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## Capturing Student Voices

**A**s we crafted a Vision Statement for “House, Harkness, Heart” central to our new strategic focus on community wellbeing, we worked hard to include a broad range of voices. The goal was to get the community’s “fingerprints” on the plan as it took shape, long before we went public.

With this in mind, we held a series of working sessions in winter and spring 2023 to draw input from faculty, staff, parents, trustees, and alumni. And, of course, no constituency was more important than our students. In order to ensure that their words, phrases, and concepts helped shape the vision, we asked participants a series of questions, such as “Picture a happy, thriving House community: What is the first word that comes to mind?” Their responses formed a word cloud in which “Love” was most prominent, followed by “Support,” “Fun,” and “Family.” The next largest words spoke to “Friends” and “Trust,” and then “Connection,” “Caring,” and “Community.”

When we asked them what came to mind when they thought of “an engaging, supportive, challenging Harkness classroom,” the word “Community” emerged most notably in the word cloud, with “Collaboration,” “Respect,” and “Debate” drawing nearly as many responses, with several others mentioned as well.

Building on this input, we asked respondents to develop their thinking a bit further. We invited them to finish the sentence: “The House is a safe, supportive place for all students because...” Our students came back with thoughtfully reassuring answers: “...heads of houses are very involved and prefects are present.” “...of my adviser.” “...all members of the House prioritize the happiness and safety of others.” “...people care for each other.”

Similarly, students offered their perspective on the ideal Harkness environment by completing this sentence: “The Harkness classroom supports intellectual growth and self-confidence because...” Given the caliber of our students, we should not be surprised that free flow of ideas was one aspect they particularly valued: “...all voices are able to be heard.” “...it makes you think about something

you aren’t comfortable thinking about.” “...supportive teachers who help facilitate two-sided discussions.” “...people are not afraid to speak out.” “...people listen.” “...we challenge each other.” “...everyone has a voice.” “...the diversity of perspectives and opinions.”

Building on multiple input sessions across many constituencies and involving questions about many aspects of community wellbeing, we hatched the Vision, which serves to paint the picture of where we are heading. Most important, we were able to incorporate language that demonstrates particularly what our students value most about Lawrenceville as well as their aspirations for an even stronger future as the following excerpts show so powerfully:

*Overall wellbeing is enhanced when students feel safe, supported, and empowered in an environment that promotes kindness, respect, joy, and a measured pace of life.*

*Lawrenceville’s House system, vital to a sense of belonging at the School, is strengthened when House culture, spirit, and values are purposefully developed... and when every student helps make the House a fundamentally friendly and welcoming community.*

*Essential to Harkness teaching is the democracy of voices engaged around a table, where no voice is marginalized, and differing perspectives and independent thinking are encouraged. ... [And where] creativity, reflection, curiosity, and a love of learning are universal aspects of the academic experience.*

So “House, Harkness, Heart” is launched with a powerful vision for the future and a robust roadmap of initiatives to help us get there. Please see the article on our strategic plan on page 10 in this issue of *The Lawrentian*, and stay tuned for additional updates as we measure our progress going forward.

Sincerely,



**PEAK MOMENT**  
Students spanned the globe over spring break through the Harkness Travel Program, developing their awareness of different cultures and communities, and connecting to others around the world. Sometimes, the simplest moments become memories to cherish, such as this one, the highest point on a hike around Crater Lake in Kenya.

**HITCHING A RIDE ▶**  
Sequoia, the longtime presidential yacht now owned by Michael Cantor '79, passed beneath the Brooklyn Bridge in 2019 on its way to a Maine shipyard for restoration.

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## Saving Sequoia

*Michael Cantor '79 is returning the century-old 'Floating White House' to its grandeur of long ago, creating a mobile museum of presidential history.*

### QUOTED

**“They just hovered there, about 10 or 15 feet away from me, staring. I could hear my heartbeat, and then I calmed down, but wondered: What are they going to do?”**

**O'Neal Tutein '94**, outdoors adventure guide, on an encounter with two orcas off the coast of Norway. (See page 18)

### SNEAK PEEK



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### FROM THE BASEMENT of POP HALL

**A**bout a year ago, as we were beginning the process of redesigning *The Lawrentian*, we sent the CASE Magazine Readership Survey via email the list of everyone who receives the publication. It was an anonymous survey enabling us to better understand what interests you – and what does not. Several questions were open-ended, and they, along with good quantitative data, yielded an abundance of very useful, helpful feedback. Many of you were rather complimentary, and I appreciate it. A good number of you were also critical of the publication we produce, and I'm just as grateful for that. There were various times when I nodded in assent and thought, "Yes, I think we've fallen short there, too." As I have written in this space before: This is your magazine, and I always want it to reflect Lawrenceville and its people. But you are an extraordinarily diverse group in many ways, people whose primary experiences with this School may be separated by 80 years or more, so that reflection of Lawrenceville takes on many forms and shapes and ideas. I think that's something to celebrate, because it's the proof of a vibrant, animated community of Lawrentians that keeps learning from its own people. We all have something to show to each other, and I hope this magazine is a place to illustrate that.

So, what you're looking at is the first issue of a refocused *Lawrentian*, which manifests the information we gleaned from the survey, as well as on campus through smaller discovery groups, in collaboration with a carefully selected creative partner who helped us reexamine our approach. We put everything under the microscope.

One thing learned through all of this inquiry was that we were already doing a lot of things right, and for that reason, you'll recognize much of what you see inside these pages. But you'll also notice our new look, updated typefaces, reconsidered editorial departments, and a greater variety of voices from our campus and beyond. We have also rolled out a complementary digital platform that will give you the option to read, engage with, and share items from *The Lawrentian* on your desktop, laptop, tablet, or phone.

Right away, you'll take a more intimate and personal look inside the School, hear more from students, learn more about what's happening in the classroom, and have an opportunity to share your opinions on a particular subject through "The Big Question." (You'll see the prompt after page 80.)

Finally: Class Notes isn't going anywhere. We know you love the section. But you'll notice we're now calling it "Lawrentians" to underscore the idea that this magazine is always about you.

All the best,

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# Inside the Gates



Joel Kimmel

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**What advice do you have for incoming Lawrentians?**  
Make a schedule. Lawrenceville is an excellent place to construct strong personal skills, such as studying and time management. These two qualities enable a Lawrentian to succeed at Lawrenceville and in the future.

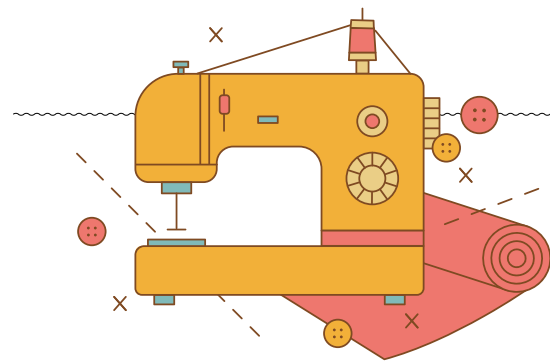
**What do you feel is the best part of the House system?**  
The best part of the House system is how it allows you to bond closely with your Housemates, sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Additionally, it allows you to create strong relationships with faculty members. The House system creates relationships that will last a lifetime.

**What person, living or dead, inspires you?**  
My father [Jesse Pyskaty '91 P'24] inspires me. Throughout my life, my father has provided for my family and been an outstanding role model to me. I strive to be like my father every day.

**What song can you listen to on repeat?**  
“Stay” by Rihanna. It is a great song for when you are on the road and want to sing as loud as possible.

**Which fictional character from a book or movie would you most like to meet?**  
Austin Powers, because he has that “mojo.”

**5** questions for **Zachary Pyskaty '24**, who reveals what's great about the House system, who inspires him, and what fictional British spy he'd most like to meet. Yeah, baby!



Lawrenceville 101

## Forces That Shaped the Modern World

HI301

In “Forces That Shaped the Modern World,” Lawrentians examine economic developments, ideas, and cultural patterns that have helped shape the world since 1400. Using the disciplinary skills and modes of inquiry of historians, students consider how the economic world order changed, as well as the consequences.

History teacher **Hazel Baldwin-Kress** guides students as they connect the modern “fast-fashion” industry and the historical context of forced labor during the Industrial Revolution. Fast fashion, a business model that rushes trendy runway styles to retail outlets through low-cost, mass-produced items brought to retail as cheaply and quickly as possible, has drawn criticism for its exploitation of human capital.

“Before this project, I had no idea how high the percentage of companies that use forced labor is,” said **Louis Park '26**, who teamed with classmate **Robert Giuffra '26** on “The Fast-Fashion Forces: Unraveling the Threads of Forced Labor.”

Old School

## Dry Surfing

Fads come and go. Among the most recent: the skate board, a sort of dry-land surf board. It's about three feet long, and five inches wide and a roller skate is mounted underneath, one part forward and one part aft. The rider finds a paved slope somewhere on campus (the hill on the road past Lower going toward the Field House is popular), puts one foot on the board and shoves off with the other, the rides the board like a surf board, steering by leaning.

From an “Echoes of the Campus” news roundup in the spring 1964 *Lawrentian*.

They Said It

“**Suppression and regulation are fundamentally different: While the former often breeds homogenous views, escalates tensions, and even fosters fear, the latter merely muffles hateful calls and ensures a level of peace. It's completely possible to form and voice polarizing views while maintaining a climate of respect and understanding. [...] Indeed, a diversity of perspectives prompts more understanding and respect, and the suppression of those intensifies resentment.**”

From “Free Speech Musings” by **Tiffany Sun '26**, which appeared in the January 6, 2024, issue of *The Lawrence*.

House Call

Who is the unsung hero of your house?  
*Why?*



**Kiah Smith '25** consistently cleans and reorganizes our house fridge so that they don't close our kitchen.

**Sophie Bilanan '26**  
CARTER HOUSE

After every lunch and dinner, you can find **Bobby Missonis '27** scraping food off tables or putting away anything that has been left out, from dishes to used paper napkins.

**Brenner Emo '27**  
DAVIDSON HOUSE

**Lauren Williams '24** is always dancing in the hallways and cheering people up with her lively spirit and happy-go-lucky personality.

**Abigail D'Souza '24**  
McPHERSON HOUSE

**Roderik Dugan '25** just brings energy and joy to Griswold. From being the artistic designer of the Trashion Show outfit to master chef of Gris burgers during GrisFest, Mr. Dugan is the true unsung hero.

**Nathan Muchai '25**  
GRISWOLD HOUSE

There are few people who are a dedicated athlete, deeply involved in the community, and a very successful student while still being kind and caring to all members of the House. **Maureen Healy '27** is an example of all four.

**Gerise Kelly '27**  
CROMWELL HOUSE

I have seen the amazing work **Sam Wang '26** has put in to make the boys in green feel more at home. He made his roommate a beautiful wooden nightstand so he can organize his desk. Sam is the man.

**Eli Lacey '25**  
CLEVE HOUSE

**Sarah Rodrigues '25**, because she's always cheerful and makes my day a little more positive.

**Tiffany Sun '26**  
McCLELLAN HOUSE

**One 2 Watch**

**Record Collection:  
Sofia Swindell '25**

Just more than halfway through her time at Lawrenceville, Sofia already owns a significant collection of Big Red indoor and outdoor track and field records, the list of which will surely be longer by the time you read this.

In one day at the N.J.I.S.A.A. Prep state meet last May, she set school records in the 100-meter hurdles (14.64 seconds), triple jump (38 feet-5.75 inches), and the 200 meters (25.22).

Sofia is off to just as fast a start this year, breaking the school indoor record in the 300 meters with a time of 39.97 – the second-fastest time in the country as of mid-December, when she was also ranked No. 14 in the nation in the 55-meter hurdles.

Looking ahead to this spring's outdoor season, Sofia will try to top her own Lawrenceville track standards in the 100 and 200 meters, 100-meter high hurdles, 400-meter intermediate hurdles, and the triple jump, and help establish new relay marks in the 4x100 and 4x400 meters.

More than just a splendid solo competitor, Sofia is part of Big Red's 4x400 relay team, along with **Rhianna Scott '25**, **Lexie Koch '25**, and **Jael Gaines '26**, which is ranked first in New Jersey and No. 2 nationally.

**FAST FACT ▶**

On March 10, Sofia ran a blistering 23.97 seconds in the 200 meters, setting an official New Jersey state record and besting two-time Olympic gold medalist Sydney McLaughlin's previous mark of 24.0.



**3 things we learned producing this issue of *The Lawrentian*:**

Lawrenceville has alumni on the coaching staffs of the current NCAA champions in football and men's basketball: **Grant Newsome '15** at Michigan and **Mathew Johnson '13** at the University of Connecticut.

Retiring English teacher and longtime baseball coach **Champ Atlee's** nickname is not a reference to his athletic success. No, he is named for Benjamin Champneys, a direct ancestor, who was the surgeon on the U.S.S. Philadelphia under the command of Capt. Stephen Decatur Sr.

For a time prior to the construction of Kirby Arts Center, Lawrenceville's performing arts productions made their home at McCarter Theatre in Princeton.

**Club Hopping**

**Math Club** founded 2018

A place where students of all Forms and experiences can bond, through competition and collaboration, over their collective passion – math.



If there were one place where you might find a plurality of teenagers who really do enjoy mathematics, it would be Lawrenceville. They're the Math Club, and they've figured out how to make it joyful. "Our goal is to find a fun application of a concept and then structure the evening around that," explains co-president **Arya Vishwakarma '25** of weekly meetings. "We did a poker night, but then we calculated the probabilities of each poker hand, and then we went from there in order to build the rules of poker from the ground up. And then we just played!" Math Club participates in a number of regional competitions, but the real fun is in spending time with kindred spirits.

*From an LIO report by Anthony Woo '26.*

**What's Cookin'?**

**Kaaaaale Yeah!** "When the Big Red Farm started growing kale, we developed this recipe unsure if anyone would eat it," says **Gary Giberson H'11 '18 P'10**, the founder and president of Sustainable Fare, which makes sure Lawrenceville students get three square meals a day. "Little did we know it would become one of our most asked for recipes. I think it was popular because of the appearance – it has a bright, fresh color and really good flavors."

**Kale Salad**

*Yields about eight 4-ounce portions*

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| 3 bunches of chopped green kale or black Tuscan kale     | 1/2 cup of thinly sliced red onion  |
| 1 tablespoon of minced garlic (about one large clove)    | 1/2 cup of julienned dried apricots |
| 1/2 cup of julienned reconstituted sundried tomatoes     | 1 lemon, juiced                     |
| 1/2 cup of crumbled feta cheese (for vegan option, omit) | 3 tablespoons of olive oil          |
|  | 1 teaspoon of kosher salt           |
|  | 1/2 teaspoon of ed pepper flakes    |

Wash kale very well, and dry. In a large mixing bowl, add kale, salt, and lemon juice; toss well. Kale will turn dark green in reaction to salt and lemon juice. Add all other ingredients, and mix well. Serve immediately or refrigerate until time of service. Can be prepared up to three days in advance and stored under refrigeration.

**House Call continued**

Our Head of House, Ms. [Nicole] Lantz, because she is a true advocate for everyone in the House and is always there to support us. She makes the House feel like a home.

**Sonia Ivancic '25**  
STEPHENS HOUSE

Finn Barnosky '27 because he always cleans up people's messes and is always open to do activities with other House members.

**Santana Hodge '27**  
DAVIDSON HOUSE

Anthony Woo '26 because he runs the concessions stand consistently despite not being a member of the House Council and he puts in so much work in helping to improve the House. It all occurs behind the scenes, even when nobody is looking.

**Shailen Zimmerman '25**  
GRISWOLD HOUSE

MyAnh Hisaeda '24 – she always brightens my day!

**Liza Strong '24**  
McPHERSON HOUSE

Sophia Abi-Atme '27 missed something that was important to her because she was making me feel better, so I truly appreciate her kind heart. I couldn't ask for a better best friend or hero.

**Tanvi Madiseti '27**  
CROMWELL HOUSE

Kingsley Du '26 embodies the essence of a role model. Overflowing with kindness and compassion, he graciously keeps his door wide open, ready to lend a listening ear whenever it's needed.

**Anthony Woo '26**  
GRISWOLD HOUSE

Ellen Jordan '26 always brings the smile and positive energy to our House!

**Arisa Okamura '25**  
STEPHENS HOUSE

Isaac Moon '27 is extremely charismatic and brings energy to everything that he does. He is always behind the scenes helping out with things for the House while still juggling his other activities as well.

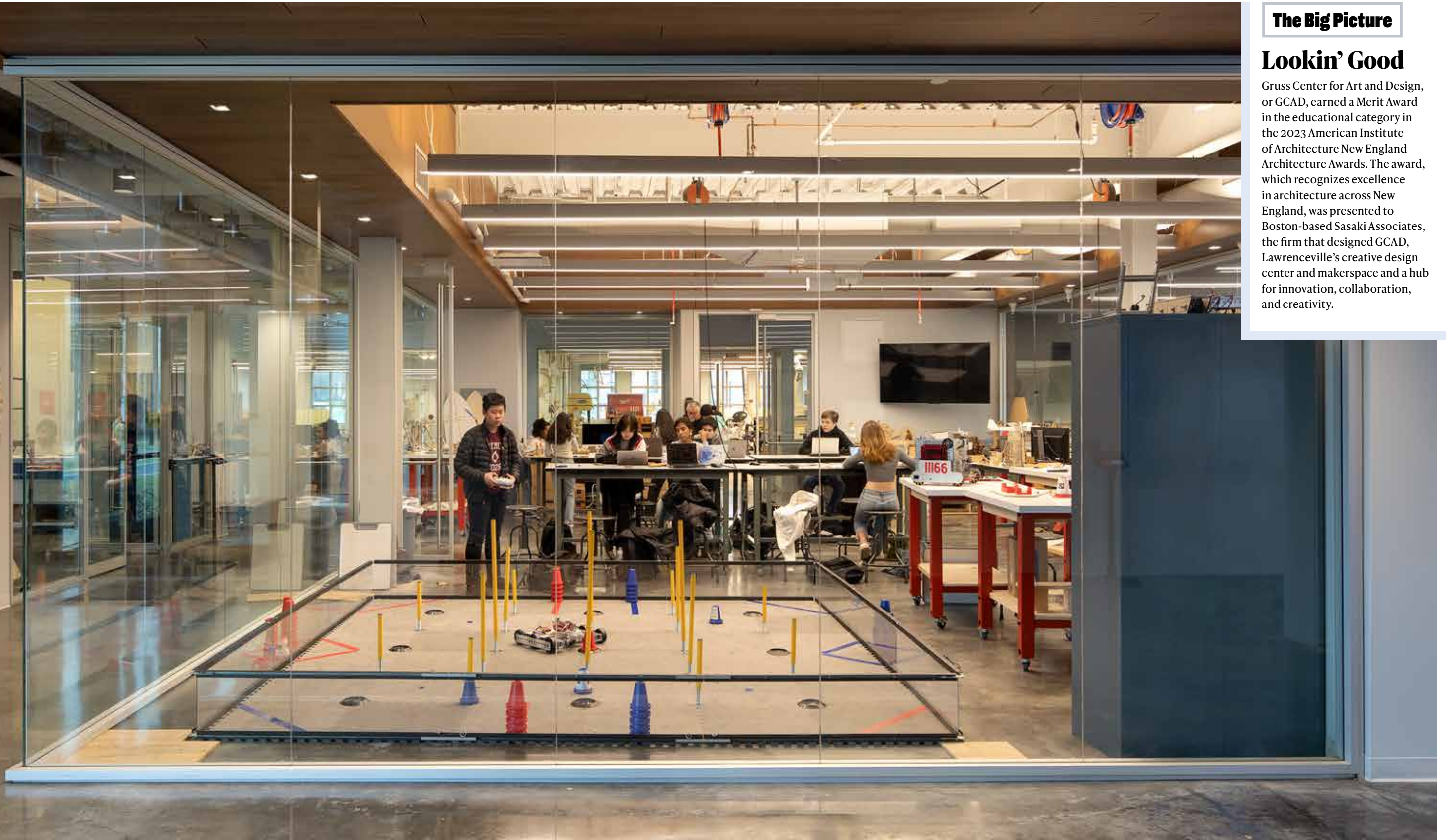
**Marcus Tsai '27**  
RAYMOND HOUSE

Alexander Salgado-Lozhkin '26. We asked the House, and his name came up repeatedly as someone who selflessly helps around the House and is friendly and kind to a number of the guys.

**Alex Kocar, Head of House**  
KENNEDY HOUSE

Nathan Muchai '25, a great dude willing to put his actions towards helping others and supporting the needs of his housemates.

**Nico Monteneccourt '26**  
GRISWOLD HOUSE



### The Big Picture

## Lookin' Good

Gruss Center for Art and Design, or GCAD, earned a Merit Award in the educational category in the 2023 American Institute of Architecture New England Architecture Awards. The award, which recognizes excellence in architecture across New England, was presented to Boston-based Sasaki Associates, the firm that designed GCAD, Lawrenceville's creative design center and makerspace and a hub for innovation, collaboration, and creativity.

# Noteworthy



## ‘House, Harkness, Heart’ Charts Course for Community Wellbeing

Lawrenceville’s new strategic plan was launched in December.

**HAVING LONG BEEN** committed to learning and improving, Lawrenceville announced a new strategic plan, “House, Harkness, Heart: A New Era for Community Wellbeing,” in December.

“As we develop lifelong learners who will head out into the world equipped to thrive in complex environments and lead through times that may demand elements of the mind, body, and spirit, student success means staying closely attuned to our collective wellbeing,” said Head of School **Stephen S. Murray H’54 ’55 ’63 ’65 ’16 P’16 ’21** in introducing the plan to the community. Through conversations with students, faculty, staff, parents, trustees, and alumni, it became clear that the enduring tenets of a Lawrenceville education – House, Harkness, and Heart – would anchor the plan’s Vision Statement.

“Nothing could be more important for Lawrenceville at this point in time,” Murray said.

Lawrenceville’s House system, vital to a sense of belonging at the School, is strengthened when House culture, spirit, and values are purposefully developed, when Heads of House, advisors, and prefects have a robust toolkit for the care and nurture of their students and of themselves, and when every student helps make the House a fundamentally friendly and welcoming community.

Essential to Harkness teaching is the democracy of voices engaged around a table, where no voice is marginalized, and differing perspectives and independent thinking are encouraged. Lawrenceville supports the growth and development of its teachers as it maintains high aspirations for learning and achievement for its students, and reexamines rigor and the allocation of time, to make sure that creativity, reflection, curiosity, and a love of learning are universal aspects of the academic experience.

Throughout the Heart and soul of the entire community, all members are invested in positive systems of compassion, empathy, accountability, and self-advocacy – and this is where House and Harkness come together at the core of

this strategic plan. Lawrenceville instills hope and optimism as it fosters a culture of responsible stewardship of natural resources and a sincere desire to seek the best for all. The Vision Statement supports five Key Aspirations, each with specific action steps:

1. Foster an inclusive and supportive campus atmosphere that honors individuality within a context of belonging and community wellbeing.
2. Promote a collaborative academic culture that fosters discernment, curiosity, and empathy and provides a foundation for students to lead lives of high purpose.
3. Create a more measured academic pace of life for students that facilitates growth inside and outside of the classroom.
4. Provide engaging opportunities that enhance the awareness and skills of community members, while building our collective capacity to adopt wellbeing measures in a meaningful way.
5. Instill a greater awareness of our immediate surroundings and steward our natural resources in a way that generates hope for a sustainable future and provides the tools to achieve it.

As an extension of this work and as part of the School’s efforts to normalize help-seeking behaviors, the plan includes several tools:

*Wellness Wheel*, articulating the seven dimensions of wellness as a foundation for the work ahead.

*Wellbeing Lexicon*, establishing common language and terms to identify how we’re feeling, and why.

*Wellbeing Resources*, giving increased visibility to the School’s existing support tools around mental health and overall wellness.

Work is well under way with several important initiatives recently launched, including the creation of the inaugural Dean of Campus Wellbeing position, developing additional clarity around community expectations in school handbooks, reimagining student orientation through a lens of community building, examining the academic schedule, and providing more robust education regarding mental health resources. Lawrenceville has also partnered with leading experts in the areas of adolescent development and social-emotional growth to help ensure a holistic approach to the various dimensions of wellness.

### IN BRIEF

#### 12.6.23 PURSUING THE SUMMIT

Lawrenceville hosted a Wellness Summit for independent school educators, a collaboration between the Association of Delaware Valley Independent Schools and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools. The professional development gathering brought more than 200 educators and adolescent health care professionals to Lawrenceville’s campus.



Amber Carroll Thomas

**11.24.23**  
Honors Latin students **Gonan Chen ’24** and **Ian Lee ’24** presented research papers at the Classical Association of the Atlantic States conference in November.

**11.10.23**  
Lawrenceville welcomed U.S. Army Col. **Jenness Steele ’91** back to campus on Veterans Day to address students at all-School meeting. She also talked with a group of student leaders and attended the Language of Leadership class.

**10.4.23**  
Head of School **Steve Murray H’54 ’55 ’63 ’65 ’16 P’16 ’21** presented \$80,000 to the Lawrence Township Education Foundation to support student programs at local public schools. This brings Lawrenceville’s donation to nearly \$1.9 million since 1996. This year’s donation represents 32 percent of the LTEF budget.

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## Honor for Trustee Jane Ferguson '04

JANE FERGUSON '04, a Board of Trustees member, was selected as the inaugural recipient of the Neal Conan Prize for Excellence in Journalism. The prize honors the legacy of Neal Conan, an American radio journalist who spent nearly four decades at National Public Radio, including as host of Talk of the Nation, and recognizes the contributions of a “mid-career journalist who is doing extraordinary work in the spirit of the public good.”

Currently a special correspondent for PBS NewsHour covering war, politics, and U.S. foreign policy; a contributor to The New Yorker; and the McGraw Professor of Journalism at Princeton University, Ferguson has reported from conflict zones in Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia. She is author of the book *No Ordinary Assignment, A Memoir*.

Previously, Ferguson has received the George Polk Award for Foreign Television Reporting, an Emmy Award for News and Documentary, a Peabody Award, and two Alfred I. duPont Columbia Silver Baton Awards. She was elected to the Lawrenceville Board of Trustees in 2023 and returned to campus this past winter, along with David Ottaway '57 P'86 '91 GP'24, to discuss the complexities of the current Middle East conflict with students at an all-School meeting.



### COURSE CATALOG

## Most Popular Elective Classes this Year

By the time Lawrenceville students reach Fifth Form, their options for elective classes expand to include some wildly divergent options. Here were the most requested electives by course requests.

### SC574 Research in Molecular Genetics

Run in conjunction with the Seung Kim Laboratory at the Stanford School of Medicine, this course enables students to use transposon biology to create transgenic fruit flies.

### IN562 Food Studies

Students query the significance and value of food to humans. Humans have elevated this basic biological requirement to a symbol of cultural significance and value.

### IN513 Poverty

A two-trimester course that examines the historic, economic, and cultural roots as well as the impact of poverty in the developing world and in the U.S.

### VA412 Ceramics I

Exploring design solutions in clay. Students are introduced to throwing on the wheel, glazing, surface design, and the art of raku firing.

### RP409 Judaism

Encompasses the history and origins of various denominations of Judaism. Students study Jewish holy days, traditions, and customs pertaining to the life-cycle of a Jewish person.

### IN512 Heuristics

Each week is a separate unit organized around a concept which becomes our heuristic — our path to discovery.

### EN565 War Stories

Like marriage, war is not something to be “entered into unadvisedly or lightly,” either for a soldier or for a society; hence the importance of gaining critical perspective through literature.

### EN547 Screwball Comedy: From Shakespeare to Hollywood and Beyond

Looks closely at the genre that has come to be called “screwball comedy,” which sees a romance through mischance and difficulty before ending in “felicity,” as Jane Austen might say.

### EN520 From Freud to the Void

Students ground themselves carefully in the rudiments of Freud's scandalous psychoanalytic theory and see how it surfaces in the American Dream of the early 1950s.



## Putting Research Under the Microscope

The Hutchins Scholars in Science Research learn next to some of the nation's top lab experts.

WHEN GLENN HUTCHINS '73 and his wife, Debbie, established the Hutchins Scholars in Science Research in 2010, their goal was to provide real-life research experiences that would interest top science students in careers in the field. Glenn Hutchins, the founder of private equity company Silver Lake, a global leader in technology investing, was concerned about the loss of research expertise domestically and its impact on America's ability to compete on the world stage.

During those first few years, Hutchins Scholars and their adviser, Elizabeth Fox, director of student research and a teacher in the Science Department, struggled to find summer placements in university and corporate labs. After all, these were high school students – untested and unproven.

Fast-forward 13 years: The Hutchins Scholars in Science Research program currently enjoys research partnerships with the Seung Kim Laboratory at Stanford University Medical School, Thomas Jefferson University Hospital, Cornell University, the University of Pennsylvania, and Trinity College in Dublin. From an initial “class” of eight Scholars, the program now operates three cohorts with an average of 36 students overall participating each summer.

Despite a growing demand by the researchers, the onus is still on Lawrentians to make the connections necessary to find work in those labs. Fox, working with Nicole Lantz, assistant chair of the Science Department and director of Stan-X (Stanford) partnerships, tasks students – rising Fifth Formers in their third year of the program – to take ownership of their internship placements. They are required to research prospective hosts by immersing themselves in their academic papers and to reach out independently to meet.

“This format served us well again this year,” Fox said. “Several scientists commented how impressed they were with the students' emails that clearly demonstrated familiarity with their work. By the end of spring term, all students had secured placements.”

The appointments are universally impressive. Six of the 13 students from the Class of 2023 were attached to the Seung Kim Lab at Stanford, where Lawrentians have been engaged in a longitudinal study of gene expression in pancreatic diseases. They conducted their research with the help of drosophila – fruit flies – ideal subjects for gene studies due to their DNA profile and rapid reproduction.

The other seven students in the cohort conducted research ranging from physiology to psychology. Some studied diabetes, cardiac procedures, and liver disease at Jefferson University Hospital. One interned in plant phylogeny with John L. Clark P'20 '22, a former Lawrenceville faculty member and now research botanist at Selby Botanical Gardens, while a classmate pursued education research at Carnegie Mellon. The Scholars typically share publication credits with their research hosts in peer-reviewed scientific journals.



# Destigmatizing Parental Incarceration

**Ava Martoma '25, who has lived the experience, and her nonprofit aim to foster resilience among children facing adversity.**

> **HER STORY MIGHT SURPRISE** you, and **Ava Martoma '25** is fine with that.

“There’s a stigma around having an incarcerated parent, and we want to say, ‘This is common. You’re not alone, and you have a community to support you,’” Martoma said. “I’ve found the courage to talk about this issue because I didn’t want anyone else to go through what I did.”

Martoma’s personal experience with parental incarceration informs her commitment to this cause and compelled her, along with her brothers David and Joshua, to establish KidsMates Inc., a nonprofit organization whose core focus is to foster resilience among children facing this sort of adversity.

“Parental incarceration is a silent American epidemic. It’s more common than childhood asthma in America, and yet we still don’t talk about it,” Martoma explained. “I had to navigate this process entirely by myself, because there were no resources out there to guide me. I needed to change that.”

Now, Martoma and her brothers have been recognized for their good work with \$15,000 in seed funding as

a grand-prize winner in the 2023 Changemaker Challenge. The competition, sponsored by T-Mobile, the T-Mobile Foundation, and Ashoka, seeks initiatives driving positive change. KidsMates was selected as the “Equity in Action” category winner and received the funding to support its efforts to facilitate communication between incarcerated parents and their families, as well as advance its advocacy work.

KidsMates began by aiming to provide books in prison family-visiting areas, where bored young children can easily find trouble, Martoma explained. Seeking to donate them, she was initially refused by prison officials, who insisted that donations must come from a nonprofit organization.

“So, we formed a nonprofit,” said Martoma, who added that through November 2023, KidsMates had expanded its book project to reach 23 out of 36 states in the United States with federal prisons.

When the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted prison visiting arrangements, KidsMates redirected its efforts toward state and national legislative and advocacy work. Its endeavors contributed to the adoption of the Martha Wright-Reid Just and Reasonable Communications Act of 2022, which requires the Federal Communications Commission to ensure reasonable charges for inmates’ electronic communications with individuals outside the institution. The bipartisan bill was signed into law by President Biden in 2023, and several states have begun making such communications free.

“Communication is the foundation of bonding with an incarcerated parent – or a parent in general,” Martoma explained. Her rationale resonated with the Changemaker Challenge judges.

“In our pitch, we talked about how [T-Mobile] was uniquely positioned as a telecommunications company to help with our goal of free communications or finding different opportunities for families to stay connected,” she said.

Martoma hopes that KidsMates’ efforts will empower children to “own the label of parental incarceration instead of letting it own them.”

“We want every single kid to know that their identity is so much more than having a parent who is in prison” she said. “Their identity is filled with the things that they love, their hobbies, the things they enjoy, rather than ‘your dad is in jail, your mom is in jail.’”

**“Parental incarceration is a silent American epidemic. It’s more common than childhood asthma in America, and yet we still don’t talk about it”**



Kagan McLeod

## Greta Morgan is Lawrenceville’s New Chief Advancement Officer

> **GRETA MORGAN, WHO** most recently served as the director of development at The College of the Holy Cross, was named Lawrenceville’s new chief advancement officer, effective July 1. She will provide strategic vision, leadership, and direction for all of the School’s fundraising and alumni engagement activities.

Morgan brings decades of educational philanthropy expertise to Lawrenceville. At Holy Cross, she played a key leadership role in the College’s successful “Become More Campaign,” which exceeded its goal by a considerable margin. Immediately following the conclusion of the campaign, she led an ambitious fundraising initiative aimed at scholarship aid and access to Holy Cross, which also exceeded the original goal, this time by almost fifty percent. She oversaw major giving, the annual giving team that coordinated a vibrant class and reunion-based fundraising, built a robust parents giving program, and carried a major gifts portfolio that brought nearly \$10 million in individual gifts to Holy Cross.

“As an alumna of independent schools, I was attracted by the opportunity to be part of the Lawrenceville community, because I understand and value the mission,” said Morgan, who has spent over two decades in philanthropic leadership at nonprofits, including M.I.T., Harvard University, and Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. “Our work will continue to harness the incredible energy and commitment that there is for the School – all in support of our students.”

BOOKMARKS

## Paging Through New Works from Lawrentians

Literary Lawrenceville alumni have been working feverishly at their keyboards to present new books exploring international espionage, cancel culture, and even ways to get your own book published.



**Jim Popkin '79**

*Code Name Blue Wren: The True Story of America’s Most Dangerous Female Spy – and the Sister She Betrayed*

The incredible true story of Ana Montes, the most damaging female spy in U.S. history, drawing upon never-before-seen material. *Code Name Blue Wren* is a thrilling detective tale, an insider’s look at the clandestine world of espionage, and an intimate exploration of the dark side of betrayal.



**Rikki Schlott '18 and Greg Lukianoff**

*The Canceling of the American Mind*  
The first book to codify “cancel culture” and survey its effects, including hard data and research on

what cancel culture is and how it works, along with hundreds of new examples showing the left and right both working to silence their enemies.



**Lucinda Halpern '00**

*Get Signed: A 6-Step Plan for Finding an Agent, Landing a Book Deal and Becoming a Published Author*

Packed with interviews from best-selling authors, leading book editors from Penguin Random House, Simon & Schuster, HarperCollins, Hachette, and more, *Get Signed* is the indispensable road map you need right now to get noticed and become a published author. Read more about it on Page 38.



# THE FORK IN THE ROAD

**In 1969**, after a stint in professional baseball and two years teaching at Peddie School, **Benjamin Champneys “Champ” Atlee ’62 H’74 ’75 ’79 ’80 ’83 ’84 ’87 ’89 ’06 P’92** received an offer to return to his alma mater as the housemaster in Woodhull. Feeling quite serious about literature, he had to weigh it against a spot in a Ph.D. program at Princeton.

Even after a conversation in the university office of esteemed scholar A. Walton Litz, Atlee remained torn. “I can remember trying to get him to make the decision for me,” he recalls. Leaving Litz’s office, Atlee overheard a conversation between two young men, one of whom had received his Ph.D. and just accepted his first job: teaching freshman composition at the University of Wyoming. Atlee still recalls his reaction: “I said to myself, I’m going to Lawrenceville.”

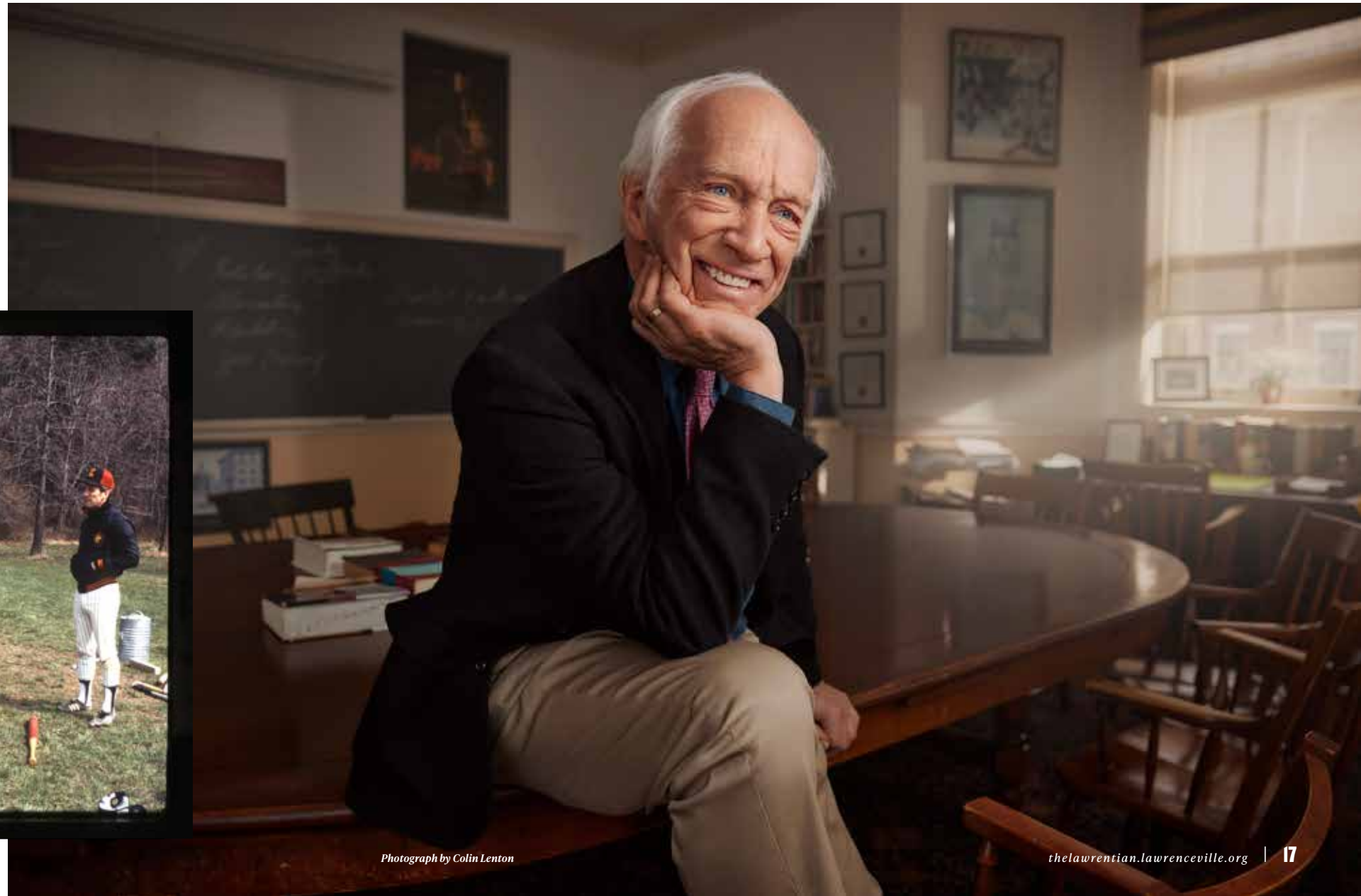
As he prepares to spend more time with his wife, Annette – “who means so much to me that it goes beyond discussion” – and savor the graduation of their daughter, Olivia, from Denison University this spring, Atlee shared the rest of the story here, condensed for length.

**Returning to my old school as a teacher ...** I was so struck that it was assumed that you knew what you were doing. And that collegueship was important to a young teacher. I was worried that I might be patronized to some degree, because they did remember me as a student. But it was as though you just passed through this window. **This has been an especially good place to work ...** because short of being an associate professor at Amherst or Williams, I would not get to teach such able students. I mean, the conversation is always rewarding. That’s been consistent, and that’s obviously one of the reasons that I stayed. Maybe a selfish reason, but you want that. **I would argue ...** that students like this want a conversation from a serious adult about the work. And you can see it in their eyes. They’re not going to be allowed to skim, but most of them don’t want to do that. **I almost left Lawrenceville ...** in 1976. I’d been working in the [baseball] program, but there were other people more senior at the head of the program. And I thought I was beginning to run out of time; if I didn’t take a head coaching position pretty soon, I wouldn’t really be a very good candidate. So, I gave some thought to going to Vermont Academy; they had made me an offer. But quite suddenly it all fell into place, and was the varsity coach for 36 years. **My coach at Lawrenceville ...** Jack Reydel [H’60 ’62 ’65 ’67 ’68], was my greatest supporter when I was coaching all those years. As a coach, he was an interesting mix of seriousness and friendliness. Clearly, he meant business, but he never frightened his players either. **I’m particularly proud of ...** winning the Mercer County



Baseball Championship in 1998, and then again in 2000. We won 18 independent school state championships in that time, and some of those were pretty dramatic, but the most intense competition was the Mercer County Tournament. **Those two championships in baseball mattered, but ...** in the early 1980s, I went into New York to the 92nd Street Y on Monday nights to take a couple of courses, because I wasn’t very happy with my acquaintance with contemporary poetry. And I took a course from a guy named Sandy McClatchy, who was the editor of the Yale Review, and was one of the more significant critics of American poetry. And so now, as it turns out, I’m a published poet, and I’ve been nominated twice for Pushcart Prizes. **My name has always struck me ...** as being a little fancy, but I’m named after the ship surgeon [Benjamin Champneys, a direct ancestor] on the frigate U.S.S. Philadelphia under Capt. Stephen Decatur Sr. It’s the same ship that Decatur burned in Tripoli Harbor. **It’s always an**

**honor to ...** be asked to be an honorary member of a class, especially as you become increasingly aware of who those people are, and then putting together what your relationship with them was and why they might do this. **I was a housemaster for ten years and ...** as I was giving my final speech, I got halfway through it, and suddenly it just hit me like a ton of bricks. I probably was in tears, I don’t know, but it just stopped me short right in the middle of the speech, because it had been so much a part of my life. **I wonder whether my students know ...** how much I enjoy them, because I think my reputation is to be fairly hard-nosed, you know? **I’ve never trusted myself ...** in situations or in subjects that didn’t really interest me. I have a capacity to get careless and sloppy about it, something I discovered about myself over time. So, I really need to know that I’m engaged, I got to have that feeling of pursuit, and then I’m good. Then I feel content. ♦



Photograph by Colin Lenton

# Purveyor of People's Dreams

From diving with orcas in Norway to racing water buffalo in Bali, O'Neal Tutein '94 wants to open the world to daring travelers.



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It's a big world, so let your imagination soar: Where would you like to go? Think beyond gazing out the window of a tour bus – this is an opportunity to stray far from the beaten path and interact with people and cultures for which you have no previous context. Let's call it your dream trip. And **O'Neal Tutein '94** can make it happen for you.

A freelance outdoors adventure guide, Tutein has spanned the surface of the earth – and dived well beneath it – to deliver that experience to daring clients who want to taste something way beyond the norm. By doing so, he says, “you're basically the purveyor of people's dreams.”

Tutein has taken his clients spearfishing 120 feet below the surface, bunged off the highest bridge-jumping surface on earth – 216 meters above the Bloukrans River at Tsitsikamma National Park in South Africa – and encountered dragons (the eponymous kind) while hiking Komodo Island in Indonesia. He's also been swimming with orcas in the far northern reaches of Norway.

“You're in the Arctic Circle, so just the journey there is arduous,” Tutein says, explaining how a series of flights and ferries takes you to a remote peninsula. He has come to the only place in the world where you can legally free-dive with orcas, and so with only about four hours of twilight per day in winter, Tutein and the crew run around in inflatable Zodiac boats before they jump into the icy water. It's clear enough to see an orca swimming fifty yards away, and he says his first encounter was likely his favorite.

“I was in the water before anyone and swam about twenty yards from the Zodiac, alone, and these two females, probably each about 18 to 20 feet long, one on the right of me, one on the left, were facing me,” Tutein says. “They just hovered there, about 10 or 15 feet away from me, staring. I could just hear my heartbeat, and then I calmed down, but wondered: What are they going to do?”

One of the orcas soon departed, but the other curiously followed Tutein around the depths for some twenty minutes. Once they returned to the boat, the orca began “skyhopping” – sticking her head above the water to see her new friends on board.

“She put her tail up, and started putting on a performance for us,” he says. “It was amazing.”

Tutein is no stranger to the extraordinary. As a receiver at Tulane, he caught just one pass in his collegiate career, but it went for a 58-yard touchdown. He also worked for years as

an actor – “off-Broadway, a couple commercials,” he says. He earned his SAG card, but found he preferred getting away and exploring.

“I used to escape Los Angeles and drive up the coast, all the way up to Monterey every weekend,” he says. “I'd pitch a tent somewhere or go in a national forest and hike up, just get lost in the Sierras.”

After losing his father in late 2010, Tutein “had an epiphany that I just didn't like acting.” Within six months, he was in Miami working for Dragonfly Acquisitions, a company that organizes high-end corporate ecotours. “I was like, that's what I want to do in my life.”

Tutein started a venture tour company, but the staggering economy was not on his side. “Really high-end travel, you can't really just jump into,” he says. “You've got to build a strong network over years and years.” He pivoted to diving instruction, which helped him develop a web of adventure seekers, whom he began taking on spearfishing excursions. Many of his local trips in Florida remain diving- and spearfishing-based.

In all of his explorations, Tutein is adamant about conserving the ecology and showing absolute respect for the cultures and traditions of the places he visits. Often, tours involve living history and exposure to local customs hidden from life in the United States. In Norway, he focuses on the culture of the Sámi, nomadic reindeer herders who have occupied these northern reaches for thousands of years. Tutein's knowledge of places is earned firsthand through his own insatiable curiosity and desire to know people. On his first visit to a new locale, he'll drive himself around, “because it's the best way you can see it. You can stop when you want to stop. I'll learn from somebody local.”

For example, he recalls searching for surf spots along the coast of western Bali. Approximately halfway across the island (and after a bit of planning), Tutein came across an ancient festival known as Makepung – a cultural tradition meaning “race to the finish line,” but while driving water buffalos.

“They run around this little muddy dirt track, racing in a little wooden cart,” he explains. “I had spoken to one of the locals, and I got to race. They actually put me on with a guy!”

Tutein's delight in recounting the story is obvious – “I did something that's been in tradition for hundreds of years, something people who aren't local don't do!” – but it underscores his approach to adventure tourism: as respectful observer, not centering himself in their environment or treating their customs as novelties to amuse tourists.

“You show them that's a major reason why you're there,” he says, “not just to utilize their resources, but to get to know their culture and the people.” ♦

# Go Big Red



## Gold Rush

**Ellie Dimatos '25 and the Under-18 Women's National Team captured the gold at the Women's World Championship in Switzerland.**

By Lisa Gillard H'17

FROM THE LOCAL hockey rinks to Tsai Field House, **Ellie Dimatos '25** has earned plenty of notice on the ice. In January, however, the speedy standout defender skated into the international spotlight, competing for the Team USA Under-18 (U18) Women's National Team in the annual International Ice Hockey Federation U18 Women's World Championship in January in Zug, Switzerland. There, Dimatos and her Team USA mates swept six games, including winning the gold medal game, 5-1, against Czechia on January 14.

Along the way, Team USA defeated squads from Slovakia, Switzerland, Sweden, Germany, and Finland to set up a rematch in the finals with Czechia, to which Team USA had dropped a narrow 4-3 pre-tournament game in a shootout just days before the Championships began.

Dimatos (pictured center) set up the eventual game-winning goal against Switzerland on January 10, ripping a shot on goal from the center of the blue line. Teammate Haley Box poked home the rebound to give Team USA the lead in the eventual 4-0 shutout.

"It is awesome to get the win," said Team USA head coach Liz Keady Norton. "I am really proud of our group. I thought that we worked hard the

whole way, and so it was nice for them to be rewarded."

Dimatos was studying for a pre-calculus test in November when she received the congratulatory email telling her she had made the U18 Women's National Team, which she admits spoiled her focus on math.

"Yeah, I was super-excited," she says. "My dad was super-proud of me, and I got to call my mom, who was actually visiting her family at the time in Japan, so was a sweet moment."

**Nicole Uliasz**, head coach of Lawrenceville's girls' varsity ice hockey team since 2005, said Dimatos is the third Lawrenceville player to earn a spot on the U.S. Under-18 team during her tenure, following in the skates of **Gabie Figueroa '10** and **Kate Monihan '19**.

"As Ellie always does, she will bring her skill and composure to this U.S. team," Uliasz said after Dimatos was tapped to compete on the international stage. "When she gets back, she will continue to add depth to our team and most importantly continue to be a leader here."

Dimatos, who led Lawrenceville defenders with ten goals in 2022-23, was "really excited" to represent her country before she headed to Switzerland.

"I'll be on the international stage now, playing for something bigger than myself," she said prior to the winter break. "Playing with girls who are at the top level will really help me prepare for college in two years."

Dimatos has already committed to the admission process at Princeton University, which boasts one of the nation's top women's hockey teams, led by head coach **Cara Morey P'22 '24**.

"Academics are important to my family, and that's mostly why I came to Lawrenceville – and chose Princeton," explains Dimatos, who will

## Big Red Roundup

The girls and boys squash teams finished second and eighth, respectively, at the 2024 U.S. High School Squash Championships in February. It is the highest-ever tournament finish for the Big Red girls.

In January, the girls fencing team placed second at the Santelli Tournament, its best-ever showing, while the boys tied their best-ever finish at the Cetrulo Tournament, seventh. Both tournaments welcomed athletes from more than 50 high schools. The teams also won N.J.I.S.A.A. and M.A.P.L. titles.



Team USA photo courtesy of IIHF

The boys swim team won its third straight N.J.I.S.A.A. championship, with **Conan Chen '24** setting a school mark in the 100m breaststroke (57.77). Chen, **Zikang Jiang '25**, **Sam Xie '24**, and **Daniel Lu '24** also broke the Big Red 200m medley relay record.

Girls indoor track and field captured the N.J.I.S.A.A. Prep A title in February.

The 4x200m team of **Jael Gaines '26**, **Sofia Swindell '25**, **Sophia Liu '25**, and **Lexie Koch '25** set a school record with a time of 1:43.20 in February at the Ocean Breeze Elite Meet.



**Audrey Cheng '25** established a new school standard in the pole vault, leaping 11 feet, 6 inches; **Sofia Swindell '25** set new marks in the 55m hurdles and 200m.

likely compete against her Team USA coach, Keady Norton, who is also the head women's hockey coach at Dartmouth. "I can play hockey and benefit from the super-rigorous academic system. I get to have the best of both."

Dimatos was inspired to play hockey by her older brother, Nick, who starred at The Hun School and is now competing for the Utica Jr. Comets of the United States Premier Hockey League prior to beginning his collegiate career.

"We train together, we work out together, we do everything together," she explains. "We're best friends, so he's definitely someone who has helped me progress. I copy my game off of him."

Dimatos, who also plays for the U19 Philadelphia Jr. Flyers, has a game worth emulating in her own right. She began skating at age 3 and was playing hockey the next year, continuing to compete on both girls' and boys' teams right into her time at Lawrenceville.

"In boys' hockey, hitting is allowed, so it has definitely taught me to keep my head up and have more awareness on the ice," she says. "That allows me to maneuver around people much easier."

Like her brother, Dimatos enjoys playing defense. Uliasz noted that, to be a good defender, players must be "skilled, confident, and composed all the areas Ellie demonstrates."

"She is composed with the puck when she weaves in and out of players," Uliasz says. "Her shot is dead accurate, and she can place it by the best goalies."



## Top of the Mountain

### Two Big Red alums helped lead teams to NCAA titles.

➤ **IN JANUARY, WHEN MICHIGAN** dispatched Washington to claim the College Football Playoff championship, tight ends coach **Grant Newsome '15** became part of something that had eluded him during his bright-but-brief career as a player for the Maize and Blue: a national title.

"Having gotten to the playoffs [the two previous seasons] and then not being able to finish the job, we had an idea of what it took to get there," said Newsome, a former Michigan tackle whose courageous battle back from a gruesome knee injury was detailed in the fall 2018 Lawrentian. Once the Wolverines topped powerful Penn State and Ohio State in November, "we kind of knew: *Hey, this is serious. We're a really good football team.*" he recalled. "*We've got a chance to go make a run.*"

Following the season, head coach Jim Harbaugh moved on to the NFL's Los Angeles Chargers and the program's new leader, Sherrone Moore, tapped Newsome to become its offensive line coach. At a program renowned for sending linemen to the NFL, it's one of the more prestigious position-group coaching jobs in college football.

"It's an incredible opportunity," Newsome said, "but also having played that position at Michigan, it definitely means a lot."

After medically retiring from football, Newsome joined the staff as a graduate assistant in 2018. He was promoted to tight ends coach in 2022 and spent the past two seasons mentoring Luke Schoonmaker, a second-round selection in the 2023 NFL Draft, as well as current Wolverines' star Colston Loveland, named by Pro Football Focus as the nation's premier tight end entering the 2024 season.

Newsome's national championship team wasn't the only one coached by a Lawrenceville alumnus in 2023 - or 2024. **Mathew Johnson '13** serves on the staff of the University of Connecticut Huskies, who repeated as men's basketball national champions with a 15-point rout of Purdue in the April 8 final in Phoenix.



# The Lawrenceville Fund: Donor Spotlight

## Brooks Riley Lanham '04

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### Why do you volunteer for Lawrenceville?

Lawrenceville has been a critical catalyst in my life, and it helped me get to where I am today. I strongly believe that my love of science comes from my time in Research Science as a Second and Third Former, and Honors Biology with Kevin Mattingly. I would never have pursued a career in medicine if these classes had not instilled in me a love of scientific inquiry and the confidence to continue my academic pursuits.

Volunteering for Lawrenceville allows me to remain connected to such an important place and to help current Lawrentians have equally meaningful educational experiences.

### Why do you give back as a Red & Black Society donor?

The Red & Black Society allows me to support a myriad of the School's critical initiatives, including student and faculty support. Some of my Lawrenceville teachers, coaches, and Heads of House remain dear friends, and it is so rewarding to know that I can help support faculty members at all stages of their career journeys. If you ask any Lawrentian about their favorite memories of Lawrenceville, everyone would list at least one faculty or staff member who had a profound impact on their experience!



### What made your Reunion Class Giving Challenge motivating?

We hoped to inspire our classmates to also reflect on our time at Lawrenceville and the impact that the school had on us as students. It's hard to fathom that it has already been twenty years! As we build families and careers, it is clear to us all that Lawrenceville provided us foundational experiences in our houses, around the Harkness Tables, and on the sports fields that will continue to shape our lives.



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# Encore

## Hitting a High Note

A pair of Lawrentians performed at the regional choral directors' convention in March.

> **LAWRENCEVILLE'S SELECT CHOIR**, The Lawrentians, is known for its choral excellence, and this winter, two of its finest represented the School at the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) Eastern Regional convention in Providence, R.I. **Ryan Ding '25** and **Sonia Lackey '26** were among just 150 accomplished singers selected for Regional Honors, chosen from over 1,200 selective auditions. They performed in the Eastern Regional High School Honor Choir, conducted by Felicia Barber of Yale University. ACDA is the nation's largest professional organization for college and school vocal music. The Eastern Region competition covers 11 states, from Maine to Maryland, with some of the finest music programs in the country.

**Robert Palmer**, director of music at Lawrenceville, recognized both singers for their versatility - whether through their voices or other modes of performance.

"Sonia is focused in her work and reads extremely well, so she is always a 'go-to' singer for a special need," he explained. "She has a deep background, as a pianist, composer, and singer."

"Of course, Ryan is most famous around campus for his speed on the ice," Palmer continued, adding that Ding's Big Red hockey schedule conflicted with orchestra, "so he started attending our Wednesday morning Lawrenceville Singers rehearsals. It was immediately clear his was an unusually mature bass voice for a high school student."



## It's No Joke

Impulse is totally serious: You will laugh.

> The schedule at Lawrenceville requires serious planning: classes, lunch, then co-curriculars, all before dinner and a few hours of homework. Wouldn't it be nice to go off-script once in a while?

That's exactly what the members of Impulse do. Lawrenceville's only improv comedy troupe is just the antidote to the pressure points of student life. Improv — or improvisational theatre — is by definition unscripted and spontaneous. It doesn't have to be comedic, but the form easily lends itself to laughter, which is where this troupe is focused.

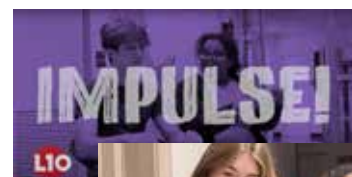
"The super-fun thing about Impulse is that it's a skill and the skill is totally teachable," says **Maggie Hammond '25**, co-leader of the club, whose Impulse-branded sweatshirt carries the tagline Making it up as we go.

Impulse's improv performances are unscripted, but the troupe's lifeblood is still rehearsal time, when the players run through all the games or routines they might play in a show.

"We'll give what we call stars and wishes," explains co-leader **Lauren Williams '24**, adding that "stars" mark some magical moment in a rehearsal when "something great happens," and "wishes" are applied when a player hoped for something else to come out of a scene. The acted scenes may or may not evolve, but, to the members of Impulse, it's almost beside the point.

"There's no pressure at all," says Impulse actor **Becky Carey '24**. "It's just such a fun thing to put yourself out there and try something new."

From an L10 News report by Kingsley Du '26 and Simi Ranth '26



## Quoted

“I love watching dance find people.”

**Kristen Devine-Jones '10**, lyrical, contemporary, and jazz dance instructor in the Performing Arts Department, who choreographed two of the performances in this year's Winter Dance Series.





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Lawrenceville's first Black student council president ponders the U.S. Supreme Court's dismantling of college legacy admissions just as his family gained an institutional foothold. Is it for the best? Does it even matter?

# JUST LEGACY

BY Mark Winston Griffith '81 P'22 '26

**A** casual swipe through my phone will bring you to a photo that features my uncle, my two sons, my cousin, and me, posing on a backyard porch. It's an informal shot, undistinguished from dozens of others you'll find in my albums, if not for something rare that is documented by it: three generations of Black Lawrenceville students and faculty from one family.

When I walked the Lawrenceville campus more than 40 years ago as a student – a wispy teenager with a colossal 'fro – family legacies were not only common, but seemingly the birthright of the overwhelmingly white student body. Legacy admissions – the practice of assigning value to a student application based on family history at an institution – was an enduring symbol of Lawrenceville's exclusive race and class history.

But my own family's journey demonstrates just how precarious a multigenerational Black presence at Lawrenceville can be. Lawrenceville was more than one hundred fifty years old before it accepted its first Black student and faculty member. **Max Maxwell H'72 '74 '79 '80 '81 '88 '91 '93 '00 '01**, my uncle, was the only Black teacher for more than a decade after arriving in 1969, and without him, I would never have known about Lawrenceville. Even after I was accepted to Lawrenceville, I almost didn't matriculate when I discovered I had passed the test for a specialized high school in New York. Both my sons have been students at Lawrenceville, four years apart, but neither was initially accepted into the school.

And this doesn't even account for the brilliant women in my family who never even had the opportunity to apply to Lawrenceville prior to 1987.

The fact is, other than historically Black colleges and universities, precious little Black history has been recorded at private educational institutions, so it's no surprise that the idea of self-perpetuating White Anglo-Saxon Protestant bloodlines at elite colleges is both persistent and under fire. In the last ten years, according to *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, more than a hundred colleges and universities have dropped legacy admissions practices, including Amherst, Johns Hopkins, and Wesleyan. And now, in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent dismantling of college affirmative action, legacy admissions are receiving renewed scrutiny and public backlash. Harvard, the canary in the coal mine, is, at the time of this writing, being sued while undergoing an investigation by the Biden administration for its legacy admissions policies. Meanwhile, educators, policy makers and op-ed writers alike are asking: What kind of admissions policy befits a multiracial and egalitarian nation? How do any of us, over generations, gain equal access to opportunities and quality education? And what does race, if anything, have to do with it?

These are good questions, not just for colleges, but for competitive independent schools to consider as well. But while ending legacy admissions may seem like a no-brainer, the headline of an August 2023 opinion piece in *The Atlantic* by Xochitl Gonzalez captured just how complicated the matter can be when applied to people who have barely gained a foothold in American mainstream institutional life: "Legacy for you, but Not for Me – Hate the establishment if

you want to. But don't get rid of it the minute that Black and Latino people become members."

Indeed, at the time when my children were initially denied admission to Lawrenceville – one was waitlisted and eventually admitted later in the year; the other had to apply a second time before being accepted – I couldn't help thinking that legacy admissions had benefited white folks since time immemorial, but the drawbridge was being raised just as my tribe approached the ivory tower. On the other hand, I instinctively resist the idea of rewarding even a ration of social advantage and educational privilege with more advantage and privilege.

As it turns out, although Lawrenceville does recognize legacy, the privilege afforded those students may be less than you may imagine. "We are past the point where you can just sail in as a legacy," says Kyla Kupferstein Torres, a Black educational consultant whose roles over the past 20 years have included being a director of admissions at both the Oliver Program and the Hunter College High School. "Those days have been over for some time."

**Greg Buckles**, the Shelby M.C. Davis '54 Dean of Enrollment Management at Lawrenceville, puts a finer point on it. "We still put a thumb on the scale for legacies, but they have to be fully qualified," he says. Buckles went on to describe a rating system that the admissions readers use during the decision-making process at Lawrenceville: Out of a possible total of 25, academics can count for up to 10 points; testing, 5 points; 5 points for personal qualities,

which includes an observation from an admissions interview; and a possible 5 points for extracurricular activities. The average score for legacy admits is 17.5, which is the same for the overall number of students admitted.

According to Buckles, legacy is not part of the formal admission criteria, but instead one of 26 applicant categorizations that also include gender, race, form, athletics, boarding/day, children of faculty/staff, etc. This rubric is used to help ensure a balance across a range of student characteristics. In the end, the admit rate for legacy kids ranges between 45 to 50 percent, compared with anywhere from 15 to 18 percent for the pool at large.

"It makes sense," Buckles explains, that legacy applicants are competitive in their own right. Legacy kids are more than likely to come from "families who put a high value on education, are going to invest in education, and grew up with good reading habits, encouragement, and a range of cultural experiences." They are "on par with other admits, because the only thing tougher than not taking a legacy kid is taking one that's going to fail."

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#### MY COMMUNITY

**M**ost people are surprised to learn that I once vowed never to send my children to Lawrenceville. I've spent my entire adult life working among low- and moderate-income Black folks in Central Brooklyn. I come from a family of New York City public school educators, and as a community organizer and journalist I've focused a big part of my career on supporting public schools. So even though I attended Lawrenceville myself, sending my children to a New Jersey private school seemed to be a betrayal of my social justice values and my commitment to the Central Brooklyn community.

But children – and for many, the often-stark limitations of a public-school education for Black children in New York City – have a way of bending our politics and expectations. And by the time my kids left primary school, I began to view Lawrenceville as not simply a school, but a special community, an ecosystem of supportive relationships and values where my children could flourish.

In fact, I was aware of these relationships and values because my family helped cultivate them.

My uncle Max, a veritable institution at Lawrenceville, has spent more than fifty years of his life attempting to

re-engineer Lawrenceville from a place where Black bodies were tolerated to a place where Black and Brown humanity could find belonging. He and my aunt, Barbara, were advisers, den parents, and safe harbors to early generations of Black students who were often plucked haphazardly from urban environments and struggled, sometimes bitterly, to find comfort in a setting where they were aggressively marginalized. And in subsequent years, my aunt and uncle inspired a number of my cousins and friends to take a risk on the boarding experience at Lawrenceville as well.

My aunt and uncle laid fertile ground for me to become, among other things, the first Black student body president. But more important, soon after I graduated, I worked with **Earl Wilson '77** and **Ralph Spooner '75**, and the dean of students at the time, **Marty Doggett H'76 '82 '86 '87 '88 '92 '98 P'00**, to orient incoming Black students. Throughout the 1980s and '90s I co-organized the first Black alumni reunion, co-founded the predecessor to Lawrenceville's

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current Black Alumni affinity group, spoke before numerous classroom, School and alumni assemblies, and served on Lawrenceville's executive alumni committee. I was explicitly seeking to create a place where future generations of Black students could thrive, but subconsciously I was seeking a school I could entrust with my unborn children.

While at the Oliver Program, Kupferstein Torres was part of an apparatus that helped prepare Black, Brown and low- and moderate-income families to attend independent schools like Lawrenceville. She acknowledged the obvious – that admitting the children of alumni is a way of developing self-interested donors – but also noted that schools represent a “greater community.”

“Lawrenceville is not just students who attend now,” she says, “but students who attended in the past, people who become parents, people who become grandparents.” Legacy admits have been historically important because schools want to “flag an existing connection to the institution,” and legacy students become opportunities for schools to demonstrate “an awareness that they have about their surroundings and who is in their application pool.”

The question of legacy admission, and whether Black and Brown applicants are able to take advantage of it, speaks directly to the question of who gets chosen to be a living and active part of a school's history and narrative. Heather Flewelling, a Black woman who attended St. Paul's School in New Hampshire and for nineteen years counseled students at Milton Academy and helped Milton tackle institutional diversity questions, observed, “There are different vibes at different schools, and it takes a while to pass that culture along. And so, having some applicants and some students coming in that have heard a narrative, beyond their day-one, of those values and those traditions, helps the institution maintain some of that narrative.” Legacy kids, Flewelling points out, are the “cultural translators for their peers” who can tell the story of what the school “once was and, hopefully, how far it has come. Sometimes you need the narrative to carry backwards and say, yes you can, you can do this. And we are here and we've been here. And upon my shoulders you may stand.”

### THE COLOR OF EQUITY

**L**awrenceville is the perfect proving ground for issues such as race-conscious admissions, preferences given to athletes, and legacy. Unlike colleges and universities that accept federal dollars, Lawrenceville, and independent schools like it, are not subject to federal rulings. “We believe strongly in any independent school's right to self-determination,” Buckles asserts.

But without any external pressures or formal guardrails for public accountability, this “self-determination” only increases the stakes for Lawrenceville to be more thoughtful in how it shapes its community. Meanwhile, calling the question of legacy forces us to confront some inconvenient truths.

“Is it ‘fair’? It's *useful*, but of course it's not ‘fair,’” Kupferstein says. “It's insider trading, it's compound interest. But an independent school is not a public school. It wasn't established to offer an ‘equal’ shot.”

Flewelling takes it a step further. “Academic institutions are inequitable walking in the door, because you can't just say it's based solely on academic achievement. You can't just say you're going to take the smartest kids. How are you going to measure that?” she says. “How do you control for the educational, cultural, and environmental experiences that kids may or may not have had? How are you going to measure capacity to grow, capacity to achieve, and capacity to impact?”

At a time when the nation is so hopelessly divided into ideological camps, nuanced conversations about identity and community-building are hard to come by. Flewelling wonders whether we are free to consider “BIPOC [Black, Indigenous, and people of color] legacy when the national discourse around privilege and access seems to suggest that we should get rid of” legacy all together. “We want to break down the institutional legacy of white and male supremacy AND we want to sustain a sense of who we were,” she says. “How do you do both?”

### PAYING FORWARD

**I**mages from the morning of May 28, 2022, linger with me to this day. It was a moment of celebration and convergence for my family.

There was Max Maxwell, emotionally watching **Manoc Joa-Griffith '22** – my older son and Max's late sister's first grandchild – graduate as a member of the student council. Manoc had applied to Brown, my alma mater, but his legacy status had not moved the needle on his application. Instead, he was off to Cornell to study marine biology and run Division I track.

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On stage at the ceremony was Manoc's housemate, **Andrew Boanoh '23**. When Manoc and Andrew were both part of Griswold House's coterie of Black students a year earlier, Manoc regaled Andrew with stories of his Lawrenceville lineage. Now Andrew was on hand to accept the mantle of incoming student body president, as I had four decades ago.

And sitting next to me was my younger son, and Manoc's little brother, **Ayodele '26**, who weeks earlier learned he was moved off the waitlist and would attend Lawrenceville that September.

Of course, I was the only one who ascribed any significance to the confluence of these impressions. Few on campus are losing sleep over legacy admissions, a luxury concern to be sure. But Lawrenceville and its peers have only just begun to navigate the complexities of race and institution-building laid bare by it. And I'll never know the impact that legacy – or the lack thereof – will ultimately have on Manoc and Dele on their educational journeys. What I am confident of is that along the way they have been loved, challenged, inspired, and well-resourced, which is another way of saying they have been privileged the way their ancestors dreamed they would be. In turn, I trust my children will do the same for generations to follow. I'll sleep just fine knowing that. ♦



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Michael Cantor '79 is returning the century-old 'Floating White House' to its grandeur of long ago, creating a mobile museum of presidential history.

BY Sean Ramsden

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# SEQUOIA



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ome forty years after the Brooklyn Bridge was completed in 1883, transforming John A. Roebling's signature design into a national icon, his granddaughter, Emily Roebling Cadwalader, commissioned what would become another key article of American history. Over the next half-century, her opulent 104-foot wooden yacht would play both elegant host and silent witness to some of the 20th century's most significant moments of international strategic planning and diplomacy, as well as the notable celebrations and heartbreaks of the ten U.S. presidents who found a comfortable retreat aboard *Sequoia* – the floating White House.

Today, the 99-year-old *Sequoia* sits in Cambridge, Maryland, on the state's Eastern Shore at the Richardson Maritime Museum, awaiting a long-overdue restoration. **Michael Cantor '79**, managing partner of Equator Capital Group, the private-equity firm that owns *Sequoia*, has undertaken the job of restoring the craft to its 1930s grandeur, echoing a time when **Franklin D. Roosevelt GP'57** cruised thirty-nine times aboard the craft. For Cantor, the project allows his interest in the past and enthusiasm for wooden yachts to dovetail in a meaningful way.

"I did grow up around water, and with boats. And I worked at construction during my summers at Lawrenceville back in Kentucky, doing carpentry," he says. "I never had a nice wood boat, though."

"But ... this was an accident," he says of taking on the *Sequoia* project. "I didn't set out to do this."

Cantor and Equator Capital were awarded ownership of *Sequoia* by a Delaware court in 2016 for a price officially recorded as "zero dollars," but only after Equator, as mortgage holder, had paid out some \$7 million to the previous owner, and in attorneys' costs.



Photo courtesy of Mystic Seaport Museum, Rosenfeld Collection

"After loaning him enough to pay off his previous mortgage, we had to pay to maintain the boat, pay his insurance maintenance and everything that he wasn't doing, and then we had to pay all these legal fees," Cantor says. "And the frustrating part was that none of that went to help *Sequoia*."

The yacht's condition would have appalled any of the commanders-in-chief who used it for state business, from **Herbert Hoover GP'58 '59** to Gerald Ford. It was, according to the chancery judge, Sam Glasscock III, "an elderly and vulnerable wooden yacht ... sitting on an inadequate cradle on an undersized marine railway in a moribund boatyard on the western shore of the Chesapeake, deteriorating and, lately, home to raccoons."

Last October, after four mostly idle years in Belfast, Maine, *Sequoia* was transported back to Cambridge, where the restoration – expected to take as long as five years, under the work of up to twenty shipwrights – could cost \$10 million.

*Sequoia* was designed by John Trumpy and constructed by the Mathis Yacht Building Co. of Camden, New Jersey, in 1925 for Emily Roebling Cadwalader and her husband, Philadelphia banker Richard M. Cadwalader, who paid \$200,000 – the equivalent of \$3.5 million today. Built of longleaf yellow pine, white oak, mahogany, and teak, the yacht was launched that October as the *Sequoia II*, replacing the 85-foot *Sequoia* the Cadwaladers had purchased just one year earlier. The new wooden craft was used by the couple for several elegant cruises off Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida, which were noted in the local society pages; in the summer, they cruised the Delaware and Chesapeake bays.

Seeking to impress Richard's fellow members in the New York Yacht Club, Emily Cadwalader's attention again began to stray toward a larger vessel, and so the *Sequoia II* was sold to Houston oil magnate William Dunning in 1928. Dunning's

fortunes plunged during the Great Depression, and he was forced to unload *Sequoia II* in 1931, when it was purchased by the U.S. Department of Commerce for \$40,000. The serial designation was dropped from its name, and *Sequoia* was used for two years as a decoy to lure bootleggers, who were fooled by the craft's lavish appearance, on the Chesapeake and Delaware bays, according to the yacht's longtime captain, Giles M. Kelly, in his book, *Sequoia: Presidential Yacht*.

Hoover, an admirer of Mathis-Trumpy yachts, also began using *Sequoia* in 1931. He grew so fond of the craft that its photo graced the 1932 White House Christmas card. Though he was criticized for showcasing such opulence while Americans were enduring unprecedented economic hardship, Hoover's use of *Sequoia* for both official and personal use marked the beginning of the long and integral relationship between the yacht and the presidency.

Three months after the United States detonated atomic bombs over Hiroshima and Nagasaki in August 1945, President Harry S. Truman hosted Prime Ministers Clement Attlee of Great Britain and William Lyon Mackenzie King of Canada on a cruise past Mount Vernon to discuss the control of such weapons. The next year, Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower and British Field Marshal Bernard Law Montgomery conceptualized what would become NATO aboard the yacht. During the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962, President John F. Kennedy held secret talks on *Sequoia*; seven months later, he celebrated his 46th and final birthday on board. Richard M. Nixon reached his decision to resign the presidency in 1974 while aboard *Sequoia*, wistfully rendering "God Bless America" on the yacht's piano in the aftermath of his choice. Designated as a National Historic Landmark in 1987, *Sequoia* had passed through a series of private ownerships after being sold by President Jimmy Carter in 1977. Cantor took ownership in 2016 and possession in 2019 following litigation with the Virginia shipyard that had damaged *Sequoia*'s hull.

▲ Michael Cantor '79 will see *Sequoia* restored to its 1930s grandeur. (Photo by Ralph Alswang)

► From left: President and Eleanor Roosevelt cruised Long Island Sound in 1934 with members of the Cushing family, in-laws of the Roosevelt's eldest son, James (Bettmann/Contributor). President Lyndon Johnson dined with a guest in 1965 as Secret Service agent Rufus Youngblood stood guard in the background (LBJ Library photo by Yoichi Okamoto). President Gerald Ford hosted an informal dinner and Cabinet meeting in 1975 on the Potomac River (Courtesy Gerald R. Ford Library).



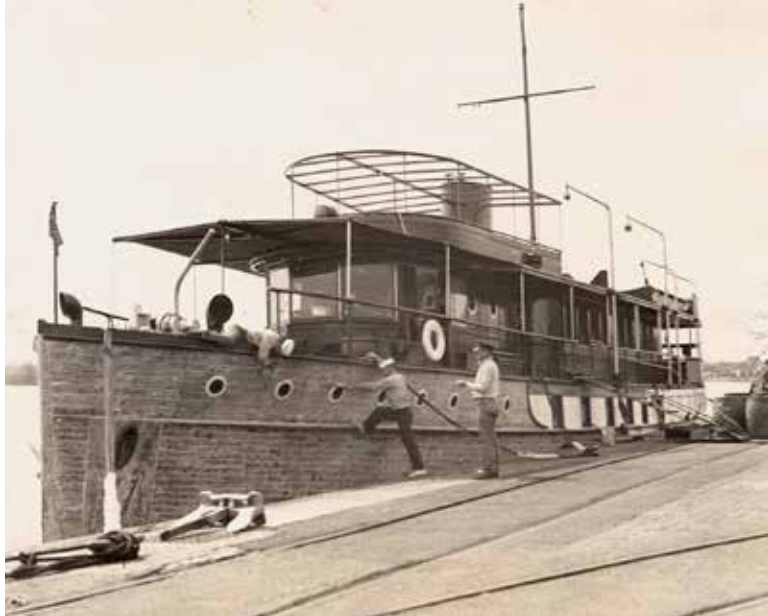
“Have you ever heard of Theseus’ paradox?” Cantor asks. It’s a philosophy exercise that raises the question of whether an object – say, a wooden yacht badly in need of restoration – that has had all of its components replaced is fundamentally the same object.

“In Maine, they express it in a different way,” Cantor explains. “They say, ‘This is my grandfather’s axe. He loved this axe. He put two new heads and three new shafts on it.’ And then you think to yourself, *Well then, is that really his axe?*”

It’s a question Cantor has found himself considering as he searches for the wood to replace *Sequoia*’s hull. The planking on the outside of the hull was originally longleaf yellow pine and the framing, white oak. Cantor is insistent these elements be used in the restoration, but not just any longleaf yellow pine or oak will do.

“There were 90 million acres of old-growth, longleaf yellow pine in the southeast when Columbus landed; now there are around 9,000 acres,” he explains of the endangered species. “And I’m a conservationist, so even if someone will let me, I’m not going to go cut down a 400-year-old tree and use it for this.”

In October 2019, Michael Cantor ’79 had the decrepit *Sequoia* transported by barge to a shipyard in Belfast, Maine, to begin restoration back to its Roosevelt-era appearance. The intervening pandemic and various technical issues sidelined the project for four years before *Sequoia* returned to Cambridge, Maryland, where the work will take place, in late 2023.



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Cantor recalls a conversation with Todd French of French & Webb, the Belfast, Maine-based firm tapped to do the restoration, about procuring wood for the job. Explaining his requirements, Cantor said, “We have to find old-growth white oak and longleaf yellow pine that has fallen naturally and shares the presidential history,” he recalls. By “presidential history,” Cantor means sourcing wood from properties with direct links to the U.S. presidents who have cruised aboard *Sequoia* – a task taller than even the trees themselves.

“And Todd’s like, ‘Are you effing crazy?’” he says. “But we did, at least for all the longleaf yellow pine.”

Adding degrees of difficulty to their search is that if a tree is snapped by strong winds, the breakage weakens the structural integrity of the wood, rendering it unusable. For Cantor’s purposes, he is seeking timber from trees that toppled at the roots due to the destabilizing combination of heavy rains and high winds. Keeping his ear to the ground, he tapped into what he calls a fanatical subculture of people who deal in wood for historic yachts.

“And one of them told me about this plantation in Georgia where Hurricanes Irma and Michael had knocked down 150 old-growth trees,” he says. The property, Cantor explains, was formerly owned by John Hay “Jock” Whitney, Eisenhower’s ambassador to the Court of St. James’s. Whitney was the second husband of Betsy Cushing Roosevelt Whitney, who had been married in the 1930s to James Roosevelt II, son of the president. The link to F.D.R. was already in place, but Cantor found something that strengthened it – old film, donated to the Roosevelt Library in 2018, that once belonged to Marguerite “Missy” LeHand, the president’s longtime private secretary, depicting Betsy Cushing Roosevelt and the president aboard *Sequoia* during her marriage to James.

The longleaf yellow pine to be used comes from this land, says Cantor, who is also gratified that the wood will have strong bipartisan credentials. He underscores the connection to Roosevelt, a Democrat, but adds that Jock Whitney and public relations practitioner “Tex” McCrary were the forces behind the famous 1952 rally at Madison Square Garden to persuade a skeptical Eisenhower to run for president as a Republican. Eisenhower, who would suffer a heart

attack during his first term, “supposedly made the decision [to run for reelection] while bird hunting on this plantation,” Cantor says.

Even the nation’s most esteemed independent – George Washington – will be represented in the restoration of *Sequoia*, whose link to the first president’s Mount Vernon estate is strong, according to Cantor.

“In 2019, I read that the last white oak personally planted by Washington fell,” he says. “So, I need white oak, and I called the arborist and he said, ‘No, you can’t have it.’” But after negotiation, Mount Vernon generously donated the wood to the *Sequoia* project with a ceremony befitting the occasion.

Throughout its history, *Sequoia* was changed and adapted for the times and the users. Roosevelt’s elevator was converted into a bar by Lyndon Johnson, for example, all of which poses another question for Cantor: To which moment in time should *Sequoia* be restored?

“I’m definitely going to keep the bar, but try to pick a period during Roosevelt,” he says, adding that the 1960s saw such modifications as air-conditioning units punched through the mahogany walls. “We’ll pick a point when it was still a beautiful, classic yacht, before it got added onto.”

When the restoration is complete, Cantor will oversee an artifact of U.S. history that was the envy of even the nation’s global adversaries – some of whom later became friends. When Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev visited Washington, D.C., in 2001, he was photographed with his daughter, Irina Virganskaya, and then-captain Tony Wells aboard *Sequoia*. “When ‘Gorby’ came up to the wheelhouse,” Wells told a reporter, “he grasped the steering wheel and declared, ‘Now, at last, I am in charge of America’s Ship of State.’”

Given its historical significance, it’s appropriate that the fully restored *Sequoia* will not only be used by Cantor but also function as an educational platform for the public.

“She will cruise locally and along the East Coast,” Cantor says, “as a floating venue to teach American presidential history and to promote conservation and ocean conservation causes.” ♦

# Lawrentians



## Meet Lucinda

“You should write a book!” is a common rejoinder following a friend’s artful telling of a tale. Other people believe they could pen the next Great American Novel. It can be fun to imagine. But there is a wide chasm between that moment of inspiration and the ability to see a book idea through to publication. Where to begin? **Lucinda Blumenfeld Halpern ’00** unlocks the code in her new book, *Get Signed: Find an Agent, Land a Book Deal, and Become a Published Author*, published by Hay House. An experienced agent who helms her own New York-based literary management firm, Lucinda Literary, Halpern takes a turn as author, presenting steps for writers to refine their idea, create a compelling pitch, and land a book deal. One thing to understand? Be resilient. “Because writing is a long road,” Halpern told freelance editor Ellen Brock on Brock’s Novel Writing Advice interview series. “I mean, how many famous stories got rejected – and the greats, right? I mean, J.K. Rowling ... One publisher of the thirteen [with whom she shared her *Harry Potter* manuscript] saw it.”

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Our honorary classmate **Michael Cary H’01 ’03 P’01** continues to teach English at Deerfield Academy while ignoring any thoughts of retirement. He and Jane H’52 P’01 live in Hanover. She works at Dartmouth with the Admissions Department as she did at Princeton when they were at Lawrenceville. They visited with us at Highland Ranch about twenty years ago when Michael was running The Yellowstone Foundation in Montana. A really special classmate who sends best wishes to all of us.

Please send me news at [gcg@sonic.net](mailto:gcg@sonic.net) or call me on 707-489-9200. There are still a lot of “verbal and vertical!” as **Broadus Bailey P’77 ’78** says. Let’s whoop ‘er up for ‘47!

### 1948

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**Winthrop Knowlton** (Raymond House) passed away on October 13, 2023, in New York City. His impressive accomplishments at L’ville include All-House soccer team, All-House baseball team, varsity soccer, varsity baseball, sports editor of *The Lawrence*, associate editor of *Olla Podrida*, president of Pipe and Quill, vice president of Bibliophiles, and president of Cum Laude. Win attended Harvard and its business school after traveling for a year in China with our classmate, **Jim Thomson**. His life accomplishments began on Wall Street, followed by appointment as assistant secretary of the Treasury; thereafter he became CEO of Harper & Row Publishers. Win left business to become director of the Center for Business and Government at the JFK School of Government at Harvard before returning to

the investment world. He is survived by his wife, Maxine Grodsky, five children, six grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and his brother Stanley Knowlton ’43.

The Class extends its sincere condolences to the family of our dear friend who has left us.

### 1949

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Seventy-five years ago, we were in our final classes around the Harkness tables, anticipating our graduation from Lawrenceville. This spring marks the 75th anniversary of that graduation, and we hope you will come to Lawrenceville for Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 31-June 2, to celebrate this landmark.

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[Ed Note: **Steve Ackerman** has handed the class-secretary reins to **Larry Heilman P’85** and **Colin Thompson**. *The Lawrentian* is grateful to Steve for his many years and dutiful work in the role, and also welcomes Larry and Colin. – S.R.]

**Ted Wood** noted the change and writes: “A good starting point may be some sort of report on our reunion back in June, even though it was quite a while ago, and there were only four of us there. For me it was somewhat difficult because I had to report the loss of my good wife, Schuy, who was a very good friend of **Ray Marks P’87** and his wife.

“Anyway, I live close enough to the School so I can get there in an hour or less; if that would be helpful please don’t hesitate to call me. Best to you both with thanks for picking up the class agency.

**Robert Armstrong** says: “Thanks for the picking up where **Steve** left off. I agree, Steve did a great job for all those years – thanks, Steve.

“Sandy and I are back living full time in New Castle, Pa. Summers at the same farm I left 75 years ago to go to Lawrenceville; winters are spent in town. Daughter Jill, retired from the World Bank, is living in Rome. Her son, Luca, is working in Miami; daughter Heather retired from USAID and her son, Sasha, are here in New Castle. All of us are in good health, and keeping busy.”

**José Sainz de Vicuna** is using the free time provided by retirement to send a long-awaited update from Madrid: “I married late, have a wonderful family – two sons, a daughter and two grandchildren. For over 30 years I headed a partnership with WB in Spain. We produced the Spanish films they needed and distributed their product in this country. Did the same for Fox over 20 years. Was associated as well with Cinesa, the theatrical chain in Spain run by the Forman family, of Pacific Theaters, who own a large number of cinemas across the U.S. This meant that for most of my professional life I was back and forth and in close touch with the U.S. I continue to do so through friends and through my subscriptions to the *New York Times* International and to the *New Yorker*.

“Of the friends I made in Lawrenceville, the one I kept most in touch with was **Maurice Ferré**, who unfortunately passed away some years ago. A wonderful human being, for me he represented the best values of Lawrenceville. Now that I have a lot of free time and can no longer indulge in the sport I enjoyed most, windsurfing, I am able to read a lot – something I got the taste for in Lawrenceville, as well as drawing and painting, which I used to do in school. Of course, I also enjoy my family, especially during the holidays in our summer place up North across our border, in St. Jean de Luz, on the French Basque country. I also travel a lot by car with my wife across Spain and Europe.

“In short, a normal, not by any means outstanding biography, and no great accomplishment to be especially proud of. Have created many local jobs in this country’s entertainment business, in production, distribution and Exhibition, as well as in TV later on through an association with Canal+France, but this is not what I understand for the word ‘creating.’ My best accomplishment is no doubt my family.”

1954

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1955

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Last year was a tough one for **Michael Graf**, who took a hard fall, breaking his left hip and dislocating his right one. "I spent three months in a rehabilitation unit!" he writes. "I am now ensconced in an assisted living facility in Gilroy, Calif. I won't be able to travel to the East Coast any time soon, unfortunately."

I'm sorry to say that **Chico Ferro** lost his wife, Bettina. However, his children have been terrific giving him support. **Henrique Salas Romer** will be moving to the Miami area and he and Chico are longtime friends and excited to be in the same area. By the way, Chico was the greatest shortstop in L'ville history and he is also one of our greatest patriarchs, truly deeply loving our country.

**Jay Tunney** wrote a book about his father, Gene's, relationship with George Bernard Shaw, titled *The Prizefight and The Playwright*. It was made into a play and had a wonderful run in a

Chicago theatre recently. Jay and his wife live in Chicago, as does his daughter, who is an actress.

As mentioned above, **Henrique Salas Romer** and his wife of 63 years, Raiza, are moving to Florida and are excited to see Chico. As you may remember, Henrique was forcibly exiled from Venezuela in 2014, no passport, and his properties taken from him, and he had to restart his life, which of course he has done, and done very well, and is still ready to take on any challenge. Oh, and he is blessed with 13 grandchildren.

**Larry McGivney** is living in Point Lookout on Long Island, where he spent his summers growing up. Let's hope he does not get arrested for the many bad things he did back then!

Barbara and **Andy Fine** live in Virginia Beach and continue to make very worthwhile and endless contributions to the Virginia Beach community. He has not slowed down. When I mentioned that I know his father well from the Georgetown Alumni Association, Andy immediately said is he thankful for being blessed with great genes.

Kathy and **Dave Lockton** moved from Silicon Valley to Charlotte to be near their children. His company, WinView Games, "shut down after we filed litigation over ownership of my 100-plus patents on mobile sports betting and Daily Fantasy Sports. We have just settled the litigation after 40 months. The patents and technology have been returned to his new startup, WinView Technology, Inc., so it's back to work

again." Dave truly is a serial entrepreneur. If you remember, Dave was an All-America swimmer and record holder in the butterfly stroke.

**Doug Carver** and Anke's usual routine is bouncing between Badenweiler, lost in the Rhine Valley vineyards and the Black Forest, and Moraira, now one of Spain's premium Mediterranean resorts. Somehow and thankfully, they seem to resist the slings and arrows of outrageous old age. Their children, Kai in Paris and Astrid outside of Zurich, are beginning to recognize that retirement is more than a vague cloud on the horizon. The most novelty in their family life comes, perhaps understandably, from the third generation. Léonore, 21, finished her second year in Zurich medical school, Célia, 18, after profiting from her gap year to save turtles in Costa Rica and monkeys and elephants in Thailand, is headed to her first year of psychology studies in Manchester, and Diane, 16, given her passion for the Italian language, will be joining us Doug and Anke for a visit to Tuscany.

**Bill Hug** lost his wife, Dolly, to Alzheimer's five years ago. Bill retired four years ago as a psychologist in private practice. He has been ordained 61 years as a Presbyterian minister. Until last June, he still preached four times a year at an independent Catholic church. His daughter, Maggie, works at the State Department in Inter-American education and her husband, Paco, is an artist from Mexico. Bill's son, Will, is a coordinator for international students at Baltimore

City Community College. His avocation is acting in Nigerian films (known as Nollywoods). Will's children are a lawyer, a Marine, and a college senior. Bill adds that they complete him.

Louise and **John Wellemeyer's** sons, Douglas '18 and James '18, have graduated from Yale and Columbia, respectively, and are now gainfully employed. Douglas is with Blackstone in New York and James is with Forward Health in San Francisco. John and Louise spent a large part of the summer in London visiting friends and going to the theatre and movies (*Oppenheimer* and *Barbie*). The London weather was what an English summer is supposed to be – cool and damp – a welcome escape from the heat and humidity of New Jersey.

**Dave Friedrichs** just created his new company, Lancaster Longevity Institute, LLC. It's all about disease prevention, age reversal, and brain longevity. His horse business just celebrated its 200th horse show. Dave is deeply indebted to Lawrenceville for the wonderful education he received, which allowed him to get into Wharton and be successful in business for decades. By the way, Dave was a gold medal-level ski racer in the Nastar ski racing program. He didn't ski until age 41 and continued to ski until he was 80. He was a partner with Betty White in 1963 on the popular daytime program *Password*. He served aboard U.S.S. *Sierra* during the Cuban missile crisis with top-secret clearance as a young Navy officer. His mantra: Live Long, Die Short."

Cathy and **Terry Roche** still live in Charlotte, N.C., by a lovely lake. Terry wishes all '55ers the very best.

**Quart Graves** is amazed to realize that we graduated from L'ville 68 years ago. He retired from Shell 29 years ago, and now lives in a retirement village in San Antonio. He says: "My wife of 62 years died four years ago, and I have happily remarried and am president of the resident association." His retirement has included visiting 116 countries, the seven continents, and 21 mission trips. Quart loves to reread history (more than he did in college), and has done some (unpublished) writing. His six great-grandchildren are his delight. Quart considers his years at Lawrenceville as the most vital shaping force in his early adult life.

**Charlie Broll GP'12** reports all is quiet and well on the East Coast.

**Tore Casella** lives in Hilton Head and gets to Florida in the winter, where he sees Charlie Broll in Longboat Key. Tore says "we are in our '10 Little Indians' stage of life."

**Chuck Wrubel** describes himself as a staunch Woodhullian, and he surely is. He does admit though to respect those of us who are Griswoldians, as our Lew Perry H'52 P'65 went on to head Foundation Valley School in Colorado Springs, where two of his grandchildren have thrived. His other grandchildren are also doing well, and there seems to be a trend towards college in New England, somewhat of a Wrubel tradition. Chuck wishes us all good health and happiness.

All good with **Bert Getz H'56 P'85 GP'18 '20**. He will retire after 65 years Globe Corp., real estate and asset management, which was started by his grandfather in 1901, handling over the reins to his two sons, George and Bert Jr. '85



Linda Hlavacek H'57 '58 '59 '61 '62 '63 '64 GP'06 '08 and Charlie Rippin '57 enjoyed a meal together at Aunt Chubby's in Hopewell, N.J.

P'18 '20, and ultimately to his grandchildren. Bert is quick to state that Lawrenceville is a highlight of his life, as it is for many of our classmates, thanks in a very large part to Bert's exceptional character strengths and leadership!

**John Keyser** feels blessed to be living year-round in Charlevoix, definitely small town American with Up North Michigan values. His wife, Kerry, is teaching at St. Mary School and also Encounter Ministries, Charlevoix campus, and he is writing weekly about community leaders and general leadership best practices for the *Charlevoix County News*.

To all '55ers and our families, stay healthy and happy.

1956

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I recently got together with our classmate **Brent Dugan Baird** after a concert in Buffalo. We agreed that we are both looking good for people our age. Brent was known as Dugan Baird at Lawrenceville. When we first met in Buffalo 59 years ago, the first thing he said was "it's Brent now." He and I grew up in small towns south of Buffalo and never really knew each other at Lawrenceville. Brent has been in the investment business in Buffalo since graduating from Williams.

I arrived in Buffalo in 1964, after Princeton, Michigan Law School, and six months of Army Reserve training, for a job with a small law firm. The firm grew somewhat and later merged with a much larger firm (in one day I went from having nine partners to having 88 partners). I retired from the firm in 2005 and have been traveling and doing volunteer work since then.

**Phil Foster** told me that he came across a CD of the Lawrentians' Shipley School concert on February 11, 1956. If anyone wants a copy you can email him at [philipellisfoster@earthlink.net](mailto:philipellisfoster@earthlink.net). More sad news: **Walter Buckley P'96 '99 GP'09**, who was with us for one year, died on October 30, 2023. Before Lawrenceville he graduated from The Episcopal Academy and subsequently received his B.A. and M.B.A. from Cornell. He had an extensive business career and was involved in a number of educational and charitable organizations.

1957

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1958

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A lot of news from our far-flung classmates: From **Chris "Mango" Mankiewicz P'84** in Los Angeles: "My wife, Nancy, and I spend our time fighting off the aches and pains of aging here in Los Angeles by welcoming visits of my son, Jason, and his wife, Veronique, and our grandchildren, James and Anna, who jet back and forth from their homes in Florida and in Paris! We are retired (as they say), 'creaky' thanks to neuropathy in the legs, feet, and lower back but enjoying visits from friends. Best wishes to my classmates, including **Sandy Ackley**, et al." From **Larry Prince** in New York City: "Many people ask me how I can continue to live in

# THE 1988 SOCIETY

Since 1988, the first year of co-education at the School, Lawrenceville alumnae have been leaders on campus, in their communities, and in their careers.

In March 2023, Lawrenceville founded The 1988 Society to recognize, connect, and engage the School's most outstanding alumnae donors. Membership in The 1988 Society is conferred to alumnae by lifetime giving totals.

To find out more about The 1988 Society, email Skylar Beaver at [sbeaver@lawrenceville.org](mailto:sbeaver@lawrenceville.org)

New York City with all that's going on here, so I thought I might tell our classmates what I see, hear, and experience living in Manhattan.

"First, the media will tell you that nobody lives here anymore. The city is empty. Well, not quite. Life in most of NYC is back to the way it was pre-COVID. However, around Grand Central Station in midtown Manhattan, there are a lot of empty offices. In February 2023, I walked around that area on a weekday at 4:30 in the afternoon and saw floor after floor in the high-rise office buildings with no lights on. As much as 50 percent of the space looked empty. Since then, many workers have come back to their offices but usually only three or four days a week. Retail has also been suffering here, but for at least a decade prior to COVID, and that's no different than the rest of the U.S. in the era of internet retailing.

"On the plus side, the quality of life in the city is good unless you're just above the poverty line. There are literally hundreds of city, state, and federal programs to help the poor and disabled. The middle and upper classes can find excellent living, not just in Manhattan, but in neighborhoods all over the city. It's the working poor, those just above the poverty line, that have it rough.

"Living in the city is good. There are more museums, theaters, stadiums, tennis (now pickle ball) courts, parks, beaches, bike paths and trees than ever. Yes, it's not as clean as many smaller cities, and that's bothersome to me. But I live four blocks from Central Park and walk there at least four days a week. It's spectacular!

"New York streets have had serious congestion problems forever, particularly in central Manhattan, but now the city is about to implement congestion pricing as has been done in many crowded cities around the world. On the other hand, if you do come here, please call me. I'd be glad to show you around, or just have coffee or a drink with you. Here's the best way to reach me: lprince@prince.net or phone 914-629-6642.

"P.S. **Dan Rifkin** is the only other classmate still living in NYC. Maybe he sees things differently. What do you think, Dan?"

**Dan Rifkin** in New York City: "To respond to **Larry Prince**, I am motivated to also sing the praise of our fair city. I am surprised that Larry and I are the only two here. I can think of no better place to live. Lots to do, wonderful people, easy transportation (I take a ferry to work and it is 35 minutes door to door), close to my children, and something new every day including magnificent sunrises in Central Park. Crime is here, as it is in almost every other city and [...] is lower here than in most other metropolitan areas. The crime is drug- and poverty-related.

"I have been professor of cell biology and medicine at NYU Medical Center for the last 45 years. Before that I was at Rockefeller Univ. for graduate school, postdoc, assistant and associate professor terms. My research has been exciting and productive with several discoveries that ultimately contributed to patient care. I had a reasonably sized lab of about ten people, who came from all over the world as well as different parts of the U.S. This provided me with friends to visit in all five continents.

"I am finally shutting down my lab next month. I will become what is essentially a research fellow at the Metropolitan Museum of Art working on Peruvian pre-Columbian pottery. I almost became an archeologist, so this is an opportunity to go back to a second passion. I have been writing descriptions of Peruvian objects for the Met's online catalogue for a few years and helping the curator. I can now begin to publish in a new field. I was fortunate in that I never saw my career as work. The government and NYUMC paid me to go to the lab every day and have fun.

"I have five children scattered about – three in NYC, one in San Francisco, and one in London – and six grandchildren. They have been my great joy. I am still healthy and able to run; 'lumber' is perhaps a more suitable term, five miles every day in Central Park. I actually finished first in my division in a 5K race in Brooklyn last year. There were only five people in the division. Health permitting, I hope to continue on this path for the foreseeable future. However, we all know how the play ends.

From **Bob Anathan P'92** in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.: "Am I no longer under any intense work pressure? It dawns on me as I sit at my desk at work on Sunday that I must have missed the memo. However, responding to the plea to show the flag with something, anything, the following is my once-every-six-decades brief commentary on my travels. I have spent time in the Navy (including rendering appropriate honors to Rear Admiral Paul at the Pentagon), IBM, cruise lines and now for the past two decades in the public sector when 9/11 sunk my cruise line (financially, not maritime-wise) and the private sector was underwhelmed regarding my availability as a sixty-something finance guy.

"Although many alumnus entries seem to focus on the T's – Travel, Trophies (multiple residences or wives depending on interest) and Toys (he who dies with the most toys wins) – nothing of interest to report in these areas. After residing in many states, have ended up in Fort Lauderdale. For those who have never wanted to be in Florida in the summer due to the heat, global warming seems to have pretty much undercut that argument. Doing my push-ups every night to remain sound for 2028. See everyone then if the creek don't rise."

From **Ray Mattison** in Santa Rosa, Calif.: "I enjoy reading about the alumni and other notable people in *The Lawrentian*. I had hip replacement four years ago and still need knees done. Walking in local parks with trekking poles helps with stability on uneven dirt/gravel surfaces and alligatored pavement, upper body motion, and less impact on knees. Sorry I could not attend reunions since 1978. I did participate one year with wine donation. My preferred email address is mat2apr3@sonic.net. I hope to drop the default ".dot.com" address soon.

"I recently retired from commercial/industrial appraising and expert witness work that was very time-consuming and stressful. After a second major cardio event and rehab and a bout with cancer, I did not want to spend the time or high cost of renewing my appraiser and broker licenses and MAI and ASA professional designations. I can still do teaching and consultation.

I am active in Rotary. Ursula and I recently celebrated 57 years together, and are happy to be survivors. We enjoy symphony, opera, and theater. Walking in parks and nearby Redwoods is great. We wish everyone to stay safe and well."

From **George Kuper** in Irvington, Va.: "I'm in the second week of recovery (in September 2023) from a total left-hip replacement (should've been done 20 years ago). Asking myself is it really worth it? I'm also told that it is a common reaction and to be patient as it'll turn out fine.

"Otherwise, Danielle and I are enjoying Virginia living on the shore of the Chesapeake (with a guest room in our 1840s old house), traveling annually to an off-the-grid cottage in an Australian rain forest (jungle) with grandchildren nearby, and regular visits to the family cattle farm in Namibia. We are nervous that the world as we know it is crumbling around us and not sure what to do about it. Best to all."

From **Ed Groff** in St. Albans, Vt.: "The old body is working good, but the mind and memory aren't worth [much]. The result of this makes life great. Nothing to worry about. Hey, just joking. All is well here."

From **Wick Warrick P'90 '92** in Greenville, S.C.: "Liz and I had great visits with **Harry Kelleher** and **Steve Lockton P'84 '87** this past summer. Good times remembered. We went fishing and dove and quail hunting in the Piedmont area. All is good in South Carolina!"

From **Chris Martin** in Connecticut: "Grandson Luke started at Michigan State University this past fall. Granddaughter Isabel, a junior at Kalamazoo College, left for Spain last September and will be there until February 2024."

From **Tom Neviasser** in Powhatan, Va.: "Since graduating 65 years ago, I became an orthopedic surgeon and retired twice, in 2000 and 2005. The first after 30 years and the second after being requested to teach residents at the George Washington University Orthopedic program. I wrote/co-wrote over 40 peer-reviewed articles and participated in many national and international symposiums in the subspecialty of the shoulder.

"After I retired, I traded my scalpel in for a word processor and have written six books, all available on Amazon: two novels, one memoir, one orthopedic guide book for the layperson, one book of 16 short stories, and a guide to the use of one's garage. I hunt mostly birds, quail, ducks, with my dog, Rixey, and tinker a bit with the banjo and ukulele. I also have a small construction business in Culpeper, Va., that I advise from my home in Powhatan. I give lectures on low back pain, shoulder problems, and knee conditions.

"I and my wife, Lynn, have three kids and six grandchildren, and certainly are proud of them all: One grandson is a college grad in IT, three are starting college, and two left to go in high school.

"We are now in the midst of collaborating with a screen writer in Los Angeles to finish a script for a movie based on my novel, *The Mystery of Flight 2222*, and advising the same person on some of his projects. Lynn and I are in pretty good health, and hopefully, we will see the fruition of my endeavors."

## 1959

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## 1960

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**Dick Devens** writes: "**Van Adriance** and I live less than a mile apart here in Sandwich, N.H. He's been here longer than I have, and I got here in 1977. I lost Iris in 2014, and found Helen last year. Attached is a recent picture of Helen and me in church, where I see Van almost every Sunday. He gives a lot of his 'Time, Talent, and Treasure' there. We have worked together on a few projects through the years, including a proposal for the renovation of the local police station, a few months ago. Van still goes hiking once a week, and has climbed the 48 mountains over 4,000 feet in the state of New Hampshire.

"His wife, Betsy, is still with us, and is in exercise Zoom class with me and Helen twice a week. Van's brother, Ted '62, is still working, and I still see him once in a while – less since COVID. He's living with a sweet lady; been without Paula for about 20 years. He lives about five miles from me. I live near the center of town, where I've been in a house I designed since 2004. Their younger brother, Ben, lives in North Sandwich, about 12 miles away.

"Helen is a chemistry teacher and not-quite-retired shepherd who sold her sheep farm in February. We have been moving about 60 years' worth of her stuff from her place to mine since before the sale, and still have more to move. Watching and walking among sheep has been fascinating.

"I was sorry to see that **Bob Bedford GP'25** died, but glad that he and Faith had 58 years together. Pretty impressive obit. I'm not surprised. Hoping to see more letters from classmates."

**Peter Nichols** shared some recollections on our **Allen Crossett**, who died in September, as well as some personal updates: "Allen was a great guy who had a dry sense of humor. The unfortunate passing of Allen should not go unnoticed in terms of Lawrenceville history. Allen, one of the members to our group responsible for painting 'BEAT HILL' on the roof of the old athletic building before the classic game. He was essential to the plot as he was one of two people to actually went up on the roof during the black of night (there was a bit of moonlight, truth be told) to do the brushwork.

"As for yours truly, I was in the bushes posted as a lookout/paint supplier. Other involved if memory serves were **Rick Greenleaf** and two other culprits on whose names my memory fails me.

"More up-to-date info: Retired from the ad game. Doing some minor projects for friends and Colgate. Living in Duxbury with Kathi and dog Lucy. Lucky to have both girls and their families living in town. So, seeing plenty of grand-kid events. Recently, I have had some heart issues, which has slowed me down. No skiing, tennis,



Dick Devens '60 and Helen Steele enjoyed the sun's warmth during the New Hampshire winter.



Ted Collins '61 joined Carlyle MacHarg'61 at Cypress Point Club in California for Carlyle's 80th birthday party.

windsurfing. Sill able to play golf, which, I know does not qualify as a sport, but the best I can do."

**Larry Lippert** also had thoughts on Allen's passing. He writes: "As a member of the choir, co-leader of the Glee Club, and member of the Lawrentians, I shared Allen's love of music and was with him at every performance. Although I can't say I knew him well, I always found him upbeat and enthusiastic. I remember most his broad smile. Having just read his obituary, I am tremendously impressed by his accomplishments and contributions to education and the theater arts. I would expect no less from a Lawrentian."

## 1961

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Back in November, **Jim Schloss P'95** wrote: "After 45 years of living in Oakland, Calif., I decided that it was time to move from a large, empty house to a wonderful 55-plus community 12 miles away – Rossmoor, located in Walnut Creek. ... While this transition has not been without its pressures and emotions, the auctioning of the antiques and valuable artwork, coupled with a massive de-cluttering, has given me a fresh look at life. This community of 10,000 'mature' adults includes two golf courses, five swimming pools, dozens of sport courts, and a glorious fitness center. After many years of being a caregiver [to wife Sandra, who suffered from dementia] and having to be on high alert much of the time as well as being responsible for maintaining a large piece of property, just living an ordinary daily life is a huge relief. I own a lovely condo with no stairs and beautiful views, and every time I see someone else caring for the grounds outside my new home, I smile. I think my 10-year-old Labrador is also smiling.

"Some of you may remember that I was a swimmer. Along with classmates **O'Brien, Greenstein, Evans, and Osborn**, we earned All-America honors in 1961. While I cannot speak for Evans, I may have been the only one of us to continue swimming throughout my college years and was selected captain of my University of Rochester team in 1965. Once I graduated, I never swam seriously again. But now, I have an indoor pool nearby, and I started working out in the water a few weeks ago. One thing

I learned is that alchemy is real; namely, that it is possible to change water into molasses. The first time I began to swim, I was exhausted after a few lengths. Now I am up to 40 lengths, and plan to explore competing again against other octogenarians. We'll just have to wait and see.

"I certainly enjoyed visiting the campus last summer and reconnecting with that important element of my past. While I have no plans to visit anytime soon, who knows? If any of my fellow classmates plan to visit temporarily green California, I have a guest room."

**Jim's** move to the Rossmoor community was predicated on the need to live in a memory care facility due to Sandra's advancing dementia. We're sad to report that James wrote back a few months later with the sad news that he lost his wife of 56 years on February 3. "She lived a long and rich life, but this terrible disease robbed her of the ability to exist peacefully towards the end. As a result, to some degree, her passing came as a relief for her and those around her. But that hasn't made it any easier for my son, Clayton '95, and me. She is loved and missed.

"Thank you for all the love you have shown Sandra throughout her life. Above all else, that is what has made life worth living, and we hope that continues even though she's no longer with us."

**David Preefer** writes: "At the ripe old age of 80, my daughter, Alexandra, has given to me my first grandchild, Theo Mars Bernstein. All my classmates and friends have 3 or 4 grandchildren, and some even great-grandchildren, and I had zilch until 2 months ago. Finally, I get to spoil a child as I wish I had been spoiled."

## 1962

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Good news comes from Thailand on the border with Burma, now called Myanmar. Our classmate, **Bill Harrison**, continues to run Education Burma Thailand Myanmar (EBTM) as its president. The organization's most recent achievement is the building and October 2023 opening of a mental health trauma treatment facility called RISE Center in Mae Sot on the Thai/Burmese border. Mae Sot is truly a Wild



Fran and Dan Bailey '63 enjoyed dinner in Chatham, Mass., with Jodi and Ted Gallagher '63 P'93.



Jane and Rusty Etherington '63, Jean and Bob McGrath '63, and Marcia and Bob Casey '63 P'92 GP'21 '24 were hosted by Lucille and Ray Viault '63 P'96 at The Loxahatchee Club, where they reminisced about their recent trip to Saudi Arabia as guests of Prince Turki Al-Faisal '63 P'94 '07.



Leigh Lockwood '65 P'97 '02, Edith Eglin H'52 '65 '66 '67 '70 GP'19, and Matt Dominy '65 had an "L" of a good time at the Emerge Transformed celebration in October.



Cindy Casey W'65 and Bing McCashin '65 braved the paparazzi to enjoy dinner together.

West-type border town with a great spectrum of activities and actors, some good, some bad. The programs at RISE are tailored to young freedom-fighters from Myanmar who have escaped across the Thai border. They are young People's Defense Force Burmese fighters escaping the military junta's overwhelmingly superior forces. Bill writes: "I am hopeful, for the first time in two years, that the Burmese military junta is on the run." Bill is very thankful to the Lawrenceville community for its financial support of EBTM over the years which has enabled it, among other things, to build and operate the RISE Center.

**Art Clark** sends news from his home in North

Carolina that his granddaughter, Sadie Mae, was undefeated in doubles tennis play for Central Dauphin High School in the Harrisburg, Pa., area, where daughter Courtney and her family reside. Sadie Mae and her doubles partner will be going to the Pennsylvania State Championships to compete at the next level.

Art is looking forward to our 65th reunion in May 2027, when he is planning to renew his financial support for the John C. Green Foundation, which he has supported so generously in the past.

**Sandy Lenhart** and his partner, Jean Martin, moved in August to Plymouth Harbor,

a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Sarasota, Fla. He reports that it seems a long way from our Class of '62 graduation over six decades ago, but a good move for him and his partner while they are in good health. Due to reduced car space and crowded roads, Sandy parted with his beloved vintage Porsche 911, although not before snapping a photo of grandson Brooks, age 3, behind the wheel. Sandy's two vintage Mercedes reside in a car museum.

Sandy's daughter, Lexie, lives in London with her husband, Michael, who is the founding partner in a private equity real estate investment firm there. Grandson Brooks is becoming a "car guy" like his grandfather, and he can identify all the names of many different exotic cars from their logos. Young Brooks is in a feeder school for Eton, but they are hoping he will eventually cross the Pond to begin Second Form at Lawrenceville. Lexie has developed an interesting internet antique jewelry business, providing on-line historical and "fun facts" about each item. She can run her business remotely while travelling with her family twice a year to spend time with Sandy and Jean.

**Champ Atlee H'74 '75 '79 '80 '83 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92** is retiring from the English faculty at Lawrenceville at the end of the spring 2024 term. Champ enjoyed a lighter teaching load the past couple years before retirement. His daughter, Olivia, is graduating from Denison this year, majoring in Spanish and French. She has always loved those languages, thanks largely to her mother, Annette, who taught Spanish at Lawrenceville a while back. Annette was diagnosed with cancer two years ago, but after treatments, she has gotten a clean bill of health from the doctors and is happily recovered.

Champ's poetry has been nominated for a second time for The Pushcart Prize. The Pushcart Prize is an annual publication (2024 will be the 49th edition) that compiles the best prose and poetry submitted by editors of small books in the USA. This year, Champ's Civil War poem "C.S.S. Shenandoah," has been nominated. The title refers to a Confederate raider operating in the Bering Straits that never got the word that the war had ended, and so was still attacking Federal whalers in August of 1865. Lost in time. What would that feel like? The poem proposes those feelings in moving terms.

Champ's niece's son and **Gregg Miller's** granddaughter both received acceptances to Lawrenceville, so the Millers and the Atlees will be hanging out together.

The Atlees plan to live in their same house in the Village of Lawrenceville for the foreseeable future.

If you plan to return to Lawrenceville for Alumni Reunion Weekend, drop by Room 2 in Memorial Hall, where Champ will host a "Coffee & Conversation" event on Saturday, June 1, from 1-3 p.m. It's a casual drop-in event – a chance for one last chat around the Harkness table with Champ before he retires. All are welcome to attend. Champ's Coffee & Conversation will take place during the time of the Food Truck Picnic and Beer Garden, which would make for a lovely June Saturday and mini-reunion for those of us not celebrating a milestone reunion.

## 1963

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**Thad Moore** writes the "Only news I have is sad. On October 28, Ellen and I (drove) up to Tulsa for **Dave Whitehill's** memorial service. Dave passed away on July 20, 2023. Service will be held on their old ranch which has been donated to the State of Oklahoma as a 'Tall Grass Prairie Preserve.' He worked there every summer as a cowboy when it was a working ranch. It is now the home to the second largest (after Yellowstone) free range herd of bison in the U.S. This is where his ashes will be spread. He was a friend of mine for 63 years, and the guy that saved my life when I was attacked by a shark in Mexico. I will miss him."

**Larry Marsh** advised that on July 4, 2023, he released his latest book, *Money Flow in a Dynamic Economy*, published by Avila University Press. Larry argues that "the financial markets on Wall Street were originally intended to create money to support economic growth in the real economy on Main Street. But the money flow has become reversed in the decades following the Great Recession of 2008-09 when the Federal Reserve used QE to inject enormous amounts of money into the financial markets causing the stock market to grow at an average annual rate of 10 percent. Nonfinancial firms discovered that they could make more money on Wall Street than investing in their own businesses. This has suppressed productivity and economic growth, with the real economy growing at less than 3 percent." Larry's book is available at [avila.edu/AUPRESS](http://avila.edu/AUPRESS), where all proceeds go to student scholarships.

Fran and **Dan Bailey** went to Chatham, Mass., for a long weekend get-together with some old friends from Cincinnati. "We used the opportunity to dine out with Jodi and **Ted Gallagher P'93**, and, of course, talk about how successful our YouTube class reunion project turned out. Great timing. We are so happy it was so well received by everyone. Best wishes to everyone from L'63."

Ted sent a photo, adding: "It should be noted that we were toasting Fran for setting the slides to music and making us all look good!" If anyone wants access to the YouTube Reunion slide show, please contact me at my email address at the top of this column and I will be happy to send you the link.

**Ed Dimon** wrote: "Class Reunion was wonderful. Good to see the School and the people. I am still practicing law in N.J., doing mostly criminal law. The cases are difficult because the crimes are often crimes of despair. N.J. had been moving towards treatment and away from punishment. I am still sailing Barneget Bay A Cats against **Peter Wright P'01**. These are all-wooden boats built to a 1923 design. Tiller, rudder, centerboard, one sail. Thirty feet long with 44-foot mast. Peter is an excellent skipper.

"The family has been skiing at Sugarbush in Vermont since college. Fun with five kids and 12 grandchildren. They all ski better than

me. We travel to see the kids in England and in North Carolina. The others are in N.J. Youngest child, Patrick, does sports documentaries and for the golfers in the class, he is the producer of Full Swing, the golf series which is in its second season on Netflix. All good. No complaints. Very grateful to have attended Lawrenceville."

From **Roger Glass**: "I spent three weeks in China this summer trying to figure out how we can continue to collaborate with Chinese investigators in basic research of common interest. While we are at odds with China on so many fronts, there is a huge need to work together in the areas of biomedical research and climate change. As the two largest contributors to biomedical research and at a time of tremendous expansion of the new tools of imagining, genomics and other '-omics,' and AI are advancing our abilities to address problems that impact all of us, we cannot afford to not collaborate on a basis of true partnerships and respect for IP. Our welcome by our Chinese hosts was warm and enthusiastic. We need to keep these lines of communication open and active, or we risk delaying discovery of the cures and prevention strategies of the diseases that are the most challenging that could ensure longer and healthier lives. These are great questions of our time and looking for good solutions would prevent a decay in what has been 35 years of outstanding Sino-U.S. collaborations in biomedical science and research. Great seeing everyone at the reunion. I am still totally engaged in my new position as president of the China Medical Board, a spinoff of the Rockefeller Foundation."

## 1964

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Hoping to see everyone at our 60th reunion at Alumni Reunion Weekend, May 31 to June 2 at Lawrenceville. You can see the entire lineup of events at [Lawrenceville.org/alumni/reunion](http://Lawrenceville.org/alumni/reunion).

## 1965

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Good day, '65. Our 60th coming up! Plan to attend!

The Emerge Transformed celebration shook the earth but has now been reduced to after-shocks that will last a century. Our very own honorary '65, **Steve Murray H'54 '55 '63'16 P'16 '21**, championed the transformation since his arrival in 2015 based on the four pillars of his Lawrenceville 20/20 Strategy: community, academics, professional development, and financial sustainability. **Matt Dominy, John Kelsey GP'25, Edith Eglin H'52 '66 '67 '70 GP'19**, and I attended the celebration and Steve Murray was the only person who did *not* receive much-deserved credit. I recall hearing *what* happened, *who* supported the campaign, but do not recall sufficient (or any) credit given to the person who made it happen.

'65 preceded the celebration with lunch at Vidalia, attended by Dominy, **John Gore H'61 '64**, Kelsey, **Rob McClellan H'78 P'10**, and me.

Not impressive enough? Under Mr. Murray's leadership, The American Institute of Architecture (AIA) has given Lawrenceville's Gruss Center for Art and Design (GCAD) a Merit Award in the educational category in the 2023 AIA New England Architecture Awards. The award, which recognizes excellence in architecture across New England, was presented to Sasaki, the firm that designed GCAD.

The recent Big Red News announced **John Gore's** retirement. Gore inspired and guided my volunteer work and made it interesting, rewarding, and, I hope, significant for Lawrenceville. John's 20 years work at Lawrenceville earns the highest accolades and we wish him well. Candidly, I don't see John sitting still for long, if at all.

I had to pry out of **Howard Myers P'10** and **Connie Mercer Myers P'10** that the new HomeFront campus is named "The Connie Mercer Family Campus." I remind you that HomeFront was founded on Howard and Connie's kitchen table and made such a tremendous impact on Mercer County and the surrounding area that Princeton University bestowed an honorary doctorate on her.

Paparazzi just won't leave alone beautiful people **Cindy Casey W'65** and **Bing McCashin '65**, who are living the life to which I aspire, as you'll see in the adjacent photo.

**Reid Byers'** last book, *The Private Library: The History of the Architecture and Furnishing of the Domestic Bookroom*, is in its third printing (!). His new book, *Imaginary Books*, is due this fall, published by Oak Knoll Press.

**Rob McClellan** and **Howard Myers** enjoyed some time on the skeet range. Rob sent me a photo of a New York State Police badge, but it wasn't clear if he was wearing it or being arrested by it.

Carol Ann '97 '02 and I enjoyed lunch with **Bill Hamill P'96 '99** at Terrain, **Scott Belair P'08 '09's** Urban Outfitters affiliate, which recently opened a lovely restaurant/garden center near us here in Bucks County.

Day and **Matt Dominy** recently traveled down the Amazon from Manaus out to the ocean and on to San Juan, P.R. Fishing for piranha was an exciting experience! It would have been less so if Day hadn't insisted on using Matt for bait! [Not the first time, I'm sure]. Matt also reports: "On the Rocky Mountaineer train from Denver to Moab, Utah, and then doing the national parks around there before we drive home."

I have the good fortune of seeing Pam GP'25 and **John Kelsey GP'25** from time to time, and also seeing his granddaughter Kelsey '25, who sparkles. She's everything *good* about Lawrenceville, except academics, sports, clubs and social, at which she is *great*.

**Buzz Saner** reports an unlikely coincidence: "In 1994, I helped close another small law firm and merged our practices into the one I have been with ever since. The founder of this firm, a guy named Galen Powers, passed away more than 10 years ago, but just recently, the firm's unofficial historian gave a presentation on Powers' life, which was pretty remarkable.

Scrolling through slides, he came to the attached, a yearbook photo from the University of Michigan Class of 1959. And a name jumped off the page."

It turns out that to the right of Powers was a teacher, and to her right was Herman Besselink H'73 '88 '94, longtime Lawrenceville housemaster, history teacher, and keeper of the Herodotus Club flame for many years.

"Not only were they housemates and, I think, house officers during their senior undergraduate year," continues Buzz, "but both stayed at Michigan, Powers for law school and Besselink for a master's degree. They had to have known each other quite well. I liked Besselink a lot, and it's killing me that I didn't discover this coincidence when both men were still alive."

Speaking for myself, I am president of the County Theater here in Doylestown, Pa., and VP of the parent group, Renew Theaters. We recently renovated and expanded the County Theater to three screens, and all four theaters enjoyed a smashing 2023 with Barbenheimer. Organized a wonderful *Oppenheimer* gala tent opening at the Princeton Garden Theater attended by the president of Princeton U. and the head of Institute for Advanced Studies and a few hundred colleagues and supporters. Film is back! "See" you again in Notes in a few months, and in the meantime stay well.

## 1966

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In early October 2023, a small but mighty group of classmates gathered in New Bedford, Mass., for the second regional alumni gathering. The event was spearheaded by **John Preefer P'07** and **Jim Rowan** and occurred October 6-8. It is a testament to our classmates that there were two who flew in from Hawaii to share in the weekend fellowship. **Jared Wickware** and **Paul Tomar P'10**, along with wife Libby P'10, made the long trek from the mid-Pacific. Others attending were **Ward Stokes**, **Pablo Gomery**, **Bob Osten**, **Grant Ritter**, **John Petito GP'25**, **Karin Crooks P'04 '05**, **Dave Pollak**, **Charlie Cuthbert**, **Norm Mitchell**, **Bill Sinnott P'94**, **Jeff Preefer P'06**, and **Ralph Harder**, as well as the organizers, John and Jim.

Another such gathering is planned for 2024 and it is hoped that even more classmates can join in the weekend. Preliminary itinerary for the 2024 gathering in Plymouth, Mass., over the dates of September 18-20. More info will be forthcoming from John Preefer.

In November on CBS' *60 Minutes*, there was a featured story on doping of horses and the tragic occurrences that happen when a horse is running on drugs. One of the main interviewees was our classmate **Stu Janney**, who is the head of The Jockey Club and has been leading the charge to unify all racing organizations into developing standard rules for what is allowed to be given to a horse and to establish standardized testing procedures which will apply across the board to all horse racing organizations and venues. As of now, each state has its own rules and it is easy

to get by at some tracks and not others.

As I watched the interview with Stu, I texted **Mike Ledyard P'99 '02 '02 '12** to let him know that Stu was on TV and Mike replied that he would be seeing Stuart in a week or two as both are on the board of directors of Bessemer Trust.

**Maurice Hakim's** beverage business is flourishing as he has added private label organic teas and lemonades. Maurice has also launched his own branded organic lemonade under the label Mister Mo's. You can find Uncle Mo's in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.

**Bryan Oliphant** has made the decision to leave Florida and head north. Destination is unknown as he has leased his NYC condo to a high-powered restaurateur since 2019. The lease expires in 2024, but Bryan may extend. In the meantime, Bryan plans to winter in Nice and might spend the summer in Europe. There is a thought of spending a few months in Australia where Bryan's significant other has family. Bryan is quick to point out that his plans are subject to change.

Since I didn't have any surgeries to recover from this year, I was able to compete again in the Virginia state skeet championship. Very fortunate to have placed third in two gauges, including a 96 in the 12-gauge and a fourth in high overall. I'm in my 14th year at Washington & Lee as a volunteer lacrosse coach. We ended the 2023 season losing to eventual national champs

Salisbury in the Elite Eight, but have all our scorers back from that game. The preseason polls have us at No. 8 and we play a very robust schedule which has us playing six games against teams in the top 15.

## 1967

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**Bill** starts off this edition of the Notes: Ana P'01 and **Will Wauters H'03 P'01** have a busy travel schedule planned, with a trip to New Orleans followed in January by a longer journey to visit their son, Casey, who has relocated from Austin, Tex., to Australia. Having just returned from a trip to Kauai, Hawaii, I can vouch that long plane rides are a challenge for a 75-year-old!

I called **Larry Jones** recently and heard about his much shorter trip when he fell off a rock while hiking and tore his rotator cuff. He is currently recuperating from surgery. Needless to say, Larry won't be shoveling much snow this winter in Vermont, instead focusing on his reading and writing sermons for his frequent guest appearances at nearby parishes.

Some sad news – we have recently lost two classmates as **Fritz Laycock** and **Mac Durbin** recently passed away. Fritz was a resident of Cleve House and while at Lawrenceville was active in Periwig and the Conservative Club and was a member of the JV wrestling team. Mac was in Woodhull and spent his athletic time running distant events for the track team. What

Mac lacked in athletic ability he made up for in hard work, as evidenced by improving his time in cross country by a minute from his fourth to fifth form years. Always a favorite of **Coach Poreda H'57 '58 '61 '63 '69 '70 '89 P'77 GP'04 '07 '08**, Mac's improvement made a good team great. Both Fritz and Mac be missed.

**Rolf** picks it up from here: Barbara and I enjoyed an extended weekend in Vermont dangerously close to the home of **Cindy and Larry Jones**. The planned visit was put asunder when Cindy fell ill the day before we were to invade, so we found other accommodations that included roosters waking us each morning, a pleasant bucolic surprise. Ironically, the fall foliage didn't awe until we returned to New Jersey. When we did so, Larry informed us that his walking stick and loose rocks conspired to tear a rotator cuff muscle in his shoulder. As I write this, he is mimicking the WWII plight of "a wing and a prayer." Hopefully, his prayer skills have not diminished in retirement.

"Speaking of Larry, he, **Spencer**, and I took part in a Zoom Harkness class organized by the alumni office and hosted by an actual teacher. The topic was leadership, which brought forth thoughtful examples and interpretations from alumni as far back as the Class of 1952. Keep your eyes peeled for these events, as they are quite interesting.

"**Ernesto Mejer P'04 '10** has an interesting tale. "Holly and I visited the Basque country of Spain and France and then Paris, where we saw **Charley Gates** and Marie Henriette, both recently retired from being professors of archeology at Bilkent University in Ankara. They have a beautiful apartment in Paris, where they now live. It was a pleasure to see them and have dinner with them.

"Pat P'12 and **Alex Swistel P'12** welcome everyone to their home in Spring Lake. It is now our home for a weekend of friendship and comradeship."

**Paul Fitzgerald P'03** brings us the following: "In late October, L'ville had a celebration regarding the successful capital campaign. For those of you who have not been on campus recently, the new Tsai building would be worth the trip. The field house and dining center have been combined. There is a section of the building dedicated to our very own **Lyals Battle** and **Darrell Fitzgerald '68**, one of the Fitzgerald triplets. The Great Class of '67 did its part and I salute those of you who contributed to the campaign and have supported Annual Giving over the years.

"I was invited to the football team's senior farewell practice the day before the Hill game. I listened to the Fifth Formers talk about their careers. Brought back some great memories of my teammates and how great it was to be part of a winning tradition. I offered to sing "On Down the Field" but was voted down and told to get **Charlie Williams H'85 '98 P'94 '97** and/or **Hugh Cregg**. L'ville beat Hill 40-7 for its fifth straight win.

"I am enjoying my term on the Alumni Association Executive Committee. One of our goals is to improve alumni involvement both with the School and individual classes. Exhibit A from my end is to have a classmate like **Alex**

**Swistel**, who again hosted a mini-reunion at the Jersey Shore. Great to catch up with a number of Lawrenceville Legends and spouses. Here we are, 55-plus years later, and I am still hearing new stories about life on campus. Glad the statute of limitations is in effect. Thank you, Alex and Pat!"

Paul signed off with "Virtus Semper Viridis," a phrase he hopes to copywrite and popularize in the next decade.

**Toby Schriber** says, "I always liked waiting until the last possible moment. Nonetheless, here goes likely nothing! Although at the time of this writing I have yet to see 75, I am sure that even though I think I am 28, my appearance might seem otherwise. This past year I officially moved off Twilight (my sailboat) and on to hard land in Charleston, S.C. A modest home on James Island, but with bedrooms for any and all who might want to stop by. Also replaced hip number two, so now I definitely set off the TSA security alarms.

"Hard to believe we graduated 57 years ago."

**Ken Seaman** and I had a thought-provoking email exchange that began with how most respond when I solicit Notes: "Thanks for your invitation to contribute to Class Notes ... I have little to contribute, as I am in contact with few Lawrentians outside of Alumni Weekend." Well, isn't that true of most of us? However, as we spent important portions of our adolescence together at Lawrenceville and are experiencing life concurrently, we have a mother lode of commonality. Ken struck a nerve as he continued: "I never thought much about the future or turning 75 but it is an interesting topic to reflect on when I don't have anything better to do..." Ken suggested that it's "a topic on which you might want to solicit opinions from others in our class. I think about all those who did not make it to 70 or 75 – classmates, family, friends, etc. – and how fortunate we are to have made it this far. I compare the 56 years since we graduated from high school as being more than three times the about 18 years we lived before graduating from high school and all that has happened since then – both personally and in the world. How could any of that be predicted – or that we would still be alive and able to think about subjects like that? We read about celebrities who died young, even recently, and we can consider ourselves lucky..."

"In short, I never really thought about how long I would be living – or where or how. But if lots of people from our Lawrenceville class are writing something – for either the Class Notes or for a future reunion – I might be able to do so as well."

And then, in a flash, Ken answered his own challenge with the following: "As I look back at the years, I realize how incredibly fortunate I have been to still be alive at 74. I think of our classmates who have died already (including, unfortunately, a number of those classmates). I think of my three younger siblings who died without reaching 70, as well as my wife, who died at 68 – and I think of Lawrenceville masters, some who have survived and some who died young (including Dr. Wade Stephens '50 H'68 P'78 GP'06, my housemaster at Hamill House). I think of the wars I have missed, including



The noble-yet-quiet work of Howard Myers P'10 and his wife, Connie Mercer Myers P'10, was recognized by HomeFront, whose Ewing Township, N.J., headquarters were renamed "The Connie Mercer Family Campus" in September.



Rob McClellan H'65 '78 P'10 and Howard Myers '65 took a rest after a day on the skeet range.



Three generations of Hamills: Leita V. Hamill H'65 '88 '97 '99 P'96 '99, Jane Hamill '99, and Rosie Bereswill, Lawrenceville Class of 2037, at the Au Sable Club Keene, N.Y., last summer.



Robert Nagle '69 and wife Tina stand proudly with daughter Lili, who completed the Navy's Officer Development School in Newport, R.I.

Vietnam, where there was a draft when I was in college and I drew a low number in the draft lottery (where ROTC gave me years for education and to allow the Vietnam war to end so the military no longer wanted people our age for active duty). I had no idea how long I would live and never really thought about it. Now, I live in Florida and no longer have to worry about snow, freezing rain, winter coats, or boots. I am now sitting on my back porch, watching golfers play a few feet away every day and can go to the square 10 minutes away for free music every evening. I invite any of my classmates who travel to Florida to visit me (I am about an hour away from Orlando and its tourist activities). It would be good to see you in between the class reunions."

**Arturo Ottolenghi** picked up on Ken's prompt and responded splendidly with the following: "Our classmate, **Ken Seaman**, and I were communicating on renewing my company's 'Supergrit' trademark for another ten years. We will both be 85 when that comes up for renewal.

"Ken has a notable background as a patent attorney for multiple U.S. publicly traded companies. He has over the years kindly helped me through the labyrinth of government procedures to protect the 'Supergrit' trademark, which I secured 45 years ago. Ken reminded me about your suggested theme for Class Notes: what is it like to be 75 years old? "As long as we are aware of being 75 years old, other people do not

have to worry about us,' was my remark to Ken.

"I am not ready to close the cover on my book. In fact, I am in the process of writing it. I am writing about the past, but there are new chapters being written about the present and the future. One of my favorite expressions is: 'Life is not measured by the number of breaths you take, but by the number of moments which take your breath away.' I am very fortunate to have experienced many 'breathless moments' and look forward to new ones. I will relate to you a new chapter which is unfolding presently.

"My wife of 44 years, Hannah, has apple orchards. About 200 truckloads are sent yearly to Knouse Foods, an agricultural co-op that processes and markets the apples from about 150 members. Have you ever enjoyed 'Musselman's' apple sauce, which is sold by Knouse? This year Knouse Foods is juggling labor shortages, cash flow, and low commodity prices. They decided to open their plants a month later than usual. This precluded buying the early ripening varieties such as Honeycrisp and Red Delicious.

"Growers like ourselves were stuck without a market for thousands of bushels of these two varieties. Honeycrisp is generally considered a prized apple in the fresh market. On the plaza of Lincoln Center in NYC, vendors are selling these at \$5.00/lb. This October, we had 1,000 bushels or 40,000 lbs. rotting on the trees.

"Have you ever tasted an apple brandy made

in Brittany, France called Calvados? A few years ago, Hannah and I visited the beaches of Normandy of WWII fame. We also visited a Calvados distillery in Brittany a few miles from Omaha Beach. That breathtaking moment in France, along with inspiration of our son Brett (The Truffle Kid), prompted this 75-year-old to contact Mason Dixon distillery in Gettysburg. We picked our over-ripe but very sweet (12 ½ Brix) Honeycrisp crop and shipped 970 bushels to Kime's, a local cider mill, for juicing. You yield just under four gallons of juice from a 40-lb. bushel of apples. We then shipped about 3,700 gallons of juice to the distillery. The juice is fermented and twice distilled before being stored in new 53-gallon white oak casks made in Missouri. After two years of aging, our farm will be the proud owner of half of this lot of brandy produced by Mason Dixon. We supplied the juice, he distilled and aged it.

"Yanni Barakos, the owner of the distillery, let me taste some two-year-old Apple brandy from a single cask he had aging. It was viscous, mellow, velvety, strong, with a lingering apple finish. This was far superior to the Calvados we had tasted in Brittany. When we Lawrenceville classmates of 1967 are 77 years old, we will bottle our 'Honeycrisp Nectar' and enjoy it together.

"So, is life over at 75? I think not." Personally, I can't start drinking again to savor Arturo's brandy, but I will don my best tuxedo to pour for the Great Class of 1967. Knowing Arturo, he will use the brandy debut to announce a new endeavor, if not an interesting career challenge.

**George Dittmar**, with whom I enjoy regular (but never routine) lunches, commented: "This stage of life evokes some gratitude, a sobering dose of reality and the call to live in the moment. This has become something of a platitude recently but nonetheless is bloody difficult and is pretty much the only door to reality."

Having suggested the topic of turning 75, it seems appropriate to offer my perspective.

For me, old age became evident by brown spots on my hands that I noticed between sets at the gym. A more aware person would have realized his aging when the weights that used to be for a warm up had become the max but, somehow, the brown spots were more alarming. Other than the telltale spots and tolerable lessening of physical strength, I remain disgustingly healthy and haven't even begun to lose height yet. And we all know that chicks dig a balding grey dome. A typical day includes laughter with my spirited family and friends. By most measures, I am beyond fortunate.

Having not planned well (at all?) and having suffered some cruel events beyond my control, my "golden years" are more like "tin years," necessitating gainful employment. I have always enjoyed my work, especially the problem-solving and creative endeavors, but securing assignments these days is wearing if not demeaning. The "youngsters" controlling business these days refuse to believe that an old guy could possibly have fresh ideas or that his knowledge and experience apply today despite evidence of extraordinary successes across numerous business sectors. Careful deliberation of my day has yielded to instant "answers" on tap from a variety of questionable sources. Fortunately, I

have my writing to sustain me, with a book and a screenplay on the block and fourteen marketable stories in my cue.

Regrets? Few, though one nags a bit. Due to a chronic lack of seriousness, I failed to recognize terrific opportunities with great potential in the past. The most profound perception as a geezer: how time speeds by. Amazing. Amazingly frightening, perhaps.

So, Gents, take this a solicitation for comments on entering our collective Fourth Quarter. Consider how T. J. Johnston H'65 P'74 would lead a class on the subject or how **Mr. Candler H'63 '68 '76** would have us play the parts.

Speaking of playing parts, **Hugh Cregg** does not have a role in the play based on his music. The play is not about him nor the band, per se; rather the story springs from the many enormously popular hits of Huey Lewis and the News. Dittmar and I loved the play, which, unlike many recent music-based shows, has a compelling plot. After subsequent tweaking since its sold-out run at the Globe Theatre in San Diego, "The Heart of Rock and Roll" will preview on Broadway in March for an opening in April at the James Earl Jones Theatre (formerly the Cort Theatre). We have enjoyed watching Hugh discussing the show on television in his down-to-earth manner. (He certainly is the most gentlemanly rock star.)

As we did when he performed in "Chicago the Musical," let's all get together to see the show and have a little party at Sardi's afterward. **Tandy** may still have a house account there.

The important thing remains to stay in touch.

## 1968

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I didn't hear from too many classmates for this writing. However, there were some great items in what I did hear.

**Nick Whitcraft** writes, "If I can think of anything other than complaining about technology, I'll let you know."

I'm sure many of us can identify with that sentiment!

**Gene Brissie P'13**'s news includes his alumna daughter. "The happiest moment of 2023 for my wife, Lisa, and me was watching our daughter, Elizabeth '13 graduate from Harvard Business School in May. She is now back living in NYC and hard at work in private equity."

**Bernie Metzger**'s work as a composer is flourishing. At the 55th, he presented the moving piece that he wrote to honor his late wife and her battle with FTD. He now writes, "I was honored to present a recording of my piano piece, 'Ramblings an FTD Journey,' at the most recent reunion. I am now happy to announce that the orchestra I play in, The New Philharmonia of Newton, Mass., will perform my orchestration of the piece on May 4-5, 2024. For further information go to www.newphil.org I hope all is well with all of you."

From **Mark Hertzberg**: "I had the honor of becoming only the third photojournalist inducted

into the Wisconsin Newspaper Association Newspaper Hall of Fame last week in Madison."

This is from the Hall of Fame citation: "A veteran, award-winning photojournalist, Mark Hertzberg dedicated himself to capturing unforgettable images that told powerful stories during his 40-plus year career — much of which was spent at *The (Racine) Journal Times*. But his success goes well beyond the numerous state, regional, and national accolades he's received for his photography. Hertzberg helped to get cameras back in Wisconsin courtrooms, and he worked on the issue nationally as a member of the Board of Directors of the National Press Photographers Association. As a member of NPPA's Committee on Police and Press Relations, he wrote guidelines that a number of police agencies across the country adopted. He has served as a mentor and role model not only to *Journal Times* photographers, but to the staff reporters as well. A passionate preservation advocate, he is the author and photographer of four books about Frank Lloyd Wright's work in southeastern Wisconsin."

Great work, Mark!

**John Rawley** writes, "Jane and I visited friends in Malta in September and then went on to Rome to see more antiquity. My grandparents are buried there in the non-Catholic cemetery. My grandfather, Ernest Keyser, was a sculptor who lived in Rome when I was a child. His work is displayed at sites where the commissions originated. He did bronze figures and is well known for the Collier trophy for aeronautics in the Smithsonian Museum, as well as for the Sir Galahad figure in front of Parliament in Ottawa, Canada. He studied under Augustus Saint-Gaudens at the Art Students League in New York, and at the Academy Julian in Paris, and he won the gold medal of the New York Society of Architects in 1923. My brother, James '69, and I enjoyed visiting my grandparents in Rome as children and meeting their friends there. My grandfather was related to Gertrude Stein and Oscar Hammerstein, both of whom we found interesting.

"What I treasure most about my recent visit to Rome was my involvement in contributing to the artists' cemetery newsletter and feeling a renewed pride for my grandparents."

Ginny and I recently took an off-season trip to Cape Cod, where we did several days of hikes among the dunes and secluded beaches of the outer Cape. My "Lawrenceville Legends" cap from the 55th reunion helped me make a few new friends. We are now hunkering down for the winter, with a planned visit to my son, Dan, and his family in Nashville for Christmas. Take care and best wishes, everyone!

## 1969

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[Ed Note: **Walt Hoppe** has decided to step down from his class secretarial duties, with **Tim Doyle H'79 '99 '09 P'99** stepping into the role. *The Laurentian* can't thank Walt enough for his steady, thorough reporting on the comings and

goings of the Class of '69. *The following is Walt's final column.* – S.R.]

I am writing these notes and listening to the weather reports about a massive snowstorm heading to the Northeastern part of the country. Sitting here in sunny San Diego, I am thankful I do not have to prepare to shovel snow anymore as I did for decades in Shaker Heights, Ohio.

From **Steve Walk**: "These are my first notes since graduating, but better late than never! I have not kept up with many of my classmates but am close to alums from other classes, some of whom, like Spencer Tandy '67, were in Dickinson.

"My wife, Allison, and I now live on the Eastern Shore of Maryland after many years in Newport, R.I. I spent my career in business and, when time permitted, working with nonprofits. Since retiring I have enjoyed researching and writing the biography of an eccentric but wildly successful player in America's first high-tech revolution, railroads. I also volunteer for a nonprofit that seeks treatments for Friedreich's Ataxia, a rare neurological disorder. I have the disease and it's a struggle, but I won't bore you with the gory details.

"Lastly, I had a friend in Dickinson, **Rick Daddario**, who abruptly left Lawrenceville (I think after the Upper House fire). Anyone know him? Best wishes to everyone."

From **Brent Hyder**: "We are alive and well here in Fort Worth, Tex. Elisabeth and I were in Maine this summer with family, and we arranged a rendezvous with Barbara H'67 '72 P'85 and Ted Graham H'65 '66 '67 '68 '72 P'85 in Brunswick, Maine, location of Bowdoin College. They drove three or four hours each way from their home in the mountains of Hardwick, Vt., to have lunch with us which was really nice, even if it was lobster rolls. They are delightful and are full of energy and joy. I had no idea that at one time they had done some teaching in Sophia, Bulgaria. I have one son who is now working at the Van Cliburn Piano Competition Foundation in Fort Worth and the other one is living in New York City, finishing a college degree. Best wishes to all my classmates and we hope to see you at the next reunion."

From **Maynard Holcombe**: "Life in 'retirement' in Cincinnati continues to be enjoyable. My daughter, Elizabeth, has about completed her first semester at the University of Cincinnati and seems to be adjusting well to college life. Wife Karly just turned 55 and continues her successful career as a mental health therapist. As for me, I'm continuing to recover from a host of medical problems which have kept me largely housebound for a considerable time. Determined to overcome, adapt and survive! I hope all of you classmates are doing well!

From **Bob Froeber**: "Haven't talked to **Skinny** (a.k.a. **Steve Skinner**) in a while. I need to give him a call. Last time I spoke to him, he seemed happy in Hickory, N.C. I am not playing much golf, but I am doing fine.

"My wife's uncle died two years ago at the age of 99. He was awarded the Navy Cross as a dive bomber at Leyte Gulf in World War II. His kids wanted to inter him at Arlington National Cemetery, and there is an extended wait time to be honored there. His service was in early

November, and it was a very special ceremony, complete with a 21-gun salute. The greatest generation continues to pass away. I loved seeing the changing of the guard at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Beautiful precision and very humbling. I strongly urge everyone to go see it.

"Trying to get funding for my diabetic sock business affirmativerx.net. I'm still very involved with my church. Lots of love to all from lovely Pawleys Island, S.C."

From **Robert Nagle**: "Lili went through five weeks of Officer Development School in Newport, R.I. Because she is in the Navy for medical school, this was a requirement that she needed to fulfill. On December 13, 2023, she will hear back as to the Naval Hospital where she will be doing her residency. It will bet Portsmouth, Walter Reed, or San Diego. May is graduation from Eastern Virginia Medical School. Sophie, my oldest, is now doing research at the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, Md."

From **Charlie Terry**: "Getting old is not for cowards! I miss playing rugby. By the way, rugby saved my life. X-rays after breaking some ribs showed a deadly tumor on one kidney. I'm loving Cape Cod and keeping busy writing software as a hobby with one kidney."

**Tim Doyle** and Kathy P'99 "are enjoying a colorful fall on Cape Cod and looking forward to travel adventures next spring."

**Henry West** was diagnosed with Parkinson's last year, "so I hope to join the class in the 2024 reunion 'with a little help from my friends' as Ringo famously sang. I had a great visit to see **Earl, Tony**, and their wonderful spouses this fall up in the Thousand Islands."

From **Arthur Hailand**: "I live in St. Louis. I have been married for 37 years and have three children. They are all married. I have one grandson and I am grateful for everything. I ran onto **Steve Pfeffer** a couple of weeks ago and he hasn't changed a bit."

## 1970

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**Philip Ulanowsky** writes: "I retired from full-time last June, thanks to some familial generosity to pay off the mortgage early – a kind of get-out-of-jail-free card. Finding part-time work in proposal desktop publishing (my last 17 years' day job) has not panned out so far. I did design and produced a book on Hamilton (*Defeating Slavery*) (the man, not the house) for a friend's self-publishing on Amazon, which was fun. I'd love to be teaching photography – film, that is – but need to find the local enthusiasts in this internationally rebounding field. I have created a site (imagesinsilver.art), since one doesn't 'exist' without one. Meanwhile, I have entered several new photos in local exhibits (no sales yet) and am poking about artistic circles.

"Family generally well: Daughter is still recovering from ravages of Lyme and other issues but taking courses in graphic arts; son is a rising assistant manager in a supermarket; wife as wonderful as ever. We hope to finally journey to Yosemite later this year – I've only

been promising it for 46 years. In addition to continued editorial work with *Executive Intelligence Review*, I was asked this week to become managing editor of *Leonora*, a quarterly journal of art, science, and statecraft, published by the international Schiller Institute, with which I have worked to these many decades. Global exigencies have caused us to turn attention elsewhere, but I'm looking forward to reviving the magazine soon.

"Otherwise, I remind my old classmates to always remember that there are three kinds of people: those who can count, and those who can't."

## 1971

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**Andy Holcombe** writes: "I was passing through Minneapolis mid-July and was able to catch up with **Butch Goodspeed**. Had a great lunch, but even greater feast of walking about his home town, while reminiscing and creating new memories and appreciations for old and new. Just a bit over a week ago I was in Charlottesville and had a great day with **Shack Toms**. The art of southern hospitality and food is alive and well under Shack's guidance."

Then in October, Andy was off to Vancouver with his wife, Ann Schulte. "We leave tomorrow on the Rocky Mountaineer for a train trip to Banff. More importantly, in September, we got to hook up with **Wes Schreiber** and his wife, Brenda, for dinner. Wes and I ended up in the same online bubble at the 50th virtual reunion, and we discovered some shared interests. The exploration of the Lawrenceville experience continues."

**John Flood P'02 '04 '06** writes: "My beautiful bride of 47 years, Marianne P'02 '04 '06, and I still live in Westfield, N.J. We feel blessed that our three children, John Henry '02, Ashley '04, and Sara '06, all live in Westfield as well. We have amassed seven grandchildren, all under the age of 7, who we see each day. So much fun!

"Marianne retired as a professor of nursing two years ago but I am still working as CEO of Synergy Global Outsourcing, a company that operates call centers onshore, nearshore and offshore. I stay in touch with my good friend, Brian Ball '70, who will be visiting Marianne and me for a bit of rest and relaxation in Naples this coming January. Also, from time to time, I see **Roy Geronemus**, who takes good care of my bald head and any other skin maladies that arise. Ronnie Kane '83 P'20 and I still communicate but he has moved his clan to Florida where he teaches, as I am sure many of you know. All my best to my classmates."

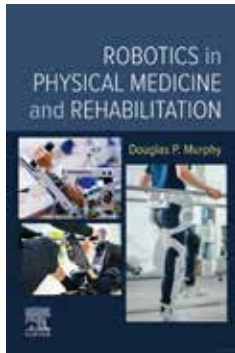
**Don Devitt** writes, "Barbara and I are attempting to travel as much as possible while our parts still work. In between trips we baby sit our two grandchildren."



Andy Holcombe '71 and Butch Goodspeed '71 caught up over lunch in Minneapolis.



Andy Holcombe '71 and Wes Schreiber '71 enjoyed a fun evening together.



Doug Murphy '71 recently published *Robotics In Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation*, with a dedication inside to Lawrenceville.



Left: Andy Holcombe '71 and his wife, Ann Schulte, enjoyed a visit to an Australian indigenous art museum at the University of Virginia with Shack Toms '71.

## 1972

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As some may know, I'm something of a word freak. Part's due to a laughable result on my 1971 verbal SAT, which determined my IQ to lie somewhere between a tomato and Cro-Magnon Man. Humiliated, I thought the answer was to enhance my vocabulary by learning polysyllabic words to make me sound more intellectual. One I recall is "peripatetic," a five-vowel term for someone who travels frequently. In these notes you'll find two classmates who best fit this description.

Dr. **Hank Clifford** writes: "Travel, competitive tennis, fly fishing, and enjoying many of Virginia's 300-plus wineries occupy the lion's share of my free time, with travel as my highest priority. After all, time is running out, and my bucket list is still very long. In 2023 my wife and I (and occasionally family members) visited New

Zealand, Dominica, Alaska (for salmon fishing), Wyoming, and Mexico. New Zealand is God's gift to planet earth – a spectacularly beautiful and scenically diverse paradise. Highlight of that trip was a breathtaking helicopter ride through the Southern Alps to the iconic Milford Sound, with a brief stop on an alpine glacier. I caught the largest brown trout of my life (28 inches, 7 lbs.) in the South Island's Ahuriri River. Wyoming is home to a dude ranch I have been visiting since my Lawrenceville days. Upcoming trips are planned to France, Morocco, Switzerland, and Southeast Asia.

"In a discussion of music tastes amongst a few classmates, I admitted that I tend to shy away from oldies (e.g., Fleetwood Mac), and concerts, and I have never listened to a Taylor Swift song in its entirety – just the time it takes me to reach for the tuning dial. Despite being the music director for two years at a very progressive non-commercial radio station where I did a four-hour hard jazz (e.g., Charlie Parker, John Coltrane, Miles Davis) show every Sunday afternoon, as I hurtle towards geriatricity, my music tastes have evolved in a contrarian direction that would be best described as 'infantile regression' – I suspect that I am one of our few classmates

who listens to EDM (electronic dance music), and I may be the only person on the planet listening to EDM who is not high."

From a chronological viewpoint, medical treatment of the elderly – geriatrics – starts from the age of 65 years old. Hence, we're geriatrics. Sorry, **Hank**, but your heart beats young.

For more from the peripatetic, following is **Dean Harden's** exceptional travelogue, which he emailed to several of us once he was safely ensconced back in his home base of Thailand. If you email Dean, he may even send you the accompanying photos. He writes: "A recap of my travels last summer. My route was essentially due south from the Michigan/ Canadian border at Sault Ste. Marie to where Virginia and North Carolina meet, then due west to L.A. – 5000-plus miles and three weeks on the road of staying with, communing with, talking with family and friends of a lifetime, but also some new. For instance, lunch on the bank of the Ohio in Indiana, driving my childhood friend Rick's 2004 Jeep Liberty, and visiting and experiencing new (as well as some older ones) sites along the way: part of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail; the legal legacy of the Courthouse in Dayton, Tenn., enroute to the Civil War Battlefield at Shiloh, the five-minute, two-bridge road crossing where the Missouri-Mississippi and Ohio Rivers merge. Why it isn't the Missouri or the Ohio when it disgorges into the Gulf of Mexico is a complex discussion I leave you to research.

When driving through Oklahoma south to Fort Worth, I meandered a few hours in Cherokee and Choctaw country, which is southeast of the Osage Nation depicted in the Scorsese movie *Killers of the Flower Moon*. It was a Sunday and not a place of interest was open – specifically, the several points in and around Muskogee I had wanted to see. I found that curious, but the national Cemetery at Fort Gibson was open. That night and for a second, I was with **Sam Waugh** and wife Sandi for their wonderful Texan hospitality that extended to a local auto repair that found nothing wrong with my air conditioning that had died the day before resuscitating itself after being sworn at profusely for hours. I did blaspheme that Sunday. Dying in the noonday sun at 110 degrees was simply not called for. I blame driving for hours with the window down for the lack of observation at getting onto a toll road and being assessed a charge.

"The guide to experiencing Route 66 suggested admiring the preserved/renovated Conoco Art Deco gas station in Shamrock, Tex. I then headed west to view Cadillac Ranch outside Amarillo where ten Caddies (1949–63) are buried nose-deep in a farmer's field. Installed in 1974 and defining the evolution of their tailfins, the cars are inclined at the same angle as the pyramids of Giza (why else?). I then overnights in Tucumcari, N.M., which is known for its award-winning feta cheese from the Tucumcari Mountain Cheese company. You now know. The town also has a stretch of Route 66 with art deco establishments complete with neon signs and classic cars; and among its many attributes Tucumcari is referenced in the song "Willin'" by the country rock band Little Feat (detail courtesy of Sam Waugh in Texas, an avid rock'n' roller).

"I was heading on to the Four Corners

(Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, and Utah) to view Ship Rock, the sacred Navajo peak in remote northwest N.M., which I tried to do for dawn, and then on to Monument Valley after it being closed thru COVID (and it was private car drivable). Further west in Arizona I was able to hike the slot Antelope Canyon outside Page, Ariz., but this was disappointing for several reasons: too many other walkers being trucked in because the day before it had been closed to flash flooding; and on the day without sun the colors expected just weren't very vivid or muted and uninteresting. I was also there again for Big John Texas BBQ, and then down Route 89 to Coal Mine Canyon near Tuba City, Ariz. – entirely without any other itinerants. Standing on the rim – it remains one of the remarkable vistas in the West. It is in the middle of nowhere in Hopi Land but easy to access. This was my fourth visit in five years. It is not far from the East end of Grand Canyon but until the Hopis promote the gems of their landscape, it will remain relatively untouched.

The trick to a great road trip is the research and preparation – where to go and what to eat – but importantly what hours these places are open. Being closed was a bane of my southwest experience – in Oklahoma/Cherokee Nation, several Amarillo auto museums. The most disappointing was in Taos, New Mexico, where its century-old Pueblo post-COVID remains closed to nonresidents/barriers restricting access. As Victoria would have said: I am not amused, especially as guides still publicize its heritage. I was on the road too early to sample the Tucumcari Feta, but they sell it online but unfortunately not to Thailand. As for bagels, I bought two dozen for Michigan early in July – just too far to order more for Asia.

"Driving alone is very therapeutic, especially if the trip is tempered by most the hospitable and Yelp five-star rating stops with friends. My luncheon in Indiana on the moored river steamer River Watch, looking out at a remote stretch of Kentucky on the other side of the Ohio. Mexican dinner in Kentucky with a table load of locals. Thai food in Elkin, N.C., with high school classmates. A Fort Worth Tex-Mex avocado station for nachos and dip with Sam Waugh and daughter Alicia. Chili con carne complete with Navajo bread and great onion rings in a Mexican Hat, Utha, diner. Big John BBQ in Page, Ariz., for ribs. Eggs Benedict with Jenn in Flagstaff and other meals with her family in Chandler, Ariz.; and at the end of the trail in California some more Thai, and Japanese, Shanghai dumplings, beach breakfast benedicts at Beachcomber at Crystal Cove and a final prime rib with my brother in Corona Del Mar near Newport Beach, Calif., at the Five Crowns restaurant, not visited in 25 years. It was worth the wait. I overloaded on great steak because I don't get that here in Thailand, grilled at home in Virginia and at well-known steak houses in Dallas, Scottsdale, and Vegas.

To Debbie, **Colonel Davis** and wife Kathi, **David Hauslohner** and wife Vicki; **Sam Waugh** and Dave G/Ann, to Jenn and Brent and to my brother Guy and Terry, it doesn't get any better. Also to the Missourian outside Springfield who gave me a sack of just picked tomatoes at a gas

station – as I guess one does when its 105-degree heat outside. In Tehachapi, Calif., visiting my cousin Cisco and Chantal to briefly meet young Dean, their second son. He was far too young to be impressed that I'd driven in to see him. For those interested, Tehachapi is two hours north of L.A., near Edwards Air Force Base, was the sometime home of actress Debbie Reynolds and is known for its Union Pacific Loop. And last but not least Mike L, Air Force flyer extraordinaire seen again after 14 years at an airshow in Flagstaff where he flew in on his Chinese contraption. It was a fun trip/drive, worth doing again, But I think next year at this time, as the Baltimore Orioles are winning the '24 World Series, I'll start from there and head to New Orleans.

For visitors to Thailand, I can but offer good Thai food when passing thru Bangkok: the Jim Thompson enclave is back renovated better than ever – a combination of commerce/Thai silk, art and culture/his traditional Thai home and possessions and excellent local food. Except for a couple of the rooftop champagne bars that have exceptional views especially with a thunderstorm about to roll thru, you can't ask for much more. Bangkok's malls are world class, and they include food halls, supermarkets, banks, and movie screens, as wells the better-known boutiques. They are enormous so it helps they are connected to the transportation hubs by the SkyTrain and Metro networks to avoid having to get to them by car. And in addition to the main Chao Phraya ferries to the temples, there are the ever-increasing array of river cafes to watch the hurly-burly, including the massive rice barges that chug by. Additionally, there are the smaller commuter ones on the hidden Klongs that show a calmer, more bucolic city, so despite it not being in the local language, it seems a good way to close with 'Aloha.'

And here's **Steve Fahl**, who reports he's happy right where he is: "I am living quite contentedly here in the foothills of North Georgia, taking a few trips here and there, but just appreciating this climate. Great golfing weather! Still attending to a few past realty clients and enjoying the diversions. This past year had a couple of challenges, but we got through them. If any of the guys are passing through this area, I am always ready to meet for a good meal!"

Finally, a word from **yours truly**. Although loathe to toot my own horn, I enjoyed two memorable events in 2023. The first was my retirement last July from KPMG after 28 years. Some say you know when it's time, and for me it came with an offer I couldn't refuse. Not from Vito Corleone, but since I'm Lawrenceville-educated, I knew it was time to start my second career as a novelist. The second event occurred on September 15, when after five years of being together, Florence Buchanan and I were formally betrothed in the Manhattan City Clerk's office in a building that formerly housed the New York Department of Motor Vehicles. Instead of driver's licenses, they now dispense wedding licenses and officiate weddings. We enjoyed a small private ceremony, attended by Florence's sister Emily, her children Harrison and Octavia Spelman, and my daughter, Zoe Hager. Since Florence works as a creative director, she likes to do things with flair. The "flair" included renting a tugboat the next day to

ferry us from Staten Island to North Cove Marina near Battery Park off the Hudson River, where we celebrated sunset at a bistro facing the Hudson with scores of friends and family. You can read more by searching "Bruce Hager and Florence Buchanan" in your browser.

What, you might ask, does this have to do with "peripatetic?" Glad you asked. By the time you read this, the missus and I'll have returned from Oulu, Finland, to attend the marriage of Florence's middle-aged American cousin to a similarly middle-aged Finn after a 10-year international courtship that survived COVID. As the Allman Brothers once sang, "love is everywhere!" Avanti!

## 1973

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[Ed. Note: The Lawrentian is glad to welcome **Dave Donahue** as the Class of 1973's new class scribe. Our longtime class secretary, the late **Nat Queen**, held down this space for almost half a century, but we won't demand the same out of Dave – but aren't rooting against it, either. – S.R.]

Dave picks up here following **Jean Yves Boudoin's** post-50th report:

In South Freeport, Maine, **Corky Ellis** looks back on the June reunion and he notes that the "The TV room at Hamill is now much improved from our day. Walking the paths across the green, beautiful campus reminded me of moments before a test, or a game."

**Peter Stifel** chuckles about hosting "two classmate ne'er-do-wells on their way to our reunion at my house (**Nick Park** and **Joey Chambliss**)." He also enjoyed seeing **Brian Watkinson** and **Peter Lauffer**, reminiscing about the Lawrentians, and talking guitar shop with **Bill Jump**, **Corky Ellis**, and especially **Jon Trupin**.

**Jonny Bodansky** told me that he "rounded off the 4 June weekend by an unexpected Barry Manilow show, with a 50-piece orchestra, at Radio City Music Hall ... not quite The Allman Brothers or The Grateful Dead of 1973, but none the less enjoyable. I hope that some of our classmates will make contact with me in their travels to the UK."

From Central New York State, **Joe Alloway** reports, "I live in New Hartford, N.Y., and work in Utica, N.Y., for the Oneida County Department of Social Services as a Community Services Worker. I plan on never retiring. Central New York is a great place to live. I have been in touch with **Alan Plough** and he is doing fine as well."

We missed Joe at the reunion. **Bill Harvey** did not make the reunion either, but he sent me a note this autumn, "I am now senior partner with our firm, Harvey & Battey. Last year we celebrated our centennial with three generations of Harvey at the helm of our business in Beaufort, S.C. My wife Martha and I have three granddaughters, and a fourth on the way. We are enjoying travel, family, and slowing down a little professionally. I keep in touch with my Lawrenceville roommate, **Tom Fleury**, who now lives in Florida. I hope you are doing well.



Left: Life in Arizona agrees with Steve Beer '74 and wife Debbie.



Executive Committee Chair George Chen '74 (center) and other officers of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter of the Solid-State Circuits Society at their annual dinner in Sunnyvale, Calif., in December.



Jon Erzine '74 on guitar with his friend, Son Vo of Jerry's Middle Finger, a popular Grateful Dead tribute band.



Brian Hill '74 spent a little quality time with grandson Beckham.

**Basil Georgiadis** "had a nice chat with **Stew Dansby**, **Dave Ballard**, **Bill Sprague**, and **Marc Csete** recently, who all called from Italia. That sounded like a great reunion.

"I'm teaching high school Spanish in Louisa County, Va. My children are enjoying life, too, in college. Sophie is in the Haslam School of Business at the University of Tennessee and Dimitri is in grad school working on a Master of Business Analytics at U of Northern Arizona and playing football on the O-line there after transferring from Va. Tech."

Speaking of **Marc Csete**, he "recently accepted a position as senior medical director at Nimbus Health in Columbus, Ga. I also dedicate part of my time as vice president for strategy at Dan the Baking Man, my two sons' startup, marketing their five ingredient all natural, vegan, gluten-free cookies. Visit Danthebakingman.com. Please reach out if you ever come through Miami."

**Bill Leavitt** has "been living in Park Slope, Brooklyn, for the last 27 years. I am still in private practice as a housing attorney representing residential tenants throughout New York City, and commute daily to my office in Manhattan on the subway. I love to travel and sing in a local Brooklyn community chorus. My life partner is Sheryl Reed, who is a cooking enthusiast. I still consider myself politically engaged, fighting to reform the Democratic Party of Brooklyn, to counter the rise of fascism I thought I would never live to see, and to promote peaceful solutions in the Middle East, even during the current horrific stage of the 100-year war between Israel and Palestine."

**Buzz Brown** says, "nothing new, aside from going to the Lawrenceville Hockey tournament two weeks back."

**Steve Beer** won't be able to attend our 50th reunion, but did share this summary of the time since we graduated: "What I have enjoyed most about reading *The Lawrentian* is the mention of names from the past, from when I lived in Kennedy House and Lodge House, and from members of the wrestling team. I had the unique experience of going to Lawrenceville my sophomore year and senior year, with my junior year spent at high school in Iowa. Had the school been co-ed then, I probably would have stayed all three years. I was on a flight many years ago, and the woman next to me had on something that showed she was attending Lawrenceville and it turned out she was in the first co-ed graduating class. When I told her I had gone there when it was all-male, she looked at me like I was from another planet!"

"I have kept in touch with **Jim Corcoran** on a regular basis, and think that it's great that his roommate in Kennedy House, **Sam Tarantino**, went on to have a family that included a son now wrestling at Harvard (as did Jim). My two nephews, Peter Beer '14 and Sam Beer '17, also went to Lawrenceville, although I'm sure their experiences were different from mine.

"My career in electronics and computer science spanned most of the technologies that we experience every day now as common capabilities. They included communication protocols for fly-by-wire used on commercial and military aircraft; high-speed digital test and simulation

equipment for fiber optic, super computer, and chip design; Local Area Network (Ethernet) and wide area communication protocols for connecting servers and desktops; large scale data storage centers and data management software; and Gigabit switching equipment for interconnecting data storage systems.

"My wife, Debbie, and I retired when we were 50 and we have enjoyed living and traveling throughout the United States. We're currently living in Prescott, Ariz., and enjoy the high desert climate, while having easy access to Phoenix for entertainment."

## 1975

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**Paul Bardos**, upon reading **Chris Farland's** it's-a-small-world story (below) describes his own first day at L'ville sitting next to a stranger in the Chapel. One asked, "Where are you from?" The other answered, "California." "Me too! What city?" Turns out they both lived on Louise Avenue in Encino but had never met. Paul says, "From then on we studied together almost every night and became good friends!"

**Jim Bryan** will have retired from the N.C.

Judicial Branch (after 30 years) by the time you read this. He and wife, Tracie, recently spent a great two weeks in Japan and have been married 25 years. They have a N.C. beach place called "Nauti-Shack." No photos provided (\*cough\* of the shack I mean! Perhaps a good thing.) Jim says, "Life is good!" (Make of that what you will.)

**Dave Christoffersen P'14 '18**, your Humble Scribe, took a nasty fall in August coming down Mt. Bondcliff in N.H. towards the end of a "Zealand-Bonds Traverse" and had to limp the last seven miles to the Kancamagus Highway. Nothing broken; however, plans to complete the NE115 4,000-footers (three to go) and the Trans Adirondack Route are now on hold until 2024. In late spring **Dave Middlebrook** helped me open my Adirondack cabin rental ("Google" VR5012). Dave lives just a couple miles from campus. In late summer **George Gagliardi** visited with me on the back porch of Wayside House, where we imbibed and s\_\_-talked about all y'all.

**Adam Cleff** hosted, then was hosted by, **John Thomas** and his wife, Mary. It would seem there was much eating and drinking. Then Adam went on a horse pack trip with Dave "Stash" Clerendon '72 in the Bighorn Mountains.

**Will Clinger** recently married "painter/sculptor" Lauralynn White "to prove it's never too late." He continues in Chicago as producer and host of "Wild Travels" on PBS (now streamable on GoTraveler). New season will drop in July 2024.

**Paul Cronson's** son just turned 30 which makes Paul feel "ancient." (Somehow being 66 by itself wasn't enough.) Paul describes looking forward to the "spare time" he will have now that the public company where he served as board member has been sold to Samsung ... then described how he has been renovating the restaurant, banquet hall and meeting facilities of the Hutton Hotel in Nashville, named after his grandmother (the hotel, not Nashville), and how he will soon start on the rooms and lobby, and how an unspecified "we" just opened a small, lovely hotel in Weston, Vt. (The Weston Inn), and how he continues to serve on Rand's philanthropic board and as a trustee for the Guggenheim Museum. And then there are his wife's numerous charitable enterprises. Enjoy all that "spare time," Paul! \*sarcasm alert\*

**Chris Farland** recently had a "Small World" or "God Winks" (as he calls it) moment in Charlottesville volunteering for an elderly care facility. He was chauffeuring one of the residents who was describing to Chris a house where he, the resident, used to live in D.C. Chris said, "That would be 2539 Massachusetts Ave!" Turns out Chris and the elderly man had never met but both had lived at that address in the 1960s.

**John Glass** has been a pastor and church-planter in Geneva, Switzerland, for 38 years, is founder of *Calvin Tours* (calvintours.com) offering John Calvin-related historical tours of Geneva. He is also author of *A Walking Guide to*

My son, Brantley Harvey IV, is a lieutenant commander in the Navy, and an aviator flying the C-40."

**Ren Scott** made it to our 50th and he reports that "I've become involved in an organization to honor the memory of **Merrell Noden P'17**. It's called the Merrell Noden Track Club (www.MNTC.Run). It's a nonprofit to provide high level coaching for high school kids in NYC who don't have winter track at school. Along with running, it teaches sportsmanship and love of running that made Merrell such a legendary competitor. Most importantly, it's a way to keep Merrell's memory alive."

Unfortunately, **Jay Mirkil** missed the reunion, but he has seen the pictures on the School website and told me that, "...the pictures I saw of the reunion, especially of **Mitch Silverman P'10** and **Mike McDowell**, showed me a fun time was in the making. It is so good to see Perry Ross well represented. It is very nice to be in touch with **Jeff Waldron**, also of Perry Ross, after so many years. He seemed to take a tireless approach to put together the 1973 Class Directory."

My wife and I made to the 1st Marine Division U.S.M.C. Birthday Ball at Camp Pendleton, Calif., on 10 November. We attended with our son, Nick, a Marine captain in 3rd Battalion, 1st Marines, 1st Marine Division and his special

friend - she is also a captain and attending the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterrey. We are back in Yokosuka, Japan, for another year with the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and then it will be time to hang up the cleats. Take care, 1973, and remember, *Virtus Semper Viridis*.

## 1974

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With our 50th reunion coming up this spring, take the time to get caught up with the class at www.L74-24.com. The password is "Lawrenceville." You'll see plenty of photos that will stir your memory, as well as plenty of reunion-related information.

So far - and by the time this is published, the list will be much longer - **Alec Waugh P'12 '14 '16**, **Les Hayling** (who promises a bourbon tasting, including 23-year-old Pappy Van Winkle), **Ben McManus** ("I'm alive and well in New Haven, Conn."), and **Eric Baum** have indicated their attendance at our 50th.

# Save the dates to come back to campus!



## HILL WEEKEND November 9, 2024

Come "Home for Hill" - join the fun and cheer on the Big Red teams as we welcome all alumni back to campus. Don't miss our alumni tailgate and fun activities for all ages.

## ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND 2025 May 30-June 1, 2025

All alumni are welcomed back to campus for a fun-filled, family friendly weekend, as we celebrate milestone reunions for classes ending in 0s and 5s.

*John Calvin's Geneva: Following the Footsteps of the Great Reformer.* John and wife Peg have been married for almost 41 years. They have three grown children living in Miami, Geneva, and Dubai.

**Wally Greene** and wife April are helping put the Delta Airlines heirs through college with monthly jaunts to Virginia (from Connecticut) to see the grandkids. Both still work (Wally at Korn Ferry and April as director at Holly Pond Nursery School in Darien [where a couple of the parents are L'ville grads!]). And something about how Ben Briggs H'61 '63 '69 would hate his Note.

**Bill Heffern**, when not following the MLC Band from city to city, paints really cool paintings, like one titled "YOU!" that he shared.

Il Presidentè **Mike Kamm** is "still alive and kicking" on the "left coast" (San Fran) partnering at a small commercial real estate investment firm. Wife Cindy is enjoying some success selling her oil paintings (at least "enough to cover her overhead"). Two grown daughters are happy and employed. Otherwise, Mike and Cindy spend time in Old Snowmass, Colo., where Cindy and her sisters have a place. Mike stays in close touch with **Warren Dean P'07 '09 '10**, **John Kurie**, **Clint Brown**, and **John Stewart**.

**Stu Levene** sends "Greetings!" from his van down by the river, where he is smoking a lot of "cans in abyss," whatever that means. He looks forward to seeing two of everyone at the 50th.

**Craig Marx** witnessed and confirms **Paul Bardos's** story, and wishes "Best to" the Class of '75.

**John Mazzone** poignantly writes: "Recently I went to an event at the school I attended before doing a PG year at L'ville and was asked what impact (the other school) had had on my life. I attended that school for six years yet didn't have an answer. Not the case with L'ville: One class for one trimester changed everything. I took a Japanese history class at L'ville. (What high school offers Japanese history? In 1975?) I loved it, then majored in East Asian studies/Japanese at Harvard, focused on international business at Boston College Law School and spent the next 25 years working in Asia, including ten living in Japan, Hong Kong, and Seoul. My wife, Emi, is from Tokyo. My son Andrew is bilingual and getting his M.B.A. at Claremont. As many have said, "Life is Good!" Mine especially. Thanks, Lawrenceville!"

**Bob McKenry** met up with **Andy Dickson** and his wife, Lori, to watch Bob's daughter, Carlie, play a field hockey match at Marian College.

**Jim Nevius** plans to start a Go-Fund-Me page to get John Trubee to return to the East Coast to record a new Gloopnox and the Stick People record. He gave a shout out to L'ville Master John Ellis H'73 for having been "very open to new music" and "encouraging our foolishness." Then something about how Jack Humason H'48 would hate his Note. (Shirtless pullups would seem to be in order.)

**Andrew Richards**, **Dave Smith**, and **Dan Reagan** met up to literally walk in a literal charity race to benefit The Boston House – a home away from home for families with children receiving cancer treatments in Boston. Andy and wife Peg have been the directors of The Boston House for 38 years and will have just retired when you

read this. Andy, however, will continue work as a psychiatrist at Boston Children's Hospital. Per Andy, "L'ville was a wonderful place to go to school and make lifelong friends." Incidentally, Andy, Dave, and Dan came in 11,998th, 11,999th and 12,000th out of 12,000 in the race.

**Jeffrey Salguero P'11** took early retirement from Colgate Palmolive in 2015, only to find his true calling as director of marketing for "Circle of Care" (thecircleofcare.org) – his wife Liz's nonprofit that provides financial, practical, and emotional assistance for families (3,400-plus to date) of children with cancer. It is a labor of love for the Salgueros: Years ago cancer pounded on the front door of their own home. The three Salguero zygotes are now "east coasters," which thrills their parents.

**Ward Sener** sends "Greetings" from Southern Arizona, where his "un-retirement" continues. He and wife Tara visited L'ville in September 2023 (he noted the many changes since our 20th reunion) and will have enjoyed a 28-day Southeastern Asia cruise by the time you read this.

**Breck Speed** notes, "We were a generation disconnected from institutions and it's showing. On the other hand, I know our time at Lawrenceville was powerful in a lot of ways. I see (in Class Notes) a lot of remembrances of great teachers and lifelong friendships. I'm grateful."

**Alan Sussna P'04 '12** sends everyone "Greetings" from Buenos Aires where he is looking for an apartment, otherwise parking in Arizona "on Lazy Lane in Carefree" ("no joke"). He is retired (12 years), single again (8 years), and "aggressively spending my kids' inheritance" on international travel (89 countries down) and eclectic detritus like vintage French copper cookware and Italian espresso machines. His kids think he's a "hoarder," but Alan and his therapist think he's just "an active collector."

**John Trubee** continues to sell his LPs and CDs to "satisfied customers" everywhere and attended a "fun" L'ville social event in San Fran where he was the only '75er and the oldest person there. On a personal note, John said he hopes I'm "doing Fine and Dandy" (except I've lost track of those girls and anyway I'm married – *puh dum pum*). It is worth noting that Jim Nevius devoted most of his Note to describing John's status as a "beloved underground figure in the music business."

**Rudi von Meister P'05 '08** reports "all is well" and "life is good!" in Ann Arbor, where he and wife Yen-Ling Chou P'05 '08 hosted their granddaughters all summer. Extended family, including brother Seppi '77 and son Hans '05, gathered in Southeast France to celebrate the wedding of daughter Gaia '08 to Romain Gauthier.



Adam Cleff '75 took a horseback pack trip in the Bighorn Mountains.



Bob McKenry '75 met up with Andy Dickson '75 and his wife, Lori, to watch Bob's daughter, Carlie, play field hockey at Marian College.



Andy Richards '75, Dave Smith '75, Dan Reagan '75 and a friend participated in a race to benefit The Boston House, of which Andy is a director.



Bill Heffern '75 is the artist who created "You!"



The MLC Band, featuring local celebrity Dave Christoffersen '75 P'14 '18 (at left).



Mike Caron '76, wife Dominique Caron, and grandson Luca McDevitt scaled the heights of Machu Picchu last August.



Big Red hockey alums returned to campus for the 75th annual Lawrenceville Invitational Hockey Tournament in December: Bill Heffern '75, Clint Brown '75, Dave Barnes '77 P'11 '13 '19, Buzz Brown '74, Bill "Buff" Burchfield '74 P'07 '08 '10, Jill Burchfield P'74 '77, Dudley Fitzpatrick '77 P'06 '08 '11, Mark Cleary '71 P'05 '08, and Rob Andresen '75.

1976

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We recently received the sad news that **Peter Donald** passed away in June at his home in Woodstock, N.Y. He is survived by his son, Peter T. Donald, and his wife, Sara. Peter was writing on a book at the time of his death and had also worked on film projects and managed a rock band in recent years.

**Peter Elkind** writes in to share news of a recent project: "Apple is about to release *The Pirate of Prague*, an eight-part podcast I worked on over the past year, based on a story I wrote years ago for *Fortune* about a wild tale. It's a project I did on the side with Blanchard House, a UK podcast startup of BBC alums, separate from my day job at ProPublica, where I remain on staff. The 'presenter' is Joe Nocera, my good friend and former editor, who previously did a hit podcast called *The Shrink Next Door*, later made into a TV series starring Will Ferrell and Paul Rudd. The first three episodes will be available as of November 13, 2023."

Here is an excerpt from the press release on Peter's podcast: "Apple is launching the podcast *The Pirate of Prague*. The eight-part series is hosted by journalist Joe Nocera with the help of investigative journalist Peter Elkind and tells the story of the charming young Czech, Viktor Kožený. Kožený smooth-talked his super-wealthy Aspen neighbors and a Wall Street titan into investing huge sums of cash to snap up Azerbaijan's state-owned oil company, promising staggering returns. Sounds too good to be true, right? It is the story of private jets, \$20,000 dinners, and suitcases stuffed with cash. It's also a tale about the collapse of communism, the free-for-all that followed, and the rise of the oligarchs. And it's a story of plain-old human greed...of just how far the rich may go to get even richer."

**Peter** adds that "among the defrauded were Lee Cooperman of at Omega Advisors, Columbia University, AIG, and George Mitchell – the former Senate majority leader – plus a bunch of rich folks from Aspen."

"Hello, everyone!" writes **Mike Caron**. "It has been an interesting year. As you know, Dominique loves to travel. So, we are trying to get in as much traveling as we can before my body finally breaks down and says 'enough traveling, get a dog and settle down.' So she has always wanted to do a barge via the canal/locks of France. In May we went with three other couples and spent a week on a small luxury barge with a crew of five in the Western Loire Valley. The barge went from Montargis to Chatillon-sur-Loire. Not very far (46 miles) and 'yes' it moved rather slowly. Lots of great wine/wineries, spectacular views, and excellent food. The locks are always an interesting part of nautical history. At the end of the barge portion, Dominique and I left our group and headed off to Switzerland by ourselves. Another bucket list item she wanted to cross off."



Jeff Hoisington '77 P'07 and his son, Zack Hoisington '07, kayaked around Manhattan last August in about 12 hours.



On a return visit to Lawrenceville, David Rosenbloom '80 enjoyed a terrific lunch with Champ Atlee '62 H'74 '75 '79 '80 '83 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92, who, David says, likely made "the profound difference in [his] life."



Pete Casarico '81 and his wife, Charmaine, toured the Southwest in a camper van for his 60th birthday.



Eric Broadway '81 enjoyed his visit to the St. Vincent, U.S. Virgin Islands.



Thomson Chew '81 and Gordie Newell '83 spent some time together around last year's Denison hockey alumni game.



Jon Krieg '81 has visited 47 state capitols, including Delaware Legislative Hall in Dover.



Gregory Collier, Steve Lee '81, and Buck Collier '81 celebrated Buck's 60th birthday over dinner.



Rob Lettieri '81 is celebrating his 60th birthday on a multistate motorcycle journey.

"I must say, the trains are absolutely phenomenal in Switzerland. The people were extremely friendly and the scenery fantastic. Visited the Matterhorn in Zermatt and then took the Glacial Express train which was really cool. We also spent time in Lausanne and Zurich. Hit all of the usual spots. Glad she talked me into doing it.

"In August we took our 16-year-old grandson on his annual trip, this time to Peru. Lima, Cusco, the Sacred Valley, Lake Titicaca, Colca Cayon and the condors, and, yes, Machu Picchu. Machu Picchu! What a spectacular place to visit. However, with a bum right knee, the climb was rather taxing. I had a guide and my grandson pushing me up and down all the stone steps. After we got back to the hotel, I told Dominique that I am now, finally, ready to get the total right knee replacement she has been begging me to get. Already had the left knee replaced a few years ago. The right knee has been affecting my Pickleball game, but Machu Picchu put me over the top. So it was time to get it done and I am now recuperating. It will cut down on travel for a while.

"Dominique went to a wedding during November in Savannah. I could not attend due to the knee replacement surgery. On the trip to Savannah, Dominique found out that our friends from Ft. Worth were visiting Savannah as well. Apparently, they knew Debbie, wife of Dale Critz P'10, so everyone met up at Debbie/Dale's stunning home on the river for cocktails. The next day they hung around with Dale's mother Lila in old Savannah. Dominique said it was a great time filled with lots of laughter. Wish I had been there, Dale! That is all for now."

**Martin Matsui P'12 '14 '17** writes that "after close to a four-year, COVID-induced hiatus, our head of school, Steve Murray H'54 '55 '65 '16 P'16 '21, assistant head Mary Kate Barnes H'59 '77 P'11 '13 '19, and the head of admissions will be visiting Hong Kong next week. Hong Kong definitely punches above its weight as we still have two Hong Kong-resident board members of the school. Hong Kong sends about five to seven kids to our alma mater every year. Trustee Judith Corrente H'01 P'01 '08 will be accompanying them as well.

"I was in Hangzhou, China, last month and visited the head office of Alibaba, whose chairman, Joe Tsai '82, endowed the School field house. The city is among the most attractive big cities in China and bills itself both as the Venice of China and the city of love."

### 1977

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It was good to get an update from **Kevin Ellis**, who writes: "Thirty-seven years married to Kimberly Hackett. Four children pursuing a variety of meaningful lives. Thirty years in and around Montpelier, Vt. Committed to a place of sanity and tolerance in an insane and intolerant world. That decision made decades ago to forgo

certain material things for presence and quantity time with kids and community has paid off in ways that don't show up in the box score. School plays and soccer games, etc.

"Now the question is: How do we get out of the dark, freezing place in winter? Mostly Pt. Reyes, Calif., for a month. This year its Washington, D.C., to be near parents and kids with side trips.

"Our state capital of Montpelier flooded in a catastrophe that wrecked the downtown for the third time in 30 years. It was a reminder of the power of nature, the futility of our national politics on climate, and the ability of a small community to come together to support each other as people rebuild. It's not a cliché here."

**Matt Minno P'12 '13** says, "Hope all is great with all the '77s! Life is too short and we have far less runway ahead than what's behind us. Here's to many happy times ahead to all of us. Take good care and keep the '70s preservation society alive and well. We have lived in the greatest time and place in the history of this planet. To be continued, with all of you, soon I hope..."

**Will Sparrow** writes: "Quick snapshot of what's cookin' down south in Alabama. Most importantly, I do have lunch with **Billy Harrison** about every other month. Why wouldn't I? He always buys!

"I retired from the Alabama Air National Guard after 35 years of military life a couple years ago. Now flying with FedEx; the big Boeing 777 international flying, very comfortable, good food, hauling cargo instead of whiny passengers.

"Both daughters are living relatively close by in Birmingham - what a blessing. Our oldest, Mary, is mom to our three young granddaughters so we are visiting quite often and laughing our asses off. By the way, **Dave P'11 '13 '19** and **Mary Kate Barnes H'59 P'11 '13 '19** are Mary's awesome godparents. Daughter Annie lives close by her big sister and is learning to change dirty diapers and loving that. Our son, Jack, (yup, Jack Sparrow) is doing great at a local college and keeps us highly entertained.

"My main passion outside of family is a nonprofit flight school, Red Tail Scholarship Foundation, I helped start seven years ago in Tuskegee, Ala., in honor of the Tuskegee Airmen of World War II. We provide mentorship and funding for underserved and minority youth who have a serious desire to become professional pilots and maintainers. These kids bust their butts to earn the required FAA ratings and certificates to create a career in aviation. It is awesome to watch them takeoff in life. Check it out at rtfa.org."

**Matt Hill** reports that "all is well in Rhode Island. Chris and I are still working and enjoying it, and the dog keeps busy doing dog things. Our son, Jeff, is a third-year associate at a law firm in NYC, getting experience in a variety of corporate transactions.

"I continue to travel in the U.S. for work and to run sailing races, including a trip to Miami in January to help run the Olympic trials that will qualify sailors for Paris 2024. Sadly, they don't seem to need me in Marseille next summer, but I'm hoping to be on the team for L.A. 2028.

"I'm looking forward to seeing you all at a record-turnout 50th reunion. Until then, take

care, be well, and enjoy your one wild and precious life."

**Jeff Hoisington P'07** says, "I see **Sam Selesnick** pretty regularly. I was in Denver in October. My son and his wife had a baby girl, and I was babysitting her big brother, 20 months old.

"Last August, my son, Zack '07, and I kayaked around Manhattan along with 100 other kayakers. Zack works for Upstream Alliance in Annapolis, which promotes access to water. It was an incredible experience both as a father/son adventure and to see Manhattan from the water. I spent about two months training for this 30-mile excursion, which we completed in 12 hours."

### 1978

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Hope everyone is having a great year and inspired to continue to reach out to classmates after our 45th reunion last summer. Thinking ahead to our 50th, it's not too early to continue those connections as well as reaching out to those classmates you didn't get to see. Hoping we can continue to get together locally or regionally over the next five years to make the 50th a milestone gathering.

Personally, 2023 was a good year for friends and travel. Still heli-skiing in British Columbia, downhill at Telluride and Vail last spring, biking in Bryce and Zion Canyon just before reunions, topped with a six-day whitewater raft ride down the Grand Canyon with family and the Wojciechowicz clan in August. Also enjoying our growing family with my grandson, Callan Williamson, son of Zack '09.

Still working part-time and speaking at national conferences to stay in the game and share over 40 years of acquired knowledge in hopes the next generation can learn from a few observations.

As I'm writing this I'm in Quebec for a week having just finished reading **John Topping's** latest adventure fantasy, *Legacy of Atlantis* (having fully enjoyed his first novel, Runaway). I truly enjoy and appreciate the adventures, accomplishments, and shared highs of fellow classmates on social media, text or email. Keep 'em coming.

### 1979

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It is hard to believe that our 45th Reunion is nearly upon us, May 31-June 2, 2024. Our school is in great shape, having just celebrated the close of a hugely successful capital campaign that has transformed the dining hall and field house.

I saw **Geoff Ho P'13 '15**, **John Gutman P'19 '20**, and **John Schluter** at the celebratory event in October and can report all are doing well. I believe **Juan Pujadas** and **YS Chi P'07 '09** were there also, but I missed them. Schluter reports that Tad Davies will join us for the 45th and I had

a nice note from **Jim Boutelle**, who is planning on coming. Jim is active in his community in Greenwich and mentioned two strokes - I was not clear whether he had had two strokes or whether he was going to give me two strokes at an anticipated golf rematch.

I did check out the golf course on my visit. Students now tee off on what used to be the third hole as a matter of custom and convenience. Holes one and nine are gone and two is a work in progress. Despite the loss of golf holes, the school now has a good front entrance for cars from Route 206, near where the brook that traversed the first hole flowed, and the new entrance road creates the way for an auto-free Circle when the School desires it.

One more note on classmates: I had a nice chat with **Mike Cantor**. As previously reported, he is fixing up the former presidential yacht. Some of the work was done in Maine, but the yacht has now been moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland for further restoration. Mike has a keen appreciation of the boat's history. It must be a labor of love. [Ed Note: It's true, and if you're reading this, you already passed the full story of Mike's work to save the Sequoia that appears on page 32. - S.R.]

To close, I can say that the handful of students I met during my October visit, including three boys on the golf course and two assigned to be Schluter's and my tour guides, could not have been nicer. If that is an indicator of things to come, we are on the right track.

### 1980

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**Terry Cryan** says, "I recently was in Denver on a bit of biz and had the good fortune to connect with **Charles Wellso** and his lovely wife, Carmen, over dinner for great laughs, funny stories, and some very tasty hipster Italian food. Would you expect anything else from Wellso? Charles is a world-class raconteur so my wish to all our classmates is that you are as fortunate as I was on that snowy winter night to enjoy the company of one of our finest. Be well, do good deeds and make the Class of '80 proud.

"I had a business dinner at a restaurant in Lawrenceville right on Route 206, directly across the street from Hamill House, where I lived my Third and Fourth Form years. It was a surreal experience to sit looking out the window at Hamill and I was struck by the fact that despite the passage of years, it certainly appeared that evening that all roads seem to ultimately lead back to Lawrenceville.

"I'm grateful to be enjoying good health and spending time with Mary, my wife of 35 years, and our adult daughters. I am still quite busy professionally (with no plans for retirement anytime soon) and back in the NYC area for a few years now after a four-year stint in Dallas doing a corporate turn-around. If anyone is passing through NYC, do reach out for a coffee or a drink."

Upon hearing of the impending retirement of **Champ Atlee '62 H'74 '75 '79 '83 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92** this spring, **David Rosenbloom** shared this story:

"In 1979, I was an 18-year-old senior day student with a bad case of what would be years later be called ADD that manifested as anxiety and although I tested quite well I had quite a time studying things I did not love. Enter **Champ Atlee** and an introduction to *Joyce's Portrait of the Artist* with a backstory that included a reverent description of Ulysses and an even mention of *Finnegan's Wake*.

"I got hooked on Joyce and Champ assented to letting me do an independent study on Ulysses, which involved weekly sessions of hours and hours discussing each chapter in detail, along with trips to the nearby Firestone library to use secondary sources. And that was that. I was hooked on literature and suddenly able to focus on things that seemed quite complicated. His recommendation letter ultimately helped me get into Colgate University, where I double majored in English and philosophy (honors) and played lacrosse. After a few winters as a ski bum in Utah I started a ski rental shop in Park City, Utah, called Precision Ski that I ultimately sold a decade later, using that income to support my wife and three kids while I attended law school at the University of Utah. I drew and then built a beautiful home in an idyllic setting on a dead end at the very top of a mountain backing up to thousands of acres of dense trees where our daily visitors include deer, moose and the occasional bear.

"When I accompanied my wife on a trip to Baltimore to attend a convention I decided to run up and visit Lawrenceville, which I hadn't been back to since my fifth reunion in 1985. I walked into the admissions office and asked, just on a complete whim, who was still around from the 1980s and when she said 'Champ Atlee', I headed over to Room 2, which was incidentally the same room I had left him in nearly 43 years ago and there he was. We had lunch and talked for a good hour about the old boys' school and he rattled off some notable names from that class and it was like, and I do mean *just like*, for a moment at least, as though time had stood completely still. Same inflection, same countenance, same person who had really made a profound difference – very likely *the* profound difference in my life. The time he invested in me was just immense and I was beyond thrilled to have the chance to thank him in person. The confidence he instilled in me buoyed me beyond my self-imposed constraints and after that I was, or at least I felt that I could accomplish just about anything.

"Fifty-six years. Fifty-six years! What is that in students? Thousands? What can I say?"

"Yes." "Yes!"

## 1981

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Kinsey Dyckman '81 P'17 '20, Steve Friedman '81, and Greg Evans '81 captured this impressive trophy for winning a mini-golf tourney in Hilton Head, S.C.

**Mark Goodman, Jeff Levy P'20, Eliot Heher P'16, Bill Rademaekers, Kinsey Dyckman P'17 '20, Barry Lass, Bob Schwartz P'17, Norb Garrett, Steve Friedman, Todd Hamilton, Rick Kraemer, and Greg Evans** managed to find time to get together for a weekend of stories, golf, tennis, swimming – and mostly drinking and eating in Hilton Head. Dyckman and Evans brought their chef "A" game for an excellent dinner the first night. The group shared many stories of time at L'ville and beyond – with some historical revision possible as we went light on the fact-checking. Lots of laughs.

**Eric Broadway** writes: "I never imagined being 60 would be so spiritually, physically and financially rewarding. Lawrenceville provided a strong foundation."

**Rob Lettieri** is "Celebrating my 60th all year with motorcycle trips to Saranac Lake, N.Y., Conway, N.H., Weedville, Pa., and the Pennsylvania Wilds, Back of the Dragon, Va., North Carolina, Tennessee, and the Catskills."

**Pete Casarico** writes: "My wife, Charmaine, and I decided to celebrate my 60th by renting a camper van and visiting some of the national parks in Utah, Colorado, and Arizona. We also briefly stepped foot in New Mexico at the Four Corners Monument where Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah all meet. Starting and finishing in SLC, we drove over 1,500 miles and spent time in Moab, Arches, Mesa Verde, the Grand Canyon, Zion, and Bryce Canyon. An amazing trip that we highly recommend if you've never been."

**Jon Krieg** continues to visit state capitols, most recently the Delaware Legislative Hall in Dover. "I've visited 47 state capitols, so getting close!" he says.

**Buck Collier** writes: "**Steve Lee** treated me and my son, Gregory, to dinner, wallpapered the restaurant with 60th birthday paraphernalia and pyrotechnics, and set up a surprise video call with **Carl Wegner** from Singapore, **Dave Cohen** in L.A., and **Bill McClelland** in N.C."

**Thomson Chew** writes: "I traveled to Granville, Ohio, for a Denison University hockey

alumni game and spent time on and off the ice with **Gordie Newell '83**, younger brother to **Sherwood Newell**. A fun time seeing and checking former teammates prior to watching the college kids play. Back to winter in Rochester with a son in his senior year at Canisius College and my daughter working now as an ICU nurse at the local hospital. Business is good in the financial world."

## 1982

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[Ed Note: After a wildly entertaining and informative turn, **Jim Gidicsin P'17** has decided to pass the class secretary baton to **Trey Kraus**. The *Lawrentian* thanks Jim for taking this up after the passing of **Doug Robertson** and making the '82 column a standard for the section. – S.R.]

## 1983

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[Ed. Note: Due to an oversight, this August 2023 submission from **P.J.** never appeared. The editor apologizes for this omission. – S.R.]

Hello, Class of 1983! The end of summer is near, and as we head into a new season I hope this note finds you happy and healthy. And travelling again! As far as your **Class Secretary**, a couple of months ago I took the family for a shot trip to Bermuda and had the great fortune of catching up with **Mike Way** after a long hiatus. He is in great form and as skillful as ever on the tennis court!

Appreciate all the notes from classmates around the world. **John Burke** writes in: "Enjoying my role as chief sales and marketing officer for an amazing educational technology

company, Vantage Learning. It's really all about technology in the service of the advancement of literacy. IntelliMetric is the core technology – it's AI automated essay scoring in pitiless accuracy and detail. ... it's basically an AI hologram of **Benjamin Atlee '62 H'74 '75 '79 '80 '84 '87 '89 '06 P'92**, minus the sardonic edge and withering criticism.

Enjoying keeping in touch with **Wook Kwon P'19, Phil Lam, Charlie Lichtenwalner, Trey Kraus '82, Rev. Eric "Rascal" Raskopf, Matthew Frohling**, and other 1983 luminaries."

**John Alsobrook** has been busy keeping up with **Rob Danzig** and **Eric Raskopf**. "On the home front, our oldest graduated college and starts law school at Tulane. Our other son starts his second year at Southern Mississippi. Our oldest daughter starts her first year at Louisiana School for Math, Science and Arts, which is a boarding school in Northwest Louisiana. And, our youngest started her freshman year of high school. Very busy Summer.

"Cheri and I are almost empty nesters. We inherited half of a 93-acre farm in Mississippi with about 50 head of cattle. Keeps us very busy. Hope to hear from our classmates soon. Next year's reunion is special. Plan on being there."

**Charlie Henneman** retired from running events for CFA Institute following a 17-year career. He has recently joined CvilleBioHub, a nonprofit supporting the growing biotech community in Charlottesville, Va. "I'm excited to start a new chapter and focus professionally on my local community, a big change. The family is good – my son, Wyatt, is a senior at Kenyon College, and son Cap is a sophomore at Elon. I hope to see everyone back next spring for the 40th!"

**Scott Sodokoff** writes: "My oldest son graduated Dartmouth and is attending Duke Fuqua this year. Daughter's out of college and working for Sam Edelman and Luxury Presence.

**Sam Gilman** writes: "Still employed at Deutsche Bank and survived so far. Coming up on five-year anniversary with my wife. Daughters are turning 3 and 1. Eldest daughter will be graduating from Bard College majoring in Opera. I know. Something different."

**Danny Mager** mentioned a mini-reunion late last year hosted by **Alex Kopp** in Sonoma County, Calif. "We're all wearing our Lawrenceville Friday Afternoon Club T-shirts originally designed by **Andrew Hunter** in 1982." There were **Burgess Carey, Curt Broadway, Ted Jobs, Ian Hunter, Don Collins, Andrew Reed, and Andrew Hunter**.

**Lucas Drake** writes: "We are finally saying goodbye to a long, hot summer and looking forward to fall! All is back to normal and busy in Charleston. Sending my best to everyone!"

Great to receive all the notes and sending my best wishes to the Class of 1983!

## 1984

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Though this is appearing in the spring issue, as I write this my old pal winter has just rolled into town, greeting me this Thursday morning with a smile and a 21-degree slap in the face, just like a Larry. After the immediate shock – joy,delight! Winter!

**Randall Krongard** has taken this to what must be the ultimate level. He writes: "I'm in winterland Poland as I write this getting certified in the Wim Hof technique. That means spending a lot of time tracking through snow in a T-shirt and up to my neck in water of winter rivers. After doing this training what could bother me? So life is grand!"

Inhabiting a very different side of awesome-world, **Lee Underwood** writes from Puerto Rico: "Was in Austin for a work trip and had dinner with **James Loutit, Harley Walsh** and **Fitz Lee P'17 '21**. Was great to catch up with them properly. Went back to the Emerge Transformed donor dinner at L'ville and had a great time with **Mike Chae** and **Dan Tapiero P'20 '22**, who lives down the street from me in Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico. Also sat down for a meeting with national champ lax coach Jon Posner in his office. What an incredible job he's done in three short years! The new Tsai athletic facility is making great progress and is going to be an amazing addition to the campus. Sending all of the great Class of '86 our best wishes. Please come visit us in Puerto Rico!"

Next shout-out comes from **John Gauch** up in the Great White North. Another winter lover, eh? "Wishing everyone the best! I'm still fractional COOing to startups and growing small- and medium-sized businesses. We'll have two in college this time next year, in Texas and a TBD spot in Canada. Let me know if you're ever in Toronto or the greater Detroit area (in warm-weather months) and have a few minutes to meet up. I recently caught up with George Papaioannou '87, which was super fun."

From NYC, **Brian O'Callaghan** writes: "Hoping everyone from Lawrenceville is doing well. Just saying 'hello' with a quick update. My oldest son Will is a sophomore at the U after attending Berkshire. Jack O'C is a freshman at Denison after attending King in Stamford. Maggie is a junior at King in Stamford. I am still doing my thing and we are all anchored by my awesome wife Suzanne. Tak eh' ease..."

For **John Lee** it's always sunny in Philadelphia. "Just had my first Thanksgiving with both daughters as working post-college graduates. Allison graduated from Lehigh in the spring and started working for BNY Mellon in NYC in August. She lives with two other roommates in

StuyTown, and loves it, somewhat surprisingly for a once self-proclaimed Main Line suburban girl. We also saw her run the New York Marathon in November, first full marathon for her, and she finished in 3:58. Never been, it was a lot of fun, despite chasing her all over the city via crowded subways.

"Audrey graduated F&M two years ago and works for ETF.com, also in NYC, but lives in Philly since she only has to be in the office twice per week, otherwise remote. Kelly and I are proud that both girls are working, independent and self-sufficient. That leaves us as true empty-nesters, although we have no immediate plans to downsize or move from suburban Philly. I'm on my 20th year working for Griffin as an investment banker and actually go to the office every day if I'm not traveling. As for L'ville connections, I usually text with **Randall Krongard** every week or so. My dad Peter '63 P'86 '90 still lives in Princeton with my mom, and my brother, Justin '90, and his family live in the same area. Happy to meet up with any L'ville '86ers if they're in the area."

**Hunt Fisher** writes: "My wife and I both retired about two or three years ago. We are busy with our three boys, volunteering, travel, exercise, skiing, and fishing. I recently enjoyed a week fly-fishing in Christmas Island and look forward to traveling to New Zealand for a few months in June and July of 2024 to fish and ski. Interested in hearing from other classmates who are passing through Richmond, Va."

As for me, I've been enjoying working on a home construction project in North Salem, N.Y., and otherwise doing a lot of shuttling back and forth between there, our home in Long Island, Quogue, and regular visits with my folks in N.C. My son, Dulaney, is thrilled with his first job in the city, and Jack somehow is already a Junior at U-Michigan.

I'm thinking a gathering of classmates in NYC, as were organized every so often back when we were younger, is long overdue, and I'm happy to be point man on that. Email me if you're interested and I'll see what we can get going.

Thanks to all contributors to this edition. Anyone not getting my email solicitations please email me your current email address. Cheers! – **Mike**

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A long overdue note from J.P. and I! We had a busy end of the 2022 and spring of 2023 opening the latest and largest food hall in Las Vegas at the Aria Resort and Casino on the Strip. It was my COVID brainchild as all things stopped here and the casinos were shuttered in April 2020. It has been successful in its early days and one of the stalls is Lola's Burgers, named after my daughter. It is a great collection of brands. All the children are getting back into the groove of schooling, and my daughter Lola is flourishing at volleyball. Hitting 6 feet tall this year at 15 does have its advantages.

Update from summer in Michigan, where we are building a house and wishing everyone a great holiday season as I head off with the family to Vietnam for Christmas and New Year. J.P. has stepped up to CEO of Farmshelf, where he was CMO and co-founder. This has required a break from his first year "acclimating to St.Croix," a new house, and long walks on the beach each morning. His new routine of being in NYC every third week will allow for some good catch-up time, I hope.

To begin our updates, we thought it was important to take a moment to mention the passing of our dear classmate **Karl Corby**. Although he is gone, he will never be forgotten...

On a more positive note, like many of us, the children are growing up quickly and we get accolades and updates from many of you.

**Peter Phelan P'23** says, "We started the summer with my daughter's (Malin '23) graduation from Lawrenceville. It seems like yesterday we all were arguing (whilst attending L'ville) whether I was a bidet or day student! Now I'm the proud father of a graduate! Along the way, she picked up several athletic accolades!"

**Jason Pirozollo**: "My daughter, Ava, graduated too! Headed to Bentley and plans to study finance and play lacrosse! PPM day. Congrats Pete as well!"

**Scott Nevin P'25**: "Full immediate Nevin family only gets together a few times per year. Great day today at L'ville. Tom '25 started in goal for the water polo team. Tom got pulled at 10-1. 20-5 win."

The apple is getting pretty close to the tree! **David Sheronas**' son is starting to excel in dad's top sport! Kudos, Sheronas!

**Cabell Maddux** has a "couple of cool things to report besides being 53 and bald (with a hat you would never know!): I'm on a plane right now with the family headed to Rincon, Puerto Rico to surf for a week. Fire! And Hank and Steele both just got into SMU and are likely both going. Hank is 100 percent going and Steele is 95 percent; just waiting to see if he gets into business school there. I'm so excited for them. Perfect fit!"

**John Barr**: What's up, guys? Long time, no see. I am just living the dream in North Jersey. I work in the medical industry selling orthopedic implants for Smith & Nephew. I'm married with

two teenage daughters. I utilize some of my time coaching girls' lacrosse."

**Mike Russell** sat with **Liz Woodfield** and **Rachel Shore Farrington** at an event. "Talked more to Liz's husband; he's an Olympic rower [Ed. Note: Bill Carlucci rowed in the 1996 Summer Games. - S.R.] and seemed like a good dude. They own a farm in Ringoes, N.J., and are into horses."

**John Atherton**: "I have been in Copenhagen this week. Flying to Paris now! Had a great day. Congrats, **Larry**! I'm in for the 35th."

Burda ... **Larry Burda** that is ... Ties the knot! Huge congrats!

Always great to see **Chip Crowther**, this time in Vegas with his Cinci crew for U2! **Chip** says: "Epic weekend in Vegas! So great being with you, O.J.! You are an incredible host!"

**Jim Floerchinger** sent an update from Down Under I'll be there soon for work, Jim! "Greetings from Auckland! I'm still importing, teaching, and coaching water polo in Auckland. I did a Master of Management in international business to support my medical device importing company and also teach business studies at Auckland Grammar School. My son is a freshman and New Zealand is a pretty quiet place. I lead tours of water polo athletes to Europe in our winters. Other than that, all is good. Anyone in NZ for any length of time, I'd love to show you around my city and time permitting my country."

**Doug Loutit**: "I haven't chimed in for a while, but my wife, Jada, and I have been living in Essex, Conn., for about five years now and we're grateful to be spending a lot of time on the water. I took a professional turn a few years back and initially went flying for United Express out of Newark. That was a crazy time but now I'm flying the 737 out of New Haven for startup Avelo Airlines. It's twelve days a month, I'm home every night, and they call it 'work.'"

"I can't believe my good fortune. I can even attest to seeing the elusive **Eliza Tobias Sharp** on a flight to Florida last spring. She seemed happy and well; she was on her way to a girls' weekend. Would love to hear from fellow Lawrentians in the future. Thanks for what you do for our class."

**Bob Ehret P'19**: "Christina and I are enjoying our newfound empty-nester status with our youngest, William, off to college. Thomas '19 is in Boston working in private equity consulting. Madeleine is living her best life, as she likes to say, in Asbury Park, N.J. Many in the Class of '89 might remember me bringing Madeleine to our 10th reunion. Our early start to our family has offered us the freedom we now have and we are taking full advantage of it by traveling to Europe for my work, and to the Adirondacks for pleasure. We are eager for the next chapter of our lives and excited to see all of you in New Jersey for our 35th!"

**Francesca Maines**: "My daughter, Anne Cellini Maines '19, graduated from Georgetown last spring where she was friends with **Renee R's** son. I was lucky enough to attend my first James Taylor concert with Renee. It's a small world, but I wouldn't want to paint it."

**Will Purdy**: "Not really for Class Notes per se, but dropping you a quick line to let you know my band (boogalooassassins.com) might be playing

New Year's Eve in Vegas. It's a downtown venue called The Usual Place, owned by Carlos Sanchez. We're in talks about getting rooms thrown in. We played a small Vegas gig at a spot called Mama Rabbit in September 2022."

**Susie Temple**: "Hey there! Sorry, we missed you back in April for Taylor Swift! She was amazing! Planning to attend our 35th this year. I hope **Nancy Martin Roberts** will be there, as well as **Henrietta Duckworth**, **Louisa Griffin Parkinson**, **Brad Haque**, **Alistair Fernie**, **Jack Lloyd**, and **Laura Hahn Lind** - who's in? Excited to catch up with everyone. I can't believe I haven't been back since our 5th! It's been way too long."

And now, a few great lines from the elusive **James Mark**: "I am just finishing up at a log sort in a tiny town in Northern Vancouver Island and heading to Mexico to surf but stoked you got The Sphere as a venue for our 35th."

**Sam Espy**: "Nothing exciting to report here from me other than a few more grey hairs. I've been in Huntsville, Ala., for the last 15 years or so. My wife, Lisa, will have retired from NASA by the time the next *Lawrentian* publishes, but she has informed me that I need to continue working until I'm 59."

"I was explaining to my 24-year-old daughter recently about the 'Earth People' when she had used the phrase for something completely unrelated. I'd love to hear what's going on with any of them if they ever check in."

And last but not least! It was the most expensive update as I had to liquor up **Sam Smith** with some of the best tequila - Casa Dragones - out there on his last visit to Vegas, where we caught up last year! He says: "OK - you gave me some awesome food and unbelievable tequila so I'll follow through on the update. Hello classmates - it's been a while. I was hosted in Vegas by O.J. for dinner with plenty of tequila so I promised I'd hook him up with a quick update for *The Lawrentian*. I retired from the Marine Corps 10 years ago after 21 years. I was working in Hartford, Conn., at Pratt & Whitney running an engine program."

"Molly, Hayden (21), Carter (19), Bennett (16), and Gunner, our golden retriever, live in West Hartford. Molly works harder than I do at Travelers Insurance. Hayden is a senior at Boston College and will be flying for the Marine Corps after graduation. Carter is a sophomore at Syracuse playing club lacrosse and loving the fraternity life (reference the picture at parents' weekend where maybe I was loving the frat more...). He's looking for a finance/banking internship this summer if you have any leads. Bennett is a junior in high school and 'undeclared.' I hope to see most of you at the reunion. Reach out if you get to New England!"

In closing, see you all at our 35th reunion! Be there!

1990

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Hi, kids! As I embark on my third decade writing these notes, I think of you all fondly and hope



Jenny Rose Savino '88 was introduced to Colleen Fung '94 at an Andover event in Hong Kong in January. Jenny is Andover's director of alumni engagement; Colleen is married to an alum.



John Atherton '89, Ryan Goldman '94 P'26, Bill Goldman P'94 '96 '97 '98, Allen Fitzpatrick '73 H'85 '89 P'99 '04, Curt Godman '96, and Scott Goldman '97 hit the ice for the Middlebury College ice hockey 100th anniversary celebration in September.



John Barr '89, here with his wife and two teen daughters, coaches girls' lacrosse in New Jersey.



Will Leighton '89 reeled in a big one.



Francesca Maines '89 P'19 was there to see daughter Anne Cellini Maines '19 graduate from Georgetown last spring.



Liz Woodfield '89, Rachel Shore Farrington '89, and Mike Russell '89 got caught up at an evening event.



Oliver Wharton '89 and Chip Crowther '89 got together in Las Vegas at the U2 show.



Sam Smith '89 and his family embraced the fraternity lifestyle during a parents' weekend visit with son Carter at Syracuse University.



Wendy Prior Fentress '90 and George Cooper '88 ran into each other at a 50th birthday party in Vero Beach, Fla.

you'll continue to send me updates. Thanks to the people who do, and those of you who are playing hard to get, I see you!

It was nice to hear from **Bill Graham**, who told me my timing was amazing! Clearly Bill knows how to butter me up. He writes: "I just caught up with **Jeremy Moss** last night in Chicago. I was in town for my sons' volleyball tournament and we were able to get together. We caught up on all sorts of old Cleve stories, which reminds me: Be sure to ask Jeremy about his new tattoo. As for me, I'm still living in Mill Valley, Calif., just over the Golden Gate Bridge. We've got two sons, ages 14 and 16, who keep us busy with travel volleyball. If anyone makes their way out to San Francisco, be sure to look me up!"

It was great to hear from Kinnanimal **Dave Comfort**, who checked in from Costa Rica. "I have been living with my wife, Sofya, and our 8-year-old daughter, Kira, since February 2020. We live in a beautiful mountain valley in Perez Zeledon, where we bought an 800-acre farm on which we started three businesses: Kinkara, which is our wellness retreat; Kombucha Culture, a beverage company with product distributed nationwide and imminently coming to U.S. market; and Rise Costa Rica, a residential community that integrates 55 residences, Waldorf School, coworking studio, and organic farm into one ecosystem."

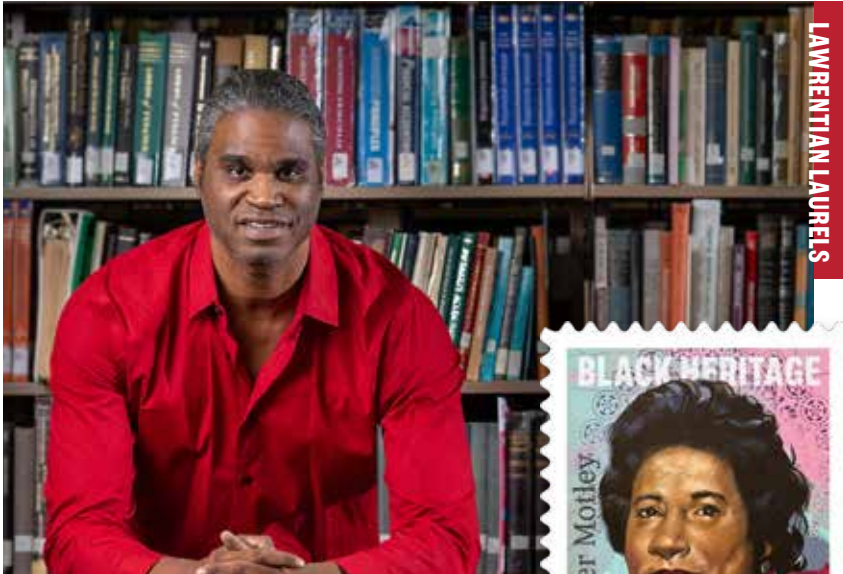
"We love living down here and managed to entice our U.S. friends and their children to move as well. Life is so peaceful and easy down here which was the environment we wanted for daughters' childhood. Kira is flourishing in this world and it is one of my greatest joys to watch the story of her life unfold before me. We are super close and spend a lot of time together. I feel grateful that my parenting journey started later in life when I could be more present in her daily life."

We see my brother, **Cliff Comfort**, and his family fairly frequently and in fact they are coming to visit us for Thanksgiving. And speaking of starting a family later in life, Cliff has a 3-year-old boy named Rhodes who he spends most of his time with each day. Cliff has been taking Rhodes on some epic camping trips in his tricked-out Wrangler Unlimited Moab.

"If any classmates are planning a trip to Costa Rica, pay us a visit at Kinkara. I'd love to see everyone. And keep an eye out for Kombucha Culture in California starting February 2024. Pura Vida!"

**Casey Bauer** checked in to let me know the following: "I have just changed careers, perhaps not so shockingly, leaving nonprofit management for construction project management. I'm working for a local design-build firm now, and I am really enjoying it! With my own house 'done,' I've been able to go back full-time, which has been a big adjustment, too. Amazing how the rest of the family steps up when you just stop feeding them and doing their laundry. Also moved my parents out of the house I grew up in. It was sad to let that go, and also a lot of work. Many good lessons for me, here. I hope that everyone else is doing well."

And thanks to **Will Shumadine** for another great update. "Lisa and I had fun catching up with **Paul Kalac** and his family in October at



## Stamp of Approval

**Gary L. Ford Jr. '95 sees his hero commemorated by the Postal Service**

An attorney who fought nearly every important civil rights case for two decades before becoming the first Black woman to serve as a federal court judge in 1966, Constance Baker Motley is key figure in African American history. It was **Gary L. Ford Jr. '95** who brought her back into the light with his 2028 biography, *Constance Baker Motley: One Woman's Fight for Civil Rights and Equal Justice Under Law*. "To witness Judge Motley in action was to be fortified and astounded," wrote Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr., director of the Hutchins Center for African and African American Research at Harvard. "Now, thanks to Ford, a new generation can bear witness to her immense talents."

So, when the U.S. Postal Service officially unveiled a stamp commemorating Motley in January, Ford was there. Two weeks later, on February 11, he was the keynote speaker at another unveiling at Motley's home church in New Haven, Conn.

"For over a decade we've been working to correct the historical narrative of the traditional Civil Rights Movement to include Judge Motley," said Ford, who believes she "deserves to be spoken of in the same breath" as Thurgood Marshall, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and James Meredith. Motley worked with Marshall on 1954's *Brown v. Board of Education* case, and represented King and Meredith, who was the first African American student admitted to the University of Mississippi.

The stamp, which depicts a portrait of Motley by artist Charly Palmer, is the 47th issue in the USPS' Black Heritage Series.

"I believe this stamp will be the thing that gets Judge Motley the national name recognition that she deserves," Ford explained. "It will help to cement her legacy as a change agent, civil rights 'shero,' and a role model for all Americans."

the Alabama/Tennessee game at Bryant Denny Stadium. Both of our daughters are students at the University of Alabama. These SEC football games are the real deal!

"I also caught up with **Tom McMahon** and his sister, Katie McMahon '92, in June. Sadly, it was at the funeral for their dad. He was a good man, and I will always remember the hospitality the McMahons extended to me in 1990.

"I spoke to **Wes Taft P'25** during the Thanksgiving holiday. He and Emily P'25 have their hands full with an 8-month-old baby boy! Their oldest son, Ray '25, is now a student at Lawrenceville, and it is good to hear that he is thriving.

"We live in the neighborhood adjacent to the University of Richmond, so let me know if y'all are in the area doing any college tours!"

Thanks, Shummy! That's all for this edition of the 1990 notes! Please don't be shy and keep in touch.

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Well, it's happening. Members of our class are returning to campus, not just as alums, but as parents! **Tyler Cornell's** daughter, Wallis '26, took **Sophie Purdy Meili's** son, Thatcher, on a campus tour recently. Wallis is in Kirby, just like mom, and Thatcher is considering joining the Class of ... 2029?! Wow, I feel old.

**Nancy Brown's** daughter, Linley '26, is a proud Stanley-ite just like mom. Any other '95ers have kids on campus? Let me know. Speaking of Tyler, she has a new neighbor. **Cece Carter Sieffert** moved in just down the street in Baltimore. Cece also has a new job working with none other than **Shannon Lyons Green** at the Surfrider Foundation (surfrider.org), which is dedicated to cleaning and protecting oceans and beaches, and if that sounds interesting, apparently there are lots of volunteer opportunities coming to a beach near you.

Speaking of water, both Cece and Sophie have taken up rowing again. They hit the waves together in Connecticut during a visit this past summer. Cece has joined the Baltimore Community Rowing league, and Sophie just rowed in the Women's Senior Master Eight for the Litchfield Hills Rowing Club at Head of the Charles. She reports that this was her second year at HOCR, but before that, she hadn't touched an oar since our senior year. She also said the following: "I'd love to do an alumni row someday if anyone is interested." So, reach out to her if you are.

Speaking of sports, **Paige Speni McInerney** writes that she enjoys seeing **Dave Baruch** and **Justin Fisch** across lacrosse fields in Connecticut, and that there's a bit of a cross-town rivalry there. Great to hear our class' competitive lax traditions continue!

I'll finish with a long-overdue update on the ever-impressive **Christine Wiltshire Alves '94**, who founded a graduate school (!) called the Rhode Island School for Progressive Education (RISPE) a few years ago, and she currently serves as its president. The school's mission is to help build a pipeline of diverse teachers and give public school educators the tools they need to educate and support diverse student bodies (rhodeislandspe.com). When she's not founding and leading schools, she's a mom to two boys. Keep the updates coming! - Liz

### 1996

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I hope 2024 finds the Class of 1996 doing well. My family and I enjoyed a long holiday weekend trip to NYC and a lunch full of kids at Nello, where we ran into **Mike Kornhauser**, **George Murchison**, Jane Lynch Crain '99, Gillian Hearst '99, and Laura Kornhauser '99 and husband Dane Almassy '98. Mike sees **Al Sullivan** quite a bit on his travels to Minneapolis. Mike reports he recently enjoyed some upscale shopping in the Minneapolis airport after missing a flight.

It was great visiting with **Morgan LeConey** and **Mike Santini** for Morgan's 45th birthday in Millbrook, N.Y., as well as **Dan Popkin** and Mike Kornhauser for Dan's 45th in NYC.

I have the pleasure of spending time with **Woody Webb '64** on a regular basis at my new office location in downtown Raleigh and also run into **Rob Ragsdale '93** in Raleigh. I also keep up with **Curt Goldman** and **David Drucker '95**.

If you are interested in helping with the Class Notes, please let me know.



Bill Graham '90 and Jeremy Moss '90 met up in Chicago last fall.



Heather Dorf Rawlings '90 and Lindsey (Zeller) Spindle '90.



Will Shumadine '90, Paul Kalac '90 and their wives took in the scene outside Bryant-Denny Stadium prior to the Alabama-Tennessee game in Tuscaloosa last fall.



Former Cleve House residents George Lin '93, Thomas Reid '93, Jack Brown '93, Bobby Lee '93, and Dupre Jones '93 recreated old times during Reunion Weekend in June.



Anne Bunn '93, Liz MacAlpine '93, Nicole Orr '93, and Jack Brown '93 enjoyed some time together at Reunion Weekend in June.



Claire Casey Kasper was born in February at 9 lbs., 1 oz., and 21 inches long. Dad Michael Kasper '97 reports that mom Meredith Kasper and Claire are doing great.

### 1997

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Greetings, Class of 1997! I can't believe how time flies. I feel like I just saw many of you during a very rainy weekend on campus for our reunion, and here I am putting up Christmas decorations realizing it has been months since then! My family and I are still living outside of the Philadelphia area, I am still at Cigna designing healthcare benefits which some of you may even be using these days. At home the schedules are full and crazy with my 7-year-old doing cheer

and soccer and making her first reconciliation and my 13-year-old (who is now a giant 6'4", 280) traveling for both football and lacrosse ... and then we have scouts, as he was just was inducted into order of the arrow for BSA.

Sometimes, though, I get to break free. I just was in Baltimore for a work meeting and while I was there I got to visit with our classmate, **Zanada Joyner!** She is as fabulous as ever, and still working for the University of Maryland-Baltimore. We had fun catching up and enjoying some wine for a good cause, supporting her wonderful work with the Junior League of Baltimore. Well that is enough about me, I need to get back to digging out ornaments and thinking up creative ideas for this elf.

Please consider staying connected and writing in to let us know what you are up to! And if you're in the greater Philly area, reach out! Take good care! - **Christina**

1998

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After a productive run, **Erhan Bedestani** is stepping down as class secretary. *The Lawrentian* thanks Erhan for a job well done, and now we're looking for someone else from '98 to step in. Please reach out to Molly Edwards, associate director of alumni engagement, at [medwards@lawrenceville.org](mailto:medwards@lawrenceville.org) if you're interested. Meanwhile, class notes submissions can be sent to [classnotes@lawrenceville.org](mailto:classnotes@lawrenceville.org).

1999

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Reunion is upon us! May 31 to June 2. Please, please, please come to campus! It's going to be a special weekend and the more who come, the better the event. Twenty-five years is an iconic moment in our lives. And we will be celebrating our most formative years. When girls became women. And boys became ... slightly more mature, but definitely not yet men.

**Debra Fisher** cannot be more excited for reunion. She has promised some very special L'ville gear that she has been saving for this very event.

**Reed Simonds** says hello to all!  
**Crawford Jones** writes: "As for the Jones family, we have lived in Atlanta for almost three years. I am still with Coca-Cola United and run our Georgia market. The three girls, Heyward, I2, Anne Turner, I0, and JuJu, 8, all go to Lovett School and have had a great experience.

"Last year we all visited Lawrenceville and Princeton as part of a family trip to New York. The field house construction was going on but you can tell the place will be amazing once complete. The trip was great with the exception of it being winter break at Lawrenceville, so no students were around, and Maidenhead Bagel had closed.

"Stew and I had the good fortune to run into Cary Weekes '98 this summer in Cashiers, N.C. We spent a few hours catching up. And in coming weeks I hope to see **Cam Lickle** in Palm Beach over Thanksgiving weekend. I'll do what I can to convince him to come to the reunion."

**Anupriya Grover** writes, "My husband, Nathan Wenk, and I welcomed Vismay Veer Wenk to our family on August 28, 2023, at 8 lbs., 2.6 oz, and 21.75 inches. When we were thinking of a name for our son, we wanted something that represented a piece of our heartbreaking, emotional, and beautiful journey to this point. When my mom suggested Vismay, we grabbed onto it. Vismay is a Sanskrit name that means to be 'in awe of or astonished at a beautiful surprise.' We then chose Veer which means 'bravery



Christina Del Vecchio Tuller '97 caught up with Zanada Joyner '97 at an event for the Junior League of Baltimore.



Vismay Veer Wenk was born to Anupriya Grover '99 and her husband, Nathan, in August.



Left: Vanessa Chau '00 caught up with Andrew Chun '99 during her work trip to Korea in November.



Young Virginia and Cary have been keeping mom Caroline Cross '00 busy.



Left: George Livadas '00 and his wife, Megan, are enjoying life in Colorado, along with children Cecile and Hugh.



Lauren Rhue Goggins '00, a faculty member at the University of Maryland, and her husband, Justin, moved to the DMV.



Erica Simmons '00 married Matt Schram in Oakland, Calif., in June 2022. Here they are flanked by Erica's parents, David Simmons '70 P'00 and Ann Simmons P'00.



Chris Leddy '01, Steve Miller '01, Katie Baker '01, Byron Lescroart '01, Frankie Masterson '01, Adam Treiser '01, Michael Maquire '01, Rich Cook '01, Simon Hong '01, Mark Morrison '01, and Layna Rolnick '03 were on hand to celebrate the wedding of Brandon Blattner '01 to Natasha Mejia in October 2022.

or courage.' We felt like his name encompassed not only our journey, but characteristics that we intend to instill in him. Vismay even got to meet a fellow Lawrentian when he met **Elika Molayi Gibney** when he was just 6 weeks old!

"Right before Vismay arrived, I completed my M.Med.Ed through Tufts University School of Medicine and The University of Dundee and spent six months researching the challenges that women in medicine face and how mentors can help alleviate those challenges. This led to the completion of my dissertation on the important and positive role that female mentors can play for female medical trainees in the U.S. graduate medical educational system. Upon returning from maternity leave, I joined the Abington Jefferson Hospital system as core faculty in their family medicine residency program. I trained there myself and am so lucky to return to a place where I feel at home, and can give back to the community and train future physicians." Congrats, Priya!

**Jennie Kim**, her husband, and their two sons spent Christmas at their house upstate in the Hudson Valley and then enjoyed the first week of the New Year in Curaçao, "a warm Dutch alternative to the Netherlands in the winter."

**Chelsea Hamilton** writes, "Mike (husband) and I are doing well after a bit of a crazy 2022. Had a great Thanksgiving in Piemonte, where we traded turkey for truffles and Barolo (and a bit of other wines in the region). Heading to OBX for Christmas to spend a week with family. Looking forward to completing our renovation and would take tips from anyone who's been through one. Otherwise loving the Jax move. Even get to see **Logan Wilson** from time to time since he's down here. We're also heading to Charleston Food & Wine with **Alex Duff** and his wife in March."

**Alice Engel Vartan** writes: "We are adding bambino No. 3 to the mix in a few weeks which has us considering a move to (the literally greener pastures of) Pa. in '24. We are retreating to the mainland! May return to NYC in the future. Can't wait to see everyone at reunion. Hope you all are great!"

**Joe Compitello's** daughter is going to be a Blue Devil! She was accepted to Duke for next fall. Congrats, Joe. As a college admissions expert, I can tell you that what she has accomplished is truly impressive!

October was a wild month for me and there were some L'ville classmates there for the moment. It was a seemingly normal Wednesday. My wife, who is one of the top estheticians in L.A., walked in her office to see a high-profile celebrity client. Except, when she walked in the room, it was ... surprise! ... her best friend. Then another best friend walked in the room and they whisked my wife away from what she thought was a busy work day, to the airport. Waiting there were I2 of us. It was a surprise 40th birthday trip to Mexico City. But that was just the beginning of the surprises. Over the weekend, 40 people showed up in Mexico City to surprise Vanessa, including **David Pryor**, **John Walsh**, and **Hugh Lippincott**. David's incredible wife, Stephanie, had to remain home because she was "very pregnant," but John's indomitable wife, Lindsey, was there in full effect, as was Hugh's magical wife, Brooke. **Simone Sobel** was booked to

come, but sadly her son got sick. And **Stu Lord** was never booked to come because he thought Greece was a better option. He. Thought. Wrong.

**Adam Fein** was never booked to come either. He had only four months of vacation. An extra few days was too much.

But I digress! **David** brought the fire with his Elvis outfit, which then attracted two very wealthy Frenchmen to buy us I5 bottles of Moët Champagne, and John and Lindsey paid homage to Jersey rockers. Then the next day, everybody brought it hard for Dia de los Muertos, decked to the nines in skeleton face paint. And that was when they decided to surprise the surpiser (me). Since Vanessa and I never got to be married thanks to the pandemic, they threw us an impromptu wedding ceremony right there in the Zocalo, the main town square of Mexico City. We ended up doing what might have been the largest Hava Nagila dance in Mexico City history.

**Laura Kornhauser** and Dane Almassy '98 are racing around NYC chasing their two young children. Laura was just recently featured as one of the marquee women in FinTech at none other than The New York Stock Exchange! Congrats, Laura!

Speaking of **David Pryor**: He is a father! Baby Maya was born on December 7 and is an objectively cute baby! Unfortunately for her, she will not see the light of fresh air for the next six months of Chicago's winter, but hopefully this convinces David to move to L.A.

**Annie Whittaker** "Cannot. Wait. For. Reunion!"

**Caleb Oberst** has just completed a one-year celebration of Argentina's World Cup victory. He traveled down to the victorious country to interview locals and film a documentary on the impact on a struggling nation. However, while camping in the Argentinian back country, a freak rain storm ruined much of the footage. But in Caleb's words, "it was more for me anyway. This year has transformed me in ways I never imagined. Why didn't I play football (soccer) in high school. The sport is transcendent."

Vanessa and I saw **Gillian Hearst** and her three amazing daughters when they were out in L.A. for Thanksgiving. We had a grand time at her hotel and would have stayed longer, except we had to head to Palm Springs for...

**R.G. Kahoe's** wedding! He married John Laura at their stunning home and it was magical, chock full of fire dancers, great food and a phenomenal DJ. Their outfits were on point! Truth be told, I accidentally left my white suit at home for this extra special white party, but Vanessa and I ended up picking up an incredible white faux fur outfit just off the famed I0 freeway, that will last us the rest of our lives.

I also saw **Adam Fein** in Washington, D.C. More importantly, I saw Adam Fein's wife, Jordana, who had just been named one of the top doctors in the D.C. Area. I felt like I was in the presence of greatness and indeed I was. OK, Fein (see what I did right there), Adam was named a top doctor as well. They are quite the power couple! Adam and I enjoyed some African food in the heart of D.C. one night and I got to witness his daughter's prowess on the violin, as well as his son's bid to be the next Derek Jeter.

**Courtney Thompson Friel** is a sharpshooter!

She won a regional long-distance competition that was 96 percent male. I've been saying it forever, the future is female! I also had a fortuitous run-in with Simone Sobel. We went to a 2-year-old birthday party in Beverly Hills. We pulled onto the street and I turned to my wife and said, "I think this is Simone's street." Turns out she lived two houses down from the party! We had a great catch-up before she headed off to Paris and London for the holidays.

**Devin Farrell** has won "best house lighting" for the seventh year in a row. The competition involves I5 different neighborhoods in Denver and winning is never easy. "Lucky number Seven!" says Farrell. "This year, there were a few houses that I knew would bring it strong. So, I had to up the ante. The flying drone formation of Santa secured it for me. It was 250 drones. My biggest mistake was not hiring a professional photographer. The iPhone just couldn't capture the moment."

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Lucinda says: "I've been engulfed with the undertaking of launching a book called *Get Signed: Find an Agent, Land a Book Deal, and Become a Published Author*, which [was] released in February! I hope Lawrentians will share it as a resource with writers in their lives who are looking to get published one day.

"On the side, I recently reconnected with **Laetitia Stanfield** and **Chuck Gorra**, **Jill Penney Bouquard**, **Lexi Gross**, **Pam Chew**, **Taylor Denton**, Noah Bernamoff '01, and Marathon champion **Megan Genkin**, all even more fabulous than they were in high school! (Missed you, **Shannon**.) How did we suddenly become mid-lifers! Also got to (finally!) meet **Taylor Wallick's** adorable son, Hayes - and congrats, Taylor, on your new darling boy!"

**Lauren Rhue Goggins** writes: "My husband, Justin, and I moved to the DMV. I am a member of the faculty at the University of Maryland in the Information Systems department. Our two girls are now 6 and I0. Sometimes I catch up with **Kela**, Constance Smalls '01, **Deryn**, or **Gena**."

It's been awhile (ever?) since his last update, but **George Livadas** and his wife, Megan, moved to Greenwood Village, Colo., from NYC several years ago. Their daughter, Cecile, 9, loves art in all forms, and their son, Hugh, 7, is obsessed with hockey. George helps with coaching and still plays beer league. George hopes to see **Matt McKenna** (who comes to Vail every now and then) and other Lawrentians out in Colorado soon.

**Caroline Cross** is "still in D.C. My family and I live in Mount Vernon, right near George Washington's estate. I work at Booz Allen and my husband owns a couple of restaurants in the area (wings, BBQ, beer, and moonshine). My son Cary, 6-and-a-half, and daughter Virginia, 5, keep me busy. Let me know if you're in the area or passing through, would love to reconnect!"



Jason Larson '03 '19 '20 enjoyed showing Soleil Roberts '04 and her brother-in-law, Ramanan "Ram" Sivalingam '05 the School's new athletic facilities.



Mark Goodman '81, Ted Griffith '04, and Flip Ruben '79 competed in the University Club member/guest squash doubles tournament. Ted is also wearing items from his "Sexy Ted" line of clothing for racquet sports, golf, boating, swimming, and whatever else life may throw at you.

**Erica Simmons** shared some big news: "I'm a bit late to send in this update, but I had a big year in 2022! I got married to my husband, Matt, at the Chabot Space and Science Center in Oakland in June. Our (very silly, not too literal) theme was space disco, and I wore a custom orange gown. As you'll see in the adjacent photo, I still have my unique fashion sense! **Zoila Hinson** came out for the wedding, and **Selena Liao** wasn't able to be there, but she did help me find my dress. And of course, my dad, David Simmons '70 P'00 and mom, Ann Simmons P'00, were there and were thrilled. Shortly after, I started a new job as the alternative transportation program manager for the National Park Service, which basically means that I help all of the national parks on the west coast improve transportation by transit, ferries, walking and biking. It is a lot of fun, and I get to visit some of the most beautiful parking lots and bus stops in the country!"

**Adam Spector**, his wife, and two young boys are all doing well in San Francisco. "Don't believe all the negative news," he says. "S.F. is still an awesome place to live and work!" Adam is running a 30-person company, levy, focused on back-office operation services for startups. If you're ever in San Francisco, drop him a line. He loves excuses to leave the home office."

**Taylor Denton** writes: "I moved to NYC in March 2023 and often see Lauren St. James '99 on the Jersey Shore. Lauren volunteers for the Asbury Park Music Foundation on weekends, so we meet up for music events or brunch. Sarah Gallagher '99 came to NYC in October and we met up to see Kimberly Akimbo on Broadway and then saw each other again in Memphis over Thanksgiving week. Sarah, Lauren, and I keep in touch with Alison Smith Barnes '99, who lives in London. We hope to see her sometime soon!"

"In December, I attended the Katfko holiday party in Brooklyn, where I saw **James Adelman**, and I also got to see **Lexi Gross Brandfon**, **Pamela Chew**, **Katie Larkin Tricot**, and **Lucy Halpern** in Manhattan. Love living in NYC and seeing so many Lawrentians this year!"

**Vanessa Chau** says: "I met up with Andrew Chun '99 on my work trip to Korea in November. This is our third rendezvous in Asia and we caught up on parenthood and living in Hong Kong/Korea, amongst other topics! I also connect with **L.G. Mentz** (we are colleagues, but in different offices) while working in New York and spoke to **Kate MacGregor** and **Megan**

**Drucker Genkin** during the holidays. All the best to Drucker on Berlin marathon in 2024!"

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**Hans von Meister** had the chance to visit Lawrenceville last summer for the first time in almost a decade! He is looking forward to the next big reunion. If anybody is ever in Shanghai, he is requesting a phone call!

**Tom McElwee** continues to live in Chicago while his girlfriend finishes her M.B.A. at UChicago. They are hoping to move to New York upon conclusion of the program in June 2024.

**Laurel Cummings** reports that her son is 9 months old and every surface of her apartment is covered with spattered baby food. She is hopeful for some Lawrenceville run-ins this holiday season!

**Kevin Huang** recently made the plunge and moved out to the 'burbs in Bridgewater, N.J. He loved catching up with **Ryan Coyle**, **Darius Farzad**, and **Randall Brown** during their last round of golf this season.

After two years in Fairfield, Conn., as a professor at Fairfield University, **John Aland** and his family moved back to the Midwest, where he is now part of the accounting faculty at Notre Dame. It has been an adjustment being back at his alma mater on the other side of the classroom, but he thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to take his oldest, Rowan, to his first ND football game to see Notre Dame demolish USC (sorry, **Matty Atwater!**). He still is in regular contact with [NAME REDACTED], as well as Bryan Seelagy '06 and Matt Cardoso '06. Over the summer, he also had the chance to see **Sarah Delp** and enjoy some small plates while overlooking the Denver skyline.

And finally, **Bayless Sword** doesn't get all the jokes sent to her via Class Notes but does promise to submit them as written. Hope you all are well!

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**Chelsea Adams**, **Nikki Stevens**, and **Fiona Maguire** recently spent the weekend in Mexico City for their fifth annual girls' trip. Chelsea and Nikki are living in New York and Fiona has been in Dallas since 2015.

**Lola Boatwright Raheja** has been living in London since 2020 and works at Amazon Prime Video. She got married in 2023.

**Joseph Suh** has very exciting news: His daughter Serena Yoona Suh was born last month! Both mommy and the baby are healthy!

**Caroline Chambers** recently brought her son, Mattis, to visit his godmother **Lily Wick** in NYC for his fifth birthday. The highlight of his trip was when Lily took him to FAO Schwarz while Caroline was working and let him buy so many toys that Caroline had to buy a new suitcase. The highlight of Caroline's trip was having dinner with Lily, **Isabelle Delouvrier**, **Grace Bunn**, and **Martha Byrd**, and never wanting the night to end.

**Nevin Vangala** was sad to miss our 15th (are we really coming up on 17 years?!), but he had a good excuse as that was the weekend he got married! He and his wife Lindsey had a

wonderful time celebrating with some of the best Lawrentians. Of course, Nevin's brother, Neil Vangala '05, was by his side along with some of our classmates and partners: **Zachary Ali**, **Sean Haywood**, **Joe Cha**, **Jenny Moyer**, and **Sarah McDonough McKani**. Since then, Lindsey and Nevin have been settled in San Francisco with their two dogs, Thelma and Louis. This past year he's enjoyed catching up with some Bay Area Lawrentians, including **Matt Cardoso '06** and **Allie Dalglish**, and also has had a great time running into familiar faces at the San Francisco Lawrenceville event including **Victor Smith**, **Curt Schickner '08**, and many more! He'd love to meet up with anyone living in the Bay Area!

**Anna Ruddle Derbyshire** also lives in S.F., and got married to her husband, Quincy, a little over a year ago surrounded by many Lawrentians - her sister Elizabeth Ruddle Gabrielson '04, brother-in-law Ross Gabrielson '02, Emily Wilson Elipas '05, **Emily Chase**, **Allie Dalglish**, **Samantha Klug**, and **Paulina Dean**.

Anna started a new venture fund focused on oncology last year (a spinoff from Emerson Collective), and enjoys seeing **Allie Dalglish**, **Ali Howard '06**, and **Ashley Zeiger Peak '06** in the Bay Area. Anna and **Paulina Dean** also got to spend some quality time together in Vail this past February.

**Sarah McDonough McKani** and her husband, Kunal, are living in Brooklyn, and had a baby (named Adi) in July. Adi's gotten a chance to meet a few Lawrenceville friends, including **Anna Fountaine** and Ian Tarbert's daughter, **Willia**; **Devin Kennedy** and Eliza Rosenberry's son, **Hal**; and **Celine Satija** and Matt Freeman's son, **Sam!**

**Jonathan Hum** is working in private markets and co-investments at the Cleveland Clinic Investment Office. He says: "I got married in May 2023 to a wonderful woman I met in business school at Washington University in St. Louis, Vera Carter."

"I still do see some Lawrentians, mainly during our fantasy football league's (**Nick Bodnar** won again; he has an autodraft dynasty) yearly trip to Vegas. Last year, **Jack Anderson**, **Will James**, **Isaac Reyes**, **Leon Lin**, and I went. **Victor Smith** was planning on going but had to back out last minute. I even personally invested in Leon's startup, IstCollab, which automates influencer marketing campaigns for brands.

"We still have a somewhat active chat group on Signal for our fantasy football league. Other members include **Jamie Magagna**, **Eddie Lee**, **Nick Nehamas**, **Bay Phillips**, and **Stu Thomas**. Past members include **MJ Kim**, **Joe Cha**, **Matt Scott**, and **Arsha Tabrizi '08**."

**Martha Byrd** is living in Connecticut with her husband, Omar, and four children: Peter, 5, Charlie, 3, John, 2, and Selma, 1.

**Reece Mealy Rahilly** says, "My husband, Ian, and I moved from NYC to my hometown of Charlotte, N.C., two years ago. I remain a director at The Armory Show art fair in NYC and travel back and forth to New York frequently. On my trip last week, I had a fun catch up lunch with **Martha Byrd!** Just last night, on a work trip to L.A., I ran into **Sam Fisher** and his cute wife, Jess, at a gallery opening. I had not seen him since high school!"



Chelsea Adams '07, Fiona Maguire '07, and Nikki Stevens '07 went to Mexico City for their fifth annual girls' trip.



Adi, the daughter of Sarah McDonough McKani '07, Willa, daughter of Anna Fountaine '07, had some fun together in January.



Reece Mealy Rahilly '07 and Martha Byrd '07 caught up over dinner in New York



Allie Dalglish '07, Elizabeth Ruddle Gabrielson '04, Ross Gabrielson '02, Samantha Klug '07, Emily Chase '07, and Paulina Dean '07 were on hand to celebrate the wedding of Anna Ruddle '07 to Quincy Derbyshire in Savannah, Ga.



Chris Elipas and Emily Wilson Elipas '05 joined Anna Ruddle Derbyshire '07 and Quincy Derbyshire at the latter couple's wedding in Savannah, Ga.



Moms Lily Wick, '07, Nellie Morris '07, and Caroline Chambers '07 have their hands full of the future.



Ashley Zeiger Peak '06, Allie Dalglish '07, Anna Ruddle Derbyshire '07 and Ali Howard '06 got together to celebrate Allie's birthday in Northern California.

"Outside of work trips, I see **Caroline Nype Parker** and her husband, Adam, occasionally in Florida, where they now live, and consider myself **Caroline Chambers'** most tech-averse blog reader and friend. Outside of L'ville run ins and work, my husband and I keep busy raising our two kids, Auggie, 3, and Rose Reece, 1, who are super sweet. I hope they become Lawrentians one day!"

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**Timothy Moore** married Avery Murphy on November 4, 2023, in Washington, D.C. **Mark Blumenfeld** and **Andy Broderick** were groomsmen, and numerous other Lawrentians were in attendance.

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**Delaina Smith** married Matt Minno '12 last August with **Kelley Barnes**, **Priyanka Chodhari**, and **Kate Culbertson** there to help celebrate the couple.



Wedding bells chimed in November for Timothy Moore '10 and Avery Murphy in Washington, D.C.



Chris Castelo '10, Joseph Castelo '88, Bernard Robinson '88, Will Semmes '88, and Robert Castelo '08 met up for a concert at the Antique Loft in Hoboken, N.J.



Evan Coles '11, Randall Otis '11, Allison Otis '10, and Chris Murphy '11 gathered at Sanibel Chai's '11 tree-trimming party in Greenwich Village to celebrate the holiday season.



Charlotte Frumkin '20, Tess Fitzpatrick '11, Alex Frumkin '11, Nick Diamantoni '11, Jonas Frumkin '15, and Joe Frumkin '76 P'11 were on hand to celebrate Alex's wedding to Eden Amital last August at The Orchard in Hood River, Ore.



Jordan Lerner '13 married Kate Faxon in July 2023.



Jay Barry '13, Brendan Hunt '13, Jon Hayden '13, and Grant Simon '13 were in Park City, Utah, last year to celebrate the wedding of Jordan Lerner '13 to Kate Faxon.



Kelley Barnes '13, Priyanka Chodhari '13, and Kate Culbertson '13 were on hand to celebrate the wedding of Delaina Smith '13 to Matt Minno '12 last August.



Kelly Zuchowski '13 and Peter Kuenne '13 got engaged this winter in Deer Valley, Utah.

**Jordan Lerner** got married in July year to Kate Faxon. Lawrentians in attendance included **Jay Barry**, **Brendan Hunt**, **Jon Hayden**, and **Grant Simon**.

Another wedding on the way: **Kelly Zuchowski** and **Peter Kuenne** got engaged this winter in Deer Valley. Congratulations to an amazing Big Red couple!

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The wedding bells are ringing for the Class of 2014! **Myles Hollis** married Jeff Solheim earlier this year. Jeff and Myles met in Las Vegas, Nev., where Jeff's profession as a motivational speaker brought him to town to keynote a conference. Myles, an Air Force pilot, is stationed in Las Vegas and ran into Jeff while out at a bar in downtown Las Vegas' Fremont District. Myles writes that "after a successful first date, our relationship flourished into a long-distance romance. Even though Jeff resided in Portland and I in Las Vegas, we fell madly in love and decided to elope in Portland in December 2022 – and then renew our vows with Elvis in Vegas for New Years, and finally a last vow renewal in July 2023 in front of family and friends."

Myles and Jeff honeymooned in Panama, Hawaii, Croatia, and in Svalbard, Norway. The couple now happily reside in Las Vegas where Myles is stationed until his next deployment.

**Alec Waugh** and **Allie Gaston** got engaged in April in New York City. The couple began dating during the first week of freshman year at Lawrenceville; Alec surprised Allie with a proposal on their apartment building's rooftop, followed by an engagement party with family and friends. They are excited to celebrate in South Carolina in October 2024.

**Morgan Pothast** got engaged to Zackary Baker this fall in New York City. The couple met during their time at Johns Hopkins, where they both played varsity sports. Zackary proposed while singing with the live cover band at the Red Lion in New York's Greenwich Village. The couple were singing along to Morgan's favorite Goo Goo Dolls song, *Slide!* when Zackary got down on one knee at the line "do you wanna get married and run away?"

**Linh-Dan Nguyen** married Liszter Li, who she met in Chinese class during the couples' time at New York University, in November 2022. Linh-Dan writes that they look forward to celebrating in Vietnam in May 2024.

Congrats to **Alexis Lazarus**, who completed the New York City Marathon in early November. Alexis ran with Team Ultra (Michelob Ultra and Brooks Running), which she was partnered with via a Women in Sports lottery application. And great news from our very own bestselling author, **Kaethe Walther**, that she's recently signed a two-book deal for release in Summer 2026 and 2027 following the success of her first young



Myles Hollis '14 married Jeff Solheim last year after meeting in Las Vegas, where Myles is stationed as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force.



Linh-Dan Nguyen '14 married Liszter Li in November 2022.



Alexis Lazarus '14 completed the New York City Marathon in November.



Sebastien Pierre-Louis '15 married Skylar Luke in July, with plenty of love and support from Grant Keller '15, Rafiq Majolagbe '15, Sunny Piplani '16, Ezra Swell '16, Nephys Smith '15, Jordan Harris '16, Sarah Hollinger '15, Rob Lincoln '15, Patrick Yu '15, Alex Blackwood '15, Chudi Illogu '15, Elizabeth Pierre-Louis '22, Gaelle Pierre-Louis '13, Julia Hyman '15, Zack Campbell '15, Nicholas John '15, Amit Mallik '15, Kyle Taylor '15, Lisa Liu '15, Katie Tang '15, Daric McKinney '15, and Isaiah Thomas '15.

adult fiction novel, *The Summer of Broken Rules*.

**Kate Gulbrandsen** hosted **Christian Belardi**, **Megan Norris**, **Jess Castelo**, **Carla Tuan**, and I for the 102nd running of the Far Hills Race Meeting in Far Hills, N.J., in October. All enjoyed brunch together followed by a day of traditional race day festivities on the track's Hilltop. In late July, Jess, Carla, and I enjoyed a blueberry picking afternoon Upstate at the Belardi's Rose Hill Farm. And in mid-August, Megan, her husband, Jake Grant, and I enjoyed the U.S. Open in New York.

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**Olivia Greene** says, "Congratulations to our classmate, **Melissa Marcus**, for running the New York City Marathon!"



Apollo Brown '16 knows his way around a kitchen.



The tension was mounting for A.J. Ryan '16, Lawrence Cummings '16, and Jake Pothast '16 moments prior to their annual Lawrenceville fantasy football draft over Labor Day weekend.



Lawrence Cummings '16 and Jake Pothast '16 at high tea in London.



Tait Mott '20 and Jefferson Mott '18 were in Zug, Switzerland, to celebrate with Ellie Dimatos '25 after her Team USA won the U18 Women's Ice Hockey World Championships in January. Read more about Ellie's gold medal victory on page 20.



Brian Ruan '21 studied abroad in collaboration with the University of Torino in Italy.

A note from **Olivier Malle**: "Really proud of our fellow classmate, Apollo Brown, for finding a new passion in cooking. I will also be moving to the Netherlands for the year, so hit me up if you want some stroopwafel (unfortunately not made by Apollo)."

**Jake Pothast**: "A.J. Ryan, Lawrence Cummings, Olivier Malle, Nick Silber, Apollo Brown, Mike Kang, Cyrus Bahadori, Carter Main, and Eric Hyson, and I all gathered together in 'Monaco' for our annual Lawrenceville fantasy football draft over Labor Day weekend. Shout out to Cyrus for another hard-fought year of Najee Harris domination and Larry for crushing it despite being hard at work getting his master's degree at Columbia."

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**Brian Ruan** says: "I had the great opportunity to study abroad in collaboration with the University of Torino in Italy! I made some good friends and learned more about population policy while in Europe."

**2022**

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**2023**

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**Marriages and Commitment Ceremonies**

**1972**  
Bruce Hager to Florence Buchanan, New York City, September 15, 2023.

**1975**  
Will Clinger to Lauralynn White, Chautauqua, N.Y., September 4, 2023

**1999**  
R.G. Kahoe to John Laura, November 2023

**2000**  
Erica Simmons to Matthew Schram, Chabot Space and Science Center, Oakland, Calif., June 2022

**2001**  
Brandon Blattner to Natasha Mejia, Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton, N.J., October 1, 2022

**2007**  
Lola Boatwright to Brahm Raheja, May 5, 2023  
Jonathan Hum to Vera Carter, May 2023

Anna Ruddle to Quincy Darbyshire, Savannah, Ga., November 19, 2022.

**2008**

Gaia von Meister to Romain Gauthier, France

**2010**

Timothy Moore to Avery Murphy, Washington, D.C., November 4, 2023

**2011**

Alex Frumkin to Eden Amital, The Orchard, Hood River, Ore., August 5, 2023

**2013**

Jordan Lerner to Kate Faxon, Park City, Utah, July 29, 2023

Delaina Smith to Matt Minno '12, August 5, 2023

**2014**

Linh-Dan Nguyen to Liszter Li, New York City, November 2022

Myles Hollis to Jeff Solheim, Portland, Ore., and Las Vegas, Nev., 2023

**2015**

Sebastien Pierre-Louis to Skylar Luke, Cleveland, Ohio, July 29, 2023

**Births**

**1997**  
Michael Kasper and his wife, Meredith, a daughter, Claire Casey Kasper, February 5, 2024

**1998**  
Sarah Robinson and her husband, Marshall Yarbrough, a daughter, Charlotte Bowring Yarbrough, June 30, 2023

**1999**  
David Pryor and his wife, Stephanie, a daughter, Maya, December 7, 2023

Anupriya Grover and her husband, Nathan, a son, Vismay Veer Wenk, August 28, 2023

**2007**  
Sarah McDonough McKani and her husband, Kunal McKani, a daughter, Adi, July 2023

**Memorials**

**DEATHS**

- Donald M. Ehrman '36
- George H. Person '43
- Peter A. Adams '45 P'78 '83
- Don A. Davis Jr. '48
- Cowles W. Herr '49
- Charles Fried '52
- John M. Smith '52
- Charles H. Carpenter '53
- Jay R. Inglis '53
- R. Bruce Brougham '54
- William J. Cassarella '55
- Robert A. Fenimore '55
- Richard M. Glazer '55
- Franklin B. Miles '57



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**Novel Graphics**

**Hale Brown '23 has created Instagram college commitment edits for many of the best prep players in the country.**

**Hale Brown '23** was an accomplished lacrosse player at Lawrenceville, earning First Team All-M.A.P.L. honors after captaining the No. 1 high school team in the country. Brown now suits up for the California-Berkeley Golden Bears, yet remains a vital cog on the high school lacrosse scene as the man behind FiveStar Media Group and creator of the Instagram commitment graphics of the nation's top recruits.

The origins of FiveStar began while Brown was still at Lawrenceville, where he created graphics for the Athletics Department to promote upcoming games. He then lent his burgeoning Photoshop skills to a friend and fellow face-off man, Andrew Greenspan of Brunswick School in Connecticut, when the latter was set to announce his intention to play at Notre Dame. Word spread, and Brown's highly sought commitment graphics, or "edits," have since become one of the must-haves for top recruits when it comes to announcing their big decisions via social media.

"Every graphic starts with a blank canvas, and I think that's something that differentiates myself," said Brown, who eschews a templated approach. "If I had someone doing my graphic for the thing I've worked most of my life for, I would want it to be special and my own and not anyone else's."

Brown's edits have since become more detailed and sophisticated, adding visual elements from his clients' new campuses and team logos with integrated color schemes. After speaking with coaches and top recruiting evaluators about the Class of 2025, Brown also compiled a list of top targets to whom he'd send swag packs to form a relationship and stir some new business: FiveStar merchandise with a shirt and a flat-brim hat with a note inside a branded black box.

"Game recognizes game. Talk to you first, Sept. 1," the message read.

*Condensed from a report by Kevin Brown/Inside Lacrosse*

David L. Herndon '59  
 Macpherson Raymond '60  
 William P. Constable '61  
 Harold E. Moore Jr. '62  
 James S. Aul '63  
 David B. Whitehill '63  
 Jonathan C. Jones '64  
 H.W. Padgett '64  
 Peter G. Donald '76  
 Frederick C. Moore '76  
 R. Brian Larkin '77  
 John G. Fonsz '80  
 Jeffrey M. Schlein '80  
 Anthony B. Smith '07  
 John Silver H'56 '57 '58 '59 GP'06 '08  
 John M. Doggett H'76 '82 '86 '87 '88 '92 '98 P'00  
 Joel Greenberg H'77 '13 P'93

**Richard T. Bennett '48**

Richard Thomas “Dick” Bennett passed away October 10, 2023. Born in Trenton, N.J., he was 93 years old.  
 At Lawrenceville, Dick lived in Kennedy House and played in the Orchestra. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Yale University in 1952 and, later, his Ph.D. in physical organic chemistry from Rutgers University in 1954.

After marrying Bertha Wilson on January 24, 1958, Dick and his family lived in Wilmington; Morris Plains, N.J.; Toledo, Ohio; and Princeton, N.J., and enjoyed summers in Avon, N.J., in a summer family home. He had a long and successful business career and retired as president of Congoleum in 1988.

Dick loved golf, bridge, fishing, and traveling. He and Bertha took over 50 cruises. He traveled to all 50 states and 38 countries. Dick and Bertha lived in Naples, Fla., until her illness in 2015, when they relocated to West Chester, Ohio, to be closer to family.

Dick is survived by three of his four children, Richard Bennett, Terri Cheney, and David Bennett; seven grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

**Winthrop Knowlton '48**

Winthrop “Win” Knowlton passed away October 13, 2023. Born in New York City, he was 93 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Win lived in Cromwell and Raymond House, played baseball and soccer, was a member of the Olla Podrida and The Lawrence, and was president of Pipe and Quill. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Harvard College and a master’s from Harvard Business School.

After becoming the youngest partner at the investment firm of White Weld & Co., Win became Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs. In 1967, he became chair and CEO of Harper & Row, securing the rights to Soviet dissident Alexander Solzhenitsyn’s The Gulag Archipelago. In 1982, Win became the first director of the Center for Business and Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, and Henry R. Luce Professor of Ethics and Public Policy. After five years, he returned to Wall Street and launched the investment firm

Knowlton Brothers.

Knowlton served on many boards of directors, including Bethlehem Steel, Audible, Inc., and the Equitable Life Insurance Society. He was equally committed to the nonprofit sector, most importantly as chair of the Jackson Laboratory from 1992-97. Win was the author of six books, including the memoir My First Revolution, about the year he spent in China with classmate James Thomson '48 on the eve of the Chinese Communist Revolution in 1948.

Win is survived by his wife of 40 years, Maxine Groffsky; children Win, Christopher, Oliver, Eliza, and Samantha; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his brother, Stanley Knowlton '43.

**Michael B. Boylan '50**

Michael B. Boylan passed away November 21, 2023. Born in Oklahoma, he was 91 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Michael lived in Kennedy House and was a member of the Glee Club, The Lit, the Olla Podrida, The Lawrence, the Press Club, Periwig, played soccer, and was a member of the track and wrestling teams. An active alumnus, he served the School as an admission interviewer and was the recipient of the Meritorious Service Award. Michael earned his Bachelor of Science in business and engineering administration from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1954, and also served in the U.S. Army as a first lieutenant.

Michael worked for Continental Oil Co. as a market research analyst, and as a technical representative in Japan for eight years, and for two years with Continental Carbon Co. He began to invest in real estate after leaving Continental Carbon, and as president of the Houston Property Management Corporation, he invested in apartments and commercial properties.

Michael served as director and officer of the Houston Apartment Association; chair of New Waverly State Bank; organizer and vice chair of First Houston Bank; and as director of Venezuelan Pepsi Cola Bottling companies.

A member and head usher of St. Martin’s Episcopal Church in Houston, Michael also served as a trustee of Purnell School in New Jersey, and as a member of the Houston Heights Rotary Club, Oak Forest Lions Club, and Houston Chamber of Commerce Committee for Regional Mobility. A founding member of Associated Republicans of Texas, Michael was honored with a Pioneer Award by the Harris County Republican Party.

Michael is survived by a brother, Ebert E. Boylan Jr. '79.

**Charles C. Hullfish Jr. '50**

Charles Clifford “Charlie” Hullfish Jr. passed away January 5, 2024. Born in Trenton, N.J., he was 92 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Charlie lived in Thomas, Hamill, and Upper Houses, and was a member of the track, football, and baseball teams. As a Big Red track star, Charlie won medals at the Penn Relays and Madison Square Garden. He also appeared in the 1950 MGM film The Happy Years, which was filmed on campus.

Charlie attended Rutgers University before being drafted into the Korean War, during which he served as an Army Corporal with the 1437th Engineering Company, contributing to the war effort by building treadway bridges. He demonstrated exceptional bravery and commitment, earning two Bronze Stars and being wounded in action. Upon returning from the war, Charlie married Dorothy Hattie Farr and their 58-year marriage was a testament to their enduring love and partnership.

After the war, Charlie settled into the family business, Lawrenceville Fuel, and rose to become its president. He also leveraged his engineering knowledge as a chief engineer for the State of New Jersey. A longtime resident of Lawrenceville, Charlie was a member of the Lawrenceville Presbyterian Church, Lawrenceville Fire Company, Lawrenceville American Legion Post 414, Lawrenceville Rotary, and Elks. He also sponsored a team and coached in the Lawrence Little League. As a member of the Fire Company, he was part of the response team that saved Upper House from a fire in 1968.

Charlie is survived by children Kathie Lynn Hullfish, Keith Charles Hullfish, and Kimberly Ann Hullfish; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**Peter L. Ballenger '51**

Reid “Peter” Langford Ballenger passed away November 23, 2023. Born in Memphis, Tenn., he was 92 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Peter lived in Kennedy House before attending Culver Military Academy and Christian Brothers College. He briefly attended Vanderbilt University before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force, where he served four years as a security analyst during the Korean War. Peter combined his undergraduate and medical studies at University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee College of Medicine, graduating in 1962. He interned at Charity Hospital in New Orleans and completed his residency at John Gaston Hospital in Memphis.

Peter specialized in obstetrics and gynecology and wanted to share in the happiness of welcoming his patients’ children into the world. He practiced medicine for 55 years and delivered thousands of babies in the Mid-South. As chair of the Methodist Hospitals of Memphis OB/GYN Department in 1980, Peter facilitated the practice of allowing fathers in the delivery room during childbirth. In 2006, he received the Living Award from the Methodist Health Care Foundation for his leadership and commitment to the healing mission of Methodist. He retired in 2019 at age 87.

Peter loved airplanes from a young age and was an instrument-rated pilot. He set two airplane speed records, one between Memphis and St. Louis in 1969. He was also a skilled golfer and twice hit holes-in-one on 16 at the Memphis Country Club.

Peter is survived by his wife of 60 years, Barbara Maury Ballenger; and his two daughters, Fontaine Maury Ballenger and Brooke Bond Ballenger.

**Louis N. Hand '51**

Louis Neff “Lou” Hand passed away October 30, 2023. Born in Hollywood, Calif., he was 90 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Lou lived in Dickinson House. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in mathematics with high honors from Swarthmore College, graduating in 1955 as a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He later received a Ph.D. in experimental physics from Stanford University.

His wife, Betsy, son Jonathan, and Lou moved east so he could take up a position as a research associate at Harvard, where he worked on experiments at the new Cambridge Electron Accelerator. He became an assistant professor at Harvard in 1964, a year before accepting a position at Cornell in the Laboratory of Nuclear Physics. He was promoted in 1971 to full professor, a position he held for 37 years until becoming professor emeritus in 2008.

Lou joined the field of experimental high energy physics during an exciting era. He conceived and performed the first pion-produced muon pair experiment at Brookhaven’s Alternating Gradient Synchrotron in 1965, which led to the discovery of the subatomic J/psi particle by Sam Ting in 1974. A Guggenheim Fellowship in conjunction with an SRC Fellowship at Oxford University brought Lou to England in 1980-81.

Lou was particularly proud of his 1998 textbook, Analytical Mechanics, which is still in print and continues to be used in university classrooms. It was innovative in its day for the way it was designed to facilitate collaborative problem-solving between instructors and students using a brand-new technology: email.

Lou is survived by his daughters, Brooke, Pattie, and Sonya; and five grandchildren.

**Douglas D. Monroe Jr. '51 P'74**

Douglas Durrell “Doug” Monroe Jr. passed away August 31, 2023. Born in Norfolk, Va., he was 90 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Doug lived in Kennedy House. He earned his Bachelor of Science from Washington and Lee University and his Master of Science in economics from Purdue University, and also attended Rutgers University Stonier Graduate School of Banking. Doug met and married his wife of 60 years, Kit, in 1954. From 1955-59, Doug proudly served as an officer in the U.S. Navy on the destroyers U.S.S. McNair and U.S.S. Pillsbury.

Following his military service, Doug embarked on a lengthy career in commercial banking and financial services, joining Wachovia Bank in Winston-Salem, N.C. In 1965, he moved Kit and his family of five children to Irvington, Va., where he joined Lancaster National Bank, which soon became Chesapeake Bank.

Throughout much of his 58-year tenure with Chesapeake Bank, Doug held the positions of chief executive officer and chair of the board. In addition to his time at Chesapeake Bank, Doug served on the board of directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He was also a past president and director of the Virginia Bankers Association.

With Kit, Doug was especially proud of being a founding board member of Chesapeake Academy. He was also a former deacon and elder of Campbell Memorial Presbyterian Church.

Doug is survived by his children, Douglas D. Monroe III '74, Margaret Monroe Barlow, Kathy Monroe Spotts, Wende Monroe Szyperski, and John Mark Monroe; 16 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; brothers Harvey Norvell Monroe '49 and Samuel Edward Monroe II '54; nephew Samuel E. Monroe III '77.

**A. Tappen Soper '52**

Arthur Tappen Soper passed away November 15, 2023. Born in New York City, he was 89 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Tappen lived in Kennedy House and was a member of the track team, Periwig, the Glee Club, Choir, and the Open Door Society. He earned his bachelor’s degree in 1956 from Princeton University, where he was in the Air Force ROTC.

After Princeton, Tappen was stationed in Bainbridge, Ga. and was part of the one of the first class of pilots to have their primary training on the T-37 jets.

Tappen spent his entire career with The Bankers Trust Company. In 1979 the bank sent him to Switzerland where he spent the next 13 years as managing director and general manager of Bankers Trust AG, the bank’s Zurich and Geneva’s offices. His tenure in Switzerland afforded Susan and Tappen an opportunity to travel all over the world and make great friends with his international clients.

Demonstrating a lifelong belief in helping others, Tappen chaired the board of governors for Lawrence Hospital in Bronxville, board chair for Andrus Home in Yonkers, N.Y., and while living in Lyme, Conn., he worked alongside his neighbors for the Pleasant Valley Association and Lyme Public Library.

Upon retirement from Bankers Trust AG in 1992, Tappen became a private investor and pursued his lifelong passion for flying. He purchased his beloved Mooney, a single-engine aircraft, in 1994 and eventually flew to 49 of 50 United States.

Tappen is survived by his wife of 63 years, Susan; daughter Laura Budd; son Benjamin; and three grandchildren.

**John G. Hartong Sr. '53**

John Gordon Hartong Sr. passed away January 7, 2024. Born in Oak Park, Ill., he was 89 years old.

At Lawrenceville, John lived in Dawes House and was a member of the swimming and golf teams. He attended Kenyon College, where he was a member of the golf team, and later attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

In 1958, John joined the U.S. Army 1st Cavalry Division and served in Japan for two years. Upon returning home, John joined his father’s roadbuilding company, George H. Hartong Construction, constructing highways all over the Midwest.

An avid golfer, John won the Junior Amateur Golf Championship in Illinois. In 1973, he retired to Crystal River, Fla., where he became a member

of both Seven Rivers Golf and Country Club and The Plantation, winning the men’s championship at both clubs and, over the years, made ten holes-in-one. During his time in Crystal River, he was on the board of Seven Rivers, on the vestry at St. Anne’s Episcopal Church, and served on the zoning board of Crystal River from 1974-88. John was also very proud of his membership in AA for 35 years and for years led weekly AA meetings.

John survived by his wife, Barbara Yeisley Hartong; sons John Jr., David, Tom, and Sam; stepchildren Lori Zeller and Todd Yeisley; 14 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

**William B. Blundin '56**

William Bransford “Bill” Blundin passed away July 27, 2023. Born in New York City, he was 85 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bill lived in Dawes House and The Lodge. He was a member of the Press Club, Inquirers Club, Science Club, and Herodotus Club, and was a manager for the tennis team. Bill graduated from Washington and Lee University in 1960, and also attended the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.

For the 40 years thereafter, Bill enjoyed a successful business career in finance in New York City. This included Wall Street positions in research, institutional sales, and then, in 1985, the launch of his own company, Concord Financial. Bill also served for 18 years as a valued board member of the Conestoga Mutual Funds.

Most importantly, Bill’s life was inspired and embraced by his love of his family and his many, many friends throughout the United States and abroad. Bill, who was a great-grandson of Frank Wayland Higgins, the 35th governor of New York, was a devoted Lawrenceville alumnus who expressed his love for the School by always placing a Lawrenceville pin on the lapel of his blazer. Bill’s late brother, Hank Blundin '52, preceded Bill at the School.

Bill is survived by brother John L. Blundin; and grandnieces Kate Blundin '21 and Maggie H. Blundin '24.

**Walter W. Buckley Jr. '56 P'96 '99 GP'09**

Walter White Buckley Jr. passed away October 30, 2023. Born in Philadelphia, he was 86 years old.

After graduating from The Episcopal Academy, Walter came to Lawrenceville, where he lived in Kinnan House, played football, and was a member of the choir. He received his Bachelor of Arts in history from Cornell and an M.B.A. from Cornell’s Johnson School of Business.

Walter’s business career began on Wall Street as a financial analyst before he began a long career at Bethlehem Steel in 1967, becoming chair of the Pension Fund Trustees. He co-founded Buckley Muething Capital Management in 1987. Throughout his business career, Walter was involved in several business startup ventures, among them The Home Depot.

His fervent interest in education was manifest as an active trustee for Episcopal Academy, Moravian Academy, and Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation where he served four years as chair. At both Episcopal

and Lawrenceville, 16 Buckley Scholars annually receive full tuition and summer travel enrichment. Walter also established endowment for need-based student scholarships and for children of faculty at Moravian Academy in Bethlehem, Pa.

Walter was the fourth recipient of the Episcopal Academy 1785 Bowl for “significantly enhancing educational quality.” The Woodrow Wilson Foundation honored his leadership with its Walter White Buckley, Jr. Teaching & Learning Lab at MIT, and student volunteers at the University of North Carolina’s Carolina Center for Public Service are known as Walter W. Buckley, Jr. Public Service Scholars. He also sponsored annual visits by the most prominent historians to Episcopal Academy and Lawrenceville.

Walter was a member of U.S. Seniors Golf, Merion Golf Club, Merion Cricket Club, Saucon Valley Country Club and, for 59 years, Pine Valley Golf Club.

Walter is survived by his wife of 48 years, Marjorie Bryan Buckley; children Walter White Buckley III, Brooke Ashforth P’09, Alexandra Buckley Voris ’96 and Robert Edgar Florence Buckley ’99; 11 grandchildren, including Carter W. Ashforth ’09; and nephews James C. Bryan ’75 and J. Hunter Bryan ’77.

### George H. Hawks III ’57

George Haywood “Woody” Hawks III passed away March 23, 2023. Born in Rochester, N.Y., he was 84 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Woody lived in Woodhull House and was awarded a Major L for baseball. He was a member of the Science Club, the Spanish Club, The Lawrence, and the Olla Podrida. He earned his Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University in 1964, and his Ph.D. there in 1968.

Woody took leave from his doctoral pursuit to serve in the U.S. Marine Corps, seeing active service as a short-wave radio specialist during the Cuban Missile Crisis. During his service he was selected as starting pitcher for the U.S. Marine Corps fast-pitch softball league in Hawaii. A Fulbright Scholar and recipient of the Alexander von Humboldt Stipendium, Woody did his post baccalaureate at the University Munich, ultimately joining the Eastman Kodak Company as a research chemist in 1968.

His work earned Woody numerous patents and wide recognition during a 34-year career. His passion for the sciences were fostered by his beloved grandfather Dr. Albert K. Chapman, himself a pioneer of aerial photography and former Kodak chair.

An avid sailor and member of the Rochester Yacht Club, Woody was a central part of the legendary team that won invitation to the 1979 Congressional Cup in California. An autodidact with wide interests, Woody had an infectious sense of humor and wit practically in a class by himself.

Woody is survived by his third wife Elizabeth Hawks, children Jason Hawks, Macy Flenner, Alida Hawks, Haywood Chapman Hawks, and Catharine Pritchard Hawks; and three grandchildren.

### L. Russell Cartwright ’58

Levering Russell “Russ” Cartwright passed away October 8, 2023. Born in Evanston, Ill., he was 83 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Russ lived in Kennedy and Upper Houses. He was a co-captain of the cross-country team and won a Major L in winter and spring track. He was also a member of the Pipe and Quill Society, The Lawrence, Periwig, the Lawrentians, the Choir, Band, and Glee Club. Russ graduated in 1962 from Harvard College, where he was a member of the Harvard Glee club, honing his immense singing talent, and from Harvard Law School in 1965.

Russ worked many years as a corporate attorney for The Household Finance Corporation. His favorite place on this earth was the family cabin in Boothbay Harbor, Maine. He vacationed there each summer for decades with his wife, Abby Lynne Alt, and their growing family. One of his favorite activities was spending time on the beach, often engaging total strangers in conversation. Clearing the brush around the cabin was another of his favorite pursuits. Newcomers staying at the cabin were often involuntarily drafted into this activity.

Russ moved to South Bend, Ind., in 1994 where he met his second wife, Erin, and her son, Alex. Russ should be remembered for his generous spirit, intellectual curiosity, avid interest in classical music, history, and birds. Russ, who made friends easily, was also a spiritual man and involved in many church activities, including singing for the choir and playing the trumpet.

Russ is survived by his daughter Anne and his son Charles; and four grandchildren.

### James A. Levy ’58 P’91 ’92

James Adler “Jim” Levy passed away August 14, 2023. Born in Trenton, N.J., he was 82 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Jim lived in Griswold House before graduating from Proctor Academy in Andover, N.H. He earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania in 1963.

Jim started his career at Sears, Roebuck and Co. as a young business trainee before joining his father at S.P. Dunham Department Stores, where he worked for many years. Jim served in the Air National Guard.

At the age of 40, Jim, set forth on a new career as an investment advisor at Smith Barney where he worked for 36 years. He was on the board of directors at Greenwood House for the Jewish Aged in Trenton, a board member of Har Sinai Temple of Trenton, and he served on The Newtown Friends School Board.

Jim was lucky in love not once, but twice. He was married to Rebecca “Becky” Deitz Levy for 37 years before her passing in 2004. Jim’s daughter, Rachel, set him up on a blind date with Carol Sole, who became Jim’s devoted companion since 2015. Jim and Carol shared much in common – a love for travel, the arts and for their own children and grandchildren.

Jim is survived by children Jonathan D. Levy ’91 and Rachel Levy Lesser ’92; three grandchildren; brother Paul G. Levy ’54 P’81 ’88 GP’20; nephews Jeffrey C. Levy ’81 P’20 and Timothy J. Levy ’88, and niece Cate Levy ’20.

### Richard Locke ’58

Richard Locke passed away August 25, 2023. Born in New York City, he was 81 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Richard lived in Thomas, Woodhull, and Upper Houses. He earned his bachelor’s degree from Columbia University and later attended Clare College at Cambridge University and Harvard University.

Richard began his career as an editor at Simon & Schuster in 1965, leaving publishing to work at The New York Times from 1969-81, where he served as deputy editor of the Book Review after 1974. Locke left the Times at the invitation of Si Newhouse to become the first editor-in-chief of the revived Vanity Fair. He also served as the president of the National Book Critics Circle from 1982-84.

After working on Vanity Fair from 1981-83, Richard left Conde Nast to spend the greater part of his career as a professor at Columbia University. There, he taught literature and writing for 38 years. He served as chair of the Writing Division from 1995-2000, retiring as professor emeritus in 2022. His dedication to and love of teaching was recognized with the Columbia University Presidential Award for Excellence in Teaching in 2011.

The author of Critical Children: The Use of Children in Ten Great Novels, Richard penned more than 180 essays and reviews that appeared in The New York Times, The Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post, The American Scholar, The Yale Review, The Atlantic, and The New Republic, among others.

Richard is survived by his wife and partner of 47 years, Wendy Webber Nicholson; daughters Sarah Johansson Locke and Rebecca Johansson Locke; stepson Nicholas Nicholson; and two grandchildren.

### Marshall Haywood III ’59

Marshall “Woody” Haywood III passed away December 18, 2023. Born in Lafayette, Ind., he was 83 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Woody was the president of Cleve House, played football, wrestled, and was a member of Periwig and the Open Door Society. As an alumnus, he served on his 60th Reunion Committee. After graduating from Whittier College, Woody joined the U.S. Marine Corps in 1964, attending boot camp at Camp Lejeune, N.C., where he earned the American Spirit Award, a medal bestowed to an outstanding Marine during training. During the Vietnam War, he served in the U.S.M.C. reserves in Joliet, Ill., as an artilleryman, leaving service after six years honorably as a Sergeant. In 1981, Woody earned an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago.

Woody enjoyed childhood and adulthood living in California and Chicago and spending many a summer in the “snows,” the nickname for the Les Cheneaux Club on Marquette Island in the upper peninsula of Michigan, on Lake Huron. Many a summer was spent with family and friends, boating across the various channels and visiting Mackinac Island.

A great fan of the outdoors, Woody had a passion for sports, golf, travel, and the arts. He was a great fan of his beloved Chicago Bears and

Chicago Cubs, never losing hope and praying for a second championship for each of those teams.

Woody is survived by spouse Betty Jean Zinn; daughters Anne and Kym; two grandchildren; brothers Barry T. Haywood ’63 and Mitchell “Cary” Haywood ’65 P’07 ’09; and nephews Sean M. Haywood ’07 and Joshua T. Haywood ’09.

### Loring F. Hill ’59

Loring Fenton Hill Sr. passed away August 28, 2023. Born in Paterson, N.J., he was 83 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Loring lived in Dickinson House and The Lodge, and was a member of the cross country and fencing teams. He was also active in the Chess Club, Forensic Society, and Play Reading Society, and he served as a chapel usher. Loring earned his bachelor’s degree from the University of Pennsylvania Wharton School of Business in 1964 and his Master of Fine Arts from Temple University in 1983.

Loring was a professor and chair of the Photography and Cinematography Department for 30 years at Community College of Philadelphia, and taught at other local universities before retiring. Students, family, and friends remember Loring as ready to help and ready to tweak, with mischievous humor, vaunted certainties and unexamined assumptions.

The consummate professor, Loring advised not only students, but friends, family members, and sometimes strangers on topics including photography, film, television, history, finances, gubernatorial pardons, and society writ large.

Loring at times espoused simple and efficient means to solve problems, while at other times poked and prodded preconceived notions as a catalyst for entirely new approaches to thinking. Most people who knew Loring, whether for a long or short period of time, have lasting beliefs or convictions that they attribute to him.

Loring is survived by children Erinn J. Hill, Loring F. Hill Jr., Claudia B. Hill, Norris E. Hill, and three grandchildren.

### D. Allen Crossett ’60

David Allen Crossett passed away September 17, 2023. Born in Jamestown, N.Y., he was 82 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Allen lived in Kennedy House, sang with the Glee Club, the Choir, and the Lawrentians, and was a member of Periwig. He earned his bachelor’s degree in psychology from Upsala College in East Orange, N.J.

After a brief exploration of the corporate world in Manhattan, Allen returned to academia, earning his master’s degree in teaching at The College of New Jersey, and later a Ph.D. in drama at New York University’s Tisch School of the Arts. In 1967, Allen joined the faculty at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge, N.J., where for 30 years he was a member of the English Department. A master teacher, he completed specialized training at the Teaching Academy in a program developed by the New Jersey State Department of Education.

A founder of the Garden State Scholastic Press Association, Allen was an adviser of the award-winning The Devil’s Advocate, the Ridge High School student newspaper, he received

the Golden Quill Award, the association’s top honor. Former Gov. Thomas Kean recognized Allen for his “outstanding teaching,” and Gov. Christie Whitman recognized him for “setting a standard of excellence” and for creating a program at Ridge High School that encouraged student service to the community.

Allen also directed community theater, and founded the Peapack Players, a community theater that staged Our Town and other plays at the Peapack (N.J.) Reformed Church.

Allen is survived by his wife of 58 years, Dorothy; daughters Laura Ellen Crossett and Jennifer Ann Crossett; and two grandsons.

### Robert C. Legler ’61

Robert Clarke “Bob” Legler passed away May 28, 2023. Born in Larchmont, N.Y., he was 80 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bob lived in Kennedy House, was a member of the Olla Podrida and The Lawrence, and played baseball and football, earning a Major L. He received his bachelor’s degree from Rollins College.

In 1973, Bob, along with his father created First Marketing Corporation in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and the startup business flourished to become the largest newsletter publishing company in the world. With the passing of his father, Bob led the fledgling business as its president, utilizing open channels of communication, a productive working atmosphere, and overall integrity. This formula led to such growth in staff and revenue that it earned the attention of investors and in 1993, Bob agreed to sell the company to British firm Reed Elsevier. He continued to serve on the board of directors for First Marketing for several years. He also served his community with board positions for varying terms for Ligonier Ministries, The Ethel Walker School, and National Retail Properties, where he served as chair.

Bob, his wife of 53 years, Alma Pope, and their children shared many wonderful memories as a family. The most significant was being led to faith by Evangelism Explosion at Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church. Although they had many worldly successes as a couple, they believed their Christian faith was the most important part of their lives.

Bob is survived by children Robert Clarke Legler Jr. and Holly Rawlins Legler Cortes; and seven grandchildren.

### A. Knight Coolidge ’63

Algernon Knight Coolidge passed away November 13, 2023. Born in Chicago, he was 78 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Knight lived in Upper House and played soccer. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in philosophy from the University of Chicago and an M.B.A. from that university’s School of Business.

At a young age, Knight developed a love of adventure and sailing through reading and dinghy-sailing in Chicago’s Belmont Harbor. After setting his sights on getting aboard one of the larger offshore racing boats, he found that the Aura II had recently been purchased, Knight arrived unannounced at owner Wally

Stanhouse’s office asking to crew on his new boat. Wally offered him \$25 a week to keep the boat clean, and Knight quickly became an integral part of the crew. When Aura II left Lake Michigan for the Atlantic, he went with her.

Before the advent of GPS, long distance offshore ocean racing required knowledge of celestial navigation. Self-studying and taking courses at Chicago’s Adler Planetarium, Knight quickly learned enough to qualify as the boat’s navigator. In 1971 a new boat, Aura, was built and launched, and she went on to win the World Ocean Racing Championship with Knight as principal navigator and tactician.

Knight’s navigational proficiency made him one of yachting’s most sought-after navigators during the 1970s and 1980s. This prestige and Knight’s passion for adventure would eventually take him to all corners of the globe.

Knight is survived by his son, Alton Coolidge.

### Stephen H. Both ’67

Stephen Horner “Steve” Both passed away May 26, 2023. Born in Wilmington, Del., he was 74 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Steve lived in Hamill House. He earned a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Virginia in 1973.

Steve was an avid reader, a wordsmith, and a lover of history, military miniatures, dogs, Jeopardy!, old country music, and the farmers’ market. And like a man from an earlier era, he lived his entire life without a cell phone, to the chagrin of many.

Though Steve was an accomplished painter, taking great care with older homes, his true passion was food. In 2000, he placed second in the national cooking competition, MasterChef USA, and his skills only improved thereafter. His personal chef and catering services were enjoyed by a lucky few. His homemade tomato juice, chutney, and framboise were sought after by many.

### Frederick H. Laycock ’67

Frederick Harold “Fred” Laycock passed away October 8, 2023. Born in Abington, Pa., he was 74 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Fred lived in Cleve House and was a member of Periwig. He earned his Bachelor of Arts in history from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, N.J.

A lifelong resident of the Jersey Shore, Fred’s love of art and antiques led him on a lifelong journey of collecting. He maintained an antique business at the Antique Emporium in Point Pleasant, N.J., for many years. His love of music, especially live performances, was one of his greatest pleasures, which included opera, classical, folk and rock ‘n’ roll.

Fred gave generously of his time and financial resources to many local charities. He will be greatly missed by his family and many loving friends. Fred fought the good fight, finished his race, and kept the faith.

Fred is survived by his partner, Carl Burke.

**Howard B. Foltz '73**

Howard Brainerd Foltz passed away August 18, 2023. He was 68 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Howard lived in Griswold House and was a member of the swim team. He earned his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Business Administration from Lehigh University before working as a certified public accountant.

Howard was currently managing the family real estate investment business. A former member of the Big Boulder Ski Patrol, he was an active Blue Mountain ski instructor, an avid golfer, and a big Lehigh football fan.

Howard is survived by his wife, Pam; daughter Kate Anglin and son Ben Foltz; brothers David B. Foltz '76 and Jonathan A. Foltz '79; four grandchildren; and nieces Shipley Foltz '12, Aulden Foltz '15, Bailey Foltz '19, and Merrin Foltz '20

**Gilbert J. Chin '74**

Gilbert Jeffrey Chin passed away March 30, 2023. Born in Lancaster, Pa., he was 66 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Gilbert was affiliated with Cromwell, Cleve, and Upper Houses. He won the Masters Prize in 1974 as well as winning first prize in the annual Mathematics Association of America competition, going on to place tenth out of 149 in the Math Olympiad that year. He was a co-winner of the Bausch and Lomb prize, served as president of the Math and Science Clubs in his Fifth Form year, and was a National Merit Scholar. In addition, he was a chess enthusiast, often making chessboard moves in the time he had between classes.

Gilbert earned his bachelor's degree in chemistry from Harvard College in 1978 and a Ph.D. in biochemistry from Harvard in 1984. After postdoctoral fellowships at Columbia University and at National Institute of Health, he joined the journal Science in 1992, serving as editor and then senior editor for biochemistry, then neuroscience, and finally psychology. He started the Editor's Choice section of the journal in 2000.

An avid reader, Gilbert enjoyed running as well as traveling, hiking, and photography, with favorite destinations being Acadia National Park in Maine as well as the Alps. His family and friends will miss his deep intellect and honesty as well as his sense of fairness.

Gilbert is survived by his wife, Raluca; and his brother, Alvin Chin '70.

**Joshua D. Pollack '72**

Joshua David Pollack passed away December 22, 2022. Born in Miami Beach, Fla., he was 68 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Joshua lived in Raymond House and was a member of Periwig and the Campus Guides.

From the time he was a child, all Joshua ever wanted to do professionally was become a doctor – specifically, a surgeon. After earning his bachelor's degree at Indiana University, he graduated from New York Medical College before completing his general surgery training at Lenox Hill, followed by a specialized otolaryngology residency at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Joshua was immensely passionate about his work as a doctor and he loved to help people,

undertaking difficult surgeries and cases. He had a wide breadth of medical expertise beyond his ear-nose-throat specialty, and was always willing and eager to offer professional assistance. Joshua was appreciated by patients for his calm and direct manner of care, and was famous among friends and family for performing medical diagnoses and procedures in strange places, including airplanes, parking lots, and his home. He always saw a job or task through, no matter the time, place, or situation.

Though he was always a consummate professional, Joshua was affectionately known for his eccentricities and regarded as a larger-than-life character. He was a force in the kitchen, and an avid wine, beer, and spirits connoisseur. He was a patented inventor and a published author who loved live music, particularly the Grateful Dead, and was all about fun and adventure.

Joshua is survived by his sons, Nicholas and Spencer.

**William C. Smith '76**

William C. "Bill" Smith passed away March 24, 2023. Born in Houston, he was 65 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Bill lived in Hamill House. He earned his Bachelor of Science in business administration with a minor in mathematics from the College of Notre Dame in California in 1981.

An extremely hard-working man, Bill founded Technical & Scientific Application, Inc. in 1986, selling this company in May 2018 to retire to beautiful Lake Martin, Ala., spending half of his time fly fishing in the Blue Ridge Mountains and avidly capturing the sunsets from his porch in Sapphire. He was a proud fan and supporter of the Auburn University Tigers. Bill was also a proud advisory board member of the Jules Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, pursuing his mother's vision of touching others through art.

Bill loved his dogs, and he also thoroughly enjoyed playing golf with his family and friends, attending PGA major championship tournaments. Bill is well known for jamming on his drums at the ranch with the "Old Man Band," a group of lifelong friends he spent sharing memories and music with.

Bill is survived by his wife, Monica Clark Smith; daughters Michelle Smith Austin and Katherine Samford Smith; son Robert Nicholson; stepdaughter Elizabeth Mastoris; and a grandchild.

**Karl W. Korby IV '89**

Karl William Korby IV passed away September 30, 2023. He was 52 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Karl lived in Dawes and Cleve Houses, and was member of Periwig, the Campus Guides, and the swim team. As an alumnus, Karl served the School as a Reunion Committee member and an admission interviewer. He earned his bachelor's degree from Jacksonville University in 1994 and an M.B.A. from The George Washington University in 1999.

Karl dedicated himself to a successful career in commercial real estate management, serving as the property manager of Washington Harbour in Georgetown, and later as the general

manager for many commercial properties in and around Washington, D.C. Eventually he founded Corby Realty Services, LLC, a real estate consulting firm.

Living a life marked by a love of boating, fishing, classic cars, and animals, especially dogs, Karl's kindness and selflessness were qualities that defined him. He always placed others first, ready to help at a moment's notice. He found joy in games, had an unwavering passion for the NFL's Redskins/Commanders, and enjoyed the simple pleasures of a Heineken, seafood, and a great steak. Karl spent 46 years as a Type I diabetic before receiving a dual organ transplant in 2022.

Karl is survived by his loving wife, Kathryn E. Corby; sons Jack Austin Corby and Mason Stephen Corby; an uncle, Robert W. Corby '64; and a cousin, Jared W. Corby '98.

**Rodger J. Williams Jr. '90**

Rodger James Williams Jr. passed away January 19, 2024. Born in Philadelphia, he was 52 years old.

At Lawrenceville, Rodger lived in Dawes and Griswold Houses. He earned his bachelor's degree from La Salle University in 1994.

Rodger worked as a claims adjuster in the insurance industry for the majority of his career and spent several years in safety at UPS. His most loved job, however, was coaching.

An avid hockey player, Rodger played for a number of teams including the Wintersport Royals, the Bristol (Pa.) Blazers, and the Little Flyers. When he was done playing, he spread his love of the game through coaching, leading several Philadelphia-area teams to victory for La Salle College High School, the Valley Forge Minutemen, and North Penn High School.

In addition to coaching hockey, Rodger guided his daughters through their own sporting experiences. Whether it was joining the pit crew to assist with marching band, sitting on the sidelines for soccer and softball, or cheering from the stands for field hockey, lacrosse, and track, he would always have words of wisdom and support.

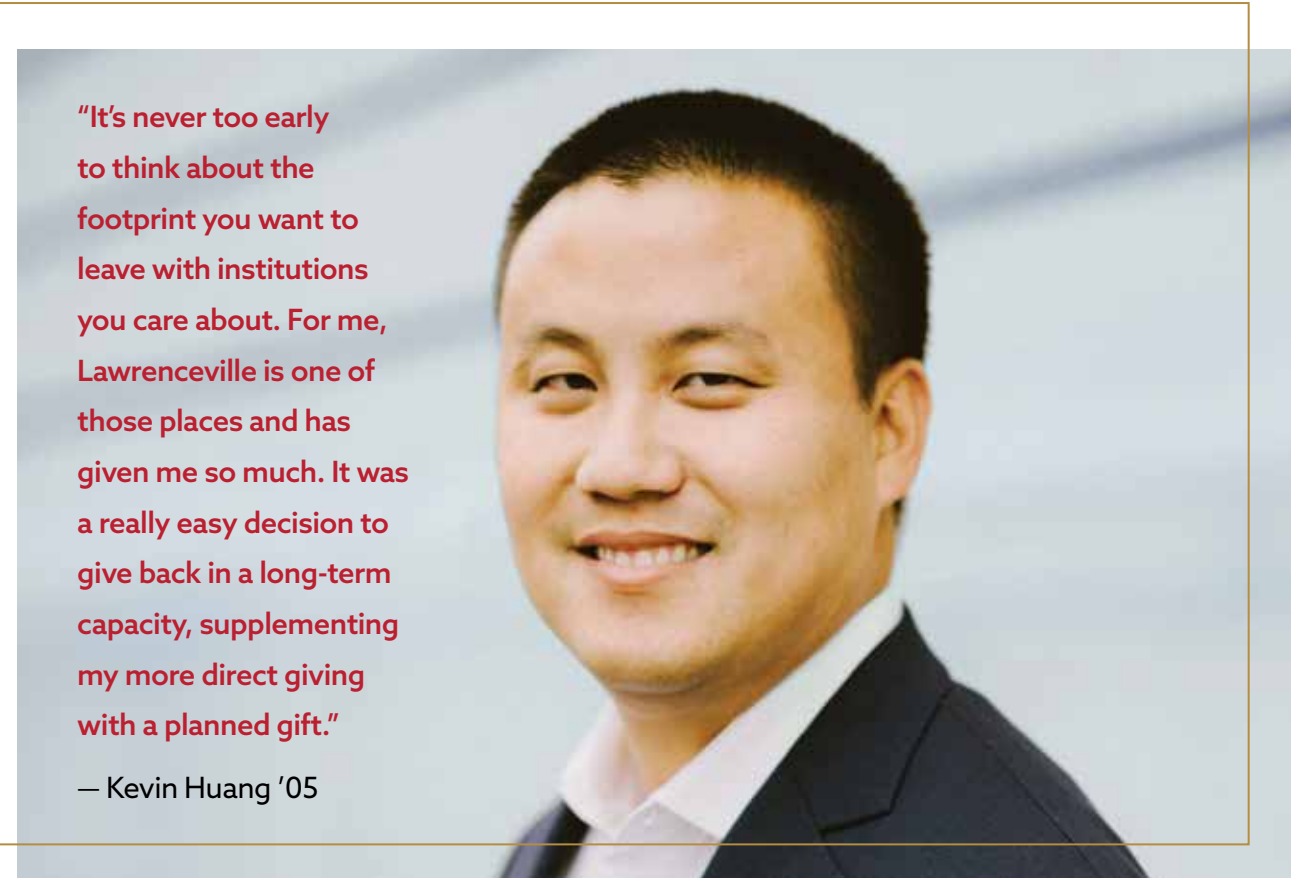
Equal to Rodger's love of the ice was his love of music. He was an encyclopedia of knowledge of all things rock and spent much of his time reminiscing of the many shows he attended over the years while educating those around him about how much better the music used to be.

Rodger is survived by his wife of 20 years, Katie Petig Williams; daughters Emma Moyer, Susan Williams, and Caroline Williams; and his father, Peter R. Goetzinger.

# Leave a Lawrenceville Legacy

**"It's never too early to think about the footprint you want to leave with institutions you care about. For me, Lawrenceville is one of those places and has given me so much. It was a really easy decision to give back in a long-term capacity, supplementing my more direct giving with a planned gift."**

— Kevin Huang '05



**Kevin Huang '05** was ecstatic when he was accepted to Lawrenceville in the spring of 2000. Then the tech bubble burst, and he wasn't sure he'd be able to attend. When Lawrenceville provided the scholarship aid he needed, he was grateful for the support of generous donors. Kevin had "an incredible experience" as a day student, moving on to Princeton and a career in finance.

He knew of the John Cleve Green Society through his work as a class agent and reunion volunteer, and he knew planned giving offered the opportunity to make the same kind of difference for others. Kevin says it was a "no-brainer" to take out a life insurance policy with Lawrenceville as the beneficiary, thereby establishing the Kevin H. Huang '05 Scholarship and leaving his own Lawrenceville legacy.



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For more information on leaving a bequest to Lawrenceville or for other planned giving opportunities, or if you have included Lawrenceville in your will but have not yet informed the School, please contact Sean Grieve at the Lawrenceville Office of Planned Giving at 215-237-3899 or [sgrieve@lawrenceville.org](mailto:sgrieve@lawrenceville.org), or go to [lawrenceville.giftplans.org](http://lawrenceville.giftplans.org).



◀ Peter Candler H'63 '67 '68 '76, director of theater from 1960-85, was a familiar figure in the lobby of the Kirby Arts Center, which remains very much unchanged from this 1960s scene.

▼ A pre-1935 rendering of a proposed auditorium by the firm of Delano & Aldrich, which designed the similarly styled Mackenzie Building and John Dixon Library, now the home of the Hutchins Galleries and Hutchins Institute for Social Justice.

# A Curtain Rises

**For generations, Lawrenceville struggled to keep pace with the growing student need for a suitable performing and visual arts space. Then came the Kirby Arts Center.**

BY **Jacqueline Haun**

Although the Allan P. Kirby Arts Center celebrated its 60th anniversary in 2023, its roots actually go back a full century, to November 1923. That month, the possibility of a new auditorium was first mentioned in the pages of *The Lawrence* in a description of plans for what would, two years later, become the Fathers Building. Characterized at the time as “the most important part of the building” and slated to cost \$90,000 (the equivalent of \$1.58 million today), the new space would hold 800 people and be equipped with a large stage. But the new “Pop Hall,” designed by architect **William Adams Delano**, Class of 1891, was built without the auditorium. It would take another 40 years before that goal was accomplished.

As the School grew over the years, it became increasingly obvious that there was no longer a space large enough to accommodate the entire school community. When Woods Memorial Hall was built in 1885, an auditorium was included on the second floor in the space that is now the Heely Room. However, a room built to accommodate a school of 112 students and ten faculty was strained by the 500-plus students who constituted the student body by the early 1920s. And although Edith Memorial Chapel could hold up to 682 people in its pews, the routine secular use of designated religious space was deemed inappropriate.

▲ The Kirby Arts Center auditorium looks much today as it did in 1963. Note the orchestra pit, typically covered today to extend the stage.

Also complicating things was the increase in art and theater programming on campus. The small stage performances of the Gilded Age had grown to be three full-scale productions by the Periwig Club each year, with significant casts and large tech crews. Periwig continued to perform for a while on the small temporary stage of Memorial Hall, but by 1936, the School arranged to use the new McCarter Theater in Princeton for productions. Meanwhile, an Art Department had been created on campus in 1934, although they functioned in a series of makeshift studios in various locations across campus.

An unwieldy situation became suddenly untenable in 1960. Periwig, which by now numbered 200 students, lost its “home base” when the 1902 “Old Gym” burned to the ground over winter break in 1959, and McCarter Theater informed the School that it would no longer accommodate the School’s immensely popular spring shows due to other performance commitments. Fortunately, relief arrived in the form of the capital campaign associated with Lawrenceville’s sesquicentennial celebration. With the construction of Lavino Field House complete, a dedicated auditorium building became the next goal. Trustee **Allan P. Kirby**, Class of 1913, declared his willingness to fund the project in the hopes that a new arts building would “do for the arts what the field house has done for athletics” at Lawrenceville.

The curtain rose on the Kirby Arts Center, designed by Livingston Smith and Walter F. Thaete of the Smith and Thaete architectural firm of Philadelphia, on March 9, 1963, with afternoon musical performances by the School band and choral groups, featuring music by noted composer **Randall Thompson**, Class of 1916. Also christening the stage was a guest choral group of girls from the Baldwin School. That evening, the Periwig Club performed their first spring show in the new space, *Teahouse of the August Moon*. But the new, increased capacity allowed for more than just performances: That same month, Lawrenceville hosted a combined meeting of New Jersey Secondary School Association and the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools, bringing together public and private schools to

discuss innovative pedagogy and demonstrating use of the Harkness method. Graduates who had bemoaned the lack of adequate space as students were introduced to the new building when it was dedicated that May during the annual Alumni Day celebration.

The gleaming new building featured auditorium seating for 890, a professional-level staging area and workshop, and dressing areas that included locker rooms and showers. Along the right-hand side of the building was an art gallery – now a dance studio – and an art studio in what is today Studio I. The lower level of the building also had a rabbit warren of spaces for various extracurricular activities, including offices for *The Lawrence*, the *Olla Podrida*, *The Lit*, and a photography studio for the Camera Club that included developing and printing rooms.

The KAC has been periodically updated over the years, with some seating transitioned to accessible spaces for users with disabilities at the back of the theater, and many of the former organizational offices converted to staff offices and storage spaces. Most notably, the Art Department was moved in 1998 to the newly renovated Gruss Center of the Arts, which subsequently allowed the art areas to be remade into dance studios. Just as the visual arts continue to be well-supported in today’s Gruss Center for Art and Design, the dance program now housed in the KAC has flourished, offering multiple performances per year on the grand stage.

All of the community continues to meet in the KAC for the weekly School Meeting as well as for special events and performances. As Mr. Kirby hoped, the beautiful, functional venue he supported in 1963 has helped make the arts at Lawrenceville an integral part of campus life. ♦

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## House Life Teaches Lawrentians to Thrive

**How the House system gives students the experiences and tools they need to grow and thrive physically, emotionally, spiritually, and intellectually.**

By Blake Eldridge '96 H'78 '12 P'25, Dean of Students

House life has always worked to make sure students are prepared for thoughtful, informed decision-making and readiness for post-Lawrenceville independence. And we have always adjusted to deal with the strengths and challenges that characterize each generation of students.

The opportunity to live in a reflective community – both House and campus – with a range of personalities and perspectives has been Lawrenceville's true genius.

As a student in the Kennedy House, I remember the negotiations – sometimes intense! – about what we were going to watch as a House on the one TV and the rickety VCR. While it seemed trivial at the time, in retrospect, I realize that those experiences were the training for the everyday advocacies and concessions that characterize community life.

Occasionally, we would be pleasantly surprised by the show or movie that we initially rejected. But more importantly, the sharing of time together (and the commentary that recalled *Mystery Science Theater 3000*) brought us together in ways that structured, mediated interactions

simply cannot. Our wellbeing developed as we learned to manage situations that were not our initial preference, but we found the good and fellowship in them.

As a head of the mighty Dickinson House, I saw similar moments, especially around the planning and preparation for House social events. I knew that House social events are an interesting phenomenon – unique in that the success of the event is directly proportional to the students' planning and effort. The students, however, had to learn that lesson themselves. There was never unanimity about what kind of event to have or when to hold it. But once the calendar was set, the students needed to pull together, and they took concrete steps for something only speculative at the time.

Students still come back to campus and talk about our Winter Formals or the Barefoot and Crazy Spring Beach Bash that they hosted. And while the events themselves were ephemeral, the feeling of being together and offering up something good for others remains.

Our current students started to come of age during the pandemic, and the confusing messages and tensions of that period informed their development. Their experiences at that impressionable age were typically family-focused and self-directed but also included fears of resource scarcity, social isolation, overreliance on digital and social media, having academic grades and performance be the only measure their schools could make of them, and the potential viral dangers of public places. Consciously or not, these same aspects now seem coded into the students' sense of themselves and their experience of community.

House life combats all of those pandemic challenges and can help rewrite that code. And House life is most successful when students' eagerness for social interaction, their desire to explore different aspects of their identity, and their willingness to balance their own desires with respect for others' needs all complement each other in a supportive environment. That combination for House life sounds a lot like the recipe for personal wellbeing. So, the messages, discussions, and experiences in the Houses, coupled with the general atmosphere of kindness and dignity, can continue to do the essential work of creating individuals prepared for thoughtful, informed decision-making and readiness for post-Lawrenceville independence.

These days, there may be fewer nights when the whole House gathers around one TV to watch a worn-out VHS tape, but Houses still put on fantastic events for the community and continue to imagine and deliver on new ways to be together, growing more comfortable with who we are.

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## Tell us your answer to “The Big Question”

In every issue of *The Lawrentian*, we'll pose a question to you, and then run selected responses in the next issue. *So, put on your Harkness hats and let us know:*

“As society evolves, reflecting on our past is more crucial than ever. What is one lesson you learned during your time at Lawrenceville that you believe is essential for future generations to carry forward, and why?”

Please send your answers to ▶

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# ALUMNI REUNION WEEKEND

May 31-June 2, 2024



Alumni Reunion Weekend is jam-packed with opportunities to explore campus, hark back to your Lawrenceville experience, and learn about life at Lawrenceville today. Here are just a few of the special events we have planned.

## SIGNATURE EVENTS

- Alumni Awards
- Red and Black Soiree
- Brunch with Faculty and Staff
- State of the School
- Grand March
- Big Red Food Truck Picnic and Beer Garden
- Service of Remembrance
- Class Dinners
- Farewell Brunch

## TOURS AND EXPERIENCES

- Trees of Lawrenceville
- Archives Tour
- Visit the Big Red Farm
- Alumni Athletics
- Back to Class Sessions
- Campus Bike Ride
- Ropes Course

We welcome all alumni back to campus as we celebrate milestone reunions for classes ending in 4s and 9s. Scan QR to register or see the full weekend schedule.

