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LA Back in School Full Time After Hybrid Year

by Hannah Abello '25

We are back to full capacity at Lincoln Academy after a full year of online school and hybrid classes! Although the school's entire student body is on campus full time, masking is still required and Lincoln is still following the CDC's policies to keep the community from outbreak status. To accommodate our student body and keep distance, four separate lunches and other limits on where and how students can gather have been put in place.

Many things are different this year, including our new focused learning blocks and the new schedule consisting of eight 70-minute periods to accommodate vocational students and the academic needs of Lincoln students. At the time of publishing, there have been 18 positive COVID 19 cases. Some unvaccinated close contacts have had to be quarantined, and both girls soccer and field hockey paused their season due to positive cases.

Despite some of the challenges of these past years, Lincoln has been able to be fully in person since the first day of school.

Hannah Abello is a ninth grader at LA and a member of the Talon staff.



(Left) Mr. Page led the 2021 Homecoming Pep Rally with the traditional Lincoln Academy Cheers. (Right) Fall senior athletes Erica Johnson (field hockey) and Miguel Atkinson Tatro (soccer) carried the spirit flags into the pep rally. (Photos by Bella Hanna '22.)

Homecoming Returns to LA

by Lila Neptune-Benner '25 & Zoe Herald '25

After a minimal Spirit Week last year, Lincoln Academy once again celebrated homecoming in person during the week of Sept. 21.

Homecoming is an event that involves the whole school. During the week, the school hosts many different games and activities, including a pep rally, sports games, spirit flag hunts, and more.

During the pep rally the combined band played the "Back to the Future" theme and "Heart of Rock and Roll." After the band played a few songs, seniors, Miggy Atkinson (soccer) and Erica Johnson (field hockey) ran in the LA spirit flags.

During the school week the students and teachers dressed up according to the day's theme. Monday at Lincoln Academy the students and teachers got to choose between wearing clothes suited for the country club or clothes suited for the country.

There were some who dressed up as though they lived on a ranch and others wore hats with a country flag. There were some students who wore cowboy hats and cowboy boots and some who didn't dress up at all.

On Tuesday, students dressed in class colors. Seniors wore blue, juniors wore green, sophomores wore purple, and freshmen wore red. Students who wore their class colors were photographed together.

Wednesday was '80s day. Thursday was future day, and Friday was the traditional black-and-white day.

Another activity was, looking for the Spirit Flags based on the clues Mr. Page had given. From 7 to 8 p.m. students could roam the halls looking for the flags.

Throughout the week of homecoming, students had the chance to ask Mr. Page for a homecoming favor by asking a specific question: "Mr. Page, may I please have a 2021 Lincoln Academy homecoming 'Homecoming' continued on p. 3

School Threat Deemed Low Risk

By Izzy Petersen '23

On Tuesday, October 5th, a school shooter threat, eventually deemed to be low risk, was found on the wall of one of the bathrooms at Lincoln Academy. At approximately 11am, immediately following the discovery of the threat, the school became occupied by a number of officers from the Lincoln County Sheriff's Office. The officers remained at Lincoln for a few hours until the Threat Assessment Team, made up of Lincoln Academy administrators and Sheriff's Office staff, felt that it was safe to disperse. Teachers were alerted to the threat after Focused Learning Block on October 5, while students and families were informed after school. The investigation is ongoing and the Lincoln Academy administration and Sheriff's Office urges anyone who has more information to report it to the Sheriff's Office.

Izzy Petersen is a junior at LA and member of the Talon staff.

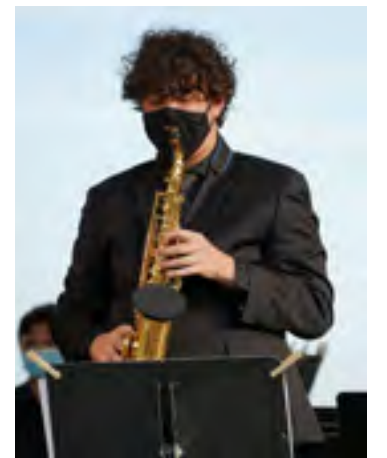
LA Junior is All-National Sax Player

By Aiden Jacobs '23

Lincoln Academy junior Cooper Swartzentruber has been selected to play in the All-National Honor Ensembles (ANHE) music festival that honors the best high school musicians in the country.

Cooper finished in the top eight for classical alto saxophonists in the country, this is an incredible feat as the alto saxophone is one the most competitive instruments to audition with. Cooper calls playing the saxophone his "favorite pastime," and that it helps him "relieve a lot of stress." Cooper will be participating virtually in the All-National Honor Ensembles music festival this January.

Aiden Jacobs is a junior and a member of the Talon staff.



Paris Pierpont, Honorary Member of the LA Class of '22

by Audrey Hufnagel '24 and Skyler Houghton '22

Paris Pierpont, age 17, died in a car crash on River Road on Sunday, October 10th. Pierpont, a resident of Jefferson, was a former Lincoln Academy student for her freshman and sophomore years. She transferred to Medomak Valley High School before junior year. Her brother Justice Pierpont graduated from Lincoln last year. At Lincoln, he played baseball, lacrosse, and basketball. Her father, Edwin Pierpont, recently won the Maine state record for the heaviest pumpkin. The pumpkin is displayed on Theatre

street, where a memorial was set up in Pierpont's honor.

While at Lincoln, Pierpont was a strong presence on the girl's basketball team, and regularly supported her friends and peers by going to other sporting events at Lincoln Academy. During her time at Lincoln, she was in Ms. Bass's advisor group. She will be remembered for her outgoing character and the everlasting connections she had with so many of Lincoln County and beyond.

Audrey Hufnagel and Skyler Houghton are on the Talon staff

The Talon Returns

by Aiden Jacobs '23

After decades without one, Lincoln Academy has a school newspaper. The exact date it was last published is unknown, but the last edition of the Eagle's Talon was printed sometime in the early 2000s.

Due to the introduction of Focused Learning Block, students have been able to restart the paper. With the help of Maia Zewert from the Lincoln County News, Lincoln's Director of Communications, Jenny Mayher, and English teacher, Jack Deangelis, the Talon is up and running again.

"It's exciting to learn and practice a different style of writing, and to work with a group to create a project that we can then share with the school,"

said Audrey Hufnagel '24.

"It is incredibly exciting to see such a large group of students enthusiastic about bringing back the student newspaper. Everyone has come into the club with amazing ideas and great initiative, and I can't wait to see what they produce this year," said Maia Zewert of The Lincoln County News.

The staff is planning to publish features on the new teachers and staff at Lincoln, along with nominating a "Vehicle of the Month" and student opinion pieces, as well as sports and club news. The team has ambitious plans for the future and hopes to publish the paper regularly.

Aiden Jacobs is a junior at LA and a member of the Talon staff.



Paris Pierpont, a member of the Class of 2022 during 9th and 10th grades, died on October 10, 2021. She is remembered fondly by her classmates and teammates. Photo courtesy of the Lincoln County News.

Opinions & Letters

A Case Against the School Newspaper

Well, Lincoln has decided to resurrect a relic; “The Eagle’s Talon” is making a comeback. But why? Now, more than ever, a newspaper is an unneeded addition to the already busy lives of high school students.

Furthermore, printing copies of a newspaper that no one will even read will only strain the budget of Lincoln and increase the carbon footprint of our school. Think of the irony when the Climate Action Club’s news is printed on paper from trees harvested in our own state by massive logging companies that are destroying the Maine woods we all know and love. Lincoln Academy already has a student council. Who cares if there is another outlet for student expression?

Maybe I’m being too cynical—a student newspaper could give Lincoln students a method of expression that they do not already have. A way of seeing what their peers are thinking, reading, and experiencing in a new and interesting way. Moreover, right now we are living through an incredibly interesting time, both in the history of America and the history of the world. Should our words and thoughts not be preserved in writing for future generations to look back upon? Or will none of this matter? Will the newspaper never publish another issue? Will my words be lost to time like the words of so many others? Who knows.

Well, at least it’s worth a shot!

Aiden Jacobs ‘23

“On the Street” Interviews

by Maia Hall ‘24

The Talon school newspaper will run an “on the street interview” section in each edition.

The first question in this feature is whether people prefer being fully in-person or hybrid. Of the 12 people interviewed, the majority said they’d rather be fully in-person, with 2 people voting for hybrid.

Andrea Benner ‘23 voted to be fully in-person, adding “I feel like I learn more from the teachers face to face. Learning first hand with a teacher and your peers is so beneficial in not just learning but also building relationships with your classmates and teachers.”

“I get to socialize more, it’s a different experience,” says Micheala Lacrosse ‘23.

Being fully in person won the hearts of most everyone, with most saying that they are doing their work more, learning more, and having a better experience and mindset.

I think there is a big difference between hybrid and in-person school. One big difference is you get to see people more. Seeing people, including teachers five days a week, helps with students’ academic learning and social engagement. Learning in school with teachers and peers allows students to get the help they need, that would be harder to get if they were hybrid.

Next month’s question will “what changes students would like to see in school?”

If you would like to participate or if you have any questions or comments you can contact Maia Hall at hallma@lincolnacadey.org.

Sign the Petition; Save the Vaquita

The Vaquita is an incredible creature, just over four feet long, and a relative to the porpoises we see swimming in the waters of Maine. However, the situation for this Gulf of Mexico native is much more dire than any animal in Maine. The population of the Vaquita has been decimated in recent times, with the main culprit being the gillnets used by fishermen in Mexico. Now, Vaquitas are just ten strong, and the trend has yet to be bucked.

Vaquitas are a bycatch product. This means they are not being targeted by fishermen. So when they are caught, they are thrown off the side of a boat. The targeted fish, the Totoaba, is also now endangered, which shows this decline is not specific.

The Vaquitas may have just months left on this planet. Their only hope is that gillnets are banned immediately, and protected waters are protected much better. There’s only so much we can do from the Northeast, but we should make sure we’re doing something. Otherwise, the world will lose yet another incredible species. And it will be completely our fault.

Find the petition at:
www.change.org/p/save-mexico-s-vaquita-porpoise-from-imminent-extinction

Oliver McNamara ‘24 is a member of the Lincoln Academy Climate Action Club

The Dangers of Vaping

Vaping is a very important subject to talk about in our uncertain world. Kids are more likely to vape during the pandemic when school is stressful. These situations are making vapes more appealing to teens. The nicotine used in vapes gets you high enough to relax you. Young people know very little of the dangers of e-cigarettes; kids will oftentimes end up trying them and get addicted, making it harder to quit.

A national study on vaping during the pandemic found teens who have reduced their use or quit have increased a total of 67.7%. A biennial Maine survey showed that 33.2% of people reported use of e-cigarettes in 2017 and 45% in 2019.

Governor Mills has taken steps to improve Maine’s e-cigarette use by launching a campaign through your TV, websites, and social media to influence users and keep the general public aware of these dangers. The goal is for teens never to start vaping. There is

currently a bill in the legislature that would ban e-cigarettes on school property.

Did you know that if you vape you are more likely to get COVID? It’s true, just think of the symptoms; respiratory problems! COVID will take the vulnerable before the invulnerable. One study tested more than 4,300 and found that those who vape are five to seven times more likely to get COVID than those who don’t. Plus those who have vaped and get COVID will have it much more severe than the person who doesn’t.

As a student at Lincoln Academy, I am interested in the health of others my age. That’s why I urge you to speak up if you know or hear something about young people vaping, and if you are a parent please pay attention and talk to your child today because they could be the next victim of e-cigarette use.

Don’t forget about Lincoln academy’s nurse Mr. Duffy! He can also be a great resource.

Maia Hall ‘24

Support Services

Mental Health Crisis Hotline.....	(888)568-1112
Maine Poison Control Center.....	(800)442-6305
Child Protective Services /DHHS.....	(800)452-1999
New Hope for Women.....	(800)522-3304
Newcastle Ecumenical Food Pantry	(207)563-5597
HIV/STD/Hepatitis Info (CDC)....	(800)232-4636
Maine Family Planning.....	(207)622-7524
Planned Parenthood-Health Center	(207) 725-8264
LGBT Hotline.....	(888)843-4564

What’s Up, Lincoln?

What’s up, Lincoln? If you have any questions, comments, or worries, or if you simply want my opinion on something that has occurred, please let me know. This section is for anonymous comments and questions, with responses that are completely unbiased. So feel free to express yourself completely without fear of being judged.

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. My goal is to keep everyone, including myself, anonymous. You are always allowed to ask me personal questions, but I will never reveal my true identity. Regardless, I am a very opinionated person who can provide you with sound advice to the best of my ability. I’m not here to make you feel uncomfortable asking things, and others shouldn’t either. Having said that, I do take out questions that I think are inappropriate or that I am uncomfortable addressing. There is a *Talon* box at the front desk where you can slide a piece of paper in it with whatever you

feel the urge to say, no name required.

Enough with the chatter, here are some questions I got.

I’m studying really, really hard for all of my classes, but I’m still not doing very well. What should I do? I’ve tried studying different ways, but nothing I’ve done works. I feel like I’m drowning.

I totally understand that feeling. The best thing is to take a deep breath. Things can get hard, especially in high school. There’s not enough time to do everything. If you feel comfortable then talk to your teachers. See what they can help you with, and if they can suggest ways to help yourself. Most of the time when you talk to them they understand and want to help you. And if not, ask a friend for support. Maybe seeing things from a different perspective will help you as well.

There’s this girl I like, but she doesn’t like me back. What do I do?

This all depends. If you are friends with her, stay friends and get to know her more. If she gets in a relationship, support her and be there for her. This doesn’t guarantee that you two will get together in the future, but it helps her to know she can trust you.

I’m having a lot of issues adjusting to high school. I’ve got a ton more work, and I’m really concerned I’m going to get run over by an older kid in the hallway.

Try to stay organized. With school work, just knowing what you need to do when can help you not get overwhelmed. When it comes to the hallways, try to stay on one side, if you have a friend walk with them, if not just keep your head up and keep moving, you will quickly get used to navigating around high school.

“What’s Up, Lincoln” is an anonymous advice column. Please submit questions using the Talon box at the front desk.

Submitting Letters to the Talon

Letters to the Editor can be submitted by email to talon@lincolnacadey.org. Letters should no more than 500 words, and must include your name and grade. The *Talon* staff reserves the right to decide which letters will be printed, and to edit for clarity and length.

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September 2021 Students of the Month

Who are the September Students of the Month?

Edited by Forest Holbrook '22 and Katie Sandborn '22

Abe Guilford is a Freshman. He was a dedicated member of the boys JV soccer team this fall. Abe also plays the trumpet in the LA band. Outside of school he enjoys games of basketball. Academically, Abe is a strong math student and is always prepared for class. Around campus Abe “stands out for his kindness,” and he seems to always be smiling, according to the faculty member who nominated him.

Ade Farmer is a Sophomore. He is a member of the track and field team and outside of school he enjoys playing basketball and football. He is also a strong math student and according to the faculty member who nominated him, he has also “set a strong tone for academics” this year. Teachers say that he is known for being hardworking and positive despite the challenges that come from starting high school in a pandemic.

Matthew Long is a Junior. He is involved in both wind ensemble on the flute, and string ensemble as a cellist. Outside of school Matthew furthers his passion for music

in the form of piano and voice lessons. Matthew also enjoys reading. When asked what he wants people to know about him Matthew responded “I want people to know I am not my identical twin, Jason.” While they do look similar, Matthew and Jason are very different people. Around LA, teachers say Matthew is known for his “sunny disposition,” and ability to light up every room.

Marc Zoorob is a Senior. He is involved in student council, GSTA and Big Brothers/Sisters, as well as a member of the cross country team. When asked what his favorite class is, Marc replied, “AP Calc is very fun and I like math.” Marc is an international student from Lebanon, who arrived in Maine in April, 2020. Marc is known as an “academic superstar,” according to his teachers. Marc’s advisor, Ms. Phelps says “Marc represents coming from far away and making his home in Newcastle. He is accepting of all types of people, hardworking, thoughtful, everything you would want in a student at Lincoln.”



September 2021 Lincoln Academy Students of the Month: are (top left to right) senior Marc Zoorob, junior Matthew Long, (bottom left to right) sophomore Ade Farmer, and freshman Abe Guilford.

Origins of the Student of the Month

by Forest Holbrook '22 and Katie Sandborn '22

In the 1980s, Mr. Page was in Skowhegan watching a high school soccer game. In the lobby, he noticed they had a student of the month exhibit for their current seniors.

The Student of the Month program has been an LA tradition ever since.

The nomination process changed from a physical paper ballot to an online Google survey in 2019.

The nomination form is sent out on the first of each month and every faculty member gets to anonymously nominate one student per class. Voting takes place a few days later.

Students are nominated for a variety of reasons and the mission of this section in the *Talon* is to highlight the individuality of each student and what they bring to the LA community.

Seniors Forest Holbrook and Katie Sandborne are members of the Talon staff.

2021 Homecoming

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 favor?” A homecoming favor added points to the students class.

Throughout the week students brought in money for the Coin Slam to add points to their class. The seniors won the competition, and at the end of the week \$1,000 was donated to the local food pantry.

When it came to faculty shield points, the seniors were also victorious.

Due to rain, the parade, open turf cookout, and the showing of “Back to the Future” were canceled, but the sports games scheduled for Saturday went on.

“After the couple of years we have had, LA students deserved perfect weather for 2021 Homecoming,” Head of School Jeff Burroughs said on the school’s website. “The fact that nothing could dampen

their spirits, even torrential rain, showed their real grit, as well as loyalty. I was proud to be part of the LA community this weekend.”

Medomak Valley won both varsity soccer games. The Lincoln Academy girls team won their cross country meet, and the Lincoln boys came in third. The JV girls soccer team defeated Medomak.

Reflecting on the return of homecoming, Mr. Burroughs said his favorite part of the week is usually the parade, which this year was canceled. However, he said it was incredible to see the number of students and parents who showed up to other homecoming events this year.

“It was very happy and very fun,” Mr. Burroughs said.

Lila Neptune-Benner is a freshman and member of the Talon staff.



Connor Parson '24 runs through the LAXC “Wall of Sound” at the Homecoming XC meet.



The LA Field Hockey defensive line in a game against Camden Hills.



Junior Nicky Archer navigates through a sea of Medomak players in the rain during the boys Homecoming soccer game.



Kaydence Barbour '22, Emily Gifford '25, and Bella Hanna '22 show off their LA pride during the Homecoming Pep Rally.



Senior runners Clara Goltz, Reed Gulden, and Quinn Prentice after the Homecoming cross country meet.



Senior Skyler Houghton passes to Dakota Gregory '22 during a rainy Homecoming soccer game against Medomak.

Performing Arts

LA Students Stage Fall Musical



The cast of the 2021 Lincoln Academy production of Oklahoma! rehearses "The Farmer and the Cowman" in Poe Theater. This play is part of an ongoing partnership between Lincoln Academy and Heartwood Regional Theater Company.

by Audrey Hufnagel '24

For the first time since the pandemic began, Heartwood theater is working with Lincoln Academy students to put on a fall musical. The musical is Oklahoma by Rodgers and Hammerstein. It is set in the early 1900s and follows the story of a young woman and the two men who are competing for her attention along with many smaller plotlines.

"The show received a lot of critical acclaim, some criticism from traditionalists, and some Tony awards. Basically, it changed my mind about what the musical could be, so when I needed a simple, traditional piece to restart the fall musicals at LA, I decided that Oklahoma would be a great challenge for all of us", said the director Griff Braley.

Actor Benno Hennig, who plays a peddler named Ali Hakim said that he "likes the opportunity for diverse acting in this play and the way that the characters can be interpreted in many different ways."

Auditions for the play were in August, and the actors have been rehearsing ever since. They have been working on songs and choreography for a long time, and are beginning to add costumes and lighting in preparation for opening to the public. "There are a lot of rehearsals for a two hour musical, but students are working hard," said Braley.

Masking and COVID

restrictions have proved to be a challenge in rehearsals, especially when it comes to singing. Also, most of the actors haven't performed much in the past two years, so it is an adjustment for everyone.

Before COVID, Heartwood theater put on regular plays and musicals with Lincoln students, as well as some with professional actors, the community, and middle schoolers. Students have enjoyed participating in these plays in the past, both through acting and doing sound, lighting, and other work backstage. "Being part of a play is a good way to get away from all the school work and other things that high schoolers have to deal with," said Hennig. Hennig enjoys acting and has done several Heartwood plays in the past, including Guys and Dolls, which was supposed to be performed in the spring of 2020, but was cancelled due to COVID. Actors have also said that they enjoy working with Griff Braley, the director. Everyone has been working hard to put this play together and hope folks will come see the show.

Oklahoma will take place on November 4th, 5th and 10-13th at 7:00 pm, and November 6th at 3pm. All ticket info can be found at www.heartwoodtheater.org.

Audrey Hufnagel is a sophomore at LA and a member of the Talon staff.



Marcus Russano '22, Joseph Levesque '25, Lucas Fortier '25, Mitchell Straus '24, Nicolas DiLorenzo, and Logan Heath '22 rehearsing Kansas City



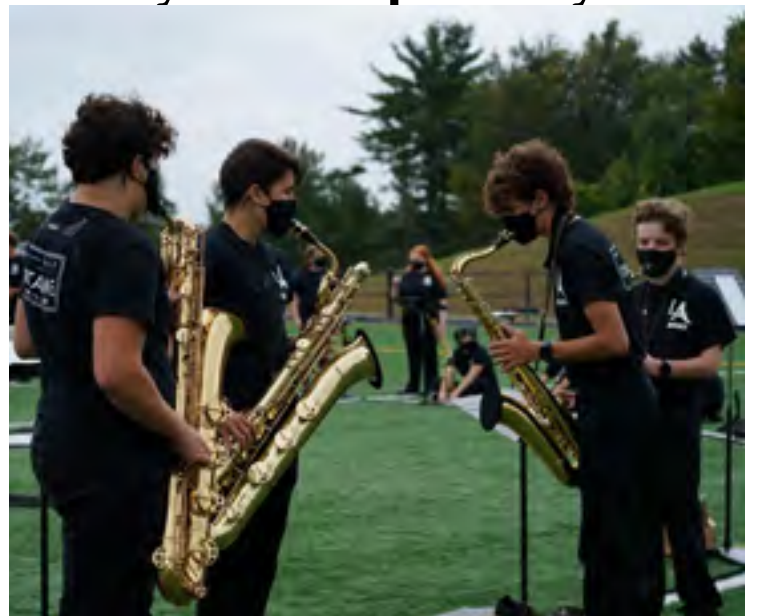
The Lincoln Academy Wind Ensemble and Concert Band played at the pep rally that took place on Friday afternoon before 2021 Homecoming. The Homecoming Parade was canceled because of rain, so the band played for the student body earlier in the day.

LA Band Plays at Pep Rally

by Lucy Nolan

On September 24th the wind ensemble and concert band performed during a community meeting pep rally on the turf. They played "The Heart of Rock and Roll" by Huey Lewis and the News, and "Back to the Future" by Alan Silvestri. Band Director Matta's thoughts on the community meeting performance of the wind ensemble and concert band were, "I'm super proud, and it's fun because you can see they're having fun, it's just nice to see the hard work paid off." Matta chose these songs because they fit the theme of homecoming.

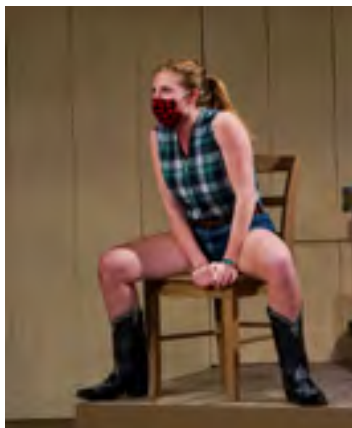
Lucy Nolan is a freshman at LA and a member of the Talon staff.



Saxophone players Cooper Schwartzentruber '23, Nicky Archer '23, Liam Card '23, and Joseph Krawic '23 warming up.



Harrison Pierpan '23 and Sophia Scott '25



Alicia Flis '23



Rebecca Tomosello, Ben Schwink '22, and Harrison Pierpan '23.

Club News

LA Tech Team

The LA Tech Team is a club held next to the library every Monday during Focused Learning Block. The members of the club have joined to learn about fixing computers, building websites, and playing around with technology, which could include anything from 3D printing to making your own video games, learning html or coding an app, or anything

else that interests you in the tech area. The team includes eight members. To check out our club go to lincolnacademy.org and the club will be listed under Campus Life, My LA, then Clubs and Activities. If you would like the tech team to make a website for your club, please contact Mrs. Abello. Submitted by Alia Anderson, Tech Team Member

Sailing Team

The LA Sailing team won the Gleekman Trophy at the Fall Funfest Regatta in Sharon Massachusetts on October 9. That regatta was the third and final qualifying event for the Atlantic Coast Championships, the premier fall high school

event. The team will go on to represent Lincoln Academy and the New England Scholastic Sailing Association in the championships hosted by Old Dominion University in November.



LA Sailing Team (from left): Bobby Clarkson (homeschooler), Kate Mason '23, Toby Clarkson (homeschooler), Alton Coolidge '22, Arden Carleton '23, Piper Carleton '24.

Got Club News? Email talon@lincolnacademy.org or drop it in the Talon box at the Front Desk.

Sports

LA Girls XC: KVAC Champs for the First Time Ever



Clara Goltz '22, Grace Houghton '22, Marina McManus '22, Bronwen Coffin '25, Callie Stapp '22, Dylan Burmeister '25, and Audrey Hufnagel '25 ring the bell for their Cross Country Class B KVAC Championship. Not pictured: Adeline Hall (homeschooled, 10th). According to Mr. Page, the bell has not been rung for a championship since the fall of 2019.

by Izzy Petersen '23
The varsity girls cross country team had an historic win on October 16, taking home their first KVAC championship title in Lincoln Academy history. The young team has been pushing themselves all season, and their work paid off. The varsity team, consisting of Grace Houghton '22, Audrey Hufnagel '24, Adeline Hall (homeschooled 10th grader), Bronwen Coffin '25, Dylan Burmeister '25, Marina McManus '22, and Callie Stapp

'22, beat the Cony team by 2 points at their own course. The young women proved the importance of perseverance during the race. The team's fifth runner, Dylan Burmeister, pushed through for a strong finish even after twisting her ankle during the race. The boys varsity team also did well, placing second. In addition, both JV teams had excellent showings, each placing first for Class B. *Izzy Petersen is a junior and a member of the LA cross country team.*

LA Freshman Golfer Ties for 2nd Place in Maine



By Zoe Herald '25
On October 8th, freshman Kellen Adickes tied for second place in the State Schoolboy Class B Golf Championship held at Natanis Golf course in Bangor. Eli Spaulding of Freeport took first place, and Kellen tied with Andrew Cheever of Yarmouth. In his short time here at Lincoln, Kellen has managed to become class president and put in new vending machines at the school. Kellen has been playing golf since the young age of two years old. He has been placing high in golf tournaments most of his life. With 12 years of practice, he has managed to make second place in the state of Maine. When asked, Kellen said, "the harder you work, the easier it is to execute. Therefore I'll continue to work on my game." *Zoe Herald is a ninth grader and a member of Talon staff.*

Kellan Adickes '25 tied for second in the Maine State Class B Golf Tournament. Photo courtesy of Paula Roberts '75 of the Lincoln County News

2021 Boys Soccer

By Skyler Houghton '22
The Varsity Boys Soccer team concluded their 2021 season with a record of 3 wins, 9 losses, and 2 ties after their final game of the season, a play-off loss to Greely High School. The teams started playing at the beginning of August with scrimmages against other Maine teams.

Yuri Nascimento coached the Varsity boys team, and Jonathan Going coached the JV boys team. This was Nascimento's second year as head coach of the boys soccer program, as well as Going's second year as JV coach. Nascimento also coaches at the Pitch in Warren, for Dutch Soccer Academy Premier Teams. Going is a social studies teacher at Lincoln Academy who also coaches track.

Coming out with a hard-fought tie after losing for most of the away game at Leavitt Area High School was one of the highlights of the Varsity Boy's season, who lost a tough Homecoming game to Medomak in the pouring rain. This year's seniors for boys varsity soccer were Miguel Atkinson Tatro, Eben Lord, Maddox Tilas, Levi Farrin, and Ben Sawyer.

The JV boys ended with a record of 4 wins, 1 loss, and 6 ties. The team gained a win

Girls Soccer Ends Season

by Skyler Houghton
After a play-off game against Erskine in mid-October, the Varsity Girls Soccer team wrapped up their season with a record of 3 wins, 11 losses, and 1 tie. Lauren Ober coached both teams this year, making it her third year as head coach of the Girls Soccer program at Lincoln Academy. Ober also works at the CLC YMCA.

Both Varsity and Junior Varsity teams started practices in July of this year, scrimmaging two times a week against other Maine teams. COVID-19 caused both teams to take a mandatory two-weeks off from games, putting a pause on progress mid-way through the season.

The girls' well-deserved win against Gardiner during Senior Night was a highlight of the Varsity season, especially after playing against them earlier on in the season to a double-overtime tie.

This year's seniors for girls Varsity soccer were Dakota Gregory, Emma Elwell, Olivia Stiles, Payson Kaler, Paige Lafranaye, and Skyler Houghton.

A hard-fought win against Gardiner on their own home field was a highlight of the JV season. Many JV players either did not have a normal season last year, coming in as freshman during the pandemic, or were new to the team this year as first-year students, making their winning record (7-4-1) for the season a feat to be acknowledged.

Boys Soccer, continued
against Leavitt Area High School at Leavitt's home field, making it a highlight of their season. They also tied with Medomak at Homecoming. Their only loss of the season, according to coach Jonathan Going, was a game that was cut short due to thunder.

Skyler Houghton is a senior on the LA girls soccer team and a member of the Talon staff.

Field Hockey Season Wrap

by Audrey Hufnagel '24
Throughout the field hockey season, the team won one game and tied another. This year's captains were seniors Addie Brinkler and Erica Johnson. Other seniors were Anna Feltis and Sopna Atkinson Tatro.

Ms. Armstrong and Ms. Collins, who had coached the field hockey team for ten years, stepped down, so the team had an uncertain start to the season. Micheal Johnson, the father of team member Erica Johnson and LA's Technical Support Specialist, and Kaylee Poland, 21' LA grad and former field hockey captain stepped up to coach. Johnson was an avid fan of the field hockey team and was eager to step into the role of coach. Poland was a teammate of many of the current players during her time at Lincoln.

The team faced some challenges due to COVID. At the beginning of October, the season was put on pause due to a couple of COVID cases on the team, but thanks to the team's high vaccination rate and the diligence of LA's health staff, they were able to resume their season quickly.

"I can honestly say that as much as I enjoyed playing field hockey, it was my teammates who made me proud to be a member of the team. As captain my focus was never to win every game, it was to create a group of individuals all working together and an environment where everyone was free to make mistakes and have fun," said team captain Addie Brinkler.

Talon staff member Audrey Hufnagel wrote this piece with help from senior Field Hockey captain Addie Brinkler.



Junior Gabby Vincentson receives a pass from senior Sopna Atkinson Tatro



The girls (left) and boys (right) varsity soccer teams entering their homecoming games against Medomak with their traditional run down the hill on Saturday, September 23. (Photos by Bella Hanna '22)

LA Staff Profiles

Over the next few additions of the *Talon*, the newspaper team will interview and profile new faculty members that have joined the staff, as of the 2021-2022 year.

In this first edition, we talk to Amy Rodearmel, Heather Abello, and Don MacMillan. Some answers have been condensed for clarity.

Heather Abello: Academic Technology Coordinator



Interview by Kiara Luce '25

What is your job at Lincoln Academy?

I am the Academic Technology Coordinator. I help teachers and students use tech tools to make teaching, learning, and collaboration easier. I also teach Computer Science and host a FLB for the Tech Team.

What college did you attend? What did you major in? What year did you graduate?

I attended Fordham University in the Bronx, NY, graduating in 1998. I majored in Biology and minored in Anthropology. I got to intern at the Bronx Zoo and shadow in a local ER. I went on to get my Masters degree in Oceanography at the University of Maine in 2003, and conducted my research right near LA at the Darling Marine Center. I taught high school science and math for a while but then ran a tutoring center and got involved with the technology side of that growing company, which led me to this role.

Where did you grow up?

I grew up at the Jersey Shore, a mile from the beach. My favorite memories are riding my

bike all around--to get a tan at the beach, collect seaglass, get a slice of pizza, or buy thread for making friendship bracelets with friends.

Who is your favorite fictional teacher?

Ms. Frizzle! How cool it would be to teleport to the solar system or under the sea!

What is one thing that you like about Lincoln so far?

The people! We have such interesting, unique, and diverse people here and I am enjoying getting to know everyone.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

Anything outdoors. At my house that means planting, gardening, building small rock walls, and taking our dog for walks in the woods behind our house. Away from my house, anything on the water, like sailing, paddleboarding, boating, but also hiking and camping.

What made you want to become a teacher?

The environment of teaching and learning. Helping students see and realize their full potential.

What is one thing you are looking forward to this school year?

Celebrating the achievements of our students!

What do you think your spirit animal is?

A monkey. I have always been drawn to primates. They are so like us, so smart and clever and nurturing to their young.

What is one of your pet peeves as a teacher?

Not pushing in the chair when leaving class.

Who were you as a student in school?

I wasn't happy with anything less than an A. But, that ended up earning me salutatorian and a scholarship to college! I played softball and did track, and extracurricular clubs.

Don MacMillan: Director of Student Affairs and External Programs



Interview by Forest Holbrook '22

What is your job at Lincoln Academy?

I am the Director of Student affairs and external programs. Mrs. Duffy oversees the academic side of life, I oversee the nonacademic side-- I'm the dean of students and athletics. I help plan extra programs by partnering with people outside of the LA community to help with fundraising and other community outreach.

What college did you attend? What did you major in? What year did you graduate?

I attended Bowdoin as a member of the class of '83. I majored in psychology.

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in the eastern half of Massachusetts, just outside of Boston.

Who is your favorite fictional teacher?

Jack Black in *School of Rock!*

What is one thing that you like about Lincoln so far?

In my algebra 2 class, all the students have been super willing and engaging.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

I enjoy running and I go bike riding during the winter.

What made you want to become a teacher?

I tutored at Bowdoin and did community service at elementary schools. I thought about what types of careers would be the best fit for me and realized I really enjoyed working with students. Now, I have been an educator for

almost 40 years.

What is one thing you are looking forward to this school year?

I look forward to getting to know more faculty and students!

What do you think your spirit animal is?

Definitely a bear. I love to walk slowly through the woods.

What is one of your pet peeves as a teacher?

I get annoyed when I'm in a classroom and others are having side conversations while someone is talking.

Is there anything else that we have not talked about that you would like to add in the article?

I've lived in Bath for many years with my wife. I have three grown children who have moved out.

Who were you as a student in school?

I was very conscientious and a hard worker. I played sports year round: football, basketball and lacrosse.

Amy Rodearmel: Spanish Teacher

Interview by Skyler Houghton '22

What is your job at Lincoln Academy?

I am a Spanish Teacher, and I have a senior advisor group.

What college did you attend? What did you major in? What year did you graduate?

The University of Northern Colorado, Majored in Spanish, Spring of 2018

Where did you grow up?
I grew up in Castlerock, Colorado

Who is your favorite fictional teacher?



Professor McGonagall from Harry Potter.

What is one thing that you like about Lincoln so far?

I really like the sense of community with community meetings and the ways the school outreaches into the town and different businesses.

What is your favorite thing to do outside of school?

I like to get out and go hiking, as often as I can.

Talon: What made you want to become a teacher?

I've always liked school, ever since I was really little. I never wanted to stop learning and sharing that learning with others.

What is one thing you are looking forward to this school year?

Getting involved. Going to different events.

What do you think your spirit animal is?

Probably a duck

What is one of your pet peeves as a teacher?

When students don't ask questions, because then I'm not sure what they need help with.

Freshman Kiara Luce and seniors Forest Holbrook and Skyler Houghton are members of the Talon staff.

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Residential Students Build Window Inserts for Community Service

by Paula Insula Clavel '24

Lincoln Academy's residents participated in a community service project, building wooden windows for needy families in Maine.

This event took place on September 19, 2021 in ATEC, Lincoln Academy's workshop. This was one of the activities that residential students did during homecoming.

The participants received help from professionals who worked with them all morning and who taught them how to cut the wood, put the pieces together, and like this, they made lots of windows.

With this project the residential students learned to work as a team and to solve problems on their own, as well as they also learned to be

supportive and feel empathy for those in need.

Paula Insula Clavel is a residential sophomore from Spain and a member of the Talon staff.



Residential students built interior storm windows in ATEC as part of a weatherization project with the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP).

Vehicles of the Month



Photo by Dominic Civittolo '22

Alton Coolidge '22 2013 Volkswagon GTI

The winners of this issue's "Vehicle of the Month" competition are Alton Coolidge and Mr. Smith!

Back in the '90s student editors of *The Eagle's Talon* hosted a recurring feature called "Vehicle of the Month," and we are bringing it back!

In this section, two vehicles will be voted on and featured in each issue of "The Eagle's Talon."

The winners this month were voted on by the newspaper staff, however the survey for the next competition has been sent out to everyone in the school, and in future editions will reflect the input of the school.

Alton Coolidge is this edition's winner for Car of the Month. Alton was selected because of the modifications he has made to his car. These include: a Stage 2, 3-inch downpipe, cat-back exhaust, Cobb cold air intake, Audi R8 ignition coils, upgraded cast aluminum intercooler, and radiator, as well as a Portland performance tune.

Alton bought his 2013 Volkswagen GTI in 2020, with money he saved up from his car cleaning business. He has put many hours of cleaning and modifications into the car since he purchased it.

With an impressive amount

Got a Favorite Car or Truck?

To nominate a vehicle please put your suggestions in the *Talon* box at the front desk or email talon@lincolnacademy.org

Edited by Dominic Civittolo '22 and Brendan Stone '22



Photo by Brendan Stone '22

Mr. Smith 2004 Toyota Tacoma

the bluegrass band Mipso.

About nine months of the year the truck sports a canoe on the roof, which Mr. Smith claims is because he paddles in all but the most frozen months.

When he pulls out of the school, everyone knows it's Mr. Smith. Louise is truly an iconic vehicle here at LA.

One of Mr. Smith's favorite memories is when his advisee Tiger Cumming '20 created Louise in Lego. That lego creation--a scale model of Mr. Smith's truck--sits in the windowsill of Mr. Smith's classroom.



A Lego model of Mr. Smith's 2004 Toyota Tacoma with a canoe on top, constructed by Mr. Smith's former advisee Tiger Cumming '20

Halloween Photo Gallery

On October 29 the Lincoln Academy Student Council sponsored a costume contest, and the Student Ambassadors sponsored a Friday evening Trunk or Treat for the community that included candy, live music from the jazz band, a food truck, Booster concessions, and open turf. The event was a big success and may become an annual LA tradition. Photos below by Addie Brinkler '22 and Jenny Mayher.



2021 group costume contest winners The Breakfast Club. From left: Iris Pope '23, Connor McFarland '23, Aiden Jacobs '23, Quinn Prentice '22, and Izzy Petersen '23



Ralph Zoorob '23 and Isabelle Curtis '24 as a vampire and his victim



2021 Individual Costume Contest Winner Mitchell D as Scooby Doo



Matt Day of the Lincoln County Sherriff's department greets young trick or treaters.



Field Hockey team zombies at LA Trunk or Treat



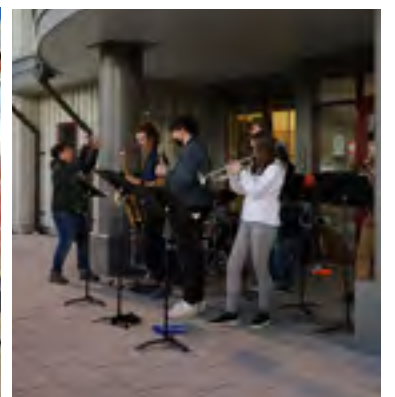
Pairs costume contest winners Elle Stevens '22 and Ashly Campbell '22 as pumpkinheads.



Mark Zoorob '22 (honorable mention) as Waldo and Emma Abbott '24 (first place for individuals) as Mr. Abbott



2021 Individual Costume Contest Honorable Mention: Hermione Fleming '25 as Venti

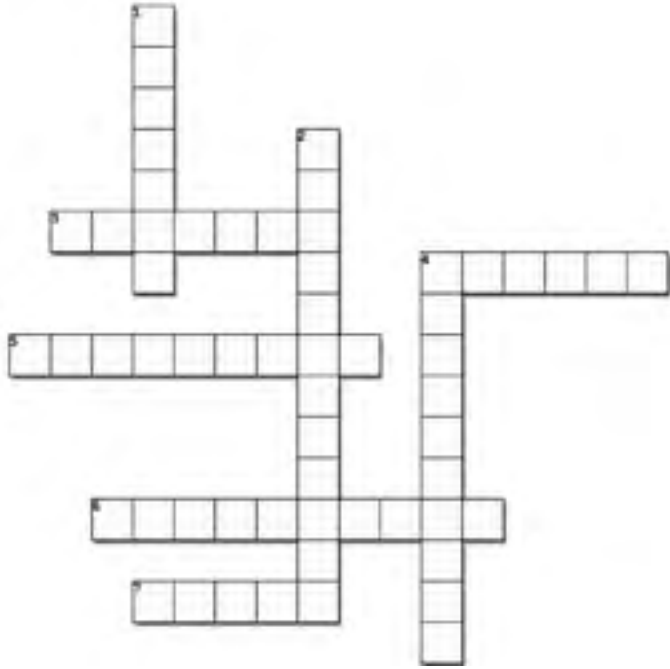


LA's 5 O'Clock Combo plays at the October 29 Trunk Or Treat event. The Combo also started the day with a 7:30 am pop up concert in the courtyard.

Puzzles & Fun

Lincoln Academy Crossword

Complete the crossword using the clues provided. If a single answer consists of multiple words, do not include spaces when fitting the answer into the crossword. If an answer contains a number, spell it out.



Across:

- 3. Lincoln Academy serves 18 towns in Lincoln County. Which of these towns is home to the colonial Fort Charles?
- 4. Lincoln Academy is the _____ oldest secondary school in Maine
- 5. The first Lincoln Academy campus (1801-1828) was located on which road?
- 6. Who on the original board of trustees at Lincoln Academy is the newest dormitory (built 2015) named for?
- 7. An eagles nest.

Down:

- 1. Prior to its public school status, Lincoln Academy served as a "fitting school" from 1805-1903 for what Maine college?
- 2. The name of a local business on the score clock and gym floor.
- 4. Who is the softball field dedicated to?

Puzzle created by Zoe Nolan '23 with help from Mr. Page '70

Sudoku

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Sudoku created by Izzy Petersen '23

Overheard... at Lincoln Academy

Got a quote to submit to the Talon?

Email talon@lincolnacademy.org or drop it in the Talon box at the front desk. Please include the names of both speaker and submitter.

"By the time fourth lunch comes I'm so hungry I could eat a freshman"
-Mr. Manahan

"At some level, we are all dandelions."
-Mr. O'Mahoney

"A blood oath of secrecy to what?"
- Conrad Kortemeier '22

"Okay, now, I accidentally came to school this morning... with an egg in my pocket."
- Mr O'Mahoney

"The world's not ending, snap's just broken."
- Kaydence Raymond '25

"I used to think nostalgia is not what it used to be"
- Mr. Smalley

"There are only two reasons to teach: July and August."
-Mr. Going

"One minute you're young and fun, the next you're turning down the stereo to see better."
--Emily Carter '25

Talon quotes collected and curated by Ada Tholen '23 and Nathalie Paulino '23

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