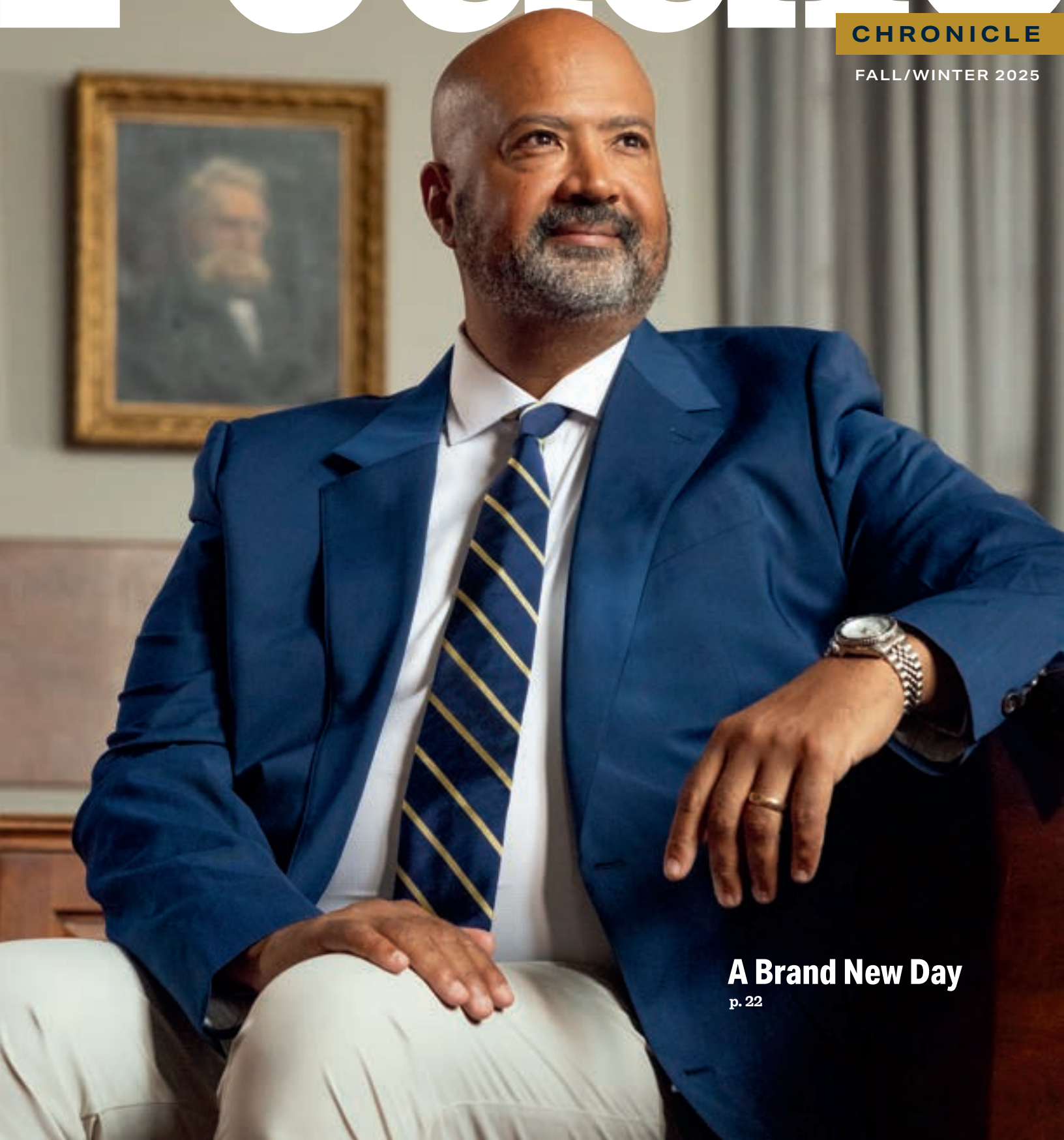


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A Brand New Day

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Co-presidents Luke Chon '26 and Julisa Lugo '26 lead the Convocation march.



A New Chapter

Greetings from campus! This is a moment of beginning anew, both for Peddie and for me. As I begin my tenure as head of school, I feel both incredible gratitude and awesome responsibility. Gratitude for the generations who have built this community, and responsibility to lead us into the future in a way that fulfills all of our hopes for the school. Our motto, “We finish our labors to begin them anew,” reminds us that every chapter builds on the last, and each new beginning carries both promise and purpose.

It has been a remarkable fall here in Hightstown. I am continuously inspired by the talent and depth of our community. Our professional community is as dedicated as ever, and they work with a diverse, smart and talented group of students from across the country and all over the world. The spirit of Peddie was at its peak during Peddie–Blair Week, which was a highlight for me.

Personally, my family and I have loved our move to Hightstown and all that Central Jersey (it *is* a place) has to offer. My wife, Lucy, and I are grateful for the warm welcome and for all the great restaurant recommendations.

I have appreciated the chance to visit Long Beach Island, Sea Bright, Dallas, Boston and New York City on the Peddie World Tour. Those gatherings confirmed for me how deeply our alumni and current and past parents care for Peddie. We also welcomed prospective families, who no doubt left those gatherings full of the Ala Viva spirit. I look forward to many more events this winter.

This issue of the Chronicle captures the spirit of our motto. The cover feature shares my arrival at Peddie through conversation, a “day in the life” photo story and the Installation ceremony. It is less about me than about the community I have joined, and about the vision we will shape together.

You will also see the lasting power of the classroom in “The Classes That Never Leave You,” where alumni reflect on the courses that challenged them, changed them and stayed with them long after graduation. Teaching and learning remain at the core of Peddie’s mission.

Finally, the Chronicle itself begins anew with a bold redesign, its first since 2017. Its new look reflects the energy of this community, and its stories continue to point to where we are headed: honoring our history, embracing innovation and committing ourselves to the future of our students.

I invite you to join me in shaping this new era for Peddie, with your voice, your presence and your support.

Ala Viva!

Jim Hamilton
Head of School

Editor's Note

The Peddie Chronicle has a new look! We’ve reimagined the magazine with you in mind, weaving familiar traditions with fresh storytelling, both in these pages and on our soon-to-launch magazine website. I hope it brings you pride, connection and joy in the Peddie spirit. Let us know what you think at editor@peddie.org.

Carrie Harrington

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Campus



The Peddie School Outing Club traveled to Alaska by way of a custom-reconditioned Greyhound bus.



ALUMNI PROFILE

On the Road Again: 50 Years After Peddie's Outing Club Trip to Alaska

Alumni plan a golden anniversary reunion while today's students look to revive a beloved Peddie club.

In June 1976, as the nation prepared for its bicentennial celebration, a red, white and blue-painted Greyhound bus pulled out of Hightstown with "The Peddie School Outing Club" proudly emblazoned on its sides. For nearly 10 weeks, it carried four faculty members, three dozen students and even two dogs across 17,000 miles, through 26 states and four Canadian provinces, all the way to Alaska.

Nevin Hofing '77 still remembers the weeks-long odyssey. "The trip inspired me to see America," he said. Having checked 49 states off his visit list so far in his lifetime (Hawaii remains), Hofing credited that summer with sparking his lifelong love for travel. "It opened my eyes to America. People always want to rush off to Europe or the Caribbean, but there's so much beauty here at home."

The adventure was a classic American road trip: camping under the stars, hiking, fishing in streams, and, uniquely, serving as New Jersey's ambassadors to a nation celebrating its 200th birthday. New Jersey Governor Brendan Byrne had charged the group with delivering bicentennial greetings to leaders across the country. In Juneau, they even marched in the city's Fourth of July parade as official "Bicentennial Ambassadors."

There were challenges, too: Their bus broke down and had to be towed 250 miles, and one student required an emergency appendectomy in Fairbanks. But the obstacles only deepened the group's resilience. "We all kind of pitched in to do what needed to be done," Hofing recalled. "We became this really tight group. We definitely all bonded."

The journey was the brainchild of **John Scott**, Peddie's director of guidance and counseling, and lifelong outdoorsman. Scott spent two years planning the expedition and rallying students to sell candy bars and more to raise funds. Before they departed, Scott told the Chronicle: "It's the idea, even the germ of an idea, and the willingness to act on it, that makes life exciting."

Now, Hofing is leading an effort to reconnect his fellow travelers and commemorate the adventure's 50th anniversary. The inspiration came while cleaning out his mother's house. "I found all my 'On to Alaska' stuff, the itinerary, the pictures," he said. "I thought, it's been 50 years, we have to do something."

Though the official in-person celebration will coincide with the Class of 1977's 50th reunion in 2027, the planning and reminiscing have already begun. Hofing remains close with fellow travelers like **Bill Wiener '77**, **Mike Dempsey '78** and **Barry Moore '79**.

"When you went on that trip, you earned bragging rights," Hofing laughed. "It was a once-in-a-lifetime adventure."

The spirit of the Outing Club may yet return to Peddie. English teacher **Joe La Bella '03** and student **Massimo Sheinin '27** are working to revive the club for a new generation.

Last spring, they planned a trip to the Delaware Water Gap, but weather forced a cancellation. Instead, they improvised, building bonfires on campus, roasting hot dogs and s'mores, and storytelling. "Young people don't spend as much time in unstructured space," La Bella said. "We want to give them that same sense of exploration."

This year, La Bella and Sheinin hope to build gradually, starting with small, on-campus campouts and progressing to backpacking trips on the Appalachian Trail. "I don't want a student's first camping experience to be negative," La Bella explained. "We want to build comfort and skills step by step, so by the time we go off campus, they're ready."

For La Bella, helping reimagine the Outing Club feels like continuing a story. "We recognize the formative value of getting young people outside into the world for their own sense of self."

Peddie Outing Club Alaska '76 alumni: Get in touch with Nevin Hofing '77 at ontoalaskain76@gmail.com as plans for a reunion take shape.

The 1976 Outing Club Bus Trip by the Numbers

17,000+ miles traveled

26 states

4 Canadian provinces

37 humans and
2 dogs on board

50+ hours of fundraising work
required per student
to qualify

250 miles the bus had to be
towed after breaking down
in Yukon

1 emergency appendectomy
in Fairbanks

July 5, 1976: Marched in
Juneau's Bicentennial parade
as New Jersey's "Bicentennial
Ambassadors"

65 days on the road

“Jim will challenge our students and professional community to reach beyond their expectations.”

**BOARD CHAIR
DOUG DAVIDSON '64**

Speaking during Hamilton's
Installation about why
he is a worthy successor

EVENTS

The Installation of James A. Hamilton

Ceremony honors Peddie's past and charts its next chapter.

On Saturday, September 27, Peddie formally installed James A. Hamilton as its 17th Head of School in a ceremony attended by students, faculty, alumni, trustees, families and friends, with hundreds more joining via livestream. Former heads of school, **Peter A. Quinn, John F. Green** and **Anne L. Seltzer**, also attended, joining in the celebration of tradition and continuity.

The program included reflections from student leaders and colleagues, greetings from distinguished guests and a charge to Hamilton to lead Peddie into its next chapter.

In his Installation address, Hamilton acknowledged the leaders who came before him and expressed gratitude for the colleagues, family and friends who shaped his journey. He called on the Peddie community to honor tradition while embracing change with courage and conviction.

Drawing inspiration from Peddie's motto, “We finish our labors to begin them anew,” Hamilton emphasized that education is an ongoing pursuit.

“It means we don’t measure ourselves by what we did yesterday, but by what we choose to do next,” Hamilton said. “At Peddie, we teach not only to prepare students for college or careers, but to prepare them for community. To give them the skills to listen, to question, to respect differences.”

Hamilton also introduced a guiding principle for his tenure: “humbition,” a balance of humility and ambition. “Humility to recognize that the work is bigger than you,” he said, “and ambition to push that work further.”

Looking ahead, Hamilton painted a vision of a Peddie where graduates are recognized for both academic excellence and their ability to lead with empathy, engage in meaningful dialogue and contribute significantly to a complex world. He pledged to work alongside students, employees, alumni and trustees to ensure Peddie remains a place where young people learn to live and thrive together.

Hamilton offered a pledge to the community:

“I will work for this community with humility and ambition. I will listen before I decide. I will celebrate our wins and face our challenges head-on. And every time we finish something together, I’ll be the one asking, ‘What’s next?’”

The Installation concluded with a sense of shared purpose and optimism for the journey ahead.

Right: Head of School James A. Hamilton is awarded the ceremonial key to the school. Far Right: (Top) Hamilton celebrates with his family. (Middle) Former Peddie Heads of School Anne L. Seltzer, John F. Green and Peter A. Quinn. (Bottom) Hamilton greets Board Chair Emeritus Elizabeth Silverman.





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STEADY OLD PEDDIE

Wartime Harvest

During the summer of 1942, a group of Peddie students made a significant contribution to the war effort. As part of New Jersey's Victory Farm Volunteers program, they traded summer break for farm labor to help offset wartime labor shortages. The New York Times reported that seven participants, led by faculty member William H. Hawley, began harvesting crops on nearby farms, earning \$18 a week and living on campus. Eventually, their ranks swelled to several dozen. The work brought hard-earned wages, hands-on lessons in agriculture and a sense of patriotic purpose. One farmer's verdict? Students made surprisingly good farmhands.



NEW FACES

Welcome to Our New Trustees

Peddie welcomes alumni and parent members to the board of trustees, effective July 1, 2025.

Chetan Bhargiri P'24
CIO/Global Treasury Chief Risk Officer, JP Morgan Chase & Co
Bhargiri has a strong history of service, having previously served as secretary and treasurer of the Peddie Parents Association and a parent volunteer for The Peddie Fund.



Brian DiFeo '96
Director of Real Estate, DiFeo Auto Group
DiFeo has remained closely connected to Peddie through his roles as co-chair of The Peddie Fund and a member of the Peddie Leadership Council. His commitment to sustainability dates back to his student days, when he designed and built a nature trail behind the Athletic Center.



Michael Li '17
Managing Partner/Founder, Range Group Fund LP
At the dedication of the Michael L. Li '17 Sports Performance Training Center last spring, Li reflected on his Peddie experience: "I learned lessons that changed my life—mostly how to be a team player and how to lift others up."



The Class of 2025 shows off their college spirit.

MATRICULATION

Celebrating Our Graduates

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

The Class of 2025 matriculation list proudly showcases the academic achievements of our exceptional graduates. Now well into their first semester of college, these students are continuing their journeys at a wide range of colleges and universities. We are proud to celebrate all they accomplished at Peddie, and all that lies ahead.

Adelphi University (2)	CUNY Bernard M Baruch College	Johns Hopkins University (3)	Tufts University (3)
Barnard College	Davidson College	Kennesaw State University	United States Naval Academy
Boston College	Dickinson College	Lafayette College	University of California Irvine
Boston University (4)	Duke University (5)	Lehigh University (4)	University of California Los Angeles (3)
Brown University	Emory University (4)	Mississippi Valley State University	University of Chicago
Bryn Mawr College	Fordham University (2)	Moravian University	University of Delaware
California Institute of Technology	Franklin & Marshall College	Muhlenberg College	University of Iowa
Carnegie Mellon University (2)	Gardner-Webb University	New York University (10)	University of Miami (3)
Clarkson University	Georgetown University (4)	Northeastern University (4)	University of Michigan (3)
Colgate University	Georgia Institute of Technology	Penn State University University Park	University of New Haven
Columbia University (2)	Hobart and William Smith Colleges	PennWest Clarion	University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
Connecticut College	Indiana University Bloomington	Princeton University	University of Pennsylvania (2)
Cornell University (6)	Ithaca College	Rice University (2)	University of Southern California
		Rider University (2)	University of St Andrews (2)
		Rutgers University New Brunswick (3)	University of Virginia Main Campus
		Skidmore College	University of Washington Seattle Campus
		Southern Methodist University	University of Wisconsin Madison (2)
		Stanford University (2)	Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University
		Stevens Institute of Technology	Wagner College
		Syracuse University (4)	Wake Forest University
		Temple University (2)	Washington University in St. Louis (2)
		The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art	William & Mary
		The University of Edinburgh	
		The University of Texas at Dallas	



Q&A

WITH PEDDIE'S NEW DIRECTOR
OF ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT
TYLER HART

What drew you to Peddie?

The friendliness, the transparency — everyone has been so welcoming and eager to share their perspective. There is an authentic love and appreciation for this place.

You're arriving during a time of leadership transition. How has that shaped your early experience?

It's been helpful to have someone else around the table who is experiencing things anew. I appreciate being a new guy during a transition.

What are your top priorities this year?

We're focusing on strengthening our outreach — visiting key regions more than once in a cycle, and hiring a young alumna road warrior to wave the flag to share her Peddie story. I have a personal commitment to raising awareness about financial aid and affordability and putting that on a family's radar as early as possible.

What excites you most about the year ahead?

The chance to tell Peddie's story. We're well-positioned in a changing admissions landscape. My goal is to fill the school with students who are the right fit and who will thrive here.



Tyler Hart, Ed.D., began his role as Peddie's director of enrollment management on July 1. He brings more than 15 years of admissions leadership experience, having previously served as director of admission and financial aid at Cushing Academy in Massachusetts and director of admission at Villanova Preparatory School in California.



ATHLETICS

Peddie Girls Tennis Balances Excellence with Joy

Winning with kindness defines a historic four-year run.

With another successful season in the books, the varsity girls tennis team extended its remarkable four-year record to 62-3, cementing its place as a powerhouse. But for the 13 players on this year’s roster, the numbers tell only part of the story.

“It doesn’t feel historic. It just feels fun and exciting,” said **Eloise Mendelson ’26**, a doubles player who has been part of the team’s remarkable run since her sophomore year.

That sense of perspective defined this team as much as its winning record. **Head Coach Brian Dubrule** regularly reminded his players of three priorities: “Practice hard, play well and be nice. Not necessarily in that order.” Dubrule and **Assistant Coach Alison Radigan** employed that philosophy to cultivate a culture where excellence and kindness go hand in hand.

“We want to be known as the nice team,” Mendelson explained. “We want to be good, but above that, we should be kind.”

Co-Captain **Brielle Quaye ’26** said the team’s closeness fueled their success. “I feel like we wouldn’t be as good as we are if we weren’t as close as we are,” she said. “We don’t want our friendship to only be connected to tennis, so we try to go out to eat together and do fun things aside from tennis.”

Dubrule agreed: “They’re just a bunch of nice girls. They hang out together outside of practice, which I think is really important.”

That bond showed up in a big way on the court. Last season, the team posted a perfect 21-0 record, earning Dubrule recognition as the Times of Trenton Girls Tennis Coach of the Year.

The seniors left a significant mark on the program. Quaye’s 89 career wins set a record under Dubrule’s 21-year tenure, while fellow Captain **Elyssa Ting ’26** racked up 78 wins. Quaye, Ting and **Saanvi Gudapati ’26** earned All-Prep and All-MAPL titles during their careers. **Victoria Vahi ’26** posted a 53-8 record, and Mendelson finished at 48-11. Junior **Sophie Wang ’27** has already amassed 38 wins, with another season still ahead.

For Quaye, the program was as much about the journey as the numbers. “Everyone tells us we’re one of the best teams on campus. That feels really good, but it’s definitely more about the journey,” she said.

As the 2025 season drew to a close, the team added another remarkable chapter to its story. On and off the court, they played with skill, heart and kindness, proving that being the “nice team” can be the greatest victory of all.

Rounding out the fall 2025 roster (in addition to those named above) were Alice Asmar ’26, Emily Keane ’26, Loukya Pakalapati ’26, Coco Zhou ’26, Victoria Chen ’28, Mariia Nelen ’28 and Lindsay Kim ’29. (Top photo) Brielle Quaye ’26; (Middle photo) Eloise Mendelson ’26



From left: Abigail Nickerson, Chad Miller, Amy Eberly, Jeremy Irzyk, Bob Amar, Lilly Castro, Emmett Grosland, Maclain Woodbury and Gillian Davis ’00

NEW FACES

Peddie Welcomes New Faculty Members

There are a lot of new faces on campus this year. Get to know Peddie’s nine newest teachers.

Bob Amar *Mathematics*

Amar is an award-winning math and music educator from Atlanta, known for his cross-disciplinary talents and engaging, student-first style.

Lilly Castro *Chemistry*

With a background in environmental science and experience in summer programs, Castro brings a strong science foundation and student-centered approach to Peddie.

Gillian Davis, Ph.D. ’00 *Chemistry*

Davis, a former Peddie technology department employee, returns to campus after a research career at Rutgers. Fun fact: Davis co-owns a martial arts school.

Amy Eberly *Signature Program*

An experienced community programs leader, Eberly is known for bringing real-world learning opportunities and unmatched organization to everything she does.

Emmett Grosland *Visual Arts*

After contributing to theater productions on both coasts (including at Peddie), Grosland returns to inspire through design and the arts.

Jeremy Irzyk *History*

Pomfret’s former humanities coordinator also coached varsity baseball and was a dorm head. The former standout college athlete brings a wide-ranging skill set.

Chad Miller *Mathematics*

Miller’s dry humor and calm demeanor come north from Florida, with years of indie school experience in tow.

Abigail Nickerson *Mathematics*

After two summers teaching in Peddie’s Summer Day School, the Hightstown High and Vanderbilt grad returns to Peddie.

Maclain Woodbury *History*

History teacher and multi-sport coach from Holderness, Woodbury joins Peddie with a can-do spirit and commitment to give everything to his students.



NOTED

Bronze for Chronicle

The Peddie Chronicle received a Bronze Award in the Independent School Magazine category of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) Circle of Excellence Awards. Judges praised the Chronicle’s bold covers, multimedia storytelling and strong alumni engagement. “The team knows their audience,” they noted. “The alumni engagement on display is a standout element of this magazine.”



FAMILY STYLE

Butternut Squash & Bacon Quinoa Risotto

A seasonal favorite in the Peddie dining hall, shared by Head Chef Jeremy Stahl.

- 1 cup pearl quinoa
- 2 cups butternut squash, peeled and diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 1/2 shallots, chopped
- 5 strips bacon (optional)
- 3 cups chicken (or vegetarian) broth
- 1 cup dry white wine or broth
- 1 sprig rosemary
- 4 Tbsp grated Parmesan
- 2 Tbsp fresh goat cheese
- Salt and pepper

If using, cook bacon in a large skillet until crisp; chop or crumble and set aside. Keep the rendered fat in the pan (or add 3 tbsp canola or another seed oil to skillet), add shallots and cook until transparent. Stir in squash and cook 3–4 minutes until slightly softened. Add quinoa and sauté 2–3 minutes, stirring constantly until toasted. Add rosemary, stir, then pour in wine or broth. Bring to a boil until mostly absorbed. Reduce heat to a simmer and add warm broth a ladle at a time, stirring until absorbed, until quinoa is tender and creamy, about 25–30 minutes. Stir in chopped bacon (if using), Parmesan and goat cheese. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Remove the rosemary sprig before serving. Serves: 4.

Did you try this recipe?
Send feedback and photos to editor@peddie.org.

EXCERPTS

The Road Ahead

Excerpts from a Convocation speech, given by school co-presidents Luke Chon '26 and Julisa Lugo '26.

Think of this year as the beginning of a road trip. For freshmen, you're just buckling up your seatbelts. You don't know every stop on the map or what the roads will look like, but the adventure is just beginning.

For sophomores and juniors, you're in the middle of the trip. At this point, you've covered some miles, hit a few speed bumps and learned to navigate the streets of this road trip we call high school. By now, you're cruising into new territory and testing just how far you can go.

And for seniors, this is the final stretch of the drive. This year is your last chance to soak in the scenery and choose your own route before you reach the final destination — graduation.

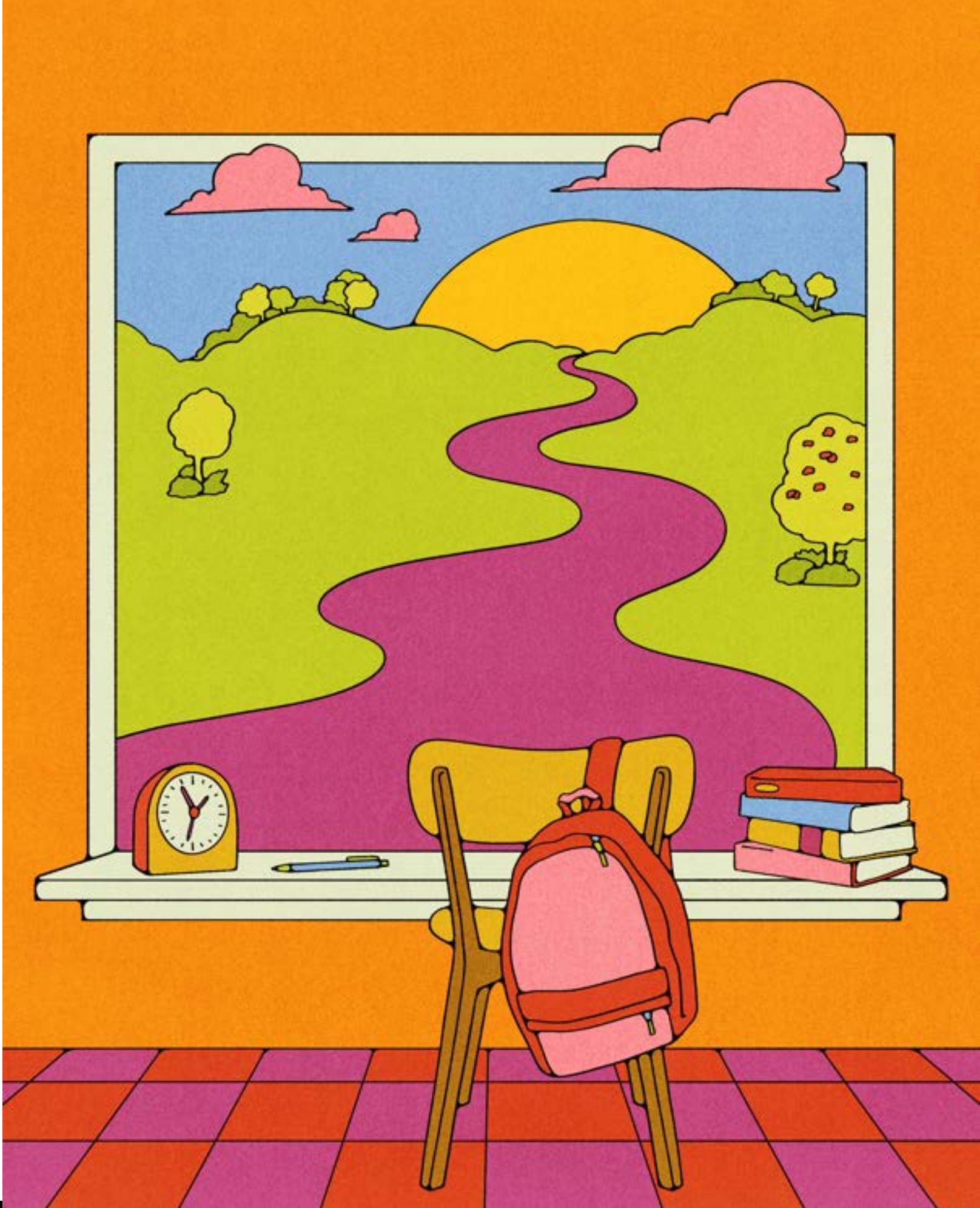
Road trips aren't simply about arriving at the final destination, but about enjoying the journey along the way. Will you spend all of your time staring out the window, passively letting the scenery recede into the distance? Or will you instead shove your dad out of the driver's seat, grab the steering wheel and take some risks — metaphorically speaking, of course?

This year, we challenge you to chart your own paths and put the pedal down on your journey. Find what brings you joy, what makes you grow and what pushes you to be your best, whether that means giving it your all on the sports field, performing on the stage or striving to become the best version of yourself.

At the end of this road trip, what stories will you be able to tell? What memories will you have created? And, most importantly, what kind of legacy will you leave behind for those who follow? While there is no such thing as a completely seamless journey — you may catch a flat tire or maybe even run over your unsuspecting neighbor's mailbox — you can't let your fear of the road keep you from merging onto the highway.

Drive safely, and Ala Viva!

Illustration by Kate Dehler



OVERHEARD

"Stepping onto campus reminds me I have another family at Peddie."

GINNY LIN '26
Speaking on homesickness in Chapel, 9/15/25

"We are still ourselves when we succeed. We are still ourselves when we fail. And we will all, *always*, be more than anyone else can see."

MATH TEACHER
BRONWYNN
WOODSWORTH
Speaking in Chapel on defining ourselves beyond what others can see 9/26/25

"It's the collective weirdness, brilliance and imperfection of everyone here that somehow creates a whole, and that is what we call community."

THE DAILY DOSE



Peddie Picks

TOP 8 PEDDIE TRADITIONS
THAT STILL GIVE US GOOSEBUMPS

1 Blue & Gold Games

Our “welcome back” party after summer break. Bragging rights are on the line for Team Blue and Team Gold in everything from Water War to the Battle of the Bands.

2 Convocation

The year begins with the entire school on the lawn in front of the Chapel, listening as student leaders and the head of school set the tone.

3 Peddie-Blair Showdown

Every fall sport joins the fierce rivalry for the Kelley-Potter Cup. The energy is electric, the pride unforgettable.

4 Vespers

A candlelit, multifaith winter celebration in Chapel with music and reflection before winter break.

5 Declamation Contest

For over a century, students have commanded the stage with monologues that make us laugh, cry and think.

6 Founders Day

Each February, we honor our past and imagine our future with a special guest deeply connected to Peddie.

7 Battle of the Heads

Four teams, named for past heads of school, compete in zany year-end challenges.

8 Commencement

Speeches, cheers, tears and the moment our seniors join the alumni family.

Peddie has gathered a remarkable collection of traditions, some as old as the school itself. Others, like Blue & Gold Games, are brand-new but instantly beloved.





Moments

CAPTURING
CAMPUS

Cup Comes Home

On a picture-perfect fall day in Blairstown, the Falcons rose to the occasion on November 8, defeating Blair Academy 6-4 to bring home the Cup. It was Head of School Jim Hamilton's first experience with this spirited rivalry, and he joined the sea of blue and gold cheering from the sidelines. Peddie athletes demonstrated grit, teamwork and heart across every field, court and course, while Blair proved gracious hosts. The excitement and camaraderie of the day reflected the best of school spirit and tradition. Ala Viva thunder rolled through Blairstown as the Falcons once again showed why Peddie-Blair Day is a highlight of every fall season.





HEAD'S HIGHLIGHT

It Took Two

Many of Edgar and Edwin Haas' former pupils followed them to Hightstown when they were named the first co-principals of the "The Classical and Scientific Institute" in Hightstown, New Jersey, later to be known as The Peddie School. According to the Peddie Chronicle from 1916, "Though twins, and very similar in appearance, Edgar and Edwin were of very different personalities."

BLUE & GOLD Games

CAN YOU SOLVE IT?!

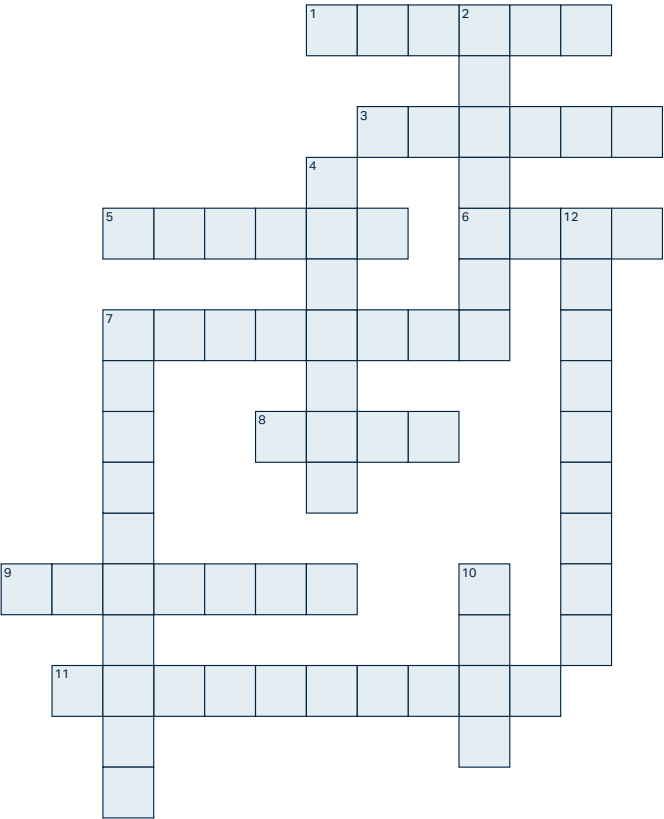
Study the hints below and see if you can complete the crossword!

Across

- 1 Peddie's feathered mascot
- 3 Campus hub for over a century (___ Hall)
- 5 Leather magnate who saved the school (___ B. Peddie)
- 6 Peddie's Athletic league (abbr.)
- 7 Current Head of School (surname)
- 8 Last word of the school motto (English)
- 9 Winter Candlelight Chapel tradition
- 11 Site of April 1970 student protest on campus (___ Hall)

Down

- 2 Campus building named for two best-friend alumni (Coates-___)
- 4 Edward "Skip" ___ who launched the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame
- 7 Name of town which Peddie calls home
- 10 In 1970 Peddie became this
- 12 Nearby Ivy League town name



Solutions can be found online at peddie.org/chroniclegames.



Want to submit to Blue and Gold Games?

To share a riddle or a theme idea for a crossword or word find please email editor@peddie.org.



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The Light Keeper

ON A WINTER NIGHT IN 1991,
The Roxbury Latin School's basketball team clinched the New England Championship in a storm of three-pointers, eight of them from a guard named Jim Hamilton. While teammates celebrated, Hamilton was already thinking ahead. Catching his breath, he turned to his parents: "We've got to go."

Hours later, still buzzing with adrenaline, he was on the Roxbury Latin School stage, performing in the school musical.

For Hamilton, toggling between roles — athlete, performer, student — was natural. Excellence, he realized, doesn't belong to a single arena. Real growth happens when you inhabit all of them.

That belief has guided Hamilton ever since, from his early days at a prep school in Boston to his leadership roles in independent schools across New England. And now, it shapes the kind of leader he intends to be for Peddie. If there's a theme in Hamilton's career, it's the conviction that presence and balance matter as much as ambition.

ANCHORED LEADERSHIP

In his office, Hamilton keeps a photograph of a lighthouse, waves crashing at its base. For him, it's more than decoration. When asked about meaningful mementos, he gestured toward it.

"I want to be a lighthouse for people," he said. "I want them to know that when things are churned up, I'm going to be here. That I'm willing to take that on."

Lighthouses provide clarity, steadiness, light. Hamilton sees his role in the same way: offering presence and consistency so that others — students, professional community members and families — can navigate forward.

Colleagues at Berwick Academy, where Hamilton served as head of school before coming to Peddie, witnessed those qualities firsthand. Michael Buensuceso, MSW, assistant head of school for community and equity at Berwick, recalled: "I always looked forward to my meetings with Jim. Whenever I brought him an idea for an initiative or a challenging issue, he met me with genuine curiosity and thoughtful questions."

His leadership style, Hamilton explained, is anchored in humility and ambition, what he called "humbition," a term from Amer Kaissi's book "Humbitious." It's a spirit he finds prevalent at Peddie. "We need to walk that line of being really confident about what we're doing and sharing with the world, without being arrogant. That's something I'm excited to champion."



The roadmap of Jim Hamilton's journey took him from Massachusetts (first as a student at The Roxbury Latin School, then beginning his independent school career at Brooks School) to Rhode Island (St. George's) to Maine (Berwick Academy) and finally to his new home in New Jersey with The Peddie School.



Photo courtesy of The Roxbury Latin School

BOSTON BEGINNINGS

Hamilton's journey began in Boston, where his mother pushed for him to be admitted to public school a year early. She brought him to dance class with his sisters, where he learned to tap dance. "It was very important for her that I had great academic opportunities," he said. He entered the city's Advanced Work Program, a pipeline for high-achieving students, and, in sixth grade, thanks to the persistence of a football coach who literally drove him to a visit, landed a place at The Roxbury Latin School (RL).

At RL, he thrived as a "master generalist." A three-sport captain in football, basketball and baseball, he also sang in the glee club and performed in school plays (The tap dancing made him a valuable member of the cast.). His days shifted from the locker room to rehearsals, from game-winning shots to curtain calls. Belonging to many worlds at once was exhilarating. "That is the spirit of the school," he recalled.

SEASONS OF LEADERSHIP

After graduating from Amherst College, and following one year in the finance world, Hamilton began his independent school

career at Brooks School in Massachusetts, where he worked in admissions and financial aid. From there, he moved to St. George's in Rhode Island as director of admission. Teaching soon called, and with the help of a mentor who encouraged him to sit in on his classroom daily, Hamilton eventually taught English while still working in admissions and earning his master's at Wesleyan.

He returned to Brooks as associate head of school, where he oversaw the school's largest fundraising campaign and expanded financial aid by a third. In 2018, he became head of school at Berwick Academy in Maine, where his leadership left a lasting mark.

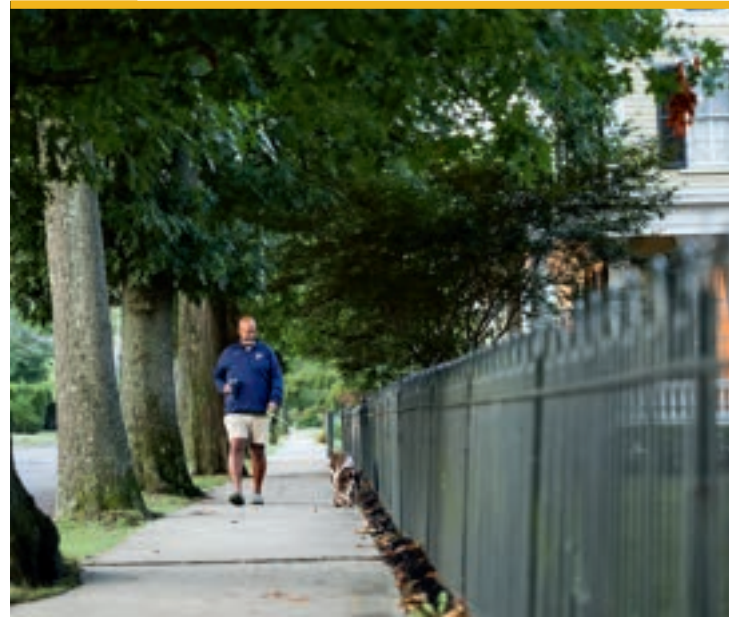
"I want them to know that when things are churned up, I'm going to be here. That I'm willing to take that on."

JIM HAMILTON

Follow our new head of school for 13 hours and you'll quickly see how much energy, heart and humor he brings to campus life. From early morning walks with his dog, Coco, to nighttime duty, this full, varied and student-centered schedule is

A Day in the Life of Jim Hamilton.

6:30 AM Morning walk with Coco



7:10 AM Hoist the Peddie flag in front of his home



7:15 AM Cross campus to the office



“I am proud to be the head of school and proud of Peddie for choosing me for who and what I am. It’s a meaningful step for the school.”

JIM HAMILTON

Mary Jo Carabatsos, Ph.D., director of the Upper School at Berwick, worked closely with Hamilton during his time there. “Jim’s goal to create a ‘One Berwick’ culture was not lost on me when we were gathering as a community,” she said. “He provided space for thoughtful dialogue when problems and challenges presented themselves.”

Her perspective reflects the balance Hamilton strives for, leading with vision while creating space for others to grow.

“I don’t mind being in the front,” Hamilton said. “My style has been one that has given people room to grow into leaders themselves.”

EDUCATION AS A JOURNEY

These experiences helped shape Hamilton’s philosophy. He sees a student’s education, at schools like Peddie, as a journey from a personal Point A to a personal Point B. Each student has a unique starting point, he believes, and it’s a school’s responsibility to help them move forward, whatever that looks like.

“It’s about making sure that opportunities are available for kids and that the people working

most closely with them have the resources and expertise to provide transformational experiences,” he said.

Success, he emphasized, should be measured less by how polished an 18-year-old appears at graduation and more by how a 30-year-old alumnus is impacting the world around them.

“My hope is that our alumni look back and say, ‘I am where I am because of what I learned at Peddie.’ And that includes not only what they learned in the classroom, but the lessons from peers, from challenges, from developing a work ethic and a moral and ethical compass.”

FIRST IMPRESSIONS

When Hamilton arrived at Peddie this summer, two things struck him immediately: longevity and pride.

Employees spoke with affection about decades spent at the school. Alumni returned not just for reunions but to mentor and support. “I’m excited to foster and further that,” he said.

He is especially taken with Peddie’s motto: “We finish our labors to begin them anew.” For Hamilton, it captures the rhythm of school



In Jim Hamilton’s office, not only will you find a lighthouse photograph, symbolizing clarity and steadiness, but also his 1985 acceptance letter from Roxbury Latin School. It’s sort of my “why,” Hamilton explains.



life. “That growth mindset of what’s next versus what’s finished is an incredible gift. It grounds us.”

Hamilton is Peddie’s first head of school of color, a milestone he acknowledged with both humility and nuance.

“I appreciate that it means a lot to a number of people in our community. That’s important and exciting. I am proud to be the head of school and proud of Peddie for choosing me for who and what I am. It’s a meaningful step for the school.”

Raised in a biracial household and now father to a multiracial family, Hamilton spoke less about identity as a label than as a perspective. Authentic leadership, he said, comes from being grounded in who you are, and then making space for others to do the same.

NUMBER-ONE CHEERLEADER

Hamilton described himself as Peddie’s “number-one cheerleader.” Students are already used to seeing him in the bleachers, the theater, and at meets and tournaments.

7:40 AM Breakfast in the dining hall with students



10:25 AM Greet those arriving for chapel, take the podium



11:00 AM Meet with Trustee Sean Woodroffe P’19



12:30 PM Lunch in the dining hall with colleagues



“I want the kids to know me,” he said. “To see that I have a sense of humor, that I don’t take myself too seriously. I’m here to support them.”

The same goes for parents. “I want them to feel like, ‘That’s Jim,’ not ‘That’s the head of school.’” He added, “I’ll be in regular communication with parents in a way that assures them I’m in the trenches with their kids.”

And for alumni: “One of my main jobs is to make sure that Peddie remains a place that they’re super proud of and that they are eager to support.”

MORNING LIGHT

Most mornings, Hamilton walks Coco, his English Springer Spaniel, around campus at dawn. “I’ll think, ‘How lucky am I to be here, in a place this beautiful, with tradition and hopes.’ I love those moments before the campus comes awake.”

During these quiet walks, Hamilton takes in the weight and privilege of his role. It occurs to him: “Wow, this is pretty amazing.” In the stillness of morning, he sees the promise of a brand new day. And the responsibility to help Peddie navigate toward its next horizon. 🌄

In honor of Jim Hamilton
stepping into his role as the 17th
Head of School, we asked him
17 Questions.

- 1 **What’s the first thing you do when you arrive on campus in the morning?**
Play Wordle and send the result to my daughter.
- 2 **Coffee or tea? How do you take it?**
Coffee. Black.
- 3 **What’s the last book you read or listened to that wasn’t work-related?**
A Jack Reacher novel.

- 4 **Which head of school, living or deceased, would you most want to have lunch with?**
Tom DeGray. I’d like to learn more about the run-up to the Annenberg gift in 1993 and the subsequent strategic planning that shaped the school’s future.
- 5 **If your life had a soundtrack, what would the opening song be?**
“Lovely Day” by Bill Withers.
- 6 **What’s been your favorite meal in the dining hall so far?**
A sandwich from the deli bar.
- 7 **You’re stranded on an island with one person. Who do you choose and why?**
My wife—because I love her.
- 8 **Who was your favorite teacher?**
Jack Brennan, my former Latin teacher, basketball and baseball coach at Roxbury Latin School, and one of my early mentors.

- 9 **What did high school Jim think he would grow up to be?**
In my yearbook superlatives, I was named “Most Likely to Come Back and Teach and Coach.” Even if I didn’t see that in myself at the time, my classmates did.
- 10 **You have 30 minutes with no meetings. What do you do?**
Mostly plan, try to deal with the mass that is email. And, if possible, take a walk.
- 11 **What was your first job?**
I worked in a cemetery, mostly cutting grass and weed-whacking. That’s where I learned to drive. I also sold soda and popcorn at Fenway Park.
- 12 **Favorite movie to rewatch on a rainy day?**
“The Shawshank Redemption.”
- 13 **Describe your leadership style in three words.**
Aspirational. Empathetic. Strategic.

- 14 **What’s a phrase you find yourself saying all the time?**
It’s becoming, “We finish our labors to begin them anew.”
- 15 **What’s a hidden talent that no one would expect?**
I was a tap dancer as a kid. I even performed on “Community Auditions” with Dave Maynard, a Boston TV talent show that aired Sunday mornings.
- 16 **What’s in your office that has a story behind it?**
My acceptance letter from Roxbury Latin. I keep it on the wall to remind me where I come from and the opportunity I was given in 1985. It’s sort of my “why.”
- 17 **Fill in the blank: “At Peddie, I’ve found ____.”**
A home. An enduring community, full of possibility. A place I want to be for a long time.

1:25 PM Observe Field Ecology class. Assignment: bug collecting



3:45 PM Visit after-school activities



7:30 PM Close the day with evening administrator on call duty





Peddie Summer Academy gives middle schoolers an authentic boarding school experience in just two unforgettable weeks.

The July sun blazes high over Armellino Quad.

Burgers sizzle on the grill. Water balloons soar through the air to screams of delight. Eighty-three middle schoolers enjoy a cookout on Armellino Quad after a long day of classes, extracurriculars and fun. These are the sights and sounds of Peddie Summer Academy (PSA).

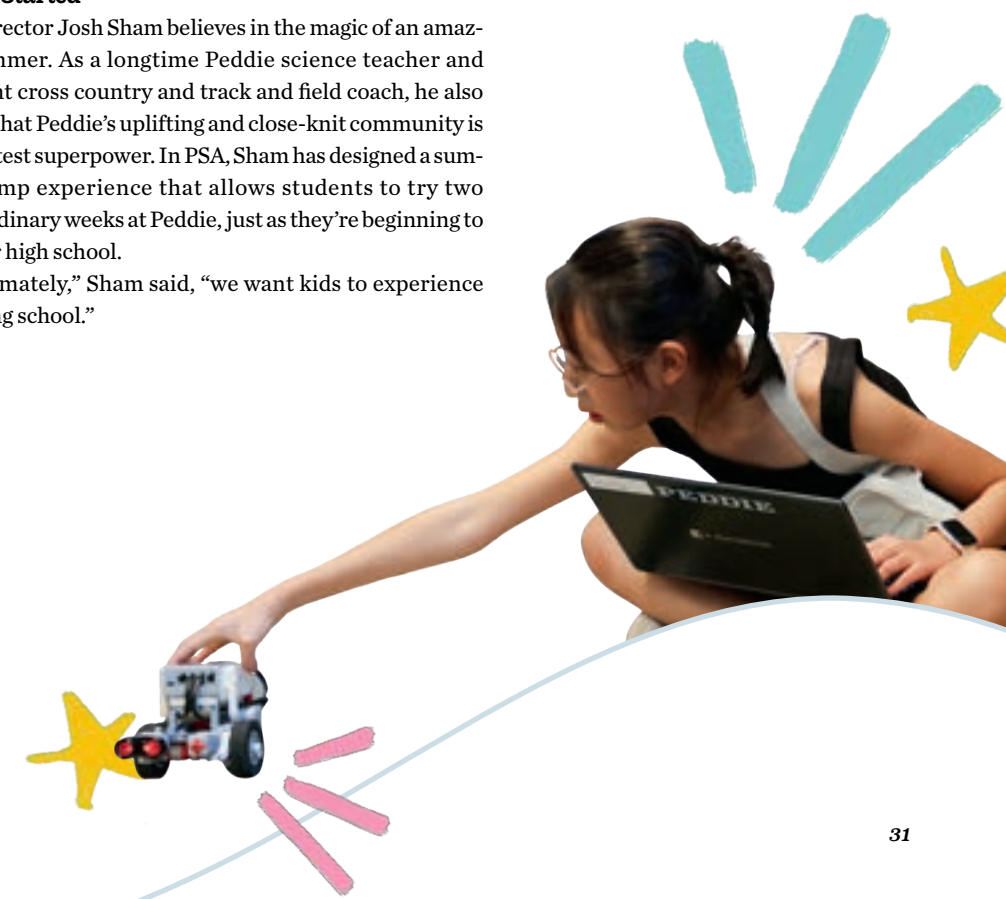
PSA is a summer boarding and day school experience for rising 7th to 9th graders. For two weeks, these students learn, play, create and live on Peddie's campus. The aim is twofold: to give these students their first taste of life at boarding school and to have an incredible summer.

Or, as one counselor put it: "Peddie Summer Academy is everything good about Peddie thrown into two weeks."

How It Started

PSA Director Josh Sham believes in the magic of an amazing summer. As a longtime Peddie science teacher and assistant cross country and track and field coach, he also knows that Peddie's uplifting and close-knit community is its greatest superpower. In PSA, Sham has designed a summer camp experience that allows students to try two extraordinary weeks at Peddie, just as they're beginning to plan for high school.

"Ultimately," Sham said, "we want kids to experience boarding school."



In developing the program, Sham called upon science teacher Shani Peretz and history teacher and varsity wrestling coach Austin Frank. The three wanted to replicate not just the academic rigor and excitement of the Peddie classroom, but the complete experience. Crucially, they staffed the program entirely with Peddie faculty, students and young alumni. “Every single person understands Peddie,” said Sham. “They’re part of this culture. You can feel that Peddie energy.”

The program opened in 2023 with a roster of 48 students. By 2025, that number had grown to 83.

Learning That Excites

Writing a personal essay with English teacher Jenate Brown or designing a building for Claudio Middleton’s Architecture class are some of the highlights of a Peddie student’s academic experience. Thanks to PSA, classes of rising 7th to 9th graders can share in these innovative educational experiences, designed and taught by Peddie faculty who bring learning to life.

“Architecture was everything I hoped it would be and more,” PSA student Advika Gupta said of her favorite class. “I love how hands-on the learning is.”

PSA’s highly engaging lessons make for wildly exciting classrooms. Jen Morgan’s Forensics class uses skills honed in the chemistry lab to solve imaginary crimes. Claudio Middleton’s Japanese Sculpture class designs experimental wooden sculptures. Nika Blank’s Physics class builds and tests popsicle stick bridge designs and air-powered cars.

But for many, it’s not just the content that excites. “It’s the teachers who make the classes really fun and enjoyable,” said Michael Pratt, another PSA student.

Building Culture

The fun doesn’t end after class. PSA’s extracurricular programs allow students to pursue interests in athletics, arts and robotics, building team spirit and camaraderie while also challenging students to try new things.

In robotics, students design and program Lego robots with robotics coach Robert Tackett. Visual arts students practice the art of drawing and painting with Peddie alumna Eva Middleton ’25. Athletes play a new sport every day on Peddie’s athletic fields with Austin Frank as their coach. Theater students rehearse pieces from the musical, “You’re A Good Man, Charlie Brown” under the direction of Peddie theater legend Liz Sherman, culminating in a group performance at the “PSA’s Got Talent” show.

Regular chapel meetings, including student speakers and musical performances, also provide students with an authentic Peddie experience of connection and reflection. “These two weeks of summer are probably the best I’ve had,” said Saif Kazmi from the podium at Ayer Memorial Chapel, before going on to individually thank the teachers, counselors and students who supported him.

Expert Counsel

PSA’s formidable team of counselors includes former Peddie prefects, athletes, performers and co-presidents. Their collective wealth of experience and knowledge makes them the best possible guides for PSA’s students during their first days away from home.

“It’s the teachers who make the classes really fun and enjoyable.”

MICHAEL PRATT



PSA students learn to create sculptures in Claudio Middleton’s visual arts classes.



“We’re all a huge team, just trying to make sure everything runs well and all of the kids are having a great time.” Abby Brady ’23 has been part of the PSA team since its opening. She’s now the assistant director of student experience, providing guidance to the counselors and meeting individually with every PSA student to make sure they’re having fun and making connections. It translates to a community of friendship and support, in classrooms and in the dormitories.

“It’s been a really, really good experience,” said Pratt, who chose to board at PSA despite living nearby. “My roommate is a nice guy, and he made me feel comfortable being around other people that I haven’t seen before.”

“It’s helped me open up a lot,” Gupta, who traveled from India to attend PSA, agreed. “I was worried about feeling different from everyone else, but it feels almost exactly like being with my friends back home.”

“The whole counselor team has so much love for Peddie as a school,” said counselor Connor Pawliczak ’25. “That’s the most important part of the job. Because we all loved our time here and we have such fond memories, it’s so easy to share that with these kids, especially the ones who are really interested in Peddie.”

How PSA Helps Peddie

In her first days as a freshman at Peddie, Amelia Kenney ’28 found herself in a unique position. She already knew her way around campus. Teachers, upperclassmen and even fellow freshmen immediately recognized and greeted her. “Getting to know these people at PSA and then coming to Peddie and having that smooth transition was just great,” recalled Kenney.

Kenney attended PSA in 2023. Since arriving at Peddie as a student, she has starred in the Freshman Musical and scored the winning goal for the JV Field Hockey team on Peddie-Blair Day. Kenney credits PSA with building the confidence that helped her leap into life at Peddie. “I got to meet people from all over and see things on campus that you wouldn’t see from going on a tour,” she said.

“I was worried about feeling different from everyone else, but it feels almost exactly like being with my friends back home.”

ADVIKA GUPTA

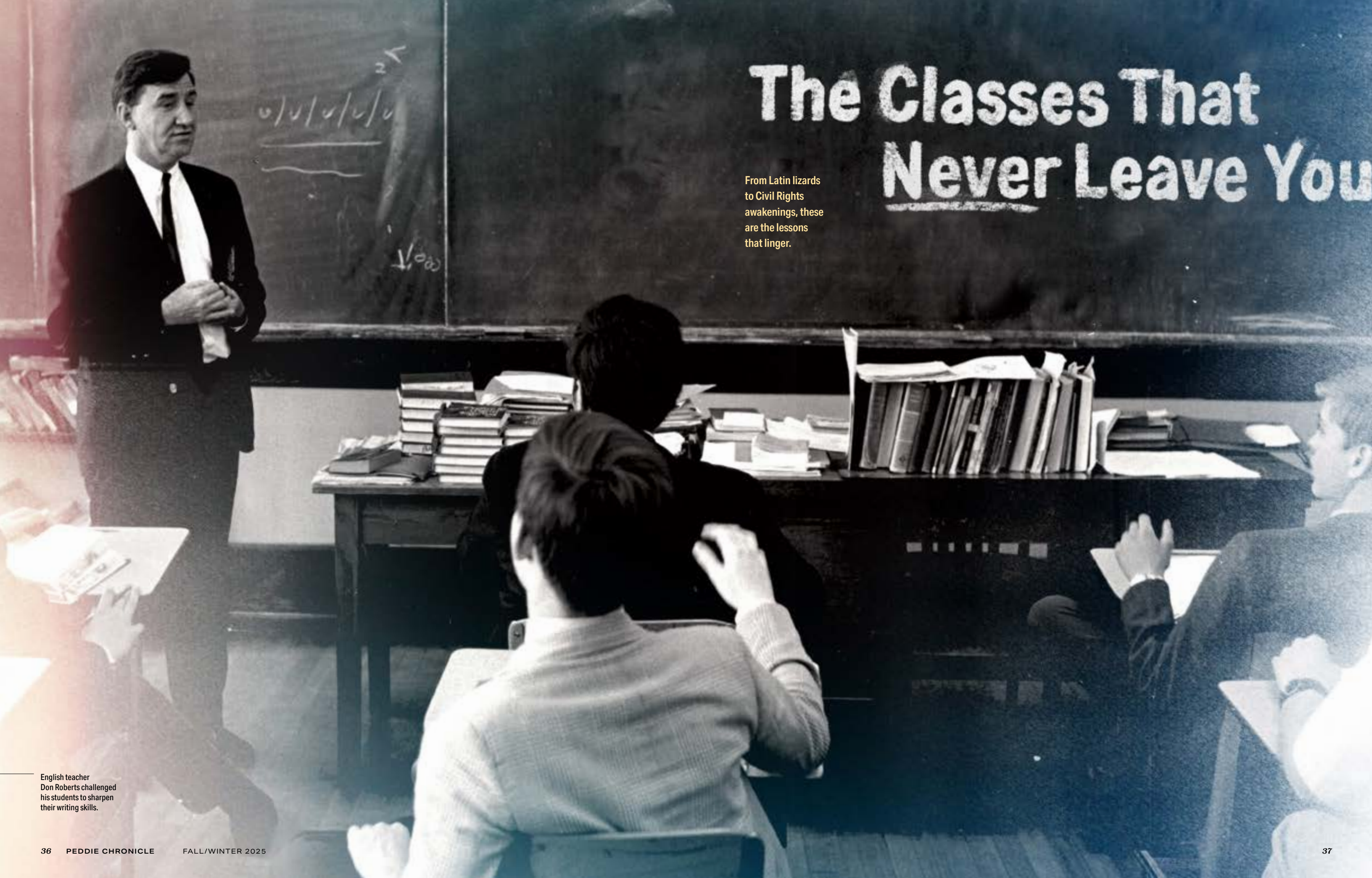


“There’s no better way to decide whether Peddie is the place for you than to do it for two weeks,” said Sham. “I want kids to fall in love with Peddie.”

Today, there are 15 Peddie sophomores and freshmen whose admission journeys began with a wonderful two weeks at Peddie Summer Academy. By seeking out and accepting excellent students with an interest in boarding school for PSA, Sham’s program enriches the pool of potential Peddie students and, ultimately, the student body. While not every PSA student chooses to pursue boarding school, Sham feels that “Every kid deserves to be here. Whether or not they’re a potential Peddie applicant, they deserve to be here, and they deserve to have an amazing summer.” 🌞

Summer 2026 registration opens November 15.
Learn more about Peddie Summer Academy
at peddie.org/summeracademy.

PSA lessons happen in the lab, the classroom and on the stage.



The Classes That Never Leave You

From Latin lizards
to Civil Rights
awakenings, these
are the lessons
that linger.

English teacher
Don Roberts challenged
his students to sharpen
their writing skills.

Sometimes memories cling to the senses.

For Elizabet Bogomolova '23, the unforgettable sound was “ROCKKK,” the cry that accompanied the plush lizard Doc Martin hurled when a Latin translation faltered. His classroom was an alternative universe, layered with Roman armor, Little Debbie boxes and rules scrawled in Latin, including the one that excused tardiness if accompanied by Dunkin'. Yet beneath the humor and theatricality, Latin demanded focus and precision. “There was Peddie and the great classes I had there,” Bogomolova said, “but separately there was Doc’s world,” a world where mastery was as entertaining as it was rigorous.

That’s the thing about the classes that stick. They transcend curriculum and linger in memory. Across generations, Peddie alumni summon classroom moments with astonishing clarity. Goosebumps, breakthroughs, laughter and challenge—they all trace back to courses that were never just about the lesson plan.

The Worlds Within Worlds

From Latin and literature to drama and debate, Peddie teachers sparked curiosity, confidence and lifelong passions.

David “Doc” Martin’s Latin classes, spanning five decades at Peddie, combined discipline and surprise in ways that defied convention. Students never knew what might come next: a stuffed lizard airborne or dice rolled to pick the next translator. Beneath the antics, students learned quickly or fell behind. Bill Bunting ’82 called it “the perfect balance of fun and seriousness.” Dani Shylit ’89 remembered a “delightful romp” where “each class moment was rife with the unexpected.”

Jeffrey “Harry” Holcombe’s speech and drama classes worked similar magic, transforming self-conscious students into performers who commanded stages and boardrooms decades later. Al Masland ’74 still remembers pounding the floor in Poe’s “The Tell-Tale Heart,” learning to let his body carry the poet’s mania. For Jeffrey Epstein ’76, the class was about “getting your point or feeling across.” Roger Durling ’82 arrived at Peddie shy, still learning English, and credited Holcombe with making him “feel very empowered.” Joe Matteo ’69, now a veteran of theater and public speaking, put it simply: “With Harry’s voice in my head, it was just another day at work.”

English classes became portals to new perspectives. Bill Hill unlocked Shakespeare in ways Lauren Schnipper Rausch ’97 called transporting. Angela Smith ’89 remembered an English paper Hill marked heavily in red ink, “delivered in a way that wasn’t demoralizing, but rather challenged me to improve.” The formidable Don Roberts inspired fear and devotion in equal measure. His creative writing classes shaped authors like Thomas Keels ’72, now with seven published books. “Each week was an intense mental workout,” Keels recalled. Richard Levin ’66 still remembers Roberts’ booming laugh and sharp pragmatism, calling his class “a wonderful experience.” Warren McManus ’66 remembered Roberts bluntly challenging his writing, those critiques sharpening his voice for decades to come.

For Josina Reaves’ students, literature became a mirror. When she introduced Monique James ’00 to Toni Morrison’s “Sula,” James suddenly found her voice. “This was the class where I learned that my perspective mattered, and how to communicate it with confidence,” she said. And for Andrea Patella ’17, Matt Roach’s seminar stretched her creatively through Italo Calvino and Pixar films. “He always knew when I had something to say, and would call on me to share my thoughts before I had the chance to speak up,” she said.



“The class changed my life.”

CHRISTINE CEARNAL ’93
Speaking on Kate Higgins’ (pictured)
Civil Rights class

Lightning Strikes

Some classes don’t just educate; they rewire entire worldviews.

For Christine Cearnal ’93, Kate Higgins’ Civil Rights class was a jolt. “The class changed my life,” she said, recalling the Freedom Rides, Emmett Till and Martin Luther King Jr.’s speeches. That elective pulled her into a career spanning nonprofits and photojournalism. International student Nthato Selebi ’90 credits Higgins’ America Since 1945 with providing insights about American politics and culture she still references today.

Sometimes, revelation comes through creative pairings. Britany Forrester ’02 took a team-taught English/History course where Erik Treese and Dave Leonardis blended literature with politics, music and art. “Their partnership and passion for the coursework were what made it so successful,” she said.

In the sciences, teachers like Ray Oram opened windows to the future. “We all celebrated the first Earth Day, and it has become a lifestyle as I pursued an advanced degree in environmental engineering, all because of Mr. Oram,” said John Michael Schumacher II ’74.

And then there’s the elegant logic of physics. Mark Gartner ’84, now a math teacher at Peddie himself, recalled Tim Corica’s Math Physics course: “You can see an apple fall from a tree. You can see things slow down when they slide across the floor,” he said. Even when he got the wrong answers, the spark was lit.

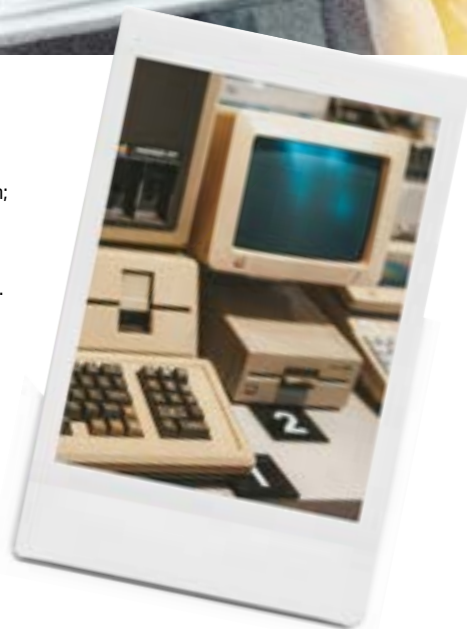
TEACHER SPOTLIGHT: Dietrich von Schwerdtner

“Mr. Von was so much more than a math teacher. He was a role model, mentor, early computer wiz, lacrosse lover and a consummate gentleman,” remembered Jon Sprout ’70. He taught math with rigor, but also instilled life lessons. “Gentlemen never shake hands sitting down,” he would remind students, advice Sprout said has returned to him “thousands of times.”





Peddie faculty, (Left) Theater director and drama teacher Jeffrey "Harry" Holcombe; (Middle right) English teacher Marc Onion; (Top right) history teacher Carol Lambert; (Bottom right) and Latin teacher David "Doc" Martin.



CLASS SPOTLIGHT: Learning in a Closet

Tim Corica also taught the inaugural AP Computer class in 1983. George Chen '84 recalled "four students crammed into a tiny closet" with a couple of Apple IIs. It was the humble beginning of a new era at Peddie.

The Accidental Revelations

Sometimes, the class you take as an afterthought can change everything.

Kristen Bocina '02 registered for Erik Treese's Rise of Modern Africa as a schedule filler. Instead, it cracked her worldview open with hard truths about Apartheid and the Rwandan genocide. "I had signed up on a whim," she said. "It ended up being one of the best classes I ever took."

Nash Li '24 picked up AP Art History at his mother's suggestion. He dutifully memorized 250 works, and then last summer found himself in Europe chasing those pieces through cathedrals and museums. Suddenly, the class lived in stone and paint before his eyes.

Mark Hulit '77 stumbled into Music, Art and Ideas, co-taught by Roby McClellan and Michael Imperiale, and discovered how innovation and creativity ripple across disciplines. "I have never forgotten the message," he said, "that all innovation and creativity is interconnected."

Classes Off the Beaten Path



"Whenever I hear a red-winged blackbird, I think of a '90s dial-up modem."

LAUREN BONILLA '01
Recalling an outdoor nature journaling Principio class



"We read through all of the books, watched the movies and did an amazing project at the end."

LAUREN SMEDLEY '09
Looks back on Lord of the Rings with Eric Gustavson



"This class elevated my love of reading to a different level."

MELINDA KOEPKE '10
Magical Realism with Marc Onion introduced students to authors such as Márquez, Rushdie and Allende



"Some days it was about Springsteen lyrics or guitars arriving in the mail. His classes were like a breath of fresh air."

GABRIEL SPADACCINI '13
Speaking on Literature of Travel & Adventure with Patrick Clements

The Unexpected Moments

Not every memory is wrapped in a lesson plan. Some of the most lasting impressions come from spontaneous acts of grace or perfectly timed absurdity.

Sara Raisley '02, a new sophomore from Colorado, felt lost until John Bates' geometry class. "I finally felt like someone saw me and could see I needed acknowledgement of how difficult it was," she remembered.

Gene Scanlan '60 still chuckles about the day a classmate in Emerson "Zeets" Zeitler's Mechanical Drawing class spilled ink across another student's project. The victim hurled his t-square out the window, cursed fluently in Spanish, and trudged off to buy another. "Zeets took it all in stride," Scanlan said.

Joe Smith '23 speaks for many others when he praises Paul Watkins' history classes. "Paul Watkins brings a story to life. He's the best. Every class was fantastic."

For Rick Gerweck '78, history teacher Carol Lambert's reverence for pioneers like Susan B. Anthony was unforgettable. "My face was caught between fascination and the McGrips of terror as I listened, spellbound."

The Ones That Stay With You

"Come on, now, you can't ask me to pick one class," protested Kevin Weiner '00.

For Weiner, Rosemary Gleeson's English class anchored him to the power of writing, helping him craft his brother's eulogy and the grants that fund his neuroscience research today. Doc Martin's Latin class made neuroanatomy in graduate school easier to navigate. In Ray Oram's DNA lab, he discovered the tools of science that he now teaches to the next generation.

In the end, whether it was Shakespeare's soliloquies, Civil Rights lessons or a plush lizard flying across the room, alumni agree: The best classes never really end. They live rent-free in your head, shaping careers, convictions and the way you see the world, forever. 🌟



New Inductees

Class of 2025

Jeff Mulé '79 *Diving*

A three-time state champion and two-time Eastern Interscholastic champ, Jeff Mulé '79 set Peddie records and earned Prep School All-American honors. He placed in the top six at the National Junior Olympics and U.S. Nationals, and trained with an Olympic coach during the summers, mastering elite dives. At Harvard, he won an Eastern Championship. "Because I had done the work," Mulé said, "it made it easier to relax when the pressure was on."

1999–2000 **Boys & Girls Outdoor** **Track & Field Teams**

Both teams won the MAPL Championship, with the girls

also capturing back-to-back Prep State titles. Together, they broke 10 school records, and the boys' 4x400 relay team (Russell Gagnon '00, Tom Conner '00, Derek Tong '01 and Chris Nixon '00) won the Prep Penn Relays, a feat still unmatched at Peddie. Former coach Mark Gartner praised the team's depth: "We had contributions up and down the roster, sometimes from the most unexpected sources."

Benjamin Bailey '00 *Lacrosse*

A postgraduate standout, Benjamin Bailey '00 scored 29 goals and 26 assists in just 11 games. He led the Falcons to MAPL and Prep A championships, and went

on to help the U.S. Naval Academy reach the 2004 NCAA Championship game. "He was awesome. Hardworking, humble and knew exactly what he wanted to accomplish," said teammate Rich D'Andrea '01.

Joe Bossi '00 *Lacrosse*

In one extraordinary season, Joe Bossi '00 scored 43 goals and 23 assists, powering Peddie to MAPL and Prep A titles. He and teammate Benjamin Bailey '00 scored all eight goals in an 8-5 win over rival Lawrenceville. Bossi went on to star at the U.S. Naval Academy with Bailey '00, earning All-American honors and helping Navy reach the National Championship.

Haley Peters '10 *Basketball*

A four-year starter, Haley Peters '10 led Peddie to 88 wins, a 14th straight Prep A crown and a 12th Mid-Atlantic Prep League title. She ranks second all-time in scoring (1,551 points) and rebounds (1,116). The class valedictorian, Peters was also a McDonald's All-American, NJ Gatorade Player of the Year and Parade Second Team All-American. At Duke, she helped capture multiple ACC titles and Elite Eights. In her professional career, she won the 2025 EuroCup overseas and played for the Connecticut Sun in the 2025 season.

Connor Signorin '10 *Swimming*

Connor Signorin '10 still holds five Peddie records in freestyle and IM events and was a three-time winner of the Clinton I. Sprout Cup for outstanding ability, loyalty and sportsmanship. A NISCA and USA Swimming Scholastic All-American, he competed in the 2008 Olympic Team Trials and swam internationally for the USA Youth Team. At Easterns, he won

multiple titles and was named Most Outstanding Swimmer. Signorin later captained the University of Florida swim team.

2009–2010 **Field Hockey Team**

The Falcons captured the MAPL title and became the first Peddie field hockey team to win back-to-back Prep A state championships. Taylor Pennell '12 scored the game-winner in the 1-0 final over top-seeded Lawrenceville, and goalkeeper Carolyn Horner '10 notched the shutout. Co-captains Horner and Madeline Rich '11 anchored the defense, along with Nora Wilby '10 and Gabby Horner '10. Jill Skipper '11, Kelly Donald '11, Becca Hetrick '13, MaryRose Croddick Molyneaux '11 and Kerrie Kortmann '12 were key contributors. "They played without fear," said Assistant Coach Sarah Somers.

From top to bottom:
Jeff Mulé '79,
The 1999–2000
Boys & Girls Outdoor
Track & Field Teams,
respectively

From top to bottom:
Joe Bossi '00 and
Benjamin Bailey '00,
Haley Peters '10,
Connor Signorin '10,
The 2009–2010 Field
Hockey Team

**"Their achievements
will forever be etched
into the annals of
Peddie's rich
sporting history."**

BARBARA GRUDT
DIRECTOR, SPORTS HALL OF FAME





LAST Look 'TIL WE BEGIN ANEW

Reunited

Falcons returned June 6–7 for Alumni Weekend, filling campus with laughter, stories and shared memories. Highlights included dinner by Peddie Lake, friendly competition at the Tom DeGray Golf Outing, a stroll to Old Hights Brewing Company and the 2025 Sports Hall of Fame induction. Alumni raised a glass to retiring Head of School Peter Quinn, honoring his remarkable legacy. Classes reconnected, old friendships were rekindled and new memories were made, all against the familiar backdrop of Peddie's spirit.

Save the Date: Alumni Weekend 2026, June 5–6 — come back and make more memories!



From left: Walt Lotte '57, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger '80, Suzy Caldwell '80 and Jon Sprout '70 reunite during Alumni Weekend.

CLASS

Notes

1944–47

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1948

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Given that there are only three members of the Class of 1948 still walking (with canes) on this earth, it is not surprising that I have no new news, so I thought I might relate an event concerning our class that occurred not too long after our 50th Reunion.

Ivan Romero was my first roommate, having transferred from the Horace Mann School in New York City in my junior year. Ivan, along with his twin brother, **Javier**, had come to Peddie from Panama to the lower school. An interesting side story they liked to tell anyone who would listen was about when, in the lower school, they had to transfer to Blair for a year due to a food poisoning scare often called “The Peddie Plague” by the students. Blair Day was held at Blair that year, and when the Blair students saw the Romero twins waving Peddie pennants ... Well, you can imagine the bruises sported by the Panama twins for the next several weeks. Getting back to my story: Ivan always invited me to come down to Panama for a glorious visit. My wife and I had made arrangements to winter in the mountains of Panama and had to travel through Panama City, and naturally, I thought to call him. Unfortunately, no one answered the number in the phone book; however, I did see the number for Javier and learned from his wife that he was very ill and that Ivan had died several years before. I gave my condolences and closed that book.

However, at 7 the next morning, I got a call at my hotel from Johnny Romero, his son. He said he was delighted to hear from me, as his father had told him many stories of Peddie and his roommate. Johnny said that he had cleared his calendar to personally show my wife and me the highlights of Panama City and its culture. In doing so, he also had us to dinner in his home with his wife and children.

Prior to going to the dinner date, Johnny took me aside and said if the subject of his wife’s father should come up, please remember that “he is my wife’s father with a normal father/daughter relationship,” and would I do my best to respect that? The mystery became apparent when we learned

that she was a lawyer with only one client, and that one client was her father, Noriega, the notorious dictator and drug dealer who took on the U.S. Marines and lost. To say the least, we had to tiptoe very carefully through that dinner.

Because the family wanted to learn more about Peddie and his time there, I had lunches/dinners with both of his wives and his daughter, who flew down from her home in Costa Rica.

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1951

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1952

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Al Dicenso wrote to say that he is moving to Marietta, Ga. “The Eastern Shore of Maryland is a wonderful place, but it will be even better to be near my Georgia family!”

1953

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Oddly enough, I begin with my 90th birthday celebration. My two sons, **Eric '82** and David, wanted to host my big day by inviting my friends to lunch at the national park where I’ve been a volunteer for the last four years.

The park is Fort Hancock at Sandy Hook in New Jersey. We had a great lunch at the restaurant on site, Mule Barn Tavern, which at one time in

its life was a mule barn housing 40 mules. It was built in 1899. It was leased out, renovated two years ago and is now very popular. Former Director of Alumni Relations Brian Davidson attended the party, along with 16 friends.

Since retirement, I’ve devoted a lot of time and energy to volunteering, which includes five years with the Red Bank, N.J., YMCA and eight years as a certified docent aboard the Battleship New Jersey BB-62 docked in Camden. And now I’m in my fourth year at Sandy Hook.

I got in touch with **Ken DeGroot** recently. He moved from Connecticut and now lives in Carlisle, Pa. His daughter graduated from Peddie and then went on to Dickinson College. She married a Peddie graduate, **Al Masland '74**, and he is a judge in Carlisle. Their daughter **Sarah** graduated from Peddie in 2003 and went on to Lafayette College. Ken is very upbeat and wants to say “Hi!” to **Bruce Gilbert**.

Speaking of Bruce, it was he that I talked with right before calling Ken! Bruce is doing well. He is still connected with a lot of physical activity, including with the University of Pennsylvania.

That’s it for now. Be in touch and be well.

1954

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After helping to win the first game of the season, former Peddie football coach Mickey Schuman named **Jerry Levine** “Tank.” The Tank wrote to say that he had no news to share, although he recently got a phone call from **Gene Sarafin** to reminisce about old friends — some still here, and a longer list, unfortunately, that are no longer here. Likewise, I got a similar call from Gene, and we shared memories together.

We were happy to hear from **Norm Pullen** in Maine. Norm just retired from Maine Gold and Silver and successfully sold his business. Although he was offered a three-year job to stay with the firm, he decided to just take it easy and devote his time to his model train business. At age 89, he just took up pickleball and has been playing for 1½ hours every Tuesday during the summer months. In September, he intends to resume playing tennis twice a week through the winter.

He is working to stay healthy in both mind and body and hopes that we all do likewise. Finally, he promises to try

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LARRY HAMPTON '54

and make a visit to Peddie next year.

We also heard from **Larry Hampton**, who is actively tasting the sweet life. Larry writes as follows:

“Helga and I are, all things considered, well. We drove from the Algarve, Portugal, home up to Wimbledon, arriving July 6 (overnight ferry from Bilbao to Portsmouth), and we are here enjoying the usual lovely English summer until September 5, when we drive back. We flew our fantastic Portuguese cleaning lady up on July 7 for a few days, and she really got our flat in order (as well as enjoying London; she had never been to the U.K.). Helga’s granddaughter, Rebecca, and great-grandson, Niklas, age 5, will visit for five days from August 12. Two of my granddaughters, both age 15, will visit from the States for five days from August 20. I go to a local gym for a half-hour every weekday morning, and we have six proms, orchestral concerts in the Royal Albert Hall. Phew — a busy summer!

“Although I was a founding member of the Algarve Wine Society and have been a passionate student of wine since arriving in Europe 55 years ago, I am drinking very little wine, or any alcohol, these days. But Portuguese wines are excellent and steadily improving. All EXCEPT wines from the Algarve. I love Lisbon — was there on three occasions in the spring for a few days each time. We stayed in the Borges (a mid-price hotel, but really well located), and had breakfast next door at the Café A Brasileira (the oldest in Lisbon). One of our favorite restaurants is Trindade, a short walk from the Borges. Another is the very traditional Portuguese O Policia, near the Gulbenkian (which is currently closed for renovation).

“Helga’s Amigos da Musica is going strong (140 members and a long waiting list), thanks to heavy-duty input

from Helga. She puts on 18 concert recitals a year with world-class musicians, usually soloists, but occasionally duos or trios.

“I am a supporter of the AFC Wimbledon soccer team (newly promoted to League 1) and will be going to their first home game on Saturday.

“I won’t comment on the current political situation in the States, except to say that there has been a huge influx of Americans coming over here to live. I am very happy to be situated here, dividing my life between Portugal and England.

“All my best wishes to my old friends and classmates.”

1955

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Writing from his balmy, breezy home on the Kona Coast of Hawaii, **Bill Mielcke** says he is appalled by what is going on in Washington, and especially the threats to make Canada the 51st state. Lots of us up here north of the border are, too, Bill. We’re not very happy about the tariffs either. It’s good to know Canada still has friends among the American people, if not any in the White House.

Since Bill is the only one of you who wrote me, all that remains is for me to report on yours truly, **Martin Tweedale**. The big news is that Maureen and I are now great-grandparents.

Maureen’s granddaughter gave birth on Canada Day, July 1, to identical twin boys. Maureen sprang into action right away and for more than a month was helping out three or four times a week with their care. She was much needed, since although they are beautiful babies, they are little tyrants when it comes to demanding attention. Their parents were quite exhausted at first, but things have eased up since. Maureen and I came down with COVID a couple weeks ago and are only just now getting active again, so the twins have had to do without Maureen’s adoring care for a while.

Next time, let’s hear from more of you; otherwise, I’ll start thinking the Grim Reaper has taken a fearsome toll.

1956

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1957

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Who better to lead the ’57 parade than **Bob “Hoppy” Hopkins**? Take it away, Hoppy!

“Twenty-five years ago, as commander of our local VFW Post, I was the project officer to create a veterans’ memorial where I live in Lexington, Va. We donated \$50,000 to get the fundraising program started and eventually raised about \$135,000 for a memorial. The dedication for the completed memorial was on November 11, 2000, at 11 a.m., and on that day, I organized a parade of veterans for the celebration. Now, 25 years later, I am organizing another parade to recognize the 25th anniversary of the original dedication.

“The parade will have veterans walking with their families. Seldom do families recognize their veteran, and this will be a nice way they can publicly show their pride and honor. I’m sure the veteran will walk a little taller that day. Vets will walk in groups according to the branch of the military they served in and be led by high school cheerleaders carrying a banner announcing Army, Navy, Air Force, etc. Another objective of the parade is to educate schoolchildren about why we have a Veterans Day and why veterans are honored as they are.

“Support from our three school district superintendents has been positive. One is sending the high school band and cheerleaders. Another is sending the entire middle school student body of 190 students and their teachers, and the other one is sending over 400 students with their high school band and cheerleaders. Another fifth-grade class will perform by singing patriotic songs on the speaker’s platform. All the kids will be given flags and red, white and blue balloons. This will be an event with lots of color and patriotism.

“Other participants, so far, are cadets and the band from Virginia Military Institute (VMI), uniformed soldiers from the Army National Guard and some vehicles to transport other veterans who need assistance. A local artist will be dressed as ‘Uncle Sam’ and strut to the tune of ‘God Bless the U.S.A.’ as he leads the parade. As the parade goes down Main Street toward the veterans memorial, a flyover of two fighter planes will roar overhead.

“It will be a grand event to honor our veterans: young, old, all branches; combat or non-combat. One of the floats will have a full-sized elephant

and donkey standing side by side and a vocalist will close out the ceremony at the veterans memorial by singing ‘America the Beautiful.’ I’ll need a Kleenex and a drink when it’s over.”

I am in awe of what Hoppy manages to accomplish. I’ve never been to Lexington, Va., but I’d sure like to be there to catch the parade on November 11. Still, if I can’t make it, I can hoist a glass to him on the day. Good on you, Hoppy — you’re an inspiration!

Speaking of inspiration, at 5:55 a.m. local (Los Angeles) time, I received the following text message: “I’m at the start line, and it’s about to go. Somebody just sang the anthem. It looks like I may have competition for last place.”

I leaped out of bed! It was, of course, **Guy Butterworth**, spikes sharpened, crouching for the explosive start of Cranbury’s annual 5k Cody charity run. The suspense was palpable.

Three days later, I received Guy’s description of the event: “Three hundred sixty-two running contestants and one (me) walking participant jumped off at 9 a.m. on the 5 km/3.1 mi Helene Cody Fun Run/Walk. The weather at the start was all right, but soon warmed up with some enervating humidity.

“I had hoped at least to match my hour-and-a-half usual time as the ‘Lanterne Rouge’ of the race (last place finisher), and so, after 2:04.31, I proved yet again to be last, but nowhere near one and a half hours. I had seen the eventual winner (a student from Princeton High School with a time of 18:01.1) when he re-entered the park before I had even left it.

“But I slogged on, attired as usual in L.L. Bean highway-underpass ‘haute couture’ of a fashionable near-Marine-Corps green. I stayed the course

route even after being approached by a volunteer who offered to allow me to shorten the route by half a mile or more. I was able to continue at my blistering pace until about Mile 2. From that point, the heat and humidity were no help at all, so I finished after all the awards had been awarded.

“I must admit I was happy I could even walk over the finish line, so I was a bit confused when I was handed the dark blue baseball cap with its inscription: ‘Cranbury 5k Winner’. Winner? Who was joking? But it turned out to be true. Just before the event started, I had written our esteemed class secretary that I thought I was probably facing real competition for the ‘Lanterne Rouge.’ I was wrong. I was the only entrant over 80, thus I became the top finisher in my class ... unlike last year, with its two over-80 ‘ringers’ from some duffers’ running club in Monmouth County who took first and second and left me far behind in third. So, being a beggar who couldn’t be a chooser, I graciously accepted my first-place finish, though neither the New York Times nor the Wall Street Journal was there to record it (and Gott sei dank for that).

“It was only later that I thought about advanced age and the expression that we of advanced age sometimes hear concerning the elderly being in their second childhood. In some ways, I could see how I, at least, really am in ‘second childhood.’

“From about the two-mile mark, I was accompanied all the way to the finish line by a man and a woman, both race volunteers, and a gaggle of teenage volunteers whose only job at that point was to encourage me to stagger across that line. I had seen parents encourage some pretty small children



Eric Werner ’82 (left) and Brian Davidson, retired alumni relations director, celebrate the 90th birthday of Bob Werner ’53 (center) at Fort Hancock, N.J., where Bob serves as a docent at the History House.



Judy and Chuck Morgan ’57 enjoy a July evening of music and wine in Simsbury, Conn. (Left)



From left: John Waterman ’59 and Chris Duff ’59 share lunch — and settle bets — after the Army–Navy game. (Right)



Guy Butterworth ’57 finishes the Cranbury 5K in September. (Left)

Poster advertising the Veteran’s Day parade organized by Bob Hopkins ’57 in Lexington, Va. (Right)

in a very short race some time before the 5k in much the same way.

“And then I started to think about how often old duffers behave in ways not totally dissimilar to the behavior of toddlers and other very young folks. We often want to have our own way and show some independence in spite of the limitations with which we are faced. And with small children, and again with me, today, at 86, other folks often take an interest in our well-being and ability to finish what we’ve started.

“Then there is a difference and a similarity in what we are physically capable of, which, in fact, may not be limitations that are so different in kind as they are in our actual ability to do such things.

“It probably was just as well that my thoughts about the encouragement the two middle-aged volunteers and the friendly teenyboppers gave me didn’t enter my fuzzy brain until some hours after the race ended. And maybe the comparison of toddlers with old duffers represents another chapter of nonsense in my muddled thinking produced and enhanced by exhaustion and gratitude to them all for rallying around.”

Guy’s final takeaway: “If anyone sees my trophy baseball cap with its message, I’ll just nod knowingly, smile, and accept any and all plaudits with a shrug, in a very adult, humble way (not like some small child happy to be first and wanting everyone to know it).”

Charlie Ballance is happy and wants everyone to know it. Whereas Guy sees childhood and duffer-hood as bookends of life, Charlie seems to mix and mingle. I asked Charlie how he was doing. “I’m totally OK. This coming Tuesday (September 16), I board a Delta jet and head your way. (Charlie is referring to Los Angeles, where I live.) Well, your way of sorts. Daughter Annie and son-in-law Joel fly into Vancouver (well, it is west), where we board the Canadian Rocky Mountain Express, head east and end up in Banff, then jump back on Delta to Atlanta. I haven’t been on a train in 60 years. I’m excited.”

Dude, I totally get it. (Don’t forget to let us know about your awesome train ride.)

I attended the Peddie Alumni Weekend festivities in early June and was able to talk to **Mike Armellino**. It’s been quite a few years since I’ve seen Mike. I enjoyed talking with him, but what really impressed me was seeing Mike in conversation with one of the kids whom (I supposed) he’d championed and seen graduate a year or two earlier. Despite the age difference, they remained seated in folding chairs,

head to head, oblivious to the cocktail and wine party buzzing and clinking around them, engaged in serious conversation for at least 45 minutes, ending only when the party broke up.

One of the past issues of the Chronicle had a feature on Mike, in which he was asked what motivated him.

“The kids,” he replied.

I glossed over it at the time, thinking I understood, which I did, I suppose, but only very superficially.

For these Class Notes, I went online to check on the progress of the Armellino Center of Excellence (ACE) for Williams Syndrome, which pioneers research and provides care for individuals with Williams Syndrome. The Center was established after a generous gift Mike made to the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. I saw pictures of Mike at a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Center.

OK, looking at happy kids puts joy in anybody’s heart. But the delight Mike shows is on another level. To say he “lives for the kids” is, I felt, closer to the truth.

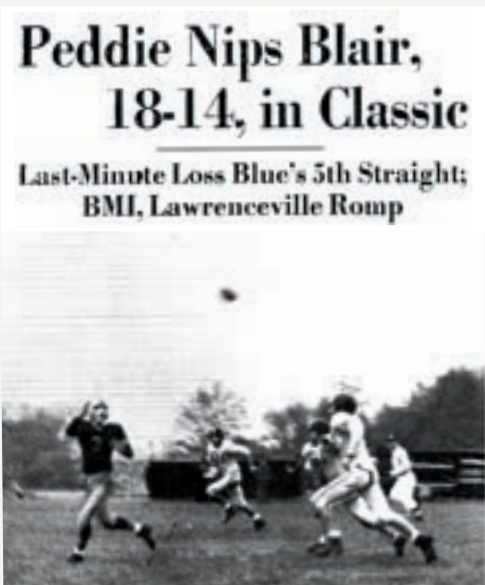
According to the site, the ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on June 3. Peddie Alumni Weekend was June 6 and 7. He’s a busy guy.

Mike Stafford is a member of the Class of ’57 who spent several years at Peddie while we were there, but left for his senior year and graduated from a school in New York City, close enough to membership for all practical purposes. He has been receiving the Chronicle and wrote to correct our statement (do you appreciate how I share the credit here?) in the last issue that Peddie had no tennis team while we were there. Mike’s correction is correct. A quick check of our yearbook shows a picture of the tennis team, including **Neil Goldberger**, **Gerry Friedman** and Mike.

Mike has had a fair amount of contact with classmates over the years. He worked with **Jim Miller** in Florida for a while. Also: “During my working days, I used to run into **Steve Brown** at events in New York City from time to time, and of course ‘Steady Old Peddie’ was usually the topic of conversation.”

I am, as I’m sure we all are, totally cool (ah, Charlie — you got me off-balance now) with Mike reaching out to us (and sending material for the Class Notes).

Chuck Morgan continues in a reflective mood: “I’m dictating this on my iPhone while I’m sitting by a beautiful lake up in central New York state. Judy and I have been enjoying continued retirement and certainly are constantly aware of health issues and doctor appointments. But in general,



Remember this?

After five years of defeat against Blair Academy, Peddie finally triumphed on November 10, 1956. With just two minutes left in the game, quarterback Pete Gegerson '57 scored the winning touchdown, sealing an 18–14 win over Blair, the team's final score of the season. According to reports in the “Old Gold and Blue,” jubilant supporters swept the players off the field amid chants of “We did it!”



Former football teammates Eddy King '60 and Terry Hensle '60 (Left)

From left: Jay Cooley '60 and Ed King '60 attend Alumni Weekend in June. (Right)



Bill Kontes '62, based in Florida, works as an exotic car specialist and consultant for collectors. (Left)

Two recent paintings by Steve Boyers '60. (Middle and Right)



Fred Davis '62 checks off a bucket-list adventure while ziplining last year. (Left)

From left: John Kelso '62 and Peter Dorsen '62 meet for lunch in Miami. (Right)



Karen and Peter Locke '61. (Left)

Dexter Locke, son of Peter Locke '61, with his wife, Katie. (Middle)

Taylor Locke, son of Peter Locke '61, with his wife, Dakota, and daughter, Ynez. (Right)

we're in pretty good shape.

"A year ago, along with six friends, we chartered the private barge 'Aurora' in Holland for a week's trip. The barge had four staterooms, was owned by the captain and served superb meals prepared by his wife. We simply had a fantastic time.

"The picture enclosed was taken this last July up in Simsbury, Conn., at an evening program with the Hartford Symphony Orchestra playing music by Queen. Frankly, I never heard of the artist, but listening to the music, some of it sounded familiar.

"We still have a second home (primary is in Baltimore) up here on Keuka Lake, in the Finger Lakes area of New York. We spend as much time as we can up here in the summer, as well as for Thanksgiving and Christmas."

Chuck sends his regards to the Class of '57, whom he terms "all outstanding individuals."

Can't end on a better note than that.

1958

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1959

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I will begin by lauding the memory and honesty of **John Waterman**, who, last February, promised to send me a photo of him and **Chris Duff** enjoying a lunch that Chris paid for because Navy beat Army. It was a delight to see both guys looking so good.

Clem Kost continued the upbeat tone. After a brutally hot summer, milder weather has put Clem back on the golf course, where he enjoys the company and camaraderie of his fellow golfers in the Bluffton/Hilton Head area. He is excited about soon leaving for his annual trip to New Jersey to see family and indulge his taste buds with pizza, hoagies and cheesesteak, plus trips to a Jewish deli for real bagels schmear with smoked whitefish. Both of Clem's grandkids are making wonderful contributions to the planet. His grandson was graduated with honors from USC and has almost completed the coursework and clinical training at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital to be a physician's associate (PA). His granddaughter was graduated with honors from the

University of Tennessee School of Nursing, where she now works as an R.N. Following her current three-year work commitment, she plans to study to become a nurse practitioner. Clem also has a little touch of the medical profession in his near future. After his trip to New Jersey, he is scheduled for a mitral valve replacement via an inguinal catheter. He is not at all worried about the procedure, but does bemoan having to stay off the golf course for two weeks.

Dave Henshaw lives in Londonderry, N.H., in what sounds like a delightful 55-plus condo community, where each unit is a standalone house. His health has been great except for some thyroid nodules and benign prostatic enlargement relieved by a trans-urethral prostatectomy. Dave's main leisure activity has been cruising the U.S. rivers and inland waterways from Alaska to Florida with American Cruise Lines. They have done seven such cruises and have two more planned for the spring, one to the Gulf Coast and one down the Ohio River.

Stan Solomon wrote me, referring to his Memorial Day address at Peddie as his "last hurrah." I reminded him that, as wonderful and important as his address and his service were, I am sure that the rest of his life could be meaningful as well. Happily, he responded immediately with: "To avoid a total lapse into a state of ennui, I will be taking a trip to China at the end of October to visit my tour guide and friend of the past 20 years. This visit is strictly cultural. In an attempt not to be the ugliest American, I have mastered a few, operative word is 'few,' Chinese greetings and expressions. I would love to take a car trip to visit other classmates, but I can't figure out if all the miles will compensate for a conversation that might last a half hour. **Bob Berman** and I plan to visit Peddie in the spring to meet with the new head of school to share our feelings for the Old Peddie and what makes our class so special." Thanks, Stan.

Bob Berman and Phyllis are showing the wisdom we all could use and are moving into a continuous care facility, but now are facing the odious task of disposing of 52 years' accumulations. Bob is also recovering from shoulder replacement surgery, but looks forward to getting back on the golf course in the spring. Sadly, after 20 glorious years of cruising on oceans and rivers, Bob and Phyllis have decided that the shore excursions, and hence, the fun of the trips, have become too arduous for them, and they have put cruising in their past. Nevertheless, they

continue to travel to be with family for Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur and any other important events.

Dick Heuser continues to be THE model Parkinson's Disease patient. He goes to the gym six days per week and twice per week has a one-hour session with a trainer. In addition, he works daily with his son on surveying projects.

Art Siccardi is just getting over a 12-week battle with shingles. He is easing back into golf, now playing two to three times per week, and is almost back to his pre-shingles self. He does, however, have much anxiety over Pam, who is plagued with a variety of illnesses, as well as having difficulty walking. While Art's old cancer battle seems to have been won, unfortunately, such is not the case for his stepdaughter, who did succumb to liver/bile duct cancer four months ago.

It was a delight to hear from **Deckle McLean**. He and Pamela are in good health, and Deckle still runs almost daily, although in his typically modest manner, he referred to it as merely "jogging." Deckle is no longer serving on the county board, but is involved with the management of the Western Illinois University pension system. He and Pam suffered the unthinkable loss of their eldest child, a 57-year-old computer scientist and highly-regarded corporate problem solver, who died of a blood clot and cardiac arrest, but was then discovered to have had metastatic colon cancer. Their second son is an orthopedic surgeon in Philadelphia, and their daughter is an attorney in Kansas City. It was she who truly continued the McLean athletic legacy as a runner and hammer thrower. Deckle and Pam have six grandkids. The eldest is a Virginia Tech graduate with an interest in agricultural economics. One of the younger grandkids is quite a good baseball player. While Deckle, of course, is hesitant to tout the kid's ability, I am counting on him to get me World Series tickets in a few years.

Louisa and I have had an eventful year. Most importantly, Louisa's myeloma remains in full remission, and I still have all my original joints, albeit with ever-diminishing mobility. We took a great 12-day cruise around Lakes Huron and Superior, the highlight being a descent of 325 feet in a bathysphere to view a 1911 shipwreck. It was amazing to see the wreck so perfectly preserved, with the gold gilding still glistening, all the windows fully intact and the details of the ship totally preserved. In late July, we took a second trip, this time with 23 of our kids and grandkids, to the Galapagos to celebrate our 50th anniversary. For the

two years of planning and waiting, nervous Nelly sweated every detail and imagined all forms of catastrophe. But the trip was perfection. Every person, from age seven up, loved all aspects of the adventure, participated in everything and were genuinely grateful to Louisa and me. Our travel lunacies continue with a January 2026 trip to Norway to see the Northern Lights and a June 2026 trip to Scotland with some fellow Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Board members. Finally, we have booked a 23-day Viking trip to Scandinavia and the Baltic states in June of 2027. My optimism notwithstanding, we have taken out travel insurance! One element of worrisome news: Erin, the wife of our son, Andy, and the mother of our grandkids, ages 7, 10 and 12, who, four years ago, was diagnosed and treated for acute myelogenous leukemia, just learned that her leukemia had recurred. We are now developing her treatment plan and ask for your support and prayers.

I will close with some thoughts from Bob Berman, who expressed wonderful elements of nostalgia for his years at Peddie and exhorted us all to share our memories of Peddie with each other.

1960

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As I prepare these, it's the end of the summer. For many of the '60ers, it looks like no news is good news. So, I must assume you've been out playing golf, traveling, visiting with family, resting at the beach, volunteering, doing various projects around your home, or, in some cases, still working. Or maybe the Great Peddie Memory Test scared you away! More on the test later. But to those of you who responded, a big thank-you! Let's get to it.

Ed King was one of two class members who attended our 65th Reunion in June. He reports: "Had a fun day at Peddie with my daughter **Liz McLaughlin '07** and her husband, Kevin. We took an in-depth tour of the new buildings with an excellent tour guide, **Sam '26**. It is truly amazing what Peddie has built over the last 65 years, and well worth a visit.

"**Jay Cooley** and I were the only attendees of the Class of 1960. **Terry Hensle** was unable to make it, but his daughter, Director of Special Events **Laura-Lee Hensle Radtke '92**, was

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doing her magic, as usual. With only 532 students per the internet, I was amazed by the number of dormitories. We had more students in 1960 with fewer dorms. However, some former student residence houses like Octagon are now used for faculty, so the need for new dorms is logical.

“Most impressive of the new structures is the music building and the robotics building. The latter evolved out of the old powerhouse building.”

Paul Albert checked in and said he had planned to attend our 65th, but had to cancel at the last minute due to a health problem. But he’s now back to 150% and plans to return to Peddie in the fall. “Since I necessarily canceled the 65th Reunion trip, I am likely to go back for the installation of the new head of school on September 27. Actually, I prefer to visit Peddie when students are there anyway (hope to sit in on math class, meet with student endowment investment group, chess club, wrestling coach, etc., if it can be arranged), but I need to focus on travel logistics to combine with visiting my twin sister and friends in Pennsylvania. Need a couple days at Peddie. I remain busy, particularly on American Legion matters and family investment matters with Irma and our son Alex.”

Roger Golden briefly reported: “Spending the summer at home in Bethesda, Md. Hope to travel in the fall to visit granddaughters at Emory (Atlanta), Indiana (Bloomington) and University College London. And then return to Naples, Fla., for the winter months. Look forward to a 65th Reunion report from Eddie King and Jay Cooley in the Peddie Chronicle.”

Dick Harrison, one of our class writers, reacted to the memory test challenge and gave these updates: “I can relate to the three-word memory quiz at the primary care doctor’s office. Like you, I always ace it. None of the others in my extensive group of doctors administer that particular test, but some of theirs are significantly more invasive.

“I would be a near-total failure on your Peddie test. I lived in the off-campus house the first two years at Peddie and can’t recall its name. No point in submitting the few answers I can recall (probably incorrectly), but I look forward to seeing them in an upcoming issue of the Chronicle. I can still give a reasonably accurate answer to: ‘What’s up?’

“My wife and I have been retired for 10 years. The trips we had planned to France and Italy (our favorites) have been supplanted by visits to children and grandchildren, and recently

curtailed to a great extent by health issues.

“We’ve moved into a condominium community of houses substantially smaller than the one we left, but with the advantage of complete exterior care and our own team of interior maintenance folks (my wife, a former epidemiologist, is fanatic about cleaning). Most of the 25 houses in the community are occupied by widows. There are six with retired couples, two widowers and two families with kids.

“I’ve gone back to writing. I’m finishing the first in a trilogy of books, but it may never be published. My agent died just over 20 years ago, and getting a new one is quite challenging, especially since we live in Knoxville, Tenn., and a majority of the better literary agents are in New York. My older kid knows tons of California agents, but they are all about film and useless for books. (Only 2% of the books published in the U.S. each year get enough readers to break even, and virtually all of those have agents).”

Steve Boyers and I have been in fairly close touch for some time. He and his wife, Sara, live in Santa Monica, Calif., and unfortunately, have experienced the impact of the highly destructive Palisades wildfire in early January. While Steve and Sara did not lose their home, the wildfire smoke forced them to evacuate. Because the smoke was full of contaminants from the burning homes and other properties, almost everything in their home was in need of removal, extensive cleaning, refinishing or destruction. Steve and Sara were forced to live elsewhere while all of the needed work was underway. Steve reported the necessary repairs, decontamination, removal and cleaning needed to be coordinated with contractors and the insurance company, which Steve said was very responsive to their needs.

Steve did provide a July update as follows: “We moved back on the evening of June 30. At first, it was depressing to see all the chaos. But now, after a few days, we are delighted to return to our beautiful area. I am told that we will not be able to use our kitchen for at least another week; this is good for our dieting. We are also starting a new fashion in home furnishing by having our refrigerator near the front door. This way, we can offer visitors a cold one as they enter! I think it will be at least a couple of months before we have comfortably settled in.” In early September, Steve updated his news with the following: “Sara and I are off this week to New Haven, Conn., for a family memorial service, but I intend to spend as

much time as possible in the Yale art museums, which I understand are simply fabulous. We will then go to New York City for a few days. Then I come home, with the hope of working on new paintings, and Sara goes off to her annual Detroit pilgrimage.”

Despite everything, Steve continues to paint new works and is really developing his artistic style.

1961

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From **Roger Hansen**: “I am still in Jupiter, Fla., for the winter and spend the summer in Margate, N.J., or Steamboat Springs, Colo. I attended the dinner at **Bob Kaye**’s home on Jupiter Island and got to see a lot of Peddie alumni. I also had a great lunch with former Head of School Peter Quinn and Assistant Head for Development Karyn Vella.

“I injured my foot getting into a ski boot this past winter and had to have surgery. I am now in a boot for about eight weeks and going through rehab. Getting old is not easy. I hope to be back golfing in August and skiing this winter.”

Hope all went well in your recovery. I had a similar situation. All better after surgery.

From **Peter Locke**: “We have two sons. Taylor plays lead guitar for Train. He and his wife, Dakota, have a three-year-old daughter, and they are expecting number two on June 25.

“Our younger son, Dexter, is married to Katie, who is eight months pregnant. She runs telescopes that look into the heavens.”

From **Jim Dobbs**: “I am ‘aging out’ of many things I used to love, particularly sailing. Our boat is in the final stages of being sold. I no longer trim the hedges and cut the lawn; I pay for the service. I no longer travel any more than I have to, and it is mostly to see the grandkids. Such is my old age.”

From **Scott Smith**: “Thought I might let you know that I’m alive and well. Had shoulder surgery in February and am just returning to golf. It’s to stay busy, but I have been traveling around Florida and north to both Baltimore and Maine. Looking forward to my annual visit from Karyn in the Alumni and Development department. Sorry I missed my visit in June, but hope to get back next year.”

From **Lyle** (and Donna) **Bainbridge**: “We are living in rural Montana, having moved here in 1991, and have been living in the same house since then.

We have a lovely spot with 20 acres of land surrounding our home, keeping the world at bay.

“Lyle continued to work in sales when he moved to Montana, selling western antiques and knives, primarily at trade shows throughout the country. He officially retired in 2011, although he still chases a good sale when it presents itself.

“His main interests are hunting, fly fishing and building hot rods. He has a 1940 Ford Deluxe Coupe, a 1941 Ford pickup, a 1950 Ford ‘Shoebox’ and a 1971 Jaguar XKE. His next build will be a 1949 Plymouth Sedan. When not building, he has his nose in hot rod mags.

“Donna continues to work, teaching online at the University of Montana. She is an official Montana advocate for seniors and volunteers for our local library.

“Our other love is two Cardigan Welsh corgis, Hoss and Holle. They definitely keep us laughing. Greetings to all (our) Peddie friends.”

From **John Boynton**: “My previously referenced foray into book binding was deferred by an opportunity to participate in a federal government program for seniors, where I was assigned to work on behalf of citizens returning from incarceration. I found the time rewarding and hope I was supportive in meeting the many needs of this population in reorienting to the community.

“Summer has gone by at warp speed. As I write this in early August, I already hear discussions of Labor Day weekend plans and fall activities. My government program ran out of funding on July 1, and while I am officially furloughed, my return to my host organization is in doubt. Perhaps it’s time to take a second look at book binding as a hobby as fall craft fairs approach.”

From **Michael Gilbert**: “I trust you all had a good summer. I proudly welcomed my eighth grandchild in April, Noah Beaumont Werner, who joined his three siblings, all under 9. (My daughter is homeschooling the brood. Oy! That’s OK, because they say they like their teacher.)

“Be on the lookout for #90 on the UTenn football team. He is the place kicker and my grandson Max (pre-season mention for the Lou Groza Award).

“I play golf regularly. We have a very comfortable group, which uses very generous ‘Circle of Friends’ rules of play: Move the ball to a reasonably close and safe spot, close enough for ‘gimme’ putts, etc. Fun outings with little at stake.

“I would not be where I am today were it not for my adopted family of Peddie instructors.”

ANDY HARRIS ‘63

“As you may know, I live in a retirement community. I think I am among the *younger* old folks. We have lots of optional activities and opportunities to visit with others. One of the main topics of our interactions is what we remember about our lives and things in general.

“Fear not! All of your memories are stored, but may not be intact. Our filing systems may not be as precise and accurate as we would like. So, here goes.

“We have Trivia Night twice a month. We get to pose questions about various topics. One session was devoted to movies and TV. One of the senior members of the group (soon to be 94), a former school administrator, asked, ‘Who was the doctor in space?’ (We had talked about other TV doctors – Welby, Kildare, Gillespie, etc.). Everyone seemed to remember Star Trek’s Dr. ‘Bones’ McCoy.

“She said, ‘No. It was Dr. Spock.’ There was a chuckle and reply that Dr. Spock was a pediatrician.

“She said, ‘No. He wrote children’s books.’ Again, amusement and reminder that Dr. Seuss wrote children’s books, rather than books about children.

So we finally came to a ‘confluence of memory’:

- Mr. Spock was the logical first officer of the Starship Enterprise, who worked alongside Dr. McCoy.
- Dr. Spock was, indeed, a pediatrician who wrote about childcare in the mid-20th century.
- Dr. Seuss wrote ‘Green Eggs and Ham’ and other wonderfully imaginative offerings.

“Do not despair. It’s all there. It just might take a bit longer to put it all together. There is so much we have encountered and done. Take good care!”

1962

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We open this installment with a 45-year-old story, in celebration of **Rick Selvin**, a former 1962 class secretary, whom we lost a while back:

Rick arrived at the Philadelphia Daily News in 1980 to apply for a job. When he got to the then-managing editor Zack Stalberg’s office, he hesitated at the door. “I’m really sorry,” Rick said. “What are you sorry about?” Zack inquired. “Well, I usually wear a necktie to these interviews,” Rick said, “but my tie was frozen in the trunk

of my car when it got wet, and when I tried to put it on, it broke.” Zack, recognizing a guy who would surely become a true Daily News character, hired him on the spot.

Rick had been our class scribe for eons, dating back well into the last century. But then he and I met again at our 45th Peddie Reunion in 2007. More somber than I had ever seen him, Rick asked me for a favor. He had undergone a heart transplant that was not going well, and his replacement heart was rejecting him. Would I take over as class secretary of our class, as he no longer had the energy and felt that he was on short time?

I was then a busy lawyer, but how could I say no to a request like that? A short time later, I received an email from Peddie’s director of alumni relations at the time, Brian Davidson. He forwarded a link to the Philadelphia Daily News obituary for Rick, who had passed away on February 12, 2008 — just about when he had predicted.

This obituary, starting with the frozen necktie gag, tells a wonderful story about Rick. It is too long to republish here, and too good a story to abbreviate. Even if you have previously seen this piece, it is worth taking another look.

While we are on the history of this column, we salute the past services of **Bill Kontes** and **Dan Neidenberg**, who previously sat at this desk, prior to Rick Selvin’s tenure. Bill became class secretary in about 1963, holding that position for about two decades. Dan took over in about the 1980s, holding that post until his passing in August of 1995. Rick became secretary at about that time, until your current secretary came on board in 2007. The all-time record as a Peddie class secretary seems to have been held by **Mike Duffy ‘63**, from about 1965 until 2024. It is the function of these class secretaries to keep this family in touch with itself and to watch it gracefully age.

Former class secretary Bill Kontes is not only still a regular contributor to this column, but he is still plying his trade as an exotic car specialist and consultant for automobile collectors. He offers “Classic Advice since Nineteen Sixty-Nine” through Private Garage, the Jupiter, Fla.-based business that he owns and operates. His business card discloses that he deals in “Historically Significant Automobiles.” Moreover, Bill is still fending off the siren song of retirement, to which most of us have now succumbed. At this writing, Bill reports that he is “on the road this month on a 1,000-mile rally in the Ozarks.” If you want a

low-mileage 1932 Hupmobile, Bill can find it for you, if anyone can.

Speaking of retirement, your current secretary is wrapping up his 55-year career in the law this year. Is anyone else still working? Why, and doing what? Let us know. Is Bill the only one left plying a trade?

While we had previously reported that **Nick Vargas** had a newly-published book out, we were again urged to take a look at Nick’s work by Bill Kontes, who writes: “Have you read Nick Vargas’ book, ‘At the Edge of the Storm’? Although much of the narrative is set during the time period when we were at Peddie, the social, governmental and military scenarios are surprisingly familiar today. Of course, there are also some hilarious moments before the storm.” Bill adds, “My hope for Peddie is that the new administration will ‘clear the decks’ and navigate the storm of reality.”

In our last installment of these Notes, we solicited views from the class about advice to be given to the new head of school, Jim Hamilton, whose installation is scheduled to take place by the time you receive the Chronicle. The only response we had to that request was from Bill Kontes, which we previously published. Any late-advice ideas from our class can, of course, be published in a later issue.

Overlooked moons ago, but needing this belated acknowledgment, was the response we received from **George Hawes** to an earlier inquiry about who got what for Christmas. George’s reply was succinct: “My favorite Christmas gift was 12 healthy grandchildren.” Zounds! That’s unbeatable. Our congratulations go to George ... and to some parents who must also be involved in that arithmetic. We also hereby solicit our number to provide grandchild headcount reports. As we grandparents know, there is no greater legacy — nor surer path to immortality.

Weeks back, wife Rosie and your secretary had a delightful three-hour reunion lunch with **George Barber** in the Miami area. Midwesterners George and wife Sally had made a nine-year try at being Floridians, but climate change has made Florida an oven. The Barbers have had enough and are heading back to Chicagoland. Sally missed our extended lunch because she was back north, getting ready for their imminent move (by now presumably completed). For years, migrating retirees were coming south, but that tide has changed. George and Sally are part of a growing movement the other way. We will



Peter Goldberg '63 with his grandson, Rhys. (Left)



Clarence '63 and Ali Kugler visit the Berlin Wall during a two-week trip to Germany. (Right)



Pete '63 and Gerry Minard enjoy the Idaho backcountry on a summer camping trip. (Left)



Ann and Andy Harris '63 at Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado. (Middle)



Joe Latchum '63 competes in the annual senior club golf championship in Williamsburg, Va. (Right)



Guy Cain '63 and wife, Pam, mark the end of summer with a trip to Maui. (Left)



From left: Art Henne '63, Bob Gersony '63 and Paul Irwin '63 reconnect in York, Pa. (Middle Left)



Photos shared by Tim Hurson '63 from his recent trip to Namibia. (Middle Right)



Raphael Vargas '63 with family at his granddaughter's confirmation. (Right)

miss them, and we send them our best wishes for finding a good Amazon deal on snow shovels. George prefers the Chicago winter to our 110-degree summer heat, and notes that you can pay somebody else to shovel your snow, if that's not your thing.

From our Small-World Department, we share this later exchange with George Barber. We had previously reported the passing of classmates **John Stoker** and **Bill Nurko** and the coincidence that each had enjoyed a long-standing affiliation with DeLaval Steam Turbine Co. of Trenton — a connection of which we learned only after their passing. Bill had been a manufacturing manager and John had been an industrial engineer, each for much of his adult life.

George adds this further reflection on their passing: "I didn't know Bill or John Stoker very well, but it is interesting that I have some familiarity with DeLaval, where they worked. I was in industrial sales for my career and that company was a customer for many years. I wish I had known they were there when I was working with DeLaval because it may have helped me and my sales people generate more orders (LOL). They are a large company, making compressors and other equipment for the power generation and pipeline industries."

Yet another dimension of coincidence emerges, as your secretary's grandfather, J. Russell Kelso, was DeLaval's purchasing agent for many years prior to his final illness in the early 1950s. And still another common thread unfolded as we shared with George our common experience of traveling to and from Peddie as students by boarding and deboarding trains on the lower platform at Trenton's Clinton Street PRR Station. We now know that **Rick Rogow**, **John Oakes**, George Barber and your secretary all came through that portal to get to Peddie. (Are there others out there who came to school the same way?)

And there are still more odd coincidences: The coffined corpse of Abraham Lincoln came through Trenton by rail and was off-loaded at railside on that same Trenton platform in 1865. Also, hundreds of coffins of Spanish flu victims were loaded on trains from that platform during the 1918 epidemic, as witnessed by my Kelso grandparents, who began their honeymoon in 1918 by boarding one of those funeral trains from the same platform we used decades later. It is a small world, after all.

We have heard a number of suggestions from other Peddie alumni over the years that we should have

a regional reunion for us Floridians. To that end, and since there are just a handful of our class here, we reached out to class secretaries from other "close" classes (1959–65), asking whether there was any interest. Those secretaries made inquiries of their members, but responses to date can best be termed "tepid." The inquiry remains open, and we will keep all of our class informed if there is any more substantial movement in the direction of a Sunshine State mini-reunion.

Also visiting our fair town recently was **Peter Dorsen**, accompanied by partner Nada and longtime friend Manley. We had a delightful lunch/mini-reunion in Miami, and Peter is still skiing rings around all the rest of us. He reports, "Gardening, back to hike-joring with Willow, my trusty three-year-old sub 'standard' party/tuxedo poodle, cooking and grocery shopping as I assist Nada recovering from a hip replacement. About to move on to another book, appropriately, a sequel to 'Men Over 60, Don't Quit Now!' to 'Men Over 80: Watch your back!'"

We also had this report from fellow Floridian **Fred Davis**: "In September of last year, I finally got to do a zipline on my bucket list. Still on the list is to walk on a glacier. In December of last year, I turned 80. I am grateful to be able to continue with an active life at this advanced age. Eighty to me is a scary number that I try not to think about. I am able to bike ride 30-50 miles a week and walk at least three miles a day, usually with Gwenn (my significant other) and a dog. I have, however, given up sleeping on the ground. We spend most of the year in Florida, but have a house in western North Carolina for an escape from the increasing zoo that Palm Beach County, Fla., is becoming. I would love to get together with the South Florida Class of '62 sometime before our 65th in 2027. I do keep up with George Barber somewhat via Facebook, and have some contact with '62 honoree Kugler." See the photo of Fred in his crash helmet, showing us how long his bucket list is.

Finally, since so many of you have asked, "Yes! It's only 20 months until our 65th Reunion unfolds in June of 2027. While it may be a bit early to pack our bags, it's not too early to adjust the mindset and start making preliminary plans to be there. If it's been a while since you were last in Hightstown, here's the magic of Peddie and why it's worth putting that trip on your bucket list: Peddie is a modern, efficient, well-managed and capably-financed, highly-regarded

first-tier private secondary school with an enthusiastic student body that apparently loves being there to learn matters not taught or even yet discovered when we were there, shortly after the Earth cooled.

At the same time, Peddie is still Coleman and Avery, Ayer Memorial Chapel, Memorial Hall (now called Annenberg Hall), Peddie Lake and other familiar landmarks and that same Center Campus lawn feeling you remember from that first day you arrived 63-plus years ago. In other words, it's still familiar as the temporary home we all once knew. The only thing missing is Wilson Hall, but that Old Lady did her job well and earned her retirement in 1978 at the age of about 112. The Old and the New peacefully co-exist on Main Street, right where you left them. It's a part of you — so plan on being there. And don't forget that the Class of 1962 Fund in Memory of E. Graham Ward looks to us for additional faculty support. If we use it wisely, there's still time ...

For now, enjoy the upcoming holidays, stay hydrated, mind all speed limits, walk a mile each day, think young thoughts ... and write your secretary.

1963

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First, thanks to all who sent info, and apologies to those whose comments I had to edit for space. I truly enjoyed reading everything, but those mean people in Hightstown set limits.

RIP Ken Patchen: I received the following from Ken's wife, Betty Ann Ralston: "Thank you so much for your kind words and remembrances of him. I wish he could have spent time with you in his final years. I was so glad that he did finally reconnect with you, at least through his writing. It meant a lot to him."

Some thoughts from his Peddie classmates:

Cal Caligaro: "Ken was one of my closest Peddie friends. **Ralph Leard** and I roomed next to Ken and Sharon, I think our freshman year. One night, Ralph and I were tossing a shot put back and forth ... don't ask ... and Ken came in: 'Hit me.' We did, and Ken dropped the shot. He didn't know what we were throwing around. Mari-boe was up in a shot (hehehe). Our room was over his living room. Then

there were nights after study hall that Ken and I went to the track. His role was starter. We practiced my sprint start, which became my competitive strength.

"Then there were summers. Ken and I double-dated in New Jersey and Connecticut. Back at school, we talked often about Peddie and my role as class president. All of this is mundane, but goes to the heart and soul of the man.

"Ken and I talked twice the week before he died. Wrenching. He was strong, but knowing. I will miss his letters too. Goodbye, Ken."

David Mitchell: "Ken had a specialness about him. I felt privileged to receive a communication in recent years from him. It was a gift. In the autumn of the tree of life that is the Class of '63, another leaf has fallen. I feel blessed to have known Ken. May God soothe his family and many loved ones and friends."

Sharon Evans: "What can be said, I was one who got the periodic handwritten letter from Ken filled with all manner of things which were never boring. Ken's passing just echoes those of us who left in 2024 and brings home to me that all of us are getting ever closer to our own moment of passing. Will hold the thoughts of Ken, who was my freshman roommate and friend after, close to my heart and think of the Memorial Garden for all of us."

Arthur Brown: "Sharon, well said. I, too, received many beautiful handwritten (a lost art) letters with photos of birds and flowers in his garden. Ken had a gift for expressing his feelings through the written word. He was the 'poet laureate' of our class. Although he had a chronic illness for many years, he remained upbeat and thankful for his family. May his memory be everlasting."

Finally, my thoughts (BT): Not being one who "keeps in touch," I didn't hear from Ken until May 2023, just before our 60th Reunion. When he heard that I was hosting the Friday night get-together at my home, 20 minutes from Peddie, as Joyce and **Ralph Copleman** had done for so many wonderful years, he sent a kind, funny and very thoughtful handwritten letter, along with a floral centerpiece for our buffet table. His kind thoughts give me reason to continue this Chronicle column, and why I am so grateful to hear from, and finally reconnect with, so many of you.

On with the news!

Clarence Kugler: "When my Australian cousin came to visit me a few years back, I asked him what was a feature of America that surprised him most. He replied, 'Drive-in banking.' My wife, Ali, and I just returned from two



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weeks in Germany, where we visited Frankfurt, Cologne, Hamburg, Berlin, Dresden, Nuremberg and, finally, Munich, as part of our 40th wedding anniversary celebration. If asked what I found the most surprising feature of Germany, I would have to say pay toilets everywhere — amazing. You need a Euro or you do not go. My Aussie cousin would also say it is amazing that anyone could be married to me for 40 years. (Class Secretary's note: We all agree.)

"Seriously, we basked in the beauty of the country and the cool temperatures. We believe that travel is a learning experience, and if you stop learning, you grow old. I wish travel would impact hair loss.

"Peddie asked us to relate our most memorable class. My greatest personal growth and maturity came in the non-traditional classes held on the football field, the wrestling mat and the lacrosse field. My teachers were Mickey Shuman, E.G. Ward and E.B. Williams. Their patience with me and support, even in failure, are greatly appreciated to this day."

Paul Irwin, Art Henne and Bob Gersony got together last spring in York, Pa. Paul tells me that they solved all the problems of the world in less than three hours. Nice work. We are all grateful.

Andy Harris: "We have had an extremely active year; Ann and I have been able to accomplish the rental property renovations the two of us set out to execute at the end of last year. It has been challenging, as the rentals here were all restoration properties that we purchased 20 years ago, when McKinney needed to create incentives to breathe new life into the old courthouse square. We participated on all levels in the restoration of the area, serving on various volunteer committees and the bond commission. We won four city awards for 'Restoration of the Year,' and we watched as the 'historic district' became a destination point and the blue laws gave way to breweries and distilleries and even Michelin Star restaurants. Today, the area is abuzz with young adults wheeling baby carriages, as another generation moves in to take over the local businesses and the century-old homes that make this Texas town unique.

"It would surprise no one if my response to the Chronicle's 'favorite class' request would be Harold A Van Kirk's classes, but I didn't want to be so selective, or for that matter, obscure. I had many excellent classes and instructors at Peddie: Graham Ward's English classes are regularly

under discussion with classmates such as Bob Gersony and Paul Irwin. **Doug Richardson** and I have gone back and forth about Kiviat and Morneau. Of course, Arthur Brown would want to be heard about 'Bullet' Bob Lawson, so with six years of Peddie classes to choose from and a host of incomparable instructors, I elected not to play the game. Suffice it to say, I would not be where I am today were it not for my adopted family of Peddie instructors.

"As far as teaching goes, I am an emeritus professor, but my courses and texts continue on."

Joe Latchum: Joe attempted a threepeat in his county club's annual senior club championship in Williamsburg, Va., only to be edged out this year by two young whippersnappers who just qualified for golf senior-dom at 70. We agreed that there is a difference between 70 and 80. He also enjoyed traveling recently to the Outer Banks, N.C., and to Lake George, N.Y., with his two sons and one granddaughter.

Sharon Evans went through some tough medical times this past spring, but seems to be on the mend. Her grandson came back to Richmond, where he grew up, to care for her. He liked being there so much, he has moved back. We all wish you well!

Nils Pearson: "Pat and I are in Florida for a couple of weeks, following up on the recovery from Hurricanes Helene and Milton. It looks like we may be selling our villa here in Englewood (on the Gulf Coast). The schedule for restoring our residence will take at least another year or two, a bit much for a couple of octogenarians. Fortunately, we have our place in Manchester, Md., which is quite close to our son's home (a five-minute walk away!).

"Our daughter has taken a position with the United States Department of Agriculture in Ho Chi Minh City (old Saigon). Planning a visit there in January along with a Viking Cruise Line down the Mekong River in January."

Guy Cain: Guy and Pam celebrated the end of summer with a week in Maui. Not bad!

David Mitchell: "This past spring, we spent some time on Peddie's campus in transit to New York City for the annual dinner of past trustees of Peddie. We dined with Arthur and Jo Brown at the dinner. Much to our surprise, a student eagerly approached us and identified herself as a Mitchell Scholar. This young lady bore the designation of a Mitchell Scholar to study diversity, inclusion and equity issues during her tenure at Peddie. She thanked Diane and me, but we deflected that, letting her know her

appreciation should extend to Arthur and Jo Brown, Roger Burns and the magnificent generosity of the members of the Class of 1963. Di and I thank each of you for making it possible for Peddie to achieve such opportunities for these talented and eager young people.

"I thought I would retire completely until last year, when the speaker of the state legislature asked me to join a committee that oversees the determination of whether law enforcement officers in police agencies that have statewide authority in should be administratively charged (and disciplined) with misconduct on the basis of either a citizen's complaint or a breach of the policies of the policing agency. We work to ensure that communities in Maryland receive the most professional and conscientious services from their policing agencies possible.

"So I close with the question: who would have thought we would make it this far? Happy 80th birthday to those who have or will celebrate that momentous occasion."

Pete Minard: "My wife, Gerry, and I have enjoyed the summer with camping trips and exploring the Idaho backcountry on our ATV. We've discovered some majestic old-growth cedar stands and abandoned fire look-out towers. I hope you are all able to get out and enjoy His creation."

Raphael Vargas shared a picture from his granddaughter's confirmation. A beautiful family!

Tim Hurson: "I went to Namibia! One of the least densely populated countries on earth. That is, if you only count people.

"Here's a pic of a waterhole, just as the elephants decided to have their afternoon tea, scones and crumpets. There were about 50 of them, about two Barnum and Bailey's worth. Before the elephants, the water was full of hundreds of other animals from I-don't-know-how-many species. After the elephants ... It was only elephants.

"Don't believe all that gunk about 'the lion is king of the jungle.' There's only one royalty in the veldt. It's big. It's grey. And it's female. The males, even though they're bigger than the females, have to settle for a lonely life of ostracism, soloing through the veldt until they're needed for the only job they can perform. Lady elephants lead, everyone else follows.

"Here's a pic of something Mac users used to see on their desktops. This one is called Big Daddy and takes about 45 minutes to climb.

"And finally, a Namibian sunset.

Pretty glorious, eh?"

Peter Goldberger: "It has been a good summer in New York City. Just turned 80, but still feel like 50. Melody and I became grandparents for the second time in March, welcoming Rhys to our daughter's family. I am still working full-time with my data management company, so I don't shrivel up and die. It keeps both my mind and body active.

"I am also still very active as a USTA, ITA (college) and WTA tennis umpire and busy as Section Referee Administrator for American Youth Soccer Organization in the Northeast."

My turn! All is wonderful here in New Jersey. In a couple of weeks, I'll be attending the installation of Peddie's new head of school (will be long past by publication date), along with David and Diane Mitchell. Mariann and I took our 25-year-old daughter to Bermuda in May for a long weekend. We're just grateful she's happy to spend the time with us! Planning a two-week cruise to Japan, China and Korea next spring, but it's so far off that it will be after the NEXT Chronicle deadline, so my news on that is 15 months away by next fall's publication date. Still working full-time on our new business, set to launch in about two to three weeks ... finally, after 21½ years of planning: remotecaretoday.com. Wish me luck!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, Happy New Year, etc., to you and yours! And a great big Ala Viva to one and to all!

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From **Bill Blackwell:** "Lonnie and I continue our retirement in Bonita, Fla. We spend our days in community service, fishing and enjoying the Florida environment.

"Two of our grandsons are now serving missions for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in South America — one in Argentina, and the

other in Brazil. They love their service there.

“We now have added a second great-grandchild to the clan. We are enjoying them as well as the rest of our grandchildren, the youngest of which is now starting high school. Time seems to be flying by, but I still remember my Peddie days with great fondness.”

From **Bill Northacker**: “Finished the year November 2024 with a trip to the Philippines to meet my family again, and hoped for the best the Embassy would not turn everyone away again as they had in October. Likely 700-1000 visa applicants, including my family, were told to return in November as the consulate computer system was not compatible with its new system. The good news is that after the November trip, things began to move. We all left Manila together via United Airlines, as I felt arriving on a flag carrier would be the best for immigration. Christian is a high school senior, and Charisse is in 8th grade. All of us are active in our ward in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

“While on my mission assignment, October 2023 to October 2024, I called our classmate **Rick Thompson** as I found out he was in Hillcrest Stake, same as me, here in Sandy. Sad, as I had wanted to share that I had been converted in 2021. Left a message and his wife called back advising he had died, 1 or 2 years before, from COVID while in the hospital for a series of successful cancer treatments.

“My wife, Alma, and I were married by the bishop 8 April 25 in our LDS meeting house chapel. She, Charisse and Christian are all US Army dependents and members of the church.

“Christian is interested in the USAF, so not sure if it will be enlisting or AFROTC. The problem with ROTC is that he must be an AMCIT when commissioned. Guess the F-35s at Hill AFB and the huge air museum must have impressed him. We’ve been looking at both Navy and Air Force. I worked as a Navy civilian for almost 20 years, so am very familiar with it. Spent four years in an AF air rescue squadron as a tactics and intel officer, and the Army 38 years. Also worked with the Marines and Coast Guard in conjunction with the Navy.

“Salt Lake is not much different from any other high-cost areas. Difference is the climate and magnificent mountains, scenery, hunting and fishing surrounding us. Don’t ski anymore due to injuries in Bosnia. Too bad. Just down the road 20 minutes (due to traffic lights) from the area’s best powder skiing resorts.

“Nothing interesting going on except being a husband and dad. Our oldest daughter, Christine, just graduated from college in Mindanao in August with highest honors. She had a bout with typhoid and was just released from the hospital this past week. I love Mindanao but have to bulk up on anti-malaria shots and other meds before travelling there.

“In one of my conversations with **Howard W. Koch** ‘33 years ago, he still remembered his years at Peddie and recited ‘Steady Old Peddie’ a few times, including when he received an Academy Award Oscar on stage at one of the awards shows as he moved his arms like a steam locomotive.

“Best Regards and Have a Great Holiday season.”

Your secretary is coasting along on post-prostate regimens; the blessing of which is “every day is a gift and enjoy it.” I am going to Greece for two weeks and will not be drinking any ouzo, for sure.

1967

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Jewels and **Larry Livoti** recently returned from visiting his younger daughter, Gabriella, and grandson in Osaka, Japan. “It was our fourth trip and third time for the magnificent cherry blossoms. She has lived off/on in Japan for eight years.

“From Osaka we sojourned south to Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. After that, we went on to Australia and New Zealand. I checked off scuba diving the Great Barrier Reef and shearing a sheep from the bucket list. All told, we were gone two months. I have been to 89 countries and will try to get to 100 within the year. My first country, Italy, was through Peddie. It was a one-time trip our sophomore year. I got the travel bug and have never been cured.”

Last week, Larry was recognized by the Florida Bar for 50 years of service.

Doug Lustig and his wife, Karen, celebrated their 50th anniversary by having the entire family take a cruise ... also saw Melissa and **John Gruen** who looked and were doing great while they visited us at our winter home.

My wife, Linda Kempin, and I plan on going to several boat shows, including in Point Pleasant, N.J., and Clayton, N.Y. Boating has proved to be a part of my life, starting at age 8. Boated on four of the five Great Lakes. Transited well over 200 locks on the inland waterways. Boated on the Atlantic and



Glen Grossman '74 and wife, Regina Meschko, at Grossman's 50th Reunion last spring.

Pacific Oceans and many U.S. lakes, plus a few in Europe, as well as the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean and the Mediterranean Sea. Repeatedly cruised the route between upstate New York and Miami.

1968

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I had a nice chat with **Earl Shepherd** recently. He was watching a baseball game and gave me a call. As luck would have it, I was actually at the very game he was watching!

Anyhow, the good news is he has completely recovered from his hospitalization. And he claims he is “almost completely retired” from his building products business. His son runs it now and Earl couldn’t be prouder of what the young man has accomplished. But I am not sure what “almost completely retired” really means. But I think a lot of us might be in that category.

I have had a chance to meet a few times with Jim Hamilton, Peddie’s new head of school. I hope you get to spend some time with him. He will do well at the school. He came from Berwick Academy in Maine. You will remember that’s where our Headmaster, Al Kerr, came from.

Our semi-regular Zoom calls with **Jim Soltz** continue. Jim Hamilton told

me he would like to join us. So let Soltz know of your availability.

1969

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Regrettably, I have little to report, as I have heard from no one in the last few months. I hope everyone is well. Who would have thought back in 1969 any one of us would live to be 75? I certainly did not. As I get older, I look back at my time at Peddie as a real life-changing event. I was floundering in my local public school; there were 40 or so students in each class, and by going to Peddie, having 8–10 students in each class benefited me. I would have been lost in the scuffle if I had remained in public school.

I now look back, reflecting on small snippets of time. Wilson Hall, for example. We were the last to live there. In my first year, I lived on the fifth floor. I don’t think I could make it up to the second floor now. We did not walk or run up those stairs; we bounded up and down, six or seven steps at a time. And the outside gutters were right off our open windows, like three feet wide, making it easy to climb out and get onto the roof. No fear. I didn’t smoke yet — that came later in college — so I was usually the lookout for those few who sneaked up to the roof to smoke. I remember “Pet Sounds” being played



Art Ammermuller '74 (far right) with the Peddie cross country team at the annual “Bullet” Bob Lawson '73 Memorial Picnic at his home in Belmar, N.J.

on the record player.

I remember waiting tables and watching the cooks making eggs. They would pour large bags of powdered eggs, add water and after achieving the perfect consistency, break out a few eggs and throw them in, including shells, making it appear that the eggs were “real.”

My first real concert was there too, at Peddie — Judy Collins playing for us. I was always told that there was a swimming pool in the basement. And those lovely gray tee shirts they gave us for gym or sports, with numbers on them — 2, 3, 4. It was not until I was married that I found out that the numbers were sizes. I think I brought home about eight or nine of them and wore them all the time until they turned into rags, some 10 or 12 years later.

1970

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I was the sole Class of 1970 graduate at our 55th Reunion last spring, but I was not lonely! Dozens of graduates welcomed me into their class ranks. Our mutual Peddie experiences bonded us beyond our years. Peddie’s warm hospitality was contagious; the enthusiastic Alumni & Development office staff were delightful. Food was great. Saturday night under the big tent, I hung out and compared notes with several class reporters. Head of School Peter Quinn inspired us with a few from-the-heart speeches. At Peddie, the focus is not just on academics and sports. Character development is an essential ingredient.

Bob Turco and **Gary Gray** are well and thriving. We almost connected in person during Alumni Weekend.

You’ve heard me say this before: Peddie is a much happier place than it was when we were students. Come back when you can.

1971

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Michael Wilcox was inducted into Bowling Green State University’s 2025 Academy of Distinguished Alumni in September, one of the university’s highest honors. He is chairman and CEO of Wilcox Financial and Wilcox Sports Management, two nationally recognized firms that provide elite financial services to high-net-worth individuals, entrepreneurs and industry leaders. A former standout on Peddie’s lacrosse team, Wilcox is also a member of the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame.

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Hi everyone, Glen Grossman here! After five decades at the helm as class secretary (with the occasional reprieve from **Kevin Marrazzo** and **Art Ammermuller**), **Al “Scooter” Masland**

has been keeping us informed, mobilized the troops and done everything possible to maintain a cohesive group. Scooter is fine, and remains president judge to the Court of Common Pleas in Carlisle, Pa. He is enjoying life with his wife, Debbie, and at last count, was watching three of their grandchildren (ages 1, 5 and 11) while making plans for a surprise party for their daughter. Scooter is stepping aside for this issue (see challenge from May Chronicle) and letting me take a shot at this column.

As you may know, Scooter, Art, **Mike "Schu" Schumacher** and I managed to convince a great number of classmates to return for our 50th Reunion. It was a rousing success, also due to the generosity of **Chuck Hector**, who hosted a separate party at his house. This year, there was a meager turnout. I counted eight! **Jeff Mohr, Joann Coates, Janice Brissette** and I rounded out the other regulars, Art, Scooter, **Steve Cohn** and **Mike McCrabb**, who returned for the DeGray Golf Outing.

Steve remembered a program from freshman year that transported students on a field trip to enjoy Broadway productions in New York City. They were allowed some free time to explore the city before showtime. Steve wandered off, consumed by the energy of the city, but realized he had to hurry back to make the opening curtain. Dashing as quickly as he could, he rounded a corner and slammed into a pedestrian. Looking up, he realized, golly Moses, that was Charlton Heston. That's New York!

Janice's sister Renee was so impressed with the spectacular turnout for our 50th, especially Chuck Hector's contribution, that she contacted me, trying to convince him to host the Class of '75 reunion. Chuck was very happy to oblige, but unfortunately, he had sold his house that summer. He did offer an alternative solution: He said the people who bought the house seemed quite lovely, and if I just knocked on their door asking them if they would mind hosting a reunion party, they might consider it. Ah well!

Art held his annual "Bullet" Bob Lawson '73 Memorial Picnic for the current cross country team. The former co-captain of the 1973 undefeated Hall of Fame cross country team explained that it all "started when the cross country team won a championship in 2012. I contacted (former coach) Chris Bright and told him I thought this was the first Peddie cross country team to win a championship since we did in 1973. He checked, and it was correct. So I threw a party

for them ... and at the party, Chris and I started talking. He said the team does a workout in Belmar, N.J., in the summer. I said, 'I live in Belmar, so after practice, come over with the team and I'll throw a party.' So three years later, the new coach and I thought the party should have a name. So the 'Bob Lawson Memorial Picnic' was born."

Linda (Perritt) Ward had an excellent reason for not attending this year's reunion. She was on a much-anticipated RV adventure with her husband, Richard, in Alaska. She forwarded this message in July: "Rich and I are In Seward, Alaska, where the Fourth is celebrated differently than in the lower 48. The sun doesn't go down until 11:30 p.m., so fireworks start very early in the morning of the Fourth. The hardest 5K on the planet is the big draw here, where contestants run up Mount Marathon and then run a controlled fall down the mountain. The angle of decline is 34 degrees on some parts of the mountain. Oh, and you choose your own route. We are not competing. I get dizzy just looking at the mountain. Hope you have a happy Fourth."

It's amazing how much music has influenced us over the years and shaped our lives. I remember freshman year, someone was selling vinyl records in front of Avery House.

One LP I bought was Cosmos Factory by CCR. My roommate, **Andy Blank**, loved it so much he would blast it at every opportunity. Just recently, Andy sent me a short video of him and his daughter attending a John Fogerty concert. If you listen carefully, you can hear them laughing as they jokingly sing along — there's a "bathroom" on the "right." Priceless.

In addition to the Broadway experiment, Headmaster Kerr decided to expand the minds of his students with a program called the Concert Club. This included excursions to Princeton to see the Grateful Dead and Frank Zappa. **Robert Krout, Henry Peddle, Chet Atkins** and **Scott Zifferer** all contributed amusing stories of the escapades of 14-year-olds exposed to this exciting experience in the email chains we shared. All I had to do was mention the Grateful Dead, and we were off to the races, talking about all the concerts from then to now they attended. This included Chuck's two-day immersion at the Sphere in Las Vegas. (Extra points to anyone who recognized my Jerry Garcia tie at the reunion.)

A number of years ago, my wife of 41 years, Regina Meschko, and I visited with **Kevin Marrazzo** and **Mary "Bunky" Runser**. (Incidentally, Kevin

and Bunky are celebrating 44 years since they married at the Peddie chapel.) We had a lovely evening at their home. At one point, I noticed a collection of glass seltzer siphons and was intrigued. Kevin proudly explained that he had his seltzer delivered and had been receiving it for years. Recently, I discovered the Brooklyn Museum of Seltzer. They had an extensive history of seltzer called Seltzertopia. I thought it would be fun to send an author-signed copy anonymously to Kevin for his birthday. About a month later, I texted him to see if he enjoyed the book. This took him entirely by surprise, and he couldn't stop laughing. He thought he was such a good customer, still having deliveries after all these years, that the company was rewarding him.

Now the Peddie administration is trying to entice us to come back in a new way. Instead of labeling us as the Old Gold and Blue, we shall henceforth be known as the Golden Jubilee. Now we don't have to wait every five years to return for reunions, because now we are extra special. Well, after half a century since graduation, we certainly are special. Our freshman class saw the transition from all boys to accepting girls in the school. We were the last to experience New Boy Hazing. Our senior class was the first to accept girl boarders. We were among the last to use Wilson Hall before its demolition, the old dining hall and the old gym. We saw a lot of changes, and if you come back, you will see many more transitions. Peddie remains very important to me, not just because of the academics, but because of the lasting friendships that helped shape the person I am today. My friendships are like family; time cannot loosen our bonds. So come on back, it's fun. Ala Viva!

1975

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At 6:30 p.m., the Saturday evening of Alumni Weekend 2025, I had never seen so many parked cars on campus my entire life, so I assume everyone else's class reunions were as successful as ours. While there were additional attendees, I'm sure, here is a log of those of our class who registered for our 50th early enough to make my list: **Jim Anderson, Robin Batchelor, Kieran Beer, Mark Brettschneider, Renee Brissette, Michael Brophy,**

Mary Bullock, Tony Crivelli, Charles Dewland, John Falciani, Jeff Farnham, Dan Fishbone, Denise Giacomozzi, Gordon Jamieson, Erik Larsen, Debbie Marton, Patty Miller, Tom Murphy, Mary Ann (Everham) Norcross, Bob Prezant, Cathy (Kozinski) Quinn, Bart Rogers, Scott Sackman, Mary Stella, Josie (Putnam) Vernon, Bruce Waldman, Claire Walton, Barry Wham and **Dave Williams**, plus me. While I didn't attend every event, I got the lowdown from others of what transpired when and was able to pass on to various absent classes' alumni, including our own **Tom Strong**, the festivities in detail afterwards. The event seemed week-long, counting all the phone calls, texts and emails through the week following. Cathy Kozinski Quinn was able to catch me off campus in person at one point, as we attended different events on campus at different times. A downside occurred on my end, interfering with my usual manic chatter and smiles, as on Alumni Weekend Friday I had learned the prognosis of former science teacher (and music contributions) Frank Towne, who had been admitted to the hospital the week before. He died the following weekend, where I, on a Peddie Facebook page, announced the news and initiated a week-long vigil of memories shared among years of alumni who knew him through science classes or drama club productions or had him as a hall master.

I would like to thank Director of Special Events **Laura-Lee (Hensle) Radtke '92**, former Director of Leadership Giving Ryan Baumuller and two very catering Peddie security staff for a very seamless time of my Alumni Weekend attendance that may not have become possible for me without them. We need to thank Renee Brissette for her taking the reins and coordinating a mass reach-out and intricate organization for the weekend, bringing a small team of us together (referenced in my last class notes) to help and for corralling so many attendees. It was fun. It seemed for me like a 50th Reunion half year, not just a weekend. Many thanks, too, to Associate Director of Engagement and Reunions **Bridgette McKnight '10**, who patiently and diligently stuck with us through the entire long process.

Well, I'll end here, as my tortoises need to be walked while the sun is out!

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Hello, Class of '77! I attended the reunion year for the Class of '75. Our own **Andy Walton's** sister **Claire Walton '75** was gracious enough to allow me to be her plus-one for her 50th Reunion. It was so much fun seeing all the people that we looked up to during high school. The old flames had no hair and grandchildren. We reminisced about how Harry Holcombe shaped our lives and how much we had changed as we grew older. Our future selves were shaped by our Peddie experiences. Well, Class of '77, we need to raise the bar for our 50th Reunion. It will be a great weekend, so mark your calendars and get ready for fun.

Does anyone remember Mr. Von asking them, "What did you learn today?" I learned something very important, and I wasn't the only one (thank you, Claire, for laughing at me). Who knew that Dean Pederson was not a dean of something (I thought it was religion) when he was employed by Peddie? Did you know that Dean was actually his first name? I always wondered why they didn't call him Dean Pederson when he was coaching soccer. They called him Coach, which is why I never put the title/name thing together. Yes, it is a 'duh' moment. I bet that I am not the only one who was confused. It will happen more and more as we age (but has nothing to do with this instance). See, you're never too old to learn something new at Peddie.

As alumni, we are influencing the next Peddie graduates. We invited current Peddie students to join us old folks for dinner. It turned into a great networking event for the kids who volunteered to help for the weekend. Let's remember that we can always reach back to coach and mentor future generations at Peddie. The "We Soar" dinners are the highlight of my past two years. I always remind the students that there are still people like me who sign their names legibly; who



Mimi (Boyce) Bennett '78 and husband, David, on a European cruise. (Left)

Class of 1978 friends (from left): Ann Rudakis-Malko, Abby Adlerman, Rick Gavenda, Pat (Thompson) Gavenda and Meg (McFarland) Symington gather at Malko's Lake Tahoe home over Labor Day weekend. (Right)



Kathy and Tracy Wellington '78 visit Yosemite National Park this summer.



Susan (Perritt) Jakober '78 and family in the Austrian Alps.

write notes on paper in cursive (and expect you to read it); and who, above all, will talk to you and expect to have a conversation (texting is not a substitute). I am happy to say that I adopted four new teenagers for the 2025–2026 school year.

So our 50th will be in less than two years, and we need to get together and see what we wanna do. The Class of '75 had a memorial service for those who have departed. I liked the idea and would like to reserve the library for us to follow suit. **Jeff Intravolata** estimated the number of people he thinks will be attending our reunion to be approximately 18. (Walton says she better be one of the 18, 'cause she will be in Jersey for the occasion.) So let's rally the troops and save the first weekend in June 2027 for food and friends in "Highstown" (remember the misspelling on the mugs we were given at graduation). If you want to practice, come for the Class of '76 reunion and see what they do. By the way, the Class of '75 is crashing our reunion, and we are going to have a great time.

I don't know how many people grew up going to Peddie reunions, but I did, and the family goal was to make it to the Old Guard age. That is where those really old guys (50th Reunion) walked a banner from Memorial Hall to Geiger Reeves, and all the classes paraded to the alumni welcoming ceremony. After which, they walked back to the chapel for the service there. I think the banners are still around. Heck, I have three Peddie letter jackets from the '50s and my father's tie. I don't know what happened to the freshman beanies. I am in discussions with the Alumni and Development office to get a banner and march from the library (aka the Alumni and Development office) to Memorial Hall (now Annenberg Hall). That's gonna be fun because there's a flagpole in the middle of the route. Think about what we want to fly from the flagpole as we pass. We need to start planning so we craft a very special 50th. And for the record, I can't believe that I was in high school half a century ago. We look fabulous.

Spencer Cohn sent me a clip of his latest project, "Judge Silverback." I told him it was disturbing and also a timely commentary on society. Catch it on YouTube. **Ray Monasterski** wrote, "Not sure if I have anything column-worthy. With the exception of our son's epic wedding in September 2021, just a few months after the passing of my best friend in the world, Beth — my wife, his mother — and the arrival of our beautiful granddaughter 18 months ago, really nothing spectacular to report. Unless you want to

know about all the lovely surgeries I've had to keep me put together! LOL. It's the way things go." We are going to compare scars and diagnoses at the reunion. Niede, Mooch and Jeff are always touching base or showing up for Alumni Weekend, so hugs, guys. Walton, get your butt to N.J. We need to go sailing on Barnegat Bay. Maybe a nice young man will rescue Donna, you and me." (Like we needed rescuing. Thanks, Bob.)

If you're interested in being on the planning committee, please let the Alumni and Development office know, and start planning.

I retired in July. My self-imposed "honey-do" list has been keeping me busy.

Peace out, y'all.

1978

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Greetings from our nation's capital. It seems almost impossible that our 50th Reunion is now just 30 months away — in June 2028! It may feel far off, but time will move quickly, so please block that weekend on your calendar now. Start making plans to reconnect with classmates, share stories and celebrate this milestone together. I truly hope ours will be a reunion "like nobody's ever seen before!" (See what I did there?)

Kathy and I enjoyed a wonderful trip to California this past August. We spent time with our son in Marina del Rey before setting out on an eight-day, 1,200-mile road trip through some of the state's most remarkable landscapes. Two highlights stood out: Yosemite National Park and Hearst Castle — each unforgettable in its own way.

Hearst Castle, the legendary estate of William Randolph Hearst, took nearly three decades to build. At its height, the property stretched across 250,000 acres — including 18 miles of California coastline along Highway 1. The fortune that made it possible began with Hearst's father, George, who struck gold as a prospector, while William expanded the family's wealth through publishing — much like **Walter Annenberg '27**.

Yosemite offered an entirely different kind of grandeur. First protected by President Lincoln in the mid-19th century, it remains one of America's great natural treasures. Standing before El Capitan, a 3,000-foot granite monolith — twice the height of the Empire State Building — it's hard to

imagine anyone wanting to climb it, yet many do. Just as moving were the ancient giant sequoias of Mariposa Grove, some believed to be 2,700 years old. If you haven't yet visited the great national parks — Yosemite, Yellowstone and others — I can't recommend them strongly enough.

The great Class of '78 has been on the move — cruising through Europe, touring South America and gathering at Lake Tahoe. There are joyful milestones: new grandchildren, anniversaries and reunions that remind us how strong Peddie bonds remain decades later. Others write of transitions like new jobs and new homes, while some celebrate personal triumphs, like good health and long-awaited clarity in family history. From the white sands of Florida to the terraced gardens of the Amalfi Coast, our class spirit remains as vibrant as ever.

Joe Maressa: "Linda and I are building a duplex in Sea Isle, N.J. Should be completed by late September. We went on a 10-day European cruise a couple months ago and have been enjoying our home and shore house most of the summer. Kids are doing great as time marches on. Unfortunately, there are no grandkids on the horizon. I was recently made chairman of the South Jersey Port Corporation, which specializes in breakbulk cargo and owns four terminals along the Delaware River. Title business, law practice and development company are all busy, no plans for me to slow down anytime soon."

Maggie (Selecky) Worsdale: "All is well here in Charleston, S.C. My husband, Tom, and I are heading to South America this fall for a vacation, and I'll be singing at a jazz festival in Buenos Aires, Argentina. We had dinner with **Susan (Perritt) Jakober** and her husband, Rick, last month when they vacationed on the Isle of Palms. **Donna (Deferro) Ridgeway** and her husband, John, welcomed granddaughter #2 on August 15."

Rick Gerwick: "I returned to New Jersey in April and reconnected with classmates from Rumson Country Day School. Everyone was friendly, and even though I haven't kept in touch, it was nice to see them again. I'm still friends with **Jeff Wrightson '79**, he's laid-back and a genuinely nice guy. I also met a lovely lady there, **Tracey Wetmore '97**. These days, I'm sorting out Medicare options, which feel a little confusing, but I'll figure it out by the time I enroll. I'm happy in Florida — heat, humidity and palm trees are my happy place."

Mimi (Boyce) Bennett: "My husband and I, along with seven others, just got

back from a glorious European cruise. We visited Rome, Naples, Italy; Sicily; Tunis, Tunisia; Carloforte, Italy; Mallorca and Barcelona, Spain; Saint Tropez, France; Monte Carlo; Corsica, France; Sardinia, Italy; Florence, Italy, and back to Rome. I have been fighting ovarian cancer since '22 and got the good news that it is in remission, so it was a great celebration! Hope everyone is well and healthy — never take it for granted."

David Apy: "As with all of us, life marches on. This past Sunday, Tricia and I came back to the house, after dropping off for grad school in Washington a young man from India who had been staying with us between undergraduate and graduate school, to find for the first time in 38 years, it was just us living in the house. It has never been just the two of us. Pray for us! I also resigned in April as an assistant attorney general with the State of New Jersey and joined the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection as a senior advisor. This is my last hooray before retirement, sometime in the next 12–36 months. Best to all."

Kurt Bilderback: "Big update to the Bilderback family. On March 30, Lynn and I welcomed our new grandson, John Cole, into the family. What a wonderful experience. I wish it for everyone. Lynn and I did manage to slip away in February on a cruise through the Caribbean. In April, we did a three-week tour of Italy, visiting Rome, Pompeii, the Amalfi Coast and Taormina in Sicily, where Lynn's family is from. The last week, we spent in a villa on Lago De Garda, touring the regions and the Alps. Hope all is well with the rest of the Class of 1978!"

Ann Rudicus-Malko: "I hosted a fairly significant alumni gathering at our vacation home in Lake Tahoe over Labor Day weekend! The **Gavendas (Pat Thompson and Rick), Abby (Adlerman)** and Brian Platter and **Meg (McFarland)** and John Symington, all joined us. I don't think we could have laughed any harder than we did. My husband keeps a restored 1956 wooden Chris-Craft on the lake, and we had a great day cruising around and swimming."

Meg (McFarland) Symington: "Ann Rudicus-Malko, Abby Adlerman, Rick Gavenda, Pat Thompson Gavenda and I got together at the Malkos' Lake Tahoe home over Labor Day weekend. We were together with Tom Malko, Brian Platter and John Symington for a memorable mini reunion. We enjoyed an outing on the lake in Tom's beautifully restored 1956 Chris-Craft wooden boat, hiking on Donner



Chip Schulz '79 dug up senior-year photo gems. Can you name these alumni? (Top and Above)



The Class of 1980 reunites during Alumni Weekend in June.

Summit and swimming in Donner Lake. It was wonderful to catch up with old Peddie friends. John and I are expecting our first grandchild at the end of September, so I'll be visiting Twentynine Palms, Calif., in October, where Emily and her husband, Dann, now live. Ala Viva!"

Abby Adlerman: "By now, you might have heard about or seen some photo-documentation of a recent gathering in Lake Tahoe. Five of us alumni (Ann, Meg, Pat, Rick & I) and three willing spouses (Tom, John and Brian). You know it's a good weekend when everyone, to a person, said, "I thought this would be fun, but it far exceeded expectations!"

Pat and Rick Gavenda: "We have known these ladies since getting to Peddie our freshman year! Great catching up with each of them along with their better half. The weather, the location, the laughs and being hosted by Ann and Tom made for a fabulous

holiday weekend. As far as the Gavendas, what started at Peddie continues today, as we just celebrated our 41st anniversary. Between two kids, their significant others, four grandkids, friends, families, careers and the ever-changing world we live in today ... our lives are full! Look forward to seeing all at the 50th Reunion."

Jess Huff: "For those who saw my last post about my search for my father's 'stolen twin,' I have done it. With all genealogical chromosomal segmentation proof and more, I have discovered my grandmother had triplets in 1918 in Brooklyn, NY. Two were stolen, given to brothers and raised as cousins. The third was my father. My father grew up never knowing anything. And the best part is, I have found and spoken to the family of the stolen triplets. The story has come full circle over 100 years later."

If you missed Jess' notes last fall, here's an excerpt for context. "2014:

A near-fatal car crash leaves me with a traumatic brain injury. I joined ancestry.com to help my brain, and I immediately hit a brick wall. I learned there have been no New York City vital records available for decades. 2020: The tipping point comes with the release of the records (finally!) in 2020, through RTR.com (reclaimtherecords.com). They sued NYC under the Freedom of Info Act and won access to real records.

"Finally, and most importantly, I am a chromosomal segmentation match (I share an heir) with multiple members of the family tree where my dad's triplets were placed. The family knows about me, even though they wish they didn't."

Lisa (Ranft) Mavrogianis: "For all you drama club alumni, Tracy and I have been bantering about Harry memories. I remember a yellow and brown (or was it black?) plaid jacket with a velvet bow tie. Always the bow

tie. The anticipation of show reveals, auditions and cast announcements on those handwritten (in script) poster boards by Wilson mailboxes. Blocking in the basement of Wilson. Those notes after rehearsals in Geiger Reeves until midnight and beyond, with all those F words. Imagine that now?! And hanging on the fire escape of Geiger Reeves during performances awaiting entrances. Not to mention the pool and dressing rooms below. Today, I'm moving through history and the tech scene at the largest healthcare organization in the world. Attended my 20th U.S. Open Tennis event and second French trip in between. This year's Honey Duce commemorative cup at the Open highlighted those amazing women from the 1970s and 1980s: Billie Jean King, Chris Everett, Martina Navratilova and Steffi Graf. Whole new cast of characters today. Off to planning the next trip to Wimbledon and the Amalfi Coast."

Susan (Perritt) Jakober: “It’s been a while since I’ve updated the Chronicle, but as always, life’s been busy! We moved from Allentown, N.J., (a nice, short, 12-minute drive to the lab, where my husband and I still work in Hightstown) to Solebury Township, just outside of New Hope, Pa. It’s a much longer commute to Perritt Labs, but we live in a forest on a ‘mountain’ in absolute serenity! We hear the New Hope tourist train whistle, lots of birds, the occasional cow and that’s it! No more New Jersey Turnpike or I-195 noises. We visited the Austrian Alps and the Austria Formula 1 Grand Prix with **Erich Jakober ’05** and family (two grandsons!) and **Kirstin Jakober ’19** and her boyfriend.”

Thanks to everyone who submitted notes and pictures; your updates bring our class story to life. For those we have not heard from in a while, I encourage you to join in next time; your voice and memories are an important part of our shared history. Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year!

1979

To submit news or if you are interested in serving as class secretary, email editor@peddie.org.

From **Becky Smith:** “My husband, Doug, and I are enjoying retirement in Crozet, Va., in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. We’re traveling lots; recent trips include Italy, Emerald Isle, Hawaii, St. Thomas and a Rhine River cruise. When we’re not traveling, I’m keeping busy with extended learning through Duke and UVA, Duke sports and spending as much time as possible with our granddaughter, Isabella. She is down the road in Roanoke, Va., with my daughter and her husband. My son and his wife live in Vancouver, British Columbia, but we’ve been blessed to have them join us on a few vacations and holidays. Next big trip planned is Disney with Isabella! I’d love to catch up with more of you.”

Chip Schulz dug up a few photo gems from his senior year to share. He reports that he’s still in touch with several classmates.

1980

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What an amazing time we had at our 45th Reunion! Thank you to everyone who came back to campus and to those who were with us in spirit. Those who made it back included, in no particular order, **Mark Sweetland, Joe Tricomi, Jeff Barth, Ron Immesberger, Bill Gaillard, Buz Conover, Wight Martindale, Dave Armellini, Mark Young, Bill Kentsbeer, David Shea, Jen (Brown) DeSutter, Alene (Bronfman) Court, Gail (Huffmire) Dickenson, Suzy (Wojciechowicz) Caldwell, Karen (Hall) Yingling, Beth (Lichtman) Liess, Mary Jean (Spatt) Mucciarone** and me. As we reminisced, rekindled old friendships and caught each other up on our lives, we spent some time remembering and sending energy out to **Ray Manyoki**, who was in hospice and subsequently passed away on June 16, after a long battle with glioblastoma. We also remembered **Tom Rancich**, who died in 2023, and **Jack Fonss**, in 2024.

There was much laughter as we remembered pranks, in particular, the sheep in Memorial Hall. Master pranksters Beth (Lichtman) Liess and Dave Armellini had us in stitches that morning, and his description of the day was everything.

Leading up to the reunion, I had the opportunity to connect with a few others who couldn’t make it back to campus this year, but have high hopes for them making the 50th! **Mark Boillotat, Sue (Falloona) Carroll, Megan (Thompson) Hand, Michele (McGuirk) Emanuel, Michele (Rosner Saunders), Jim Harris, Dan Kremens, Andy Kligman, Elise Moser, Carrie Parker, Theresa (Shaffer) Wethington** and **GB Wertz**, no excuses next time! If I did not mention you, it is only because we have not been in touch. I would love to hear from you, and I hope that you will consider joining us for our Blue and “Golden” reunion in 2030!

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For over 150 years, The Peddie School has offered students the skills

necessary to develop entrepreneurial spirits and become transformational leaders. By offering a highly effective approach to scholastics, Peddie leverages respect, communications and collaboration to reshape communities worldwide. It has touched each of our lives with a life-changing experience.

So why not make a difference at Peddie, as a class or individually? We can contribute to The Peddie Fund or one of the endowed funds. The time is now for many of us to support Peddie in a vibrant and ever-changing way.

The Class of ’81 recently created a memorial placard, located in the Gratitude Garden, in honor of **Michael Baylin**, thanks to **Charlie Burton**. The Garden is outside the arts center. As Charlie adds, “We’ll be dedicating Michael’s garden at our 45th Reunion. Hoping we have a big class reunion attendance for such! Michael loved Peddie and it’s nice he’ll be acknowledged for such over time.”

1982

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Hey, Class of ’82. I guilted/threatened a few classmates into sharing some info, so without further ado: **Gabrielle Schultz** writes that “my life has been complicated since my mother passed away, and taking care of my father, who just turned 95. I am doing well, and my daughter is great. Have two wonderful rescue cats and a dog.”

First-time submitter **Cliford MacDermid** couldn’t ignore my sheer desperation for class news, so adds his short story: “I am a simple retail pharmacist at a small local clinic here on Olde Cape Cod, Mass. My wife is trying to find a way to retire from her job as an ICU RN, but doesn’t want to lose the wonderful health insurance, which covers our two boys until they are 26. They are 23 and 24 now and are reasonably happy. I’ll be flying out to Seattle to see my young friend **Joe Triolo ’83** and his wife in a few weeks.”

Congratulations to **Sharon Robb**: “I just finished an MBA. We are currently in Scotland, headed to London in a few days, celebrating the grind that was my life for 18 months. Looking to be queen of the lab (lab director). Go me!” **Gus Skopas** sent some new news in: “Miss Peddie high school days! Amazing institution! I also coach basketball, soccer and volleyball, which keeps me young, and gives back to society!” And some big news from **Roger Durling**: “This past May, I delivered

the commencement speech for Syracuse University’s College of Visual Performing Arts, where I graduated 40 years ago. It was definitely one of the highlights of my life. Then, about two weeks later, I was at Peddie to lead a conversation with Peter Quinn during Alumni Weekend. Later in July, I flew out to Scotland for a second time. I’m in love with that country. First time, I visited the east coast. And now we did the west coast and north. I highly recommend that vacation. I am currently celebrating two years of piano learning as an adult. I had never learned a musical instrument, nor had learned to read music. I’m really enjoying it. I think of Frank Towne often when I play.”

Now, I (John G.) was fortunate enough to be in Geiger Reeves when Roger did his live interview with Peter Quinn, and it was genuine and heartfelt, and you could tell that they both knew each other so well that they could go back and forth and needle each other, and the end result was something special.

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From **Timothy Burns**: “After moving to Wilmington, N.C., Alison and I are settling into our new home and the prospects of retirement. Tucker, our oldest and a USMC gunnery sergeant, and his wife, Dani, just celebrated their first anniversary with a wedding celebration on Long Island. They continue to reside in San Diego. Catherine “Kate,” a USCG Academy graduate, has just graduated from P.A. school and completed her rotations at Tripler Army Hospital in Honolulu. She currently serves as a lieutenant in Cape May, caring for recruits.”

1984

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Greetings ’84ers! Let’s get right to it. **Gina (Rothman) Banks** says, “After

changing my career to become a middle school language arts teacher at the age of 39, this was my 20th ‘Back to School’ year. I’m so excited I made the career switch when I did. In other news, my daughter graduated from the University of Tampa last May with a degree in psychology and a minor in dance. The job search is underway. I had a great summer and traveled to Hawaii on an awesome girls’ trip with two old friends. Lots of beach days and trips to New York City as well. I think about 2026, and can’t believe that we will all be turning the big 60!”

Alain Tchiprout says, “I’m recently retired from teaching art in SoCal, and currently hanging out at a whiskey bar to write this email, where one of my four kids is serving cocktails. In a couple of weeks, I road-trip to Baja Sur for the winter for some much-needed windsurfing. Cheers, and stay awesome.”

Ned Breslin checked in and had this to say: “Biggest news for me is the publication of my book, ‘Praisesong: Delivering Food on the Ukrainian Frontline.’ Celebrates the people I worked with and the people who stayed in the communities along the frontline to care, witness and offer food and compassion to those caught in the horror of Russian aggression. Proceeds are reinvested back into Ukraine.” Ned’s book is available on Amazon.

Pete Grill sends his best. I’m hoping to get to see him soon!

Josie Wennemyr (we knew her as Jocelyn Williams) sent a nice email. In it, she says, “I am enjoying newfound freedom in my retirement since May 2025. Now, among other things, I do woodworking for fun, lots of hiking and traveling and spending time with my adult children. In reflection, I realize that my Ph.D. and many of my professional/academic pursuits were outgrowths of the foundation I secured at Peddie. I still count the friendships I made at Peddie as my closest. At the time, I didn’t recognize that entering Peddie as a junior in 1982 could’ve possibly created such an enduring and meaningful trajectory of my life. I am grateful.”

Kate (Riley) Andrew recently served as a support worker for the annual Anchor House Ride for Runaways — a 500-mile, one-week bike ride to raise money for Anchor House, which serves runaway children. Kate’s husband, **Mark ’85**, does the riding while Kate is one of the people who make the Ride possible.

Patti DeBlasis Wendling shared: “Even in these very bizarre and trying times, there are still things in life that



Gus Skopas ’82 with his four children. (Left)

Director of Engagement and Stewardship Dina Schwab meets Garrett Smith ’83 by chance at Harpoon Brewery in Heartland, Vt., this summer. (Right)



Louise (Lou) Ford Gartner, granddaughter of Mark ’84 and Ann Gartner, finds skis in her size. (Left)

Patti DeBlasis Wendling ’84 and her husband split time between Minnesota and France. (Right)



The Class of 1985 gathers under the tent at Alumni Weekend in June.

are sweet. We're grateful for our family and friends, and whenever I think about Peddie, I smile. My husband and I are still working in Minnesota and we travel to our home in Alsace, France, every few months. Life is somehow slower there and more relaxed.

"I talk with **Jane O'Connor (Kwalick)** every week and she and T.J. are doing great in Reno, Nev.

"I plan on visiting for a few weeks around Thanksgiving to help my mom out with a knee replacement surgery, so I'll be in Bucks County, Pa., if anyone wants to connect.

"I'm sending so much love and lightness to everyone."

As for me, I'm living vicariously through my wife, Ann, who lives in New Hampshire during the school year, providing daycare for our soon-to-be two-year-old granddaughter Louise (Lou). I'm here at Peddie if you ever want to stop by for a tour!

1985

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Ciao and greetings to you all! Keep reading for a recap of 40th Reunion news. Please keep in touch and email/FB message/text me whenever you want to reach out, or plan to be in Chicago!

We had so much fun at our reunion in June. Campus is so different from when we were there. The weekend started with a gathering at Hightstown's local brewery, Old Hights Brewing. The owner's family has been neighbors of ours on South Main Street for many years, and it's great to see how well the brewery is doing and get a tour. Hung out with **Greg Rabinowitz**, **Greg Smith** and **Jose (Jochi) Nola** there. Jose splits his time between the United States and Puerto Rico as a business lawyer. Greg R. is, of course, running his recycling business and has the best memory ever of all things high school. If you ever forget something, check with him!

Saw **Rich DeSalvo** and his wife, Stacie. They live in Massachusetts. **Trish (Moran) Petty** and Mark are in Gainesville, Fla., and Trish creates the most lovely paintings! Find her work at @TrishPettyBeeCreative.

Chris Acito, his wife **Jaleh Amouzegar** and his brother **Tim Acito '86** joined us on Saturday, changing some travel plans to be able to attend. During a break in the reunion activities, and wanting to see my mom, Linda Martinelli, they came with us and a few others to my parents' house

to catch up. Joining us were **Carissa Carisse**, the two Gregs, **Jon Ellinghaus** and his wife, Joy, and **Jay Owens**. You may remember my mom as your registrar at Peddie or your field hockey coach! She loves catching up with everyone, and she and my dad are doing well.

Great to see Jay, who spent junior and senior year with us at Peddie. He's in Los Angeles, where he and his wife, Marya, run RetroSpecs in West Hollywood (and a few other cities as well), lovingly restoring vintage eyewear. Jonathan Ellinghaus and his wife, Joy, are doing well in New York. Their daughter is at SUNY Purchase, Jonathan's band Miles East is busy performing (check out his latest album, "Between Lightning and Thunder") and Joy runs their rental properties on Long Island.

Chatted with **Sue Groveman** during a cocktail reception for former Head of School Peter Quinn's retirement. She's a registered dietician at a hospital in Philadelphia, and her daughter turned 16 this year. Her focus is with children on the autism spectrum. **Fran (Strauber) Hezrony** joined us in the tent on Saturday evening (after applying a lot of peer pressure), and we were so glad to see her! She brought her youngest son, who joined the party and danced half the evening. I'm not sure we would have done so much dancing if he hadn't encouraged us!

Keith Kaplan is living the good life in Palm Springs, Calif., with his husband, Mike, and is largely retired from his work with real estate and the mall gigs. Saw **Rick Miller**, **Tony Proccacino**, **Steve Sargenti**, **Todd Travia** and his wife, **Kara Martindale '86**, and **Mark Wittenborn** hanging out in the tent on Saturday. There never seems to be enough time to chat with everyone! **Karen Steward '86** joined us on Saturday as well.

Jeff Reilly attended with his gal Jen; they live in Sunnyvale, Calif. Hung out with **David Smithgall**, **Denise Wentzler** and **Eddie Yu**.

Big thanks to **Leslie (Kulthau) Maniotes**, who sent this update to me: "I was sad to miss seeing everyone at our 40th Reunion this year. I had really hoped to be there! I enjoy following many of you on Facebook and other social media. And I have recently connected with some of our classmates for mini gatherings, which I love! This summer was full of travel and a major professional pivot. I'm finding that life at this age is full of big transitions, isn't it?"

"Since 2000, I've been living on the Front Range of Colorado with my husband, Bill (originally from

Athens, Greece), and our daughter. She's now a sophomore at CU Boulder and recently spent the summer in Bali, Indonesia, studying sustainability in business. Before her coursework began, I joined her for a wonderful week in Singapore.

"On the professional side, I've been running my own education consulting practice for the past decade, specializing in inquiry-based learning. My work grows out of my own dissertation research and a family legacy: My mother, an international scholar in information and library science, pioneered the Information Search Process. Building on that foundation, she, my sister **Ann Caspari '83** — a Smithsonian Museum educator — and I co-authored the original Guided Inquiry books, which continue to shape classroom instruction worldwide.

"This year brought an exciting new chapter, as I was invited to co-lead the North Carolina AI Fellows program with Google. I'm working with educators to integrate AI into teaching — not as standalone AI activities, but woven into Guided Inquiry Design®, a framework in which students develop curiosity, critical thinking and the ability to ask better questions while collaborating productively with technology.

"My consulting practice reaches schools and districts internationally, and I'd love for you to visit my newly-revamped website: GuidedInquiryDesign.com."

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Neil Schamban asks, "When's the next Peddie reunion? I may try to make my first one! More time these days with kids grown and almost grown." Neil, we hope to see you and all of our classmates the first weekend in June 2027 for our 40th!

Ariana Bocco writes: "I started a new job in January as the head of global distribution for an up-and-coming

theatrical and streaming company called Mubi. They're based in London, so I've been traveling quite a bit, but still enjoying working from the Jersey Shore. Otherwise, enjoying spoiling my dog and getting to see my nieces as much as I can."

Mary Becker writes: "Back to teaching as usual, was in Boston, Chicago and Eastern Europe in summer, all a treat! Missed catching up with Peddie folks and hoping to do it soon. Best of luck to all the students who are starting school this fall, and the parents who help them."

Jason Meyers writes: "I have been all settled in Bangkok for almost five months now, and it's the best decision I've ever made. After five-plus years of planning and getting everything in motion, I cannot even begin to express how amazing it is to actually live in Thailand and not be just a tourist. Every day is a new adventure, and I never know what I am going to do until five minutes before I actually do it. The possibilities are endless — from the food to the culture to the wonderful people to the markets to the Buddhist temples to the stray cats who join you while you're eating the best meal of your life for under \$2 USD, etc. And believe it or not, the complete lack of stress and BS takes a bit of getting used to, but that's not such a difficult obstacle to overcome. Anyone who is reading this should feel free to hit me up if you ever plan a visit to this incredible country — it may just change your life!"

Michael Barcless writes: "It's all status quo out here ... haven't even seen a kick-ass concert worth mentioning! Enjoy the fall! I can't wait for cooler temps here in Phoenix; it was another brutally hot summer."

Josh Pasher writes: "Our oldest son, Max, is moving into his first 'real' apartment this month. We had a very nice vacation in the Corolla area of the Outer Banks with a group of 18 people and survived the hurricane while there. The fall has been filled with lots of high school soccer."

John Coiro writes: "I have retired from my family business and now I am on the board. I am very involved in my new business: Enceladuspartners.com. I have started a small private equity firm. We invest in small, mid-sole market, independently-owned private companies. We have three companies under our ownership. I am now living in Boca Raton as a Florida resident! I will spend summers in New Jersey in Mantoloking. This summer, I ran into **Bill Brick** one morning in a deli parking lot with his daughter. I played golf several times with **Bill**

McCarthy '85, **Brad Pecoraro '86** and **Sal Profaci '86**. They are all doing well. If anyone is in the South Florida area, please let me know."

My husband, Lee, and I went on a cruise with my whole family in August (including **Robert Newman '90**). We went on a small cruise to the New England Islands. I ate lots of lobster and was able to do several bicycle tours (on Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and Block Island). We lucked out and had perfect weather. When we came back from the cruise, we moved my parents into a beautiful independent-living place nearby. Lee keeps asking when we can move in. Found out we need to be at least 60. I'm still working from home and still enjoy working in shorts and flip-flops!

1988

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From **Jonathan Greene**: "After 12 years of working for other brokerages as a real estate agent and broker, I just opened my own in Madison, N.J. Streamline is a data-driven, investor-friendly, independent real estate brokerage. My oldest is also about to head out to the Philippines for two months to do volunteer work rebuilding schools on Catanduanes with All Hands and Hearts. My most recent Peddie in-person connections were with **Beth Flowers** in Asheville, N.C., and **Jim Thomas** in Mendham, N.J., where I live, when he was home to see his parents. I still keep in touch with **Hank Bounds**, **Greg Bunt** and so many others, thanks to Facebook and Instagram.

From **Tricia Robles**: "I took my annual trip to Kennebunk, Maine. **Reid Potter '92** lives in Portland, Maine, and took us sailing. **Tappen (Potter) Noble** and **McHala (Williams) Brophy '88**, with their families, live in Boston. My family and I live in Dallas. This October, I celebrate 25 years with Procter & Gamble. **Michele (Conklin) Williams '90** and I have seen one another lots this summer. **Kim Hocker** was in Dallas earlier this year, and we were able to meet up and have lunch."

From **Lisa Hunter Romanelli**: "My husband and I were thrilled to see our daughter, Sofia, graduate from Peddie in May! Our sons, **Luca '26** and



Tappen (Potter) Noble '89 sails in Portland, Maine, with her brother, Reid Potter '92. (Left)

Amy Margolis '89 with husband, David, and dog, Ruby, on the Oregon Coast. (Right)

From left: Kim Hocker '89 and Tricia Robles '89 meet for lunch in Dallas earlier this year. (Left)

From left: Tricia Robles '89 and Michele (Conklin) Williams '90. (Middle)

From left: Tappen (Potter) Noble '89, Tricia Robles '89 and McHala (Williams) Brophy '88 reunite in Maine this summer. (Right)



From left: Lisa Hunter Romanelli '89, Sofia Romanelli '25, former Head of School Peter Quinn and Luca Romanelli '26 at Sofia's graduation from Peddie in May. (Left)

From left: Carl Risoldi '89, Greg Dalin '89 and Jason Van Brunt '89 reunite. (Right)



From left: Brad Strauss '91, Scott Strauss '88, Scott Gill '91 and Glenn Neufeld '88 spend a week on St. Maarten. (Left)

From left: Brad Strauss '91 and Scott Gill '91 visit Newport, R.I., in August. (Right)



From left: Clarence Ling '01 P'29, Kanya Hasegawa '99 P'29, Gerald Yu '86 P'29 and Patrick Ting '91 P'29 at the welcome dinner for new international families in August.

Blake '29, are also Peddie students.”

As for me, I am doing well and loving my life in the little mountain town of Sisters, Ore. I am now 25 years as a physician assistant, and finally have my dream job as a surgical first assistant, making my own schedule. I also teach fitness classes at two local gyms and spend as much time outside with my husband and our dog. Keep the updates coming — I love hearing about how all our classmates are doing after all this time.

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It was wonderful to see **Wendy Schwieger, Stephanie Martin** and **Jon Siegel** back on campus during Alumni Weekend. We celebrated the Class of 1990's 35th Reunion and honored the retirement of longtime faculty member and Head of School Peter Quinn.

We are already looking ahead to our big reunion in June and hope for a strong turnout from our class! Jon and I are working with **Anne (Moles) Mulick, Carin Kramer, Lynda Wagner, Adam Norton, Scott Walker** and **Brad Strauss** to plan something special for the occasion. Stay tuned for details, and please confirm your email address with us.

I have been lucky to spend time traveling over the last few months with Brad Strauss. First, we spent a week on St. Maarten with his brother, **Scott Strauss**, and our good friend **Glenn Neufeld**, both from the Class of 1988. Last month, we visited Newport, R.I., and Portland, Maine.

I recently enjoyed dinner and drinks with Peddie's new head of school, Jim

Hamilton. I am excited about his energy on campus and look forward to his leadership in the coming years. Jim has also graciously agreed to join our class over Zoom to share updates about Peddie and meet some of us. If you want to be part of that conversation, please email Jon and me.

Once again, we would love to see as many of you as possible at Alumni Weekend, so please book your plane, train, rental car and hotel room for the weekend of June 5–6!

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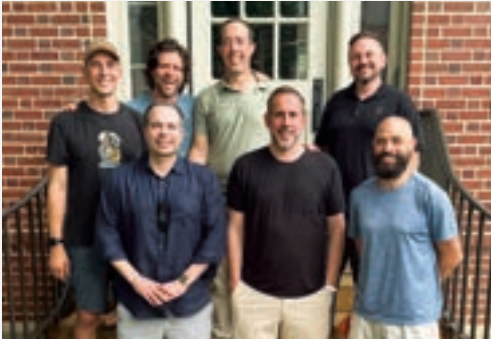
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Lesia Bilak-Schinnerer was inducted into the University of Richmond Athletic Hall of Fame for tennis in October.



Jonathan Maslow '96, Patrick Dennis '98 and David Thompson '96 reunite with families on Nantucket, Mass., this summer. (Left)

From left: Chris Rogers '96, Ross Turco '96 and Bob Turco '70 sign a mortgage for an indoor sports center in N.J. (Right)



In front of Trask Dormitory, where they lived in 1997–98: top row (from left), Andrew Scrivani '00, Jonah Eidus '98, Mike Daly '98, Charlie Townsend '99; bottom row (from left), Jim Scrivani '98, Kreighton Reed '98, Brian Coldren '98. (Left)

Kevin Shane '99 (left) with Sterling Mudge '99, Sarah (Roberts) Mudge '99 and their children, Arlo and Olive, on Long Beach Island, N.J., this summer. (Right)

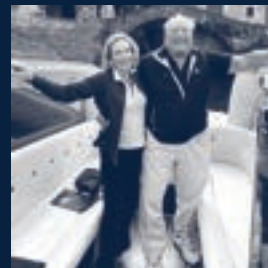
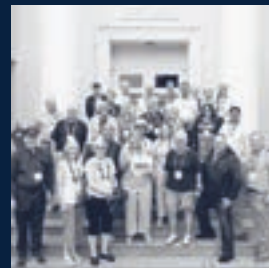
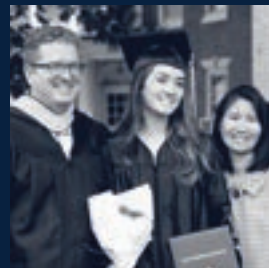


Drew Jones '96 with his Emmy for Outstanding Travel, Adventure and Nature Wildlife Documentary. (Left)

From left: Hanjin Lew '96, Alex Jung '24, Yeon Soo Joo '13 and Joo Hee Park '09 gather for dinner in Seoul, South Korea, in June. (Right)



Kris Frazier '96 and daughter (valedictorian) with Conor Barnes '97 and son (salutatorian).



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As we approach our 30th Reunion, I hope you all are making plans to meet up in June! My daughter graduated from high school and started at George Washington University this fall. She graduated with **Conor Barnes '97's** son. I am still getting used to my oldest being in college, but thankfully, I still have my boys at home who are 15, 12 and 10!

Chris Rogers writes, "**Ross Turco and Bob Turco '70** and I signed a mortgage on an indoor sports center in New Jersey. I'm a partner in a small commodities trading firm and live in Manhattan, New York City, with Cheryl and two sons. And I still enjoy playing lacrosse with friends and hanging out after, and I'm also a part-time hand model."

Casey Spooner has been living in Denver since college, is married and has a son and daughter. He's been teaching fourth grade at a Denver Public Elementary School, where **Chad Delzel's** son attends school.

Tammy Pai was living in Japan and just moved to Korea to work.

Danielle Runyan writes, "I've been serving in the Trump administration as the acting general counsel to Secretary Doug Collins at the Department of Veterans Affairs since January 20, 2025. My husband and I live in Virginia with our two kids, Alex (13) and Kylie (11)."

Drew Jones is a 2024 Winner of a Daytime Emmy for Outstanding Travel, Adventure and Nature as executive producer of the wildlife documentary, "Animals Up Close with Bertie Gregory."

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From **Kevin Shane**: "Absolute joy to see my old roommate, **Sterling Mudge**; and **Sarah (Roberts) Mudge** and their kids, Arlo and Olive, down on Long Beach Island, N.J., this summer. Spending time with this Colorado crew is truly a treat."

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Evan Hom co-hosted an alumni event alongside **Cory Wingerter** and **Kristen Bocina '02** in Sea Bright, N.J., in September. He also shared the news that his family of four is growing to a family of five! **Megan James** also reached out, sharing that she is "living in Middlebury with my husband, our two daughters and the cat we're all obsessed with. I just got a new job up in Burlington at the University of Vermont. After many years in journalism, I have crossed over to the dark side: marketing! But it's for a worthy cause (higher education), so I'm feeling great about it. Last spring, I was elected to serve on the Middlebury Town Selectboard, which has been fun and fascinating. I'm getting to know lots about our aging wastewater treatment plant, the town's beaver mitigation plans and other inner workings of local governance. Also, as a public official, I get to do cool stuff like judge the cupcakes in our town's annual summer baking contest. Life is good!"

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Ryuji Komiya '00 (left) with a Spanish medalist while volunteering at the World Athletics Championships in Tokyo in September.



Evan Hom '01 co-hosts an alumni event in Sea Bright, N.J., on Sept. 10 with Cory Wingerter '01 and Kristen Bocina '02.



Lauren Silvi '03, Whitney (Douthett) Masters '03 and Erica Mannherz '03 reunite with Bridget Silvi '03 in Turks and Caicos to celebrate Bridget's bachelorette.

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From **Lauren Silvi**: “**Whitney (Douthett) Masters, Erica Mannherz** and I recently reunited with **Bridget Silvi** in Turks and Caicos to celebrate Bridget’s bachelorette! We spent the weekend laughing, reminiscing and playing trivia games — many of which revolved around our time at Peddie (for example: “What was the name of our senior year dorm?” and “Why did Bridget join the Peddie diving team?”). It was a joyful celebration filled with nostalgia, sunshine and so much love.

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Zara Fina Stasi is living in Richmond, Va., with her husband, Andy, and kids Theo (4) and Lila (2). The whole family visited Peddie and stayed at Sweetland House in September as Zara installed her debut art show entitled “Gardens” at the Peddie Arts Center, spanning both the Mariboe Gallery and the Donna L. Sands ’82 Exhibition Hall. Zara taught a class on campus to



Zara Fina Stasi '08 and family on the Peddie campus. (Left)

Zara Fina Stasi '08 with former track coach Mark Gartner '84 at her Peddie show opening in September. (Right)



Zara Fina Stasi '08 debuts her art show, “Gardens,” at the Peddie Arts Center in September. (Left)

Frank Cimato '08 with his family and new arrival, Cooper John Cimato.



Courtney Csik '08 and family exploring national parks.



Triston Francis '08 (center) with his Airwallex team celebrating recent awards. (Right)

SPOTLIGHT - THE PEDDIE FUND

Twice the spirit:
The Horner sisters
give back to Peddie

Carolyn '10 and Gabrielle '10 Horner reflect on their time on campus, their paths since graduation and why giving back to The Peddie Fund matters.

When Carolyn '10 and Gabrielle '10 Horner returned to campus this past June for Alumni Weekend, it felt like coming full circle. Both were standout student-athletes during their Peddie days, and this summer they reunited with classmates and coaches to celebrate their induction into the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame with the 2009–2010 field hockey team.

Though identical twins, the Horners have taken distinct paths since graduation, and both recently stepped into new professional roles. Gabrielle is a clinical instructor in the division of hospital medicine at UCLA. Carolyn is chief of staff to the SVP of marketing at the AI company Podium.

Still, their Peddie roots remain central to who they are and to why they’ve been consistent donors to The Peddie Fund, the school’s annual fund that provides vital resources for students, employees and programs.

“My favorite classes at Peddie were science and math-related,” Gabrielle recalled. “I especially remember algebra with Mrs. Tennyson and biology with Mr. Brown, and the strong foundation that these classes laid to then launch my interest in the medical field. I feel so fortunate to have attended Peddie, and feel like those four years were magical in many ways. I hope by donating to The Peddie Fund, other students can have the opportunity to experience all that Peddie has to offer.”

Carolyn found her path in government, Chinese language and athletics. “I hope supporting The Peddie Fund helps students access a Peddie education no matter their background,” she said. “I’m especially passionate about athletics as a way to develop well-rounded students. Sports taught me so much, and I want others to have that same experience.”

Family influence also shaped their philanthropy. “The culture of giving at Peddie is something we grew up with,” Carolyn explained. “My older sister, Kathryn '96, was a student when Walter Annenberg '27 gave his \$100 million gift, and I saw how transformative that was.” Their mother, a former Peddie trustee, reinforced the importance of supporting institutions that help young people thrive.

Athletics also left a lasting imprint on both sisters. Carolyn, the team’s goalkeeper, and Gabrielle, a defensive anchor, helped lead Peddie to back-to-back state field hockey championships in 2008 and 2009. “Pretty incredible,” they agreed, noting the team beat Lawrenceville both times.

“Carolyn and I both owe a lot to Coaches Ali Treese and Sarah Somers,” Gabrielle added. The former coaches “guided by example, expecting hard work and dedication every day, but at the same time emphasized teamwork and humility among their players.”

And if they ever had to impersonate each other? Gabrielle laughed: “As soon as someone asks Carolyn a medical question, I hope it will be obvious.” Carolyn added, “Well, Gabby’s picked up a little Chinese, but I’m still way ahead. Also, she’s definitely the blunter of the two of us.”



From left: Carolyn '10 and Gabrielle '10 Horner were inducted into the Peddie Sports Hall of Fame last June as members of the 2009–2010 field hockey team.



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the Honors Art and AP students and enjoyed an opening reception with a Q&A from the Peddie community, including students, faculty and staff. Her show was up on campus through the end of October 2025 (see photos online at goodforthebees.com/gardens). She loved having her kids run around campus for a few days, eat in the dining hall and watch Mom talk to the Peddie community. Thank you to Cathy Watkins, Mr. Gartner, Karyn Vella, Mr. Middleton, Joyce Chen, Emmett Grosland, Craig Dale, Katie Grant and all the amazing faculty, staff and students that supported the show.

Courtney Csik is living outside of Las Vegas with her family, where they spend much of their time exploring the many national parks, most recently Sequoia and Kings Canyon. Her 5-year-old, Emilia, is just starting kindergarten, and her 3-year-old, Gwen, is in preschool.

Tiff Preston-Thomas and her husband, Dave, welcomed their son, Duncan James Thomas, born April 6, 2025.

Tayarisha Poe is living in Philadelphia with her husband, George, and their son, Zuri Zev. She is still making movies and lately finds herself returning more to her Peddie Honors Arts experimental video roots.

Triston Francis started at Airwallex as a regional director of people and talent. He was excited to celebrate alongside his teammates as Airwallex was recognized as Best Employer of the Year and Banking Tech of the Year at the Asia FinTech Awards.

Frank Cimato and his family welcomed their son Cooper John Cimato.

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From **Matt Kostman**: “An exciting update from me is that I married my partner, Lexie Ryan, on August 30 in San Diego, with a few Peddie Falcons in attendance: **Jeremy Hart**, **Kyle Mariboe** and **Megan Ruben**.



Matt Kostman '10's wedding in San Diego in August.

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Elizabeth Cottone got a new job and moved out to Colorado! If anyone is ever in the area or would like to visit, reach out to her, she would love to catch up. Sko Buffs and Ala Viva!

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From **Isabella DiPasquale**: “I interned this past summer at Provident Bank as a marketing analytics intern. It was such a great experience and the team was AWESOME — highly recommend

for its workplace environment. I also went to Machu Picchu, Peru, with my pop-pop! I know I gave a speech senior year about hiking with him, and how his dream has always been to go. Well ... we finally made it!”

Raja Coleman shared that he has started a strategic planning internship at Comcast HQ in Philadelphia.

From **Michael Li**: “I finished an internship at Rivian, and if you ever drive a Rivian, some of my code will be in effect! I went to SoCal for the first time, and had a blast. People were really not bluffing about how good the weather is!”

Caleb Solidum and **Mark Vongkitbuncha** reconnected this summer and took a tour of the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Robbinsville, N.J.

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Members of the Class of 2017 and 2018 bonding in Brooklyn this summer.



From left: Caleb Solidum '23 and Mark Vongkitbuncha '23 tour the BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir in Robbinsville this summer. (Left)



Michael Li '23 completes an internship at Rivian.



Isabella DiPasquale '23 outside the Provident Bank ticket office at the Lehigh Valley IronPigs' (Phillies AAA) ballpark in Allentown, Pa.

Isabella DiPasquale '23 and family with their guide after completing the Inca Trail.



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Matt Kostman '10
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August 30, 2025



Callum Early Warfield
Robert '07 and Taylor '09 Goode Warfield
November 12, 2024 (Top Left)



Avery Clair Raisley
Sara Horn Raisley '02
September 30, 2024 (Top Right)

Duncan James Thomas
Tiff Preston-Thomas '08
April 6, 2025 (Left)

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- William Van Dusen '47
- Norman G. Becker Jr. '48
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- Steven C. Klausner '59
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Head of School Jim Hamilton encourages visitors to help complete the Peddie-themed puzzle in his office.

