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IT'S GOOD TO BE BACK!

This fall has been a welcome breath of fresh air in every way, not least of which is being able to photograph faces without masks. *Aerie* magazine would not be possible without our supportive community of colleagues at LA and the active student body and alumni community that make Lincoln such a vibrant place to write about.

Thanks to Jack DeAngelis, Melissa Burroughs, and Heather D'Ippolito for writing for this edition, and for the many people, including Ronny Jones '68 and Dan Day '65, for enthusiastically answering our questions. We owe particular debt to Paula Roberts '75 and Arlene Cole '47, who are both well-informed historians when it comes to the Lincoln Academy bell, and to Paula for generously sharing her photographs that cover decades of LA history.

We hope you enjoy this edition of *Aerie*.

—Jenny Mayher, Editor

—Kate Mess, Designer

Front cover photo: members of the Kvac Championship girls cross country team running at the Waterville Invitational meet in September, 2022 (Jenny Mayher). Inside cover photo: Harrison Pierpan '23 and Aowyn Burbank '23 in the Lincoln Academy 2022 production of Les Misérables (Jenny Mayher).

Aerie photos by Jenny Mayher, Paula Roberts '75, Kate Mess, Izzy Petersen '22, and Hilary Petersen.



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OF STARTING POINTS AND CIRCLES

A Letter from the Head of School

Four years ago, I stepped into the center of Nelson Bailey gym to lead our community meeting for the first time. I had just started my tenure as Lincoln Academy's 44th Head of School. Nervous but optimistic, unaware of the pandemic gathering steam halfway around the world, I addressed the student body and made a particular connection to the

class of 2023. "I am a freshman too," I told them. "We are going to find our way here together."

That was our starting point on an unexpected journey. Now, as the class of 2023 begins their final year at LA, there is a strong sense of coming home; of returning to the school we longed for in

the most difficult moments of the pandemic.

This fall has rekindled many enduring Lincoln Academy traditions. School spirit is in full display, mirroring the peaking colors of a New England autumn. We hosted a lively Homecoming, beginning with an enthusiastic Spirit Week and home cross country meet. The tradition-

al Friday evening parade returned for the first time since 2019, led by our talented band and backed up by athletes and fans traveling on foot, flatbed, and hay bale up Academy Hill. The field hockey team started a new tradition of playing under the lights on Friday night, and the soccer games against our traditional homecoming rival, Medomak, did not disappoint. I am lucky enough to be coaching the boys varsity soccer team this season, and I am proud to report that we capped that evening with a 3-0 victory.

The renewed energy of our 580 students, 41 of whom live in the dorm, is palpable in the hallways and classrooms of our fabled campus. There is little doubt that students are finding their place here as we return to pre-pandemic traditions and norms.

Students are busy with sports and our fall musical, *Les Misérables*. We've already hosted an in-person math meet and debate tournament, and sent musicians to

audition in person for honors music festivals—all for the first time since 2019.

Fall is magical at Lincoln, and as the seasons change we are reminded of how long these traditions have been in place, marking the historic relationship between the academy and the students and families who choose it. As I look toward my next five years of leadership, I am confident in the value of the education we offer, and am committed to stewarding a sustainable institution for the next generation.

—Jeffrey S. Burroughs
Head of School



Jeffrey S. Burroughs, Lincoln Academy's 44th Head of School.

With over 25 years experience coaching on the club and high school level, including at Hyde School and St. Johnsbury Academy, Head of School Jeff Burroughs coached this year's boys soccer team, which won the conference championship this fall for the first time since 2002.





The LA robotics team at the World Championships in Dallas. Back row from left: Henry Maddox, CJ Colomb, Owen Dyer, Connor Parsons, Austin Levesque, Ryan Naylor. Front row from left: Izzy Petersen, Grady Burns, Joseph Levesque, Jake Shaw, Ryan Sullivan, Jackson Ross, and team coach Susan Levesque.

LA ROBOTICS HITS THE BIG TIME

The Lincoln Academy robotics team made it to the big show this year, when they traveled to Dallas to compete in the 2022 VEX World Robotics Championship.

Like many great teams, however, LA robotics started from humble beginnings.

by Jenny Mayher

In 2014 former technology teacher Maya Crosby squeezed a robotics ring and equipment into the Library Annex above the Main Office. “It was before ATEC was built, and Maya started teaching robotics as part of her computer science class,” said LA robotics coach and math teacher Sue Levesque. “I happened to have a prep period at the same time, so I helped her out.”

Levesque was excited by the possibilities of robotics, and asked the school to send her to Carnegie Mellon University’s Robotics Academy in the summer of 2015. That was the beginning of LA robotics’ journey to the World Championships.

“It was steady progress over time,” said Levesque. “We certainly didn’t jump right to the top.”

In its second year the LA robotics program moved into the new ATEC building. They fielded a competitive team but had limited success in tournaments. Meanwhile, Levesque volunteered

to coach the middle school robotics team at Great Salt Bay Community School that included her sons Austin and Joseph and their classmates.

That group of students who started out together in middle school, including Austin Levesque ‘22, Jake Shaw ‘22, Ryan Sullivan ‘22, Grady Burns ‘23, Connor Parsons ‘24, and Henry Maddox ‘23, comprised the backbone of the 2022 team’s success, according to Levesque. “Those guys have been doing robotics together since fifth grade. When they got to high school Owen [Dyer ‘22] came from Bristol and joined them seamlessly. They are a cohesive group, they know each other’s strengths, and are infinitely kind to one another.”

The team’s second place finish at states in March of 2022 led to a quandary: they had earned a spot at the World Championships, but how could they get to Dallas? A large price tag and short turnaround time seemed to put the trip out of reach.

Championship robot 8030A takes a lap with the spirit flag at LA Assembly.



Then donors stepped forward including Masters Machine, Washburn and Doughty Associates, Sabre Yachts & Back Cove Yachts, the Burns Family Foundation, and the Lincoln Academy Boosters. Combined with donations from families and other local supporters, this was enough to make the trip possible.

“Thanks to the generosity of this community, we got to make this trip of a lifetime,” said Levesque. “None of us will ever forget the experience!”

jects, following specific movement patterns, and balancing.

In order to compete, teams must build robots that can accomplish the year’s task faster than another robot in a ring during a two minute round. While teams can only use certain materials to build robots, there is no set robot design and no single way to complete the challenge. This means that every robot looks different and approaches the assigned task differently.

teams from all 50 states and 40 countries. The teams were divided into 10 divisions, and most of the competition took place within those divisions. LA’s team competed in 10 matches of which they won five and lost five, placing them in the middle of the pack in their division and the competition overall.

“I was happy with how we did,” said Owen Dyer ‘22, one of the team captains who led the construction of robot 8030A. “Competing at that lev-

IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT CODING. IT'S ABOUT CHARACTER.

While their second place finish at the Maine State Tournament qualified the team for Worlds, the team came within one two-minute round of being Maine State Champions.

During the State finals LA had a chance to win by default, because their opponent’s robot malfunctioned. Instead they chose to take their own time out so the other school could fix their robot.

“While our robot sat ready to compete, our opponents now had an additional three minutes to fix their robot. That tie-breaker round ended in a loss for our team. The score was 188 to 180. We missed being state champions by eight points... eight points and one time out! Words cannot describe how proud I was of them! That character and sense of fair play is more important than a state championship any day.” —Robotics coach Sue Levesque



Owen Dyer '22 and Jake Shaw '22 at the 2022 Maine State Robotics Tournament. Izzy Petersen '22 photo.

Twelve members of the robotics team plus Levesque and math teacher Shelley Richardson traveled to Dallas in May of 2022. At the tournament they competed with their robot, “8030A,” in the VEX Competition challenge.

Every year the VEX Robotics Company issues a challenge to high school robotics programs around the world. This challenge comes in the form of a task that small robots can accomplish, including picking up, pushing, and throwing ob-

Once the robot is constructed, students are tasked to program their robot. Some tasks are completed with a remote control, and others must be performed autonomously.

The 2021-22 task consisted of placing rings on goals and balancing objects on a platform. Lincoln Academy’s robot 8030A was particularly consistent at completing the autonomous tasks, which helped it gain points in every competition.

The World Championships hosted about 800

el, and seeing what the best teams in the world had to offer—their strategies and what they did with their robots—it was really cool. We learned a lot.”

“This was an incredible educational experience for everyone involved,” said Levesque. “To see students solving the same creative challenge in so many different ways was eye opening for all of us. We will be a better team for having seen the bigger world of robotics out there.”

Many of the team members are now taking skills developed around a robotics ring out into the world. Dyer, along with teammates Grady Burns ‘23 and Connor Parson ‘24 have undertaken internships at Masters Machine in Bristol, which uses robotics technology in their manufacturing process. Most of the team members who graduated are going on to study computer science or engineering in college, and many of their colleges also field robotics teams.

“Robotics has forced me to do more out-of-the box thinking,” said Connor Parson ‘24. “Many subjects in school have a set solution, but in robotics there are many ways to tackle a challenge and you have to be really creative in your problem solving.”



The LA robotics team competing in the ring at the 2022 VEX Robotics World Championships in Dallas. Izzy Petersen '22 photo





LINCOLN ACADEMY'S

Tennis Dynasty

WHEN A TEAM WINS THE STATE CHAMPIONSHIP THREE OUT OF FIVE YEARS,
IT'S HARD TO AVOID THE WORD 'DYNASTY.'

by Jenny Mayher

The Lincoln Academy's girls tennis team won Maine's Class B state title in 2018, 2019, and 2022. What is the secret behind their success?

Retired science teacher Charlie Scimone coached the team to their first championship in 2018. While not a trained tennis player himself, he understood the path to winning. High school competitions consist of five matches: three singles and two doubles. "You need three girls who can win—that's what you need, just three wins out of five."

When Scimone took over the team, he said, "LA was known to be-middle-of-the-road. We always made the playoffs, but then we always lost. We got beat by Camden, Waterville, Cape Elizabeth—teams with more depth."

"Then the magic happened."

This magic began in the form of Emily Harris '19, who switched from track to tennis for the 2017 season and was Lincoln's top player. "She is an athletic powerhouse who had played youth tennis at

the Y, and she could be everywhere on the court. That year we came close to winning, but we still weren't deep enough."

The next year two more season-changing players joined the team. Together they embody the two secret weapons of LA tennis: the training ground at the CLC YMCA, and the depth added by the LA residential program.

The 2018 championship team combined both. Lifelong Y player Caitlin Cass '21, who was one of the best youth ten-

nis players in the state, graduated from Great Salt Bay School and immediately became Lincoln's top player. Fiona Liang '21 arrived from China, and played at number two. "That pushed Emily to the third spot," said Scimone. "I was worried about her, but she took it gracefully. Other teams thought I was fudging the lineup at first, but Caitlin couldn't be beat, and Fiona couldn't be beat, and now Emily is playing at number three and she can't be beat. Even without our doubles teams, who also did great that year, we took those three all the way to the championship."

Scimone retired from coaching after that first championship and left the program in the hands of Kandi (Winchenbach) Kinney '06, and the team's record held: the same group of athletes won the state championship in 2019. Then the pandemic forced the cancellation of the 2020 season.

With new coach Melissa Burroughs, named 2022 Maine State Coach of the Year, the team was within one match of another state title in 2021, but lost a close match in the finals.

They brought the trophy home again in 2022.

This time the team ladder was led by Olivia Nixon '23 of Bremen, with Laura Mueller '23 of Germany and Vittoria Pauro '22 of Italy filling the second and third singles spots. Doubles teams included Izzy Petersen '23, London Hunter '25, Clare Colburn '23, Olive Siegel '25, and Charlotte Hilton '24.

That team also had genuine depth, according to Coach Burroughs. "We had many players who could have filled the number three singles spot. All of those players were willing to jump in at doubles as needed."

Burroughs is a lifelong tennis player who also serves on the CLC YMCA board. She understands the importance of the Y tennis program as a feeder for the LA team. "The foundational players at LA have grown up with free tennis right in

Damariscotta. We would not be where we are today without the Y program."

"The community feel of tennis is different in Damariscotta," said Cass, now the number one player at Connecticut College, where she is a sophomore studying English and Marketing. "The Y program, plus the fact that other girls on the team and I were always friends; we had great camaraderie on and off the court."

"The Y program has allowed team members to develop their skills over the years," said Izzy Petersen '23, a member of the 2022 championship team. "In 2022 the varsity team spent months practicing at the Y together before the season even started."

Even with the strength of the Y program, the team might lack the depth to go all the way without the injection of talent from LA's Residential Program. "Combining the Y training with the expertise that the boarding kids bring gives us the depth we need," said Burroughs. "Every year the core of our team comes from the Y feeder program, but having one or two players from the dorm join the lineup makes a critical difference."

Liang was the difference-maker in the 2018 and 2019 championships, and Mueller and Paulu were critical additions in 2022.

"I don't think we could have won [in 2018 and 2019] without Fiona," recalled Cass.

"The boarding kids bring a different kind of tennis style and athleticism," said Burroughs. Interestingly, even residential students benefit from the CLC YMCA, where they play in the off season with teammates. "When the residential students arrive, it gives the local girls the chance to lead, to help the new girls find their place at LA."

"Part of the beauty of the Y program is that it offers free tennis to kids who might not otherwise grow up with tennis," continued Burroughs. "What we have seen with the Williams sisters and Carlos Alcaraz is the sport opening up

to players who didn't grow up in the old ways of tennis. The Y has embraced that for many years. Their program is for everyone—and it is making a huge difference to our success at LA."

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SANFORD OPEN FUNDS FREE YMCA YOUTH TENNIS

Every year the CLC YMCA hosts a tennis tournament that raises around \$40,000 to support the community tennis program. Many of those games take place on the LA tennis courts.

Sanford Open tournament fees, plus an auction and donations make it possible for any kid in Lincoln County to play tennis year round for free. The youth tennis program includes after school lessons, weekend tennis for kids and parents, and free games for anyone who plays with a teenager.

"Tennis is a great multigenerational sport," said Coach Melissa Burroughs, who serves on the Board of the CLC YMCA. "The tennis program at the Y has been a great way for seniors to get to know young people in our community. The town really loves to see these kids succeed. They come out to support them in a big way."



Olivia Nixon '23 of Bremen was the number one player on the 2022 State Championship tennis team.



LA HOSTS 19 BUSINESSES AT PETER J. BENNER JOB FAIR

"Our class was devastated by the loss of Peter Benner. When he died in February we rallied to celebrate his impact on our class and the greater community. This job fair is now part of his legacy, inspired by Peter's gift for making true and lasting connections with people."

- Juliet Kelsey-Holmes '92, LA Board Member and Job Fair Organizer

by Heather D'Ippolito

Last spring, Lincoln Academy hosted 19 local businesses at the first annual Peter J. Benner Job Fair in the Nelson Bailey Gym. The fair was designed to connect LA's soon-to-be graduates with organizations offering entry level jobs as well as

multiple career pathways including business, construction, engineering, design, computer science, healthcare, marketing and logistics.

"The job fair was an important step in building more long-term partnerships between the school and local organizations and businesses," said Head of School Jeff Burroughs. "Talking to current students, alumni, and employers is helping us chart a course for future opportunities to connect people so they can earn a living right here if they choose."

Participating businesses were: All Points

"These students have been a great asset to the team. They embraced the opportunity given to them by being dedicated to the job. They put every effort into engaging with the customer and helping them to have a great 'Maine Adventure'. We are lucky to have them."

- Holly Margaritis, Renys HR Coordinator

Juliet Kelsey-Holmes '92, Harley Benner '10, Danica (Wall) Boyd '95, Cooper Benner, Dennis Boyd '08, Head of School Jeff Burroughs and Director of Community Engagement and Development Heather D'Ippolito at the Peter J. Benner Job Fair.



Pest Control, Back Cove/Sabre Yachts, Bangor Savings, Bath Savings Institution, Camden National Bank, Colby & Gale, CLC YMCA, First Federal Savings and Loan, First National Bank, Hanley Construction, Inc., Hodgdon Yachts, MaineHealth, Masters Machine Co., Mid-Coast Energy Systems, Rising Tide Co-op, Reny's, Stone Cove Catering/The 1812 Farm, and Washburn & Doughty Associates, Inc.

Many of the businesses brought employee representatives who are also LA Alum. Jessica Day '97 works for First National Bank. She shared her experience with current students. "I did a job shadow at First National when I was at LA and was later hired as a summer teller in college." Jessica is now the branch manager. "We have a lot of entry level positions, with lots of opportunity for growth."

Grace Houghton '22, who is now a first year business student at Furman University shared: "It was really interesting to hear from some of the businesses, like MaineHealth, who told us about how to get into the field of health care and progress really quickly into a career."

Some businesses were hiring on the spot: at least eight students walked away with a summer job.

Bill Morgner, President of Mid-Coast Energy Systems, spent the morning talking with students. "This event gives us another chance to connect with the community," he said. "We have the opportunity to let students have a better understanding of what the mechanical trades have to offer them. It really is not just

Students at the Masters Machine table at the job fair. Three LA students interned at Masters in the summer of 2022.



"Attending the Peter J Benner job fair was a great success for Renys. We were able to hire 4 students on the spot for employment in our Damariscotta stores, plus 2 additional hires who came to the store to apply because they met us at the job fair. Being in front of the students and speaking with them about what Renys has to offer is key to getting great staff. We can explain that Renys is more than just the store downtown that is on both sides of the street. We are a family run business that cares about their employees and the communities we are located in. Had we not been at the job fair, I don't believe that these students would have come into the store on their own to apply and look at the 'Adventure' they would have missed out on."

- Holly Margaritis, Renys HR Coordinator

a job but a career opportunity and it is right in their backyard."

The annual Peter J. Benner Job Fair will be paired with a career panel series. The panels will be designed to allow students to hear from people who live and work in midcoast.

"Incorporating events like the job fair and career panels into the school year will help to build natural connections between local professionals and LA students," explained Director of Career and Academic

Counseling Eliza Gleason. "Students are more likely to consider a job shadow or internship with someone they know. These events can serve as building blocks for those kinds of programs."



Students circulate among employer tables at the 2022 Peter J. Benner '92 Job Fair.



EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT:

Why Publishing a Student Newspaper Matters



Student journalists on the 2022-23 *Talon* Staff. From left: Nathalie Paulino '23, Maggie Kastelein '24, D. Bell '26, Cecil Rittall '25, Maja Wolfgang '24, Helen Duffy '26, Emma Castonia '25, Nick Russ '24, Amelia Rice '26, Caroline Matthews '25, Khloe Luce '26, and Julie Dietrick '26

by Jack DeAngelis

On Monday and Tuesday afternoons, my classroom is transformed into a newsroom. Almost 40 journalists, editors, and layout specialists in total—all students—will fill my horseshoe-shaped row of desks to spend 40 minutes churning out material to be published in the school newspaper. These students are on the *Eagle's Talon* staff and meet during Focused Learning Block.

On any one of these typical days, the newsroom will buzz. A screen at the front of the room displays a spreadsheet filled with ever-changing story assignments. Student editors equipped with red pens line the back windows which are taped

over with galley proofs ready for line edits. Student journalists craft interview questions, track down details from sports games, or maybe even research the Volvo 240 exhaust system for the wildly popular “Vehicles of the Month” column. Don’t confuse the puzzler team’s work as calculus homework; they are actually testing out the kinks of their hand-crafted sudokus.

Maia Zewert, editor of *The Lincoln County News*, guides students through structuring an article about breaking news. All the while, a group is pitching headlines for a story they’re coauthoring (“doesn’t ‘Churro Incident Causes Schoolwide Fire

Evacuation’ just really make you want to turn to page 3 for more information?”). Before any of us feel satisfied with our work, the bell will ring, and the school day will end.

When Jenny Mayher asked me if I would be interested in joining her in reestablishing and co-advising the student-run school newspaper, I already knew journalism was important. As *The Washington Post* reminds us daily, democracy dies in darkness. The idea of printing news is tightly tied to the First Amendment in a nuanced way. Journalism as a practice celebrates more than just the freedom of speech granted in the opening amend-



Newsroom session: editing galleys of the October, 2022 *Talon* are (from left) Connor Parson '24, Nathaniel Hufnagel '26, Lilly Rosa '25, Emma Castonia '25, Elias Bassett '25, and Audrey Hufnagel '24.

ment of the Bill of Rights. Publishing the news is also about truth. Wrestling with bias and fact has always been a journalist’s crucial charge. And at this moment when facts are constantly in dispute, teaching students the core responsibilities of journalism feels more important than ever.

With all this in mind, our student group works unafraid to publish a new edition of the *Talon* every four to six weeks. It takes days and days to move through each stage of the writing process. Students first pitch their own story ideas to the group during busy brainstorm sessions. It’s then up to each journalist to follow through on their own beat. They seek out interviews with key sources and take or track down their own photographs. Then the writing actually happens. Afterwards, student editors comb through articles

and provide feedback for revisions. Headlines are placed, and stories are laid out using design software. Right before the entire paper goes to print, we all take responsibility for walking through each page. If a paper is published with any mistakes—from minor typos to major misinformation—the entire newspaper team is accountable.

Ultimately, the paper reaches the final and most essential stage of the writing process: publication. In partnership with *The Lincoln County News*, we’re able to print 500 copies of physical newspapers on a regular basis, which are distributed around campus and beyond.

The act of physically publishing our little paper dramatically changes what is at stake for our students. Unlike an essay written for English class which is often

only ever read by the teacher, a story published in the *Talon* has a wide readership. News articles don’t just get lost in a nebulous corner of Canvas; they’re printed in black ink and disseminated among a critical audience of peers. Publishing student work isn’t about checking a box for class or scoring a high enough grade to make honor roll. The *Talon* amplifies the voice of students at LA

Sophomore Caroline Matthews works with English teacher and *Talon* Advisor Jack DeAngelis on the newspaper layout.



The last known copy of a 2001 edition of the Lincoln Academy *Eagle's Talon* with the first edition after the newspaper was re-established in 2021.

and engages the entire community in a conversation. Journalism at the high school level lets students speak loud and clear about topics that matter.

Next time you’re at Lincoln Academy, make sure to pick up the latest issue of the *Talon*, and enjoy the opportunity to read student writing. By consuming the *Talon* as a reader, you’re affirming its value and empowering LA students to speak up. They have a voice, and the *Talon* is a forum where we are lucky enough to hear it.

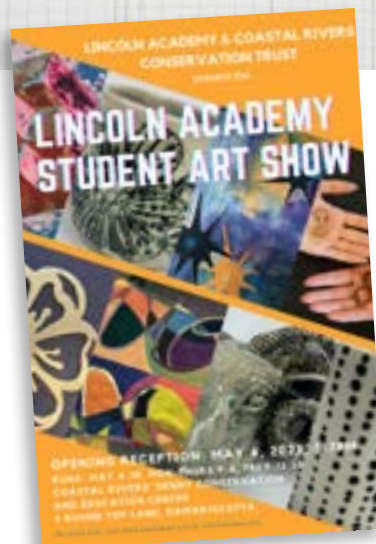
Jack DeAngelis teaches English at Lincoln Academy and co-advises the Eagle's Talon, an award-winning student newspaper.

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In Spring 2022, Maine Humanities Council awarded Lincoln Academy funding through their Democracy, Journalism, and Informed Community grant, ensuring that printing costs for the 2022-23 *Talon* are fully covered.



SEEING OBSTACLES AS OPPORTUNITIES



Top: Intro to DET students' plans for their pedestals during the ideation stage of Design Thinking. Above left: the 2022 Lincoln Academy Student Art Show poster.

Design Thinking drives collaborative project between DET and Visual Arts, with support from the Albert F. Carlson Art Endowed Fund.

by Kate Mess

When I joined the Lincoln Academy visual arts faculty four years ago, the annual Student Art Show was a highly successful, much anticipated event. Every spring, art students prepared their best work to share with the public, under the guidance of teachers Nina Sylvia and Jonathan Mess. They participated in the entire process of creating, selecting, preparing, pricing, and installing their artwork in the spacious gallery at River Arts in Damariscotta.

Of course, March of 2020 brought the pandemic

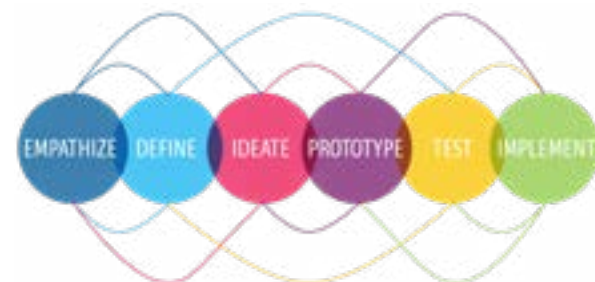
We had to embody a skill we often encourage from our students: to see an obstacle as an opportunity.

and a pause to the Art Show. When we finally prepared to revive our beloved tradition last spring, River Arts had downsized to a smaller space and was no longer a feasible venue. We had to reinvent the show entirely, and along the way embody a skill we often encourage from our students: to see obstacles as opportunities.

By the night of our opening reception, the 2022 Art Show became a great opportunity for both Visual Arts and the Design, Engineering, and Technology (DET) department to collaborate using authentic Design Thinking strategies. A core concept in our DET curriculum, Design Thinking centers learning around a defined problem and teaches students the process of non-linear iteration to seek an optimal solution.

First, there was the ~~issue~~ *opportunity* of space. Jonathan had more ceramics students than ever before, requiring more exhibition space. "River Arts has been a great partner, but we really didn't want to make choices or exclude any students who wanted to participate and show three-dimensional work," he said. "After *lots* of brainstorming, we approached Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust to see if they would consider hosting our exhibition in their beautiful new education space. We received an enthusiastic 'Yes!'"

This new partnership came together naturally, as Coastal Rivers' Executive Director Steven Hufnagel had recently joined the Lincoln Academy Board of Trustees in 2021. "We're thrilled to be able to support local students by providing a venue for their exhibition." Coastal Rivers Conservation Trust, formerly Damariscotta River Association and Pemaquid Watershed Association, is a non-profit, membership supported, and nationally accredited land trust and conservation organization, dedicated to preserving and promoting the natural, cultural, and historical heri-



Design Thinking requires the learner to work within a specific process to solve a design challenge.

tage of the Damariscotta-Pemaquid region, and this fit their educational goals. The only ~~problem~~ *opportunity*? They are not set up as a gallery and do not have pedestals for displaying artwork.

After ruminating over these ~~obstacles~~ *opportunities* all school year, we finally had our lightbulb moment. At the same time that Jonathan was problem solving how to display his students' ceramic work, teachers Ryan Wynne, Jonah Vesery, and I were also working to design a better wood shop project for our Intro to Design, Engineering, and Technology students to build that trimester. To truly incorporate the Design Thinking approach, our project needed to invest students in authentic problem solving with real world application. "We can solve each others' problems, Jonathan!" I suddenly realized. "Our Intro to DET classes can design and build new pedestals for the Art Show!"

When Ryan and Jonah heard my proposal, they quickly agreed to give it a go, even though this meant we'd be building the plane while flying it.

The next ~~problem~~ *opportunity*? How to afford all of the wood we would need to construct the pedestals when prices were so high. With the



Students in Kate Mess's Intro to Design, Engineering, and Technology course draw pedestal plans and construct cardboard models.



Jonathan Mess and his ceramics students select their best work, write titles, and prepare artist statements for the 2022 Lincoln Academy Student Art Show.

support of the Community Engagement and Development Office, we turned to the Albert F. Carlson Art Endowed Fund for support. The fund was established by Betty Allen, LA trustee and Al Carlson's partner of many years, "to honor his creativity and love of working with his hands whether by painting on canvas, by designing Jarlsberg cheese packaging, or restoring and polishing his beloved old cars and motorcycles, piece by piece," Allen told us. "The purpose of the fund is to encourage students and teachers across disciplines to think and work together in new and different ways. Follow your dreams, take risks, and be creative."

This was the first time a grant from the fund has been awarded, and it was a good fit for the vision of the fund, offering a hands-on project to encourage student creativity.

And our DET Pedestal Project was off. Our students—and we teachers—worked through the whole process using Design Thinking strategies.

This was a real world, hands-on problem-solving experience for our students, and we had a real deadline—or the show would not go on. Students *empathized* by hearing from Mr. Mess about the specific requirements for the pedestals. They *defined* the parameters of the problem they had to solve and *ideated* plans for the least amount of wasted plywood. They *prototyped* cardboard models, then began to build. Once they reached the wood shop, they tested and failed, then ideated, redefined, and prototyped, ideated, redefined, and prototyped again. Finally, they *implemented* their designs, finishing over 40 pedestals.

Ceramics students helped to sand, paint, and transport the pedestals, putting them immediately to use in the Student Art Show at Coastal Rivers' Denny Conservation and Education Center on May 4, 2022. Together, we demonstrated the beauty of collaboration across departments, discovered some challenges, and created a model on which to build for future cross-curricular projects.

Ryan Wynne works with students in his Intro to Design, Engineering, and Technology course to construct their plywood pedestal.



Students in Kate Mess's Intro to Design, Engineering, and Technology course troubleshoot the construction of one of their pedestals.



"They really had to eat their own cooking. It was so cool to watch them working together because they really brought different skills together across departments. And in schools, that doesn't happen often enough."

- Ken Stevenson, DET Department Chair

"This project came together so well because all three teachers were willing to blow up their curriculum in midstream, which was risky and



Kate Mess, Jonathan Mess, and their daughter Josie (future LA student, class of 2032) paint pedestals in one of the ATEC bays in preparation for the 2022 Student Art Show.



Gabriela Hagar '22 stands with her ceramic work and pedestals built by Intro to DET students.

"It felt very wholesome to be part of a project that had such a big impact for the art community at our school."

- Gabriela Hagar '22

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together because they really brought different skills across departments. And in schools, that doesn't happen often enough."

"I think that students knowing their work would be seen by many people and used for years to come instilled a sense of pride and accomplishment in their final product," said Ryan.

Gabriela Hagar '22, a student in both Intro to DET and Ceramics, agreed. "Working on pedestals instead of identical birdhouses felt more fulfilling. Seeing them outside of class, knowing people appreciated and used the items you worked on was satisfying. It felt very wholesome to be part of a project that had such a big impact for the art community at our school."

"STEAM!" Jonathan emphasized, referring to the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math. "We really connected the T, E, and A, and the collaboration between our two departments was a natural fit." There is incredible potential in combining expertise across departments, giving students a chance to demonstrate their learning across disciplines through hands-on, real world projects. Now, what can we do next?

Kate Mess teaches in the Visual Arts and DET departments at Lincoln Academy and is the designer of Aerie magazine.



Ceramics student Iris Pope '23 with her ceramics work displayed on student-constructed pedestals.



RING *the* BELL

Lincoln Academy's bell has inspired students to excellence for 170 years.

by Melissa Burroughs & Jenny Mayher

This past spring, I was fortunate to accompany the Women's Tennis team into LA's bell tower twice, to celebrate their 2022 KVAC and State Championships. On each occasion, we heard from Assistant Athletics Director Phil Page '70 and Athletic Director KJ Anastasio about the singularity of such an opportunity, as so few teams earn this privilege. So, while the team huddled around the bell pull, with light and dust swirling around us, listening to the 170-year-old bell peal over campus, I reflected on how lucky we were to be part of this tradition.

The history of Lincoln's bell tower begins in 1828, when the original main building was constructed. The bell was cast by Henry N. Hooper and Co. in 1854, and probably installed shortly after that. Originally the bell was rung at the beginning of each school day, but it gradually fell into disrepair, and by the middle of the 20th century the bell rang less often over Academy Hill.

By the 1960s and '70s, according to a *Lincoln County News* article by Arlene Cole '47, the wheel that held the bell, "was in many pieces, and was made of pot metal so it could not be welded."

Even in disrepair, the bell remained significant to LA athletes determined to celebrate their championships. With little concern for their own safety, team captains in the '60s and '70s made harrowing ascents from LA's second floor fire escape to the roof, slipping between the pillars of the cupola from the outside to ring the bell.

Henry Pearson '69 captained a track team that won a steady string

of Knox-Lincoln conference championships. He recalls making this ascent more than once. In the 1970s another strong track team, led by Chris Roberts '74 and other athletes, won several more Knox Lincoln championships, and they made the same journey, according to Roberts, "it was common practice in the '70s. They would go up on the same night as the championship, off the bus and up on the roof they went. There was no adult permission or anything, it was just something they did."

That tradition died out in the late 1970s and early '80s, in part because of the challenges of accessing the bell, according to Paula Roberts '75. Then in the fall of 1987 three teams: boys soccer, girls soccer, and field hockey, made it to the state finals, and two of them, field hockey and boys soccer, won state championships.

Roberts coached that championship field hockey

team, and she was determined to bring back the tradition of ringing the bell. She persuaded the administration to allow her and team captains Michelle Russell '88 and Mary Blanchard '88 to enter the bell tower through the attic, where they had to shimmy across narrow rafters and use a wooden ladder to ring the bell.

"You had to be careful because if you put one foot wrong you would go right down between the rafters," recalls Roberts. "And the rope on the bell was so short we needed the ladder to access it."

The boys soccer team, who also won the championship that year, sent team captains Luke Houghton '88 and Clint Kaler '88 and several teammates along the same sketchy path. "We were so excited that we got to do it—it was





According to Paula Roberts '75, State Cross Country Champion Stephanie Newell '00 was the first athlete to ring the bell after the 1996 repairs. Photo courtesy of Paula Roberts, *The Lincoln County News*.



Amy Brooks Burgess '06 (center) was Kvac Champ in the 1600 meters. She rang the bell with friends Nicole Russell '06 (left) and Lindsay Dinsmore '07 (right). Photo courtesy of Paula Roberts, *The Lincoln County News*.



Members of the 2007 cross country team: Michael Howland '08, Steven Severance '10, Caleb Bond '09, and Gary Ward '10. Howland was Kvac XC Champ in '05, '06, and '07. Photo courtesy of Paula Roberts, *The Lincoln County News*.



LA's 800 relay Kvac Championship streak ran from 2013-17. Pictured here are 800 relay champs Nick Smelcer '14, Alex Organ '15, Julian Frink '14, and Seward Matel '14. Photo courtesy of Paula Roberts, *The Lincoln County News*.



The 2017 State Champion cross country team. From left: Jojo Martin '20, Sam Russ '19, Jarrett Gulden '20, Benji Pugh '20, Noah Jordan '20, David Barnum '20, Braxton Farrin '20, and Levi McAtee '18. Photo courtesy of Paula Roberts, *The Lincoln County News*.



Tahlia Mullen '18 won six state track championships in the indoor and outdoor 200 and 400 meters from 2016 to 2018.



The 2019 State Championship debate team coached by Matt Le-land (back right). Members include Cameron Nelson '20, Madison Vess '21, Scott Petersen '21, Riley Stevenson '21, Beck Lambert '21, Emma Hall '20, Paige Camp '19, Quinn Straus '20, Vy Nguyen, Chloe Tian '19, Erin Dworkin '20, and others.



Jayden Lafrenaye '24 was 2022 Wrestling State Champ in the 145 pound weight class.

this great tradition we had heard about, but it was also a little scary and kind of creepy to actually be up there,” Houghton recalls.

Other teams, including baseball and softball, won championships in the late '80s and early '90s, but by the mid '90s the mechanics of the bell had degraded to the point that no amount of gymnastics by champion athletes could make the bell ringable.

In 1996 Paula Roberts used her role as president of the Alumni Council to raise funds to rebuild the structural supports around the bell. Arlene Cole '47 wrote, “I was on the Alumni Council at that time and I took [Paula's] request home to my husband, George. He said, let's look.

We climbed through the cobwebs and up over the tall rickety ladder to the cupola at the top of the school to look things over. After some examining it, George thought he could repair it.”

George Cole '46 “had a shop and he could make anything,” recalls Roberts. “If you had anything broken he could fix it. The guy was an absolute genius.”

While the Alumni Council was busy raising the funds to repair the bell, Facilities and Maintenance Director Ronny Jones '68, and his crew put decking over the rafters and shored up the structure of the attic, “Everything was leaning a little and was not very secure, and we wanted to make sure that George could reach the scupper hole that led to the bell, and the kids that rang the bell afterwards would be safe,” Jones recalls.

During the same period, Jones and his crew shingled the outside of the bell

tower and made a wooden replica of the weather vane that tops the bell tower, using old photographs as their guide. Shop teacher Dick Chadwick and Mechanical Drawing teacher Danny Day '65 helped recreate the fish-shaped weather vane, which still graces the top of the cupola today.

With funds from the Alumni Council, and support from Arlene and the LA maintenance crew, George Cole repaired the bell, and added a new rope long enough to reach to the floor of the attic so that bell ringers would not have to climb a ladder to celebrate their championships.

As soon as bell repairs were complete and the attic shored up, the Lincoln Academy bell was put back in regular use for all kinds of celebrations. In the 25 years since the repair the bell has rung for championships, graduation, Baccalaureate, and the first and last days of school.

It has been rung to mark world events like

September 11, 2001 and Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February of 2022.

Upholding these traditions has been Phil Page '70, who has worn many hats at LA including Athletic Director, basketball coach, and Homecoming organizer. In the fall of 1997 he and social studies teacher Steve Sullivan challenged the senior class to win a class competition. “It was one of those classes that had not found a lot of success in school activities like Winter Carnival and Homecoming. We told them that if they won something—literally anything—we would spend the night in the Bell Tower.” The class called the teachers' bluff, winning a homecoming competition, and Mr. Page and Mr. Sullivan took their sleeping bags up to the rafters and spent the night.

“The air quality was not all that good, and we didn't bring a lot of padding—

there were not a lot of amenities,” said Page. It may not have been the best night of sleep, but they made good on their promise—and created a legend.

Ringling the bell is still a privilege that only a small number of students experience: class leaders around graduation and the first day of school, and championship teams including athletes as well as math, debate, robotics, and the One Act theater cast.

In 2022 the bell has gotten a lot of use. After the tennis team championship in the spring, the boys and girls cross country and boys soccer teams all won conference championships this fall; the first time the boys soccer team has achieved that goal since 2002, plus many individual championships.

2022 tennis team captain Clare Colburn '23 said, “It was an honor to be part of

a legacy, and stand where athletes of all kinds and times have stood to ring the bell after their victories.”

“We got to hear about other teams who have rung the bell,” said cross country runner Tessa McNamara '25. “Now we are part of that history.”

And so the tradition continues. Each time a team climbs the worn wooden steps, crosses the decking through the dusty attic, pulls the rope repaired by George Cole '46, and rings the bell cast in 1854, Lincoln Academy history comes to life.

Melissa Burroughs is the coach of the State Champion LA girls tennis team. She lives in Borland Hall with her husband, Jeff Burroughs, where she can hear the bell when it rings.

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Left: George Cole '46 at work on the Lincoln Academy bell housing during a 1996 repair funded through the Alumni Council.

Right: Arlene Cole '47 assisting her husband George with the repairs.

Photos courtesy of Paula Roberts, *The Lincoln County News*.



The 2022 Kvac Champion boys soccer team, coached by Jeff Burroughs include Jack Duncan '23, Gabriel Luna '23, Jacob Masters '23, Casey Duncan '24, Oliver McNamara '24, Peter Thelander '25, Lucas Houghton '25, Mica Houghton '24, Braxton Farrin '23, Nick Archer '23, David Winchenbach '25, and others.

The 2022 Kvac Champion girls cross country team coached by Garrett Martin includes Tessa McNamara '25, Dylan Burmeister '25, Audrey Hufnagel '24, Maddy Kallin '24, and Maggie Thompson '26.

The 2022 Kvac Champion boys cross country team coached by Garrett Martin includes Will Clark '24, Nick Russ '24, Eliot O'Mahoney '24, Liam Card '23, Aiden Jacobs '23, CJ Savastano '24, and Conor Glasier '24.



AND THE AWARD GOES TO...

Mary Martha Collins '64 is the Inaugural Recipient of the Class of 1971 Excellence and Impact Award

When the Lincoln Academy Class of 1971 met for their 50th reunion in the summer of 2021, they wanted to make a gift to the school that would be both impactful and lasting. And while Lincoln Academy offers many consequential scholarships and awards for students, there has never been an annual recognition for a faculty member. The class, under the leadership of Class Agent Mark Johnston and other classmates, made the decision to endow the Class of 1971 Excellence and Impact Award.

According to its creators, the purpose of

the award is to “recognize the exemplary efforts of a faculty or staff member for the benefit of LA students during the current academic year or consistently across their career. Developed in collaboration with the Head of School and Development Office, this annual award celebrates the special qualities that distinguish LA’s professionals. Honorees are selected by the Head of School with input from the students, faculty, and staff.”

The first recipient was announced at Lincoln Academy’s 2022 graduation. Even if it had not been raining that day,

there would not have been a dry eye in the house when Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kelley Duffy handed the plaque to Mary Martha Collins, LA class of 1964 and current math teacher.

Head of School Jeff Burroughs announced the award, saying, “my introduction to this year’s recipient actually happened before I took the job in July of 2019. In a meeting with Interim Head of School Nancy Starmer, she extolled the virtues of this person. Energy? Boy does she have energy and enthusiasm—it is infectious. Her colleagues also



Mary Martha Wilson '64 was the Class President and Salutatorian in the Lincoln Academy Class of 1964. She has taught at LA off and on since 2002.



praise her virtues: endlessly willing to work with students—including ones she doesn’t teach—she has more energy than most teenagers, even willing to jump up on a desk just to show students that she could do it!

“A member of our faculty in various roles since 2002, when we switched to remote learning in 2020 she sincerely questioned if she could continue to teach. True to her character, she refused to give up on kids, and faced her fears around technology and got help building her Canvas classroom. Her peers note that one hallmark of her teaching is her clear moral compass and knowledge of how to talk to students about things that really matter. There is little doubt that this alumna from the class of 1964 and LA legend is a perfect first recipient of this award.

“I am honored to present the Class of 1971 Faculty and Staff Excellence award to Mary Martha Collins.”

“I was stunned—completely!” Ms. Collins said of the award. “I enjoy what I do so much that I don’t realize that it might have an impact elsewhere. This is what really stunned me. I have always felt honored to teach at Lincoln because everyone here is exceptional, and I admire them so much. So I certainly thought someone else deserved it more than I did!”

Collins originally studied to teach el-

ementary school, but got offered a job teaching math and science at Hermon High School just in the nick of time before she actually started a job in an elementary classroom. She calls this a fortunate turn of events. “It turned out I was uncomfortable with a bunch of little kids. I mean, I liked little kids one or two at a time—I had several of my own at home. But they are terrifying in groups.”

In fact, she says, “I found out that nothing is better than a group of teenagers. They are respectful, fun, quirky—I love that—entertaining, I just love being with them. And the energy! They have so much energy!”

“I love math, too. I love exploring mathematics, and the logic of mathematics, with teenagers.” In her 42 years in the classroom she has taught every math level from pre algebra to precalculus. “And teaching all that stuff means I need to relearn it myself, which is also great.”

“Teaching combines two things that bring me so much joy in life: teenagers and math.”

“Ms. Collins is the absolute best,” said Bella Herring '23, LA’s 2022-23 Student Body President who had Collins as an Algebra teacher. “There is no one more patient than she is—she will come early, stay late, use her lunch—just to help you catch up. She helped me even after I wasn’t in her class anymore. She really cares if you understand the concepts and won’t give up till you do. I seriously would not have gotten through math, especially during Covid, without her.”

Collins has tried to retire—twice. The second time she even moved to Florida for five years with her husband, Ned Collins '62. But she keeps being pulled back to her role as math teacher, advisor, and until 2019 a field hockey coach, at LA. “We never want to let her go,” said Duffy.

At age 76 Mary Martha now teaches part time, but has no plans to retire. “I went home just yesterday and I thought, ‘what am I going to do when I can’t hang out with kids anymore?’ I still have plenty of energy, so I guess I’ll keep at it as long as they’ll have me.”

“Mary Martha is one of the most passionate, joyful, and generous teachers I have ever known,” Duffy said. “I’m grateful for every year that she is willing to keep coming back to LA. We are so lucky to have her!”



Mary Martha Collins '64 on the 2022 Homecoming Parade Spirit Float.



Ashley Eugley and the Watson Fellowship

“I grew up on a lobster wharf on the Coast of Maine. My brother and I spent our days colloquially studying local ecology.

We counted crabs, watched gull chicks mature, and tracked mackerel migration in an effort to answer imaginative questions about our home. Over the four generations my family has lobstered in the area, they too have informally studied the marine environment and bore witness to massive changes to our fishery. In short, lobsters are not where they used to be.”

With these words Ashley Eugley '18 opened her Thomas J. Watson Fellowship application for a year of travel and inquiry into “participatory science and community organizing.” Even with long odds and an extremely competitive process, Eugley was awarded the fellowship, and currently is spending the year travel-

ing around the world as a Watson Fellow. Eugley graduated from Lincoln Academy in 2018 and went on to Bard College in Annandale-on-Hudson, New York, where she “found a community at Bard that is semblant of the LA community, with a lot of passionate people in one place.”

At Bard all first-year students are required to return early from winter vacation for a three-week Citizen Science seminar. The idea of citizen science clicked immediately for Eugley: it recalled her childhood curiosity on the waterfront in South Bristol. That seminar taught Eugley to think about science differently. “We used sci-



local communities in their own ecojustice.

Eugley studied Environmental and Urban Studies at Bard, where she wrote her thesis on the aftermath of Apartheid in South Africa. The question driving her

got the news on March 15, she said, “my life just completely changed.”

“I have been a lifelong planner,” Eugley told me on our Zoom call, her neat and organized dorm room visible behind her. With the fellowship ahead of her,

enjoying the present moment as much as possible and trusting that my future plans will come naturally.”

What advice would Eugley offer to high school and college students who might wish to pursue similar adventures?

“People would smile back”

LEARNING COMMUNITIES AT LINCOLN ACADEMY AND BARD

“LA was the first true community that I was part of, and not just part of, but an essential part of. People would smile back. Before Lincoln it was not a given that I had a network of people on my side. LA gave me a safe place, and the courage to ask questions.

I will never forget when Mr. O’Mahoney said in AP US History: ‘don’t just pick the intellectual low hanging fruit. Be bold.’ He and other LA teachers helped me learn to think, to be curious.

When I got to Bard, I was still asking questions, but with a new lens. I was confident in this space, even though it was challenging, because LA had cultivated a love of learning in me. I already had the basic idea that you are supposed to be a critical thinker and ask hard questions.”

-Ashley Eugley '18, 2022-23 Thomas J. Watson Fellow

Watson project is, “how can science be used to fight environmental injustice?” She plans to follow up her thesis research when she spends several months in South Africa during her Fellowship.

Watson Fellowships are extremely competitive, and while we cannot see into the selection process, it is not hard to imagine that Eugley’s authentic voice and her experience as a child growing up on the frontlines of a rapidly changing fishery were critical to her selection. When she

she said, “I am ready for immense personal growth. I have decided to embrace change with everything I’ve got. This is going to put my stubborn independence to the test: I will be around people with radically different life experiences. I hope I come back a completely changed person. I want to be challenged. I love the prospect of broadening my imagination.”

Once they grant a fellowship, the Watson Foundation encourages students to plan their trip and travel independently. “We are required to spend the entire year out of the country, but that’s about it for requirements. We make our own plans: travel, phone, visas, insurance, etc. I guess that is all part of the learning experience!”

After her year abroad, Eugley may go to law school for environmental law, and perhaps even pursue a PhD. She eventually hopes to work on climate and environmental policy. “In the meantime,” she wrote in an email from Berlin, “I am

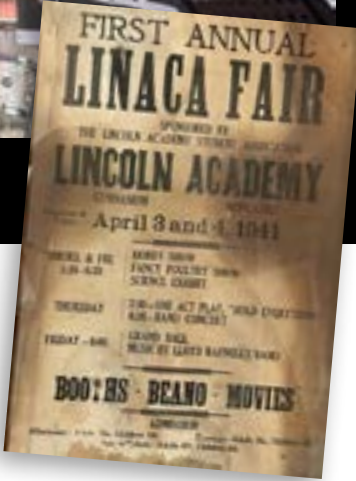
“I almost did not apply to the Watson Fellowship because I convinced myself that I would not win and it was not worth the effort. Now, I am grateful that I leaned into possibility as opposed to fear. Even if it does not work out in the end, trying is essential. Have faith in your abilities and trust that you deserve good things. When you embark on adventures, have an open mind—be willing to challenge your assumptions and beliefs—push yourself, and say yes. Let your hope be more powerful than your fear.”



Follow Ashley's adventures on Instagram and her blog at @asharoundtheworld.



Above left: opera singer Kate Aldrich '92 singing the aria from *Carmen*. Above center: Asher Huntington '07 and Katie Reilly '14, with emcee Joe Lugosh '08. Above right: actor and LA parent Anna Belknap '90 talks about her experience with LA performing arts.



LINACA RETURNS

The original poster from the 1941 Linaca Festival. The name Linaca is an abridgement of "Lincoln Academy."

On August 5th, 2022, 20 alumni musicians took to the infamous Schooner Landing stage and performed for a full house at the revived Linaca Festival, a fundraiser for LA’s Performing Arts program.

“Lincoln Academy has, among many great offerings, amazing and diverse music programs, and a vibrant Theater and Technical and Contemporary Arts Media Program” says LA trustee Juliet Kelsey Holmes '92. “It was a great way to highlight and celebrate the variety of performers who come from LA in a fun, casual setting.”

Linaca combines the words “Lincoln” and “Academy.” The original Linaca Fair took place over the course of two spring days in 1941, and featured a One Act play performance, a grand ball, and a poultry exhibit, as well as a band performance.

The renewed Linaca Festival included

musicians from a variety of genres including classical, opera, jazz, musical theater and rock.

The 2022 Linaca Revival was headlined by opera singer Kate Aldrich '92, accompanied by LA parent Sean Flemming on keyboard.

LA alumni and other musicians took the stage in various configurations to perform musical numbers ranging from jazz to rock to punk to bluegrass. Acts included The Gulch, made up of alumni Core Redonnet '88, Michael Sevon '88, Griffin Han-LaLime '13, Ben Chute '13, and Chuck Benton, and recent graduates including tubist Sam Russ '19, punk rocker Haley Graves '19, pianist Jojo Martin '20, bass player Lucas Steinberger '20, and rock guitarist Sam Laemmle '20. Joe Lugosh '08 was the MC and was later accompanied by Asher Huntington '07, Alan Millett and others. Helen Newell '18 performed on violin with Pranav

McCabe, and Olivia Delisile '11 played guitar and sang a few solo songs. LA Band Director and saxophonist Liz Matta performed a set with Sam Laemmle '20, Tommy Thelander '18, and others. The Sheddners made up of Tommy Hanna '17, Avery Houdus '16, Michael Sevon '88, and Chuck Benton, also performed. The evening was a true showcase of LA musical talent.

The Community Engagement and Development Office would like to thank Trustee Juliet Kelsey Holmes '92, former trustee and LA parent Lisa Masters '83, Core Redonnet '88 and Kate Aldrich '92 for their hard work and commitment in producing the Linaca Festival.

Stay tuned for updates on Linaca Festival 2023!



GRADUATION 2022

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LINCOLN ACADEMY'S 2022 GRADUATION

was a welcome return to campus traditions after two years of pandemic reinvention. The outdoor pavilion on the Stanley Waltz Track field gave a new focal point for festivities and made it possible to move senior week traditions like Class Night and Baccalaureate outside. Commencement day was, for better or worse, blessed with an unexpectedly persistent rainstorm that drenched the Class of 2022 and their supporters mid-ceremony. Despite the thorough soaking, sent off the Class of 2022 with the pomp and circumstance they deserved.



Graduates at Lincoln Academy's 2022 Commencement: from left Maisie Mathiau, Vittoria Pauro, Angel Rodriguez, and Haley Clifford.



2022 Valedictorian Maddy Russ



2022 Co-Salutatorian Fasai (Sonny) Cumming



2022 Co-Salutatorian Ben Schwink

2022 GRADUATION AWARDS:

Harold & Blanch Smithwick Scholarship: Reed Gulden

Lowell Simmons Award: Payson Kaler

Linda Jean Metcalf Award: Sonny Cumming

Achievement Cup: William Sherrill



2022 ALUMNI BANQUET

Eagle Alumni gathered in June for the first Alumni Banquet since 2019. It was good to be back, and have a chance to visit with loyal LA alums who were happy to be together and tell stories about their days in high school. We look forward to gathering again on June 10, 2023 - we hope to see you there!



The march of the 50th reunion class of 1972 led by Marjorie (Cole) Turner and Mark Potter.



Bob Baldwin '62 offers some wisdom on behalf of the Class of 1962.

IP ZOO RAH ZOO

At the 2022 Alumni Banquet, two members of the Class of 1962, Judith Hanson and Mary Sue Weeks, performed the following cheer:

*Ip zoo rah zoo
Teddy boom bah zoo
I skitty I sky
Chickie Boom bah
Chickie boom (clap clap)*

*Chicki rubba dub
Aflubba dub
Sis boom bah
Ip skitty ip flip
Rah! Rah!*

This 1920s cheer originated at Colby College, according to Judith and Mary Sue, and was a staple of the cheerleading team at LA thanks to cheer coach Rita Boynton, who was married to LA history teacher and basketball coach Ron Boynton.



Phil Page '70 leading the always-popular Lincoln Academy Trivia segment of the Alumni Banquet.



Mother and daughter Marjorie (Cole) Turner '72 (left) and Arlene Cole '47.



The family of Alumni Service Award winner Juliet Kelsey-Holmes includes Paul Kelsey '62



The Alumni Dining Commons was filled with laughter and stories during the 2022 Alumni Banquet.



Head of School Jeff Burroughs addressing gathered alumni.



Gina Glidden '72 and Gloria Webber Elliott '72.



Joan Bryant Myatt '47, the oldest attendee at the 2022 Alumni Banquet.



Arlene Cole '47 telling a story about the 1940s at LA.



2022 graduates Nick Prior, Ben Schwink, and Marina McManus attended the event.



Mark Potter '72 sharing memories for his class.



Charles Sleeper '63, Chris Roberts '74, Gary Vyhak '79, James Vyhak '78, and Link Page '68.



Former Alumni Council President Bob Plourde '89.

2022 ALUMNI AWARDS



ALUMNI SERVICE AWARD:
JULIET KELSEY-HOLMES '92
& DENNIS PRIOR '91

The 2022 Alumni Service Award was presented to Juliet Kelsey-Holmes '92 and Dennis Prior '91 for their years of work for Lincoln Academy, most nota-

bly building the Alumni Community Challenge into a formidable annual fundraiser for the Academy.

Juliet Kelsey-Holmes graduated from LA in 1992 and Wheaton College in 1996. She recently joined the Board of Trustees, where she serves on the Development Committee. Before that she worked tirelessly on the Alumni Community Challenge, in which the Class of 1992 regularly excels under her leadership. Kelsey-Holmes works for Martin Grant Associates in their employee benefits, healthcare and financial services recruiting divisions and lives in Hallowell with her husband and son.

Dennis Prior graduated from LA in 1991 and Roger Williams University in 1998 where he earned a bachelors degree in architecture. He served on the Lincoln Academy Board of Trustees from 2010 to 2019. During that time Prior chaired the ATEC Construction Committee and was the founder of the Alumni Community Challenge, which started in 2013 with a donation of \$1801 (in honor of the year of LA's founding), and now raises over \$70,000 a year for LA, with classes competing to raise the most money with the most class participants. Prior currently serves as President of the LA Boosters and is an LA parent of Nick '22, Sarah '26, and future LA student Katelyn '27.



ALUMNUS OF THE YEAR:
CINDY WADE '83

The 2022 Alumnus of the Year is Cindy Wade '83, President of Lincoln Health. Wade graduated from Lincoln Acad-

emy and St. Joseph's College, where she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Nursing and later a Master's Degree in Healthcare Administration.

Prior to her work at Lincoln Health, Wade worked as a nurse in the US Navy. When she returned home to pursue a career in Midcoast Maine, Wade worked as a nurse at Miles Hospital, as well as Manager of the Medical Surgical Department, Director of Quality and Patient Safety, Chief Nursing Officer, Vice President of Patient Care Services, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In 2018, she became Regional Chief Operating Officer overseeing Lin-

colnHealth, Pen Bay Medical Center and Waldo County General Hospital.

In 2021, Wade fulfilled a career goal of becoming President of LincolnHealth. In her role as president, she leads LincolnHealth with a deep commitment to the communities and the innovation of MaineHealth.

"We are proud to claim Cindy Wade as an alumnus in the LA class of 1983," said Phil Page, President of the LA Alumni Council and graduate with the LA Class of 1970, who presided over the Banquet on June 11, 2022. "She has accomplished so much in her career."

2022 SPORTS HALL OF FAME

The Lincoln Academy Alumni Association inducted four new members into the Sports Hall of Fame on June 18: LeeAnn (Oliver) Sullivan '82, Leon Oliver '82, Malcolm Oliver '12, and Adam Wheeler '89.

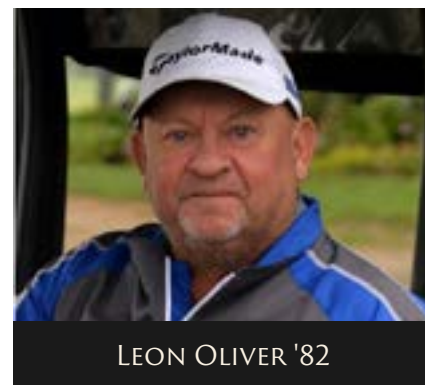


LEEANN (OLIVER) SULLIVAN '82

LeeAnn (Oliver) Sullivan '82 earned 12 varsity letters at LA in basketball (four years), cross country (two years), golf (two years), and softball (four years). She was the point guard and a tri-captain on the 1982 State Class B girls championship basketball team. According to the Lincoln County News, "LeeAnn's great team-first attitude and calmness was one of the reasons the team won the 1982 state championship and the Good Sportsmanship Award."

Sullivan played second base for LA's 1982 MMC championship softball team that went 12-1. Additionally, she played on the boys golf team for two years, as there was no girls team. In 1981, she was the top female golfer at the state qualifier.

After high school Sullivan attended St. Joseph's College, where she played basketball. She later transferred to Plymouth State and earned a degree in education. After graduation, she married Dan Sullivan and raised three children, Ashley, Andrew, and Zachary, in West Springfield, Mass. She currently teaches first grade.



LEON OLIVER '82

Leon Oliver '82 lettered in three sports: cross country, basketball, and golf. He

set the single game scoring record of 40 points in a basketball game. Leon qualified for the Maine Schoolboy state championship golf match in three out of his four years in high school.

Leon attended USM where he earned All-Conference honors on the golf team. He left USM to enter the PGA professional program, and has been a PGA professional for the past 28 years.

He spent 15 years working at Wawenock Country Club, and during this time he coached the LA golf team from 2004-2007.

He purchased Sheepscot Links in Whitefield in 2019 and since then he has made significant changes to the course. Passionate golfers appreciate the ability to play late and early season golf, as Leon is known for opening whatever holes are playable in the spring when the snow banks are still visible. He holds five course records at Gasparilla Inn (61), Wawenock (60), Lemon Bay Golf Club (64), Bath Country Club (61), and Sheepscot Links (67). He won two Maine Chapter Championships in 1998 and 1999, one pro-pro championship, and one Player of the Year Maine Chapter PGA.

Leon and his wife Alicia (Welton '89) reside in Damariscotta. They have two children, Malcolm '12, and Mallory '18.

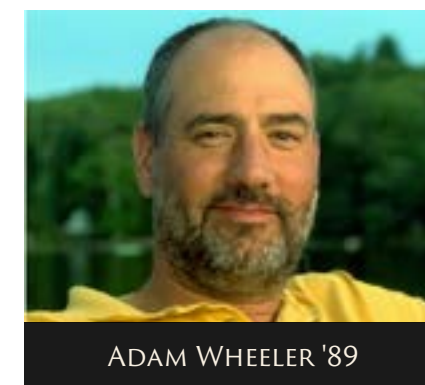


MALCOLM OLIVER '12

Malcolm Oliver '12 won the Maine Schoolboy Class B state golf championship as a senior at LA in 2011 with a score of 73. He went on to attend Bentley University, where he won six individual tournaments, and was named two-time Ping Division II All-East Region, and seven-time NE-10 Men's Golfer of the Week. He was featured in Sports Illustrated "Faces in the Crowd" after successfully defending his title at New England Intercollegiate his senior year. He holds Bentley records for lowest-scoring average, highest national ranking (Division II), and wins in a single season.

After graduating from Bentley in 2016 with a degree in Economics-Finance, Malcolm began competing in professional golf tournaments. His first professional victory came in June 2016, where he shot a 6-under par 64 at the Vermont Open Shootout. Later that summer he enrolled in the PGA of America and began working toward a certification in Professional Golf Management. He was elected to the PGA of America in the fall of 2021, following in the footsteps of his father, Leon Oliver, who earned the PGA credentials 28 years earlier.

Malcolm and his wife Kate live in Foxborough, Mass.



ADAM WHEELER '89

Adam Wheeler '89 was the starting cen-

ter for Lincoln Academy's 1989 State Class B basketball team. With two 1,000 point scorers on the team—Chris McKenney '89 and Kyle O'Bryan '89—Adam's role on the team was rebounding and blocking shots.

After graduating from LA, Adam attended the University of Maine before transferring to Maine Maritime Academy, where he was a member of the men's basketball and lacrosse teams.

In his three years playing basketball at MMA, Adam was a 1,000 point scorer. He is the tenth leading all-time scorer at MMA with 1,089 points, an average of 14 points per game. Adam was a captain two seasons with MMA, 1992-93, and 1993-94.

After college, Adam went into the oil and gas drilling industry where he has worked for the past 27 years. He is currently chief engineer aboard the first seventh generation drillship.

Adam and his wife Jessica live in Camden with their two children, Gabriel (15) and Evelyn (13).



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for the fiscal year July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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A NEW DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT

When Director of Development Laurie Hurd retired in June of 2022, her Associate Director Heather D'Ippolito had big shoes to fill—but after two and half years in the office, she understood the strengths and challenges facing LA.

When Jeff Burroughs appointed D'Ippolito as the new Director, the two decided to change the name of the office to Community Engagement and Development.

"With so many local businesses owned and run by LA alumni, there is incredible support and loyalty for Lincoln in this community. We need to ensure these relationships remain sustainable and supportive," said D'Ippolito. "This region of businesses—like the rest of Maine—needs more opportunities to connect with future employees. We hope to bring professionals with a variety of experiences onto campus to speak to students, provide pathways for internships and job shadows, and help students see the many career opportunities right here in Maine."

Some of this work was launched at the first annual Peter J. Benner '92 Job Fair, and will continue this fall with career panels during the last week of November,

Heather D'Ippolito is Lincoln Academy's new Director of Community Engagement and Development.



as well as helping connect students with internships throughout the year.

"When community engagement comes first, fundraising and other resources for our students will follow," said D'Ippolito.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

The Lincoln Academy Board of Trustees elected two members in July of 2022, Sara Mitchell and John Eraklis, both current LA parents.

Sara Mitchell

Sara Mitchell was first introduced to life in Maine when she attended the Chewonki Semester Program as a junior in high school. She returned in 2000 to make Maine her home. Since then, she has served on the boards of Chewonki, Central Lincoln County Ambulance, Sheepscot Valley Children's House, and AOS93, where she acted as AOS liaison to the LA Board in 2018-19. Sara, her husband John, and their two sons, Michael '26 and Colin '28 live in South Bristol where she is currently finishing her term as Chair of the South Bristol School Board.

John Eraklis

John D. Eraklis is a career filmmaker and has been CEO of a Los Angeles based production company for the past 20 years, specializing in animated features and documentaries. A graduate of Suffield Academy (CT) and the University of Rhode Island, John grew up in Connecticut and spent summers in Maine. After the birth of their first child, John and his wife Laura made the decision to relocate to Bristol to raise their children. Their daughter is currently a sophomore at LA, and their two younger children attend South Bristol School.



BEST OF MAINE

When we opened the September issue of Downeast Magazine we were surprised—and thrilled—to find that Lincoln Academy topped the list of "Best of Maine" in the Private Secondary School category. Apparently voters agree that Lincoln Academy is an excellent place to go to school.

"I take a copy of Downeast Magazine with me when I travel around the world to show prospective students," said Director of Admissions Lu-Shien Tan. "People who love Maine also love Lincoln Academy, and Maine is so iconic overseas.... This really puts Lincoln Academy on the map!"

"We knew we were nominated, but we didn't do any marketing around the vote," said Associate Director of Admissions Hilary Petersen. "The win was spontaneous, and reflects the overall affection and pride people take in our community. Clearly local people got out to vote—Lincoln County is a great place to live, work, and go to school."



UPDATE FROM KIAH BAILEY HALL

Covid was hard on schools everywhere, and boarding programs took a particular hit. Everything from international travel, to obtaining student visas, to communal living—all essential for running a mostly international boarding program—were made more challenging by the pandemic.

Despite these pandemic challenges, in the fall of 2022 the LA Residential Program has largely rebounded. With 44 students from 15 countries living in the dorm this year, including five domestic boarders, the program is thriving.

"This fall we welcomed back a wonderful cohort of returning kids, four of whom decided to return after originally planning to be at LA for only one year. We are currently at a nearly full house," said Jake Abbott, Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life. "We are fortunate to have such an energetic, enthusiastic, and diverse bunch. The amount of learning, laughing, and smiling that goes on is simply amazing!"

Meanwhile, domestic Boarding is on the rise at LA. "The word is out! Staying in the LA dorm is a great option for domestic students," said Hilary Petersen, Associate Director of Admissions. "We have students whose parents are on the road a lot, or who are so busy with extracurriculars that it makes sense to eat dinner, attend evening study hall, and stay the week. The atmosphere in the dorm is really fun, too—I expect this part of our program will grow!"

Countries represented in the LA Dorm, 2022-23 school year:

Armenia: 1	Lebanon: 1
Brazil: 4	Slovakia: 1
Cambodia: 1	Spain: 9
China: 1	Thailand: 1
Germany: 6	Turkey: 1
Hungary: 3	Vietnam: 4
Italy: 2	USA: 5
Poland: 1	

ALUMNI COUNCIL UPDATE

It has been almost 130 years since William K. Hilton, Class of 1878 (the first class to formally graduate from Lincoln Academy) led the formation of the LA Alumni Association in 1894. Current members of the Alumni Council are proud to carry on his work.

2022 saw the return of the Alumni Banquet to the Alumni Dining Commons after a two-year absence due to Covid. It was a great evening, beginning with the traditional social, the marching of the 50th reunion class of 1972, and alumni awards and speeches from five-year reunion classes from 1947 to 2022. Congratulations to the Class of 1962 for winning the Attendance Cup!

A week later the Alumni Council held its ninth Sports Hall of Fame induction. The afternoon event featured a social hour, LA sports trivia, and the induction of four new members (see story p 28).

Homecoming Weekend was established by the Alumni Council in 1993. In September a full-scale celebration returned after a two-year hiatus due to Covid and bad weather. Homecoming kicked off with a spirited parade down Main Street led by Britt Hatch '84 and Angie Waltz '94 with the Alumni Council banner.

After the parade the LA field hockey team played its first Friday night Homecoming game. Soccer all day Saturday and the Golf Scramble at Wawenock Country Club on Sunday rounded out the athletic competition for the weekend.

The 2023 Alumni Banquet will take place on June 11, feature classes ending in 3's and 8's and celebrate the "50th" of the Class of '73. All LA alumni are invited to attend. Please contact Phil Page if you are planning your own class reunions so the Alumni Council can help!

The Council would like to recognize the service of Yvette Sullivan '85, a long-time council member and the efforts of Brynne Hanna Whitney '04. Both are completing their service this year.

The Council was pleased to have again

made a sizable gift to the LA Annual Fund. The Council encourages alumni to consider a gift to LA, Together we can help Lincoln remain the great school that it is. After all, We Are LA!

Phil Page '70, *Alumni Council President*

2022 Council Members

President - Phil Page '70
Vice-President - Bob Plourde '89
Secretary- Chrissy Wajer '85
Treasurer- Angie Waltz '94
Cindy Wade '83
Lori McFarland Stornosky '83
Britt Hatch '84
Kyle LeBeau '90
Lynne Plourde '92

LA BOOSTERS

With the start of the 2022-23 school year, the Lincoln Academy Boosters have been blessed with a renewed sense of optimism and hope for a vibrant year supporting LA athletics!

LA Boosters rely on the volunteer spirit of our school community to raise significant dollars each year to support athletics and other student groups. Through concessions, Booster card sales, gate fees, and fundraising events such as the Booster Auction, Pumpkinfest, and Homecoming, we strive to meet the needs of LA Athletics each year as prioritized by school leadership.

Our GREATEST NEED is YOU! Whether you are a parent/guardian, grandparent, friend of LA or alum, we have many ways for you to get involved and support our kids! We can't accomplish our mission without volunteers, so attend a meeting (every second Monday of the month at 6:30pm in Rm 118) and explore how you can bring your time, energy, and talents to an organization that makes a difference on campus. Go, LA Eagles!

LA Boosters

Dennis Prior '91, *President*
Darci Harrington, *Treasurer*
Jill Perry '80, *Secretary*
Morgan Perry '13, *Digital Communications Officer*



CLASS NOTES

1960

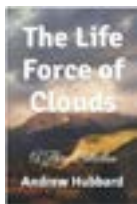
Jon Olsen has published two books, *Liberate Hawaii*, which explains to Americans the vibrant sovereignty movement in Hawaii, and the legal basis for it, and *Professor Pueo's Sovereignty Lesson*, a small children's allegory book about the same subject. The first is available in the Lincoln Academy library and the second at Sherman's Maine Coast Bookstore in Damariscotta.

1964

Mary Martha (Wilson) Collins was awarded the inaugural Class of 1971 Excellence and Impact Award to honor her role as a math teacher at LA. The award was presented at the 2022 graduation ceremony. Story page 24.

1968

Andrew Hubbard's fifth book of poetry, *The Life Force of Clouds*, was published in January by Scarlet Leaf Press, in Toronto. In 2016 Andrew visited Lincoln Academy, to read some poems and discuss poetry LA English classes. Andrew's first book, *Things That Get You*, is in the LA library collection.



Chris '74 and Paula '75 Roberts were recently inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame.

1974

Chris Roberts and his wife **Paula (Flagg) Roberts '75** were inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame in the fall of 2022. Chris serves as publisher of *The Lincoln County News* and president of Lincoln County Publishing Co.. He represents the fourth generation of the Erskine-Roberts family to own and publish The Lincoln County News. His great-grandfather, Samuel H. Erskine, published his first edition in 1920.

1975

Paula (Flagg) Roberts and her husband **Chris Roberts '74** were inducted into the Maine Press Association Hall of Fame in the fall of 2022. Paula works as the sports reporter and photographer at *The Lincoln County News*. According to the newspaper's announcement, Paula "logs tens of

thousands of miles a year as she crisscrosses the state to cover sports, mostly at the high school level. She routinely covers several games at different schools in the same evening. She has won awards for her photography and writing in the Maine Press Association Better Newspaper Contest, including first place for sports photo in three of the last seven years.

1976

Rosa Redonnett was the co-recipient of the 2021 "Education at Work for Maine" award presented by the Finance Authority of Maine (FAME). She and colleagues at the Maine Community Colleges were presented the award in recognition of their work and collaboration to support Maine's students. Rosa currently serves as Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Credential Attainment at the University of Maine System.

1978

Jody Holmes Bachelder published *Here First: Samoset and the Wawenock of Pemaquid, Maine*. Samoset was a sagamore of the Wawenock and the first Indigenous person to make contact with the colonists at Plymouth Plantation, startling them when he emerged from the forest in 1621 and welcomed them in English.



Jody writes, "The extraordinary thing about Samoset's story is that he was not from Plymouth. He was not even Wampanoag, or more specifical-

ly Patuxet, who lived in the area. Samoset's home was more than 200 miles away on the coast of present-day Maine. So why was he there? And why was he chosen to make contact with the English settlers?" That question is the subject of her book.

Jody graduated from Colby College and served as the librarian at Hall-Dale High School from 1997-2013. She later spent some time in Massachusetts but now resides in Brunswick. She has two children, Sam and Hillary.

1981

Wayne Farrin '81 and his wife **Lynne (Chadwick) Farrin '85** opened the new Jefferson Market and General Store in April of 2021. The store had been closed for three years before they bought it, and the Farrins completely renovated the building before reopening. The store features a sandwich counter, pizza oven, and breakfast offerings and employs a number of Lincoln Academy students and graduates including **Logan Heath '22**, **Lilliann Brooks '25**, and the couple's son **Caleb Farrin '13**.

1982

Leon Oliver, owner of Sheepscot Links golf course in Whitefield, was one five 2022 inductees into the Maine Golf Hall of Fame. The induction took place in October in a ceremony held at the Poland Spring Resort. He was also inducted into the Lincoln Academy Sports Hall of Fame in June of 2022. See story p. 29.

LeAnne (Oliver) Sullivan was inducted into the Lincoln Academy Sports Hall of Fame in June of 2022. See story p. 28.

1984

Joshua M. Smith researches American maritime history, including his first book, *Borderland Smuggling: Patriots, Loyalists, and Illicit Trade in the Northeast, 1783-1820*, which won the John Lyman Award in American Maritime History in 2007 and *Making Maine: Statehood and the War of 1812*, which The University of Massachusetts Press published in 2022. This most recent book "retells Maine's statehood movement as part of the War of 1812 as a much darker tale than is usually told, with smugglers, spies, riots, treason, and civil unrest ultimately forcing Mainers to take matters into their own hands.

Joshua lives with his family on Long Island,

where he is the Director of the American Merchant Marine Museum in Kings Point, New York.

1985

Lynne (Chadwick) Farrin '85 is co-owner of the newly-opened Jefferson Market and General Store with her husband, Wayne Farrin '84.

1986

Bridget Widmaier lives in New York State and wears many hats these days: she works as a substitute teacher at her local high school, sells real estate, and works at her husband's law firm. She writes, "I decided to stop teaching full time to stay home with my kids. I really enjoy the flexibility of working when I want to. I usually come back to Damariscotta about 4-5 times a year. My sister and her family and my parents still live there. My oldest son Kurt is in Medical school at Einstein Montefiore in the Bronx, my middle son Connor is in Germany on a Fulbright Scholarship, and my daughter Kirsten is in her Sophomore year at Delaware University. I wish everyone at Lincoln all the best! Have a terrific 2022!"

1988

Core Redonnett plays with the band The Gulch, which has performed for several Lincoln-Academy related events at the Linaca Festival, which he helped organize, in August of 2022 and Homecoming. Core is an LA parent times two: his son Avery graduated in 2022, and his daughter Maya is a current freshman. See story on Linaca p. 23.

Ryan Gleason was selected as 2023 Maine's NAESP National Distinguished Principal for his role as principal at Yarmouth Elementary School, a role he has held since 2017. The award is given for contribution to the entire well being of his

Core Redonnet '88 playing with his band The Gulch



Ryan Gaul '92 teaching improvisational theater to LA students in Poe Theater in October 2022

educational community, effects towards creating a positive environment and having the ability to motivate and inspire others. Ryan graduated from the University of Maine before earning his Assistant Principal Certificate from the University of Southern Maine in 2008. He went on to earn a Masters in Education in 2014 from St. Joseph's College in Standish.

1989

Adam Wheeler was inducted into the Lincoln Academy Sports Hall of Fame in June of 2022. See story p. 29.

1992

Ryan Gaul is an actor and comedian who is currently working on a feature film set in Maine. The movie, entitled *McCurdy Point*, is a horror film, and Ryan spent October, 2022 filming at various locations in Midcoast Maine including Round Pond and the Bristol peninsula. While in town Ryan offered an improv workshop for Lincoln Academy students in Poe Theater, as well as performed an improv comedy show at Lincoln Theater.

1994

Jessica (Resch) Delfino writes, "I'm working as the marketing director of the Pocono Arts Council as well as a writer and a comedic entertainer. I've written a number of parenting and satire articles for The New York Times, SELF, The Atlantic, The New Yorker, TV and film scripts, and a #1 best-selling Amazon joke book called *Dumb Jokes For Smart Folks*. I currently host a weekly parenting radio segment called The Mom Report every Monday morning at 7 am on Pocono 96.7 FM, which can be heard online at Pocono967.com. I



2022 REUNION CLASSES



THE CLASS OF 1962

From left: Kinne Stires, Gail Thomson, Ellis Bailey, Mary Sue Weeks, Bob Baldwin, Cathy (Fish) Walker, Nort Fowler, Martha (Reed) Dodge, Judith Hanson, Paul Kelsey, Stephanie Ferrell, Mary (French) Trescott



THE CLASS OF 1972

From left: Mark Potter, Gina Glidden, Faye (Leeman) Bascom, Tim Nichols, Lesley (Truhel) Woodsom, Phyllis (Wright) Cotton, Gloria (Webber) Elliott, Marjorie (Cole) Turner

CLASS NOTES

LA

perform comedic music at venues, resorts, clubs and events across the US. My husband, young son and I split our time between New York City and the Poconos. All of my music can be found on Spotify and Apple Music. You can keep up with my appearances and news on Instagram or Twitter @JessicaDelfino."

1994

Ben Kelsey lives in Richmond, Maine with his wife Erica. They have two children, Arianna and Alexa. Ben is the owner of Citizen Energy in Richmond. He reconnected with Lincoln Academy by playing in the annual Homecoming Golf Scramble with his old basketball Coach **Phil Page '70**, Phil's brother **Link Page '68** and **Chuck Plummer '76**. Ben was an outstanding basketball player and golfer while attending Lincoln Academy.

1995

Allison Gibson Brooks serves as the Chair of the Jefferson Area Community Food Pantry and works to fight food insecurity in the local community. She is guided by the principle that "anyone who comes to us shop for their needs enters a 'no judgement zone.'"

2005

Luke '06 and **Lindsay '05 Plummer** announce the birth of their son Everett Russell Plummer on September 8, 2021.

2006

Amy Brooks Burgess continues to work as Assis-



The map of the LA campus created by Ben Meader '06 with Lincoln Academy students during a GIS mapping Focused Learning Block in the spring of 2022.



Joe Lugosh '08 and Katie Riley '14 at their July 14 wedding.

tant Coach on the double KVAC champion Lincoln Academy Cross Country team. She lives in Woolwich with her husband Cam Burgess and their children, Eddie and Sawyer.

Luke '06 and **Lindsay '05 Plummer** announce the birth of their son Everett Russell Plummer on September 8, 2021.

Nicole Kalloch serves on the Rockland City Council, where she was elected in November of 2021.

Ben Meader lives locally and runs a GIS mapping business in South Bristol. Last year he worked with English teacher Bryan Manahan to offer a Focused Learning Block on GIS mapping for LA students. They learned the basic skills of GIS software and made a map of the LA cross country trails, which is already helping with course main-

Russell Brackett '08 with his wife Jillian and children Fletcher and Poppy.



tenance and helping new runners not get lost.

2008

Joe Lugosh married **Katie Riley '14** on July 16, 2022. The two live in Edgecomb above Peapod Jewelry, which Joe owns and operates. Joe enjoys acting and singing in local theater productions, and hosting trivia and game nights at Maine Booch, **Chauncey Erskine '10's** hard kombucha brewery in Damariscotta. Joe also enjoys playing Dungeons and Dragons.

Russell Brackett is the head chef at Lincoln Academy. He and his wife Jillian have two children, Fletcher Cameron James Brackett, born April 13, 2020 and Poppy June Cordelia Brackett, born August 23, 2022. The family lives in Bristol.

2009

Adria (Holmes) Tucker works as an ed tech at Lincoln Academy and performs with her company Seaside Princess Parties. Seaside Princess Parties, Adria writes, "brings magic to any event! We offer passionate, creative princess appearances for reasonable prices. Our characters entertain at birthday parties and other special events. We provide fairytale character meet and greets with activities such as stories, singalongs, dance parties and face painting. We are based out of Westport, Maine."

2011

Ashley Little joined the staff of Newcastle Realty this year as part of their apprentice program. Ashley lives in Nobleboro with her husband and two young children. When she's not serving the needs of her clients, she enjoys spending quality time with her family and volunteering with the

Adria (Holmes) Tucker as one of her Seaside Princess Parties characters at Kids Con Portland alongside Sierra Henderson '21



Charitable Giving Committee at Cheney Financial Group.

Olivia DeLisle co-founded the Peace Gallery with her father, Bernie DeLisle, in the winter of 2022. The Peace Gallery is located in downtown Damariscotta and shows art made by veterans of the US armed services. The space also serves as a community resource that offers writing, songwriting, yoga, meditation, dance, and other classes for veterans and non-veterans alike. Olivia plays acoustic music locally, and performed in the 2022 Linaca Festival. See Story p. 23

Ryan Wahle serves as the facilities director for the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership, which is off the coast of Rockland, near Vinalhaven. This summer he worked with fellow LA alumni **Lucy Williams '17** and **Essie Martin '17**, who lived on the island as part of the aquaculture research team.

2012

Malcolm Oliver was inducted into the Lincoln Academy Sports Hall of Fame in June of 2022. See story p. 28

2013

Morgan D Perry has served as Program Director at the CLC YMCA since November of 2021. She also coaches the Bristol D'Air Devils Jump Rope Club, the Bristol Air Devils Jump Rope Demo Team, and the Bristol Softball team. Morgan is also a dedicated volunteer for the LA Boosters, where she has been the Digital Communications Officer for three years.

2014

Katie Riley is a student at USM pursuing her BFA, and is also very interested in linguistics and

Katie Riley '14 and her husband Joe Lugosh '08.



Hurricane Island, near Vinalhaven, is a short ferry ride from Rockland and a world away. The former headquarters of Outward Bound, the island is now home to the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership, a nonprofit organization that offers education programs for all ages from school groups to adults, and a research center focused on marine biology studies including aquaculture. In the summer of 2022 three Lincoln Academy graduates: Ryan Wahle '11, Essie Martin '17, Lucy Williams '17, and international student Luana Sacay found themselves on the island together. Ryan is the Maintenance Director, Essie and Lucy are on the research team, and Luana traveled to the island from her home in Brazil for an education program with United People Global, an international nonprofit that "encourages and enables people to participate in making the world a better place."

ASL interpretation. She and **Joe Lugosh '08** were married on July 16, 2022. They live in Edgecomb and are happy parents to their adorable miniature schnauzer, Spidey.

2015

Angus Fake is in his first year of teaching social studies at Belfast High School. He spent last year as a Public Allies Teaching Fellow at Eagle Rock School and Professional Development Center in Estes Park, Colorado. While in Colorado he got to hike and climb in the Rocky Mountains. He currently lives in Newcastle, where he is finishing building a house.

Cassie Leeman completed her Masters Degree in Marine Biology at the University of Maine's Darling Marine Center in South Bristol in the spring of 2022. As part of her Masters she published a paper in the journal Aquaculture entitled "The potential socio-environmental advantages of repurposing lobster impoundments for Eastern Oyster Aquaculture" with co-author **Essie Martin '17**. Over the summer Cassie moved to Washington State.

2016

Liam Brinkler graduated with honors from the University of Maine, Farmington in the winter of '21 with a major in Political Science and minors in Philosophy and Religion. He is currently working at Fuller Marine Construction before he begins his studies in Electrical Technology at SMCC.

Lauren Hunt is in her second and final year of the Masters in Science of Public Health program at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. She hopes to "gain a deeper perspective of health systems before making steps toward medical school, with ultimate goals of becoming a rural psychiatrist in the state of Maine." She spent the summer of 2022 in a practicum at Maine General Hospital with a focus on overdose prevention.

Nobonita Chowhury graduated from St. John's College in Annapolis, Maryland, in May of 2021. She writes, "for the past year, I've been working as a Management Trainee for a Research Management Group focused conglomerate in Dhaka, Bangladesh. I will begin my Masters of Global Management at Antwerp Management School in Belgium" in the fall of 2022.

CLASS NOTES



Sam Laemle '18's band Quail just reached one million Spotify streams on their first album "Waste My Time."

2017

Jillian Page is studying Nursing at Central Maine Community College. Jillian currently works at LincolnHealth, Miles Hospital where she plans to continue her clinicals.

Gabriel Ferrero completed a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Creative Media from Champlain College where he was a member of the Spring 2022 Dean's List.

Essie Martin graduated from Bates College with a degree in geochemistry in May of 2022. At Bates she wrote her thesis on the ability of kelp aquaculture to sequester carbon in the ocean, and was named to the Dean's List. She spent the summer and fall of 2022 working on the research team at the Hurricane Island Center

Jacob Maker '18 and Kortney McKenna '18 were married on June 25, 2022



for Science and Leadership. Since her graduation from Bates, Essie has published several poems in the poetry publication *Muleskinner Journal* as well as a scientific paper on oyster aquaculture with co-author Cassie Leeman '15.

Lucy Williams graduated from Wheaton College in May of 2021 with a degree in studio art and physics. She works year round as a researcher at the Hurricane Island Center for Science and Leadership.

2018

Ashley Eugley is currently traveling the world as a Watson Fellow. See story p. 20.

Sam Laemmle plays guitar and sings in the band Quail, whose first album recently reached over a million streams on Spotify. Follow Quail on instagram at @quailtheband. Sam performed in the 2022 Linaca Festival at Schooner Landing. See Story p. 23

Jacob Maker was assigned his future AFSC job with the US Air Force in November of 2021 while attending Norwich University. In May 2022 he received his commission as a 14n Intelligence Officer and was assigned to GoodFellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas for tech training. He married Kortney McKenna on June 25, 2022.

Levi McAtee graduated from Bowdoin College in May of 2022 and moved to Boston, where he works as a research analyst at Industrial Economics, Incorporated (IEC). He writes, "I'm currently drafting a report analyzing the potential economic effects of critical habitat designation for the green sea turtle. I'm also part of a team that uses biophysical modeling results to quantify the socioeconomic benefits of coastal resiliency projects in the context of coastal storms and sea level rise."

Kortney Lynn McKenna - graduated from Husson University with a Bachelors in Nursing in the spring of 2022, where she was named to the President's List for the Fall of 2021 and Spring of 2022 Semester. She and Jacob Maker were married on June 25, 2022.

Christopher Sullivan, graduated from Nichols College in May of 2022, where he was named to the Dean's List.

2019

Paige Camp is a senior at Allegheny College in Pennsylvania where she is studying political science.

GOT A CLASS NOTE FOR THE NEXT AERIE?



Haley Graves '19

Jonah Daiute played the title role in Heartwood Theater's 2022 production of *Peter and the Starcatchers*. Jonah is majoring in Cinema and Photography with a minor in Theater at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York, where was named to the Deans List in the spring of 2022. Jonah was known to local theater goers for memorable roles during high school including Riff in *West Side Story* and Don Quixote in *The Man of La Mancha*. He is slated to graduate from Ithaca College in 2024.

Pop Punk Artist **Haley Graves** has thousands of views on TikTok and thousands of streams on Spotify. A Black, Queer, Afro Dominican musician, she continues to climb her way up in the music industry. Opening for hundreds of bands and many major Pop Punk bands including, Tiny Moving Parts, Belmont and Capstan as well as being on the same festivals as My Chemical

May Halm '19 in a 2022 London production of *Comedy of Errors*.



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Romance's Opener, Kimya Dawson, to Pop Icon Charlie XCX, the 22 year old Pop Punk Musician continues to make a splash everywhere she goes while continuing to take the music industry by storm. Haley has been featured in many press outlets including, The Seattle Times, American Songwriter, The Lynnwood Times, and many more by many award winning writers. Haley hopes to continue to cultivate change as well as being a voice in the BIPOC community for years to come. Haley performed in the 2022 Linaca Festival. See Story p. 23

Jenna Gilbert has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2022 Semester. She is enrolled in Husson's Nursing program.

Jayden Gilbert has been named to Husson University's President's List for the Spring 2022 Semester. She is enrolled in Husson's Nursing program.

May Halm spent last spring studying acting at the British American Drama Academy in London. Her mother, LA social studies teacher Kathleen Halm, visited her in April of 2022 to see her perform in Shakespeare's "Comedy of Errors" as Dromio of Syracuse. After her semester in London May returned to the Poe Theater stage for the summer, 2022 production of Peter and the Starcatchers. She is scheduled to graduate from Skidmore College in May of 2023.

Emily Harris was named to the Dean's List at St. Lawrence University, where she is majoring in Asian studies and history and scheduled to graduate in the spring of 2023.

Joy Hedrick is studying for her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Messiah University. She

Sam Russ '19 playing tuba at the Linaca Festival.



In the summer of 2022 Heartwood Regional Theater Company staged the play *Peter and the Starcatchers*, and cast faces familiar to recent Lincoln Academy theater audiences. Jonah Daiute '19 played the title role of Peter, with May Halm '19 as Molly Aster. Nick Maiulis '19, Ben Swink '22, and Mitchell Straus '24 also joined the cast.

writes, "our school provides many cross cultural opportunities, the nursing program has two. One is to Zambia and one is to Thailand. It's for our Global and Public health class, where we have the opportunity to do cross cultural work in local public health facilities. In Zambia we will be doing clinicals at Macha Mission Hospital and working within the local village. We will be providing patient care and medications alongside our clinical instructors, just as we would in hospitals here in the states. Also, we will work in the Women's Ward, Men's Ward, Labor and Delivery, Maternity and Pediatrics, as well as community outreach. All while immersing in African culture!"

Nick Maiulis is a senior at Bard College. He joined the cast of Peter and the Starcatchers in the Summer of 2022.

Sam Peters has been named to the Dean's list for the spring 2022 semester at the University of Vermont, where he is a student at the Grossman School of Business.

Sam Russ is in his fourth year at Oberlin College in Oberlin, Ohio, where he is studying Tuba in the Conservatory and Classics in the college as part of a five-year dual Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Music degree program. He also runs cross coun-

try for Oberlin. He writes, "in June, I was lucky enough to join the National Brass Ensemble (NBE) as a member of the inaugural National Brass Ensemble Academy (NBEA). The NBE is a collaborative ensemble made up of brass players from the top orchestras across the country, including the Boston Symphony, New York Philharmonic, Chicago Symphony, Cleveland Orchestra, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the San Francisco Symphony. As a member of the NBEA, I spent a week participating in lessons, master classes, lectures, and side by side reading sessions with members of the NBE. It was an incredible experience that gave me an insight into the dedication and attention to detail required to play in some of the world's greatest orchestras. Their artistry is unmatched." Sam performed on his tuba at the 2022 Linaca Festival. See story p. 23.

Charles Van Damme was named to the Dean's list at Bates College, where he is a senior studying environmental science.

Alison York is studying Sports Management at UNH. She spent the summer before senior year working for Nashua Silver Knights in their merchandise department. Alison hopes to focus on social media in her career.

CLASS NOTES



2020

Jarrett Gulden is pursuing my BS degree in Aerospace Engineering/Astronautical Track with a minor in Material Science at Worcester Polytechnic University. He writes, "I am active in two jazz bands and participate in Mens' Track and Field (indoor and outdoor) and Cross Country at WPI."

Andrea Gutierrez is in her a second year at Northeastern University where she is majoring in Business and Psychology with a concentration in Social Innovation and Entrepreneurship. She writes, "I recently accepted a Co-op with PAN Communications in HR and Organizational Development and will start in January. I am part of club archery, have been helping start the Clay Cave Ceramics Club, and signed with a modeling agency back in April. I also take peer led Greek classes and free dive in my free time!"

Emily D. Kelsey is in her junior year at UNE's Nursing program. She has just started her clinicals.

Jojo Martin is a sophomore at Tufts University in Massachusetts, where he is studying music and political science, and was named to the Deans List in 2021-22. At Tufts he plays on the Ultimate Frisbee Team, in a jazz combo, and a rock band called Fease. Jojo performed in the 2022 Linaca Festival. See Story p. 23.

Eleanor Mathews took a gap year after graduation and traveled, then spent a year at Lafayette University. She transferred in the fall of 2022 to Kings College in London, where she plans to major in English and Politics.

Andrea Gutierrez '20 works as a model and free dives in her spare time



Adlai Nelson was named to the Dean's List at Clark University, where she is a current junior.

Lucas Steinberger is a sophomore at Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where he plays in the orchestra. Lucas performed on bass in the 2022 Linaca Festival. See Story p. 23.

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Jewel Farrin is studying Marketing Communications and Advertising at Endicott College.

Tommy Hanna graduated from the University of Maine Augusta in May, and his band played before graduation. Tommy played in the 2022 Linaca Festival. See story p. 23.

Frida Hennig was named to the Dean's list at Clark University, where she is a current sophomore.

Scott Petersen writes, "In my second year at Brown, I have refined my interests and am exploring mathematical applications of economics, as well as computer science principles necessary for managing large sets of data. I hope to major in Computer Science/Economics. I am a member of the Brown Mock Trial team, working to hone my public speaking and presentational skills, as well as competing with an amazing team of people from all walks of life. Even though my path was always uncertain, it has also been incredibly fulfilling so far, and I am very excited for the future!"

Meghan Rose writes, "after graduating from LA, I went on to attend the University of Maine at Farmington, where I had a fantastic year! I am currently majoring in Elementary Education with a concentration in Mathematics and a minor in Special Education. This upcoming year I also hope to pick up another minor in English Language Learning. I learned so much my freshmen year, and am looking forward to continuing my education in the next three years! In early May, I decided to become a substitute teacher at Bristol Consolidated School (the school I attended during my middle school years) to get some in-class experience."

Riley Stevenson decided to take a year off following her graduation in 2021, and spent the year as an intern for Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, as a nanny and tutor in Patagonia, and as a camp counselor locally for Hearty Roots. She found the year invaluable in her experiences adventuring in close and faraway places, exploring career options, and creating learning opportuni-



Jojo Martin '20 and Lucas Steinberger '20 playing at the 2022 Linaca Festival

ties outside the classroom. Riley started this Fall at Brown University, where she is studying Environmental Studies and Sociology and continuing to explore whenever possible.

Maddy York is studying Health Sciences at SMCC and playing for their Women's Basketball team. When she completes her degree at SMCC, she hopes to continue to study Radiology.

ALEXANDR BEDAREV

Alexandr Bedarev died unexpectedly on August 24, 2022, at his home in Kazakhstan. Alexandr was a residential student who spent four years living in the LA dorms.

Alexandr had a great sense of humor and made friends everywhere he went. He will be missed by the Class of 2022 and the entire LA community, especially those who experienced his larger-than-life persona first hand.



Alexandr Bedarev '22

RETIREMENTS



CINDY BLODGETT '83
GUIDANCE ASSISTANT

Cindy Blodgett '83 retired after 27 years at LA. She began her tenure at LA working in the Health Center, but spent most of her years in the Guidance Office (now called the Office of Career and Academic Counseling).

In her sendoff Jose Cordero described Cindy as: "an alumna of LA, Powerschool guru, detail oriented, editing expert, student advocate, a professional. She's also a riot. Her desire to poke a little fun is always a welcome relief from all the difficult meetings we have as counselors in our offices. With all the hard work she does with grades, credits, transcripts, Powerschool, test prep, newsletters, scheduling, and many MANY other things...she always knew when there was a need to break the ice and give us a laugh.

At the same time she knew when we needed support. She anticipated our needs and we always knew we could count on Cindy to be there for us when we needed her—in fun ways and in all ways that were professional. I will miss you Cindy. I will miss you always wanting to hear about my weekend, always reaching out with a text message to make sure I'm ok. Anticipating my stress and being there for me when I need to feel supported. And trusting me when you were feeling vulnerable and needed to talk."

Cindy Blodgett '83, far right, with colleagues from the Career and Academic Counseling Office.



PATTI SIMS
ENGLISH FACULTY

Patti Sims retired after 35 years in the Lincoln Academy English Department. While at LA Patti was both English Department Head and Curriculum Coordinator. She served on the governance committee for many years, most recently as co-chair. For students studying abroad, she served as the English study abroad coordinator.

Patti had many passions, including sign language, which she was able to teach as a Focused Learning Block during her last year, as well as short stories and Shakespeare. Generations of students will remember her "Bard Coffee House" where ninth grade honors English students read their short stories aloud to an audience of peers and parents.

The Class of 2022 dedicated their yearbook to her, and selected her to give a Baccalaureate speech during their senior week.

In her sendoff, fellow English teacher Bryan Mahan said, "Patti Sims was one of the hardest-working teachers at Lincoln; she was the first to arrive and the last to leave most days for 35 years. She started teaching English at LA in 1987.

Patti Sims retired after 35 years at LA. In her Baccalaureate speech to seniors she demonstrated her characteristic expressive and dynamic speaking style as she offered wisdom to graduates.



"Patti saw teaching English shift from typewriters and research done on microfiche machines to word processors, computers, email, and electronic learning platforms. She witnessed the educational pendulum take more than a few swings between whole language and phonics – standards and testing.

While here, Ms. Sims taught drama, debate, public speaking, ESOL, sign language, and nearly every class offered through the English department. Her commitment to teaching Shakespeare and to supporting international students benefited numerous programs through the years.

Ms. Sims was well known for having high expectations of her students and for challenging them to do their best. But the most impressive aspect of Ms. Sims was the support and guidance that she provided students to achieve those high expectations and to learn so much about the English language. Her dedication to supporting students extended well beyond the classroom walls and time.

Ms. Sims's love of language and education has influenced thousands of students and hundreds of fellow educators."

Ms. Sims is now teaching at Gardiner Middle School.

FACULTY
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Dean of Students and Director of Residential Life Jake Abbott with Ralph '23 (left) and Marc '22 (right) Zoorob in Lebanon.

Jake Abbott writes, "I had the opportunity to travel to Beirut, Lebanon this summer with my father, fulfilling a life dream of connecting with some of my roots. My father, who's mother is from Lebanon, grew up in a "Lebanese home" as a family of five, with the customs and traditions, eating the food, celebrating tradition. My father (age 73) and I are both pretty avid travelers, but have not ever found the right opportunity to explore this area of the world - for many reasons, but as the **Zoorob brothers (Marc '22 and Ralph '23)** have become a part of the LA boarding community, an opportunity presented itself. We traveled to Beirut in July and were welcomed into the Zoorob family. We met extended family, explored Beirut, the coastline, the Bekaa Valley, learned of the vast economic, political, and daily struggles that the people of the country face, and had opportunities to understand the people and the life in ways that a typical tourist doesn't get to have. It was both eye opening and enlightening. I am fortunate to have had opportunities

Esme Anderson, daughter of Choir Teacher Emily Anderson.



Newcastle Bed and Breakfast The Topsy Butler is now owned by LA staff member Stephanie Cheney and her family.

to travel overseas, and am very thankful for the family relationship we now have with the Zoorob family in Lebanon.

Esme Anderson was born March 5, 2022 to Choir teacher **Emily Anderson** and her husband Eric. Esme joins big brothers Ellis and Everett.

LA faculty member, **Stephanie Cheney**, and her family purchased The Topsy Butler Bed and Breakfast off Academy Hill in February of 2022. They had a great first summer season welcoming guests from all over the country to their 1846 Greek Revival home and are open year round. Stephanie is always happy to host friends and family of LA students so think of her if you need a place to stay during your next visit to the twin villages. Visit our website at www.tipsybutler.com/

LA staff member **Cody Brown** (Maintenance and Custodial) and his wife **Lauren (Alexander) Brown '14**, welcomed Kai Allen Alexander Brown, born March 21, 2022. Kai is the grandson of **Cathy (McCormick) Alexander '84**.

Alison Hanley (World Languages, Spanish) and **Alison Welch** (World Languages, Spanish) went to "AP Boot Camp" in the Summer of 2022. They

Kai Brown, son of Cody and Lauren (Alexander) Brown '14.



wrote, "the week at Saint Johnsbury Academy AP Summer Institute in VT gave us time to collaborate with AP educators of various subject areas from all over the country. It also allowed us to have 8 hours of focused time in French and Spanish each day with educators in our own disciplines. In addition to being in class all day, Saint Johnsbury Academy offered a great variety of activities after classes to give us a break from the academics, and an opportunity to explore that area of Vermont. We had the chance to go biking, hiking, kayaking, and shopping along with many other activities. It was an excellent experience to learn from other educators to expand our knowledge of the AP curriculum, and how to best prepare our students for the AP Spanish and French exam in May."

Alicia Lemar (Career and Academic Counseling) married Simon West on October 8, 2022 in Grenada.

Libby Mooney is taking the long road to retirement after a 23 year career at Lincoln Academy.

School Counselor Alicia Lemar with her husband, Simon West.



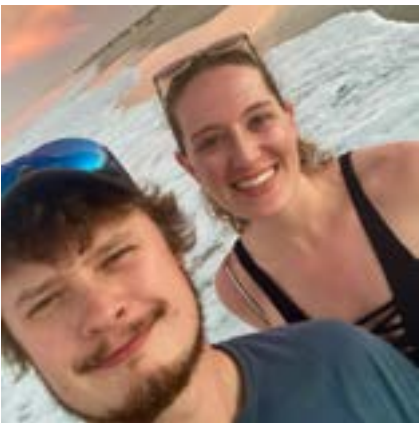
Social Studies Teacher Brian O'Mahoney as pictured on the "Corkonian People" Instagram last summer.

In 2021-22 she taught part time and then turned in her keys and computer in June of 2022. Lucky for us, she hasn't quite cut the cord, yet, and she

continues to sub for math and science classes and coach the very successful LA math team again this year.

Brian O'Mahoney spent two weeks in Ireland in June. While there he connected with his family, including his two sisters and brother, and visited his childhood landmarks. He attended a four-day historical conference marking the 100th Anniversary of the Irish Civil War at University College, Cork. While in Cork he also had his portrait taken by the "Corkonian People" Instagram, proving that even after three decades in the US he still looks like a Corkian native.

Amy Rodearmel (World Languages, Spanish) got engaged in August of 2022. She writes, "I was



World Languages teacher Amy Rodearmel and her fiancé.

in Europe for graduate school work most of the summer, and my now fiancé proposed as soon as we got home after he picked me up at the airport!"

IN MEMORIAM

LINCOLN ACADEMY ALUMNI

Cynthia Hall Sheppard '71 of Safety Harbor, FL, 10/22/19
Marjorie Steele Deniso '46 of Portland, 4/27/20
Capt Robert C. York '44 of Spring, TX, 6/13/21
Cynthia H. Winchenbach '47 of Waldoboro, 7/25/21
Christopher D. Vinal '84 of Nobleboro, 10/8/21
Warren L. Sidelinger '70 of Newcastle, 11/22/21
Joyce M. Bartlett '72 of Skowhegan, 11/26/21
Harlow Waltz '87 of Nobleboro, 12/15/21
Gary Nisbet '94 of Waldoboro, 12/16/21
Mark Creamer '82 of Newcastle, 12/22/21
James E. Bond '71 of Jefferson, 1/4/2022
Earl Farnsworth '63 of Newcastle, 1/14/22
Anthony Geroux '86 of Jefferson, 1/27/22
Vernon A. Johnston '74 of Salem, VA, 1/31/22
Christopher Caswell '75 of Nobleboro, 2/5/22
Katherine Poole Norwood '48 of Damariscotta, 2/9/22
Peter J. Benner '92 of Nobleboro, 2/18/22
Madelyn Moody Hunt Woodbury '63 of Jefferson, 2/27/22
May Davidson '47 of Round Pond, 3/21/22
Shayna Bartolotta '14 of Bremen, 4/2/22
Ralph R. Bond '42 of Walpole, 4/30/22
Patricia Chickering '71 of Wiscasset, 5/18/22
Beverly C. Rines '52 of Alna, 5/20/22
Pamela S. Bryant Libby '69 of South Portland, 5/23/22
Ellen Burns Keast '60 of South Portland, 5/30/22
Anthony Tony Davis '85 of Damariscotta, 6/15/22
Phillip W. Hatch '65 of Damariscotta, 6/19/22
Mariah A. Middleton-Rackliff '93 of Jefferson, 7/6/22

Leon Jon A. Chamblee '63 of Wells, 7/8/22
Elmer 'Bud' Potter '50 of Jacksonville Beach, FL, 7/11/22
Patricia Warren '57 of Asheville, NC, 7/12/22
Craig Carl Young '52 of Brunswick, 7/24/22
Wayne Cecil Weeks '53 of Jefferson, 7/27/22
Thelma Corrine Sprague House '60 of South Bristol, 8/9/22
Alexandr Bedarev '22 of Kazakstan, 8/24/22
Susan E. Kimmich '61 of Greenville Junction & Damariscotta, 9/6/22
James Edward Benner '69 of Pemaquid, 9/9/22
Donald K. Leeman '85 of Bremen, 9/17/22
Theo Barstow '50 of Damariscotta, 9/29/22
Gary Clifford '69 of Bristol, 10/30/22

ATTENDED LINCOLN ACADEMY

Lonnie Zepfler of Nobleboro, 10/17/21
Reece Demmons of Damariscotta, 10/24/21
Paul A. Dighton of Damariscotta, 1/12/22
David Sidelinger of Newcastle, 3/24/22
Marilyn Jean Bredeau of Waldoboro, 4/4/22
Joseph Arthur Quintal of Etna, 5/5/22
Irma E. Salluce (Alley) of West Boylston, 5/9/22

TAUGHT AT LINCOLN ACADEMY

John E. Brooks of Newcastle, 1/23/22
Sally Troy Currier Johns of Damariscotta, 2/15/22
Kenneth Lutte of New Harbor, 4/26/22
Pauline Joyce Fisher Steele of Damariscotta, 6/21/22
Marian M. Swift of Jefferson, 8/3/2022
Penelope Ann Scherer of Jefferson, 9/11/2022

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Grady Burns '23, intern at Masters Machine Co. in Round Pond.



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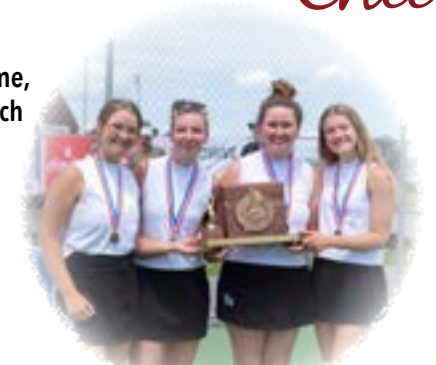


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The Lincoln Academy boys varsity soccer team are KVAC champions for the first time in 20 years.

