Zuleka Ru-Glo Henderson ’98 is one of the 50 honorees in our feature about alumnae defining the future.

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Sometimes unexpected circumstances come with a bow tied around them. Such was the case when English teacher Josh Rilla and family welcomed a new baby last month, and I was able to help his department colleagues cover classes for two weeks. Happy to jump into a classroom of ninth graders as they tackled the quintessential high school text—The Catcher in the Rye—I found myself in both familiar and unfamiliar territory. It has been some time since I taught humanities, and while students have not changed during that hiatus, technology certainly has. Being responsible for day-to-day learning requires a different output of time, energy, and expertise. Eager and engaged with Holden Caulfield’s angst-ridden journey of discovery, Mr. Rilla’s students were a daily reminder for me of the student experience that is at the center of everything we do. As someone who spends much of my time working with others to plan what is next for the school, having a chance to see students in action always affirms all the reasons why we continue to plan and innovate.

It’s a short leap from my experience teaching to the goals of our current Williston Builds campaign. Those peak learning experiences don’t just happen by accident. They require caring teachers and advisors, great facilities and programs, and a vibrant, inclusive community—all top priorities of our $70 million Williston Builds campaign. I want to thank the more than 5,000 of you who have already supported the campaign (see page 16); your involvement is having an immediate impact on students by providing everything from state-of-the-art new science labs to robust professional development for teachers. Your support, plus our new strategic planning process, will be critical in helping build Williston’s success in the future. The future is also the focus of this issue’s centerpiece story highlighting 50 exceptional alumnae who have and will continue to influence their industries and the world. Ranging from the class of 1973 to 2015, this group of trailblazers is beyond inspiring. I encourage you to read their advice, wisdom, and predictions starting on page 32.

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AROUND THE QUAD

At this year’s Club Fair, students had an opportunity to explore and join more than 35 different clubs, including the Model UN, Fashion Club, Volleyball Club, and Neurodiversity Club, among others. Says Jack Berrien ’25, head of the Chess Club, pictured here, “I think clubs are an amazing way to share the passion you have about something with other people that do, too.”
The races that are out in front of you now are races you belong in. So get out there and run your race. Build life-changing relationships, march for a cause you believe in, do research in Africa, embrace your sexual identity and empower others to do the same, start your own business. The beauty of it all is that there are so many races to be run. So many challenges to be tackled. So many people that need help. So many ways to get involved. But know, too, that with each race comes that Sixty Seconds of Eternity, of uncertainty. The time where you can question everything. Where you can be scared. And it is only from that moment that you can become who you truly are. You’ll never know that you need to work harder until you lose. And you’ll never know the heights you can reach until you take on the very things, people, challenges, and failures that you’re afraid of and beat them to the finish line."

50 Students, on average, in the Williston Scholars program each year. After identifying an "essential question" in a subject area, students spend a trimester diving deep. See recent projects on our YouTube channel.

RUNNING TO RECHARGE

Thanks to the Cain Sabbatical Fund, faculty member and head track and field coach Chris Pelliccia was able to combine his love of science and running while on the trail —By Matt Liebowitz

I t’s early August, faculty member Chris Pelliccia had an awe-inspiring moment. It was the third day of the Tour de Mont Blanc, a seven-day mountain running trip during which Pelliccia and 11 other avid trail runners circumnavigated Mont Blanc, covering 100 miles on trails through the Alps in France, Switzerland, and Italy.

“We woke up at a mountain refuge in France,” explained Pelliccia, who at Williston teaches chemistry, heads the science department, and serves as head track and field coach. “It was absolutely wild, no paved roads, super remote.” The group “power hiked” to a mountain pass which would take them into Italy.

“Standing on a mountain pass looking down into Italy and having this beautiful winding dirt trail down the Aosta Valley—it was absolutely unreal,” Pelliccia says.

Pelliccia’s trip was made possible by Williston’s endowed Cain Family Sabbatical Fund. Established in 1987 by Dan Cain ’64 and Jim Cain ’68, the fund underwrites summer travel opportunities for Williston faculty that serve both professional and personal goals. The central purpose is to enable a faculty member to have an experience that they might not otherwise be able to afford.

Those glaciers, and the forces impacting their future, piqued Pelliccia’s interest. “Part of my scientific interest is this incredibly beautiful location that attracts a lot of visitors, but because it’s so beautiful, these visitors place a burden on the ecosystem,” he explained. A similar situation is created by the numerous ski resorts, he noted, which give access to world-class adventure “but create a mark on the terrain.”

“Positive talk and encouragement can really help your teammates through a hard workout,” he explained. In working with his athletes, Pelliccia said he’s hoping to relay the feelings of encouragement, and the camaraderie he had during those seven days on the mountain.

“Even just after a tough day,” he said, “getting out there with your buddies has a lifelong value.”
With our 5-year Strategic Plan for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging as a launchpad, Williston is finding new ways to ensure everyone in the community feels they belong. Here are just a few (find more at williston.com/diversity).

**A Sense of Belonging**

**THE IMPORTANCE OF NAMES**
To encourage the correct pronunciation of students’ names—which in turn helps students feel known, valued, and respected—all students now record their names for an audio file that teachers and employees can readily access via an online portal.

**CONNECTING BLACK STUDENTS & ALUMIS**
Organized with input from students in Williston’s Black Student Union, we piloted a virtual workshop series featuring Black alumni in 2021-22. One alumni panel focused on career paths (banking, medicine, finance, journalism) and another on the college experience. We expect this series to further develop, with plans to include Black alumni back to campus and virtually for roundtables, networking, and mentorship.

**THE EQUITY FUND**
Now in its third year, this donor-supported fund helps underwrite the true cost of the Williston experience for agents of families with very high financial need, covering the cost of such items as team gear, calculators, and pasta with friends on the weekends. Williston is actively pursuing additional funding to fully endow this fund for the future.

**LUNCHE & LEARN**
Dean of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEI) Nikki Chambers initiated a yearly weekly Lunch and Learn series for all faculty and staff, covering a range of topics from microaggressions to empirical case studies that give employees an opportunity to put their learning to practice. This year’s workshop series is expanding topics to include conversations about ability, gender, sexual orientation, and more.

**DISABILITY WORKSHOPS**
To help the community prepare for the fall play, The Elephant Man, Theater Director Jorge Rodriguez and Dean of DEI Nikki Chambers worked with class deans and Elsa Frankel ’23 to lead thoughtful, conversation-based workshops on issues surrounding disabilities.

**MORE STUDENT SUPPORT**
Three faculty members have new roles in supporting the goal of belonging: Veteran science teacher Ken Choo is entering his second year as an advisor to the Asian Student Alliance, a role established to offer great support to students from China, Korea, Japan, Vietnam, Thailand, and other countries. Jayson Leigh is now both an Assistant Dean of DEI in the Deans Office and an Assistant Director of Admissions, working closely with both current and prospective Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) students and families. Long-time Spanish teacher, and now International Student Coordinator, Nat Simpson, is focused on helping students and families from more than 30 countries feel included and celebrated.

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**ATHLETICS BY THE NUMBERS**

12. Williston cross country runners crossed the finish line before the first runner from Kingswood-Oxford or Westminster, in a recent boys tri-meet.

7. Countries represented on our varsity boys soccer team (U.S., Spain, Italy, Guatemala, Mexico, Japan, Dominican Republic).

38. Yards kicked by field goal kicker Hudson Fulcher-Melendy ’24 to knock off undefeated Exeter 45-43.

11. Number of Western NE League titles that varsity field hockey has won in the last 12 years.
This aerial image of campus received massive social media love from alumni earlier this fall (“my favorite place in the world” commented one young Wildcat). Even as our campus inspires nostalgia, it continues to evolve over time. Students returning this fall were greeted by numerous improvements, including a viewing deck over Sawyer Field, new science labs in Scott Hall, an updated dining hall, new tennis courts, and a newly resurfaced track at Galbraith. See additional photos on page 19—or better yet, come back to Reunion next spring!
It’s not just experience that Meg Colenback brings to Williston in her role as Director of Counseling—although she’s got nearly two decades of it, most recently as a pediatric mental-health practitioner and, before that, a labor and delivery nurse in a Minneapolis trauma center. Despite a career confronting trauma, she also brings a deep sense of optimism.

“I can always see a solution to things,” she says. “I can always find a way to make it work, to make it right.”

Now in her second year at Williston, Colenback is on a mission to destigmatize mental health with teens, and to provide short-term solutions to help students navigate their busy schedules and manage life’s stressors and anxiety. “Emotional lives are normal lives,” she notes. “Just getting support to understand what’s going on emotionally doesn’t mean something’s wrong. You can come in just once for a bad day. It doesn’t have to be an ongoing issue.”

Colenback and her fellow counselor, Anne Zager, have implemented new measures that follow the Integrated Behavioral Health model, a comprehensive “wraparound” approach to mental health counseling. The basic idea is to change the focus from weekly sessions to maintaining regular routines and relationships that can help keep kids healthy—even if that means they only see her a few times. Here, Colenback answers some questions about her integrated, student-centered approach to mental health at Williston.

How does your approach differ from a traditional approach?

In some ways it’s similar. We’re using evidence-based research on how to combat certain mental health issues like anxiety and depression. But how it is different is that we’re trying to take a short-term, solution-focused approach, building skills with students, helping them gain insight, giving them psychological education about what’s going on for them in the moment, with the goal of having them not have to come in anymore.

What do you see as some of the biggest issues coming up for teens today?

One of the biggest issues I see is stress and anxiety, and navigating the different demands of students’ lives. This became more complicated during the pandemic. The isolation and uncertainty really fueled stress and anxiety. Helping students understand that they can handle their life, with all the twists, turns, and unknowing, is what I spend much of my time doing.

What is your vision for the counseling services at Williston?

I want to find ways to incorporate mental health support into all areas around campus, and to get faculty the information they need so they can feel like they have “first-touch” skills with students when they notice social or emotional changes. I never want faculty to feel the stress of not knowing what to do. The more we normalize that mental health is part of overall health, something to be talked about and explored, the more our students will understand themselves and be able to manage their emotional lives.

What are some of the ways your office supports students?

We meet one on one with students in our office but are also focused on sharing mental health education around campus. This year, we’ve done trainings with proctors, helping them understand some things they might see in the dorms. We’ve presented in faculty meetings and assemblies. We’ve begun sending out a health and wellness newsletter. We’re currently working with juniors on stress and stress management and working with eighth graders on “Mental Health Mondays.”

What are some important tools for teens to have in caring for their mental health?

One of the most important tools when you’re struggling emotionally is to find sources of support—you can talk to us. We know the longer you keep emotional difficulties in, the more difficult they can feel. Literally just talking about things can be a helpful intervention. And it doesn’t have to be a therapist! Also critical is taking care of your body: sleep, hydration, exercise, and eating.

If there is one habit you could recommend to teens to take care of their mental health, what would it be?

Focus on connection, and work on the self-belief that you can do hard things. Connection is so important to everything we do. I can see the benefit of online communications, but it’s that one-to-one human connection that’s important. Connection is a resilience factory that helps us through hard times.

What do you love most about what you do?

The most beautiful part about working here is we get a whole campus of people who support students. I can work on skills with students in one-on-one and if a student’s ok with it, I can keep a dorm parent in on how to help them in a dorm. Students are getting wraparound support. It’s so powerful. I’m so blessed to be allowed into people’s lives. I felt it when I was a labor and delivery nurse and in this work, too. Just connecting and being a witness to how people grow is a beautiful thing.

“Emotional lives are normal lives” says Director of Counseling Meg Colenback. Below, she shares her approach to mental wellness with teens. BY MATTHEW LIEBOWITZ

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Bryce Akroyd ’25 works behind the scenes as the lightboard operator during this fall’s production of The Elephant Man.

Lauren Yee ’23 rounds out the brass section in last spring’s Instrumental Concert.

Despite a few raindrops, proctors and student leaders were all smiles as they welcomed families to campus during Welcome Days.

During this fall’s orientation, the class of ’23 brought their senior spirit to Babcock Pool for wildly fun cardboard boat races and tipping contests on giant inflatables.

On a picture-perfect September evening, students and faculty celebrated the start of the school’s 182nd year. A brass quartet added some extra fanfare to the singing of “O Williston!”

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SNAPSHOTS
“Williston changed my life” is something I hear all the time when speaking with alumni.

I love hearing those words—and I can relate to them, too, because Williston helped transform my life when I was a student, giving me confidence, leadership skills, and a lifelong community of friends. I saw the same thing happen for my son Max, who graduated in 2018. Those transformative experiences are what have inspired me to get and stay involved with the school, most recently as a Trustee and Co-chair of the Williston Builds campaign and the Williston Northampton Fund. If you haven’t been back to the school in a while, it’s hard to adequately convey the feeling of momentum at the school today, which the campaign is helping to further crystallize around important priorities such as academic excellence, community, access and belonging, and financial strength for the future. On the following pages you’ll hear from a few of the alumni, parents, and friends who have already gotten involved—and see some of the ways their generosity is immediately making a difference at the school. But I also encourage you to see for yourself. Come back to campus while still retaining a powerful through line back to the values and experiences you found so important. Finally, I encourage you to get more involved with Williston Builds. Your support and involvement will have an immediate impact on students, now and for generations to come. Find out more at williston.com/campaign.

—Ellen Rosenberg Livingston ’86, P’18

8.9M

Total dollars raised last year—the best fundraising year in school history

21%

Increase in annual parent giving since the start of the Williston Builds campaign

5k+

Number of gifts from alumni, parents, and friends to the campaign since it started

WHY I GIVE

More than 5,000 people have already contributed to the Williston Builds campaign. Here are a few of their reasons why.

“I give back to Williston because I want other kids who were like me to experience the amazing experience that I had here. Williston changed the course of my life, and I hope that by my giving back, I’ll be able to change someone else’s life in a similar way.”

—BRANDON DIAZ ’12

“I give back because Williston gave me something more than I could possibly repay. They gave me a sense of family. I have two parents, two other siblings, great community there, but Williston created that by my giving back, I’ll be able to change someone else’s life in a similar way.”

—JANELLE PARKER ’13

“I was a recipient of financial aid while I was here, and Williston was definitely a life changer for me, and I wouldn’t have had that opportunity without the generous donors that preceded my time here. So as long as I have the means to do so, I always love to give back to Williston.”

—MEAGHAN SULLIVAN ’01

“I give back because Williston gave me a sense of acceptance and emotional awareness and a true feeling of belonging.”

—JANELLE PARKER ’13

“I was a full financial aid student here and I remember what that was like. It was not easy. So I give back as much as I possibly can to make the situation a little bit better for students who come after me. Williston’s a great place, but I think we can do better and I think it’s important that we give to financial aid to make every student’s experience here somewhat equitable.”

—KELLY ODENMAKER BABBIDGE ’97

“I feel Williston made me the person I am. They provided the right environment, a very nurturing environment, which I needed at that time of my life. And it was nurturing not only from an academic standpoint, but also from a psychological standpoint. That opportunity just provided the foundation I needed to grow and I can’t pay that back.”

—MICHAEL HIRSCH ’73

“I give back because I want more people to experience Williston. I’ve been on other continents, and all around the world, but it was Williston that really gave me that sense of belonging. That makes me want to help other students who want to come here.”

—YEM LAWANI ’96
A STRONG CONNECTION
For Reece Liang ’10, volunteering and giving back to Williston are an investment in the future.

One sign of the affection that Reece Liang ’10 has for Williston is that when friends visit him in Amherst (where he grew up and now lives part-time), he often takes them to Easthampton to show them around campus. It’s not simply because he enjoyed his six years at the school. It’s also because he believes that Williston helped make him who he is today. “That connection is really, really strong,” he says. A member of the swimming and water polo teams and three-year class president, Liang would go on to receive his bachelor’s degree in economics from Swarthmore, spend two years on Wall Street with Goldman Sachs, then earn an MBA from London Business School. Today he works as a technologist for a Chicago-based real-estate services firm, developing valuation products, a position that allows him to work remotely, splitting his time between Amherst and Boston, where his girlfriend lives.

In recent years, Liang has deepened his connection to the school, serving as a volunteer on the Head’s Visiting Council, as a Williston Northampton Fund chair, and as inaugural head of the Wildcat Club of the 1841 Society for young alumni. His work has allowed him to reconnect with his network of Williston peers, but it has also given him a new appreciation for the school and the financial challenges faced by independent schools today. “I’ve learned a lot about fundraising,” he acknowledges. In terms of why he supports Williston, Liang comes back to gratitude. “Not everybody has the same school experiences,” he explains. “It’s an awkward time. But I absolutely loved Williston.” And he finds that when he has called classmates to enlist their support for the Williston Northampton Fund, the cornerstone of the Williston Builds campaign, the act of reminiscing about their shared time at Williston often evokes similar feelings. “That is the most powerful kind of conversation,” he says. “That’s where the nostalgia comes in, the recognition of how Williston has contributed to where we are now.”

Indeed, the insights Liang has gained through his work with the school have shifted how he views Williston. “It’s more than ‘just an educational institution,’” he suggests. “It’s a place for people to have their lives transformed, in the way that I experienced.” Recognizing that transformative power has underscored Liang the broader role Williston should play in society. “The biggest issue of our generation is inequality,” he says. He applauds Williston’s recent work around financial aid and socioeconomic diversity as steps in the right direction. “It’s important to tie in with larger issues around diversity, education, and greater thoughtfulness in the things that we do, missions that resonate with young people,” he says. “We need to continue to do that, and pay it forward to the next generation.”
I’m constantly inspired by my students, particularly when they go beyond the topic at hand to ask more profound questions about why the content is relevant to their lives. Their inquisitive approach makes me excited for our future generations! One of my favorite areas to teach is social psychology. From this, I hope students learn to interrogate their ever-evolving identities and think about how they affect others and how others affect them. I hope that they gain a better understanding of themselves, which will ultimately help them have a better understanding of others. I hope they remember one of my favorite parts of teaching: when a student has an idea that is totally original, or asks a question so unusual that it pulls me up short. Teaching is most rewarding when it is not a one-way street, when the knowledge flows in both directions, from teacher to student and back again. — Maggy Haus, English Teacher (appointed in 2002)

Adolescence is necessarily concerned with issues of identity, and through making art that matters to them, students explore their own beliefs, preferences, values, and voices. I hope they remember to clean up after themselves! I tell my students that their ability to clean up after themselves is a matter of personal integrity. I ask them, “Do you want to be someone in life whose others have to clean up, or are you going to be someone who is responsible for your own actions?” It works wonders and I hardly ever have to clean the art room after a class is over. — Natasha Hume, Art Department Chair (appointed in 2004)

I find it inspiring when a student arrives at a level of proficiency where I can become more of a coach than a teacher. That independence is our end goal, of course, but getting little glimpses of this evolution along the way inspires me to keep revamping my practices. I hope they remember that reading is literally magic; words are just black scratches on a white page, yet they can compare entire worlds and convey perspectives across time and geography. — Josh Rilla, English Teacher (appointed in 2022)

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I spend a lot of time thinking about how my students might respond to activities, what questions they might have about the book we are reading, or how a particular free-write prompt might go. But no matter how much I prepare, there are always moments when students surprise me. These moments are my favorite parts of teaching: when a student has an idea that is totally original, or asks a question so unexpected that it pulls me up short. Teaching is most rewarding when it is not a one-way street, when the knowledge flows in both directions, from teacher to student and back again. — Kyle Hanford ’97, English Teacher (appointed in 2011)

I get inspired when I listen to my students express themselves in another language. It is critical thinking without borders. The fact that I am helping to form intercultural minds for the future inspires me every day. I hope they remember the thrill and excitement of expressing their true nature and the fact that they have an international voice that can transcend borders and make changes in society. — Ana López-Diez, Spanish Teacher (appointed in 2022)

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HERE’S TO ’22!

What a joy it was to celebrate the class of 2022—who powered through half of their high school careers during a pandemic—with a fully normal Commencement last spring. “You are the most resilient and equipped graduates in Williston’s history,” said Head of School Robert W. Hill III in his address, “since you have proven what you can do under such extraordinary circumstances.” Students also heard from keynote speaker and Olympic medalist Gabby Thomas ’15 and senior class speaker Natalie Stott ’22 before bidding a tearful, yet joyful farewell to beloved teachers and friends. To see a list of where the 132 graduates matriculated, visit williston.com/college-counseling.

In both her artwork and her scientific studies, Malaika Ross ’88 celebrates the beauty in nature that often goes unseen. Attending Williston after growing up on St. Croix, she studied at the Rhode Island School of Design, San Francisco Art Institute, and the Marchutz School of Fine Arts before earning her B.A. with a focus on soil microbiology at Hampshire College. “I integrate the shapes and patterns developed in my microbial drawings of soil microbes into contemporary botanical paintings of native and introduced flora,” she explains. “The act of observing and documenting nature through painting and drawing as a Black woman is a form of liberation, environmental stewardship, and anti-oppression work.” Her solo show, “The Microbes That Saved My Life,” ran this fall in Easthampton’s ECA gallery. Other works can be seen (and purchased) at malaikaross.com.
Digital artist Alyssa Stevens '16 has suddenly become a rising star in the world of NFTs.

Forty-eight hours. That’s how long it took for fledgling digital artist Alyssa Stevens ’16 to sell out her entire collection of 100 non-fungible tokens (NFTs) after her artwork was featured on the front page of the online NFT marketplace OpenSea in March 2022. The revenue from the sales, nearly $50,000, allowed her to quit her job in social media advertising and devote herself to her art full time. “My life has completely fledgling digital artist Alyssa Stevens ’16 to sell out her entire collection of 100 non-fungible tokens (NFTs) after her artwork was featured on the front page of the online NFT marketplace OpenSea in March 2022. The revenue from the sales, nearly $50,000, allowed her to quit her job in social media advertising and devote herself to her art full time. “My life has completely

While Stevens’ success came literally overnight, developing her identity and confidence as an artist took far longer, she says. In her first years at Williston, she had a deep passion for creating, but too often compared herself to others and felt that she wasn’t good enough. Through her work at an intensive and advanced art classes, that perspective began to change. “I let go of the idea that it needed to look a certain way,” she explains. “I let myself create freely without judgment, and soon developed a more unique style. I eventually fell in love with the art I created because it was an extension of myself and my story. Art intensive was such a liberating experience: two hours a day to create anything you wanted. There was no real direction, just your own ideas. And it was such a beautiful thing.” Looking back, she says, “I owe so much of my success to Williston. “I have not had to do this, and hope never to.”

“A RINGING SUCCESS

On September 26, Williston Trustee Kevin Ho- dens 1’ (at center, above)—Chairman and CEO of OmegaFlex, a global manufacturer and distributor of flexible metal piping—marked his company’s 25th anniversary on the Nasdaq Stock Market with a ceremonial ringing of the opening bell. (The event was postponed from 2020 due to COVID.) Accompanying him was fellow Williston Trustee and OmegaFlex Vice President Stewart Reed ’65 (second from left). Since its founding in 1975, OmegaFlex has supplied products to a variety of customers, including companies in the construction, manufacturing, transportation, petrochemical, pharmaceutical, and other industries.

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NEW BOOKS AND MORE

The Fin Points of Tennis: Technique and Tactics to Unlock Your Talent,

by Paul Fein ’62

Veteran tennis journalist and teaching pro Paul Fein ’62 shares his coaching insights, as well as tips and tactics from many of the sport’s biggest names, in this comprehensive collection from his award-winning 45-year writing career. Dissecting the styles of Roger Federer, Serena Williams, and other greats, and drawing on interviews with leading coaches, the former Williston and Cornell tennis standout (and now Agawam, Massachusetts, resident) explores the fundamentals as well as the often overlooked nuances of the game, from grip firmness to playing in the wind to the proper use of volleys.

Cookies and Milk, by Shawn Ams ’96, illustrated by Robert Paul D.

In this debut coming-of-age novel for middle schoolers, blues music and marketing entrepreneur, Shawn Ams ’96 minces aspects of his own childhood growing up as a Black kid in 1970s Hollywood, the son of a divorced music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another music executive, and another 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Henry Lombino ‘14 (left) and Jack Spagnola ‘20 at the 2019 alumni event that started it all.

PASSION FOR PHOTOS

Humbardshan Shah ’15 lived in Mumbai before coming to Williston for tenth grade, where a course in photography ignited a new world for him. “I never realized that I had any artistic inclination or interest whatsoever,” he recently told Equal magazine. “I found an outlet through my work and I just fell in love.” Shah left Williston for New York, earning his B.A. in Culture and Media from The New School. He continues to pursue his passion there, focusing his work on queer South Asian stories and, more recently, fashion portraits. “I still use to this day, “ he says.

FOOTBALL

Michael Dereus ’16 scored his first career touchdown earlier this fall against the University of California, Berkeley—Williston’s second win of the season. Dereus, a running back, is a three-year varsity starter and was named a scholar athlete by the IWLCA. He continues to pursue his passion on and off the field, playing for the Charlotte Rugby Club in his native South Africa. “I still love learning and to really lean into what made you tick as a person,” Spagnola recalls. “Nothing can beat being 16, up at night, talk- ing to people in the dark, and trying to figure out the world together.”

Indeed, as the friends reflected on that time, what stood out were not just the big moments preserved in family photographs. “Those are amazing,” says Spagnola, “but looking back, I don’t immediately think of graduation. I might think about being in my friends’ dorm room the night before gradua- tion. Those little moments, that felt kind of small because they were before the big mo- ment, are really profound.”

In the play, these “small fragments of becoming” are experienced by four friends—three juniors and a ninth-grader—whose stories unfold in various conversations and settings. “Jack has a really amazing way of finding interesting ways in which characters bounce off each other,” notes Lombino, “those self-discovery moments that are just two characters talking, on their way to class or at a lunch table, that stick with you all those years later.”

For Spagnola and Lombino, self-discovery at Williston was also catalyzed by the school’s theater programs. A boarding student from Long Island, Spagnola took a play- writing class with former Williston Theater Director Emily Ditkovski his senior year that gave new focus to his longtime interest in creative writing. “It was such an amazing opening,” he says. “Not many kids get to take a playwriting class in high school.” Lombino was a senior year student from Ashford who directed the tech theater program as a seventh grader and stayed with it all through Upper School, supplementing it with acting and dance programs. “All those skills that I learned working late nights in that theater, I still use to this day,” he says.

Will the Williston community someday see a film project featuring characters from Breakdown? “I don’t know if there’ll be a movie project,” Spagnola says. “I hope, though, that it would inspire them to keep Williston part of the process.”

SPORTS SHORTS

Madison Fulcher-Melendy ‘18 is also a scholar athlete by the IWLCA.
When Wood Becomes Art

Furniture maker Kristina Madsen ’73 is honored with a $100,000 Award in Craft

KRISTINA MADSEN ’73 WAS RECENTLY NAMED ONE OF the first five recipients of the newly established Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation Awards in Craft, an honor that brings with it an unrestricted $100,000 grant. The award is yet another milestone in the remarkable career of the acclaimed Southampton, Massachusetts, furniture maker, who previously received a Fulbright grant to study woodcarving in Fiji, as well as fellowships from, among others, the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the National Endowment for the Arts. She also received the Furniture Society Award of Distinction for 2020-2021 and is a 2022 Fellow in the American Craft Council College of Fellows.

The Awards in Craft honorees were selected last spring for “their unique and visionary approach to material-based practice, their potential to make significant contributions to their craft in the future, and the potential for this award to provide momentum at a critical juncture in their career.” In recognizing Madsen, the foundation cited her “masterful style,” which “features freehand intaglio carving inspired by her study of European cabinet-making and traditional Fijian wood carving.”

Madsen’s pieces are currently held in the collections of the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston, the Smithsonian American Art Museum, and Yale University Art Gallery, among numerous others. Several years ago, she explained, she began building a series of new and exploratory pieces for exhibition. “This stupendous gift from the Maxwell/Hanrahan Foundation is allowing me to move forward with uninterrupted concentration and to pour my creative energy into untried and challenging work,” she says. “I am honored by and deeply grateful for this recognition.”—by Jonathan Adolph
Born in 1909, acclaimed children’s book author, illustrator, and animator Philip Day “P.D.” Eastman ’30 was raised in a large house near Amherst College, where his father, Clarence, was a professor of German. One of three brothers, young Phil followed the elder, Tony, to Andover, but transferred to Williston Academy in February of his senior year. (The youngest, Karl Eastman ’32, would follow Phil to Williston.) The reasons behind Phil’s transfer are not noted in his Williston file, but he offers a hint in a 1947 letter to his friend and former French teacher Howard “Boardy” Boardman. “I have always had a warm spot in my heart for Williston because of the circumstances under which I came there,” he wrote from Los Angeles, where as a storyboard artist for United Productions he was helping create the Mr. Magoo cartoons, among others. “It opened its gates to an errant soul in need of adjustment. When you get a bad jolt you need kindness, which I seemed to get at Williston.”

After graduating from Amherst College in 1933 and studying at the National Academy of Design in New York, Eastman worked for the upstart Walt Disney Studios, Warner Bros. cartoons, and others. During World War II, he served making orientation films in the Army’s Signal Corps Film Unit, which happened to be headed by Theodore Geisel, better known today as Dr. Seuss. Geisel would become a mentor and colleague after the war when Eastman moved to Westport, Connecticut, and began writing and illustrating picture books under the Dr. Seuss Beginner Book imprint. Beginning in 1958 with Sam and the Firefly, Eastman turned out a series of childhood classics, including Are You My Mother?, Go, Dog. Go!, and A Fish Out of Water (which he illustrated). Married in 1941 to Mary Louise Witham, he had two sons, one of whom, Tony, also became a book illustrator. Eastman died from Parkinson’s complications in 1986.

In one of his last notes to the school from his new home in Connecticut, Eastman pledges his financial support and praises the education he received, with a last playful nod to his friend and former French teacher Howard Boardman.

ENHANCED CONTENT

FROM OUR FILES

Insights from the letters of illustrator and author P.D. Eastman ’30

The artist in his studio. “Some of the best teaching I encountered,” he wrote, “was at Williston.”

Eastman’s illustration style helped define the Dr. Seuss Beginner Book imprint. His collaboration with Theodore Geisel began during World War II, when they served together in the Army’s Signal Corps Film Unit.

In a 1947 exchange of letters with Boardman, Eastman encloses a donation to the school and explains that he “always had a warm spot in my heart for Williston because it opened its gates to an errant soul in need of adjustment.”
As Williston looks ahead to its next 50 years, the school is honoring these remarkable alumnae, as well as those whose promise is still unfolding. We here present our “50 for the Next 50,” a collection of women who’ve shaped and will continue to define the school’s future.

Narrowing the list to 50 honorees was not easy. After soliciting nominees from the school community, our selection committee supplemented those names with others who have achieved renown in their work. The school was fortunate to have on its committee two women who themselves have and will continue to shape Williston’s future: Dean of Faculty Corinne Fogg ’99 and former Assistant Head of School Ann Pickrell.

In reviewing the list, Pickrell, who in her 40 years at Williston knew most of the honorees, noted how gratifying it was to honor their success. “To work with, live with, and collaborate with these young women is an amazing experience. I’m incredibly proud of them, and hope that they will look at this as the honor that it is.” Bringing her perspective as an alumna and Dean of Faculty, Fogg noted the honorees’ breadth of achievement—in fields as diverse as culinary arts, politics, law, music, athletics, and education. “This is a dynamic group of women across all ages and stages of life and in almost every industry. To me, that speaks volumes for Williston’s capacity to prepare young people for lives well lived—and to fully be oneself.”

To better understand what motivates our honorees, we asked them for their thoughts on a number of topics. A sampling of their answers is presented on these pages, and their full responses are available on williston.com (as are Pickrell and Fogg’s answers).

While these women have blazed widely divergent trails, their comments reveal common values, including the importance of breaking out of your comfort zone, trusting your instincts, speaking out, and living life fully. Pickrell sees another unifying theme. “They all are following their passions,” she observes. “They all had the confidence to go after what they were interested in—whether they won an Olympic medal or an Emmy, or made it to the Billboard list of top-selling records.” Looking ahead, Fogg hopes that the list will be an inspiration to current and future students. “I want students to see themselves reflected in the depth of this group. It’s a deep pool of expertise into which students can dip pens of their own to write their future life stories.”
CATHERINE SAINT LOUIS ’92  
Executive editor at the podcasting company Neon Hum Media and former reporter and editor at the New York Times

It’s important to practice speaking up. Sometimes you don’t want to be the one to say something, so you let a comment or an unacceptable action slide, but the sooner you realize your power is in your ability to say something, the better. But it takes practice. So find a way to become the person in the room with the courage to speak up.

HAOSHU XU ’13  
Senior consultant at Deloitte Catalyst

No matter which field you end up pursuing, try to become tech-savvy. Technology is disrupting the way we learn, work, and live, and will continue to do so. It is important to develop at least a fundamental understanding to be successful.

TAMSIN SMITH ’84  
Founder and president of the brand strategy firm Slipstream Strategy and former president of the AIDS-fundraising organization (RED)

Don’t settle for the first draft version of your life. Stride into the journey, learn something from every twist and turn, and make it epic.

LENIA GANDEVA ’15  
Business development analyst at the England-based safety-equipment group Halma plc

The past 18 years may feel like they define you, but they don’t. As you embark on the next chapter, be open to change and challenges. You will grow and transform in ways that may surprise and amaze you. Whoever you think you are today, that’s only one of the many identities you’ll have over the course of your life.

GABBY THOMAS ’15  
2020 Olympic medalist, professional runner, and epidemiology student at UT Austin

Do things that scare you. You can’t change the world by playing it safe.
Tell us about a woman who is your hero...

JO-ANN W. DAVIS ’76
Retired senior vice president and chief administrative officer for Baystate Health

My mother, Angela Wright, was a bold woman before it was popular to be one! She has spent her life as a community servant, and as a pioneer and advocate for the less fortunate, doing so in very meaningful and tangible ways.

DESTINY NWAFOR ’17
Software engineer and former president of the National Society of Black Engineers at Cornell University

Issa Rae! She is incredibly dynamic, creative, and authentic. I have followed her from her web series, “Awkward Black Girl,” to her HBO show, “Insecure.” Seeing the impact of Issa Rae’s work grow over time while staying true to herself is inspirational, to say the least.

LEO DANGELIS GREENER ’06
Wellesley Northampton School’s director of financial aid

Denise Wellman was the Director of the Visitor Center at the University of South Carolina when I was a student ambassador and tour guide. She modeled for me the power of questioning why we do the things we do. She helped me move past external validation and gain the confidence to push boundaries and ask hard and thought-provoking questions.

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LAURA BOWMAN ’13
Chef and proprietor of the events catering company Blue Door Gatherings

You do not need a lot of friends. Invest in the people in your life that encourage your happiness and share your dreams and ideas with each other.

MICHELLE PARRISH ’01
Owner of Soul N’ Vinegar, a neighborhood food shop in Richmond, Virginia

Anne Dowd ’74
Actress, Emmy award-winning television, film, and stage actress

My mother, Dolores Dowd Dean. Her acceptance of life, gratitude, humility, kindness, humor, generosity, and faith.
What’s next for women in your profession?

**HILLARY IRVINE ’07**
Artist, art educator, and founder of Revival Fine Art and Conservation Services

I think that more women will be pioneers, building businesses of their own, so they can create something that highlights their unique ideas and vision. I am delighted to see women stepping into their power ever-earlier in their journeys—for me, it started at Williston.

**ELLINA BARTLETT McGUIRE ’99**
Psychologist, psychoanalyst, and educator

The pandemic accelerated the already worrisome mental health of our nation’s children and adolescents, and we are taking notice. We have had to shift to seeing patients online, to shift plans and protocols over and over. While this has been challenging, it has also provided new tools to reach the most vulnerable patients, and more opportunities for innovation and collaboration in our field. Women make up a slight majority in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, and we have the opportunity to continue to lead the way.

**CEARA C. MAHONEY ’98**
Psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and educator

I hope and believe that there will be continued support for the idea that women can have a work-life balance without sacrificing their careers and advancement, that their law careers are not over once they have children, and that it is no longer a question of whether a woman can “have it all.” Instead, I hope the focus turns to finding new ways to support and encourage career longevity and continued advancement for women in the field of law.

**KENDALL HANLEY ’04**
Manager of officiating for the North American Hockey League

The past few years have seen so many doors open for women to have careers in hockey, whether on or off the ice. I am so fortunate to be a part of it, and know it’s due to the hard work of the women who came before me. Our job is to succeed in these careers, to keep that door open for the next generation. It’s only a matter of time before you see women officiating in the NHL—and when they do get there, you can bet I’ll be in the stadium watching and cheering them on!

**HAOYI SHU ’13**
Senior consultant at Deloitte Catalyst

Inspired by growing representation of women in leadership positions, female professionals at the intersection of technology and business will be able to bring more of their authentic selves to the workplace. They will feel less pressured to act like their male counterparts and more empowered to lean in to their unique strengths.

**ERIN DUNN & KATIE MULLIN**
The Willistonian editors-at-large

The Willistonian has been a platform for discussion and celebration of excellence and innovation. The Willistonian is proud to report on the successes and accomplishments of our Willistonians, both past and present. Our goal is to inspire the next generation of Willistonians to continue to push the boundaries and to make a difference in the world.

**SHANNON O’BRIEN ’77**
Former Williston teacher

Former Williston teacher Cathleen Robinson Brown. She was the advisor to The Willistonian during my time as a student. She not only helped me improve my skills as a journalist, but gave me confidence to take on the position of editor-in-chief my senior year. I learned so much from her about time management, leadership, and how to pursue a standard of excellence.

SHANNON O’BRIEN ’77
Chair of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, former state treasurer and revenue commissioner

**MARSHA GRINNELL ’85**
Rachele, former professional violinist, and founder of Martha Grinnell Multisport Coaching

Joan Benoit Samuelson, who won the first women’s Olympic Games marathon in 1984. She was my role model when I started running as a young girl in the early ’80s and I still have that with it, through the good and difficult times. I not only admired her consistency in producing impressive marathon times that are still up there with the best, but also her humility, grit, and determined training ethic. I learned that women can be kind and fierce in work, athletics, and in life.

**GRETCHEN TUCKER ’07**
Senior governance and privacy attorney and chief diversity and inclusion officer for Bennett Law Limited, in Bermuda

During my time at Williston, it was those classmates and teachers who were from the LGBTQ community that have had the greatest impact on my concept of leadership. They showed me new possibilities for life and the ability to act with compassion, kindness, and joy, despite challenges and negativity from others.

**HILLARY IRVINE ’07**
Artist, art educator, and founder of Revival Fine Art and Conservation Services

Ann Pickrell. I immediately knew she would be an important person to me when I met her for my interview 20 years ago at the Homestead. Ever since, the lessons that she imparted upon me have had a deep and abiding resonance. She has an indomitable spirit, never steering away from difficult things, and an incomparable grace.

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**KOYALEE CHANDA ’92**
Vice president for Kids and Animation at the media production company Hello Sunshine

My late mother-in-law Judith Berman Brandenburg was a feminist who saw how inequities in the workplace were keeping women from advancing. She was the receiver general Chair of the Massachusetts Cannabis Control Commission, former state treasurer and revenue commissioner general

**PHOEBE STEPHENS ’03**
Jewelry designer and co-founder, with her sister, of Anima Man Jewelry

This year I became a first-time mother and, as cliché as it may sound, it made me realize that my hero’s are women who can juggle it all. As women, we are still fighting to have equality in so many different fields. As the world seems to be going backwards, we women have to work harder together. Raising good human beings today is more challenging than ever. Because of this, our kids need a range of skills, self-confidence, and strong values. My role models are the mothers who get up every morning and put in the best, but also her humbleness, grit, and determined training ethic. I learned that women can be kind and fierce in work, athletics, and in life.

**GABBY THOMAS ’15**
2020 Olympic medalist, professional runner, and epidemiology student at UT Austin

Serena Williams. She is the epitome of hard work. And she hates losing, so we have that in common.

**HAOYI SHU ’13**
Senior consultant at Deloitte Catalyst

Inspired by growing representation of women in leadership positions, female professionals at the intersection of technology and business will be able to bring more of their authentic selves to the workplace. They will feel less pressured to act like their male counterparts and more empowered to lean in to their unique strengths.

**ELLIOTT BARTLETT McGUIRE ’99**
Psychologist, psychoanalyst, and educator

The pandemic accelerated the already worsening mental health of our nation’s children and adolescents, and we are taking notice. We have had to shift to seeing patients online, to shift plans and protocols over and over. While this has been challenging, it has also provided new tools to reach the most vulnerable patients, and more opportunities for innovation and collaboration in our field. Women make up a slight majority in the field of child and adolescent psychiatry, and we have the opportunity to continue to lead the way.

**CEARA C. MAHONEY ’98**
Psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and educator

I hope and believe that there will be continued support for the idea that women can have a work-life balance without sacrificing their careers and advancement, that their law careers are not over once they have children, and that it is no longer a question of whether a woman can “have it all.” Instead, I hope the focus turns to finding new ways to support and encourage career longevity and continued advancement for women in the field of law.
We’re already seeing more and more women in engineering and tech, and I’m sure that trend will only continue. In particular, I think we’ll see a lot more women in leadership positions.

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We’re already seeing more and more women in executive roles, and I’m sure we’ll see a lot of women pursuing careers in food. The majority of professional kitchens are still dominated by men, and unfortunately the culture of many kitchens is still so outdated. I don’t think it is an easy career for a woman. I hope to see more women in food. I think until we see a shift in the how women feel about changing with our own business.

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Nobody’s paying as much attention to you as you think they are. You can learn things this way.

Take time to be kinder than you have to be. It pays dividends in the long run.

Comfort is the enemy of progress. I know when I’m too comfortable, it may be time to change things up.

You will not be made or broken by any one thing. No one decision you make will make or break you, so just decide the best you can and choose. Also, choices are made easier by data. Don’t waste your time making decisions without enough information to go on.
What motivates you in your work and life?

BETSY ASSOUMOU ’05 CFOS of the nonprofit Health Data Global and student at UVM’s Larner College of Medicine

I continue to be motivated by the sacrifices my mother made in immigrating from Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, to Amherst, Massachusetts, in search of her American dream. I am shaped by this experience and recognize the enormous freedom and opportunity I have been given to build my life and career as I see fit.

KRISTINA CONROY ’10 Doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at Florida International University, specializing in issues impacting children and teens

I have structured my work around my values to support children and teens who are struggling, and to promote health equity and social justice. I think this alignment between my personal and professional goals allows me to savor the successes and get through the more challenging aspects of my job and life!

CHRISTA TALBOT SYFU ’98 Williston’s associate director of admission and head coach of girls ice hockey

I’m definitely motivated by my own experience as a student. I had to many adults invested in helping me achieve my best in the classroom, on the cross-country course and track, on the ice, and in the dorm. I hope to inspire the young people that I coach and live with to be their best in all areas of their life, and to take advantage of all that Williston has to offer.

PAIGE BRINKLEY ’04 Attorney for the National Labor Relations Board

I’ve always been drawn to public service. When I was a child, my mother and I would visit local orphanages, and it was this early introduction that taught me how doing “little” can mean so much. I continued this practice by volunteering at an old age home for the poor in Jamaica and by serving as a Big Sister in the Big Brother/Big Sister program at Williston. These experiences taught me that serving others is something that I wanted to do more than a couple of hours weekly—I wanted to incorporate it into my professional life. With that goal set, I realized that becoming a lawyer was the best way for me to make that happen.

CATHERINE SAINT LOUIS ’02 Executive editor at the publishing company Neon Hum Media and former reporter and editor at the New York Times

I’m at my best when I’m a little scared. Once I’ve figured out a job, I’m a little bored, so I like it when I’m learning. I’m a reporter by nature, so I like to ask questions, like to hold people in power to account, and I like to ask questions that other people find uncomfortable to ask because I can. I started an Editors’ Bootcamp to get more story editors from underrepresented backgrounds the training they need to break into the industry. It’s been an eye-opening experience to teach. It’s hard work (no surprise there). But what’s the hardest thing to admit is there’s only so much you can teach someone else. You can take them only so far. Anyone who wants to excel has to push themselves to excellence, by continuing their own education for the rest of their life and career.

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ALUMNI EVENTS

Last June, we were thrilled to bring alumni and families back to campus after a two-year break. The energy and enthusiasm were palpable. We enjoyed dancing, laughing, and reminiscing. Pictured here, Terry Martin ’85 and Ellen Rosenberg Livingston ’86 enjoy a tandem bicycle ride through campus. The following pages feature a peek into all things Reunion 2022, as well as other alumni events we hosted around the country.
JUNE REUNION!

Wildcats from across the years came together for a weekend full of fun. Memories were made, hugs were shared, and tears were shed. If you couldn’t make it back to campus last June, we hope the following pages will inspire you to join us June 9–11, 2023!
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REUNION BY THE NUMBERS

1 Place on the sign-up list held by Richard Eyre ’72, the first person to register for Reunion 2022

1.5 Miles traveled to attend Reunion "by Holly McBurnie Kissane ’87

3 Married alumni couples in attendance: Gil Timm ’72 and Tli Gaudrich Timm ’72, Janet Leblanc Hill ’67 and Rob Hill ’67, and Laura and David Bartlett Bakes (’99 and ’02)

4 Members of the Williston Academy class of 1952 who returned for their 70th

9,164 Miles traveled to attend Reunion by Nick Roceta ’07 from New Zealand. Other international attendees: Stephanie Martinot ’92 from France, Laurelle Hollingsworth-Nouveau ’92, Kim Gagne ’72, and Richard Brown ’72, from various locations in the United Kingdom

138 Married alumni couples in attendance: Gil Timm ’72 and Tli Gaudrich Timm ’72, Janet Leblanc Hill ’67 and Rob Hill ’67, and Laura and David Bartlett Bakes (’99 and ’02)

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Sharing the Spotlight

Wildcats, costumes, and props, oh my! Our always-popular photo booth brought out the smiles under the big tent.

(All photos from left)
1. The Wildcat and J.D. Parker-O’Grady ’02
2. Mike Wills ’72
3. Marla and Peter Wild ’67, P’06
4. Matt Sassen ’72
5. Hilary Fearn Mahlman ’92, Kile Koever ’92, the Wildcat, and Kent Walter ’92
6. Pierce Freelon ’92 and Sarah Evans ’92
7. Lauryno Hillsingwurtz-Niquou ’92, Jeff Brantle ’92, Carrie Baker ’92, Catherine Saint Louis ’92, Sarah Williams Carlson ’92, Molly Ryan Debruin ’92, Mason Turner ’92, Alexs Kelly ’92, and Doug “Tex” Watson ’92
8. Stephanie Martinot ’92, Brittany Armani Turner ’92, Allison Joseph ’92, Jessica Ward Daly ’92, Jessica Donovan-Cuthbert ’93, Kara Stull-Sandquist ’92
9. Monica Conroy, Mark Conroy, Alex Garcia ’92, Michaela Fischer, Laurie Garcia, and Eugenia Garcia
10. Sarah Marchand ’99 and El Marchand ’92
11. Calvin Vo and Jena Vo, children of Carrie Baker ’92
12. Ellen Roosburg Livingston ’61, P’11, Cory Fogg ’99, Morgan Fogg, Michael George ’86, and Terry Martin ’85

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See more photos from Reunion at flickr.com/willistonnorthampton
Highlighting Reunion last June was the conferral of alumni and distinguished service awards. In a morning presentation in the Dodge Room, Williston recognized seven exceptional individuals who in their work, in their lives, and in their commitment to the school exemplify the virtues of purpose, passion, and integrity. We gathered again in the afternoon for a special Athletic Hall of Fame ceremony, during which we inducted an all-female class of athletes plus two coaches of girls teams to mark 50 years of coeducation at Williston and the 50th anniversary of Title IX. For complete remarks from the events, please visit williston.com/reunion-remarks.

1. FOUNDERS AWARD: ELLEN ROSENBERG LIVINGSTON ’86, P’18

Trustee, class representative, and co-chair of the Williston Northampton Fund and the Williston Builds campaign, Ellen Livingston has never been content to stand on the sidelines. As a student, she excelled on the lacrosse and field hockey teams. Today, she directs her energy and organizational skills to expand and improve educational opportunities for future generations. In addition to her work on the board of trustees, Livingston has served as a dedicated admissions volunteer, a past member of the Williston Head’s Visiting Council, and her class Reunion Planning Committee. Livingston and her husband, Richard, live in Weston, Mass., and are the parents of Maxwell ’18 and Charlotte.

2. DANIEL AND JANE CARPENTER AWARD: JOHN B. ANZ ’82

Noted for his breadth as a student—Willistonian editor, Caterwauler, standout athlete—John Anz continues to find diverse ways to contribute to the life of the school. A two-term Alumni Council member, Anz was Williston’s Alumni Director from 2002 to 2010, the beginning of a successful career in nonprofit development. To this day, Anz continues to help drive our success as a volunteer for the Williston Northampton Fund, Founders Day, and Reunion. Drawing on his passion for music, Anz also served on the committee that produced the new school alma mater, “O Williston,” in 2007. He lives in South Hadley, Mass., with his wife, Brona. They are the parents of Bennett and Teagan.

3. WILLISTON NORTHAMPTON MEDAL: SHEILA M. FISHER ’72

A member of Williston Northampton’s first co-ed graduating class, Sheila Fisher earned her B.A. summa cum laude with Highest Honors in English from Smith College and received her M.A., M.Phil., and Ph.D. from Yale. Since 1984 she has taught at Trinity College, where her specialties include Chaucer and medieval women writers. In addition to past service as chair of the English department and Associate Dean of Faculty, Fisher co-directs both the Trinity Prison Seminar Series, which offers college courses to incarcerated women, and the Free to Succeed Program, which helps people pursue college education after prison. Recipient of the Brownell Prize for Distinguished Teaching at Trinity, she is the author of The Selected Canterbury Tales: A New Verse Translation.

4. ALUMNI TRAILBLAZER AWARD: PIERCE R. FREelon ’02

Educator, musician, and entrepreneur Pierce Freelon has taught in the departments of political science, music, and African American and diaspora studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and North Carolina Central University, traveled the world teaching hip-hop and music production; co-created Beat Making Lab, an Emmy Award–winning PBS web series; and founded Blackspace, a digital makerspace for youth in Durham, North Carolina. His album Black to the Future was nominated for the Best Children’s Album Grammy in 2022—the same year his mother Nnenna Freelon’s Time Traveler was nominated for Best Jazz Album. Also in 2022, his debut children’s picture book, Daddy-Daughter Day, was released by Little, Brown. Freelon lives in Durham, North Carolina, with his wife and two children.

5. HONORARY DEGREE: ISABELLE LOCKWOOD BOURRIE H’65

A difference maker, Isabelle Lockwood Bourrie studied engineering at Clark University, enjoyed a distinguished career at Lockheed Martin, and continues...
to change the lives of young students through her generous and sustained support of the H.A. Lockwood ’33 Family Scholarship. Established in 1999 and named for Bouwer’s father, the scholarship is an important resource for the school’s financial aid program. Through the honorary degree, Williston officially adopts Bouwer into our alumni community, where in addition to her father, she joins sisters Phyllis ’65, Nancy ’71, and Laurel ’72, and niece Brooke ’21. She resides in Media, Pennsylvania, with her husband, George.

6. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AND ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: ANN PICKRELL

Ann Pickrell came to Williston in the fall of 1982 and spent the next four decades expanding the reach of the school and championing its students. Initially hired as a Middle School science and physical education teacher, Pickrell was soon appointed Associate Director of Admissions, a post she held for 10 years before serving as Director of Admissions for 20. As Assistant Head of School over the past decade, Pickrell traveled extensively around the world to meet promising student candidates and their families. Beloved dorm parent, advisor, 10-year varsity field hockey head coach, and founder of the girls golf program, Pickrell connected with students as only the most gifted mentors do. In the words of one alumna, “What Williston, and specifically Ms. Pickrell, taught outside the classroom are the lessons I carry with me every day. I am forever grateful for the privilege of her counsel.”

7. DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD AND ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: GREGORY TULEJA ’05

Teacher, coach, academic advisor, dean, poet, musician—in his 19 years at Williston, Greg Tuleja helped shape countless lives from numerous angles. Arriving in 1993 as an English teacher and dorm parent, he went on to serve as a college counselor, Director of Studies, and, for 31 years, Academic Dean. As he moved through the administrative ranks, Tuleja never lost his passion for teaching, and remained active in the classroom as a revered teacher of English and A.P. English Theory. Meanwhile, his record as coach of girls cross country is unrivaled: 25 consecutive winning seasons, two NEPSAC championships, and an astounding 274–95 record.

8. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: DANI HOLTSCHLAG ’96

Over the course of two-time captain Dani Holtscchlag’s Williston hockey career, the girls team won nearly 70 percent of its games. In her junior year alone, Holtscchlag tallied 60 points. Also a captain and MVP in field hockey and softball, she fittingly won the Alumnae Bowl her senior year. She went on to a distinguished career on the ice at Princeton, serving as three-time captain, gaining All-Ivy recognition numerous times, and in 2001 earning Princeton’s Patty Kazmaier Award. Given annually to the senior who has made the greatest contribution to the team during her college years. After graduation, Holtscchlag kept her skates sharp coaching at MIT, including two years as head coach, while working in the biotech industry. She and her husband, Jason, and their two sons reside in the Boston area.

9. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: KATELYN KENNEDY GARVEY ’02

A three-sport threat in soccer, basketball, and lacrosse, Carrie Baker graduated with 23 varsity letters, more than any student in school history at the time. Repeat soccer MVP, New England prep basketball all-star as both a junior and a senior, and three-time lacrosse MVP who set Williston’s single-season scoring record as a senior, Baker was awarded the Alumnae Bowl before a knee injury ended her athletic career. A passionate student, she went on to become a professor of theater and film and Associate Dean at the University of Alaska Fairbanks, where she lives with her husband, Doug, and their two children.

10. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: CARRIE BAKER ’02

The first All-American lacrosse player in Williston history, Bridget Instrum was a two-time captain, three-time NEPSAC all-star, three-time team MVP, and the school’s all-time leading scorer with 233 career goals. During her four years, the lacrosse team compiled a record of 45-3. Equally prolific at field hockey, Instrum’s teams won the Western England Prep Championship and qualified for NEPSAC post-season play for four straight years as she set school records for goals in a season and a career. She also earned four varsity hockey letters. Her mastery continu-
The Williston community enjoyed a busy summer of networking events. At festivities from coast to coast, Wildcats and NSFG alums from all across the country gathered for art show openings, sporting events, dinner parties, and more.

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Above, front row, from left: Ina Sabloff St. Germain ’71, Janet Hyland ’71, Jeanne Hyland ’71, Marianne Lucchesi Burton ’71, Mary ‘Babbit’ Glisenti ’71, Joanne Marmo Tyler ’71, Anne Whitney Freeman ’71, Kathleen Verde Hearst ’70, and Jane Covell Keeney ’70. Back row, from left: Marie Schneider Palmer ’71, Sally Myser Wadhams ’71, Nancy Lockwood Whitcomb ’71, Sally Parsons Conant ’71, Marcia Booth Drinkard ’70, Cheryl Marquis Engel ’71, Martha Farrell Goodridge ’71, Sara Cornwall ’70, Nancy Adams ’70, Whitney Griggs Raleigh ’70, Saskia Huising ’70, and Cynthia LeBeau Garrison ’70

12. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: CONNIE WILSON ’86

As a senior captain, Connie Wilson led Williston to its first-ever NEPSAC girls’ basketball championship. Along the way, she earned MVP honors and made the All-Tournament team.

13. ATHLETIC HALL OF FAME: 1986 GIRLS TRACK TEAM

After winning the Alumnae Bowl, she played soccer at Wheaton College, captaining the team as a senior. After graduation, she pivoted to a career in sports marketing with the LPGA, at the sports content marketing firm Advantage International, and as head of her own consulting company.

On June 17–19, we welcomed the Northampton School for Girls classes of 1970 and 1971 to campus to make up for their missed 50th Reunion celebrations. Festivities included a dinner on-site at the former NSFG campus.
On June 9 we said "happy retirement" to Ann Pickrell and Greg Tuleja, wishing them well as they embarked on their next chapter!

We were so happy to welcome the Class of 2020 back to campus for the first time since March 2020. About half the class reconvened in Easthampton for a day of story-sharing, reconnecting, and reliving memories of Williston.


From left: Rachel Goodman ’20, Jamie O’Malley ’20, Anya Rozario ’20, and Sarah Kimmel ’20

From left: Nick Hasty ’20, Akiko Muzilo ’20, Joe Rees ’20, Kenneth Wang ’20, Alan Martin ’20, and Dylan Haaland’ 20

From left: Nikki Foster ’20 and Abby Hunter ’20

From left: Rachel Goodman ’20, James O’Malley ’20, Anya Rozario ’20, and Sarah Kimmel ’20

Above, from left: Eric Almanzar ’20, Jason Shott ’20, Wendy Shrappe, Joe Rees ’20, and Blayne Lapan

Alumni events
Alumni gathered for an evening of cocktails and conversation at the Arion Press in San Francisco. The event was hosted by Tamsin Smith ’84, P’22, the curator-in-residence, who organized a tour of the historic foundry and a viewing of Shadow and Light: Al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here, the exhibition in the gallery.

SAN FRANCISCO RECEPTION
Alumni came together for an evening of baseball in Hartford at Dunkin’ Donuts Park, where the Hartford Yard Goats hosted the New Hampshire Fisher Cats. The group enjoyed an all-you-can-eat buffet and watched the game from the exclusive Bud Sky Bar.

HARTFORD YARD GOATS

An enthusiastic group of Williston alumni living in San Diego gathered at Nolita Hall for an evening of reminiscing about Williston. In attendance were alumni from 1982 to 2017.

SAN DIEGO DINNER

As part of the NSFG Reunion celebration, the group enjoyed an evening at Glendale Ridge Vineyard, in Southampton, Mass. The gathering included wine, music, charcuterie, and plenty of good conversation.

NSFG 50TH REUNION CELEBRATION

Above left, from left: Laura Ferguson ’82, Rebecca Blake ’89, Ned Ferguson ’78, Betty Chase Hyde ’73, and Bryan Crean ’76.


Back row, from left: Matt Sawyer, Laura Ferguson ’82, Jane Covell Kenny ’70, Rebecca Blake ’89, Steve Backsby ’76, Betty Chase Hyde ’73, Neil Ferguson ’76, and Bryan Crean ’76.

CLASS NOTES

Katie France ’08 and Rogan Magee celebrated their wedding on April 2, 2022, with some of Katie’s Williston friends. From left: Theo Streeter, Patrick Christophel, Amy Ziter ’08, Katie France ’08, Rogan Magee, Emily Tannen ’08, Stephanie Davis ’18.

Above left: Leadership Gifts Officer Jill Stern chats with Kristina Madsen, from the Williston Northampton class of ’73.

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1950 WA
Robert Couch
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1951 WA
R. Bardwell “Ten” Heavens
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Heavens shared his recent experience of Hurricane Ian. He writes, “I was watching the news and saw that this storm was blowing wind and rain as far as we eastern Massachusetts. I’ve been through hurricanes as far back as 1938 and I’ve never seen anything like this. I was breaking out as the storm came closer and closer to Tampa Bay. I had to make to landfall right over the bay. I had all my stuff packed to evacuate, something I was not looking forward to. I then drove a bit, as it came closer and closer, the forecast landing was being moved south. As the point of landfall moved south 100 miles in Fort Myers, Fl., it was a different story. As the national news has been swirling, it was pure devastation. I felt that the God Lord was looking down and spared me for another time.”

1951 NSFG
Sally Poole Farrah-Atkinson
sfarrah@northlink.net
Susan Cross Hunter
Shutures@comcast.net

Barbara Evans Cohn recently met with Laurie Cormier, Director of Advancement at the Williston Northampton School, and shared some of her beautiful sculptures.

1952 WA
Robert Thomas
Tighe0164@gmail.com

Erich Cramer and his wife hosted their annual major event for the Mattatuck Museum Historical Society on the North Fork of Long Island on June 11. He sent his greetings to his classmates. He writes, “I attended Williston for six years from September of 1946 to June of 1952, probably longer than most of my peers, and have fond memories of that 8 percent of my life. I am happy to be alive and still fully engaged with many others as we struggle to keep this good ship USA from sinking—I love to battle damage to repair, and, even more importantly, figuring out a way forward without killing others or ourselves. I support what Williston does every day in and out, year in and year out to keep this country alive and well.”

1954 WA
Alan Lazarus
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1957 WA
William Harmon
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1958 WA
65TH REUNION
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Andrew Solomon
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John Curtiss shares, “My team won the Gton Long Point golf tournament for the third straight year! You have to know how to pick your partners!”

John Harper shares, “My good wife of 39 years, Judy, and I are working on our house getting it ready for the fall. When we visit friends who have made the move to small town life, I find I have felt the incision, I feel just four jail cell walls comforting my freedom. I grew up in Portland, Conn., on a 50 acre farm and now have a glass house with 13 acres located in the woods. Maybe I qualify for a visit to the local shelter. Last winter the utility bill nearly doubled so this winter we will keep the house down to 62 degrees. Global warming will help cut the bill. To meet costs, one were required to reduce space between 300 vertical deck balusters to less than 4 inches. Currently I am in the process of staining the exterior, which requires ladder work. Yet, Mother, I have a good ladder with an adjustable base which gets its top tied down. I use up tennis at age 78 after 70 years of fun because rhinos from surgery was not high on my list, plus my playing friends were lacking the bend. I enjoy refurbishing furniture and generally using my knowledge to make things better. Judy enjoys volunteering her time for the Glastonbury Historical Society and now is running its annual tag sale, which is the size of two tennis courts, and is being held from September 30 to October 2. I am one of the directors. In case anybody would like to contact me, my email is jarper4@cox.net. I’ve enclosed an action picture of our classmate Ron McElroy in Colorado [opposite page, top]. I was his best man at his wedding and football teammate at Williston. Ron passed in 2019.”

Tom Korson writes, “As many of you know, I lost the love of my life, Mary Mullarkey, last year to cancer. My daughter, Eiji and Sam. We are relatively healthy and dating the situation was such a compromise. Getting older at our age, as octogenarians, good health and two days later I had an angiogram and stent, which was 99 percent closed! The shooter, whom I had never met but with whom I have a very close tie through the internet, was my mother! I am his brother by a different mother! I am in cardiac rehab and all seems to be well being. I am physically active, something I learned at Williston Academy for all 3 seasons, has conditioned me. I was deeply saddened to have nothing to offer for the last Class Notes section of the Bulletin and have our space blank. I am certain that many of you are enjoying the interactions and friendships are hard to develop, and it is so important to nurture them. I really urge each one of you to share with the rest of the class. It might not seem as important to you to do so, but you would be surprised how great this helped to our recovery is fine, although I have not found a significant improvement in my vision. Now on to the other eye and hope for the best overall improvement. I still enjoy the marvel of photography [see above] and from our place on the 20th floor have a wonderful view of east, north, and west.”

Roy Weiner writes, “The joy of our parents—for our 75-year-old grandson, Henry, and his parents, Sara and Corey, we look forward to this summer. Adam has flown down to Gannerville from NYC and is also expected next week. Craig is coming later in August with his children, Eiji and Sam. We are relatively healthy and dating the situation was such a compromise. Getting older at our age, as octogenarians, good health and two days later I had an angiogram and stent, which was 99 percent closed! The shooter, whom I had never met but with whom I have a very close tie through the internet, was my mother! I am his brother by a different mother! I am in cardiac rehab and all seems to be well being. I am physically active, something I learned at Williston Academy for all 3 seasons, has conditioned me. I was deeply saddened to have nothing to offer for the last Class Notes section of the Bulletin and have our space blank. I am certain that many of you are enjoying the interactions and friendships are hard to develop, and it is so important to nurture them. I really urge each one of you to share with the rest of the class. It might not seem as important to you to do so, but you would be surprised how great this helped to our recovery is fine, although I have not found a significant improvement in my vision. Now on to the other eye and hope for the best overall improvement. I still enjoy the marvel of photography [see above] and from our place on the 20th floor have a wonderful view of east, north, and west.”

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Syd Williams writes, “It has been just over 6 years since my ignominious departure from Williston Academy. The years have disappeared in the proverbial cloud of dust, but memories remain, in- cluding fond memories of Williston and my classmates. Uncomfortable
1960 WA
Jim Aldrich
majdrick@olypen.com

1961 WA
Mary Beth Adams Dorsey
marybethdorsey@yahoo.com

1961 NSFG
Class of ’61 sends a class tep. Please recall classmates@williston.convsolve.com volunteer.

A mini-reunion took place with Joani Montgomery Milhalakos, Faith Barrington, and Randy Bure Bourland as they toured the Everglades for a full-day scenic adventure!

1962 NSFG
Linda Stanton Maynard
Maryland.lindam94@gmail.com

1963 WA
50TH REUNION
David Tarlton
Davidkt645@gmail.com

Manfred Bale writes, “I sadly report the passing away of Bob Kahn, this June, from a rapid and incurable onset of illness, surrounded by his loving family, Nancy, fuels, and Jeffrey. Ever since 1962, Bob had been one of my best and closest friends. An extremely well-read, thoughtful, and cultured person, Bob was also a renowned physician and pathologist and a superb family man. We had hoped to meet again for Reunion at the school—but, alas, in vain. At his funeral, our friend and classmate Cliff Kern gave a moving remembrance speech.”

Sandra Hawkins informed the school of the passing of her husband, Rodney Hawkins. In the obituary she writes, “Her [Rod’s] always included Williston Academy with giving him an excellent education and many memorable times including playing soccer and performing as part of the choir. Some of the friendships he made here lasted a lifetime. He never forgave the opportunity afforded by Williston when he was selected as an exchange student to Germany in 1963.”

1964 WA
Paul “Duck” Darby
pduck26@yahoo.com.au

1964 NSFG
Lydia Allen Kittfield
lydakittfield@gmail.com

1965 WA
Thomas “Trick” Kelley
jt200@wsu.edu

Charlie Hayes writes, “Other than the handle of moving from Annapo
lis to Ashburn, Va., I have nothing to report. Regrettably, no offenses against the laws of men, nature, or God.”

Trick Kelley shares a group update. He writes, “The Boys of ’65 have kept busy since our last Bulletin news. It’s been a hot summer, but despite the heat I won the 2022 Stroke Play Championship at Manhattan Country Club, and we had to make a New Year’s Eve in South Hadley. Since Manhattan is my early day, we have given up our summer place in Gilford, N.H., playing golf at Laconia Country Club every chance we get. Hank Mitchell spent another summer fishing in Mattapoisett on Cape Cod, as soon as summer is over, Hank will return to his home in Alaska. Last year, Bill Hughes and his wife, Else, made a big move from Miami to Medellin, Colombia, where Bill continues to enjoy and hone his skills with photography. He and his wife have enjoyed their South American adventure so much, they have decided to make their 33rd-floor penthouse their permanent home! Bill also alerted me to a LinkedIn post about classmate Ron Yamary and his Fine Arts company won the First Place award as a specialist in wealth manage
ment, art, and private collections. Charlie Hayes, one of our most loyal news contributors, moved from Annapolis, Md., to Green Cove Preserve in Ashburn, Va. While he was ‘cleaning out’ and packing, Charlie came across a history report, tucked in a Williston Academy folder, that he wrote in 1964. He suggested we all look through our school for old report cards, textbooks, reports, and notes we may still have, and offer them to Williston for their archives. In a box of books he was bringing to his new house, Charlie came across a second-year Spanish textbook, inscribed: ‘Bill Anthony ’66 to a fine pupil of the Spanish language. May your life be joyous as that ultimate task becomes more difficult as we age. In December of 2021, Larry Yee traveled from his home in Hong Kong to the United States, and because of flight bans and COVID restrictions, he stayed in the United States in the early spring and traveled. Larry visited Seattle, San Francisco, and NYC. He came to Williston and watched the Marinus Mil production at Williston, which brought back fond memories of some of the shows of our time in our theater. Jeff Batiste attended a Williston gathering in Palm Beach, Fl., at the end of February, sponsored by classmate Kevin Hoben. Jeff, who has been in school and celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer, and Kevin Hoben are, as we all know, two of our most supportive classmates. They con
nected with classmate Ned Lynch in Fl., this winter. Jeff alerted me to some news of a summer session at the Williston Chapel in R.I.: one of the concelebrants was our revered Reverend C. Allen, recently retired from Jeff’s Church of Glastonbury, Conn. The Rev. ‘Cy’ is taking up the game of golf. Tough to take up any sport at our ages, but Cy was such a good tennis player that I told him he’d be a natural.”

David Stevens writes, “I’m a proud father of my son who’s a major in a company going public. I’m still living at the beach in San Diego, retired, and in search to sell my former offices.”

Upon her arrival at Reunion this past June, longtime friend of Wil
iston (and daughter of Howard A. Lockwood [’51]), Isabelle Lockwood Bournié was surprised with an honorary degree (see page 57). Isabelle has demonstrated a loyal commitment to our commu
nity over the years, as if she had attended the school herself.

1964 WA
Bill Anthony ’66
bantony66@gmail.com

Bill Anthony checks in again about his new book, reminding everyone to pick up a copy! He shares a sneak peak of the story: “A year in the life of a young policeman on the Maine coast. Farmy is in love with the esewle of a lobstlernian. When some Maine woods starts popping up in some seasonal poems, an un
predictable future. It’s now available through Maine Authors Publishing: wantonlywriters.com. This book probably comes as close as any to explaining the meaning of life, with a liberal sprinkling of Maine humor.”

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proved and Mr. Beddows would’ve said it’s pithy!”

edges of the past become smoothed by the passage of time, and that is true as I look back on my three years in Easthampton, where I ignored the virtues of diligence and temperature, while I excelled in the sin of sloth. Fortunately for me, two and a half years out in Wellesley the woman who was my wife came into my life. She was who she caused me to consider the seven virtues rather than a concentration on the seven sins. We have now been married for over 58 wonderful years and raised three children who avoided their father’s early waston ways. In turn, they have produced 10 delightful grandchildren who range in age from 14 to 22. Except for a year in New Hampshire when I completed my degree, we have lived in Con
necticut over the years, as if she had attended the school herself.

1965 WA

CLASS NOTES
Reese Childs shares, "After 43 years practicing ostaions and trust law with the same firm in Beverly Hills, I switched my status to senior VP position at Can-...
have proved my point. "

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This year will be a very special year

Bruce Klickstein shares a photo of himself with his new granddaugh-
thern Omaha's Handmaid's Tale. 

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Williamstown staff spotted an event.

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I hope everyone was able to attend often in the past. I still work every day, where
every day means six or seven days and

a week and 80 hours or so. Looking

for ways to do so. My daughter, Erin, has just started working for me. I am hoping this will be good for both of us. Her first major assign-
ment to start taking over most of my responsibilities for the two bars' restaurants. I try to spend as much time as possible on or around the
water. I spend most weekends on the coast near our sailing club. I have spent a lot of my time recently fixing my sport fishing boat. It is rewarding to actually accomplish tasks and see the im-
mmediate results of my efforts. My son, Elliott, continues to develop his boat maintenance and repair busi-
ess. He stays in very high demand. Like his dad, he loves to sail. Some months, he bought a 32-foot used sailboat that was in sad repair. He has almost completed a full resto-

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Jennifer McLeod Sleeper

Members of the class of 1977: From

Eric Woods '81 and Bill Carellas '81

"I had the distinctive pleasure of breaking bread with Eric Woods in Washington, D.C., one hot August night. We had an amazing time talking, laughing, and catching up on 35 years of life. He looks great, is doing great, and is definitely making an impact. I am very thankful we were able to connect after many years of trying. Reunionneer don't need to happen ev-

1981

Josep Spight

Jennifer Carpenter Reid

Kristen Koenig

Dana Richdale

Amy Holzer Irvin

Bill Carellas

John Intorcio

45TH REUNION

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1976

1975

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The grand children of Bob Tullis '73

The grand children of Bob Tullis '73

Lorenzo, grandson of Keith Brown '78

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Bruce Klickstein '78 happily holding his granddaughter, Nina

Robert Smith and his wife, Christine, wrote this summer that they had just celebrated their son's wedding on an island off the coast of Maine. Todd Stall and his wife, Carol, were in attendance.

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Keith Brown shared a photo of his grandfather, Lorenzo (opposite page).

"I hope to see Debbie Lasoglia this weekend (it’s mid-August as I write)

at an event in Holyoke. I have not been back to Reunion or been on
campus in 25 years but I may come to the 50th.

Linda Shlissler Wood shares, "I attended the 50th Reunion for the class of 1972 this past June. It was a wonderful experience to see classmates from 50 years ago, share stories, laugh, and eat! The food was excellent and the campus looked beautiful. The camaraderie, after all these years, was just so much fun. I hope everyone will consider how much fun it will be to get together for our own class outings of 50 miles. Looking forward to our time together!"

Abby Zanger writes, "I live in Cambridge, Mass., and have a boat-
ning life, especially during COVID. I was a French professor and taught gender and the history of the book, as well. We hope to get to Paris this fall to visit our son, who will be
to framework. I sent a print down to

Avery five years, and they don't always have to know when or how these documents came to be in my family. It has been a long and exhaust-

Amy Holzer Irvin sent in a note early in the spring. "I realized recently that my birthday this year is 2/22/22, so I am thinking I might have something to do something exciting to celebrate. Given the current state of the pandemic, I think I might be limited in my options. C'est la vie! This year will be a very special year for us, as we will become grand-
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Caroline Adama Duget share, "Life has been good. Spontaneous time
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doing research there this year in societal issues. It may also do a bit of my own research while there for a

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Bruce Klickstein wrote, “I had a wonderful time being a zeyde!"
land of Afghanistan as a CCATT (Critical Care Air Transport Team) physician. Basically, we put an intensive care unit on the backs of planes like C-17s, KC-135s, or C-130s and transported critically ill battlefield wounded soldiers in and out of hospitals. Our experience was invaluable and we had many great memories to share with you.

Christ Kelley reminisces, “I was in the Corps for two years in Honduras. I met my wife (a volunteer) there. We are coming up on our 30th anniversary this May. Ultimately, I went to medical school on an Air Force scholarship and went into internal medicine and then pulmonary, critical care, and sleep medicine. I got two all-star long-term trips to the beautiful backdrops of the beaches in this one [above, right] says it all! So thankful for this summer and our Williston roots, which reach far and wide.”

Suzanne Cote-Croce and Valli Klevon Thornton spent an amazing vacation together, post-83 Reunion, over the Fourth of July holiday. Suzanne writes, “We had time to connect on reuniting in Brickstone at the Red Lion Inn and taking in so many of the beautiful local sites and attractions, including the Norman Rockwell Museum. Our Tanglewood lawn picnics (yes, two! Both nights!) were fabulous. There were so many photos to choose from, but I think the greatest highlight was our beautiful faces and the beautiful backdrop — so many photos to choose from, but I think the greatest highlight was our beautiful faces and the beautiful backdrop. The photos were a great gift.

The love of my life to San Diego. I started working for the City of San Diego as a criminal analyst (treaded water) and promoted my way up through a variety of positions (grants analyst, financial analyst, small business liaison) until I was appointed to the City Council to the position of city clerk. As the city manager, I staff a city council of 9, I am the elections officer for municipal elections and the filing officer for all disclosure requirements (local and state), and I support the City Council in all aspects of meeting management for their legislative sessions. I am also the official record keeper for the City of SD. I worked with the U.S. Department of State to open a passport agency in the city hall lobby, and I developed and implemented a digital archive. My office has been recognized with state and local awards for law and publications in award and preservation. A lot’s to look on my website if you are interested: sundays go: city clerk. Through all of this, my marriage ended in 2000, and as a single parent, I decided to have a child in 2002. My daughter, Cleo, is a sophomore at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Ore. I have two cats, Rio and Jones, that are super good academically and also runs cross-country and track and field for the L&C teams. She is the love and light of my life. I am excited to retire in the next year and start the next chapter of my life.”

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Suzanne Cote-Croce ’82 introduced her grandson Chandler Croce, who she says is getting his tennis muse into a mighty near Wildcat streaming for the class of 2019.

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Adam Branch
adamc.branch@gmail.com
Katherine Ciejek Shea
katiecshea@gmail.com
Katie Ciejek Shea
shared, “I celebrated Brittney Amanti Tattan ’02’s baby girl this past summer with Ashley Picknelly Vassallo ’02 and Chelsey Zahornacky Nelson.”

2002
Devon Ducharme
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Thomas Lucey
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Oluwatosin Onafowokan
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Evelyn Sylvester Miller
evysylvester@gmail.com
Pierce Freelon
was awarded the Alumni Trailblazer Award at Reunion in June (see page 57). This award is presented to a graduate of the school under the age of 40 who has demonstrated significant professional achievement, contributions to their profession and/or community, and continued promise of success in the future.

2003
Jason Chandler
jason.chandler@rocketmail.com
Elizabeth Kulik Watson
elizabeth.kulik@gmail.com
Sally Ekus shared the news of the 40th anniversary of her family’s culinary agency, Ekus Group, and her promotion as a lead agent and full partner in the agency!

2004
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tedcaine@gmail.com
Alex Tice
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Danielle Wieseke McCarty
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Adam Shepard married Joel Ehninger in Santa Barbara, Calif., on April 30, and several class of 2004 alums were there to celebrate their nuptials.

2005
Eleanor Etheredge Frame
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Peter Higgins Jr.
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Sidney Baptista hosted a pop-up shop in April celebrating the one-year anniversary of the launch of his new clothing line, PINKE Performance Streetwear (see article on page 25), which came together through a crowdfunding campaign focused on creating more inclusive running apparel. Sidney writes, “We wouldn’t be here today without the support of our family, friends, and our community.”

2006
Lauren Noonan
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John Scannell
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Congrats to Lee Dangleis Greener and her family, who welcomed baby Wynne into the world!

2007
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Kelsey Lindsey
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Zach Robbins
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Emily Laird Dresser celebrated the first birthday of her son, Arthur, in Portland, Maine, with Deepa Kenia and Zach Robbins.

2008
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2008 15TH REUNION

A small Williston Northampton School reunion took place this spring with Stephanie Bruno Kendo, Emily Lard Droussar, and Zach Robbins.

Mike MacDonald welcomed a new baby into the family, Michael Joseph MacDonald, on August 25, 2022.

Zack McMahon and his wife, Lydia, welcomed Avery Gail McMahon on June 28 (8 pounds, 12 ounces, 19 inches).

Cecory Middleton married Anders Fogel on June 25.

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Reece Liang
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Julie Millard
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Jarrad Green shares, “I will be performing in ‘Ghost: The Musical’ as the male lead at the Riverside Center for the Performing Arts in Frederick, Md., from September 14, 2022, to November 6, 2022. It will be my first full musical in over two and a half years, after a year and a half of online-only work, followed by cruise ship singing. After I head back to the U.K. to be with Ellie, my wife of a little over two years, we will head to North Miami later in November to rehearse for Cats, which we will both perform in at RMY Tagger (me) and Grizabella (Ellie, singing “Memory”) on Royal Caribbean Cruise Line’s Oasis of the Seas from January 2023 to October 2023. I am also the lead singer in a power metal album entitled Hyperzone: Revolution by Quantum Twilight, which was released on August 5, 2022, and is available for streaming or download at all the usual music websites. You would never know that I recorded all the vocals in a bathroom closet! The guitar solo by the band’s founder, Greg Russell, are definitely worth a listen.”

Note: Updating his report in the Spring 2022 Bulletin, Jarred shared some wonderful photos from his wedding ceremony this past April in England (see above, top). Several alumni flew overseas to celebrate the union.

Kevin Yoshim married Kelsey Prine on June 30 with classmates Jacob Roscoe in attendance! 

Stevie Lantos Sevko was married at The Pierre in NYC on May 14. (See photo, above.)

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In January 2022 Andy Pierce worked with the Gift of Life marrow registry to donate bone marrow and stem cells to cancer patients.

Athena Young and husband Jack welcomed a baby girl in September 2021.

Members of the class of 2017: Front row, from left: Anna Wilinsky, Natalie Hippihyte, Cam Ward.
IN MEMORY

This listing contains the names of alumni whose deaths were reported to the school between April 1, 2022, and October 11, 2022, although their passing may have occurred outside of those dates.

1940
Kosa Panyarachun of Bangkok, Thailand, died on May 25, 2022. He is survived by his son, Krid Panyarachun ’70.

1943
Nancy Atwood Gordon Brewer of Dunbar, Mass., died May 11, 2022. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth and Carol; her son, John, six grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Phoebe Taylor Landsdale of Woodbridge, Conn., died April 17, 2022. She is survived by her daughters, Elizabeth and Katherine; her son, Steven; and two grandchildren.

1946
James “Jim” W. Curran of Stanford, Vt., died May 29, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Rosemarie; his sons, Jim, John, Robert, and Neil; and his daughters, Maureen, Kathryn, Patricia, Susan, and Jennifer; another daughter, Andrea; predeceased him. He is also survived by his sisters, Sally and Sandy; his brothers, William and Edward; 14 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Lucy J. Wierum of Boston, Mass., died July 5, 2022. She is survived by her daughters, Trudy and Amy; her sons, Hugh and Tim; her step-sons, Craig and Christopher; her step-daughter, Ann; her sister, Margaret; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1949
Charles E. Stoneham of Paxton, Mass., died October 2, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Lucy; his son, Charles; his daughters, Susan and Chris; and four grandchildren.

1950
David W. Colton Jr. of Boerne, Texas, died March 29, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Dee; his daughters, Lynn and Darleen; his sister, Betty Jane; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1952
George J. Dargati of Tolland, Conn., died July 20, 2022. He is survived by his sons, James; his daughters, Kalleen and Jennifer; and seven grandchildren.

Robert “Bob” A. Sweet of Ripon, Calif., died March 5, 2022. He is survived by his sons, Mark and Benjamin; his daughter, Loochie; his sister, Barbara; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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Richard L. Wredahl of Middleboro, Conn., died December 23, 2020. He is survived by his wife, Marcia; his daughter, Susan; his son, Arthur; his sister, Constance; and two grandchildren.

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Stephen “Steve” J. Britt of Stuart, Fla., died December 31, 2022. He is survived by his son, James; his daughters, Catherine and Karen; his sisters, Jean and Shoshah; and four grandchildren.

1956
Joanna Ewing Jones of Bath, Maine, died April 2022. She is survived by her sons, Darrick, Channing, and Chris; her brother, David; and eight grandchildren.

Wayne S. Joelstrud of Vero Beach, Fla., died March 28, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Emily; his daughter, Katherine; and his son, Steve, a son, William, predeceased him. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

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Robert “Bob” D. Kaler of Larchmont, N.Y., died June 22, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his son, Jeffrey; his daughter, Julia; his sister, Joannemarie; and one great-grandchild.

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Ellen Clifford McGuire of East Longmeadow, Mass., died June 8, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Arthur; her daughters, Molly and Kevin; her four step-sons, Timothy, John, Mike, and Matthew; and 13 grandchildren.

Schuyler “Sky” W. Sweet of Littleton, N.H., died June 24, 2022. He is survived by his daughter, Jolyn; his son, Wallace; his sister, Sandy; his brothers, Brent and Stephen; and five grandchildren.

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Susan Riley Clarke of Spruce Pine, N.C., died April 14, 2022. She is survived by her daughter, Megan; her sons, Joshua; and four grandchildren.

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REMEMBERING KEVIN GARRITY

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1969
Betsy Cancilla Wills of Glendora, Calif., died May 18, 2021.

1971
Mark W. Clemens of Pocatello, Idaho, died May 2, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly; his son, Terrance; his step-daughter, Ashley; his sisters, Marybeth and Susan; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1972
Christopher “Scott” Bevins of Hingham, Mass., died August 23, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; his sons, Wesley, and his daughter, Samantha.

Richard B. McKinley of Prospect Heights, Ill., died May 8, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Nian; and his siblings, Gail, Maryl, Jane, and Kyle.

1973

Robert J. Beidler of Columbus, Ohio, died November 1, 2020.

1977
Heidi Bubel Allen of Deerfield, Ill., died June 29, 2022. She is survived by her husband, Robert; her mother, Sammie; and her brother, Peter.

1983
Richard J. Harris Jr. of Medway, Mass., died August 25, 2022. He is survived by his wife, Jane; his children, Taylor, Emily, Meghan, and Alyssa; and his sister, Debbie.

1992
John J. Swierzewski of Summerville, S.C., died September 2022. He is survived by his sons, Cian, Davin, Tagh, and Luke; his father, Stanley; his brothers, Stanley ‘76, Mark ‘78, Paul, James, and David; and his sister Ann.

2004
Christopher S. Maller Jr. of Denver, Colo., died September 2, 2022. He is survived by his father, Christopher; his mother, Isabelle; and his sisters, Meredith and Emily.

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