy principal from the Cincinnati Ballet, in October. Yapparov received his academic and ballet training at the Perm Ballet Academy in Russia. He has been a soloist and principal dancer in places such as Uzbekistan, Ukraine, the former Soviet Union, Italy, Hungary, Portugal, Finland, India, Spain and Canada.

Yapparov has worked as a ballet master with the Sarasota Ballet, was a Visiting Professor in the dance program at the USF School of Theatre and Dance in Florida, and was a guest faculty member at North Carolina School of the Arts. In addition, he was a ballet teacher at the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington DC and Director of the pre-professional C.O.R.P.S. program at Portland Ballet in Maine.



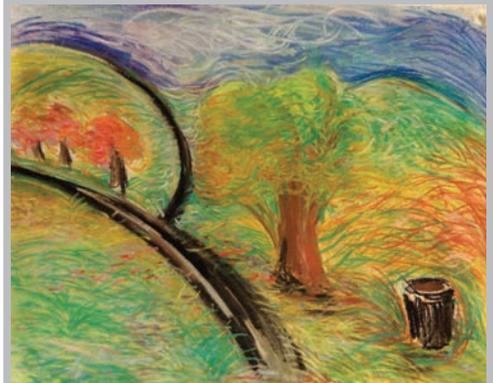
BBT will also welcome back Elena Petrichenko and Sergey Chumakov as instructors for the Summer Intensive program, which will run from June 15 through July 25, 2015.



Elsbeth Taylor '18



Steven Xu '15



Hubert Cai '15



Shamira Tanguay '16

Creative Vignettes!

Student-Athletes discuss creativity on and off the MCI playing fields



Cassie Miller '15

MCI Activities: Field Hockey, Basketball, Track, Kindness Krew, Student Council, NHS, Key Club, Captains Club

In all sports, even football where the plays are set, we're really just improvising. At the beginning of every single game, we have no way of knowing what's going to happen or whether or not we'll be successful. It's important to be prepared for whatever happens. Sometimes, things don't go as planned, in fact very often, so it's important to be creative and prepared to make decisions on the run. Sports are about a lot more than just the physical aspect, a lot of it is mental as well, so it's important to keep an open mind and be creative when in the middle of a fast paced game. *I think the moments when we really don't know what's going to happen or what to expect are when we are the most creative.* Off the playing field, I feel that I am most creative in English class. The thing about English is that there are not necessarily any right or wrong answers; most of everything is up for interpretation. When analyzing poetry, such as we're doing in AP English this year, we have to be creative in how we interpret the poetry. The same thing goes for all the books we read. Everyone thinks differently, so we may not all necessarily agree all the time, but as long as you can support your thoughts, there's no reason for your answer to be wrong.

Most creative faculty/staff member at MCI: This is my fourth year having Mrs. Kingsbury for Spanish. Every year she comes up with the most creative ideas for projects. She also finds the most creative ways to teach us new topics. It's very evident that she's really passionate about what she does and is happy to spend time coming up with new ideas that will benefit us in the classroom.

On Saturday, September 20, nearly one hundred MCI students, alumni and friends returned to campus to celebrate the achievements of four alumni whose dedication to athletics earned them a spot in MCI's Athletic Hall of Fame (see page 17). The individuals certainly contributed outstanding athletic achievements to the ranks as athletic standouts at MCI, sports officials, coaches and professional athletes. But perhaps more importantly, the inductees all demonstrated that being a student-athlete - practicing with teammates, setting and achieving personal and team goals for the season, and ultimately learning to graciously accept both wins and losses - conferred additional benefits that extended well beyond the playing fields.

Today's student-athletes, who look at these inductees as role models, understand that athletics play an integral role in their MCI experience. Though in a school setting, creativity is most commonly associated with the visual and performing arts, it plays an integral role in all aspects of school life including math and science, world languages, business and even athletics. In their own words, seven of MCI's student-athletes, representing the School's very successful fall sports teams, discuss this year's school theme of creativity both on and off the playing fields.

Gregory Vigue '16

MCI Activities: Football, Basketball, Baseball, SLC, Student Council

Creativity, in football at least, allows us to be a dynamic and powerful team. Thinking outside the box and finding ways to get things done on the field is a key factor to our success. I feel the most creative when I am faced with a challenge. On the field, when something doesn't go our way, we have to figure out a way to make things work. It's a team effort to find the right guys, the right play, and create mis-matches that will create opportunities to score points and win games. Off the playing fields, I'd say that I am the most creative in Physics class. Between labs and activities, we are pushed to solve problems that might seem out of reach for us at first. We are given notes of the concepts, then allowed to figure out how to apply them to real world situations. *Here at MCI, we think a lot about creative problem solving in order to find the answer.*

Most creative faculty/staff member at MCI: There are quite a few creative people at MCI, but one that comes to mind is Mr. Robinson (Physics). I've had him as a coach in football and now I also have him as a teacher. In class he does a great job pushing us to succeed by using creative problem solving to find answers to a pretty complex subject.



LeeAnn Robertson '15

MCI Activities: Varsity Cheerleading (fall and winter)

As captain of the varsity cheerleading team, it is my duty to be full of school spirit and creativity. Every team has their own creativity, may it be on the field, court or competition mat. When I'm cheerleading I'm expressing myself to the fullest, and it takes a lot of dedication, love, and creativity to be a good cheerleader. Whether creating signs or preparing before a game, I'm always creative about everything that I do. I always want to make sure that the fans are seeing routines and banners that get them excited about the game. In all my years of cheerleading, my favorite part always and forever will be the smiles I see on the younger kids' faces while I perform or do a cheer. *Knowing that the little kids look up to me, that I am a role model, is a highlight of all my cheerleading seasons.* I love it at MCI and am proud to call myself a Husky.

Most creative faculty/staff member at MCI: This is tough, but I would have to say Mr. Buys (English). Never in my life have I had such an energetic and creative teacher. He is always making every class assignment fun and interesting.

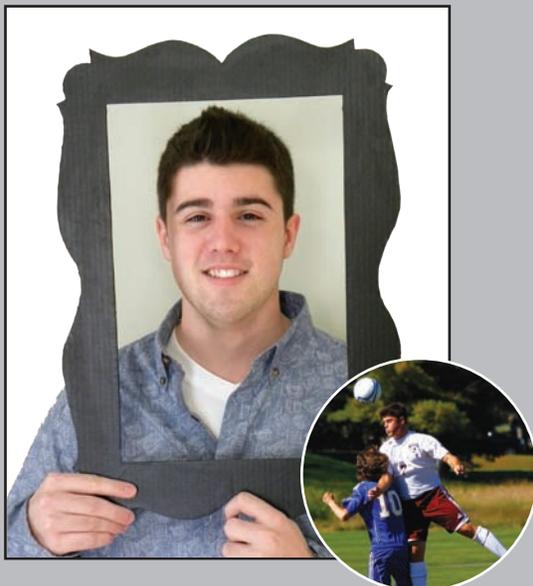


Ethan Duplisea '15

MCI Activities: Indoor Track, Key Club, Captains Club, Student Leadership Committee, Student Council, Kindness Krew, Aomori Exchange Program, Soccer

I am most creative during practice when I work to create a special bond with teammates and, as captain, try to teach important lessons. This can obviously vary from being sports-related to school-related or even to personal situations. Making people smile and laugh is what I love to do best! In the classroom, I enjoy art because you are able to translate what you are thinking into artwork. I enjoy the process, especially because when you draw whatever comes to mind, you don't necessarily know what it will look like in the end.

Most creative faculty / staff member at MCI: In addition to being creative in his own work, Mr. Walker (Art) always has a positive view of students' paintings and always pushes us to exceed our boundaries.





Ashley Alton '15

MCI Activities: Soccer, Basketball, Outdoor Track, Captains Club

Student-athletes use creativity to challenge themselves in ways other than academics. *I feel that I am most creative when I take on leadership roles such as being a captain of one of the sports teams.* In the classroom, I am most creative in art class as it allows me to step outside of the box. I also am a good creative writer. I was recently given a project in my English and history classes that allowed me to combine my interests and create propaganda and write a short story. I enjoyed writing the story because there were no limits, I could write what I wanted and use my creativity to its fullest.

Most creative faculty /staff member at MCI: I think through my four years at MCI I have developed a friendship with Mrs. Morton (Bookstore) and she displays creativity every day. She is always making creative gifts, holding creative events and coming up with creative ideas.



Carter Pearl '17

MCI Activities: Golf Team, Basketball, Band, SLC, Key Club

Creativity in athletics allows you to put yourself in different game situations and play accordingly. I am at my most creative in athletics when I have the freedom to choose different practice routines. In class, I am most creative in history. *I think that students are able to express themselves more creatively because of the freedom we have in the projects that we are assigned.* Using your own ideas, you have more ways of arriving at an answer. Right now in honors history I am working on a project about George W. Bush. The project is an opinion piece about his effectiveness as president and combines a slideshow of his time as president, an essay and a speech to the entire class. One of my favorite things about MCI is the one-on-one time that students can have with teachers as needed.

Most creative faculty/staff member at MCI: Mr. Giallombardo (Academic Counselor) has great ideas and events that he organizes that bring MCI students and the community together. He makes you want to get involved and be an active student.



Megan Noble '16

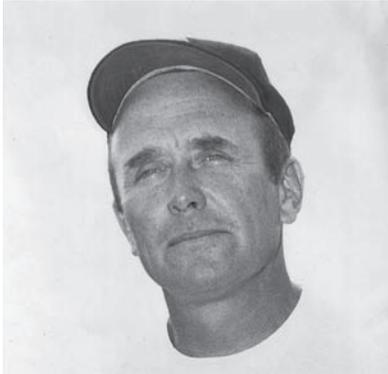
MCI Activities: Cross Country

I am most creative when I am doing something I am passionate about, like running in a cross country meet. Creativity in athletics is important because you have to figure out how to work together as a team. This year in art class we were assigned the project of making a personal mandala piece using symbols that were meaningful to us. It was my favorite project this year because it was all about the things that I like and mean a lot to me. I really enjoy art class because I am able to draw things that I like and use creativity to figure out how to make them look better.

Most creative faculty / staff member at MCI: Ms. Cardenas (Anatomy & Physiology, Cross Country Coach) because she has to be prepared and creative to teach her students, coach athletics and still find new activities to do with her teams all in the same day.

Athletic Hall of Fame

The Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony was held during Homecoming Weekend on September 20, 2014. Four individuals joined the ranks for their dedication and outstanding athletic achievements.



C. Nelson Corey

C. Nelson "Nels" Corey attended Bowdoin College from 1935-1939 where he excelled as a student and won nine letters in three different sports. Between 1948 and 1954 he worked as a math teacher and coach at MCI, Colby, and Williams College. While at MCI, his football team won four Maine Preparatory School Championships and had two undefeated seasons. Corey returned to Bowdoin in 1955, becoming Head Football Coach in 1958 and continuing in that position for the next seven years. He also started the first lacrosse program in the state while at Bowdoin. From 1965-1980, Corey served as Athletic Director, as well as the football and lacrosse coach at The Hotchkiss School in Lakeville, CT. In 1997 he was inducted into the Maine Sports Hall of Fame and in 2002 he was one of the initial inductees into the Bowdoin College Athletic "Hall of Honor."

Smith returned home to Bermuda and played soccer as a member of the Bermuda National Team earning more than 30 caps and scoring seven goals for his country. He also appeared in seven FIFA World Cup qualifying matches for Bermuda, scoring three goals. In 2005, Smith signed with the New England Revolutions in Boston, playing four seasons with the Revs. During his time with the Revs, the team won three MLS Eastern Conference championships (in 2005, 2006 and 2007), the US Open Cup in 2007, and the North American SuperLiga in 2008. Smith retired from soccer and made the transition into coaching, earning his United States Soccer Federation "B" coaching license in the 2011 off-season. The same year, Smith joined the Revolution Academy coaching staff as an assistant coach for the Under-18s division. He also serves as a member of the Revolution Academy's Regional Development School (RDS) technical staff and assists the Revolution first-team staff periodically throughout the season.



Patricia Skaling '63

Patricia Rodgers Skaling '63 participated in field hockey, softball, and cheerleading all four years at MCI and was a member of the first girls ski team established her senior year. Skaling earned her first United States Field Hockey Association rating in 1962 at age 17. In 1973 she earned a USFHA Northeast Sectional rating and was chosen to serve as USFHA Umpiring Chairperson for the State of Maine. As Umpiring Chairperson from 1973 to 1988, she worked diligently with other key officials to unify and coordinate umpiring procedures and rules interpretations for the entire state by organizing clinics, playdays, rules sessions, and rating sessions. Skaling worked closely with the Maine Principals' Association to establish pay equity for field hockey officials (prior to Title IX), and helped map the guidelines for the first State Field Hockey Championship in 1977. She served as statistician for the MPA for field hockey and girls' basketball for Eastern Maine. Skaling was inducted into the Maine Field Hockey Hall of Fame in 2004.

Peter Susi '65 played basketball, football, and ran track while at MCI. He was the co-captain of the football team his senior year and was part of the starting line-up in MCI's first Eastern Maine Basketball tournament. Susi then followed in the footsteps of Dean John Shields and attended Amherst College, graduating Phi Beta Kappa in 1969. He played basketball and rowed on the Amherst crew, helping power the Lord Jeffs to two regatta wins in his senior year. An enthusiastic participant in city league basketball and endurance events, Susi has continued to run and swim regularly all his life. Following college, Susi attended the University of Chicago Law School, obtaining his J.D. degree in 1974. Since 1977, he has happily practiced law with a small, private firm in Santa Barbara, California, while returning home to Pittsfield each summer to visit family and lifelong best friends from the classes of 1964, 1965, and 1966. Susi has also served as an adjunct professor at Santa Barbara College of Law and a volunteer judge pro tem. Susi lectures regularly to bar associations and certified public accountancy groups as well as to the general public.

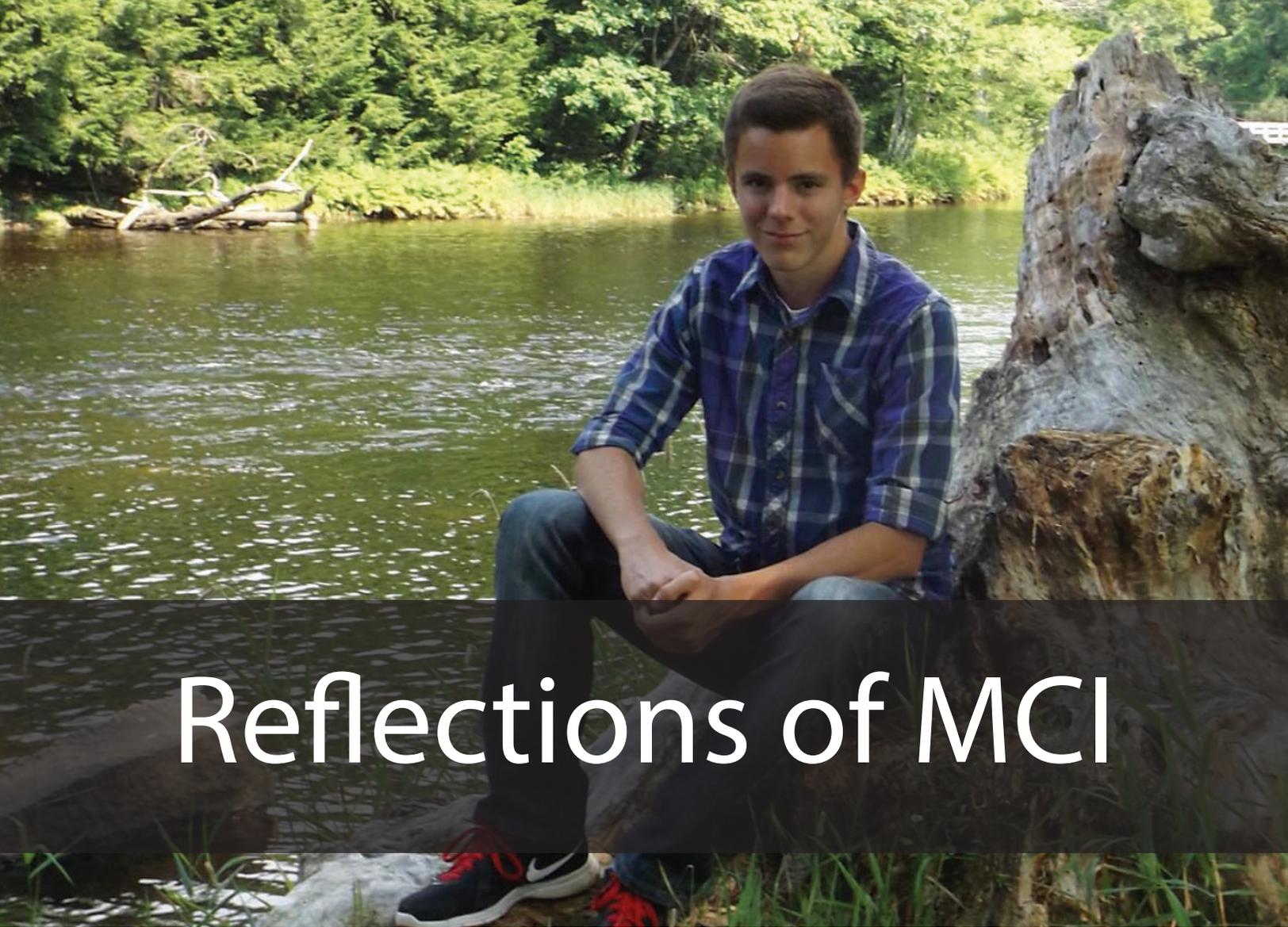


Khano Smith '99

Khano Smith '99 played soccer at MCI all four years and continued at the college level. After earning his degree in sports management,



Peter Susi '65



Reflections of MCI

As a child and then young adult growing up in Pittsfield, Ryan Engelhardt '15 eagerly anticipated his time at MCI. Now an MCI senior, Engelhardt reflects on his experience at the School, his passion for community service and the importance of the annual School themes *Kindness, Leadership and Creativity*.

What MCI Clubs have you been involved in during your time at the School? Key Club, Student Leadership Committee, National Honor Society, Captains Club, Cross Country, Indoor Track, Outdoor Track, Soccer, Basketball, Drama Club, College Aspirations Club.

Who has been your favorite teacher at MCI? Mrs. Rozeboom was definitely my favorite teacher. I had her for honors English my sophomore year and AP English last year. She was such a big inspiration to me. She really helped me to learn in my English classes differently than I was used to and taught me that all art is on purpose and that everything has a deeper meaning than I had originally thought. [Mrs. Rozeboom retired from MCI in June of 2014].

What is your favorite MCI memory? It would probably have to be last year's Winter Carnival because that was the year I was most involved. I definitely had a great time, hanging out with

friends and competing against the other classes in a friendly rivalry.

Which School theme has had the most impact on you? Each year the different themes have had an impact on me. Kindness definitely had a huge impact. I have found that I like to implement that in my life by participating in clubs like Key Club and Student Leadership Committee. Creativity also goes along with that because I like to break away from the ruts in my life – going to school, doing sports, coming home and doing homework. Getting involved with these clubs, going out into the community and doing things to help others definitely builds character and pushes me past my comfort zone.

Another theme that resonated with me was leadership my freshman year. Mr. Giallombardo, Courtney Fowler '13 and Shane Hathaway '14 pushed me to be involved in clubs. Now I think I am a better leader because of that.

Continuing with the School theme, which Patterson Lecture Series speaker resonated the most with you? Brian Williams from Think Kindness, who came to speak at MCI my sophomore year. He was the one who helped spark the fire in me to get involved with community service. He showed me that it's great to do kind acts for others. Really, he helped boost me to these leadership positions as well.

Both of your parents [Eric '91 and Denise '92 Engelhardt] are MCI alumni, what is that legacy like for you? I live about a two minute walk away from campus, so MCI has always been in my sight. I always came to basketball games and other sporting events when I was younger. My brother [Tyler Engelhardt '12] was at MCI when I was younger and he always talked about how great it was and I had other friends who went to MCI ahead of me. I've always known MCI was in my future and I was always excited to come here. The teachers really care about you here and you have the dorm students, which is a really unique experience. The workload is hard, but it challenges you and gets you ready for college.

It sounds like you like to be challenged and get out of "ruts" in your life. I just don't like things being too easy. When there is a challenge, I set my goal and I like to achieve my goals. I feel like when things are easy, I don't care as much. When it's challenging, it feels much better to accomplish it than if it was easy.

Speaking of challenges, what are you planning to do next year? I'm unde-

ecided on a major and have a wide variety of things that I like – sports rehabilitation, mathematics and theatre arts (lighting). I've applied to the University of New Haven, the University of New Hampshire, Champlain College and UMaine. They were all great campuses, relatively small. I don't really like being in the city. They also offer a lot of different degrees, so I will have a lot to pick from.

Mr. Giallombardo [the advisor for Key Club] mentioned that you are always very active in community service activities. Can you talk a little more about why that is a passion of yours? I've been in Key Club for three years. Courtney Fowler '13 pushed me to join my sophomore year. She roped me into doing a community service activity. It was fun. I liked it a lot and because of that joined Key Club. I'm really thankful that I did and that Courtney pushed me past my boundaries.

I think that it's the aspect that what I am doing in the clubs (Key Club and Student Leadership Committee) as a whole is something that is so positive and that people in the community might not be able to get anywhere else. Right now we are doing a food drive in Mr. Gilson's [Food and Nutrition] class for a local food pantry. This is food that families might not be able to get otherwise. It feels really good to me to know that what I am doing is benefiting others. It has also allowed me to be really creative. I've never been able to plan a food drive before. We started from scratch and everyone in the class combined our ideas. We've been using social media to help publicize the drive and I was put in charge of the Twitter account.

Headmaster Hopkins often talks about the benefits of positive risk taking. Other than joining the Key Club, what is a positive risk that you

have taken that you are happy you did? Switching sports from soccer to cross country last year was a big decision for me. I wasn't sure how much I would like cross country because it was all running. I think it was a good decision for me because I actually like cross country better and was able to become a captain of the team this year.

In your opinion, what is the best thing about MCI? I would say the sense of community that there is here. There are all of these international students and day students and they come together so well. I don't hear about any incidents of bullying. Everyone here is so friendly. People that I talk with at other schools say it's not the same case where they are. I definitely think that MCI stands out in that aspect and I like that a lot.

Who would you say is the most creative person at MCI? Mr. Beach. His lesson plans and classes are creative. His classes really revolve around creativity. We recently had a project where we had to create a dystopian society. There was a public speaking aspect, a short story and we had to create an ad. He really let our creativity come out. He makes his classes really enjoyable and very interactive. His classes are heavily weighted on participation so it appeals to that pushing the boundary aspect of mine. I've not been one to speak up much in class. He really encourages that and I'm glad because I feel that it has definitely helped me. Now I enjoy speaking in class.

What advice would you give to incoming first-year students? Do your homework, don't get behind. Just enjoy your time at MCI because it goes by really fast. Get involved with as many clubs, sports and activities as you can. Do some community service. Be outgoing, kind and respectful. Go with the flow and you will really have a great time here.

Reunion 2014 - The Weekend in Photos



Ralph Damren '64 is presented with a gift by Norbert Young '66 upon retiring after 22 years as Alumni Association President
Thank you, Ralph, and Go Huskies!



The Alumni Sno-Ball King and Queen Mike Lynch '84 and Madeline Muise '85



Class of 1959



Virginia Almonte '40 receives MCI maple syrup from Sharon Savasuk



Barbara Day '64 and Norbert Young Jr '66



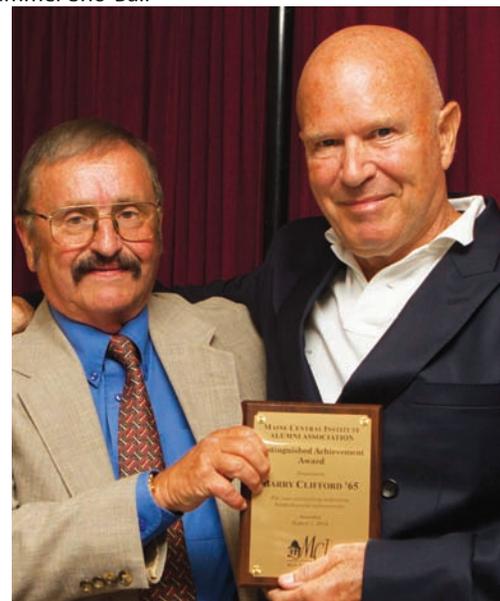
The Alumni Summer Sno-Ball



Tom Gordon '61 and Norbert Young Jr '66



Carole Vigue '64 and Norbert Young Jr '66



Ralph Damren '64 and Barry Clifford '65



The Class of 1954



The Class of 1964



The Class of 1969



The Class of 1974



The Class of 1979



The Class of 1984



It is really no surprise that Sumner McKane '94's two favorite classes at MCI were band with Dean Neal and history with Ron Bessey. Described as a "composer with a photographer's mind," McKane is a musician and documentary filmmaker located in mid-coast Maine. His specialty is the docu-exhibit, a performance piece that combines "film, photography, oral histories, sound design and live music to tell a historical story with a live presentation."* Thus far, McKane has produced two pieces, *In the Blood*, about Maine lumbermen and river drivers and *The Maine Frontier: Through the Lens of Isaac Simpson*. He is currently at work on his third, *Running Rum*, about Maine rum runners and bootleggers from 1851-1933. In addition to the docu-exhibits, McKane is currently recording a full-length album of original instrumental music, which he hopes to release this winter. He also teaches guitar lessons in Portland and demos effects pedals for a company in Falmouth, all while continuing to play gigs around the state with his band, the Sumner McKane Group.



McKane's love for music was already evident in high school. As a member of the jazz band, jazz combo, concert band and jazz chorus, McKane was heavily involved in the music scene. "I really enjoyed playing in the school band," McKane said. "Mr. Neal was really helpful and supportive. I couldn't read music, but he let me play a number of instruments, kept me in the band and helped me as much as he could. I played everything by ear and was kind of hopeless as far as reading and playing goes." After high school, McKane began touring around the state with his band and attending the University of Maine at Augusta as a music major. He moved to Montana for a photography workshop and ended up attending the University of Montana before moving back to Maine and receiving his degree in history from the University

"In the Blood"

Sumner McKane '94's quest to bring Maine History to Life

of Southern Maine. All the while, McKane continued touring and performing with various bands and opening for country stars such as Willie Nelson, Charlie Daniels, Tim McGraw, Toby Keith and Carrie Underwood.

About five years ago, when McKane's band was nearing the end of its run of shows providing a live soundtrack to the silent film *Nanook of the North*, he began looking for a new project. "I've been performing for a long time and I've always had an interest in photography and history," McKane explained. "I never planned to create these projects." As a young boy, McKane had seen a silent film from the 1920s called *From Stump to Ship* about a river drive on the Machias River. "It was oddly one of the only things that my bass player and I remembered seeing in the second or third grade," chuckled McKane. "The footage was enthralling. I started to research and find more footage and material to create a show. It was a good three years of research and traveling around the state to every northern small town library and historical society I could find. After the three years, we did a DVD and live show and I'm still enthralled by these guys."

By using the photos, stories and oral histories told by the loggers themselves, McKane describes *In the Blood* as "a seemingly personal experience – as though you are sitting in a camp listening to the men."* In addition to the extensive research done to compile materials and learn about the logging business at the turn of the century, McKane also composed a soundtrack for the film. "These archival materials are spectacular by themselves, so I really just gather the materials and try to make a seamless visual out of it. Once I have a section of film where I want it, I play along as I'm watching to try to find the right mood. These films are basically vehicles for my music, but at the same time I am playing for the visuals." The end result "is a striking visual journey into the 19th century Maine woods."*

McKane gets the inspiration for his projects in



Sumner McKane '94

a variety of ways. For *The Maine Frontier*, the project essentially found him. After a friend of McKane's band heard about *In the Blood*, she approached him to let him know that her grandfather used to photograph the logging camps around the turn of the century. "I'd known her for years and never knew anything about it." The family ended up digitizing about 2,000 glass plate negatives for McKane. "There were a handful [of the photos] scattered at relatives' houses and basements throughout New England and slowly I ended up with pretty much the whole collection. It's really a phenomenal collection that not a lot of people have seen." McKane conducted more research as well as interviews with Simpson's family members to complete the project. "The stories were already there," said McKane. "I just put them together."

Since 2011, McKane has received multiple grants as well as the Maine Arts Commission Performing and Media Arts Fellowship, which have allowed him to bring his work into twenty-five schools. "Over 2,000 Maine students have been exposed to a way of life. One

of my hopes [with this project] was to present a historical story in a way that students can connect with – with multimedia and live music," he said.

In February, McKane will add to his list of schools when he returns to campus as a Patterson Visiting Artist to present *In the Blood* to the MCI community. When asked what advice he would give to students about this year's School theme of creativity and the creative process involved in his work, McKane said simply, "Open your mind and take in everything that you can, whether it's music, art, film, or writing. Don't shut yourself off to just one genre or medium. Try to be as open as possible."

With his background in music, photography and history, it is clear that these projects are the perfect synthesis of McKane's passions, that he was meant to make them.

One might say it's in his blood.

*www.sumnermckane.com



Passion Play: Lacrosse's Return to MCI

The fastest growing sport in the State of Maine has made its return to MCI. Lacrosse was first played at MCI in 1967 when Dean of Students Peter Gulick convinced then Athletic Director Rod Smith and Headmaster Ed Stanley to bring the program to the School. "About thirty-five students played on the first lacrosse team, playing an eight game schedule," explained Gulick. "Several of the players were dorm students who had played lacrosse before and there were also a lot of football players who felt the skills were easily transferrable. We had some great players and those kids really loved the game."

One such player was Gary Fitts '69. Fitts was "gently encouraged" to play lacrosse by his baseball coach David Mosher. "Mr. Mosher told me that there was a new sport being played at MCI and it would be good for me to play," said Fitts. "Pittsfield was very much a baseball town, so many of the guys who played baseball continued to play. Some of the guys in the dorm had played [lacrosse] before. It was mostly PGs and it was a neat experience as a 15 or 16 year-old to play with the PGs." Fitts said of Coach Gulick, "He was kind. He was patient with the kids who had never played before. It was his passion. He had played in college and wanted to bring it to MCI."

In addition to coaching at MCI, Gulick was a founding member of the Maine Lacrosse Officials Association. He helped to spread the word about the league in Maine, which was made up of other independent schools like North Yarmouth Academy, Hebron Academy, Kents Hill and Hinckley. Gulick coached at MCI for three years before leaving to work at the New Hampton School in New Hampshire.

After Gulick left, the lacrosse mantle was taken up by Ly-

ford Beverage. Michael Ames '73, a dorm student from a small island on the coast of Maine, discovered a passion for the sport during that time. "I had played football, basketball and baseball," said Ames. "My sophomore year, I sat the bench in baseball. Many of my fellow dorm kids as well as many of the local football players were playing lacrosse and they won me over. There was a great deal of support from teammates. Lacrosse was very open and accepting. You basically just had to have the courage to come play." Ames soon learned that lacrosse served as an alternative spring sport for athletes who didn't play baseball or participate in track. "It helped us stay in shape and continue to learn behavior and leadership skills during the spring," commented Ames. "It was good for me. If I couldn't get outside and burn energy, I wasn't a very good student. What I remember the most was the camaraderie, the openness of teammates and the challenge of doing something different. I discovered something new and I turned out to be good at it." After MCI, Ames received offers to play on Division I lacrosse teams. He chose to attend Maine Maritime Academy, which didn't offer a team at the time. "I don't have many regrets, but not continuing with lacrosse is one. After MCI, in my adulthood looking back at the bigger picture value of lacrosse, that particular sport opened the door for kids all over campus – dorm, town, athlete, non-athlete – it didn't make any difference. It allowed kids to take a chance."

Despite the passion of many of the players, lacrosse proved to be a difficult sport to support in central Maine. Participation soon waned, and the sport was discontinued at MCI in the mid-1970s. However, in recent years there has been a resurgence of interest in the area, starting in southern Maine. The Mid-Maine Lacrosse Club was founded in 2010 as "a group for kids from central Maine who were

without a team,” said President Gretchen Baker. It is a youth lacrosse organization that currently serves players from MSAD53 and RSU 19 as well as John Bapst and area students who are home-schooled. Braden Monteyro, an MCI junior, has been a member since he was in eighth grade. “The club started with eight boys in seventh and eighth grade,” he said. “By the next year, there were over sixty kids. The club has now grown enough to offer an elementary program for grades two through four and competitive teams for fifth and sixth grade, seventh and eighth grade and a high school team. The high school members even coach the kids from four to six years old.”

The club was originally founded by Baker, who was looking for a way to provide her son with access to lacrosse in central Maine. “My son played lacrosse for five years in Gardiner,” she said. “When he started school at Nokomis, there weren’t any opportunities in the area. It was meant to be a little thing.” Baker credits supporters such as Jim Dock and Norman Bolliger (who has served as the volunteer coach since the club’s founding) as well as “a great group of parents” for its growth. The club has also received tremendous support from the Maine Lacrosse Officials Association, including gear and other funding. Because the club has done so well, it is considered a “model program” that other schools are looking to emulate and was even written up in *US Lacrosse*.

MCI has also offered lacrosse as a student activity for the past four years and is in the process of registering as a Maine Principals’ Association sanctioned club/team. As part of the process, MCI has partnered with the Mid-Maine Lacrosse Club, which has resulted in fielding a cooperative co-ed team of MCI and Nokomis students. The group is expecting between 25 and 50 students this spring, and will be playing a full schedule of 14 games. “I’ve been a member of both MCI’s Lacrosse Club and the

LACROSSE ESTABLISHED AT MCI



A photo from the 1967 alumni newsletter detailing the establishment of lacrosse at MCI

Mid-Maine Club and I love that the Mid-Maine Club is associated with our school now,” said Monteyro. Headmaster Christopher Hopkins, after playing lacrosse and then coaching the sport until he arrived at MCI, is enthusiastic about its return to campus for the first time in forty years. “I am proud of the fact that at a time when so many schools are having to cut programs, we instead have added numerous activities and opportunities in recent years to ensure that all students have extracurricular options which interest and engage them,” he said. “Lacrosse is a sport which can be learned quickly and played by a wide variety of students, whether they have played sports or not. I am also grateful to the parents in the surrounding communities who started the mid-Maine youth club program. Without their tireless work and commitment, fielding a team this coming spring would not be possible.”

Even forty years later, the same sentiments expressed by both Gary Fitts and Michael Ames ring true when talking about the sport with current student Monteyro. “Lacrosse is a fast paced, high competition sport,” explained

Monteyro. “It is structured full contact, but body type really doesn’t matter. Anyone can play. There are lots of different skills you have to learn and it takes a lot of dedication.” Monteyro also plays football and basketball and has found that many of the skills and techniques he learned in those sports are easily transferrable to lacrosse. “In football there is also full contact and you have to learn how to protect yourself. Like in basketball, you play both offense and defense. Positioning and the setting up of plays is huge in both games.” Monteyro enthusiastically added, “Lacrosse is known as the fastest game on two feet! It’s an exciting game to watch and combines the best of basketball, hockey, soccer and football. This is the best sport I have ever played.”

The new team will have coaching representatives from both school districts and will play games on both campuses. Whether an avid lacrosse fan or someone new to the game, all alumni and friends are encouraged to view the games this spring, supporting the effort to bring a cherished sport from MCI’s history to present day students.

Class of 1950

Dottie Graham Obar responded to my e-mail to tell me that she had recently had cataract surgeries because she did not want to "miss anything." She sounds busy and happy with her life. She also stated that she realizes she is getting old when she sees her four great-grandchildren! Dot, I love to see my two little girls, but it doesn't take them very long to wear me out. Family becomes even more important as we age. I guess we are all working on that one.

I received notice via email of the death of **Gloria Langley Bilodeau** on 1/21/14. I am pleased that before she passed, we talked briefly about the "good old days" at MCI. Another loss to the class of 1950.

I occasionally receive email from **Harold Burbank**. Harold sent me a wonderful juke box site. I now listen to juke box music while I sew or compute, and I don't have to "put a nickel in." Harold told me that he does not want anyone to know that he is now 83-1/2. Come on, Harold, we're all in the same neighborhood! He said he loves the 1/2 s and is now starting to celebrate them. I got the impression that he is enjoying his retirement from teaching and the Portsmouth Shipyard in spite of his "old age."

I received a notice on Facebook that **Mary Dysart Quint** had a birthday. Because I was having computer problems I did not get to check in with Mary, so I called her. We had a great conversation commiserating with one another about the losses we are experiencing in the aging process. She just turned 82, so she is younger than Harold and me.

I was having a problem connecting with my class, but I now have a new computer that works beautifully, and am at ginoland@roadrunner.com. I'd love to hear from any/all of you.

Virginia Coolbroth Landry
Class Agent



Bev Breau '52 received the 2014 Spirit of America Award for her volunteer work in Palmyra, Maine.

Class of 1952

Congratulations to **Bev Breau**, who received the 2014 Spirit of America Award for starting the St. Martin's Library in the town of Palmyra in 1988, and has continued to serve since.

Edson Buker finally retired from his part-time job with the City of Torrance (in the gardening section). He still has his garden plot and is growing vegetables, especially tomatoes, zucchini, cucumbers and strawberries. His traveling has been curtailed due to his wife's back; otherwise they are both healthy. They do look forward to some more traveling in the future.

Bob Belanger wanted me to make a correction from my last notes. He and his wife celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary -- not their 47th. He also wrote that he celebrated his 80th birthday with two of his daughters. One of his grandsons is a catcher for the Baltimore O's class A team in Aberdeen, MD and they went to celebrate his birthday on July 4th and got to sit behind the catcher's position and watch him play for the first time. His grandson was signed immediately out of high school in Phoenix, AZ.

Tim Stearns wrote that he was glad to hear from me and MCI.

He said that it brought back good memories. Tim graduated from Bowdoin College in 1956, was in the US Military in Germany from 1956 to 1958, and worked for Sears in 10 different locations from Maine to Virginia for 30 years. He then ran his own business in Brunswick for 10 years. He has three children, two graduated from Bowdoin and one from Ithaca. His wife of 40 plus years passed away in 1995. He lives in Augusta, Maine in the summer and Orlando, Florida in the winter.

Heard from **Lynn Blood Stavro**. She is enjoying sailing, dancing on Saturday nights or whenever possible, a little theatre, meeting authors, lectures and book signings and rediscovering how wonderful the great state of Maine is. She lost her best-ever friend, Sammy her husky dog, and misses him every day.

Maynard Jacobs spent a week in the hospital with pneumonia and the day he was released from the hospital found out that his son Doug, who was living in Alabama, had passed away from complications of diabetes. Our condolences go out to Maynard and his family.

Herman Roberts wrote that his wife is now in the nursing home. Because of joint pain that he has been having, he was not able to plant the big garden like he has

done in the past.

Kathleen Sedgwick Clark is still living in Newport. Her husband passed away in July. She is staying busy doing the many things she enjoys.

Armour Brown and his wife **Loretta Doherty Brown '53** bought a condo in New Hampshire and are in the process of moving there from Ellsworth.

Margaret (Peggy) Crowley Smith passed away on 9/22/12. In the previous announcement, her maiden name was inadvertently omitted.

I celebrated my 80th birthday with a party given by my two daughters. All monetary donations I received went to the Nancy Stone Fund at Sebecook Valley Hospital to help women get screenings that they could otherwise not afford. If anyone else would like to make a donation you can send it to SVH.

Thanks to **Beverly Breau** and **David McGaffin** for helping me gather notes from our classmates.

Alvah Wyman
Class Agent

Class of 1953

The class is saddened by the passing of three more special classmates. Senior Class President **John (Jack) Hartleb** passed away in Oregon. Jack had cancer surgery on April 3, but because of its advanced condition, he succumbed on April 30. He was a loyal class alumnus and participated in its activities whenever and however he could. Even from a distance he remembered his classmates and donated to our special reunions. **Carol Hodgins Lancaster** passed away on September 30 in Nashua, NH. Many of us remember shared times with Carol at her home and also in grade school. **Gloria Beattie McNichol** passed away on December 30. **Kaye Mooers** wrote of Gloria, "It is with great sadness that I write about the loss of our classmate, **Gloria Beattie McNichol**.

She and I have been friends since third grade when we learned to play the violin in Mr. Williams' class down in the boiler room at Pittsfield Grammar School. That's a LONG time! I know she touched the lives of so many classmates and was a staunch supporter of MCI. She attended nearly every MCI Reunion and attended the gatherings of not only our class of '53 but also those of the class of '48. Gloria and I experienced cancer during the same time span and even had a few fun days together having our heads shaved, picking out wigs, deciding if we had to do this "nasty" thing, we might as well enjoy it and have some laughs. Gloria and I donned our wigs and went to Skowhegan to say so long to special friends, **Faye (Ellingwood) and John Shaw '52**, as they were going south for the winter (see photo). 'Auntie Glo' will be sorely missed by classmates, friends and especially her family: husband, Joseph McNichol, **Stephen McNichol '73**, **Sylvia McNichol '74**, **Richard McNichol '80**, granddaughter **Martinique Allen '97**, granddaughter **Monique McNichol Moody '09**, grandson-in-law **Andy Moody '06**, brother **Robert Beattie '48** and sister **Joyce Williams '48**. I could list more but this shows why Glo had such a close affinity with MCI." Jack, Carol and Gloria are all fondly remembered and will be missed. Our condolences to their families.

Dale Raye Seaburg writes that she and Bob greatly enjoyed a family reunion in August with their four children Glenn, Lori, Diane, Debbie and their families. Being together was a memorable time for everyone. Dale and Bob will return to Florida in October.

Judelle (Jude) Lasselle Strange remains busy, although she claims she is slowing down. (Aren't we all?) Mal once again was coaching and teaching at the high school for two months. Their family gathered this summer at their cottage on Unity Pond. On Labor Day, Jude, Mal, and their daughter and son-in-law traveled to Jackman to spend time at their camp, which



Faye Ellingwood Shaw '53, Gloria Beattie McNichol '53 and Kaye Doyle Mooers '53

is twenty miles into the woods. For the first time in years they did not see a moose! Like other class members, Jude and Mal will return to Florida for the winter.

Faye Ellingwood Shaw and John Shaw '52 are expecting two great grandchildren in February and March; these will make four. Their life is nice and quiet and that is the way they like it. However, they were pleased to announce the birth of a great-grandson, Glendon Robert, on December 27, who weighed in at 3 pounds, and though he was very early, is doing well. Congratulations!

Thelma Sennett Vining writes that she and Cliff enjoyed the past year. They had a great time in Florida last winter and enjoyed Maine this summer. They are busy watching their grandchildren grow and trying to keep in touch with their classmates. She thanks Kaye for making it easy to stay in touch and enjoy the times we can get together.

This year **Cynthia Brown Johnson** and Arthur '51 celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary and she turned 80. Now she wonders where the time has gone! They feel blessed in many ways, especially with their three wonderful children and nine grandchildren; four college graduates, two in college, one in high school, one in middle

school, and one a handsome Marine who has finished his second tour in Afghanistan. Cynthia is especially pleased that one of her grandsons is working at Cianbro in Pittsfield, a town which evokes so many wonderful memories of her youth.

Gertie Grignon Bizeau has been having heart problems and will probably be using a defibrillator. She is hoping to go to Mississippi to spend the winter with her daughter if her medical condition permits.

Joyce Hunt Rowe visited **Polly Hoskins Philbrick** and learned that Polly's cancer is no longer a concern, but that arthritis continues to plague her. Joyce was enjoying her summer, especially the time she spent with her great grandson. As usual, she and Dick will be in Florida for the first three months of the New Year.

Susan Robinson Farmer writes that "the weather has been unusual here on the eastern slope of the Rocky Mountains in Larkspur, CO. We usually receive snows throughout the winter that melt off to bare ground until it snows again. Our heavy wet snows in the spring (April & May) catch us up on moisture. We got 12 inches in May starting on Mother's Day, just as we completed our May 9-12 riding clinic. Some riders, worried

about getting their horses home safely, opted to leave early. After the snow melted, it started raining. We have had more rainy days this spring and summer than we ever remember. It is more like New England. And yet we are still in a drought as evidenced by our ponds being six feet low. They used to run over every spring. The grass is about 3.5 feet tall, the tallest we have ever seen it. Black cows come in the summer time to eat the grass, partly to protect us from fires and use the land. Since we do not have any water rights, forest and grass fires are a worry. So far the cows have not eaten the tall grass but have cleaned up the shorter grasses." Those who would like to learn more about Sue's ranch should visit her at www.ab-beranchevents.com.

Phil Coffin writes, "Maria traveled to Germany to visit with her sister this spring. Took a trip to Italy for four days to enjoy better weather and do the tourist thing. I stayed home with the dog for quiet time. Traveled to Maine for the summer, and enjoyed seeing classmates at the MCI Reunion. Look forward to seeing all at Reunion next year."

Matt Scott and his partner Beverly Libby traveled to Florida in their motor home for the winter and in early spring onto Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. All went well until April 2 when Beverly fell and a call to 911 got her to a hospital in Tennessee. She was released and went home to Maine to see her doctor. She has now recovered and is back to normal but it took months. They are now back to ballroom dancing and will be leaving for Florida soon. They look forward to seeing **Kaye Mooers** and Stirling Thurston and hope Kaye has a speedy recovery as well.

Loretta Doherty Brown and Armour '52 have moved to New Hampshire. Contact Sarah Chipman if you would like their contact information.

Sarah Chipman had a busy spring and summer moving from her

apartment into a mobile home park between Pittsfield and Newport. She would enjoy a visit from any of her classmates. Now that the weather is cooler, Sarah will soon be using the lovely crochet shawl that **Maria Coffin** had made and gave to her at Reunion. **Gary Goodrich** and **Eugene Cropley** spoke with Sarah at the Reunion; they are both well – Gene had recuperated nicely from his hospital stay, and Gary was living his usual active life. Sarah gives special thanks to everyone who contributed to this class column.

Classmates have been so dedicated in their support of Class Agent, **Kaye Mooers**, as she has battled lung cancer since last June. She has finished what treatments were needed up to this point and gaining well. She hopes to go to Florida for the rest of the winter. She said she couldn't have gotten through the past months without the support of her wonderful classmates. The cards, calls and visits kept her hopeful.

Sarah Chipman for Kaye Mooers
Class Agent

Class of 1956

We were saddened to hear from **Norman Nutter** that his wife, **Judy Burke (Simonton) Nutter** passed away on November 8, 2014. Judy was a former MCI trustee, former President of the Alumni Association and a Class Agent for many years. She was a proud and loyal MCI alumna and will be missed. Our condolences go to Norman and their families.

Class of 1959

Congratulations to **Dr. Tom Hal-lee**, who e-mailed us in July, "Just to let you know that I recently finished my 100th full Marathon in Kona, Big Island, Hawaii. So I am now eligible to join the 100 Marathon Club."

Class Agent Needed



Mike Gordon '64 started a fundraising bike trip for MCI's Annual Fund on Sunday, August 3, 2014, the last day of Reunion Weekend.

Class of 1960

Dale McQuarrie and wife Donna are approaching their 50th anniversary. They still work, but they go ATVing and snowmobiling; Dale spends a lot of time hunting and fishing with his children and grandchildren. Dale ran into a bit of physical trouble while schlepping a deer out of the woods. The result: he has lost 37 pounds and is eating much healthier. They spend time at their camp in Portage, Maine.

Rachel Fields is now Mrs. Brenckman. She said that on their honeymoon, they went around the world without leaving Maine (China, Peru, and Mexico, for instance). They live in Dexter and Rachel still does some seamstress work.

Sandra Homestead Cote retired last year.

Avis Ames Paresson takes care of her granddaughters a few days of the week; she still lives on Snake Root Road, but she's always driving off to her grandchildren's events.

Kathy McGowan Frost and Roland (Nibby) have welcomed their first great-grandson by their granddaughter, Jade, who is Heidi and Peter's daughter.

Marilyn (Sam) Nash is substitute teaching again, along with care

giving; a lap swim a day keeps the medical problems at bay.

Marilyn Nash
Rachel Fields Brenckman
Joan Basford Bradley
Co-Class Agents

Class of 1962

We were saddened to learn of the passing of **George Rundlett** on April 25, 2014 after complications from surgery and a long illness. He is survived by his wife Linda and three daughters. Following high school, George enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany as a medical technician before returning to the US. He received a Master's degree in adult education from University of Maine Orono. After graduation from college, he served as a science teacher for the Bangor school system. During his teaching career in Maine he also went to officer's candidate school and achieved the rank of Captain and was a commander for a National Guard engineering unit in Newport. He attended the Embry Riddle School of Flight, earning his wings, and became a proficient helicopter pilot which resulted in receiving commendation for performing 'missions of mercy' for the medical evacuation of injured people throughout Maine. He later became a member of the pres-

tigious group known as the Quiet Birdmen. He was also a past Commander of American Legion Aviators' Post 743.

Peter Redfern
Class Agent

Class of 1963

Allen R. Dyer, MD, PhD was presented an award and recognition from the Iraqi Medical Sciences Association (IMSA-USA) "For His Humanitarian Efforts to the Iraqi People" in Washington, DC on May 24, 2014. He has been working with Iraqi citizens, physicians, educators, and government officials since 2001, both in this country and in Iraq, to improve medical education and health services.

Marcia Sprague Hodson writes that she and **Donna Shorey Young '64** were able to spend some time together when Donna was in Orlando, Florida, in May for a Chandra competition. They even ate dinner at a seafood restaurant whose owners are from the Boston area. Old times with laughter and updates of their current lives were batted back and forth over dinner. A great time was had by both. They are hoping they can get together again if Donna returns to Orlando for a NSTA convention in November.

Skip Ettinger brought the United States National Martial Arts team to Dupont, WA to train for three days prior to the team going to Canada for the World Martial Arts Games. The team consisted of 47 athletes that competed at the TA-FISA World Martial Arts Games at the Olympic Oval in Richmond Canada. The 47 US athletes took 60 Gold Medals, 46 Silver Medals and 27 Bronze Medals, for a total of 133 Medals. That's a 283% medal rate!

Janet Viger Bryant
Marcia Sprague Hodson
Wayne Pinkham
Co-Class Agents

Class of 1964

Barbara Vigue Day writes, "We did

it! In fact, we went over our goal of 50 for our 50th reunion, with 52 classmates and 10 guests, between the school activities and the afternoon party at **Georgie and Ron '60 Farrin's** home. We were pleased to welcome and see for the first time **Tommy Haseltine, Jim Gould, Mark Hodgkins, Billy Dunton, Connie Baxter Marlow,** and our two special guests from our freshman days, Charlene Jones and Charlene Roberson.

The class recalled our departed grade school and high school classmates, numbering 42 stories and shared memories. We also acknowledged and thanked our servicemen and servicewomen for their service. We greatly appreciate their service and respect them.

A special thank you to my classmates for the 'fancy' rocking chair and all the great gifts; I was so surprised! It was very kind of you. If anyone has reunion pictures to share for the book, I would appreciate having copies.

I received a card and note from **Richard Withee** in Chicago. Although he missed our reunion activities, it's never too late to find lost pals! Richard, your card will go in the reunion book. Please continue to stay in touch.

Barbara Vigue Day
Class Agent

Class of 1965

Greetings from Ohio! I wish to share with you what has happened to me since leaving MCI. I grew up in Dover, NH and graduated from Dover High School in 1964. I was a fifth year student. I was housed in Rowe Hall and will always remember the friends I made there and in the community. My one year at MCI was one of learning and preparing for life out in the world. It was a wonderful experience that I will always remember. I am glad for each and every teacher that I had in my one year at MCI. I remember Norbert Young, Peter Bradshaw, Rod Smith, and Alice Sinclair to just name a few who



Dawn Peterson Cox '68, Dora Barrett Miles '68, Sharon Hanson Ringuette '68, Jesse Cox, Paul Warburg, Kathy Starbird Warburg '68, Steve Miles '68, Rose Ann Hathorn, and Ellery Hathorn '68

touched my life. I will always remember Iva Cregnoles. Mr. Ed Stanley was a great headmaster. I was blessed to have known Mr. and Mrs. Roderic Smith, who invited me to their home many times the year I was at MCI. The same goes for Alice Sinclair. While at MCI, I attended the Congregational Church where Reverend Dillion was the pastor. The church always made me feel welcome and part of their membership.

After leaving Maine Central Institute, Uncle Sam came calling and I joined the Navy in March of 1966. I was stationed on the West Coast in Long Beach, California for four years. While in California I saw my friend from MCI Dale Turner a couple of times. I have wondered what has happened to him. I was on a Guided Missile Frigate (USS England), made two cruises to Vietnam. Also saw some of the countries in Southeast Asia. I also served a year at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. I was discharged from the Navy in 1970, came back home to Dover and from there went to Glen Cove Bible College outside of Rockland, ME. I was there for four years, where I met my wife. After graduation I returned to Dover until 1984, worked for the Dover Red Cross for a couple of years and pastored a Baptist Church in East Lebanon, Maine. After 1984 I pastored churches in Bridgton, Maine;

Newport Center, Vermont; Villisca, Iowa; Mendota, Illinois and Lake City, Florida. It was while I was in Florida I retired from the pastoral ministry, moved to Aiken, SC and worked with teens with Autism for a couple of years. Following that, I moved to Greenville, SC and worked with troubled youth for a couple of years. Now I am living in Sylvania, Ohio where I hope to spend the rest of my life.

While in the Navy I attended a Billy Graham Crusade in Washington, DC and during the service gave my life to the Lord, and was called into the ministry. Though not in a full time ministry now, I still do some counseling, have an encouragement ministry and attend a church that is one of the fastest growing churches in America.

In my spare time I enjoy walking, attending my garden in the warm weather, reading, and keeping up on the news and politics. I have been told I should have been a reporter. lol! I enjoy watching baseball, college football and pro ball. I will always be a fan of Boston sports no matter if they are winning or losing.

I hope each of you are doing great and I am sure most of you are now enjoying retirement and grandchildren. Unfortunately, we have lost a number of our alumni to

death.

If you are interested in contacting me, you can find me on facebook (Larry.Yeaton.5@facebook.com) or you can e-mail me at yeatonlarry@yahoo.com. I would love to hear from those I have known for many years and learn what has been happening in your lives since we left Maine Central Institute. I know this is a bit lengthy, but I hope we will have notes from classmates for the next edition of the Alumnus magazine!

Rev. Larry Yeaton
Class Agent

Class of 1967

Those of you who didn't attend Reunion 2014 missed a really good time! The addition of the Summer Sno-Ball is a real hit with lots of good music and more people coming in theme costume each year. Those attending this year's reunion were: **Lorna Bubar White, Bill Labarge, Tim McGowan** and his wife, Diane, **Twilda Ouelette Shameklis**, and **Sheilya Cookson Voter** and husband Dale. It was great to see everyone, but more of us really must get together... Our 50th Reunion will be coming up very soon!

Since I don't seem to be getting a lot of personal notes, I will add one of my own. Our granddaughter, Thea, just turned one. She is the daughter of **Gretchen Voter Heaton '93** and Chuck Heaton. Of course that also makes her the niece of **Jen Voter Beane '97** and the grandniece of **Avis Cookson Marcoux '55**. MCI is a tradition in this family!

Please get in touch with any news, and please plan now to come to Reunion 2015.

Sheilya Cookson Voter
Class Agent

Class of 1968

On Friday evening, August 1, **Dawn Peterson Cox**, her husband Jesse, and her sister, **Colleen Pe-**

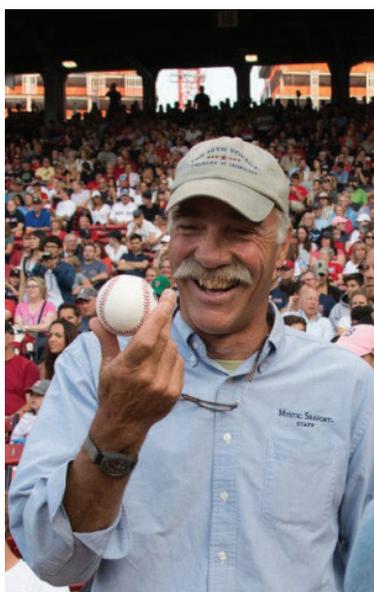
erson Seremet '71, stopped for a "cold drink" with **Sharon Hanson Ringuette** at the home of **Steve and Dora Barrett Miles**. Later we met **Mary Ann Tilton** for dinner and then headed up to the second annual Sno-Ball at Parks Gymnasium. Dawn, Jesse, Mary Ann and Sharon attended the luncheon on the front lawn on Saturday, cheering on the Class of 1968. Following the barbeque, we headed over to Sibley Pond to the Class of 1969 party, graciously hosted by Amy and **Gary Fitts '69**. There we caught up with and visited with the "kids" from '69. On Sunday morning, we gathered with Steve and Dora again, along with Paul and **Kathy Starbird Warburg** and **Ellery** and Rose Ann **Hathorn** for an enjoyable breakfast in Unity. On the way home, I had a nice visit with **Norman Mitchell** at his home in Waterville. Many of us are retired, though some are still working. Why don't you all join us on facebook? Many classmates belong to the "MCI Class of 1968" page <https://www.facebook.com/#!/groups/MCIClassof1968>. All of our class is encouraged to check it out and join in for updates and conversations. We only have 23 members so far. It's a nice way to stay in touch. The countdown is underway, 4 more years until our big "50."

Sharon Hanson Ringuette
Class Agent

Class of 1969

Gary Fitts and his wife Amy hosted our class party on Sibley Pond during Reunion Weekend with 24 of our class attending. We want to thank Gary and Amy for their generosity in sharing their home with us and providing plentiful food and beverages. It was great to interact with classmates, some of whom we had not seen since graduation. Our class is quite unique because some of us were separated after our junior year at MCI and graduated from Warsaw High School. However, we are all official alumni of MCI now, after being made honorary alumni many years ago.

I volunteered to be your class agent, because as we approach



Kip Files '70 after throwing the first pitch at a Boston Red Sox game in Summer 2014.

our 50th Reunion I thought it was important to hear more news about our classmates. My goal is to have 50% of the class attend that reunion. I retired at the end of 2009 and live on Green Lake in Ellsworth with my wife Cindy. We spend four winter months on the Florida Panhandle. We travel to Florida by car and stop on the way in Georgia to visit my sister **Peg Maynard Olson '84** and mother **Jean Purinton Maynard '41**.

In Florida we get together often with **Greg Hobbs** and his wife Mary, who spend three months in Miramar Beach near us. Greg and I play golf three times a week, and we all go to the Early Bird Specials. Greg retired in 2012 and lives in Millbury, Ohio.

We spent last New Year's Eve with **Mac Cianchette** and his wife Judy who traveled south to visit us in their 34 foot motor home. Mac and Judy live in Hartland on Great Moose Pond. Mac continues to work for Cianbro on a reduced schedule, so he has time to travel in his motor home, snowmobile, boat and fish and attend Bike Week at Daytona Beach.

We traveled to central Florida last winter and visited with **Wes McGibney** at The Villages. Wes is retired and lives there year-round

with his wife Lynne. Wes' main transportation is a covered golf cart, so he can more easily reach the 500 golf holes on The Villages property.

We got together with **Dave Varney** and his wife Debbie in September at Mac and Judy's home. Dave and Debbie live in Pittsfield. They spend summer weekends at their place on Sibley Pond. Dave has worked for Cianbro for over 40 years and now works on a reduced schedule.

Shelley Martin Drillen and husband Laughn are retired from teaching and live in Brewer. Last winter they spent time and worked part-time in campgrounds on both coasts of Florida and plan to return this year.

Please send me your news for the next issue of the *Alumnus*, preferably by email at jmshank7@gmail.com. Or like I said at Reunion, if I do not receive any material, I will tell stories from our high school years that you may not want to see in print!

Jim Maynard
Class Agent

Class of 1970

Scott Derick writes, "Sue and I are looking forward to the reunion next August. She is nervous about me driving in Maine since I totaled my 64 TR4 just before Christmas break my senior year. When I returned in 2010 for my first time back, I fell asleep driving on the Maine turnpike close to the Gardiner Toll Plaza. I totaled the rental Honda with only two small scratches on my left tricep. Sue wasn't hurt at all - she woke me in the nick of time. We went back to Kennebunkport the following summer. She allowed me to drive, and it's a wonder I didn't get 100 tickets for driving too slow - just being cautious! Back to the Reunion - hope we have a good turnout and again looking forward to it."

Kip Files writes, "Hey Surf. I got to throw the first pitch at a Red Sox game this summer. Kinda a high-

light. And yes it made it to the plate. Not sure how many of us MCI grads have done that? I'm just finishing up my 24th year of owning the Victory Chimes."

Dr. Bill Cunningham writes that he and wife, Karen, visited for a couple of days in July with **Martha Lloyd** and husband, Jim Evans, before heading to Vancouver to embark on an 11 day sea/land tour of Alaska. Bill says he would be happy to have the class get together at his home next summer during Reunion Weekend. Thank you, Bill and Karen.

Bruce Stebbins says he is looking forward to coming back to school next summer for our 45th Class Reunion.

Martha Lloyd retired on June 28, 2014. Martha and her husband, Jim Evans, are going to Europe to celebrate her retirement as well as their 30th wedding anniversary. They are planning a 14 day river boat cruise. They are also looking to coming back to MCI for Reunion Weekend.

Steven "Hoxie" Hodgkins went to Pittsfield last summer during Reunion Weekend and went out to dinner with **Marcia Bickford** and some of the classmates of '69. He said they had a great time with lots of laughs. He is also planning to attend our 45th as well.

Amos Davis writes that he is now semi-retired from practicing law as a trial attorney for 36 years. He and his wife are traveling a great deal and hope to attend next year's MCI Reunion. He remains an active outdoorsman, including swimming, hiking, fishing (fresh and saltwater), hunting and traveling. His children live and work in Atlanta, GA and Nashville, TN.

Susan and I enjoyed a quiet summer together. I am almost fully recovered from the shoulder surgery that I had last spring. It is good to be back to work and doing things I enjoy doing.

I was glad to receive class notes. It is always nice to hear from our classmates.

David England
Class Agent

Class of 1971

Richard Sullivan is enjoying Cape Cod -- he loves his beach house! He would love to hear from members of the class.

We recently heard that **Bruce Barnes** had an accident. Get well soon, Bruce!

Jeff Downing just retired from work in June and now plays golf every day! His son Jake just got married.

A. Cushing Titcomb is President and CEO of Ipswich Investment Management Co., Inc. He is living in Ipswich, Mass.

Jeff Knights is sailing; he works for an Iceland company. He is looking forward to talking with 1971 dorm students and other classmates.

Gail Frati Greenblatt works for the Portland School District where she serves as a speech and language therapist. She enjoys living in Portland where she reports that she continues to discover new and interesting aspects of the city.

Steven Salley still lives in Pittsfield where he and his wife **Paula Rolins Salley '73** just bought a new house on Somerset Ave. Steve owns a business where he sells equipment to clean and sanitize commercial stainless steel equipment. He reports that although he went to school to be a teacher, jobs were scarce when he graduated so he got into his business by helping a neighbor. He was soon contacted by the owner and offered a job and ultimately Steve was offered the opportunity to buy the business. Steve and Paula have been married for 41 years and have two children. Their son lives in Pittsfield and works for state property tax division and has two sons ages three and two months. Steve's daughter lives in Orono where she works as a guidance counselor for the school district.

Colleen Peterson Seremet lives in Baltimore. She retired from the Maryland State Department of Education as Assistant State Superintendent for Instruction in 2010 and



Patti '74 and Bruce Buck, Ken Davis '70, Paul Garabedian '64 and Karen Minassian, Jeff Knights '71, Laurie '71 and Wayne Loosigian and Jim Christie '85 gathered at an MCI event at Laurie and Wayne's home in New Hampshire.

now works part time as an independent consultant. Her current projects involve supporting states and districts on teacher evaluation systems and professional development. Colleen has three children, Shannon, Scott and Shane and two grandsons, Brandon and Thomas. She recently bought (and is renovating!) a cottage on Pettengill Pond in Windham where she is delighted to spend her summers back in Maine!

Manning Mersereau writes, "It has been a long time but I still remember my year at MCI very well. I've lived in Groton since 1978, married to my wife Susan and have a 30 year-old step-daughter who currently lives in Las Vegas. We are all doing well. I have been working for Raytheon for the last 30 years installing and transporting Missile Defense Radar Systems for the US Government all over the world -- a very interesting and stressful job. Hope to retire to Gorham and Rangeley, Maine within the next year. I'm currently working on deploying another system to Japan. I'm on the road a lot, but that goes with the job. I'm still playing tennis, although not very pretty, but I still enjoy it."

Jeff Knights
Laurie Fitts Loosigian
Co-Class Agent

Class of 1973

Sherri Palmer Thornton writes, "All here in Burnham does not

change much. I am sorry to have missed our Reunion but I was in New York judging the 4-H Horse Show at the New York State Fair. I was in Live Oak, FL recently but did not notice that **Kurt (Sprenkle)** was living there until reading my mail upon my return. Next trip will have to look him up! I am still working at MaineGeneral Medical Center based in the emergency department as a forensic nurse. Our program serves all the hospitals in Somerset and Kennebec Counties providing medical exams, resources and referrals for sexual assault, domestic violence and child abuse patients. Sadly we are quite busy. I find this very rewarding knowing I am in some small way making a difference. I see **Julie Long Crafts** on occasion and enjoy reading about classmates. I hope to join everyone in 2015 at Reunion! God Bless and enjoy life to all!"

Pam Kelley Rogoski writes: Things are good in the North West. We have finally moved in to the new house we built on the Olympic Peninsula, and have been enjoying the summer amidst great weather and all the wildlife. Dave gave me a dual sport motorcycle for Mothers' Day (some women get jewelry, I get...!!), and we have been doing lots of riding up in the mountains. We had a wonderful trip to Lisbon, Portugal in July -- I highly recommend it as a travel destination. The boys are fine, Chris has started flying the 'fast' jets in AF training, and in October, Matt takes his band down through the South on their

second road tour. We are hoping to catch up with both of them for the holidays when we are in Arizona. Its great getting to chat and catch up with old friends through Facebook, and for those who might find themselves in the neighborhood, I would love to hear from/see them in person. The new house has a guest room!

Tom Jackson writes: It's an exciting time around my house at this time. My son Thomas is a product specialist for Samsung Corp. and gets to oversee a few stores here in New Jersey. My daughter Brittney graduated in May from the University of Tennessee with a degree in journalism and electronic media. She received two major awards (the Chancellor's Gene Mitchell Gray Pioneer Award, given to the student who helps promote diversity on campus and the NCAA Minority Women's Graduate Scholarship Award, one of only 13 awarded this year) and has a third pending (she is a finalist for the prestigious Martin Luther King Student Humanitarian Award). Keep your fingers crossed. :)

She was also selected as a member of the NCAA East Regional Championships in the 800 meter race, selected as a member of the All South Eastern Conference First Team in the 800 meters and the 4X400 relay team. Brittney was also the Champion of the "Tennessee Challenge" 800 meter race. She attends the Univ. of Memphis Graduate School on a full scholarship while training in the 400 meter hurdles for a spot in next summers World Track and Field Championships. She is featured in the "Back to School" issue of Matters Magazine on page 13. If you have time, take a look.

I'm enjoying retirement and looking forward to my cruise of 22 days in October. As you can see, things are good. I look forward to returning for the Reunion next August.

Steve Barden writes: Everything is well in Durham, NC. Carol and I still have the B&B. We have my folks and Carol's mother nearby. Between our work, our folks and the B&B, our days are quite busy. I'd

love to hear from old classmates.

Tania and Doug **Carnrick** celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a trip to Niagara Falls. They remain very busy with their family and their many interests.

David (England) '70 and I had a quiet summer while he recuperated from shoulder surgery. In August we spent time enjoying the mountains as well as the coast of Maine. September finds us both back to work and trying to catch up on projects that had to be put aside for awhile. We are bicycling together now. Hoping to get the ok to do some golfing soon.

Susan Smith England
Class Agent

Class of 1976

Hi All, I have just a couple of notes from Reunion and a reminder that 2016 is our 40th Reunion and a birthday for MCI (MCI will be 150)!

News from just before Reunion; I saw **Larry Neal** at the Egg Festival. He seems to be doing well and told me that he sees **Walt Staples** up near his camp every once in awhile. **Scot Kelly** is now in Germany, having gone there from Japan.

In other news: I'm on the disabled list with a bad left ankle. I injured it getting dressed the Saturday after Reunion. I also retired from calling Beano Games at the K. Karnvial & Egg Festival as my back won't take it anymore. I still plan being on the grounds, but as "John Q. Citizen" and a member of the committee.

I need you guys to think what you want to do four our 40th Reunion, and where, remembering that I don't drive. So be thinking and let me know. My "workplace," the Depot House Museum will be open that day for tours, and I'll even be the docent this time instead of Mr. Bennett. Remember the tour of the old Library Historical Room? The museum has all that material & more besides.

That's about all from here for now. I hope you will send me your news

and notes. I can't do my job without you!

Don Hallenbeck
Class Agent

Class of 1979

Eric Witham writes, "I have temporarily relocated to Williston, ND with Crystal and the two dogs. It was a long drive, but the dogs did very well. I work for DSI (Drilling Services International) working at the oil fields."

Ann Cianchette says, "I am renovating the camp so that the class of '79 can begin to have ANNUAL reunions instead of waiting 5 years in between get-togethers! :-). Otherwise, I am selling real estate as well as I am able, with a focus in Cumberland County. www.maine-dreamproperty.com"

Jay Pease writes, "It was so great to see everyone that was at our 35th! I am living in Waterville with my wife Sonja. I am now working with DCI, a dialysis Company. I'm currently a patient care tech and soon to be certified, (wish me luck). I hope to see you again soon."

"As for me, (**Kathy Kelley**) I am enjoying getting back into the Pittsfield world and the MCI family. I also work at DCI as a staff nurse. It was great to see everyone this summer at Reunion. We had 34 classmates get together over the 3 days -- not bad at all. Thanks to Ann for sharing the camp. I will be working on getting some gatherings in the coming months and keep you up to date. Until then, everyone have a great fall and winter and don't forget the sports teams who are doing an outstanding job!"

Kathy Kelley
Class Agent

Class of 1980

I'm not sure where the years have gone, especially with so many constant changes that come with age. I am sure we have all gained a lot of wisdom also. All the stuff that didn't make sense is now making

sense. I cannot get over how extremely busy life has become and time is flying faster than I would like.

I have so loved having my classmates on Facebook to see all the wonderful things going on and being there for support and cheering when needed.

I am still working full-time at Redington Fairview General Hospital with Skowhegan Family Medicine. I love my job so much. I have wonderful co-workers, patients and all the other connections with in the hospital. Life is so good.

I will be cutting back on H&R Block now that I am super busy with photography, wood and plexiglas art, and other crafts and trying to spend time with family when possible. My husband (Carl) and I are doing a lot of wood projects together including benches, stands, tables, walking sticks and canes. We make a great team. I think I am addicted to being busy. I will never know boredom (I hope).

I was saddened at the unexpected loss of **Ann Varrelman Michaud**. My thoughts are with the family. It was such a shock. It makes you think about what tomorrow brings and being thankful for whom we have in our lives and that people are sometimes a phone call away. So call someone you have not seen in awhile. It will make their day and make them smile.

Our 35th Reunion is around the corner next year. Wow, where did the time go? I am getting excited to see everyone again. So save the date for Friday, July 31 through Sunday, August 2.

Belinda Sterling-LaFlamme
Class Agent

Class of 1987

Barbara Pomeroy is planning a trip to visit family in California next February and spending a lot of time researching her family tree.

Kelly Chase Huff is still employed with the United States Postal Ser-

vice. Her daughter Kady '07 graduated from Western New England University of Law in May and recently passed the Maine Bar Exam. Her sister Kylie '07 is currently attending Rutgers School of Law. Kelly is extremely proud of both of them.

As for me, everything is great both personally and professionally. My oldest daughter Shelby recently sang the National Anthem with Scott Olney's daughter at a Rays/Red Sox game and my youngest has become an avid volleyball player. I spend my days running my business and emailing my high school buddies about solving all the world's problems.

David O'Brien
Class Agent

Class of 1988

Larissa Vigue Picard, who lives in Topsham, was promoted to Director of Education & Interpretation at the Maine Historical Society in Portland where she oversees all K-16 and public programming. She is also a trustee and current board secretary of Topsham Library. Her son, Nicholas is in fourth grade.

Amy McIntier Smith works with people that have mental/physical disabilities. She has been doing this since 1998 and she loves it. Amy makes a positive difference in someone's life every day. She has two grown daughters. Megan is 22, attending UMF working toward her early education degree and is engaged to be married. Emily is 20 and is on her own deciding what path she wants to follow. Amy has been dating **Jim Bryant** for the past three years and they are enjoying life. They dated after high school, parted ways and then reconnected after 23 years. Amy made her final mortgage payment in August and she and Jim are contemplating a move to Florida.

Jim Spencer is still living in Saco and working full time at Ossipee Trail Motor Sales in Gorham and loving it! His wife Annette is now working at Southern Maine Community College as a chef. Kids are

all grown and on their own. Some married and some in college out of state. His youngest is now a senior in high school at Nokomis. Now that work isn't quite so hectic, he and Annette enjoy weekend day trips.

Nicole Grant Degifico is a Mimi (too young to be a grandma!). She and her husband Tom are approaching their 19th wedding anniversary in December and their daughter Lexie is a senior in high school. They are on their one year countdown. Recently Dan and I had dinner with Nik, Tom and Lexie in Portsmouth where they shared their experiences on Aruba. They brought us back some goodies so we know what to expect on our vacation.

Chris A. Mitchell has begun a new career and has been an insurance agent for just under a year and he loves it. Gives him an opportunity to do what he does best, meet new people and run his mouth! He lives in Winterport with his girlfriend Julie, her 11 year-old son and their two dogs.

Kendra West Turo is still living in Rhode Island with her husband John and their triplets, John, Julia and Nicholas who are 12 and in the seventh grade. Kendra is still teaching second grade in Connecticut.

Kelly White Woodman is a grandma! Two of her stepsons have children and the latest was born on Saturday, September 27. A little girl, Aubrey Kendall, weighing in at 7 lbs. 2 oz. Congrats!! Kelly says being a grandmother is the best.

Jennifer Dahlgren Cram reports sometimes no news is good news.

Dan and I have been busy with work but are enjoying life in general. Our oldest, Jeff, graduated from Penn State in May with his bachelor's degree in architectural engineering. He is now employed with Baker DC in Washington, DC and he and his girlfriend Alyssa reside in Alexandria, Virginia. Our youngest, Jacob is 15 and a sophomore in high school. He loves to snowboard and play baseball and



Karin O'Donnell, Emily Vigue '88, Mareshah Lynch, Mike Lynch '84, Jennifer Lebo '93, Michelle Hodgins '91 and Andrea McCannell '93 in their 1920's outfits at the Roaring Twenties-themed Alumni Summer Sno-Ball.

cannot wait until high school is over. As I write this we are preparing for our vacation to Aruba and our first Thanksgiving away from home. Jeff will be cooking his first Thanksgiving dinner!

I also wanted to let you all know that my grandmother, Geraldine LaValle passed away July 10. We held graveside services in Detroit with a gathering at MCI afterward. Gram and I were very close and this was a very difficult time. There is no way I could have prepared for her services from afar without some help from some old friends. **Emily Melvin Vigue, Kelly White Woodman** and **Cheri Dionne Neal** were all there to help set up, oversee and clean up. I couldn't have done it without you and its times like these that let you know who your friends are.....Thanks aren't enough!

I love hearing from all of you on facebook. My door is always open. Drop me a line, send me a message or text me. I would love to hear from you. Until next time.

Loren LaValle Martin
Class Agent

Class of 1997

Dana L Woodruff writes, "I live in Central Vermont where I'm involved in Herbalists Without Borders community health and

gardening projects near and far. I teach workshops about self-care and collective health, herbal medicine-making, menstrual and sexual health, and have a blog and online (Etsy) shop - Dandelioness Herbals - of remedies made with medicinal plants I harvest in Maine and Vermont. I'm a board member and ally of Migrant Justice, a grassroots organization of migrant farm workers who recently won driver's licenses for all VT residents, regardless of immigration status."

Dr. Aaron Rosen is the Lecturer in Sacred Traditions & the Arts at King's College London. He has served as a research fellow at the Institute of Sacred Music at Yale University, Albert and Rachel Lehmann Junior Research Fellow in Jewish History & Culture at the University of Oxford, and post-doctoral fellow at Columbia University. He received his PhD from the University of Cambridge and was a visiting scholar at the University of California Berkeley. He has written widely on religion, the arts, and education in publications including *Times Higher Education*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Apollo*, *New Humanist*, *Literary Review*, *Jewish Quarterly*, *Art and Christianity*, *Religion and the Arts*, and *Literature and Theology*. He has also contributed to several edited volumes, including *The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography* (2011), *Gary*

Baseman: The Door is Always Open (Rizzoli, 2013) and *Jewish and Christian Approaches to the Psalms* (Oxford, 2013), and is editing the forthcoming volume *Religion and Art in the Heart of Modern Manhattan: St. Peter's Church and the Louise Nevelson Chapel* (Ashgate, 2015). His first book, *Imagining Jewish Art: Encounters with the Masters in Chagall, Guston, and Kitaj* (Legenda, 2009), was shortlisted for the Art and Christian Enquiry International Book Prize. He is currently working on two books: *Spirituality in 21st Century Art* (Thames and Hudson, 2016) and *The Hospitality of Images: Modern Art & Interfaith Dialogue*.

Terrie-Jean Grant Wilkinson
Class Agent

Class of 1998

Kimberly Wyman O'Connell has recently moved to Vassalboro. She is still working at the Hampton Inn. She is really enjoying life!

Joo Yi still resides in Korea working at the same job, but has spent more than half of 3Q on a business trip at headquarters in Shenzhen, China. She recently enjoyed her department trip to Qinghai Lake in northwestern China and managed to complete a cartwheel without falling over.

Emmalee Cunningham Reed lives in Corinna with her husband **Joshua Reed '94**. They just celebrated 15 years of marriage in July. They have a 12 year-old daughter Maria. Emmalee is the Deputy Treasurer and Tax Collector for hometown Pittsfield. She has been working for the Town for ten years now.

Jared McCannell is in his third year at MCI working in Alumni Affairs. He is enjoying reconnecting with classmates from '98 both in and out of work. Many MCI projects lately have put him in touch with classmates including **Karen Hawkes** and **Zephila Rossiter** in the past few months.

Karen Brown Hawkes still resides in Hampden with her husband Jim and their two children, Mitchell

CLASS NOTES

Class of 2003

Christopher Furrow has been traveling around the world -- first South America and now Europe. Currently, he is in Croatia. He has been to several different locations that most people never visit.

Ashley Holt Morency
Class Agent

Class of 2006

Congratulations to Air Force Airman **Ryan M. Lawn**, who graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas.

From the *Bangor Daily News*: **Chris '79** and **Valerie '78 Cianchette**, along with Peter and Jill DeBethune, announced the engagement of their children **Audra Cianchette '08** and **Andrew DeBethune '06**. Audra is a 2012 graduate of the USM nursing program and is working as a RN in St. Louis, MO. Andrew is a 2011 graduate from USM and now pursuing doctorate of chiropractic degree at Logan University in Chesterfield, MO.

Class Agent Needed

Class of 2010

Congratulations to **Tessa Hathaway** who graduated from Bates College with a major in English. Tessa is now working at MCI as the Learning Commons Coordinator.

Class Agent Needed

Class of 2012

Jake Hutchinson is in the Marine Corps and is enjoying being stationed in North Carolina. He is a lance corporal. Jake is currently working on helicopters and learning many new skills.

Upon graduation from MCI, **Brenton Frederick** entered Spartan College of Aviation in Tulsa, Oklahoma where he studied carbon fiber radiography. He has since been hired by the SAFRON Company, a company owned by the



The Class of 2004 at their Reunion Class Party at the Peterson's Bluegrass Farm.

French government in Rochester, N.H. He has his own office there as Non Destructive Testing Level II radiographer. He is the youngest at this position in the northeast. He is x-raying carbon fiber engine blades for CFM Leap engine with will be used on the Boeing 787 Dream Liner, multiple planes for AirBus and for Comac.

Michaela George
Class Agent

Class of 2013

Franci Revel writes that she is studying poetry and nature writing (among many other things) at Bennington College in VT. She writes, "I miss MCI, Bossov Ballet, and all the Mainers way too much!"

Courtney Fowler
Class Agent

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Reunion 2015!**
Friday, July 31 - Sunday, August 2
Make plans now. Don't miss out on great friends, great memories (old and new) and great food!

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In Memoriam

The Advancement Office was notified of the passing of these members of the MCI family:

Rachel Davis Johnson '37
Betsey Libbey Williams '37
Florice Baker Hubbard '38
Harold Harding '39
Marjorie Tilton Bolger '41
James Powell '44
Donald MacDonald '46
Eva Johnson Tibbetts '47
Barbara Cole Wright '47
Gerald Hodge '48
Robert Susi '49
Shirley Sayles Rogers '51
R. Furbush '52
Gloria Beattie McNichol '53
Frank McConnell '55
Judith Burke Nutter '56
Donna Shaw Friend '58
David Adelman '58
Anson Crowell '59
Mary-Lou Tompkins Pray '59
Donald Thayer '59
Robert Jones '62
George Rundlett '62
Glenn Critchley '63
William Grosser '64
William Wolley '64
Daniel Cammack '66
William Bunnell '67
Richard Chaplin '67
Reed Dunphy '67
John Fitzgerald '71
Thomas Heal '72
Philip Steele '72
Michael Debboli '77
Brian Brooks '80
Barry Rickard '84
Cindy Ferris '90
Edward Durham '94
Nolan Berthelette '18
Kathleen Corey
Marion Bubar
Charles Dinsmore
Blaine Littlefield
Geraldine LaValle Marshall
Laurence Rizzio
Walter Sauer
Persis Smith
Glen Wheaton

Our deepest condolences go out to the families and friends of those who have passed on. The Advancement Office tries its very best to record accurately the names of the alumni/ae and friends who have passed away. Please contact our office at (207) 487-5915 or alumni@mci-school.org about the passing of alumni/ae or friends of MCI.



*Sarah Welch '18, Abigail Monteyro '18
and other members of the Pep Band
cheer on the football team.*



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Bossov Ballet Theatre students Hannah Holtsclaw '16 and Arjan Orr '17 perform the Russian variation in BBT's annual classic, *The Nutcracker*. Photo courtesy of Tyler Richardson '04.