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MCI senior wrestler **ZyAnthony Moss '18** secured the 100th victory of his high school career in a tri-match with Mt. Blue and Skowhegan in December. Coming into the meet with 99 wins, Zy won his first match against Mt. Blue by pin in front of a capacity crowd in Parks Gym. Zy followed that up an hour later with a pin against Skowhegan to close out the night.

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The cupola that was atop the Hathorn Estate Stable in Pittsfield was relocated to Hathorn Park in August 2017 and officially dedicated. Shown (left to right) holding the original cupola finials are Ellery Hathorn '68, Vincent "Zeb" Hathorn '63, Clorinda Hathorn Coughlin, and Jeff Hathorn '64.



From the Headmaster

Dear Alumni, Parents, and Friends of MCI,

The word “historic” has been used often in the last couple of years to describe what has been happening at Maine Central Institute as well as to celebrate the strengthening of the relationship between MCI and its alumni and friends, and the School and the community which surrounds it.

Whether used to describe world events, matchups between professional sports teams, scientific discoveries or other accomplishments, “historic” is arguably overused these days. What makes something historic? Should there be a generally accepted baseline below which we and the media must choose a different descriptor?

Regardless, it has simply been impossible to avoid this word and the flurry of related superlatives like “first” and “largest” and “only” when describing the accomplishments of our students, the Founders Campaign, state championships and other athletic successes on our new playing fields, and now the magical things that are happening in the arts during our inaugural year in the Visual and Performing Arts Education Center in the JR Cianchette Hall.

All of this, as we continue to advance our one-to-one technology program, have made the greatest investment in “deferred maintenance” over a short period of time in the School’s history, are educating students from more towns in Maine, states in the U.S., and countries in the world than ever before, and are enjoying an extraordinarily healthy student and adult culture on campus founded on integrity, kindness and generosity of spirit which amazes visitors and newcomers alike.

There’s more to do. We aren’t finished and never will be. Why? As Board Chairman Norbert Young emphasizes, “It’s all about the kids.” It’s about their future, the future of the surrounding area and the state, country and the world, and MCI’s obligation to continue fulfilling its mission to prepare our students to be leaders in all areas of their lives in the near and distant future.

During these cold days of winter, the support and encouragement of alumni and friends strengthens MCI. I hope you enjoy this edition of the *Alumnus*.

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Hopkins



*Christopher J. Hopkins,
MCI Headmaster*

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School news

Admit-in-a-Day Events Ease Stress, Costs of College Enrollment

At the start of the 2017-18 school year, Director of College & Career Counseling **Scott Giallombardo '00** introduced Admit-in-a-Day events at the school. Admit-in-a-Day provides opportunities for students to meet college admissions representatives on the MCI campus and quickly find out if students are accepted to the college, what their financial aid package might look like, or if more work is needed for acceptance before graduation.

On scheduled days, representatives from Maine colleges and universities visit MCI for individual meetings with interested seniors. By the end of the 30-minute interview, students learn if they are accepted to the school, what majors would work best for their goals, and possibly what their financial aid packages might resemble. These meetings are free to participating MCI seniors, and thus far, several students have participated in the Admit-in-a-Day events.

Since September 2017, MCI has held Admit-in-a-Day events with the University of Maine, University of New England, Thomas College, and Kennebec Valley Community College. Forty MCI seniors were accepted to participating schools for the upcoming Fall 2018 semester, and several students received thousands in financial aid.

“The Admit-In-a-Day events have been really wonderful for our seniors,” commented Giallombardo. “We are extremely happy and proud of the students who participated. Our seniors show a lot of confidence and maturity when meeting with admissions representatives who are very impressed with the quality of applicants.”

Kianna Sousa '18 noted, “It was a great experience and a huge stress reliever. Not only did it allow me to get some interview practice, but it was amazing to be told face-to-face that I was accepted into the college of my dreams!” Kianna was impressed by the casual atmosphere that was “definitely not the tense, high-pressure situation” she expected it would be. “I wish more people would get involved!” Kianna is planning to enter the University of New England in 2018.

UNE Admissions Counselor Clara Cox commented, “It’s one of the best parts about being an admissions counselor. We have the opportunity to sit down with students one-on-one and chat with them not only about their application but about them as individuals. I really enjoyed hearing about every student’s experiences and passions as well as fun projects inside and outside of school.”





Mrs. Kingsbury with brother Carl and Mr. Hopkins

Rev. Schreiber Speaks of Integrity during MCI's Patterson Lecture Series

Integrity often doesn't come in one lump sum, shared **Rev. Carl Schreiber**, but is something that we build on with our experiences over time. "Integrity defines your character, who you are and what you will one day become," Rev. Schreiber said to MCI students who attended his presentation as part of the Patterson Lecture Series in November 2017. The theme for the series is integrity.

After a brief introduction by his sister and MCI Spanish instructor, **Tanya Kingsbury**, Rev. Schreiber talked candidly about his journey that started as a casual high school student with little interest in school to management roles as a young adult and eventually to college, where he received a master's in divinity to become a minister.

"I had to learn to believe in myself, to trust myself to do the right thing," he admitted. "It's always easier when you trust your instincts to know what the right thing is."

Rev. Schreiber shared life experiences that showed the importance of

integrity. He explained that when money was missing that he was responsible for depositing when he worked at LaVerdiere's Drug Store, the store manager knew his trust in Schreiber was well-placed. "He asked me what happened and trusted my response because he knew I lived to high personal standards. After looking around the store, the lost money was found. That moment proved to me the importance of personal integrity."

Living with integrity feels good, he added. "When I returned to college, I made a personal goal to not let my studies slide, so I promised myself to meet all deadlines and not let myself slip, which is what held me back in high school. Knowing that I could submit assignments on time helped me believe in my abilities and that gave me immense pride in myself."

Integrity is something we continuously build on throughout life, said Rev. Schreiber. "Each time you do the right thing, life gets a little easier and better because you're building on living with integrity, honesty, and truth."

Students Recognized for Achievements

To recognize students who make the experience of learning beneficial for everyone, MCI faculty introduced Student Achievement Awards that are given twice annually. Congratulations to the students who were honored for the fall semester:

- **Udomsuk Arm Manawongsakul** and **Xijun Simon Liu** for "Work Ethic Appreciation Award" by the ESL Department
- **Carolann Swain** for the "Persistence Pays Off Award" in Freshman Humanities from Ms. Giallombardo and Mr. Villmore
- **Makayla Paradis** for "No Mountain Too Steep for Me Award" in Sophomore CP Humanities from Mr. Peterson and Ms. Fitts



- **Kayla Pacheco** for the "Steppin' it Up Award" in Freshman Honors Humanities from Ms. Giallombardo and Mr. Brownell
- **Anthony Dow** for the "History Appreciation Award" in Sophomore History from Mr. Allen
- **Karolina Pokorna** for the "Habits of Mind Award" in Senior CP Humanities from Ms. Shorey and Mr. Beach
- **Anna Smith** for the "Above and Beyond Award" in Mathematics
- **Laura Rios Rosario** for the "Math Notebook as a Work of Art Award" in Algebra 2 from Ms. Cushing

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MCI's Student Assistance Fund offers Basics for Students

By Abbie Giallombardo

MCI has a fund and dedicated space specifically to support students' basic needs. The fund is called the Student Assistance Fund (SAF), which includes a clothing closet, a food pantry, and winter heat support. The Room of Requirement in Weymouth Hall houses the clothing closet and the food pantry. These resources are available to all students, and students are encouraged to ask a trusted member of the MCI faculty or staff if they are in need.

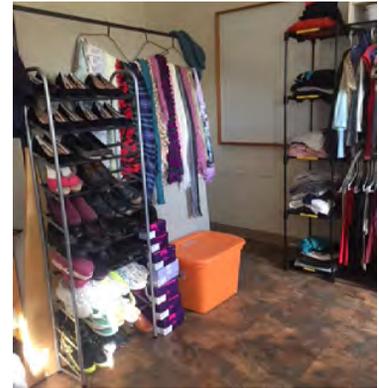
The Room of Requirement contains toiletries, towels and wash cloths, bed sheets, comforters and homemade afghans, and school supplies. The room also includes clean and gently worn or new clothing, like men's and women's dress pants and shirts, warm winter coats and other outerwear, ties, footwear, homemade mittens, scarves, and hats. There is even a changing area with a full-length mirror for students to try on apparel. Anyone interested in helping or making a donation to the Student Assistance Fund can contact MCI's Wellness Office.

The food pantry is continually in need of replenishing, mainly healthy snacks and breakfast items. The Room of Requirement currently has a specific need for warm boots, gloves, hats, and mittens as well as gym shorts, toiletries, and hygiene products.

The third component of the SAF is offering warm winter support, which

was the fund's original purpose. Each winter, the SAF provides warm winter support for families that may experience challenges paying for fuel during the coldest days of winter. This warm winter support, however, can certainly come in other forms.

Another resource MCI has to offer that is not directly a part of SAF is grab 'n go breakfasts. The meals follow USDA guidelines, and students can request breakfasts through their advisors for a single day, for a week, or for the year. As with each component of SAF, this resource is available to everyone. Unlike the three components of SAF, which are given to anyone in need, however, the cost of breakfast correlates to each student's lunch cost; students who qualify for free and reduced lunch receive their grab 'n go breakfasts likewise. Many of our students roll out of bed and onto



the bus first thing in the morning and don't take the time for breakfast. This is for them. Other students can't eat first thing in the morning or don't have the resources at home for a balanced breakfast. This is for them. It is available to all students.

Many people have worked to make this vital resource possible, and as a school we are grateful to each and every one of them for their time, effort, and dedication to our school community.

Students Give to Families in Need

MCI's Kindness Krew and the Key Club teamed up for the Thanksgiving Dinner Project that provided a full Thanksgiving meal, from turkey to pie, to local families in need. With the support of advisors **Nancy Hughes '87** and **Jessica Libby**, the project that began in 2013 has generously offered meals for families in need throughout the area and provided Thanksgiving meals to thirty families last year.



The Kindness Krew baking pies that were delivered to Pittsfield's Food Pantry for families in need during Thanksgiving

Every year from late October to mid-November, students collect packaged stuffing, cans of gravy, vegetables, and cranberry sauce, potatoes, juice, pickles, and cash donations to purchase gift certificates to be used for turkey for the meal. Over the Thanksgiving break, members of the Key Club and Kindness Krew gathered to bake pies for each of the baskets before distributing them.



MCI Drama Performs Two Plays

On December 4 and 7, the MCI Drama Club performed *La Mouche* by Stephen Bittrich and *The Lottery* by Brainerd Duffield (adapted from the short story by Shirley Jackson). Directed by **Debra Susi** and **John Buys**, the production's success weighed on the collaborative efforts of the Stage and TV Makeup Class, Tech Theatre, and the Drama Club.

The first performance of the plays was held on December 4 for the general community, and the second performance was held for students on the following Thursday in Parks Gym.



KVMEA Recognizes MCI Student Musicians

The Kennebec Valley Music Educators Association (KVMEA) announced Senior Honors Ensemble Selections for 2017 from auditions conducted at the end of October. Congratulations to the following student performers:

Choir - **Tabyr Briggs** (soprano), **Roger Chadwick** (bass), **Claire Green** (alto), **Isabelle Grignon** (soprano), **Lyric Laffin** (alto), **Isaac Tardy** (tenor), and **Thomas Ulrickson** (bass).

Band - **Makaila Bailey** (2nd trombone), **Nick Carter** (percussion), **Asa Cianchette** (percussion), **Dyllon Dunton** (1st trumpet), **Makayla Guerette** (2nd clarinet), **Jonathan Hatch** (tenor sax), **Grace LaMarre** (3rd clarinet), **Lauren Lancaster** (2nd flute), **Sydney Morton** (baritone sax), **Dawn Moss** (bass clarinet), **Daniel Neal** (1st trombone), **PJ Plummer** (tuba), **Aaron Schanck** (1st trombone), **Elspeith Taylor** (1st clarinet), **Devon Varney** (1st alto sax), and **Kendrah Willey** (2nd alto sax).

MCI Holiday Concert Kicked off the Season

On December 7, MCI held its annual Holiday Concert in a packed Parks Gym. The Symphonic Band, conducted by **Dean Neal**, performed four holiday classics before handing the stage to the Concert Choir, led and accompanied by **Gerry Wright**, to perform six musical numbers. Intern Kaylee Cochrane from the University of Maine assisted both groups by conducting two songs. Following the concert, everyone was invited to a tree lighting on the Boutelle Savage Lawn. If you wish to see the concert online, go to www.thecube.com/event/annual-holiday-concert-762219



ESL teacher Artur Fass (right) looks on as **Xincong Yuri Yu '20** reads one of Martin Luther King's famous quotes during an MLK Day program at the School.



Bossov Ballet Performs The Nutcracker

By Elizabeth Audet

Following a successful production of *Giselle* in July, students of Bossov Ballet Theatre (BBT) at MCI performed *The Nutcracker* at The Waterville Opera House on December 15-17. As one of Central Maine's favorite holiday traditions, BBT unites several international elements at MCI. Many of BBT's students come to Central Maine to train from overseas, most recently, Russia, Mexico, Poland, Canada, and Japan. This year, BBT



invited former students **Arjan Orr** and **Guillermo Estrada** from Mexico City, to perform as guest artists in their respective roles of Nutcracker Prince and Herr Drosselmeyer.

Despite BBT's long-standing connection with the international community through its traditions, directors, faculty, and students, its *Nutcracker* remains a distinct product of Central Maine. **Natalya Getman**, Artistic Director of BBT, explains, "While my production is grounded in the *Nutcracker* I grew to love in Russia, my inspiration comes from my students here in Maine: their energy, their spirit drives the choreography I create to produce something stronger, faster, more impulsive."

Looking forward, BBT is particularly excited to announce its upcoming production of *Swan Lake* this summer. It will be the first time in BBT's history that this benchmark ballet will be added to the repertoire, and signals a new level of confidence



in the program's ability to tackle a technically challenging production. To mark the occasion, new sets and costumes will be created. Students from as far as Russia are applying to experience this rare opportunity.

The BBT is planning performances for 2018 and preparing for their summer intensive program. For information, email me at eaudet@mci-school.org or visit the Arts/BBT page on www.MCI-School.org

MCI Jazz Ensemble on "The Nite Show"

For the second year in a row, MCI's vocal jazz ensemble, Caravan, performed on WABI-TV's "The Nite Show with Danny Cashman" in December. The vocal group performed back-up vocals on various songs throughout the show.

If you missed the show, you can watch Caravan's performance online: theniteshowmaine.com/Videos.aspx

Fall Jazz Concert Showcases MCI Talent

On November 9th, MCI's Visual and Performing Arts Department presented its Fall Jazz Concert to a packed house in Parks Gym. The evening of performances by the Jazz Bands 1 and 2, the Jazz Combo, and the Vocal Jazz groups Chromozone, Equinox, and Caravan, featured guest artist **SSGt Walter Reuter '13**.

Specialist Reuter joined the 195th Maine Army National Guard Band in Bangor after passing an audition during his junior year at MCI. During the summer of 2012, Reuter passed basic combat training for the Army and then returned to MCI to graduate in June 2013. Later that year, he attended the United States Army School of Music. Reuter enrolled in classes at the University of Maine's Augusta campus before auditioning for a keyboard slot in the Army's active duty. He was eventually chosen to play piano in the U.S. Army's 101st Airborne Division Band in Fort Campbell as a professional musician.

Under the direction of **Dean Neal**, the evening consisted of fourteen songs performed by talented student musicians.



Recent Musician Graduates Visit MCI

At the November 9th Fall Jazz Concert that featured MCI's instrumental and vocal jazz ensembles and special guest artist, U.S. Army SSGt **Walter Reuter '13**. Soon after his performance, SSGt Reuter left to begin work as the pianist for the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

"We wish Walter well as he begins his career as a professional musician," said **Dean Neal**.

Russell Copelin '01 visited Mr. Neal's Digital Music class in November to discuss the creative process in his music. Copelin has been a professional musician for the past five years touring the world as *Ukulele Russ*.

Using an electric guitar, ukelele, and electric keyboard with looping equipment, Copelin explained that his high school instrument of choice was the drums, and he only learned the ukulele on a whim in college. "I was learning to play guitar at the same time, so it was easy to pick up the ukulele since the skills transferred easily between both."



Although he was a history major at the University of Maine's Farmington campus, Copelin realized that making music was more fun and he could actually make money at it. "I've toured all over the world," he explained, "and I've worked with many talented musicians who have taught me their innovative approaches to creating music."

In writing musical compositions, Copelin emphasized "it's all about the math!"

He shared that once students understand these mathematic formulas behind their favorite music, writing original music can become a satisfying and exciting exploration.

Copelin gave an entertaining presentation of how to create loops and combine them into songs or soundscapes for commercials or video.

Athletics update



MCI Athletics Successes

By James Leonard

For Husky athletics, this fall has been *very* special. All of our fall athletic teams qualified for the postseason.

The Girls' soccer team made an amazing run through the Class B North playoffs – upsetting two highly favored opponents before being eliminated in the regional semifinals.

Two teams – MCI Field Hockey and Football – moved up a classification from last year. Both teams have made the most of the opportunity.

The MCI Field Hockey team became the Maine Class B State Champions! The Huskies set a Class B State Championship record with 5 goals in their 5-0 win over York in the Class B State Championship on October 28. It

was the second state title in three years for MCI Field Hockey – the Huskies won the Class C State title in October of 2015. MCI entered the playoffs as the #3 seed in Class B North. After a 7-0 opening round win over Hermon, the Huskies overcame a two-goal deficit to beat #2 Belfast in double overtime in a regional semifinal. MCI then captured the Class B North Regional championship on October 24th with a decisive 3-0 win over #4 Gardiner – their third consecutive regional title (they had previously won back-to-back Class C North titles).

MCI Football-last year's Class D State Champions- moved to Class C this season. After a 4-4 regular season, the #6 seeded Huskies topped #3 Nokomis in the opening round by a 33-24 score. MCI followed that up with a 43-42 victory over #2 Winslow in the regional semifinal round – handing Winslow their first home playoff loss in nine years.

The Huskies followed that up with a decisive 27-6 road win over MDI in the regional championship game to claim their fourth consecutive regional title in as many years, and earning a berth in their fourth straight state championship game.

On Friday, November 17, MCI became the Class C State Champions, beating Class C South champ Cape Elizabeth 30-13 at the University of Maine. It was the second time in state history that a football team has moved up in classification and won the state title that same year.

It was the first time in state history that two programs from the same school (football and field hockey) accomplished the feat in the same season.

The new gold field hockey and football trophies are on display in the Wright Gym trophy case.



Thirty-seven MCI student athletes received conference and/or state recognition for their performances this fall. We look forward to continuing the momentum into the winter sports season.

Five Inducted into MCI Athletic Hall of Fame

MCI inducted five graduates to the Athletic Hall of Fame: **Ronald Friend '65**, **William LaBarge '67**, **Stephanie Shaw '91**, **Susan Staples '81**, and **Stanley Wyman '46**.

“MCI is thrilled to honor Ronald, Bill, Stephanie, Sue and Stanley with their induction into the Athletic Hall of Fame,” said Headmaster **Chris Hopkins**. “These five individuals represented MCI with integrity both on and off the field, court, track and pitch. We are proud of their achievements, and welcome them into

this distinguished group, as they join the 29 members of the Hall.”

The 2017 Hall of Fame class were honored during Homecoming Weekend at a dinner and ceremony on September 30 at the Savage Family Dining Room.



Ronald Friend '65 lettered in baseball, basketball, and football, playing those sports all four years of his high school career. Friend received the Coaches Trophy for lineman as a senior in football. He also received the Master’s Cup and as a senior was Sno-Ball King. During his senior year, he played on the MCI basketball team that finished 5th and made the school’s first appearance in the Eastern Maine Tournament. Friend ran a successful auto dealership for many years before retiring.



William LaBarge '67 won the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Association pole vault championship in 1965 and 1967; and was a member of the track team as a sophomore, junior and senior. He played for the 13-4 Prep basketball team as a senior, after playing on the undergraduate team his sophomore and junior years. LaBarge was junior class president and played varsity soccer as a senior. He was selected Sno-Ball King and his senior superlative was “most athletic.” He attended Ricker College in Houlton, ME, from 1967-1971. At Ricker, he was captain of the baseball and soccer teams as a junior and senior, and earned All-Conference in soccer and baseball in 1970-1971. He received the school’s Athlete of the Year award in 1971, and upon graduation, had two professional baseball offers from the

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The Work Ethic of Elspeth Taylor '18

If she had predicted the course of her high school experience when she was in middle school, **Elspeth Taylor '18** would not have imagined all of her accomplishments at MCI. “I was not into sports growing up, so I never thought I would play goalie on a championship field hockey team all four years,” she admitted. “And I would not have imagined many other milestones, like traveling to Edinburgh as part of the Scotland Exchange Program, planning to travel throughout Spain with Mrs. Kingsbury’s Spanish class, rediscovering an appreciation for theater production, or solidifying my passion for biology.”

Yet, there are many things about Elspeth that she has known for a very long time. “I’ve always loved learning,” she confided. “My summer vacations were never ‘intellectual breaks’ for me. As a kid, my parents kept me content and engaged with arts and crafts, reading, taking trips to visit relatives and going to museums or events like Lilies War (an annual gathering dedicated to researching and recreating the arts and skills of pre-17th-century Europe) in Missouri.



Elspeth grew up in Pittsfield, the only child of Jacqueline Taylor, a nurse working in Bangor, and Eric Taylor, a stay-at-home dad. “My parents always gave me things to do,” she explained. “My mom taught me many arts and crafts while I was growing up, and I spent a lot of time discussing current events and books with my dad.”

Elspeth admits that she was a busy child, inherently “nosey,” and curious to figure out how things worked. When she was a small child, she found her mother’s clarinet case tucked away in a closet and, with basic instruction from her mom, Elspeth learned to assemble the instrument and, later, to play a few songs. “By the time I got to Warsaw Middle School, I was ready, and excited, for lessons with Ms. Weinstein” (the school music teacher).

Asked if she had an after-school job throughout her high school years, Elspeth shook her head. “My education is my job,” she explained. “Field hockey is my job, too.” During summers, she practiced field hockey, read a variety of books, and practiced music. She plays primarily clarinet, but also plays tenor saxophone, flute, and is learning to play the harp.

When asked about her favorite experiences at MCI, Elspeth has many. “Watching the Field Hockey team strive to become state championship winners was a high point for me,” she said. “We were inspired to win, we worked hard as a team, and we learned to trust each other.” She added: “The MCI Athletics program helped me develop my mental toughness and my ability to set and achieve high goals.”

Elspeth pointed out other favorite experiences were the AP classes she participated in during her four years at MCI. “Studying history with Dr. (Richard) Waite was amazing because he’s immersed in history and has so much knowledge and personal experience to share,” she noted. Elspeth explained that AP classes are similar to introductory college courses that give students a better taste of college expectations and rigor, and AP can grant college



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ELSPETH TAYLOR

credits. AP Biology was an exciting class for Elspeth, since it refined her academic goals for college. “I want to study genetics,” Elspeth said, “and I want to become a researcher in that field. I like the idea of studying how genetics works, its far-reaching effects on evolution, and the capacity it has to help people.”

She noted that both her parents share this interest. “My mom has always been passionate about helping others, and my dad shares the same passion for genetics and helped inspire me to my pursue my desired career path,” she said. Elspeth intends to pursue her bachelor’s degree in molecular and cellular biology, then a master’s, or more, in genetics.



2017 Reunion Photos



Ken Cianchette '42, Chris Hopkins, Percy Almonte '42, and Herb Scribner '42



Jolene McGowan '76 with sister Jill McGowan '78, recipients of MCI's Distinguished Achievement Award 2017



Class of '62 at the Reunion Luncheon



Reminiscing at the Reunion Luncheon



Ann McMichael '62



Ralph Damren '64 announcing Roll Call



Anna Parker '66 and Ann Cianchette '79 lead the School Hymn



Class of '79



Class of '57



Class of '82



Class of '62



Class of '67



Class of '87



Paul Bertrand '59 at Reunion Brunch



Herb Scribner '42 and Jim Scribner '64



Dean Springer '65 with Foster Brooks '59



Sno-Ball Queen Laura Norris '92 with King David England '70 (her uncle)



Class of '67 50th Anniversary Table



The Bell Tower

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Founders Campaign Total



The last chapter. The bell lap. The final act.

Thanks to the support of 316 donors and a \$100,000 matching grant from The Edward E. Ford Foundation, we are excited to be entering the last phase of MCI's historic \$6.5 million Founders Campaign. You'll find the complete list of Campaign donors' names on MCI's website. They, and a number of anonymous donors, have positioned MCI to finish this Campaign in the near future. In January we surpassed the \$5.5 million mark with a \$50,000 gift from a generous member of the Class of 1980. The Founders Campaign total is the largest amount ever contributed in MCI's history. Now, with \$996,000 remaining to raise to reach the goal, we are energized and eager to complete the Campaign and fund the remaining two campus priorities – upgrades and major renovations to Founders Hall, and support for the endowment.

Please help MCI spread the word about the E.E. Ford Foundation matching grant. Donors have given \$57,090 to date; the next \$42,910 contributed by new, first-time donors to the Campaign will be matched by the Foundation, dollar-for-dollar. Let your family, classmates and friends know – we don't want this momentous Campaign to end without them!

Upgrades and major renovations to Founders Hall will be funded in part by contributions to the Founders Campaign. The Campaign has already funded three athletic fields and the Visual and Performing Arts Education Center in JR Cianchette Hall. At \$2.77 million, the work in Founders Hall represents the largest portion of the Campaign and includes an elevator, new restrooms and the addition of an interior north-south corridor that eliminates the need to go outside to access either side of the building.

Campaign Update

Total contributed as of 1/31/18	\$5,525,707	MCI Trustee participation	100%
Contributed since Reunion 2016.....	\$1,817,363		
Amount to raise.....	\$974,293	Thanks to our generous donors, 85% of the \$6.5 million	has been raised.
Donors.....	316		

Founders Hall Windows

We are grateful to the following alumni and friends who have named one or more of the new windows in Founders Hall. Fourteen windows have been named; 49 windows are available for a gift of \$2,500 or more to the Founders Campaign. If you would like to consider naming a window to honor your parents, family, favorite faculty member, or recognize your business, please contact the MCI Advancement Office.

- **Gary Fitts '69**
- **Susan Haseltine '67**
- **David Fortin and Tracye Caldwell Fortin '81**
- **Robert and Danielle Hayes**
- **Jim Christie '85**
- **Jim Rowe '69**
- **Rosalie Williams**
- **Ross Fitts '78 and Kelly Breau Fitts '79**

Founders Hall Named Gifts

The following list includes some of the remaining available areas in Founders Hall. Naming Gift Opportunities in Founders Hall:

Headmaster's Office Suite.....	\$250,000
Elevator.....	\$200,000
Ornamental Window (center front).....	\$150,000
Ornamental Windows (2)	
(left or right front).....	\$100,000 each
Academic Services.....	\$75,000
Existing Classrooms (5).....	\$50,000 each
North Stairs (3).....	\$25,000 each
South Stairs (3).....	\$25,000 each
Academic Offices (6).....	\$20,000 each
Founders Hall Windows (49 remaining) ..	\$2,500 each

To the 316 alumni and friends who have contributed to the Founders Campaign, we say thank you! You'll find a current list of Campaign donors on the MCI website: <http://www.mci-school.org/page.cfm?p=812>

Thank You!

Generous donors to the Founders Campaign have named 28 areas on campus. We are deeply grateful for their support. Listed below are the donors with named gifts, as well as the remaining available areas in Founders Hall. For the complete list of available naming gifts, visit www.mci-school.org/uploaded/PDFs/Founders_Campaign_naming_list.pdf

JR Cianchette Hall:

- Visual and Performing Arts Education Center
Norbert W. Young, Jr. '66 and Christine Young
- Choral and Piano Center
Meridian Lodge #125, Masons of Pittsfield
- Large Theater Arts/Ballet Studio
Dean Homstead '69
- Small Theater Arts/Ballet Studio
Elizabeth Gagne Calise '53 and N. Blake Bartlett
- Digital Music Media Lab
Ying Wang
- Choral Office/Library
Tania Rogers Carnrick '73 & Doug Carnrick
- Art Classroom
Robert Cianchette '78 and Hillary Ginsberg
- Furnishings
Anna Parker '66

Founders Hall:

- Conference Room
Ryan '45 and Barbara Fendler
 - Business Office
Peter Fendler '80
 - Classroom
Peter '80 and Kayla Kohler
 - Academic Office
Susan Haseltine '67
- Endowed Chairs
- Mathematics Chair
Michael Savage '62

Tim Rollins '73 (1955 – 2017):

“A City Kid in a Country Body”

Tim Rollins '73, an artist and educator whose paintings were inspired by literary classics, died on December 22 at his home in the South Bronx. He was 62.

Often describing himself as “a city kid in a country body,” Rollins was born on June 10, 1955, in Pittsfield, Maine. He was the oldest child of Carlton and Charlotte Rollins. As a young, strong-willed boy, Tim scribbled a note to his parents that read, “Dear Mom and Dad, when I grow up I’m going to be an artist, a teacher and a scientist. Don’t get in my way!”

After graduating from MCI and studying at the University of Maine at Augusta, Rollins moved to New York City where he attended New York University and worked with conceptual artist Joseph Kosuth while substitute teaching in the South Bronx. In 1981, Rollins was asked to develop a special education program that combined reading and writing with art for students with learning disabilities. The program eventually became K.O.S. or Kids of Survival, and the group exhibited as Tim Rollins + K.O.S.

Rollins and his most ardent students began to function as a workshop when they hit on the idea of using books for both inspiration and material. After studying classic literature and sketching, the group refined the narratives of these books into a singular theme, then painted variations of that theme over the books’ pages. The process often took several months to complete, and their more notable works include *Amerika*, a series of paintings that include gold trumpets painted over pages of the Franz Kafka novel; *Animal Farm*, which depicts faces of world leaders on the bodies of animals over the pages of Orwell’s book; and *A Midsummer Night’s Dream*, which comprises ink, mustard seed, glue and apple juice painted over Felix Mendelssohn’s score for the play.



Tim Rollins and K.O.S. in 1988

Rollins and his students started exhibiting in 1981, and within a few short years, Tim Rollins + K.O.S. exhibited throughout New York City, Venice, Germany, and London. He left his teaching job in 1987, and the group moved to its first rented studio in 1989. A documentary, “Kids of Survival: The Art and Life of Tim Rollins + K.O.S.,” directed by Dan Geller and Dayna Goldfine, was released in 1996 and won an Emmy.

In later years, the group consisted of six longtime members: Angel Abreu, his brother Jorge, Robert Branch, Ala Ebtakar, Ricardo Nelson Savinon and Benjamin Volta. They conducted workshops in schools across the country and around the world and, with Rollins, collaborated with students to make paintings for exhibitions in local museums.

Rollins never married, although he had a long-term relationship with singer Kate Pierson of the rock group the B-52’s. He is survived by his mother; his brother, **Ron Rollins '74**, and his sisters, **Carlene Rollins '76** and **Cindy Rollins '80**.

Alumni Profile: Jeff Hazell '79PG

In February 2017, **Jeffrey P. Hazell '79PG** sold Bar Harbor Seafood, his wholesale seafood distribution company in Orlando, Florida. Hazell is staying on as president of the company that has been selling fresh New England lobsters to local restaurants ever since Hazell founded the company in 1986.

Hazell was born into a family of commercial lobstermen working off Marblehead, Massachusetts, and it was likely that he would continue the family tradition in his own unique way. As a young boy, his first job was working for his father and grandfather on their lobster boat where Hazell baited traps and banded lobster claws. At an early age, Hazell understood the challenging work of commercial lobstermen, admitting, “The hardest part was getting out of bed at 4 a.m. every morning, but I learned that if you put your mind to it, you can do anything.”

Following high school graduation, Jeff came to MCI to play post-graduate football and strengthen his academic skills for college. His year at MCI provided the boost Jeff needed to refine his plans for the future. “Had it not been for MCI giving me the academic foundation and tools that I needed to succeed in college,” Jeff noted, “I would never have made it.”

After college and career successes in the central Florida area working for Hyatt Hotel, TGI Fridays, and Disney World, Hazell started Bar Harbor Seafood (named after Maine’s premiere tourist destination) from his home in Kissimmee. The enterprise quickly exploded into a thriving full-line wholesale seafood distribution company, and Hazell led the company through its impressive growth as one of Florida’s largest privately held companies for several years.

To complement his seafood wholesale business, Hazell started a chain of restaurants throughout Florida: in 1991, he opened Boston Lobster Feast, a Maine lobster and seafood buffet, that has expanded to five locations serving



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– Jeff Hazell

an estimated 45,000 patrons monthly; later, he introduced Jeffrey’s Restaurant and Piano Bar and Clawdaddy’s, a food truck that serves lobster rolls throughout Disney.

Jeff’s gratitude to MCI and to his college, University of New Haven, is apparent in his generous gifts to both institutions over the years. Hazell provided MCI with a state-of-the-art kitchen facility in the Trustee Memorial Student Center. He has also been supportive in the creation of his college’s Hazell Nut Café, which provides on-the-job training to students from the hospitality and tourism program.

MCI's Visual and Performing Arts Education Center



When MCI moved its music spaces from the Ruth Plummer Cook Music Building to the JR Cianchette Hall in 2017, the move was very popular among MCI's music students. "Having the music room (in the JR Cianchette building) has given the music program a 'psychological boost' and has provided a stronger link to other performing and visual arts instruction on campus," explained **Dean Neal**. "It's easier to get to from other buildings on campus and it's a better space to study, practice and perform."

Although the Visual and Performing Arts Center on the MCI campus continues to evolve, music students have been instructed there since August 2017. Thanks to contributions from the Founders Campaign, the JR Cianchette Building has been home to the drama department and art studio on the second floor for a few years until the first floor was transformed into a large music room on the right, with a separate digital music lab, recording studio, and choral arts space on the left.

"We can easily accommodate sixty students in the music room," Mr. Neal informed. "It's big enough for all students and their instruments, and the added space allows for smaller groups to break out for specialized instruction."

The music room features space for storing student instruments when not in use, a stage area for jazz chorus, heat pumps for improved climate control (throughout the entire building), and acoustic panels to prevent music made in the space from infiltrating the other areas of the building. The music room is fully Wi-Fi, and the speed is often faster and more reliable than any other space on campus. "We use iPads in class for music instruction," he added. Gone are the days when sheet music was on sheets of paper!

The new music room is large enough for a performance space, which is what it was during its unveiling at a donor reception during the August 2017 Reunion.

Across the hall, the new nine-station digital music room was described by Mr. Neal as 'nearly quiet' during classes,





The nine-station Digital Music Classroom with an attached recording studio

since students wear headphones during instruction and when creating soundscapes and other projects. The former space was a small room in the Plummer Building with two iMac workstations, and with it very close to the room where students practiced, the space was not conducive to larger classes in an undistruptive space. Now each of the nine computer stations features a keyboard, headphones, with access for the instructor to listen in on student compositions during class time.

Neal is excited about the potential. “The larger space means we can offer instruction to more students who would not necessarily be interested in traditional music education” he explained. “In the Digital Music class, no one is required to have previous music training.” Students learn about how music technology is a fundamental component in television, online performances, and cinema. Mr. Neal predicts that more classes like this will be offered in future.

“We want students to explore the many career opportunities in the music industry,” he said. “Our classes explore the emotive power of music and how it influences people.”

Near the digital music room is a recording studio with additional space for expansion and storage. Adjoining the recording spaces is the new Choral Arts room that



The Art Studio accommodates instruction for art creation using various media

can comfortably accommodate his 54 choral students for classes and practices, with additional work stations for piano instruction. Choral instructor **Gerry Wright** enjoys having the added space and the opportunities it brings to classroom instruction. The Choral Arts room was also used during Bossov Ballet Theater’s summer ballet program. The climate controlled space is ideal for ballet classes during the warm days of July.



The Theatre and Art departments also experienced improvements to their spaces on the second floor. The Theatre department now has a larger space for rehearsals and instruction, and on the other side of the hallway, storage for costumes and props has been expanded and updated for improved organization. **Debra Susi’s** classroom features space for instruction as well as a studio adjacent to the classroom for constructing backgrounds and props for performances.

The Art department improved and expanded its space for pottery creation with a new kiln, and storage space for supplies and student projects. **Jason Farson** has more workable classroom space for instruction and art creation. Plans are underway to develop a space outside the Art department to showcase completed student artworks.

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the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Phillies. A Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy, he has authored several books, including *Sweetwater Gunslinger 201*, and later served as a technical advisor on the film *Top Gun*.



Susan Staples '81 was a three-sport star at MCI, playing basketball, field hockey, and softball. She was a co-captain in basketball and was selected Athlete of the Year. She participated in drama, student council and received the Faculty Cup as the top female student. Staples was the sophomore Class President and a member of the National Honor Society. She is a physical education teacher in the Merrimack Valley School District in Penacook, NH.



Stephanie Shaw '91 was a four-year member of the basketball, soccer, and softball teams, earning Class B All-State and team MVP honors in all three sports. In basketball, she scored more than 1,000 points, earning *Bangor Daily News* All-Maine 2nd team honors as a senior and 3rd team honors as a junior. Her basketball teams advanced to the Eastern Maine playoffs all four years, including an 18-0 regular season her junior year. Her 1990 softball team advanced to the Eastern Maine Class B finals. She was on the Student Council as a freshman and sophomore. She was selected to play on a USA Soccer Ambassador team in 1989, travelling to England, Belgium, Holland and Germany to compete internationally. A 1995 graduate of Husson University, she was inducted into the Husson Hall of Fame in 2005.



Stanley Wyman '46 was a three-sport star at MCI. Wyman was quarterback of the football team as a junior and senior. In basketball, he was a member of the freshman team, at that time called the “Baby Garnets,” and as a junior, was captain of the varsity team. As a senior Wyman earned All-Tournament honors with teammate Jack Christie at a season-ending basketball championship at UMaine. On the baseball team, he pitched in the team’s 14 games his junior year, and played centerfield as a senior. He joined the service upon graduation and later competed at Husson, playing basketball and baseball in 1949-50. Wyman was employed by Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. from 1950 until retirement 1993, rising to the role of Meat Procurement Manager for the Northeast Region.

Established in 2010, the Hall of Fame selects individuals for induction based on outstanding athletic achievement at MCI, outstanding athletic achievement beyond MCI, outstanding contribution to the MCI athletic program and/or meritorious service to the MCI athletic program.

SCTC honors MCI Students

The Somerset Career & Technical Center (SCTC) program leaders assemblies were held in November and **Metehya LaChance** and **Cassidy Hamm** received leadership certificates. Metehya is studying digital graphics and Cassidy is studying early childhood education at SCTC.

Achievements from page 7

- **Tessa Murphy** for “Calculus Comeback Award” from Mr. Haynie
- **Kyra Rosenberg** and **MyKayla Weinstein** for “Helper Award” in Precalculus from Mr. Miller
- **Kayla Perkins Boucher** for “Sticking to it Award” in Prealgebra from Ms. Welch
- **Haleigh Foss** for “Organizational Master Award” in Algebra 1 from Ms. Wess
- **Brooke Gallway** for “Perseverance Award” in Piano from Mr. Wright
- **Mercedes Cote** for “Big Help Award” in Concert Choir from Mr. Wright
- **Nicholas Greenleaf** for “Guitar/ Concert Band/Jazz Award” from Mr. Neal
- **Seth Bussell** and **Kazuma Yamamoto** for “M.O.P. Award” in Ceramics from Mr. Farson
- **Grace Brown** for the “MacGyver Award” in Technical Theatre from Ms. Susi
- **Angel Gray** for “Color Palette Award” in Stage & TV Makeup from Ms. Susi
- **Benjamin Kennedy** for “All-Around Award” in Spanish IV from Ms. Kingsbury
- **Bartianna Brown** for “Mon Baromètre Award” in French II from Ms. Glidden

We ♥ MCI's Class Agents!

Class Agents are an invaluable resource to both MCI and their classmates because they link the School with its graduates. Agents keep classmates connected through the *Alumnus* during the year, help plan the Class Party during Reunion Weekend and maintain the class Facebook page.

If you would like to reach out to your Class Agent, please contact the MCI Advancement Office by phone (207-487-5915) or by email (alumni@MCI-School.org). Classes in bold will be celebrating a major reunion in August 2018.

1942	Class Agent Needed	1971	Jeffrey Knights	1993	Jennifer Kuhlmeier Lebo
1948	Arey Bryant	1971	Laurie Fitts Loosigian	1994	Courtney Cianchette Harvey
1950	Virginia Coolbroth Landry	1973	Susan Smith England	1995	Frances Oviatt Rogers
1951	Class Agent Needed	1974	Vera Lloyd Bryant	1996	Heather Gray Csontos
1952	Alvah Wyman	1975	Ralph Ingraham	1997	Terri-Jean Grant Wilkinson
1953	Catherine Doyle Mooers	1976	Donald Hallenbeck	1998	Jason Cummings
1956	Forest Frost	1978	Robert Stackhouse	1999	Natalia Mayhew Hall
1958	David Fernald	1979	Kathy Kelley	2000	Hillary Stevens
1960	Joan Basford Bradley	1980	Belinda Lawrence LaFlamme	2000	Michael Thompson
1960	Marilyn Nash	1981	Suzanne Lynch Guild	2001	Daniel Flaherty
1961	Class Agent Needed	1981	Mary Raynes	2002	Kerri George
1962	Jean Stackhouse Carnes	1982	Cheryl Pareson Austin	2002	Donna Russo Sawtelle
1963	Janet Viger Bryant	1985	Karen Rollins Fraser	2003	Ashley Holt Morency
1963	Marcia Sprague Hodson	1986	Lisa Nickerson	2004	Melissa Hussey Stinson
1963	Wayne Pinkham	1986	Kim Brooks Shorey	2005	Sarah Frost
1964	Barbara Vigue Day	1987	Tammy Reynolds George	2006	Andrew Moody
1965	Lawrence Yeaton	1987	David O'Brien	2007	Brittanie Holt Smith
1966	Vicki Boetsch Harriman	1988	Chris Mitchell	2008	Tyler LePage
1967	Sheilya Cookson Voter	1988	Loren Lavalley Martin	2009	Brandon Wilson
1968	Sharon Hanson Ringuette	1989	Nancy MacGown Monteyro	2011	Cody Thies
1969	James Maynard	1990	Thomas Bertrand	2012	Michaela George
1970	William Cunningham	1991	James Richards	2013	Courtney Fowler
1970	David England	1992	Sean Callahan	2014	Shane Hathaway
1970	Martha Lloyd	1993	Kristin McCaughlin Gagnon		

Please represent your class in the next issue of the MCI *Alumnus*! We need agents for these classes:

1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1949, 1951, 1954, 1955, 1958, 1959, 1961, 1972, 1977, 1983, 1984, 2010, 2015, 2016, and 2017. Contact the Advancement Office today!

SAVE THE DATE!

MCI's 2018 Reunion will be August 3-5

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Class Notes

Class of 1946



Stanley Wyman was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame in September.

He was a three-sport star at MCI. Wyman was quarterback of the football team as a junior and senior. In basketball, he was a member of the freshman team, at that time called the "Baby Garnets," and as a junior, was captain of the varsity team. As a senior, Wyman earned All-Tournament honors with teammate **Jack Christie** at a season-ending basketball championship at UMaine. On the baseball team, he pitched in the team's 14 games his junior year, and played centerfield as a senior.

Class Agent:

TBD

Class of 1948

Alice Patterson was in the hospital and has made the decision to move to an assisted living facility. Her sons, Gregg and Pat, have been visiting her and facilitated her move. She moved to Redington Memorial Home, 11 North Avenue, Room 102, Skowhegan, ME 04976.

Class Agent:

Arey Bryant

Class of 1952

Harold Carson wrote, "It is with regret that I have to report my wife, **Sandra Humphrey Carson**, is approaching her third anniversary since being diagnosed with Alzheimer's, a terrible disease. She has also suffered contractures of both feet and both ankles, rendering her unable to stand or walk. I am taking care of her at home with the help of two outstanding live-in caregivers who are with her around the clock." Our thoughts are with you and Sandra, Harold.

Nancy Knight Billings

says everything is about the same. Her health has been good, so she can still work part time.

Herman Roberts also said, "Nothing much different ... doing the same old things!"

Maynard Jacobs has had some health issues, but things are okay now. He is still living in Alabama near a granddaughter.

David McGaffin is enjoying life. He enjoys watching a lot of sports.

Bev Turner Breau spends summers at her camp on the coast. She has been real busy with the group she is a member of called the Red Hatters.

Nancy Sinclair Wilson sends best wishes to her

classmates. She and Robert have lived in Sun City West, Arizona, for 30 years. Both are in good health and remain fairly active. They enjoyed a cruise to the Cayman Islands last year.

Wayne Tilton sends regards from San Diego, California. Beverly, his wife of 51 years, passed away 11 years ago. His two daughters live nearby and keep an eye on him. Wayne is a retired San Diego police officer. His sister, **Kay Tilton Newman '52**, passed away in November in Portland, Maine. It's great to hear from you, Wayne!

Bob Knowles emailed, "I am finding it hard to believe that we have a great-grandson enjoying his freshman year at MCI. We have returned to Marco for the winter and are finishing up a house and hope to start another one real soon."

Betty Mercier Susi writes that she is now living with her daughter and family in Sidney and likes it there, so will probably remain there.

Class Agent:

Al Wyman

Class of 1953

Joyce Hunt Rowe wrote to congratulate the Class of 1953 for beating the Class of 1952 in getting in their news. Let's continue to do that! She said she and Dick had a quiet summer but a

good one. They will miss seeing the MCI "Snowbirds" this winter as they will not be going south this year. She hoped everyone had happy holidays.

Judelle Lasselle Strange

wrote that she and Mal didn't have a great summer. Mal had cancer removed from his face and arm but he is fine now. Jude suffered a heart attack while in the ER for another problem. She then fell and broke her ankle while in the hospital and now faces about a year of healing. They did manage to attend a family reunion in Skowhegan. Good luck in getting that ankle healed, Jude, and hope the winter is kinder to you.

Joyce Bane Holt wrote during the outage and did not enjoy living like in the "old" days again at all. She is still with her son and his wife and enjoying her grandchildren. Her son is getting better after dealing with throat cancer. Thank you, Joyce, for your letters; they lifted my spirits.

Dave Fenderson wrote that he recently lost his right leg below the knee due to complications from diabetes. He said it doesn't bother him -- he still square dances with Margaret! What a sight! Granddaughter, Maddy, was elected captain of Connecticut College Varsity Rowing Team. She is a big

medal winner in collegiate circles. Dave recently talked with **Joe Vashon**, who has big apple orchards in Stetson, Maine. Said the apples are very sweet and the worms aren't bad either! Anyone is welcome to drop by his farm. Joe plans on going to Florida in the next few weeks. Dave and Margaret hoped to go to Arizona later in December.

Cynthia Brown Johnson and hubby **Reverend Arthur Johnson** (Class of 1951) wrote that they flew to Michigan to attend a grandson's wedding. It was the first all three of their children were together in a long time so that was wonderful. They flew back to Michigan again where they joined a church group and went to Field 93 and toured Lancaster. They had a great day with Christian friends; attended "Sights and Sounds" where they saw "Jacob" which they said was amazing. They are looking forward to next year when the show will be "Jesus." The third highlight of their year was when their son, Rev. George Johnson, his secretary and her husband drove them home from the show in Pennsylvania and George preached at their church in South Gardiner. He and Paul played several trumpet duets accompanied by Nancy and musicians from their church, Nadine Beckim and **Priscilla Foss Rende** and their organist rounded out the musical celebration.

Catherine Doyle Mooers (Kaye) had a stay-at-home summer but did manage to get to the reunion for the agent meeting, brunch, and noon luncheon. Always great to see classmates. They also spent an afternoon with **Philip** and **Maria Coffin** at their camp in Unity. In September, Kaye and Stirling attended the wedding of her grandson, Justin Walter Mooers, in Litchfield. The ceremony took place in a field under a large tree. The bride, Katie Tibbetts, planned to arrive on horseback but the horse had other ideas! The reception was held by a large bonfire. Kaye and Stirling also attended a surprise 80th birthday party for her niece on Orrs Island in August and she had a chance to meet and get reacquainted with many nieces, nephews, and cousins. They spent Thanksgiving in Canandaigua, New York, with Stirling's family. After the holiday they will travel to Florida for the winter months. Kaye sends her Florida info and hopes to hear from classmates no matter where they may be, but if in Florida, please get in touch - her address is 8029 Picketts Court, Weeki Wachee, FL 34613; by email - gmammy5@gmail.com; or by phone, 352-596-7960. A gathering of classmates from MCI is in the works for Florida and hopefully many will be able to attend. Details will be sent out when the

time approaches. Thanks to Brian and **Sally Craig '55** for offering to host the gathering.

Dale Raye Seaburg and husband Bob, had at quiet winter but did make a trip with their daughter to Woolwich to attend the eighth grade graduation of their grandson.

Priscilla Foss Rende and hubby, Frank, wrote that they were looking forward to the Thanksgiving visit of her brother-in-law from New Jersey. They are not sure how much longer he can make the trip as he is 86. On December 7, they were blessed with their first great grandchild, a girl, to their granddaughter Brianna and Eric Milk. Her name is Vada Jane. Congratulations to all!

Matt Scott wrote that after 50 years, he decided to turn his 100-acre farm in Belgrade into a Conservation Easement with the BRCA. This all comes from his ethics learning from Aldo Leopold back when he referenced him in his Manson Essay at MCI. He managed 12 colonies of honeybees for himself and my two mentees this year, harvested 306 pounds of Maine honey and took some to Florida. He made a trip to Canada for Atlantic salmon with his son and grandson on the Mirimichi in New Brunswick. It has become an annual affair. He said he and Bev had a

good summer and made three camping trips in the RV. They visited with **Kaye Mooers** and Stirling Thurston several times. They did not make the MCI annual reunion but made a contribution. As fall approached, they began thinking about Florida and getting to their winter home. Hurricane Irma did not cause any damage to their Florida home but the prediction was rather bad. Their place in Zephyrhills survived without a scratch. They left for Florida on November 5 and did their first ballroom dance at Betmar on the 11th. They saw lots of old friends. Last winter, Matt saw **Brian** and **Sally Craig '55** for the first time in decades. (Class agent Kaye has written about that gathering earlier.)

Charlene Hunt Call called to chat and wanted to wish all classmates a happy new year. She and hubby, Maurice, celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary this year. Congrats to them!

Congratulations to **Sarah Chipman** from all her classmates! The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International honorary society of leading women educators recently presented Sarah with the society's 50-year membership pin at a luncheon in her honor. Sarah taught English for many years at Dexter Regional High School

Class Notes

and at Higgins Classical Institute.

George Pierce wrote that he visited with Charlie McGinnis, wife Mary and Bill Sullivan this past fall in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and that they are all well.

Class Agent:

Catherine “Kaye” Doyle Mooers

Class of 1956

Greg Libbey writes, “My wife, Nancy, my sister, Danette, and I took a road trip to North Carolina to visit our son and his family. They have a new beautiful home which we were very happy to see. The weather was beautiful the whole week we were there. We took two days going down and two coming home, and had a great time, and looking forward to going again next year. Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving, as we did. We spent the day with Nancy’s family. There were 16 of us, and we had a lot of fun. We wish you all a wonderful new year!”

Eva Charity is enjoying life in the sunny south. She lives in Key West, Florida. Her daughter, **Jennifer Charity ’91**, lives with her and works in a medical office. Eva visited her sister in Iowa and when she returned in September, found that Hurricane Irma

had damaged her fence and also caused water damage which came through the vent on her one-story home. She walks her dog twice a day. She enjoys her retirement and is happy and healthy.

I was surprised to see **Priscilla Doncet Proctor** and her husband, Paul, at my service station this summer. We reminisced about our good old fun days at MCI. She looks great and she and Paul live in Dade City, Florida, and previously lived in Texas. They do enjoy spending some time during the summer at Great Moose Pond in Hartland. They are a great couple!

I called **Barbara Vance Bell** recently and was happy to hear that she and her husband are doing well and enjoying life very much. Her husband, Lou, is a pastor in Hartland and teaches at prayer meetings at the church. They have four biological children, four adopted children, seventeen grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. I’d say that is a full house! Congratulations, and God bless you both, Barb and Lou.

Ken Cray and his wife, Mary Jane, are doing well and still live on White’s Pond in Palmyra. Ken has had several operations on his knee and now uses a cane. Their oldest

daughter and husband live in Michigan. Their son-in-law has a very good office job with the Ford Motor Company, designing tools and parts for automobiles. They have a large extended family and another great, great grandchild on the way – a lot of fun at family gatherings!

Recently I spoke to **Sallie Sinclair Huot**. She is doing just great and enjoying retirement. At the end of October, she and a friend from church took a riverboat cruise from Normandy to Paris, France. She spent two weeks there visiting and seeing places where much of World War II took place. She found it very interesting and informative. She said that she and **Grace Mercier Brown ’56** went to Portland’s Old Port recently to shop and eat out. Grace is still doing a lot of volunteer work and is involved with the church.

Sorry to hear **Marvis Bryant Chambers** is a patient at the Sanfield Rehab and Living Center in Hartland, Maine. Her spirits are good and she’s her jovial and good-natured self.

Harry P. “Skip” Gordon, Jr. visits with his friends and classmates here in Pittsfield quite often. In good weather he bikes down from Ripley, where he lives, to town and back home. He’s in great shape and a lot of fun. He

is still working in the Bangor area.

Dale Hersey and wife, Raejean, are doing well, enjoying retirement and raising a big, bountiful garden each year. His maple syrup is the best tasting around, and he produces more of it each year. Both enjoy good health and trips to provinces in Canada!

Spoke to **Keith McFarland** recently and he reports he’s enjoying his retirement with good health. He is still Treasurer of Marshalton United Methodist Church Men’s Mission, Financial Secretary of Marshalton United Church, and attends many activities for his grandchildren. His grandson is sixteen years old and plays travel ball. This year he played baseball in Virginia and New York. He is a junior at East High School in West Chester, Pennsylvania. Keith has been a volunteer for Meals On Wheels for twenty-one years – a very busy and good man!

Also spoke to **Judy Merrithew Paine** recently and found her in good spirits and good health. She had been Christmas shopping and was very busy wrapping gifts for all the family. This past summer she and the family had a reunion at a camp on Unity Pond. Recently she visited

her brother Bobby in town and also visited the MCI campus. She stays very busy and enjoys going out to lunch with friends. She's enjoying retirement very much.

I talked to **Lois Langley Trafton** and was happy to hear that she is in good health and staying busy attending games involving her nephew's children who live nearby. She attended the holiday concert at MCI and saw the lighting of the Christmas tree. She still has her ceramic class during the summer and fall months. She retired after 38 years of service at 11 different post offices as a clerk. She enjoys her wood stove this time of year! She's a very busy lady!

I called **David Reed** in Florida. Since he was out, his wife Janice took the call. They used to live in Presque Isle, but now reside in Green Cove Springs, Florida. They are both in good health and enjoying retirement and 58 years of marriage. They do volunteer work at the National Park in Jacksonville. They have four sons, and the youngest is a police officer in Presque Isle, so they still spend some time there!

Your Class Agent, **Forest G. Frost**, is still working at Frost's Mobil Service, which I own. I still look forward to going to work daily after 60 years there. Customers

are the reason for the job being so enjoyable. My two brothers, **Dino Frost '55** and **Roland Frost '58**, gave me nearly fifty years of good, hard and honest work. They were the best! God bless all my classmates! Go Yankees!

Class Agent:
Forest Frost

Class of 1962

Jean Carnes emailed: "Our 55th class reunion is now a pleasant memory. Twenty classmates returned for activities at the school and our class party at Bob and Sally Duplisea's home. Some classmates traveled from far-away places: **Janie Cole Nathaniel** from Hawaii, **Judie Mercier Vacchina** from California, **Currie Stafford** from Georgia and **Wayne Hall** from North Carolina. It was great to renew old friendships and catch up on the happenings in our lives.

"As some of us poured over yearbooks and memorabilia, chatted amongst ourselves and enjoyed refreshments, the talented **Richard Cooley** played his guitar and sang our requests. My favorites were his own compositions and the Eagles' songs.

"Much appreciation goes to the people who made the reunion weekend and our class party a success. I hope to see you all at our 60th class reunion, if not before! Let's keep in touch."

As this issue of the *Alumnus* is being readied for the printer, classmates are notifying us of the loss of one of our own. **Marvin Glazier** passed away on November 23, 2017. Marvin was a highly respected, distinguished lawyer in Bangor, where he is remembered as a remarkable and wonderful man. He is thought by his colleagues to have helped thousands of people over the years. In the words of Wayne Hall, "I always read the Bangor PD Facebook notes as does half of the U.S. They have a very moving tribute to Marvin Glazier. How often does the police department mourn the passing of a defense attorney?" We extend our condolences to the Glazier family.

Class Agent:
Jean Stackhouse Carnes

Class of 1964

Jeff Hathorn writes, "Howdy Barb! I feel your pain on the power loss. We were hit hard here in Florida by Irma and were without power for 6 days. Modern man cannot live without electricity! I went down to the lake with my soap, razor and toothbrush each sunset. There were widespread reports of Sasquatch sightings on the water's edge!"

Jeff sent a couple videos of himself racing Shockwave jet truck from an airshow at Flagler Airport near

Daytona. Shockwave set a record at the event hitting 325 MPH! He writes, "As you can see, I'm still participating in airshows." This plane is a three year combat vet from Korea – an OE-1A FAC (forward air controller) aircraft known widely as the *Bird Dog*. This is a nice one that still has a few bullet holes in it if you look closely. It is an award winner twice at the bid annual Oshkosh airshow." Cheers.

Jim Scribner emailed from Canada: "I have been busy all year with the Wildlife Rescue Association here. This winter marks my seventh year volunteering with them. I am moving indoors to start my duties as a surgical assistant there next week. Winter arrived here early! Our local mountains opened for skiing Nov. 8th. Whistler opens on November 11th. We had terrible wildfires all summer so winter is welcome! Hope you have a fair season there! Best regards."

Marlene Hunt Ward reports that she is a snowbird in Titusville, Florida, for the winter. She says they left Maine just in time, as the next day it was 26 degrees in Maine. Her husband just retired as E-8 from the Army National Guard.

Linda Tozier Dean has moved back from Florida. She said, "No more winters down there! I am back working full time at the

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hospital.” She lost her husband three years ago to cancer. She has three grandchildren, of whom she is extremely proud and four great-grandchildren and loves them dearly. She has a new kitten that she got from Bangor Humane Society named Itty Bitty.

Class Agent:
Barbara Vigue Day

Class of 1965



Ronald Friend was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame in September.

He lettered in baseball, basketball and football, playing those sports all four years of his high-school career. Friend received the *Coaches Trophy* for lineman as a senior in football. He also received the Master’s Cup. During his senior year he played on the MCI basketball team that finished 5th and made the school’s first appearance in the Eastern Maine Tournament.

Thomas Coffin sent us a class photo of his grandfather, **Carl Sargent Coffin**, and the Class of 1896. He wrote: “Carl Sargent Coffin was my grandfather. He became a dentist, married Grace Summerbell and returned to Pittsfield to set up his practice. My father, **William**

Sargent Coffin, graduated MCI in 1932 and went into banking, then became executive vice president of a national corporate loan company. I graduated in 1965 and went into retail management.”

Larry Yeaton writes, “I got married on April 18, 2017. Had been a widower for about 10 years. I met my bride on e-Harmony. I had been living in Aiken, South Carolina, but moved to Rock Hill not far from Charlotte. My wife’s name is Sandi. She has a townhouse in Rock Hill, plus most of her children live there, so it was a good move for me. Sandi has five children and four of them live in the Rock Hill area. One of her daughters lives in the Washington, D.C. area and works for the government. Sandi is a real estate agent and can recommend a real estate agent in your area if you are looking to move. She finds the best one who can help you the most. We are very happy. We are very active in our church. We volunteer for hospice. Anyone interested in finding me can look me up on Facebook or Twitter. My telephone number is 803-634-1480. Would love to hear from any of the Alumni in the years 1965 to 1968. Haven’t been able to make it to the alumni celebrations as something always interferes. Hopefully one of these days. I forgot

to mention that I am retired from the pastoral ministry.”

Class Agent:
Larry Yeaton

Class of 1966

There was a good turnout of classmates at the MCI Reunion Luncheon. **Dalen Mills, Danny Oakes, Carl McCrillis** (hadn’t seen him in ages), **Judy and Tom Webster, David Seekins, Anna Parker, Norb Young**, and I were able to enjoy each other and good food. **Karoldene Martin Barnes ’65** also joined our table.

At some point this summer, **Norbert Young** encouraged a group of us to go see the Bossov Ballet perform at the lovely Lawrence High School gym. What a performance it was, too - I was impressed! Again, Norby and his wife, Christine, **Anna Parker (Danny Oakes** and my husband opted not to go), **Linda Abbott Morgan**, and I were glad to have attended such a professional program with roots at MCI.

In mid-September, **Anna Parker, Danny Oakes**, and **Linda Abbott Morgan** came down to my stomping grounds on the coast. **Rex Fowler** of “Aztec Two Step” played at the Strand Theater in Rockland. The Strand was packed, and they put on an awesome performance.

Thanks to all my classmates for their cards and support during the time of my beloved sister’s untimely death in July. You all mean a lot to me. Please keep happy notes coming. And all you snow-bunnies – see you come spring!

Class Agent:
Vicki Boetsch Harriman

Class of 1967

Lorna Bubar White writes to say how pleased she was to have such a good turnout for the 50th class reunion. So many achievements and so little time to visit! “This was a very special reconnecting for me. The fireworks display was by far the best I have ever seen in all my travels. To everyone who was involved in preparing for such a wonderful time, I say thank you – a job well done!”

Brian “Rusty” Stevens says he is semi-retired and living large at Cold Stream Pond in Enfield, Maine. “Give me a shout, fellow ‘67 alumni!”



William LaBarge was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame

in September. He won the Maine Interscholastic Athletic Association pole vault championship in 1965 and 1967; and was a member of the track team as a sophomore, junior

and senior. He played for the 13-4 Prepper basketball team as a senior, after playing on the undergraduate team his sophomore and junior years at MCI. A Lt. Commander in the U.S. Navy, he has authored several books, including *Sweetwater Gunslinger 201*, and later served as a technical advisor on the film *Top Gun*.

Class Agent:
Sheilya Cookson Voter

Class of 1968

Linda Goodridge Doody writes, "I have been retired since 2001. We moved to Melbourne, Florida, the same year. We have one son, Jason, and one grandson."

The MCI Class of 1968 is coming up on the 50th class reunion. It just doesn't seem possible! Again, a small group gathered this past August over Reunion Weekend for various activities. **Harold Mosher**, **Dawn Peterson Cox** and husband, Jesse, **Steve** and **Dora Barrett Miles**, **Ellery Hathorn** and wife, Rose Ann, **Jean Hammond Watts** and husband, Harley, **Kathy Starbird Warburg** and husband, Paul, and yours truly all had the chance to be together over the weekend. Joining us along the way were **Gary Fitts '69** and wife, Amy, and **Bob (Robert) Gould '67**. A couple of us started Friday night at the fireworks, then on to the brunch and



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luncheon on Saturday. That evening, most of us met at a restaurant in Unity for dinner. Sunday morning, our new tradition, is brunch at Kathy and Paul's camp on Unity Pond. As always, we enjoy our time together so much.

Recently I spoke with **Pamela Inman Frederick** on the phone. She always sounds great despite some health challenges. Pam was my next door neighbor throughout grade school so we do our best to keep in touch.

Please check the Facebook page, MCI Class of 1968. There are pictures from the Reunion Weekend. I know a few of you have posted some great "old" photos, class pictures, etc. Please make use of the page to continue to add your photos and memories and to spark lots of interest in our reunion. Last August, a lot of the conversation centered around the plans for our 50th. A class party and brunch were discussed and hopefully plans will come together for the MCI Reunion Weekend for all to enjoy. See you there!

Class Agent:
Sharon Hanson Ringuette

Class of 1969



Gregg Patterson officiated at the August wedding for **Laura**

Norris '92 in Santa Monica, California, and delivered a series of workshops in Lyon, France, and business in October.

Class Agent:
James Maynard

Class of 1970

In November, **Bill Cunningham** completed an intensive two-day National Ski Patrol course in New Hampshire on mountain transport and rescue. He will use what he learned to be better prepared to help with emergencies his cross country ski group may have on their back country ski trips in Maine and Norway this winter.

David England wrote, "Susan and I are enjoying Susan's recent retirement. I am still running my plumbing business on a

limited basis, when we aren't traveling around the countryside. Last summer, **Marcia Bickford**, **Wendy (Murdock) Esposito** and husband, Espo, visited with us at our home. We had a great time together. We shared lots of laughs, just like old times. In September, Susan and I went on a trip, ending up on Prince Edward Island for a few days. We took in as much of the island as possible. We have had a wonderful fall and look forward to more time together."

Class Agents:
David England
Martha Lloyd

Class of 1971

Scott Levin wrote, "I have written a book trailing my careers from high school to present told in the first person in an innovative way. Lionel Tracy was my English professor and an entire chapter is about my life at MCI. This is the book available on Amazon in Kindle and in paperback, "The Reunion" by Scott L. Levin.

Laurie Loosigian reports that the Class of '71 gathered again this summer at Milton's house for a reunion party. Milton and Kathy Kelly married right before reunion: congratulations to both!

Sadly, **Tom Cianchette's** mother, Priscilla, passed away this fall. Richard

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Ingraham's mom, Lorna, passed away in the spring, and my mom, **Alice Fitts '47**, passed away in December. Numbers of our classmates attended my mom's service and I was very grateful.

Linda Wiles and **Cindy Nash Dempsey** visited me at Apple Annie this fall! Cindy is enjoying granddaughter, Aleena, very much.

I expect many of you are having grand-children and are also facing caring for parents. I spend lots of time with my grandchildren when I am not picking apples or pruning trees.

Nan Fowler just relocated back to Portland, Maine, so we may see her at reunion one of these days. **Bill Nolan** has also moved back to Maine!

I saw **Tom Mayhew** was in Pittsfield for the reunion of his first band, The Black Bananas! Looks like many turned out for the show!

I have enjoyed working with the Founders Capital Campaign! What a joy to tour the new Visual and Performing Arts Education Center in the JR Cianchette Building (see article on page 22). If anyone wishes to pledge to the campaign, we would be very grateful!

Class Agent:
Laura Fitts Loosigian

Class of 1973

Sue England writes, "David and I are well and have enjoyed a beautiful summer and fall. The highlight for me was my retirement in June. I was blessed with a wonderful teaching career for 38 years and now am enjoying the freedom that retirement brings. Our bicycles got plenty of use over the past months as did the pool and my gardening tools. I enjoy my daily walks and am finding plenty to do at home to keep me busy. I confess I am doing some limited substitute teaching at my former school. It's nice to be with the children and my colleagues. David and I took a two-week trip in early September. It was a great time to travel and not normally a vacation time for me. We have enjoyed getting together with some of our MCI friends as well as my college friends over the last few months. We will enjoy the holidays with family and then as the new year begins, we will start planning our trip to Florida at the end of February. By then, we will both be looking forward to a warmer climate for six weeks. Please mark your calendars for our 45th reunion on August 4, 2018. Hard to believe 45 years have passed! I will be sending out more information in the months ahead. If you haven't



The McGowan Family, August 2017

already, please join the MCI Class of '73 Facebook page! Here is a short link: <https://goo.gl/Gy65sZ>"



Tim Rollins passed away of natural causes on December 22th. A

reknown art educator and advocate, Tim is best known for founding the acclaimed K.O.S. (Kids of Survival), a student art collaborative of at-risk middle schoolers from the South Bronx. Their works can be viewed in exhibits and public collections throughout museums in the United States and Europe. (See article on page 20.)

Class Agent:
Susan Smith England

Class of 1976

Don Hallenbeck reports, "Not much to write about this time around, but here goes: attended the 75th anniversary party for the

parents of **Mark Jones**. Mark and I got to wondering where **Rusty Wright** (Russell Q. Wright II '78) is. Rusty, if you're out there, or Chris or Becky Wright knows where Pee Wee is, let me know. In mid-October, the house that used to belong to Sanger M. Cook burned and was eventually demolished. Quite a loss for the town.

Congratulations to our classmate, **Jolene McGowan**, who received the Distinguished Achievement Award during Reunion Weekend on Friday, August 4. Jolene is her sister, **Jill McGowan's** partner at Jill McGowan, Inc. and is responsible for all sales and marketing.

Plans for the next Egg Festival are underway. The date will be the week of July 9-14, 2018. We hope to have a military band to perform. No theme has been set yet. In 2019, Pittsfield will be 200 years old, and we're busy

planning for that celebration as well. The old Time Capsule from 1969 will be dug up and opened at the end of the celebration, a new one “planted.” More information to come as I get it. The Museum building turns 130 years old this coming year.

Congratulations to MCI Field Hockey and Football teams for their shiny new titles! Hope to see you at Reunion!”

Class Agent:
Don Hallenbeck

Class of 1978

Martin MacGown writes, “At the turn of the new year 2017, I wrapped up a 10-year stint in IT at MaineGeneral Health and took on a new challenge as a software consultant. The new opportunity has allowed me to work with a couple of great client healthcare systems in both Florida and Idaho and to pick up a load of frequent flier miles in the process!”

Robert Cianchette reports, “I’m enjoying my new life in Portland’s India Street neighborhood (along with my wife Hillary) after living in New York for 28 years. As an MCI Trustee, I’ve made quite a few visits to campus recently and attended all four of our football championship games, and it’s been great to catch up with old friends and relatives I haven’t seen much of since I last lived in

Pittsfield in 1982. I want to remind everyone that it’s our 40th (gulp!) class reunion this summer, and at the prodding of **David London** and **Paul Kohler**, I’ve reserved the Pinnacle for our class party on Saturday, August 4th. Please add it to your calendar and plan to attend. If you were one of the many who attended our 20th there (thanks to Val Vicnaire Cianchette and Chris for hosting), I hope you remember how much fun we had. And if you didn’t, shame on you! I really hope to see as many classmates as possible there. It’s a convenient location, we hope to have a band, and as I’ve been saying to anyone who will listen, at our age, you never know when it will be the last chance to catch up with old friends (or make up with old enemies). Unfortunately, three of our classmates who always made the effort to attend reunions will NOT be joining us next summer: **Brian Leavitt**, **Kip Connolly**, and **Scott Thompson**. Please come, so we can raise a toast in their honor, as well as our other dear, departed classmates. Until then, Cent’ Anni, L’Chaim, Skol, and Slàinte!”

The Class of 1978 is very proud of our classmate, **Jill McGowan**, who received the Distinguished Achievement Award during Reunion Weekend on August 4. Jill founded her clothing company, Jill



Susan Staples ‘81, Stephanie Shaw ‘91 and Beth Staples ‘82 at the 2017 Athletic Hall of Fame

McGowan, Inc. in 1994 with a series of white shirts. Congratulations, Jill!

Class Agent:
Robert Stackhouse

Class of 1979

Ann Cianchette writes, “My kids and I spent a fun vacation in Italy in the summer of 2017. It had been a dream of ours for years and it was the first time I had been back since I went to school there in 1982. I still own the family camp in Unity where we had our class graduation party and look forward to hosting more reunions there. I live in Cumberland and have a growing real estate team, Maine Dream Properties at Keller Williams Realty, based in Portland that serves buyers and sellers in Southern Maine and parts of Central and Midcoast Maine. I’m always happy to talk about real estate with friends...whether it’s advice, a referral to an out-of-state agent or to help someone

who might be thinking of getting into the industry. My oldest son lives in San Francisco and the other two are still at home with me. My dad, **Ken Cianchette ‘42**, turned 93 this fall and attended his 75th reunion last summer!”

Kathy Kelley writes, “We have had a busy year with many MCI events and getting married in July! Together we have 5 children scattered across the state and enjoy visiting and watching them becoming wonderful adults.”

Class Agent:
Kathy Kelley

Class of 1981

Susan Staples (shown above) was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame in September. She was a three-sport star at MCI, playing basketball, field hockey, and softball. She was a co-captain in basketball and was selected Athlete of the

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Year. She participated in drama, student council and received the Faculty Cup as the top female student.

Class Agent:
Mary Raynes

Class of 1983

Mark Cooper has been named head coach of the Mt. View Mustangs girls' basketball team. After graduating from MCI, Mark went on to serve in the United States Marine Corps for seven years and graduated from the University of Maine in Presque Isle in 1997 with a degree in physical education.

The *Republican Journal* wrote, "While he was a co-coach on the Mount View unified basketball team last season, along with Ron Simmons, this will be Cooper's first varsity head coaching position. He has coached subvarsity teams at Caribou, Nokomis of Newport and Winslow in the past, along with many middle school and travel league squads.

In a recent interview with the *Republican Journal*, Mark said, "I am very excited to be the new varsity girls basketball coach at Mount View," said Cooper, who also is a teacher at the school. "I have been following them for the past two seasons. I coached

against many of the current players when they were in junior high when I coached at Winslow. The girls are fun to be around and seem to really be enjoying the season so far."

Class Agent:
TBA

Class of 1985

Laura Lee Lord Willette graduated from Spa Tech in Westbrook to add esthetics to her business.

Jen Tyne was confirmed as a District Court Judge for Massachusetts in December 2017. Jen is looking forward to this next stage of her legal career.

Class Agent:
Karen Rollins Fraser

Class of 1988

Amy McIntier Smith emailed, "Megan graduates from UMaine Farmington in May 2018 where she majors in early childhood education. Emily had my first grandson in March 2017. I am loving Florida, but I enjoy visiting Maine several times a year."

Class Agent:
Jason Cummings

Class of 1989

Congratulations to **Andi Vigue** who was named CEO of Cianbro Corporation's board of directors in January 2018.

Class Agent:
TBA

Class of 1991



Stephanie Shaw was inducted into the MCI Athletic Hall of Fame in September. She was a four-year

member of the basketball, soccer, and softball teams, earning Class B All-State and team MVP honors in all three sports. In basketball, she scored more than 1,000 points, earning Bangor Daily News All-Maine 2nd team honors as a senior and 3rd team honors as a junior. Her basketball teams advanced to the Eastern Maine playoffs all four years, including an 18-0 regular season her junior year. Her 1990 softball team advanced to the Eastern Maine Class B finals.

Class Agent:
James Richards

Class of 1992

Congratulations to **Laura Norris** and Darius Raulinaitis who were married in August! **Gregg Patterson '69** officiated at their wedding.



Wedding of Laura and Darius

Dean Virgil contacted MCI from Bermuda to say that he is doing well and will visit MCI soon. He is applying to schools in England to finish his studies to be a doctor.

Class Agent:
Sean Callahan

Class of 1998

Jason Cummings lives in Brookline, Massachusetts, with his wife, Christy, and their four children. He trains and coaches teachers for Global Online Academy, and brings the troops to Maine whenever possible for weekends at Sebec Lake with family.

Joshua Johnson lives in Stratham, New Hampshire, with his wife, April, and their three children. He works for MilliporeSigma and spends as much time as possible enjoying the outdoors with his family.

Heidi Wilcox lives in Etna, Maine, with her son, Adam, and works for Sebeccook Valley Federal Credit Union in Newport.

Joe Salley lives in Pittsfield with his wife Lee-Ann, and their two sons, Emmett and Eli. Joe is employed by Maine Revenue Services as a property tax auditor. In his free time, Joe enjoys spending time with his family at camp and working in the woods.

In Memoriam

The Advancement Office wishes to honor the members of the MCI family who recently passed away:

Robert Hunt	Donald Fenton '55
Clayton Chambliss	Roger Reed '57
Waldo Covell	Judith Ross '57
Lorna Earle Taylor	Judith Patten Forsythe '59
Sandra Truk True	Terrance McGowan '59
Kathy Watson	Elliot Guptill '59
Priscilla Cianchette	Richard Colby '60
James Bartlett	Rachel Fields Brenckman '60
Janet Thorp	Stuart Rand '61
Arlene Frederick Beardsley '42	Marvin Glazier '62
Roland Frederick '43	David Dutch '62
Mary Haseltine Wright '43	Linda Lawrence Savage '63
Dorothy Austin Turner '45	Joan Getchell Small '63
Eileen Getchell Gage '46	Carol Coffin '63
Norman Grass '46	Herbert Scribner '65
Eugene Henderson '47	Joyce Furman Lachmund '65
James Logan '47	Walter Gratkowski '66
Margaret Webb Lowell '47	Dwight Bonang '66
Alice Wright Fitts '47	Thomas Sammond '67
Austin Harris '47	John Hopkins '67
William Hendricks '47	Ruth Rines '67
Ardis Hill Bowman '47	Gary Connor '68
H. Alton Danforth '48	Charles Bubar '68
Wayne "Joe" Perseille '49	Mona Inman Fukuda '69
Robert Ames '50	Martin Donohoe '69
Harold Burbank '50	Joseph Schissler '69
Gloria Pease Flannery '51	Connie Pomeroy Hamlin '70
Smith Bickford '51	Jane Rowell Cianchette '71
Violet Foster Higgins '52	Wanda Hart Corey '72
Kay Tilton Newman '52	Stephen Woodhead '72
Mahlon Nickless '52	Tim Rollins '73
Timothy Stearns '52	Leland Brooks '73
James Vaughn '52	Scott Thompson '78
Charlene Bowen Nickless '52	Glenn Steadman '87
Gertrude Grignon Bizeau '53	Matthew McGinn '93
Nicholas Mavodones '54	Trafton Holmes '02
Charles Abbott '54	Danielle Shaw '02
George Staples '55	Kevin Trudeau '04
Pennell Woodard '55	

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

Hillary Shibles Whitney lives in Burnham, Maine with her husband, Brian, and their two children, Anna and Dillon. Hillary is a dental hygienist and has worked at the office in Waterville for the past 16 years.

Jared McCannell lives in Winslow with his wife, Kelli, and three sons, Henry, Sullivan and new baby, Wescott. All are happy and healthy. Jared has a new job with the software company Knowledge Center and will be developing new tools for disaster management professionals working with volunteers. He is looking forward to the Class of '98 20th Reunion this summer!

Ian Madeiros has been living in Mississauga, just outside of Toronto, for 19 years and he and has two children, Blake and Tyler, and a beautiful wife, Pochuen. He currently works as a Senior National Account Manager at Spectrum Brands selling Remington, Weiser locks.

Charmaine Patel lives in Orono, Maine, with her husband William, her stepdaughter, Niomi, and her rescue greyhound, Toofis. She works as a psychiatrist and medical director of the adult inpatient units at Acadia Hospital in Bangor, Maine.

Taylor Danielson lives in Bethel, Maine, with his

beautiful wife, Michelle and their 2 kids, Jax and Gia. Taylor works at Sunday River as a sales manager and enjoys spending time with his family and the outdoors, especially time on the mountain skiing with family and friends and working on his ski cabin near Sugarloaf.

Casey Nadeau lives in Winslow with partner, Stephen, and her 3 kids, Ryeko, Lilly and Hunter. She works as a server/bartender at Longhorn in Augusta. She enjoys family time and their quiet little home in the woods. Just loving life!

Class Agent:
Jason Cummings

Class 2008

Ethan West writes from Honolulu, Hawaii, "Currently working on building an ideal system where animals are nourished naturally on vegetative forages, humanely handled, and butchered locally. The goal is to help foster an agricultural landscape that supports local farmers growing quality food for their island neighbors. This philosophy, combined with our commitment to land stewardship, holistic management, and renewable energy aims to honor the culture of Hawaii and positions Kunoa and our communities for a truly sustainable future."



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MCI's Heritage Society was created to recognize and thank people who have included the School in their will or estate plans. Members of the Heritage Society are recognized in the Annual Donor Report and information promoting the Heritage Society. We are grateful to the 31 members who invite you to join them in remembering MCI.

Thank you for remembering MCI!

MCI Heritage Society Members:

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| William Ball '63 | John LeMieux '78 |
| Francis Bowen '55 | Jeremy Lord '62 |
| Anne McCready Bowen '55 | James Maynard '69 |
| Scott Carter '73 | Dalen Mills '66 |
| Helen Esty Cianchette '48 | John Mosher '83 |
| Christopher Crowley '70 | Gregg Newhouse '81 |
| Ralph Damren '64 | Anna Maria Parker '66 |
| Robert Desjardins | Gregory '69 and Elaine Patterson |
| David England '70 | Roger Percival '45 |
| Susan Smith England '73 | Mary Dysart Quint '50 |
| Michael Fendler '70 | Michael Savage '62 |
| Peter Fendler '80 | Linda Shorey '69 |
| Gary Fitts '69 | Peter Vigue '65 |
| Michael Hodgins '86 | Carole Daily Vigue '64 |
| Michelle Vigue Hodgins '91 | Norbert W. Young Jr. '66 |
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