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THE MORE YOU PUT IN,  
THE MORE YOU GET OUT.

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*On the cover:*

Katherine Wilson '92 and her mother-in-law cooking traditional Neapolitan dishes. Photo by Tara Crossley.

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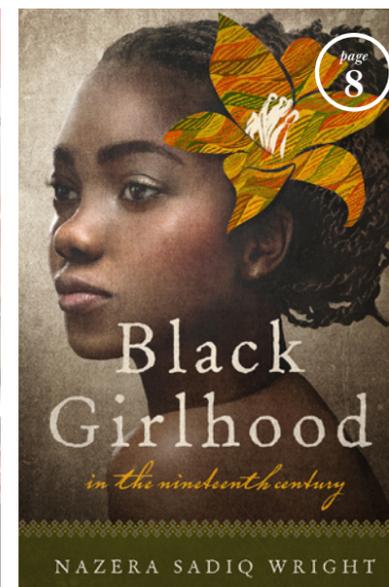
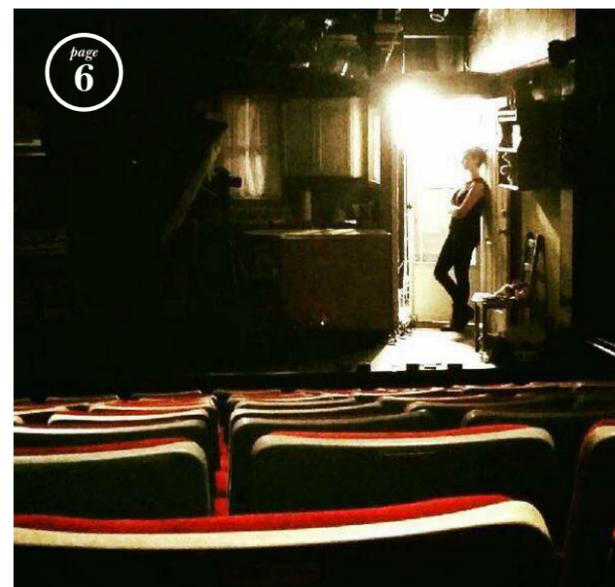
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## Headline and Story To Come



“This issue of *Doorways* features three inspiring individuals, representing the students, faculty and alumnae.”

Dear Alumnae, Parents and Friends,

I am writing this on the first day back from Thanksgiving break, so it still seems appropriate – indeed, it is always appropriate and beneficial – to give thanks for the opportunity to be part of the inspirational community of Holton-Arms. I am grateful for the wonderful girls and their families, for the impressive alumnae, and for the outstanding faculty and staff who make this community what it is.

This issue of *Doorways* features three inspiring individuals, representing the students, faculty and alumnae. The Holton community knows Anne Kornblut '90 well from her 2009 Commencement speech encouraging us to “follow your fear” and from her book, *Notes from the Cracked Ceiling: Hillary Clinton, Sarah Palin, and What It Will Take for a Woman to Win*, which was a Sally Alexander Book Club reading. A Pulitzer Prize winning journalist who began her career on *The Scribbler*, Kornblut has just left *The Washington Post* for Facebook where she serves as Director of Strategic Communications. Hadley Gouldman '16 spent last spring at the Island School in the Bahamas studying marine ecology and working in the local community. You'll read what an amazing and transformational experience that proved to be. Upper School science teacher Chris Lee received a grant last summer from The Lawler Family Grant to pursue a long-time dream of touring western national parks. He studied the geology and took advantage of the low light pollution in those areas to explore the night sky, which he documented in some spectacular photos. Lee teaches physics, geology, and engineering as well as acting as the School's unofficial astronomer. In the latter capacity, he keeps the community abreast of astronomical happenings of note and even organizes the occasional late night stargazing that always attracts a good crowd of students and adults despite sleep interruption and sometimes cold temperatures. While not a requirement of the Lawler grants, we know that Lee's summer experience will make its way into his classroom, inspiring the girls with the passion it exudes.

A good education should provide the foundation for the development of passions, and each of these individuals exemplifies just how inspiring schooling can be. We hope you enjoy these stories and feel inspired yourselves. I know I am!

*Susanna A. Jones*

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Head of School



## SHINE YOUR LIGHT

On a cold night last January, a magical scene unfolded on campus. A parade of glowing fanciful creatures—among them a giraffe, a peacock, and myriad sea creatures—captivated an audience of hundreds who followed them, Pied Piper style, amid singing and dancing.

The event, *Illuminations: Shining Your Light*, began in a darkened Lewis Theater with short performances of poetry, dance, and song.

Then the curtains opened to reveal the large illuminated floats, held by students who led the crowd out of the theater and on a Lantern Walk over the bridge and to the amphitheater. By the end, almost 500 people had gathered with lanterns bobbing and dancing in the dark.

Visual arts students in each division made personal lanterns and Upper School art majors worked with visiting light artist Laure Drogoul to construct the large lantern floats that were the centerpiece of the event.

## Influential in their TIME

Award-winning actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus '79 and managing director of the International Monetary Fund Christine Lagarde '74 have been named as two of *TIME*'s "100 Most Influential People." Actress, writer, producer Lena Dunham wrote of Louis-Dreyfus: "Julia's brand of comedy—naturalistic lunacy, sharp but never cruel—taught a whole generation of women they were allowed to change the rules." Janet Yellen, the U.S. Federal Reserve Board chair, wrote of Lagarde: "Christine is enormously impressive—a charismatic leader, respected worldwide."



Students in the AP History of Art class (with chaperones Lisa Craig, Ben Ferry, Christopher Wilson) had a two-day art outing to New York this spring, visiting the Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art. Above, with van Gogh's *Starry Night*.

### HELP ALONG THE WAY

After learning that the population of Monarch butterflies has been on the decline for years, **Amber Carrico '19** decided to do something about it. She created a Monarch "Waystation"—a place that provides access to nourishment, especially milkweed and water, and offers a safe harbor for Monarchs to reproduce, lay eggs, and flourish. She fundraised as well as partnered with experts in butterfly conservation and Virginia native plants to plan and design the Waystation, which received official registration and won a Silver Award from the Girl Scouts.



### CLASS of 2016



## Coming Home

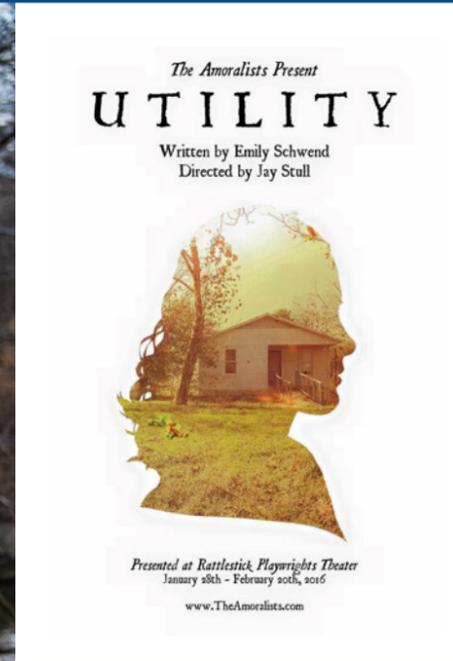
Claire Brown '98, a 10-year-girl, has just finished Year 11 at Holton. But this year, she is a fourth grade teacher and is now colleagues with her *own* fourth grade teacher, Laura Myers.

After getting her degree with a major in psychology from Randolph Macon College, Brown had been teaching at another school for 13 years when she heard that a position was opening at Holton. She knew there'd be lots of competition and she was nervous and excited. "I'll never forget Susanna Jones calling me and saying, 'Welcome home.' That gave me chills. It was really special to me."

Holton still feels a lot like the same school it was when she was a student. "I had such nostalgic feelings coming back here," she says. "Literally driving into the school you get a rush of memories."

Her old fourth grade teacher couldn't be happier that Brown is back. "It is wonderful to know that the future of the fourth grade is in the hands of such a competent teacher," writes Laura Myers, "and one who so well understands the history and culture of Holton."

# THIS PLAY'S THE THING



Emily Schwend '04, prize-winning playwright

Actors in Schwend's play, *Utility*

When she was eight years old, Emily Schwend '04 saw her first play. Living outside of London with her family, she went to see a production of *Cats*. She adored it. What little girl wouldn't? "*Cats* is a musical designed for an eight-year-old girl," she laughs.

Schwend went home and immediately wrote a play. Unlike *Cats*, it had no music, but it was about wild animals. "A musical without music!" she declared, believing she'd invented a new art form. It was only when her family took her to see *The Importance of Being Earnest*, that she had "the crashing realization that I hadn't invented playwriting."

That eight-year-old playwright has come a long way. Her latest play, *Utility*, has just won 2016 Yale Series Award, an international prize which bestows not only honor on the playwright, but results in play publication, and a cash award on top of it. The cash award is helpful, as Schwend admits that "no one makes money in theater. It's for passion and love of theater." But beyond that, she says it's a great prize because it recognizes a particular script, not the playwright. Thus the prize has the possibility of really launching a play. She hopes it will extend the life of *Utility* so it will be produced in other cities and by other companies.

Schwend describes *Utility* as a quiet play about a woman in East Texas—Schwend is also from Texas—a mother of three living paycheck to paycheck. "It's a slow-burning drama," she says. "Very

subtle and character driven." It might be quiet, but Andrew Block from the Theatre Development Fund says, "When you peel back the play's wallpaper, however, you discover the live-wire electricity sparking underneath."

"My work is feminist," says Schwend. "This play is about how women can lose their identities when they become the mother, the worker, the bread winner."

A playwright's job is not done when she hands a completed script to a director. That is when a whole new stage of collaboration begins. Schwend goes to rehearsals and helps the actors and director fine-tune the production as it develops. *Utility* had previews in January—previews are when an audience composed of the press and the public get a sneak peak of the performance. Based on the performance and the audience reactions, the playwright and company then work out the final kinks.

"Previews can be really scary," she says, "because the play hasn't totally jelled. Playwrights are still rewriting lines, designers are tweaking design, and you're doing it all in front of an audience."

But the moment the play takes hold, that night during previews when everything comes together, "It's terrifying but at the same time, if it's done well, it feels very special. Because when you write a play, you want it to be seen and heard. I hear it in my head when I'm writing, but it doesn't compare to live theater. It feels like a living creature."

**"I HEAR IT IN MY HEAD WHEN I'M WRITING, BUT IT DOESN'T COMPARE TO LIVE THEATER. THEN IT FEELS LIKE A LIVING CREATURE."**

One might have predicted this moment for Schwend in her career. Since that eight-year-old girl wrote her first play, she has been passionately involved in playwriting and theater. At Holton, for a project about Thoreau and Utopian societies, she wrote a play that she and a friend staged with the help of Miss White, who, she says, also helped her in many other ways—encouraging her to enter a play into Arena Stage, which won the competition.

After Holton, Schwend went on to college at Tisch, New York University's School of the

Performing Arts, studying dramatic writing, which she calls another big "turning point in the boot camp of theater." After Tisch she did graduate work at The Julliard School's Playwrights Program studying under the legendary playwrights Marsha Norman and Christopher Durang.

Though she never acted herself—"I actually have stage fright, and public speaking is also difficult for me"—she loves the whole theater experience. "It's such a collaborative art form. It's nice to have other artists who bring a different lens to the project. Keeping an eye on character, asking smart questions."

*Utility* is Schwend's fifth play to be produced. Since she entered the world as a working playwright, Schwend's work has been noticed and acclaimed. In 2009, fresh out of Julliard, she won the David Calicchio Emerging American Playwright's prize, in 2011 she was the ACT New Play Award winner, and she has won two Lecomte du Nouy prizes and a MacDowell Fellowship. Her 2015 play, *The Other Thing*, was produced in the Uptown Series at Second Stage Theatre, where she was the Tow Foundation playwright-in-residence.

Though she is reluctant to talk much about it now, a new play is already taking shape in her head. Writing a play is, she explains, "something I can't *not* do. I will say when I don't have anything in the pipeline it's stressful and sad. But when it's your show going up... there's nothing like it."

—Rachel Morton

# MOMS MANAGING MONEY

When Kimberly Palmer '97 became a mother she noticed that most of the articles she read about women and money tended deal with saving money through using coupons at the grocery store. "They seemed to be missing the bigger picture," she says. Palmer knows the bigger picture, having written about money as senior editor at U.S. News and World Report for the last nine years.

So she wrote a book, *Smart Mom, Rich Mom: How to Build Wealth While Raising a Family*, which has recently been published by Amazon Press. In it, she offers spending and saving strategies, talks about how to prepare financially for parenthood, how to find flexibility at work while safeguarding your earning potential, how to save for both college and retirement, and other important aspects of money management for women.

"Moms face some unique issues," she says. "We are usually making the household spending and savings decisions, and we also face issues like how much do we work versus take care of our kids?"

To research the book, Palmer talked to many women at various stages of life and found some

"smart moms" who made good decisions with their money, establishing financial security, living within their means, and saving for their futures.

In fact, she learned a lot from her research.

"As I was writing the book and talking to moms, I realized I was making a lot of mistakes myself. For example I made the classic mistake a lot of moms make. I gave investing control to my husband."

At some point in their lives, most women are going to have to be in charge of their financial affairs. Research shows that women tend to outlive men. We have also seen that divorce is at an all-time high, and single motherhood has become a choice for many women.

"There's actually a 90 percent chance that we women will be solely responsible for household finances," says Palmer. "We should be prepared for that day."

So Palmer sat down with her husband and made sure they both had access and knowledge of their financial accounts. She also realized the behavior she was modeling for her daughter wasn't what she intended.

"We'd go out to a restaurant and I wouldn't bring my wallet. I was showing her that daddy pays for things, mommy doesn't. I wanted to show her that mommy could use money just like daddy. I wanted to be a better role model."

Palmer has been interested in economic issues since she graduated from Amherst College and embarked on a year in Japan with a Henry Luce Fellowship. In Tokyo, she wrote for a newspaper about books, movies, and pop culture. But she felt that the economy was playing a role in what she was seeing, and she wanted to learn more about it.

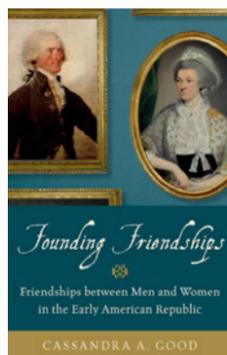
So when Palmer returned to the U.S., she entered the University of Chicago for graduate school and received a master's in public policy. She interned at the *Wall Street Journal* and her interest in money and personal finance grew.

Palmer has recently left *U.S. News and World Report* to become features editor at AARP magazine, where she covers work and jobs. Palmer lives in Bethesda with her husband and her two children.

—Rachel Morton



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## 1. BLACK GIRLHOOD IN THE NINETEENTH CENTURY

University of Illinois Press

By Nazera Sadiq Wright '92

In her first book, Nazera Sadiq Wright '92 an assistant professor of English at the University of Kentucky, has explored the black girl in African American literature. Through extensive research in a wide range of literary texts, she explores what this literary figure has come to say about African American citizenship and racial progress. Writing about female issues through the unique lens of the black female experience, she reveals fascinating girls who projected a courage and resiliency, and who represented for the reading public the character and advancement of the race and of racial progress in the country.

## 2. FOUNDING FRIENDSHIPS: FRIENDSHIPS BETWEEN MEN AND WOMEN IN THE

EARLY AMERICAN REPUBLIC

Oxford University Press

By Cassandra A. Good '01

Since our early school days, we have all read about the Founding Fathers and about their relationships with each other and how crucial these were to the birth of the republic. But what about their friendships with women? Cassandra A. Good '01 takes a unique angle on an old subject and comes up with surprising conclusions. Through study of the letters between friends such as Abigail Adams and Thomas Jefferson and George Washington and Elizabeth Powel, Good concludes that elite men and women formed loving, politically significant friendships in the early national period that were crucial to their lives and the formation of the political system. Good is assistant editor of the *Paper of James Monroe* at Mary Washington College.

## 3. STRANGER, FATHER, BELOVED

Gallery Books

By Taylor Larsen '95

This debut novel by Taylor Larsen '95 explores the slow unraveling of a family. Though the territory might be old hat to literary novels readers, the praise this debut novel has received is not. Described by Pulitzer prize finalist Karen Russell, who is author of the acclaimed *Swamplandia*, as "a mesmerizing, unsparing exploration . . . told in subtle, precise language that is reminiscent at times of Raymond Carver, Haruki Murakami, and Carson McCullers." Not bad company. Larsen is a graduate of Columbia University's MFA program.

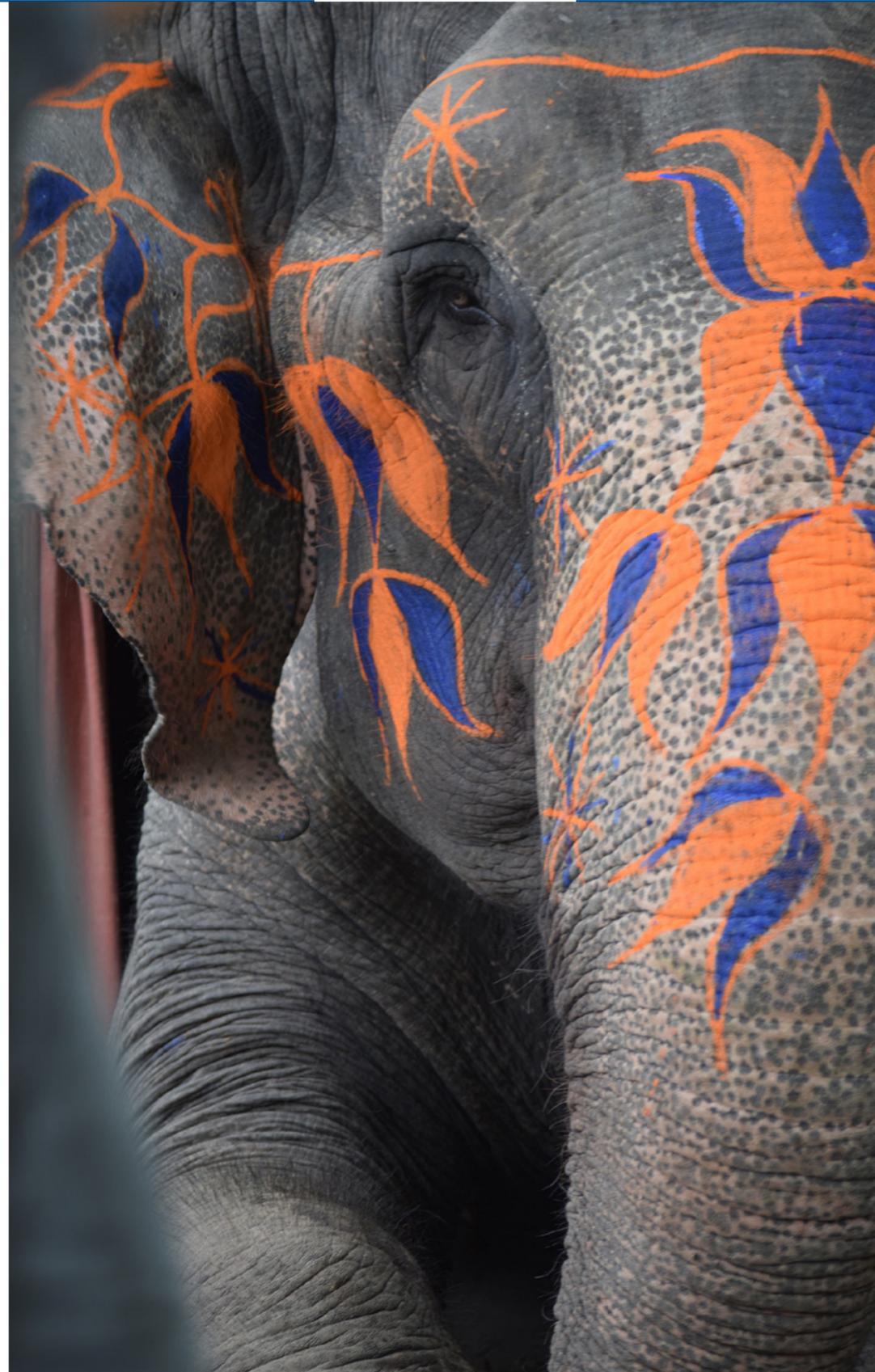


Alaris Serralle '23

# STUDENT ART



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Hannah Maydanik '16

**"ANIMALS ARE SUCH AGREEABLE FRIENDS, THEY ASK NO QUESTIONS, THEY PASS NO CRITICISMS."**

— GEORGE ELIOT



Catherine Crocker '21

A photograph showing four hands with intricate henna designs. The designs feature a central floral motif with a circular center and radiating petals, connected by a wavy line to other floral elements. The hands are positioned in a way that they appear to be reaching towards the center of the frame. The background is slightly blurred, showing what appears to be a school setting with other people in the distance.

“Mosaic stands apart.  
With parents driving the  
event, Mosaic draws its  
energy from our pride in  
sharing our backgrounds.”

– Susanna A. Jones, *Head of School*

BY KIM RSCH

# MOTHERS OF INVENTION

Pioneering teachers blend design and technology in model program

Women inventors have improved our lives in ways both personal and universal. The legendary Marie Curie, a two-time Nobel Prize winner, discovered radioactivity and advanced the treatment of cancer. Grace Hopper designed the first computer. Mary Phelps Jacob freed women from restrictive corsets when she patented her design for what eventually became the modern bra. And we can thank Melitta Bentz for creating the coffee filter, vastly improving the flavor and convenience of home brewing.

“All sorts of things can happen when you’re open to new ideas and playing around with things,” said Stephanie Kwolek, the scientist who invented Kevlar, a synthetic used in everything from military helmets and bulletproof vests to work gloves.

In 1995, two Holton teachers started playing around with an idea to empower young girls to think like innovators. Science teacher Linda Bailey and art teacher Kathy Chaney

melded their disciplines—adding a good measure of literature—to develop a curriculum for teaching analytical and problem-solving skills, along with basic engineering concepts. Girls in grades 3 through 6 would use saws and hammers, build machines with Legos, eat lunch in a Mongolian ger that they constructed, build and race go-karts down steep hills, and melt a Hershey’s kiss with a solar stove of their own design.

Two decades later, Design Technology is a signature program of the Lower School and a national model for the empowerment of girls in science, technology, engineering, art and math—better known as STEAM. Bailey and Chaney have published journal articles and presented at dozens of professional conferences. Most important, they



Science teacher Linda Bailey and art teacher Kathy Chaney.

say, their students are learning to embrace the innovator's approach to solving any challenge: design, construct, test, and modify.

Confirms fourth-grader Sophia King, who has recently prevailed after three unsuccessful attempts to make the wheels on the cardboard car she built roll smoothly: "Design Tech involves 'keep trying' because perseverance is important."



It was the summer of 1995: the worldwide web was just gaining steam, DVDs and the first smartphones were hitting the market, and the first hybrid car was on the near horizon. Some fields of science considered nontraditional for women, like chemistry and physics, were starting to become a bit more gender-balanced. But still only a tiny fraction of engineers were women.

Bailey asked the essential question: Why?

Diana Beebe, Holton's Head of School at the time, encouraged her to explore ways to introduce girls to engineering in the Lower School. Bailey attended a National Coalition of Girls Schools summer conference on girls and technology at Wellesley College and participated in a Design Technology workshop led by well-known educational researcher and teacher-educator Corneila Brunner.

"As soon as I learned more about it, I knew what I wanted to do," she says.

Bailey sought out art teacher Chaney, her colleague and friend with whom she had already begun collaborating on teaching projects. Earlier, Chaney and another Holton teacher had been awarded a Maryland Arts in Education grant to create interdisciplinary courses. Through that experience, Chaney and Bailey discovered that they both enjoy co-teaching. "We both have an ability to live with ambiguity and to say, 'Let's see what happens,'" says Chaney.

That spirit of adventure in learning is a core goal of the Design Tech program. "Girls tend to want to know how to get to the 'right' answer before they start out so they can be assured of success," says Bailey. "We never talk about right answers. We talk about optimum solutions. We do 'Design Think,' which involves constant modification as we ask, 'Does this do what it is intended to do in the most elegant way possible?'"

Each grade is posed a series of challenges centered on themes like technology and 3-D printing (sixth grade) and sources of energy (fifth grade). Art and literature are seamlessly integrated into every project. For example, during a unit on wind, fifth-graders not only learn the dynamics of wind energy, like lift and drag, they also read myths about the

wind and incorporate a symbol based on one of the myths into their design for the tetrahedral kites they later construct. Before they design, build, and test miniature parachutes, they read stories about pioneering 15-year-old parachutist Georgia "Tiny" Broadwick.

Third-graders studying the components of stable frames and structures explore a wide variety of home architecture around the globe. They learn that climate, geography, culture, and available materials account for why residents of Chiloe Island, Chile, live in bungalows raised over the water on stilts, called palafitos, while people in Fujian Province, South China, inhabit a tulou or "earthen building." Individually, the girls choose a culture, research it through both fiction and nonfiction sources and build elaborate models of indigenous homes.

As a team, they construct life-sized Mongolian gers—or portable, round tents—big enough to accommodate the girls and their parents for a traditional "greeting ceremony."

The wildly popular go-kart project, a hallmark of the Design Tech program, is the culminating component of the fourth-grade curriculum, which delves into Newton's laws of motion. First, the girls design and construct smaller vehicles, observing how various surfaces and weights affect their rate of speed. Then they design and build the chassis, paint the body, and create a logo.

Art is essential to every stage of the process, Chaney explains, not just the aesthetics: "It's about creative thinking and coming at solutions from different points of view."

In May, the girls were just getting started with their go-karts, first forming and naming their teams. Sophia, a fan of Harry Potter and Greek mythology, was considering "Zeus' Chariot" and "Nimbus 2002." Her classmate, Anneka Zimmerman, was mulling, "The Wild Wolves," after her favorite animals (besides dragons).

Before Design Tech, neither girl had ever used a saw, hammer, or manual drill (the program doesn't involve power tools), and both say they are now comfortable with tools. But the go-karts are an altogether different kind of building project, in that they need to be sturdy enough to safely carry the girls as gravity propels them—rather quickly—down a hill during the rally on the last day of school. Neither student seemed worried about the prospect.

"I'm confident we're going to do it correctly, and therefore it will be stable," Sophia says.

"I will make sure it is," adds Anneka. "I will use my megapowers."

Bailey and Chaney have learned a lot worth sharing in the two decades since they launched the Design Tech program. In fact, they presented at two national conferences last year on "lessons learned."

"Our first year, we learned the importance of having the right materials," says Bailey, recalling some sticky situations arising from their unfortunate introduction of duct tape into the mix. The teachers also realized that kids need to be taught how to properly use their tools before they can begin putting them to work. "This is one of the few times we talk to them about there being a right way and a wrong way to do something," Chaney explains.

More of their findings: Spatial, problem-solving, and technological skills are learned skills and need to be taught; girls tend to learn better in holistic, interdisciplinary environments; and it's important to help girls get comfortable with the notion that Design Tech is messy and integrating mistakes into their project is often preferable to starting over.

Research also shows that learning is more meaningful to girls when there is a social component to their work. For example, Bailey remembers one student



Third grade teams design and build Mongolian gers.



Fourth-graders design and ride go-karts.



"Having girls build something from scratch with their own hands and tools is an experience that sets us up to think that building things isn't just for boys."

producing a plastic puppy and putting it into the car she designed for its test drives down the hallway. When Bailey asked what the toy was doing in the student's project, she replied, "Oh, that's Strawberry and I'm giving him a ride."

Bailey recalls, "That was a pivotal moment in my teaching."

Together as they team-teach, Bailey and Chaney both model and emphasize the power of collaboration. Too often, they say, girls think they have to go it alone and they often share a misconception that successful scientists and programmers work independently. "It's all about collaboration these days and learning how to work well in a group is an important skill," Bailey says.

Judging from the enthusiasm of students and their parents, as well as feedback from Upper School faculty, the Design Tech program continues to be a success. There's no telling how many engineers Bailey and Chaney are helping to launch "but my goal is to make sure that no girl is ever presented with an opportunity and says she can't do it," Bailey says.

Victoria Thede '17 fondly remembers her years in the Design Tech program, and has since developed a passion for computer programming. She and another student founded the 3D Printing & Computer-Programming Club with the goal of introducing more girls to a field that she discovered "is still ridiculously unbalanced," in terms of the proportion of males to females, while researching her sophomore term paper on "the confidence gap."

Since starting the club her freshman year, Thede has attempted to harness the "daring and bold" spirit with which she and her classmates tackled the go-kart project as young girls. "Having girls build something from scratch with their own hands and tools is an experience that sets us up to think that building things isn't just for boys," she says. "It gives us the idea that boys can do this, but I can do it better."

LEARNING TO  
EAT  
LIVE  
LOVE

in *Naples*  
EXCERPTED AND  
ADAPTED FROM  
*Only in Naples*  
BY KATHERINE WILSON '92

I am five foot three and in September of 1996 I weighed 155 pounds. Nobody would have guessed that I had Binge Eating Disorder. I loved food too much to become anorexic, so instead I would binge and then starve myself, avoiding food altogether for a few days or munching on celery sticks for nourishment.

During my first six weeks in Naples, I stopped bingeing and lost 20 pounds. I did not go on a diet: in fact, I've never enjoyed food as much as I did then. It was living in Italy—and something deeper.

Naples is an anti-binge city. Meal times are sacred. Food is freshly prepared and consumed in company. There is no rushing and you will hear the Neapolitan *stette cueto*—keep your pants on—if you look anxious or pressed for time at the table. You eat when you are seated, without distraction and preferably with a glass of wine. You eat when it is breakfast time, lunch time, and dinner time. *Punto e basta*. That's it.



Katherine Wilson '92 and her mother-in-law, Raffaella Avallone, in Naples, Italy.

Stopping in a little café for an espresso after I finished work, I could not have got something substantial to eat even if I had begged. Why would you want to eat at 5.30 p.m.? Pastries are put out fresh in the morning and desserts are displayed after dinner. When food isn't processed, eating at random hours means that you eat food that is stale. And only crazy tourists do that.

Everything I ate in Naples was fresh and full of flavor, and at the end of meals I felt satisfied. There were no additives to make me crave more. For the first time in my life, I could, along with the rest of the city, get up from the table and not think of my stomach until the next meal.

It wasn't just the organization of eating. The Italian girls my age seemed to live in their bodies in a way that I didn't. I'd see them draped over a motorbike on the waterfront outside the U.S. Consulate, where I worked. They'd hook their thumbs in each other's pockets, caress each other's hair, enjoy their own and each other's physicality. When it was time to get moving, they'd throw a leg over a *motorino*—three or four of them on one tiny scooter—and unapologetically snake through a traffic jam. The word for what they are is *carnale*. The English word *carnal* is derogatory and has sexual connotations, but in Italian *carnale* is precious and sacred.

My mother first put me on a diet when I was in kindergarten. I was never called fat—just chunky, heavy and plump. As a child, I was probably never more than eight pounds overweight. But, for my mother, that was enough to call for drastic measures. In elementary school my lunchtime “treat” was a chewable vitamin. The teachers were told that when cartons of milk were distributed, I should be given skim rather than whole. I internalized the dieting, and by the time I was in middle school at Holton, I was skipping breakfast and lunch every day. I would spend lunch hour in the Holton library studying, hungry and listless.

Naples changed all that. After graduating from Princeton, I embarked on an “experience abroad” there, having found an unpaid internship at the

American consulate. Raffaella Avallone, a friend of the American consul's wife, was an Italian *signora* who moved in diplomatic circles as well as Neapolitan society. She learned that there was an American girl who had arrived and knew no one in the city. She told her son Salvatore, “Take the poor girl out. Show her around.”

Instead of taking me to a pizzeria or showing me around Naples, Salvatore picked me up and brought me immediately home to his *mamma* and *papà*. That was the beginning of my adoption into this family and my carnal transformation. As I fell in love with Salvatore, I spent a lot of time at the center of his family's home: in Raffaella's kitchen.

It was a place of healing and sensory joy. I wasn't ever being judged as I had been at home. Raffaella's focus was entirely on what she was making to satisfy our hunger. Her dance was perfectly choreographed—simultaneously stirring the ragù, frying the meatballs, and sautéing the peas for a *sartù di riso*, a Neapolitan classic casserole of baked egg, cheese, sausage, peas, and meatballs.

She had been to the gym and wore trainers and a light green, fitted sweat suit. How was her make-up perfect after a workout? ‘I don't sweat,’ she explained. Ah, that's convenient. “Katherine, *assaggia*.” Taste. Her wooden spoon was suddenly coming at me, full to overflowing with ragù, her hand cupped underneath to catch any spills. She stuck the huge spoon into my mouth and I almost gagged on the wood. ‘How is it?’ I answered that it was *buonissimo*, and she dipped the same spoon back into the pot and tasted it herself. “Hm.”

I was told to cut the hard-boiled eggs into quarters. My Italian had improved enough to ask, “How much egg? How many peas?” In response, she put her arm around my waist and whispered conspiratorially: “The more you put in, the more you get out.” In other words: that analytical, precise brain has no place in my kitchen, girl.

I can do this, I would tell myself on the rare occasions that I cooked in my flat. The kitchen was tiny and attracted fruit flies. Hungry, I would open the fridge to find... nothing. So I'd boil water for some spaghetti, open a can of tomatoes and open the fridge again to find that there was still nothing.

As a recovering binger, I had another problem: after years of all-or-nothing eating, it was really

hard to know what a normal amount of food was. I would stare at the packet of spaghetti and wonder if I should boil two noodles or the whole thing. Any amount seemed too much or too little.

I needed an Italian woman to slow me down, sit me down, keep me company and show me what and how much to eat

I spent more and more time with Salvatore and his family. On Easter Monday in Naples, families traditionally take a trip out of the city. Raffaella made me a *casatiello* on my first Easter Monday there. A *casatiello* is a dense bread made with black pepper, salami, lard, bacon, and cheese, crowned with a hard-boiled egg. When Raffaella was a little girl, everybody would get their own *casatiello* roll on the kitchen table at breakfast on Easter Monday.

We had decided to go to Caserta, a town near



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OPPOSITE TOP: Katherine Wilson enjoying a meal with her family.

OPPOSITE BOTTOM: Wilson's mother-in-law and her sister making *Parmigiana di Melanzane*.

# PARMIGIANA DI MELANZANE

(Serves 6 to 8)

4 POUNDS EGGPLANTS

TWO 15-OUNCE CANS OF ITALIAN PEELED, WHOLE TOMATOES

10 BASIL LEAVES

1 CLOVE GARLIC

SALT TO TASTE

2 CUPS PEANUT OIL

1 CUP GRATED PARMESAN CHEESE

1 CUP *fior di latte* OR OTHER SOFT MOZZARELLA-LIKE CHEESE,  
CUT IN CUBES A LITTLE SMALLER THAN DICE



Your eggplants must be long, skinny, hard, and so dark they're almost black. *Insomma*, like a tall, fit Italian woman after a summer on the beach in Positano. Eggplants with the least pulp and seeds (found in summer and early fall) make the best *parmigiana*, Raffaella says. The ones you find in winter tend to be fleshy and moist inside and need to be dried out for at least a day. Otherwise all their white flesh will absorb the frying oil and you'll get a greasy *parmigiana*. (One of the worst insults you can lay on someone's *parmigiana* in Naples is that it's greasy.)

Cut the stems off your eggplants, and use a carrot peeler to take two long strips of skin off each of them, from opposite lengthwise sides. Then cut them (again, lengthwise) in slices 1/2 centimeter thick (1/10 of an inch). Each slice will be framed by some skin, but no slice will have an entirely purple side. Place the slices of eggplant on an unlined cookie sheet and set them out to dry. *Letting them sunbathe on your roof or balcony is ideal, but if that's not possible, lay them around the house. Warn family members not to knock them over, Raffaella reminds you.*

To get rid of the moisture in the eggplants, let them perspire for as long as possible. When you take them off the tray to fry them, you'll notice wet patches on the tray where they've been lying. This is good: it means they'll fry quickly and lightly, without absorbing oil.

Before frying the eggplant slices, begin your tomato sauce. With an immersion blender, grind up the contents of the cans of tomatoes (remember, the ingredients should say: tomatoes, *e basta*) and put them in a pot with a few of the basil leaves and one smushed garlic clove. (*Raffaella says: Punch it on the head and its shirt will come off—Gli dai un pugno in testa, e si toglie la camicia.*) Cover the pot and cook on low for about 20 minutes. After 10 minutes, take the lid off or wedge your wooden spoon between the rim of the pot and the lid. We don't want watery sauce. Add salt to taste.

As the sauce simmers away, turn back to your bathing beauties. Line a tray with paper towels, to receive the slices of eggplant after they've been fried. Heat up your peanut oil so that it's hot enough to make the pieces sizzle but not so hot that they smoke. Now ease the slices in for their hot bath. Put in enough

pieces to cover the surface of the oil, but not so many that they're crowded on top of each other. (*Think of vacationers on the beaches of the Amalfi coast in mid-August. People are touching each other, but it would be uncool to get on top of anyone.*) Flip them after about a minute, and then take them out when you see that they are becoming light brown. (This should happen pretty quickly if they've sweated properly beforehand.) Use a skimmer to take the slices out, and hold them over the pan to let the excess oil drain off before positioning the eggplant on the paper towels. Cover the slices with more paper towels to absorb the oil (*Repeat: My parmigiana will not be greasy!*) Make sure the oil is still hot enough for the next batch—if not, pump up the fire. After frying the next round of slices, position them on top of their predecessors, separated by paper towels. Repeat the process until you've fried all the eggplant. Preheat the oven to 375 degrees.

Now assemble the layers of the *parmigiana* in an 8-by-8-inch casserole dish. Start by putting a few spoonfuls of tomato sauce on the bottom of the dish and smoothing it into a red carpet with the back of your wooden spoon. Then arrange the first layer of eggplant slices (slightly shriveled and brown now, as if they've spent too much time at a tanning salon) side by side across the bottom of the dish. Spread another layer of tomato sauce on top of the eggplant, and sprinkle a few spoonfuls of Parmesan cheese evenly across it. Tear some basil leaves with your fingers (never touch basil with a knife, because it alters the taste! *Mi raccomando!*), and drop the torn leaves to the north, south, east, and west. Then distribute about a third of the *fior di latte* cubes.

The next layer of eggplant slices should be placed crosswise to the one before, so that the *parmigiana* is easier to cut. Continue with the same pattern—eggplant slices (each layer running crosswise to the one before), sauce, Parmesan, basil, and *fior di latte*.

Stop the pattern after the Parmesan. The top of the *parmigiana* should be Parmesan-dotted red, with only a vague hint of the brown treasures inside. Bake at 375 degrees for about 25 minutes, or until you see a crust forming on the top. Serve at room temperature.

If your *parmigiana* turns out greasy or is swimming in oil, please don't mention to anyone where you got the recipe.

Naples and home to a palace that rivals Versailles, for a picnic in the gardens. I had eaten and eaten and eaten on Easter Sunday. Try the goat with roasted potatoes, Katherine. The ricotta salata and salame is the traditional Easter appetizer—how can you not eat it? Taste these two *pastiera* cheesecakes and tell us which one is better.

So there I was again the day after, feeling flatulent and sluggish. I should skip lunch, my brain said, or at most find some celery in Caserta. But there was my very own *casatiello* to eat. I had no choice.

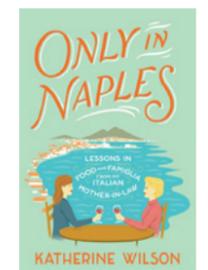
Sitting on a soft 1970s blanket with the Avallones, I ate it all. I ate the bacon, the lard, the hard-boiled egg. When I'd finished, satisfied (aaah, this *casatiello* is not too big, not too small but juuuuust right), I rested my head on Salvatore's lap.

I was beginning to understand that I was no longer someone with a food problem. In all my years of bingeing it wasn't the actual binge that was the issue. It was the punishment afterwards. I had a healthy appetite and sometimes I ate too much, but I was human. I got hungry again. On Easter Monday my body needed to be fed just as much as it did on the sunny, sacred morning of Easter Day; even the day after the celebration, after the chocolate and the lamb.

I realized in Caserta that if I punished and denied myself on this day, as I had done for the past 10 years, then maybe I was missing the whole point of Easter itself. The sacrifice was Jesus's body, not mine. He said, "Take and eat. This is my body." He didn't say, "Take and eat my body...and then feel guilty about it and don't eat anything for a while." He said, "*Buon appetito, signorina*. Enjoy."

KATHERINE WILSON

has lived in Italy for the past 19 years, working in television, film, and theater. Most recently, she acted in Giuseppe Tornatore's *The Best Offer*, with Geoffrey Rush and Donald Sutherland. *Only in Naples: Lessons in Food and Famiglia from my Italian Mother-in-Law* will be published this year in eight countries and translated into six languages. She lives in Rome with her husband, Salvatore, and their two children.

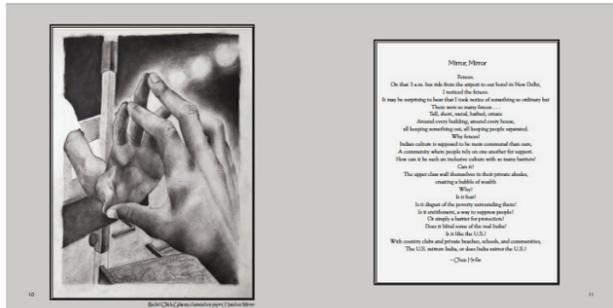


*Only in Naples: Lessons in Food and Famiglia from my Italian Mother-In-Law*, Katherine Wilson, Random House, 2016.

# Pwte Golda

by Rachel Morton

3 years  
in a row



SCROLL

2016

## Scroll wows judges with new take on literary magazine

Can a person ever get sick of walking up to the podium to accept a gold award?

Well, Melinda Salata, English teacher and adviser to *Scroll+Scrolling*, has been tested. For three years in a row, Holton's literary magazine has won accolades and Gold Crown Awards from the Columbia Scholastic Press Association (CSPA)—the highest award given to student publications. The judges have raved about it, deeming *Scroll+Scrolling* the best magazine of its kind among its peer schools with similar magazines. This hybrid literary arts magazine combines a visually stunning print issue—*Scroll*—with a companion website—

*Scrolling*—that showcases not only more fine arts and writing but also performance pieces and student videos.

At last year's ceremony honoring awardees, one judge, Edmund Sullivan, executive director of CSPA, took aside Hadley Goldman '17, *Scroll* editor-in-chief, who was attending with her advisers, and said to her, "*Scroll* is one of the best things we've ever seen!"

How did a traditional school literary magazine become such a print powerhouse and an online innovator?

### A TRADITION AT HOLTON

It all began in 1906, when Carolyn Hough Arms started a club called *Scroll* to encourage writing and publish some of the best student works in a little handout.

Over the decades, the publication grew under the guidance of such venerable Holton teachers as Sally Alexander '51 and Nick Gilbert. Its form shifted as the editors and advisers changed, but it remained a somewhat modest publication. Even 15 years ago, it was only 48 pages and printed entirely in black and white.

Though the content was as good as the writing of the students (and that was pretty darn good much of the time), the quality of student art



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—Edmund Sullivan, executive director of CSPA

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wasn't well represented in black and white, and the layout and design didn't turn heads or forge into new territory.

“In the early years,” says Suzi Maybee, former director of communications and publications who set up a publications lab to train students in desktop publishing, “Holton had fantastic art program, yet the artwork in the magazine was seen strictly as illustration for the written pieces.”

Maybee collaborated with Margo Klass, then chair of the art department, to improve the quality of the images of artwork to be used in print—whether for use in *Scroll* or the many other school-produced publications. They had a professional photographer shoot artworks, which allowed *Scroll* to widen the scope of

art to include ceramics. When the staff changed the size of the book to a more unusual square format, the page count increased to 64.

Salata took on the adviser role in 2003, overlapping with Nick Gilbert for several years. Over time she discovered that with huge changes in the printing industry, printing in color now cost about the same as printing in black and white.

Fortuitously, that first year the magazine went to color, Salata had Rose Schweinhart '09 on staff, a student who was interested in learning InDesign, a magazine design software program. Suddenly the visual component of the magazine was equal to the literary component. A small literary magazine had been transformed into

a true magazine of the arts, and it won a Gold Crown from CSPA for the first time.

### Scrolling—A WEB PIONEER

In addition to this beautiful print magazine, the Scroll club has created an entirely new product, the online extension of the print magazine called *Scrolling*; together, the two have hauled in award after award since *Scrolling*'s inception. A judge for the Crown Awards this year, where once again *Scroll+Scrolling* took home gold, hailed it as “the standard bearer for the form.”

Far more than just putting a magazine online, *Scrolling* is an innovative site, expanding on the print magazine and reenvisioning the idea of an arts magazine for the web. In fact,

*Scrolling* is so different from other online magazines that the judges created a whole new judging category for it and others like it. They dubbed it a “hybrid” literary-arts form.

The brainchild of Salata and Liz Gouldman, the director of digital media at Holton, *Scrolling* offers the content of the print magazine with its beautiful layout and art preserved, but it also offers much more. *Scroll* and *Scrolling* amplify each other; they are intertwined and share an aesthetic.

“I thought we could go beyond,” says Gouldman, “use media, use video, and build something that is an extension of the print piece. It gave more depth to something that was one dimensional.”

Where the print magazine might contain a short screenplay written by a student, on the *Scrolling* site, that student might be reading her script. Film or video segments are a regular part of *Scrolling*, including student performances from Coffeehouse. In addition, poems and other printed pieces are often accompanied by a clickable option to hear the writer read her work. The yearly fashion designer showcase, PUNCH, also makes its way into *Scrolling* in still and video segments.

“One year we got this beautiful original song about climate change,” says Salata. “It was composed by Bailey Jackson '12 for her AP Environmental Science class and we paired it with the images of Gabi Mayers '13, who had photographed icebergs in Antarctica. This year we have junior Shea Sion's play, which was performed at Coffeehouse. We'll run the full script online.”

Each year Gouldman teaches the new students on the magazine staff how to build a website, how to code, and how to use the software.

“The girls don't take any digital media as a class,” says Gouldman, “so they are learning how to use Adobe software, which is a great skill set for them to have.”

### A LESSON IN PRODUCTION

While students in the Scroll club are meeting and writing throughout the year, work on the magazine starts after spring break. The first week students begin learning how to use InDesign, a notoriously difficult and complicated computer program that even professional designers struggle with. They get technical assistance from Maybee, who happily volunteers each April to return to Holton to teach them



how to lay out the magazine. “I want students to feel empowered,” says Maybee, “to get their ideas out of their imagination and onto the page.”

The second week the staff reads all the submitted writings and begins making decisions about pairing writing with images.

“Every year the ante goes up,” says Salata. And every year the club seems to deliver a more beautiful print piece and a more innovative and multidimensional online magazine.

That the students learn a lot is without question. They not only get proficient in Adobe software for design and for the web, they learn to think as editors and art directors.

Salata says at first students approach putting together word and image in a literal way. If

a poem is about a tiger, they look for a drawing of a tiger. But Salata helps them to open up their minds to more artistic possibilities.

“We want the image and the text to resonate with each other,” she says, “and to be in dialogue. We don't want merely to illustrate the text.” That has broadened enormously the kind of art included in *Scroll+Scrolling*, which has made it a showpiece for visual artists as well as for writers.

Over the years many student writers, artists, and editors have contributed, and felt the benefits of, being part of *Scroll*. The club size varies, some years it's 10, some years as many as 24 students. But producing the magazine takes a lot of work and a lot of workers.

Two weeks into the four-week production

schedule, it's crunch time. Students put in as much time as their schedule allows. Salata works seven days a week to meet the deadline, and she welcomes any student who is ready to work.

For example, there was Delancey Wu '13, was editor in chief and instrumental in designing the first two web magazines.

“Delancey was in one of my English classes,” Salata recalls. “And at the end of the year she wrote me a thank-you note to say she loved working on *Scroll*. ‘PS:’ she wrote ‘I was not actually in *Scroll*. I just stopped by during lunch to drop off my books before class.’”

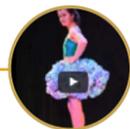
Salata laughs. “That's kind of how the *Scroll* happens. ‘Hey, you! Come on in and join us!’”

## Scrolling

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# Reunion 2016



The 2016 "Rosie" Award recipient, Sally Colclough Alexander '51, was honored for her incredible service to Holton as an alumna, teacher, trustee emerita, mentor, and friend.



Distinguished Alumna Mary Lou Buchheister Cobb '61 with classmate Lorrie Lipscomb Roberts '61 and her sister Sallie Anne Buchheister Hart '58.



Past and present faculty members joined Saturday's brunch to celebrate former English teacher Sally Colclough Alexander '51!



"Rosie" Award recipient Sally Colclough Alexander '51 with her son and husband who surprised her as she received the award!



Kitty Lichtmann Dockser '81, Trustee Leslie Lawley, Trustee Emerita Lisa Brandt Beek '76, and Sandy Fogelman Greenwald '76.



Danielle Barnard '11 and Maryann Akinboyewa '11 celebrating their 10th Reunion with faculty members Melinda Salata and Lisa Pence.



San Diego alumnae at the home of Sandy Marriott Bertha '85 in February.



50th Reunion celebrations at S Street with Pamela Roberson '66, Susan Frey Haddaway '66, and Leita Voss Hamill '66.



Anne Keiser '66 celebrating her 50th reunion with her third grade pen pal Cynthia Gabron '25.



Susan Wolff Alban '00 hosted San Francisco alumnae in February.

Save the Date: Reunion 2017  
April 20-22

# Milestone Years



65th Reunion



55th Reunion



35th Reunion



30th Reunion



50th Reunion



25th Reunion



15th Reunion



45th Reunion



40th Reunion



10th Reunion



5th Reunion

# Family Ties



Legacy families gather for the annual Legacy Reception held on Thursday of Reunion Weekend.



The Gichner family celebrating their Holton Legacy Frances '16, Ceci '18, Eliza '20, and Sandra Engle Gichner '84.



Sara Schoo '66 and daughter Christine Anger Gabriel '91 celebrate their 50th and 25th Reunions together at the annual Legacy Reception.



Classmates Kirsten Klingelhofer House '87 and Cathy Johnston Butz '87 with their legacy daughters Diana House '20 and Laura Butz '21.



Athletic Hall of Fame member Courtney Rodgers Fletcher '97 at the Blue & White Play Date on Friday of Reunion Weekend.



Cheryl Henson Everson-Mack '76 with daughter Brittani Everson-Riley '05 and Alumnae Board member Madi Ford '05.



Alumnae Board member Jennifer Wolinsky Drujak '95 at the Blue & White Play Date with daughter.



Mauree Jane Bernstein Perry '61 with sixth-grade granddaughter Goldie Aronson '22.



Trustee Carol Calomiris-Edmunds '85 with daughters Victoria '19 and Nicole '18.

# Class Notes



## Lifetime Achievement

Elie McConihe Cain '56 was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Potomac Chamber of Commerce. Her community involvement has included leadership in such groups as the Potomac Theatre Company, the Potomac Society for the Arts and Friends of Historic Great Falls Theatre, the Potomac Clean and Green, the Potomac Chamber of Commerce, and Shady Grove Adventist Hospital.

A Potomac native and third generation Holton alumna, Elie has had ties to Holton since its inception. Her grandmother, Marjorie Colton Hagner, graduated from Holton in 1901 and her mother, Margo Hagner McConihe, graduated in 1935. As a 10th grader, Elie received the Alumnae Citizenship Award and 35 years later Holton bestowed the Distinguished Alumna Award upon her. She has served as a trustee and is now trustee emerita. But more important than the awards and recognition, Elie says she values her priceless Holton friendships.

### Send Class Notes

*Doorways* will publish alumnae news, marriages, births, and deaths, but not engagements nor pregnancies. Photos are published as space permits and must include names for everyone pictured, date, and location. Submit photos in digital format at least 4" x 6", with a resolution of at least 300 dpi.

Class Notes are compiled and edited by Class Secretaries and the Alumnae Office. Deadline for next issue (Summer 2016) is May 1, 2016. Notes about

upcoming events that will happen before that date should be written in the past tense. Send news to the Alumnae Office at [holtonconnect@holton-arms.edu](mailto:holtonconnect@holton-arms.edu).

Are you interested in being class secretary? These classes need secretaries: 1941, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1953, 1955, 1961, 1966, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1974, 1990, and 1996. Please email [holtonconnect@holton-arms.edu](mailto:holtonconnect@holton-arms.edu)

**1933** | **ORDWAY WHITFORD WADSWORTH '33**, sister of the late **HARRIET WHITFORD KINTNER '25**, aunt of **SUSAN KINTNER CORPSTEIN '67**, passed away on July 15, 2015.

**1937** | **SAVE THE DATE:** 80th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**1940** | **LALOR MOLTEN EARLE** writes "Glad to still be in my own home and able to be involved in church and community activities at 92. Many happy memories of Holton on S Street."

**1942** | **SAVE THE DATE:** 75th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**1947** | **BETTY BROWDER NIBLEY**, daughter of the late **EVE MATHEWS BROWDER '24**, mother-in-law of **LIZ PARKER NIBLEY '74**, niece of **FRAN MATHEWS SELDEN '31**, cousin of **NANCY SELDEN HAMMOND '65**, and second cousin of **JESSI HAMMOND '01**, passed away on March 5, 2016. Betty proudly served as her class secretary for decades and consistently reported class notes to Holton. She was a spirited individual, whose, "energy and spirits never flagged throughout her treatments [and] she attended a Zumba class a week before she passed," according to her son. Our condolences to Betty's friends and family.

**SAVE THE DATE:** 70th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**1949** | **MARTHA JO HOLLAND FENDER**

Time flies when you are having fun and it always is fun hearing from and reconnecting with some of you. Since **DAMARA BOLTE** is number one on my list, I am keenly interested in her kennel business since my daughter, Lisa, is in a co-partnership with a friend in raising and showing French Bulldogs. Of course, you must know Damara is in a world-class status with Basenjis and showing dogs all over the planet.

Spoke with **JACKIE BRACKET FARRELL** recently— she and her husband moved into a retirement community and are happily enjoying their new residence in Sommers, New York. Since I have recently moved to Houston in the last six months, I have actually reconnected with **DIANNE GLATTE FOUTCH** right here in Texas after almost seventy years. Ale lives about fifteen minutes away and it is lovely being together after such a long time— what fun! Do you see what it means to be and stay connected? **MARY COIT** called to tell me of a very interesting group that she is a new member of and thought it might be of interest to our class. The group is named TTN (The Transition Network for Women Nationwide). It is a group for women over fifty years old with similar ages and interests—call us if you are

interested, Mary Coit (212-683-2555) or Martha Jo (904-716-0570).

I was excited to hear from **CLAIRE DEL VECCHIO JOHNSTON**. She has become a great grandmother, a devoted gardener, a member of TTN, and an ardent reader. We were neighbors growing up and it was great to catch up with her after such a long time. I had a great chat with **BETSY GLAIZE HELM!** She and Jack were preparing for their trip to the Abacos. Betsy was looking forward to the lovely life in the tropics.

**ANN MALSTROM GURNEY** called me just a few moments after I had moved to Houston. She was attending her grandson's wedding in Galveston. **DOTTIE HILL HARTLAND** still retains the honor and title of World's Best and Dedicated Grandmother – she is just amazing. **ANNE PIGGOT BLACK** is still very involved in her work at the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as her church and community activities. Finally in August, I moved to Houston to be closer to my children. I live in the heart of the Medical Center, Museum District, and Arboretum Center here—needless to say, I am never bored. Love to all!

**1950** | **GINNY BAYLER VINCENT** writes in a letter, "2015 was a very different year for me as I lost my beloved husband, Hal Vincent, of sixty-four years. He was a major general in the U.S. Marines—a fighter pilot. We have three beautiful children- all successful. Dave (64) is a pilot, Dale (63) is an electrical engineer, and Debbie (60) is a lawyer. I'm an avid golfer, and at age 84 still play eighteen holes of golf. Also, I was a champion fourteen times. I'm also a fine arts artist and sell a lot of my work. I have a new companion, little Princess Pooky, American Kennel Club five-pound Pomeranian, cream color, and such a handful. My daughter and I really enjoyed my 60th reunion—such fun!"

**1951** | **DONNA HELSING HENDERSON**

For those of you who did not make it to our 65th reunion (including me), I have heard that everyone had a wonderful time. Attending were **WINNI SHAW BUCHANAN**, **EDITH STENHOUSE BINGHAM**, **KAY BOWLING GRAHAM**, **PAT MCKEY HEADLAND**, **AILCEY JONES WERBER**, **ANNE WILLIAMS DAURAY**, and **MIMI CLARK GRONLUND**. **SALLY COLCLOUGH ALEXANDER** also attended and received the Rosemary Wire Anderson ("The Rosie") Award at the Saturday brunch and was truly surprised. We are all so proud of her and the recognition and appreciation of her many contributions to Holton. She richly deserved this honor. Saturday evening was at 2129 S Street for a delicious dinner in Miss Brown's History of Art classroom. It was all such a



Ginny Bayler Vincent '50 with her companion, Princess Pooky.



Eliachi Kimaro '89 at the screening of her film, A Lot Like You, with Sally Colclough Alexander '51 who helped Eli in the film making process!



Patricia Werber Bryant '52 in her garden.



Anne Murphy Bullis '56, Faith Bullis Mace '57, and Holly Akre Ertel '57 in Charlottesville, Virginia.

success that there is now talk of returning next year even though it won't be a big one for us. There seems to be no point in waiting five years! Please let Ailcey or me know if you're interested.

**MIMI CLARK GRONLUND** and her husband, Tom, continue to travel frequently. Mimi continues to tutor once a week for the Northern Virginia Literacy Council and is busy reading for three book clubs.

**AILCEY JONES WERBER** and her husband, Bill, are downsizing, so she is busy cleaning out her home in preparation for their move.

**CAMILLA MCCURDEY CHIAPURIS** still directs and teaches at The Community School of Ballet and has three grandsons that keep her busy.

**CARY HAWFIELD FOLEY**, former alumnae board member, former faculty/staff member, recipient of the 1996 Rosemary Wire Anderson ("The Rosie") Award, and mother of **RANDY FOLEY LANZALONE '77**, **CARTER FOLEY KIRKS '78**, **SALLY FOLEY DONELSON '80**, and **NEVILLE FOLEY ST. AUBIN '84**, aunt of **LEE HAWFIELD ZAMPELLA '85**, great-aunt to **ELIZABETH ZAMPELLA '19**, and grandmother of **CARY SHELTON MORRIS '98**, passed away on December 22, 2015. She was a wonderful person and a very loyal alum. We shall really miss her.

**MARILOU MCEWEN REDMOND** writes, "We have moved into a retirement community. I enjoy playing bridge here. I have one granddaughter, who is a sophomore at Roanoke College. I have two other granddaughters and one grandson, who will be sixteen in March."

**WENDY KNOWLTON MINOT** passed away on February 27, 2016. Her classmate, **SARAH BULLARD LUCEY**, shared a part of her obituary, "Wendy loved her friends and family with the same fierceness and passion she brought to politics. She had an extraordinary curiosity about the world around her and was filled with compassion for those less fortunate. She gave tirelessly and effortlessly, and lit up every room with her energy, joy, and optimism."

I had three college graduations and fortunately they were all on separate dates. My granddaughter, Samantha, graduated from Virginia Tech and will go almost immediately into nursing school at Virginia Commonwealth University, Sam from Boston University, and Katie from Drexel in Philadelphia. I also had the 10 day Devon Horse Show and Country Fair. It is the largest outdoor show in the country and I serve on the Board of Directors of the Country Fair.

## 1952 | ANN "SCOOP" LYNCH HEUER

**SAVE THE DATE:** 65th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

It is hard to believe that next spring, we will celebrate

our 65th Reunion!

**PAT WERBER BRYANT** has just returned from her 60th at Duke. She stayed with her sister **SUSIE WERBER HILL '65**, who took her everywhere. Pat is adamant that we should all make our very best efforts to come. She will push your wheelchair if need be, so plan to attend. I know that **HELEN-LOUISE SIMPSON HUNTER**, **MARY MALLORY MARSHALL SISSON**, **MARGARET HICKEY FRENCH**, and **PAT WERBER BRYANT** will be there. We need a few more to make it a good party. Pat has promised to call everyone in our class. She continues to use her Fitbit and has started using Facebook.

**MARY MALLORY MARSHALL SISSON** and Tom are getting ready to go to Paris for a visit to their lovely apartment. Normally, they spend the winter there, but this year, Mary's daughter was moving to Jacksonville, so they got delayed. They will be back for the summer.

**HELEN-LOUISE SIMPSON HUNTER** also has a house across the street from **MARY MALLORY MARSHALL SISSON**, so they get to see each other often. Helen-Louise is serving as Secretary to the Commission on Human Rights for North Korea, which keeps her very busy. She promises to have a dinner for our class next year.

**LINDA LEARNARD WHITFIELD** and I had a long chat on the phone talking about life in general. She is fortunate to have lots of children and grandchildren, who come and visit and take care of all the many chores that seem to accumulate as we get older.

**MARGARET HICKEY FRENCH** continues to travel to London and Paris with her children and grandchildren. I am sure there is not a museum, play park, or good restaurant that Maggie has missed. In October, she went to Puerto Rico to visit beaches and rain forests and attend the wedding of one of her twelve grandchildren. She is still active with At Home in Alexandria.

**JEAN BROMBERG LATHRAM** and her husband, John, continue to travel out West every summer. They will attend a graduation in Lubbock, Texas and continue westward and spend a month in Breckenridge, Colorado, then they will travel east and attend another wedding of one of their grandchildren. Jean bemoans the fact that they no longer take long bike rides or hike up steep mountains. Jean—let's face it, we are all getting older!

For myself, I went to Jamaica for Thanksgiving with my daughter and family, but this Christmas, I had two fractured vertebrae, which I had fixed, so my New Orleans trip was not possible. One thing led to another, and now I am finishing a chemotherapy session and hopefully will be able to resume a more normal life. In the meantime, I am sporting one smashing wig! Cheers to all, please save the dates for next year's 65th reunion – April 20-22, 2017!

**1953 | BARBARA DENTON BERLAGE** shares, "I enjoyed being your class secretary for the winter issue of *Doorways*."

**1953C | ANN MAY HARRISON** has seen her Holton roommate, **CATHERINE PHARR CARSTARPHEN**, in the last year and has stayed in contact since. Ann's son, Benjamin May Jennings, was diagnosed with ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease, in November 2014 and was on a drug trial for a year. The drug is Ibudalast and the trial took place in Charlotte, North Carolina, which is near McAdenville where Catherine lives. Ann and Ben live in Atlanta and stopped by to see Catherine Ann on the way to Charlotte. Catherine's husband, Bip, died two years ago, but Catherine looks terrific and is still in her stunningly beautiful house in McAdenville. Ann and her husband, Pegram, still live in their house in Atlanta, but are considering moving to a retirement home. With two sons in Atlanta and five grandsons, their house is a popular spot and they are not sure they want to give up the pleasure that the ensuing chaos gives them. Ben continues to do reasonably well. His form of ALS is Bulbar, which means his early symptoms show in his difficulty speaking. His close friends have established a family financial relief fund to help families that have a parent with a fatal disease. It is called FACTrelief.org at 1776 Peachtree Street, Suite 4005, Atlanta, Georgia, 30309. Should anyone want to make a contribution, it would be hugely appreciated.

**1955 | NANCY HOLLINGSWORTH LUSSI** shares that "GAIL CRISP MATHESON '56 and I have a granddaughter, Tyler Lussi, at Princeton. Tyler is the highest scorer in the Ivy League for the second year and as of November 2, she led the nation in shots per game (6.06)." Also, Tyler was just named the Ivy League Offensive Player of the Year for the second time in a row, named second-team All American for soccer, and joined National Soccer Coaches Association of American All Mid-Atlantic Region team. She was also named one of fifteen MAC Herman Trophy semifinalists and is a part of the U.S. Under 23 Women's National Team. Tyler will be a senior this fall.

**ELIZABETH "DEO" MCKAIG** is planning to move to the east coast of Florida!

## 1956 | MARY WARNER MIDDLETON SCHNEIDER

**MARILYN HOWELL PHILLIPS**, sister of **LOLLY HOWELL PRINCE '59**, passed away on October 23, 2014.

**BEVERLY MAY VAIL** lives in Canton, Ohio and New York City. She sees her six grandchildren often and had a wonderful trip in Japan with her husband, Robert.

**ELIE MCCONIHE CAIN'S** husband, Ted Cain, passed away on February 9, 2015. Elie and Ted shared 13 lovely years of marriage. On a brighter note, Elie was awarded a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Potomac Chamber of Commerce.

**SHEARER NORRIS WEIGERT** writes, "So sorry to miss out on our 60th reunion! I traveled to Europe from March 30 until June."

## 1957 | SUZANNE FRAZIER MARTIN

**SAVE THE DATE:** 60th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

The metro D.C. classmates always look forward to **PAMELA CALDWELL FOGGIN** (and Tom) being here for Reunion from Skagit County, Washington. Alas, this year Tom had nasty surgery and is bouncing back; however, Pamela is recovering from an April surgery and is in the midst of follow-up treatments. Guess we will have to wait until perhaps this autumn when they come to check up on Pamela's 103-year-old aunt.

**SHERRILL STALKER CANNON'S** new children's book *The Golden Rule* will be released in 2016. "I will send a copy to [Holton's] library!" She also writes, "I love reading to children, but usually start at the kindergarten level, I had the pleasure of reading both, *The Magic Word* and *Manner Man*, to adorable youngsters at the Pacific Sage Preschool and found it a delightful experience. I truly think the rhyming music of the words is key. It was also fun to share the reading with my sister of the heart, **JUDY CONGER SHAFFER '58**, who kindly held the books to show the illustrations to the children."

**DOTTIE HODGES RODDY** got in touch when she received word of **SANDY LEONARD STARR'S** death. Dottie had just returned from Thanksgiving week in London with one of her granddaughters. A photo of them is included here. They went to see the Elgin Marbles which brought back memories of Miss Brown and H of A. She wrote, "We were so lucky to have such strong women role models." As we 'slave' away in the Archives, **KAY KAUFHOLZ JEWEL** and I regularly come across messages from pre-1970 Alumnae who echo the same thought. This was Dottie's third trip across the pond, having gone twice to Italy; the second wearing a knee high walking cast. She is her very own strong woman role model for her family. During 2016, she will return to Italy again to visit her eldest son and his family. From there she will take another granddaughter to South Africa to visit her first husband's brother. Between travels, she is still running the grounds and gardens at a Trappist monastery, Mepkin Abbey, outside of Charleston.

Had a nice newsy Christmas letter from **JONI ANKENBRANDT** and Don Snodgrass, the theme of



Sherrill Stalker Cannon '57 and Judy Conger Shaffer '58 reading Cannon's children books to preschoolers.



Sculptures by Heather Graham Foote '57 are featured in a Ronald McDonald House.



The Leverton sisters Joanie Leverton Covell '58, Debi Leverton Willis '71, Kim Leverton Cavendish '63, Joyce Leverton Mauney '58



Sue Stone Woodward '58 and Judy Conger Shaffer '58 in Avignon, France.

which was that they continue to LOVE Colorado. Touring the mountains, camping, fishing during warm weather, and skiing when the ski areas open (if – by December they still hadn't opened). They did leave Colorado long enough to visit daughter, Kristin, and her family who then joined up with them later in the year for skiing during 2015 spring break. Their other daughter, Kimmy, with her family, visited from South Africa.

Harwood and I spent a pleasant day with **ALLAN (ALICE) HOYT** and John Lees at their retirement community in Winchester, Virginia. Their apartment is spacious enough to enable Allan to pursue her art and John has his space to escape. Allan gave us the grand tour and everywhere we ran into her friends. After checking the dining options, we chose to have a pub lunch – delicious. It is rather ironic that they waited to move until their last dog went to its reward only to adopt another one shortly after the move!

I had lunch with **CAROL JANSEN MONCHICK** in April. She is doing much better – walking well, her voice is just about back to normal, and she is perky enough to plan a lunch to celebrate her birthday and what would have been her 50th anniversary with Lou.

**LIZ KIBLER DIEDRICH** rubbed it in by bragging that she was writing her message while enjoying a late afternoon cocktail on their patio on a beautiful sunny day in December. Their patio and garden are gorgeous and I love her, but it wasn't gorgeous in D.C. and I don't have a patio! In December, they celebrated their 53rd anniversary. Several visits to Texas to visit their children/grandchildren were real adventures; not just the pleasure of being with their family, but because the journeys included ice and thunderstorms, fog, high winds, the rear end of a hurricane – me thinks they have gotten soft living in sunny Arizona!!

Had they been with Harwood and me when we did a round trip on the QM2 (NY/Southampton/NY) in January (yes, you read in the last class notes that I did the same trip with my daughter in August) they would have encountered 60 mph winds, 40ft waves that crashed against our fourth deck veranda door, and even a bit of snow. Then the Diedrichs would understand what real weather is. Actually, QM2 was designed to cross the North Atlanta in all seasons, so it didn't even rock. We loved every minute. Refer back to earlier mention of 'strong women.' Of course, landlubbers don't cross in January! By my count, Dottie flew across the Atlantic three times to my four times by sea!

**HEATHER GRAHAM FOOTE** doesn't just play dead at war re-enactments (refer to last issue of class notes), she is a talented sculptor. She sent a handsome card with photos of work she was commissioned to create at The Ronald McDonald House in Missouri. Inside of

the card are explanations of what the figures represent; alas, too long to include here, but you can see the photo of her work. Heather remarks, "art and the healing arts are complementary. Both are activated by the human spirit and help to heal mentally and physically."

I've stayed in touch with **CATHY TRAEGER**'s mother, Mrs. Ressesgieu, who wrote that she celebrated her 98th birthday in February. Is she our last living mother? **KIT WARNER WORTHINGTON-TAYLOR** would be happy to know from the photos I've received from her daughter, Maggie, that her youngest granddaughters are thriving in Idaho.

A plea from your Archivists: If you are downsizing and come across photos, school papers, etc. of our Holton years you don't wish to keep, send them to the HAS Archives. Kay and I will be grateful. Should you have no stuff to send, at least stay in touch to help enliven these notes.

### 1958 | JOYCE LEVERTON MAUNEY

Summer! Many of our classmates are especially happy for the season's arrival after exceptionally bad winter weather. I hope recovery from snow, hail, or floods was swift.

My daughter, Sandra, and I had an exciting trip to Asia last fall. I had planned for a week in each place on our own: Japan, Hong Kong, and the Bangkok area. Almost everything went off without a hitch. We ate local food, slept in small hotels, large hotels, traditional inns, and a private home on a mountainside. We got around on foot, in tuk-tuks, on long boats, on high rails, and subways. Staying with our French friends in Hong Kong was a highlight, as was playing with two baby elephants after a ride on one of their mothers around the ruins of Attahhaya.

My sisters (**JOANIE LEVERTON COVELL '58**, **KIM LEVERTON CAVENDISH '63**, and **DEBI LEVERTON WILLIS '71**) and I lost our mother in late January. Many of our classmates knew her and she was so fond of them. She was a fairly healthy 98-year-old and passed away peacefully while sitting at her computer. We were blessed to have her for so long. Among the many relatives and friends at her interment in Arlington National Cemetery were **JANE PATRICK MCJENNETT**, **NANCY MCDONALD HERVEY**, and **SALLY DUSBABEK HOLLOWAY** and her husband, Gene. **JUJU FRASER** had helped out when called upon. We appreciate their love and support.

**JUDY CONGER SHAFFER** took a lovely road trip with friends to the Kartchner Caverns in Arizona. They are quite unusual; Miss Brown would have loved them. Stopping in Tucson on the way, they had a great dinner with **DEE NASH BATES** and her charming husband, Ave. Later in the spring, Judy, her daughter Kimberly,

and family had a happy time together at Harry Potter's World in Orlando.

**SUSIE COLE WEAN '67** hosted a luncheon for Holton alumnae at the Palm Beach Country Club. On a balmy day, in sight of the ocean, all fourteen of us attendees had a grand time renewing old, or making new friendships. Thank you for your hospitality, Susie!

### 1959 | GINNY OLDS GOSHDIGIAN

**JUDY TIPTON MILLER** wrote, "I have a new grandson, so now I am 'Nanna x2.' My daughter Wendy and Alistair now have Liam (3 months), a very big and cute baby, so I am having to re-learn everything I had forgotten since my eldest daughter, Tasha, had Rory who will be five in October and sometimes seems more like a teenager. All is going well here in Sydney. I have retired, but as everyone says, I am now busier than ever. Hoping to come to the D.C. area soon and will let you know, Ginny. All the best to everyone."

**PAT THOMSON** shares, "I had a delightful trip to Atlanta over Thanksgiving 2015, but since then, I have been peacefully perched on my little rock out here in the middle of the Pacific without the slightest inclination to go anywhere. I will, however, have to flip a coin shortly because otherwise my frequent flyer status will quickly evaporate."

**BETTY STRAUSS KOSCO** reports, "Bill and I left for Orlando for ten days to work as volunteers for Prince Harry's Invictus Games. This is an international meet for soldiers wounded in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Fourteen countries were represented and it was very inspiring. We are looking forward to gardening season here in Carlisle. I think I reported on the birth of another grandson in the last *Doorways*. We are six grandsons and one granddaughter (ages 8 months to 10 years) now with three living in Carlisle. They are a very active group!"

**SUSAN RING KEITH** writes, "All is sunny and warm in Southern California. We were hoping with El Niño to get a lot of rain this winter, but it instead dumped in the northern part of the state and pretty much missed us. I spend my time in local politics and volunteering with our local historical group. I would like to say that it keeps me busy and out of trouble, but that is usually not the case. In Coronado, we are always arguing about something. Isn't that the fun of life? Three children, spouses, and nine grandchildren are all well. Everyone comes for Sunday dinner and it gets to be a busy time and I love it. I'm still traveling and went to the Marquesas Islands in May. We flew to Tahiti and then boarded a half freighter/half cruise ship and spent two weeks sailing around. Great fun! If anyone comes this way, please let me know as I would love to

see you."

**OLIVE MOORE MULLET** shares, "We had a beautiful ice storm during which we heard rolling over our roof and crashes from trees above. It was too dangerous to walk, but the view out the window was of gleaming crystal all around us, making this the most beautiful season of the year. Dan has not slowed down much. He continues to walk/run an hour every day and now he does garden work. Other than that and my swim, we go to a well-rounded Silver Sneakers class, which we have to get to early to fight for that front row seat. It is so popular!"

**TAFFY HERRMANN** reports, "This spring was a very special one for me with a reunion of my Holton classmates in mid-April for The Bernard Herrmann Festival in Washington, D.C. **GINNY OLDS GOSHDIGIAN**, **PENNY MARSHALL MALLORY**, **MADELEINE DUNCAN HUGHES**, **DARE MYERS HARTWELL**, **KAREN SPIGEL BRALOVE '63**, and my sister, **WENDY HERRMANN HARLOW '63**, helped me celebrate the month-long festival of my father's music. Various genres included his music for film, radio, television, opera, and string orchestra. The event was sponsored by The National Gallery of Art, Georgetown University, and The American Film Institute. Prior to this event, I made my annual winter visit to Oaxaca, Mexico, staying at Casa de las Bugambilias, my favorite B&B. Two weeks later, I flew to Rome for a week, this time renting a charming studio apartment, complete with a long plant-lined terrace, full kitchen, and a washing machine, all for the reasonable price of 75 euros per day. The apartment is near the Termini railroad station. In the intermediate vicinity were a number of wonderful and inexpensive restaurants; where in the States can you feast on a first-class lunch for \$21, including tip? Another plus point, the best pizza in Rome was downstairs from the apartment. Lest you think that my Roman trip was entirely focused on my stomach, I did manage to visit The Catacombs, Coliseum, Hadrian's Villa, Tivoli Gardens, as well as the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. Little did I know that my life was about to take a turn for the worse as I departed Rome on the day of the horrendous Brussels attacks. At home three days later, I was suddenly unable to breathe, summoned an ambulance pronto, and was hospitalized for six days at the local Doylestown Hospital. Diagnosis—acute bronchitis. Fortunately, the doctors and nursing staff were superb and the food was delicious, so my stay was almost pleasant. However, a few days after my discharge from the hospital, I tripped on my dog Violet's water bowl in the kitchen. I took a frightful spill, but thankfully, only severely sprained my hamstring. I was lucky not to break a hip. Still, many days later, it is difficult to walk and getting out of a car is a painful



Dottie Hodges Roddy '57 with granddaughter, McKenzie.

I have a wonderful companion, a five-year-old black lab, a rescue, of course! She is very loving and gentle, and very rambunctious.

—Ginny Olds Goshdigian '59

challenge. So there you have it, my friends: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly!”

**GINNY OLDS GOSHDIGIAN** shares, “Life is so much fun, filled with visits to the physician, cardiologist, pulmonologist, dermatologist, gastroenterologist, and dentist with breaks for trips to the theatre, lunches, and dinners with friends and book club meetings. Unlike many people who live alone, I still love to cook and I cook for myself almost every night.

I said that I live alone, but that is not true. I have a wonderful companion, a five-year-old black lab, a rescue, of course! She is very loving and gentle, and very rambunctious. She also has the insatiable appetite of a lab. Her most amazing food rampage so far (and these always happen when I am out) was the consumption of a whole pound of uncooked pasta plus part of the box. I kept waiting for her belly to swell, but no - one pound of uncooked pasta must not have been enough because the following day, she ate another pound of uncooked pasta - and for dessert enjoyed a new bar of Dove soap plus part of both boxes. An incredible appetite, but when she is not foraging, she is a wonderful companion.

I want to comment on the Bernard Herrmann Festival that **TAFFY HERRMANN** mentions in her news. The highlight of the month-long festival was a three-day celebration in Washington, D.C. and it was absolutely fabulous! Two radio dramas were presented with actors reading their scripts, just like old radio days, and with a live orchestra of sixteen musicians on Friday and twenty-four musicians on Saturday, to play Herrmann’s music for the dramas and for explanations about his music, as well as performances of some of his works. There were several speakers; I learned a lot about music and what it contributes to a performance. But the highlight was Taffy’s speech on Friday, where she reminisced about her father. Her favorite work was his opera, *Wuthering Heights*, for which Taffy’s mother wrote the libretto. He had a deep love for Britain, British literature, and British composers including Delius and Elgar. It was an extraordinary view of a great man - whom many of us know only for the music he composed for films like *Citizen Kane*, *The Ghost and Mrs. Muir*, *Psycho*, and *North by Northwest*, as well as for TV in *Twilight Zone*. I feel privileged to have gotten to know him and his work a lot better than I did before this festival.

I figure that at seventy-four, I should travel while I can - and reminisce later, so this has been a season of travel for me. I had two trips to visit my brother and sister-in-law, Thanksgiving at their home in Wilmington, North Carolina, and a winter break at their condo in Sanibel. Around early January found me in London

for two weeks visiting Simone, my “German daughter” (from a close family relationship that developed when I was on a student exchange program to Germany in 1962 and lived with her grandparents and family), and my new “German granddaughter” Elenie. I spent most of the time taking care of Simone and the baby - cooking for the new mum, holding the baby, keeping things straight - but did get into London proper for one evening to see Judy Dench in Shakespeare’s “*The Winter’s Tale*.” Wow!

The most exciting trip though was to Turkey for one month. I had served as a Peace Corps volunteer there from 1963 to 1965 - in the very early days of the Peace Corps - so I speak the language and know the country well. There is so much to tell that I will not go into detail, but if anyone is interested in my trip report, just let me know. And now as I write this, I am off to Paris and Germany.”

**PAT COULTER MCELROY** notes, “George and I left Florida in late April for our cottage in Michigan. We will take the Auto Train and drive to Wayne, Pennsylvania, where our son Mike McDonnell and his family live. We had a nice visit with ‘the grans,’ Lilly is twelve going on twenty-three and Max, a freshman at Miami of Ohio, will travel to Osterville, where George will be playing golf in the U.S. Seniors Association Hyannis Port, Oyster Harbor, and Wianno. From there, we will go up to Michigan with children arriving at different times. In September, we will be going to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where our daughter, Amanda McElroy Moore and her family live with her husband, Trey Moore, son, Wils (3), and daughter Coulter (1). If any of you are in the area, I would love to hear from you.”

**BETTY BOYLE** shares, “My main thing to report is my delight with the wonderful weather and the opportunity to be outside. Happily, we have a terrace overlooking Chevy Chase golf course. In the spring and early summer and fall, I spend my time out here. We are doing the Washington Opera productions of the Ring Cycle. This is not our first Ring Cycle, and we are excited. It is such a happening. We traveled to Myanmar and Singapore in March. These countries are endlessly fascinating. Southeast Asia is where good things are happening rapidly. While we were there, a president was elected who is virtually a partner to Su Kyi and her party has a majority in parliament. She will be running the company behind the scenes. The military is still strongly in evidence, so she has to be extremely careful. The military is afraid of China and is looking for new friends, so they allowed elections, in order to impress the West. I am looking forward to new news and hope everyone is well.”

**1960** | **FREDI HERRMANN GINTHER** writes, “Bob and I are settling in to Ashby Ponds, a retirement community near Leesburg, Virginia. We went to Seattle for Christmas to see the ‘young’ Ginthers!”

**BROOKE FARLAND OATLEY** shares, “happy to know that the granddaughter of good friends (Ann and Ray Pierce) has started this year at Holton. Good wishes to **PALMER HOLLEY '25**.”

**JULIE ANDERSON SMITH**, sister of **MARIA ANDERSON '62** and **BARBARA ANDERSON KRYDER '71**, passed away on April 3, 2016.

**1961** | **SHELLEY WEAVER GAUMOND**

Congratulations to **KATE PUTNAM BAXTER** and **MARY LOU BUCHHEISTER COBB** on their joint Distinguished Alumna awards—both making a difference through education and in the lives of many.

**KATE PUTNAM BAXTER** graduated from Smith College and practiced law in New York and Connecticut. She now lives in California and dedicates part of each year encouraging and teaching English to young Cambodians in Phnom Penh, who are still struggling after the devastation of the Khmer Rouge regime. She says, “The hours spent teaching have been the most satisfying and rewarding of all my time in Phnom Penh. I hope that one or more of these very special young people will someday stand up and lead their country in a better direction.”

And to **MARY LOU BUCHHEISTER COBB** for establishing her Montessori school, The Cobb School, in 1974. She has been Head of School for over 40 years. She has also been a founding member and serves on the board of three other Montessori organizations: Montessori Administrators Association (MAA), Montessori Training Center Northeast (MTCNE), and Montessori Schools of Connecticut (MSC). She also serves on the Board of Sphere, a coalition of Connecticut schools dedicated to diversity and inclusion, and on the Commission for Membership and Accreditation (CMA) for the Connecticut Association of Independent Schools.

You both make us very proud!

**MARTHA WILSON** shares, “Last November, my left tibia and fibula fractured. The good old osteoporosis nemesis struck and left me in a full leg cast until the end of February. The good news is **SUSAN WILLIAMS BROBECK** and **ZAIDA SHAW WING** (and other wonderful friends) visited with food and books. I have ordered a selection of chic canes, which I proudly showed off at reunion.”

**PEG MCDONALD WILLARD** sends in, “I have enjoyed some lunch gatherings with **MARTHA WILSON**, **SUSIE WILLIAMS BROBECK**, **ZAIDA SHAW WING**, and **BETTY SHIPMAN BOWDLE**.

The four of us went to see **BETTI-BOB SMITH SCHARNBERGER** in October. Then **LOUISE DUNCAN**, **KATHY BARRETT HOYT**, **JULIE HALL HOUSTON**, and I keep threatening to recreate a mini reunion we pulled off shortly after our 50th. I was in Australia and New Zealand during our 55th, a trip I had planned since last May, and was sorry to miss it.”

Our hearts and prayers go out to **PEG MCDONALD WILLARD** and her family with the loss of her husband, David, in December after a long and courageous battle with Lewy Body Dementia.

**MARIAN BLANDI WHITE** shares, “I’m struggling with poor health, but enjoy my visits with **BINI HERRMANN** over lunch every few months.”

**JULIE HALL HOUSTON** writes, “Hey to all: Retired after thirty-eight years of teaching in Dyersburg City schools, two kiddos, two grands. Love my memories of 2125 S Street.”

**ROBERTA WILLIAMS** shares, “This February, I had a show of thirty-one works of art at the Gallery 788 in Baltimore’s Hampden neighborhood and created publications there for my children and grandchildren, entitling the booklets, *Grammy’s January 2016*. I also bound my 2015 show, *Angel Voices* for them.”

**SHELLEY WEAVER GAUMOND** writes, “Still trying to tear myself away from our little farm, and move to someplace “sensible” (I hate sensible!) Also, I have just completed a children’s book that I have entered into several literary contests, and hope to ultimately get published. In the meantime - everything is aching or falling down or falling off completely. My only consolation is in knowing that I’m in good company.”

**MAUREE JANE BERNSTEIN PERRY** writes, “Life is good here, and I am very grateful. I am involved in several efforts that support women’s reproductive rights (NARAL and Upstream USA, a new national non-profit that provides same day access to the most modern long-acting reversible contraception). It empowers women, and it reduces intergenerational poverty. I am also passionate about efforts that support access to college education for talented, ambitious inner-city students. On the home front, our four children, their spouses, and our nine grandchildren (ages 10-15) are healthy and well-loved. I have a monthly political women’s group that is especially lively these days. (Dear classmates: Please vote for Hillary!) My husband and I hike as often as we can: Scotland and Peru last year; Ecuador and Patagonia next year. And I enjoy a bimonthly movie group that is just plain fun. Please come visit in San Francisco. All are welcome!”

Finally, we are grateful to **SHELLEY WEAVER GAUMOND** for serving as 1961 class secretary as she gracefully bows out of the role to take on other responsibilities. This means that the class secretary position needs to be



2016 Distinguished Alumnae and 1961 classmates Kate Putnam Baxter and Mary Lou Buchheister Cobb, with Head of School Susanna Jones, Alumnae Board President Lisa Hammond '87, and Vice President Ali Hauspurg Pittman '03. Kate and Mary Lou were recognized for both of their extraordinary work in education.



Hope Wood Price '62 with her husband, Michael (St. Alban's '61), and her six grandsons - children of Natasha Price Sewell '91 and Alonsa Price Riddle '95 in Southern Pines, North Carolina.

I am learning to play lots of fun group games, and I am enjoying life in a way I could never have imagined in this new adventure.

—Cinder Talcott Shay '65

filled! If you are interested in the position and love staying connected with your classmates, please contact Alumnae Director Amanda Novak Hewitt '04 at [amanda.hewitt@holton-arms.edu](mailto:amanda.hewitt@holton-arms.edu) or 301.365.6005 for more information.

**1962** | **SAVE THE DATE:** 55th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**1963** | **MAURY ROBINSON REISHMAN**, daughter of the late **DUD BRECKINRIDGE ROBINSON '30**, sister of **DUDLEY ROBINSON MCKENNEY '56** and the late **GENEVIEVE ROBINSON '60**, passed away on October 21, 2015.

**MARGY RISELEY BARBOUR** directed the study of "Richard II" in the Roswell Shakespeare Club (1902-present) this past January. "Any insights are welcomed. Each time I've directed I think of Mrs. Rogers and Ms. Kinnaird and know they'd be surprised. Be well and vote responsibly!"

**VICTORIA YOUNG** continues to enjoy her work as a teacher/minister of the Diamond Approach, a contemporary spiritual path. Also, her fourth grandson was recently born.

**1964** | **SUZAN SWAIN CHAMBERLAYNE** writes, "Jeff and I celebrated my sister, **ROSEMARY SWAIN'S '61**, 72nd birthday with her and her Gainesville family in Florida at the end of January after vacationing on Amelia Island."

**1965** | **CINDER TALCOTT SHAY**

It is hard to believe that more than a year has passed since our "magical" 50th Class Reunion. It is also hard to believe that most of us will turn seventy on our next birthdays, considering how great we looked at Reunion 2015. Moving from my hometown of Jacksonville to the South Carolina suburbs of Charlotte, North Carolina, to be closer to my daughter and grandchildren, has been quite a challenging year of adjustment, but I have put my energies into new activities and making new friends in my wonderful (over 55) community. I am learning to play lots of fun group games, and I am enjoying life in a way I could never have imagined in this new adventure. My oldest son Corey, wife Jamie, and two precious little girls are way over there in sunny Southern California, so I don't see them enough. I managed to make a trip in May for a wonderful long weekend visit with them. It was great to get news from many of you. The first response I received to my news request gave me a good chuckle. Sometimes no news really is good news, and it's good to know that.

**BARBARA STOKELY** wrote, "Greetings! Same old, same old in my part of the world." Knowing Barbara, same old is undoubtedly same old fun and busy times.

During the winter, **SUSAN-VARNUM SMITH RUBIN** spent seven weeks in Marco Island, Florida. "I have always hated the cold and continue to do so," she said. She enjoyed the wedding festivities of a very dear niece in

Key Largo during her Florida stay.

**LEAH PIERSON STOETZEL** wrote, "I have really not left Tallahassee much since our reunion, but just returned from Palm Springs, where I met my son and his family. They live in Philadelphia and go out there for spring break each year."

**BETH MCCUNE HAMRICK** also traveled cross country and said, "We spent too short a time with (daughter) Courtney and her family in Orange County, California over Easter. The twins are so bright and happy."

**ALICE MONROE GAGE** was happy to say that, "Life in Atlanta continues to be great! I am once again working as a travel consultant – after a 25 year break. As I am now back into the business, I enjoy sending friends on awesome holidays, as well as being fortunate to experience my own trips and destinations. Trips are great! For anyone coming to Atlanta, Bucky and I would love to see you and show you around this super city – there is so much more than the concourses at Atlanta Hartsfield."

**FRANCES CLEVELAND**, like many of us, is enjoying being a grandmother. "My most fun experiences this year have been playing with my four-year-old grandson and three-year-old granddaughter whenever we can visit together. My husband and I have also visited Botswana to watch the elephants, lions, wild dogs, and the San Bushmen – some of my videos are on YouTube. If you Google, "youtube botswana frances cleveland" and ignore all the videos about the wife of President Grover Cleveland, you can see my various videos. I have also been working very hard (I have my own consulting firm) on helping California implement their goal of 50% renewable energy by 2030. The key is to get all of the various players to actually talk to each other and to figure out the technical and regulatory solutions – quite a challenge!"

**MARY RODENBERG ALLEN** said that she survived the presidential primary in New Hampshire. "Up here in first in the nation-land (I mean New Hampshire), we had presidential candidates seemingly hanging off the trees in January. That was much better than icicles hanging off the trees, which we were spared this winter. It's hard not to get involved in politics in the Granite State, so I spent Primary Day carting candidate signs to three towns, handing out hand-warmers to people holding those signs in front of the polls, dealing with inquiring reporters and ending up with my name in a Slice of Life story about a day in the life of a volunteer. After twenty-two years in journalism, it was a funny turn-around for me to be on the other

side of a notebook and camera. In breaks from all that fuss, we have visited both sons in their new homes (Queens, New York and Majorca, Spain), doted on our granddaughter, and generally kept out of trouble. I loved, loved, loved seeing the gang at the 50th. I forgot how fun and funny our classmates are! If you missed that gathering, there's another big one coming up in 2020 (our 55th), so mark that date down right now."

**KAY HEARD HANSON** wrote, "We had a pretty quiet year, but did continue adding to our travel memories with 10 days in Portugal (Lisbon and Sintra and the island of Madeira) this past fall – just returned from 10 days at Dorado Beach, Puerto Rico, renting a house with our grandkids and their parents, which was a nice break from late winter here in D.C. **MARY RODENBERG ALLEN** and I see each other and moan together about politics (local, NH, and national!) as we are only two towns apart. I am in my last year as a college trustee, and look forward to having the extra time for more reading and other volunteer endeavors. This fall, my life will be full with canvassing for the Democratic ticket in New Hampshire!"

**EILEEN ZOLA JOSEPH** has also been traveling cross country to spend time with children and grandchildren. "My sons are terrific, although on the other side of the country makes our being together too infrequent. Son Jonathan turned forty last fall. We all went to Tahoe and had a great time in front of the fireplace, hiking, dining, cooking, making art with our granddaughter, Averie, losing a football down the sewer on the side of a mountain, and generally relaxing together. Back in San Francisco, an elegant birthday lunch and a wild evening at Original Joe's (DiMaggio) topped off the celebration. Jeremy and Aly have a beautiful home in the Hollywood Hills." In late spring, Eileen and Jeff attended the New Orleans JazzFest for the 14th time and are planning another California trip. "Still cherishing all my Holton memories and my classmates and hoping all is well with you. I will continue to give back to the school that shaped so much of my life. Hope you will, too."

**LIZ THOMAS COLANERI** sent a wonderful update for the last decade of her very busy life. "Charlie and I are both well. The winter was mostly uneventful with the exception of when Winter Storm Jonas (when did they start naming winter storms?) hit the area with snow inland and some flooding here on the coast. Fortunately, at least here in Margate, it was nothing like Superstorm Sandy and it was not nearly as bad as CNN made it out to be. I had friends calling from all over to be sure we were okay, which was nice, but this time it was a case of media hype! I will probably practice law until I die, but I do enjoy my profession doing estate planning, probate work, and guardianships. Being self-employed has its advantages. I can

choose how much I want to do and when I want to do it. I have been on the Board of Directors of South Jersey Legal Services for about eight years and last fall was named second Vice President. The attorneys do so much good work for the seven South Jersey counties served by SJLS, which includes the City of Camden, one of the poorest areas in the state, and here in Atlantic County, which is still the foreclosure capital of the country. Legal Services has done a lot to assist the residents with housing issues. On top of Superstorm Sandy, the area was hit with the closing of four casinos in Atlantic City, which led to massive layoffs and all the problems that encompass widespread unemployment. However, people are hopeful and the area has seen some growth in the medical field and with the highly ranked Stockton University in Atlantic County. I am looking forward to summer (my time of the year) vegging out on my beach and my annual trip to Cape Cod, where I meet with two childhood friends for a week of just relaxing, reminiscing, and hanging out. Not exactly Girls Gone Wild, but we do have fun! I have been practicing yoga for about ten years and it is amazing how it has increased my flexibility and it is such a wonderful way to unwind and decompress. I enjoy keeping up to date with those of you who are on Facebook. We have a way to go before the 55th Reunion! I simply cannot believe we are approaching age 70! I am in complete denial until I look in the mirror! But one good thing about being this old is that I feel I don't have to impress anybody any more, and there is something liberating about that."

**LINDA CUSTER RUSSELL** wrote, "Our year started off with difficulty, but Jay did have his second hip replacement and now we are finally on the go! We have had the pleasure of staying in South Carolina since February. We will return to Virginia in the fall."

**BARB THEISEN MCGONAGLE** did something in April to be very proud of. "My teammates and I won the Florida State Championships in the sixty-five plus USTA representing Collier County (Naples). We beat Leon County (Tallahassee) and Duval County (Jacksonville) in a three day tournament in Daytona. We will be representing Florida in the national playoffs in Surprise, Arizona next year. I didn't take tennis lessons until I was sixty. It is amazing that I am an athlete in my senior years. It shows that it is never too late! I love every minute. Sorry I missed our 50th Reunion. What a beautiful group of women!"

**PAIGE BUCHHOLZ** had some happy news. She writes, "I watched my oldest daughter, Isabel, graduate from high school. Remarkable! I continue to love my work as part time rector of St. Joseph's Episcopal Church in Sevierville, Tennessee. Stop by on your way to Dollywood! I spend a lot of time swimming and pretending that I am in the Olympics. I have been remembering

I didn't take tennis lessons until I was sixty. It is amazing that I am an athlete in my senior years. It shows that it is never too late!

—Barb Theisen McGonagle '65



Leita Voss Hamill '66 and Elizabeth Cimmino Harbin '66 with husbands, both named Bill, in Rome, Georgia.



Lynn Carveth Fill '67, George Anne Carveth Brown '68, Judi Havens '67, and Susie Cole Wean '67 started to think about their 50th Reunion, April 2017, over lunch at the Jupiter Island Club.



Jane Farmer '74, Abigail Betts '98, Mary K. Farmer Shaughnessy '68, and Susie Cole Wean '67 enjoyed a Polo match in March at the International Polo Club in Wellington, Florida.

the wonderful reunion we had last April 2015. I hope everyone is well. I send my love."

**KATHY SHERMAN ZINS** shares, "We have also just 'down-sized' to a condo in a lovely wooded area west of Boston. We lived in Wellesley, Massachusetts, for forty-five years – a wonderful town in which to raise our three children. Our two sons wanted to go to public school, but our daughter boarded at Tabor Academy for four years. Oh, how I wished Holton still took boarders! I have retired from my interior decorating business, Pizzazz. After thirty years of loving the creativity and challenge involved in each new job, I just could not handle one more white on white living room! I love having the chance to spend more time with my two little granddaughters and visiting our daughter, who teaches English on a Navajo reservation in Arizona. My husband, Jack, (we are about to celebrate our 48th anniversary!) is still working part time as an IT Consultant. Our sons both live in Rhode Island – luckily a short drive away. Our oldest is a social worker in Providence, and our youngest has just been promoted to Editor of the *Newport Daily News*. He says it took some of the blow out of turning 40 (would I love to see 40 again)! I am blessed to still have my mother (almost 98) in Newport! Her home is a magnet for all of us from grands to great grands, and we have had many terrific family-bonding trips, sailing the waters of New England each summer. So sorry to have missed the wonderful 50th reunion, but I had just had my sixth back operation and was not quite ready to take it on. I am looking forward to our 55th!"

**1966** | **SIDNEY MARSH MOON** has retired to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. In October 2015, she received Purdue University's Distinguished Education Alumni Award.

**LINDSAY ROBERTS SMITH**, sister of **LESLIE SMITH '61**, **MORGAN SMITH '70**, and **TILMAN SMITH '76**, passed away on May 1, 2016.

**1967** | **SAVE THE DATE:** 50th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**MARGARET LESH FOWLER**'s youngest daughter, Emma, is at Stanford and having a remarkable experience.

**1968** | **DANA STIFEL KIPLINGER**, sister-in-law of **GAIL CRISP MATHESON '56** and aunt of **TORREY STIFEL KIST '96**, passed away on January 9, 2016.

**1971** | **SUZANNE JESSUP BROOKS** has two grandchildren living in her hometown. Her grandson (3) and granddaughter (1) moved to the east coast from

Portland, Oregon about a year ago.

**1972** | **DIANA HILGARTNER BOYD**

**SAVE THE DATE:** 45th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

Dear Classmates, I hope everyone is putting next year's reunion on their "must do" list! The date is April 20-22, 2017 for our 45th class reunion! I am looking forward to seeing all of you!

**MARNY ALLEN MCCAIN** writes, "I have downsized from our house of eighteen years to a tiny condo in Bethesda. I figured it was now or never, while I still had my wits and strength. With that said, this move almost killed me along the way—it was so much harder than I ever envisioned. Lesson learned—there is a big difference between moving and a "downsizing" move!"

**CECY BRADY SIEGLER** is expecting her first grandchild soon! Hopefully, she will have more news to report in the next issue!

**NANCY COHEN ROBERTS** shares, "My daughter, Elisabeth Roberts, graduated from University of Southern California with honors and is currently a *NBC* page. My son, Michael Roberts, is graduating from New York University with a MBA/JD degree and starting a new job in September. I am trying to figure out my next endeavor with my recent real estate license and being one of Trip Advisors top reviewers! I still have a love for Fine Arts, but looking forward. Maybe it's time to write my novel! I am on the committee for my University of Pennsylvania and Vassar reunions and still on the board of the Children's Museum in New York City."

**MAUREEN LOWE LAKE** shares, "My father, Robert Lowe, passed away on February 21, 2015. He enjoyed a long and full life. I am currently living in Poolesville, Maryland. I just had my second back surgery, from a result of Spinal Stenosis and Degenerative Disc disease. The surgery was extensive. I have had to relearn standing and walking. I have been sick for about six years now. I am hoping to be able to walk by the end of the summer! I am largely confined to my house and I would love to hear from anyone. My friends have been fabulous helping me through these last few years. The bright spot in my life is that Chris (my high school heart throb) and I are enjoying time together. My daughter, Jenny, lives nearby in Baltimore and is often an artist, but is now trying to get into nursing school. My son, Matt, is in the Navy and is stationed in Jacksonville, Florida. He works on repairing planes."

**NANCY NORTON BUCKLEY** is thrilled about her granddaughter, Audrey Ann, born on November 29, 2015 to her son, Michael, and daughter-in-law, Michelle

Buckley, in Austin, Texas. Check out the photo!

**1975** | **MARY HURLEY MCCABE** shares that her son, Timothy, got married in Seattle in August 2015; daughter, Erin, is finishing her year at Baylor Medical and got married this past June; and lastly, her other daughter, Sara, is completing her first year of school.

**1976** | **SANDY FOGELMAN GREENWALD**

Dear Class of 1976,

Thank you so much for the fabulous response to my many emails, phone calls, and more about our 40th reunion! It was glorious to welcome back twenty-four women! Out of a class of fifty-four that was tremendous! I only hope that the other half of our class will provide Holton (or me) with your emails, so we can have a better turnout in future years to come! Thanks also for the great response to giving back to Holton! I know I call you year after year, and it means a lot to keep the school legacy going! So now, I would like to update you all on what is going on in everyone's busy lives.

**BARBARA CATES** is married and living in Baltimore. She has been retired from the Foreign Service since 2010, and her assignments took her all over the world.

**JENNIFER SIMONS WALTHER** lives half the year in Maui, three months in Washington State, and the summer on the boat in Canada. She says, "Life is wonderful!" Her grandson, Liam Alexander Carroll, makes her constantly smile, along with her son, Charles, and daughter-in-law, Rachael.

**ELIZABETH TYSON** is a private duty field nurse. She lives in Denison, Texas. Her son, Robert, is graduating from Texas A&M in College Station, with a psychology and sociology double major. He will be working for a year and then entering the doctorate program there!

**THANDA WAI** is living in Maryland and works at National Institute of Health Licensing Technologies. She moved back from Hawaii in 2014!

**JOCELYN "DICKIE" BONNER FOOTE** has lived in Adamstown, Maryland for twenty years. She has two sons, ages 27 and 25. She works for Ernst and Young and is currently on assignment in Montreal and loves to garden in her free time!

**LISA BRANDT BEEK** lives in Washington, D.C. with husband, Cliff. She has been very involved with Holton over the years and is a Trustee Emerita. Her daughter, **JENNIFER BEEK HUNTER '04**, got married on October 25, 2014 and started her own interior design firm, [jandgdesign.com](http://jandgdesign.com). Her son, Jonathan, graduated from American University Law School in May and is working at Venable.

**KRIS JACKSON DUDERSTADT** continues her career at IBM,

now from the comfort of her lovely island home off the coast of Georgia. She just returned from a fabulous trip to Hawaii for her nephew's wedding!

**CHERYL HENSON EVERSON-MACK** was so excited to see everyone. Her daughter, **BRITTANI EVERSON-RILEY '05**, graduated from Catholic University Law School and works on Legal Counsel for the FDA. Cheryl is a retired family practice physician and is enjoying her retirement through exercising, doing yoga, line dancing, and muscle training! She also loves relaxing by the Potomac and traveling.

**CHRISTINA BURCH MCWHORTER** is a neurologist in Tennessee. Her husband, Jay, is a nurse and they have three children. The oldest, Brian, is married to Lisa and they have two children, Oakley (8) and Kyla (6). Her second child, Erin, is married and has two children, Torie (8) and Lyra (6). Her third child, John, is 19. She is one busy woman!

**YASMIN TYLER-HILL** is still living in Georgia with her husband, Everett, whom she met in Organic Chemistry at Princeton and has been married for over thirty-three years. She is Chairman of the Department of Pediatrics at Morehouse School of Medicine and Medical Director at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta at Hughes Spalding. Her two children both graduated from Andover like their father. Her daughter, Simone Hill (25) graduated from Princeton in 2012 and is a junior developer for *Vogue* and lives in Manhattan. Tyler (28) is a third year law student at Yale!

**MARGIE WEIDENBRUCH NOLAN**'s husband, Mike Gooden, is retiring at the end of June after thirty-four years with the federal government (most recently with National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg)! They just sold their home in Maryland and are moving to the log home that they built in southern Virginia. Margie expects to continue working with her three businesses - personal accounting for older families, family history research, and video biography (interviewing older people to save their stories for their families). She writes, "I actually video-interviewed Mary Jane Puckett for several hours recently and so loved catching up with her. What an amazing lady, even at age 90! I am sorry not to have made the formal reunion events this year, but loved seeing **JANET MUNGER DAVIS**, **CINDY FULLER PHILLIPS**, **LISA TYLER GARR**, and **JULIE TALAVERA PFLIEGER** for two fun smaller events before reunion!"

**LISA LAMPHERE CRAIG** is living in the area. She is the Upper School Dean of Students at Holton!

**PHYLLIS "LISSA" CARTER** is living in Vienna, Virginia and she became an empty nester this past fall, when the last of her two sons left for Florida to attend the University of Miami in Coral Gables. Her older son graduated from Vanderbilt University in December 2015. Facing some free time, she decided to start

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—Sandy Fogelman Greenwald '76

I am currently training for a multi-stage hundred mile run in the Alps this August.

—Elizabeth Shorb St. Clair '76

a second career as an independent stylist for Cabi Clothing. She says contact her at lissac@cox.net, if you are passing through the area or if you're looking for some updates to your wardrobe!

**LIBBY RUHLAND** is living in New York City and working for SiriusXM Radio in the marketing department. She keeps in touch with other members of the class, **SANDY SIDEY** and **NANCY ROSENTHAL**, in New York City.

**ANNETTE B.** is working for the federal government. She is married and has two sons, (33 and 35.)

**SARAH THAYER LOVE** is living in San Francisco. She has been loving life on the West Coast since 1984. She writes, "I have the most wonderful 16-year-old on the planet! Life has had many twists and turns and did not exactly turn out the way I thought it would, but I would not change the journey for anything. I am grateful to each and every person who has touched my life in so many different ways."

**JANET MUNGER DAVIS** is living in Cologne, Germany. She loves being there and you can keep up with her fabulous posts and pictures on Facebook! She has been there since 2010, with her husband, Mark. She loves to travel and bike and is very involved with the American International Women's Club of Cologne and the FAWCO Foundation!

**FRANCES MEYER** moved to Lake Placid to ice skate and lived in the Olympic Village in New York. Frances has been happily married for almost twenty-six years. She has three children, Alissa (23), Daniel (22), and Eric (17). After many years living in New York and in the Midwest, she is thrilled to be back in the area. She is a gastroenterologist at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore!

**CINDY FULLER PHILLIPS** enjoyed seeing everyone at reunion. She is living in Cincinnati, Ohio and has two sons. She works in customer service for Cornerstone Brands (a division of HSN incorporated). She is hoping to transfer to Florida soon and also enjoys staying in touch on Facebook.

**LISA TYLER GARR** is living in Boca Raton, Florida. She keeps in touch on Facebook. In her free time, she rescues bull terriers. Her organization is called Bull Terrier Rescue of the Sunshine State. Her daughter, Tyler, is an elementary school teacher working on her Masters and is married to a wonderful guy named Lee Montgomery. Her son, Keith, works as a programmer/customer facilitator for a big software company.

**CLARE KILLEEN NEVILLE** moved to Boulder, Colorado a few years ago. She is loving life there – hiking, biking, and taking advantage of the wide open spaces. Her eldest son, Jack, got married last fall and she is thrilled to finally have a daughter-in-law! Youngest son, Scott, is off to college and she and Brian are enjoying the empty nest (perhaps lavishing a little too much attention on their shepherd mix, Bruno.) They

recently returned from a really fun trip to Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia. Now that there are no more kiddos at home, she has gone back to work at the University of Colorado.

**LEE DUDLEY BLACKWOOD** says, "I have semi-retired from cooking professionally for over twenty years. I have been working in restaurant kitchens, running my own pastry business, and cooking on private yachts and marine research vessels in the last few years. Most recently, I began writing more, freelancing about food, and travel. I have started a blog and website - www.EatTravelCook.com - where I write about my travel and food adventures. I would love everyone to read and subscribe to it, and also follow me on social media, (if you are on Instagram, Twitter, Facebook, etc.) I left Annapolis and live full time in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, so if anyone is coming to town, please call me! I would love to see and host my Holton friends if I am around."

**ELIZABETH SHORB ST. CLAIR** shares, "I am happy to report that I finally stopped working two years ago (after many years of teaching college English and then working as a writer/editor for two different companies.) I am loving the flexibility and all my new found free time. I am active in the Williamstown community, and spend lots of time outdoors - skiing, gardening, trail running, and working with my rescue dog. I have reverted to my old Holton jock persona, and have become one of those nutty marathon runners. I was running my eighth consecutive Boston marathon (the Monday after reunion weekend), which was why I could not make it to D.C. for reunion. I am currently training for a multi-stage hundred mile run in the Alps this August. My husband, Steve, is the one I blame for all this (he got me hooked), but it is great to have a hobby that we both love to do together. My two kids are grown and have flown away from the nest. Paul (28) has been working as an environmental biologist on the Gulf Coast. Isa (27) lives in Philadelphia and is a professional actor. Coincidentally, both are in the process of shifting career gears and are heading to medical school. I feel grateful every day for my health and happiness. Of all our classmates, I only used to stay in close touch with **HEATHER CATTO KOHOUT** through the years. We both lived in Texas at the same time after graduate school; years later her oldest daughter, Lizzie, was a student at Williams, so I got to see Heather, her husband, Martin, and her three fabulous kids often. Her death last year was a heartbreaking loss; she was such a smart, funny, loving, creative, and generous person. I am grateful for the many great memories I have of her, many of which are from our time together at Holton."

**KYM WATKIN-STATHAM** is living in Huntsville, Alabama. She is enjoying life with her husband and the outdoors!

**JULIE TALAVERA PFLIEGER** is living in Potomac, Maryland. She has two boys, Oliver and Paul, and a daughter, Isabel, and is very busy in their lives! She enjoyed catching up with old Holton classmates and even had a few stay with her over reunion weekend where they all enjoyed chatting!

**AMY GILBERT POLLARD** is a clinical/forensic psychologist in private practice, living in Little Rock, Arkansas with her husband, Hugh. She plays tennis and travels a lot, and is even heading to Ireland, India, and the Middle East this year. Her next stop is Utah with **NANCY ROSENTHAL**. Amy really loved seeing old friends at reunion!

**LESLEY BLUMEN MACHERELLI** remarks that, "If success is measured by how far one has traveled since Holton, she may be at the bottom of the class. She and her husband, Marcello, live in Bethesda, less than a mile from Holton!" Both of her children are in the area: a son at Homeland Security and a daughter about to finish up her Masters of Public Health at George Washington University. Lesley has worked in health-care for the past twenty plus years and feels lucky to be able to spend most of each summer in Italy.

**DOROTHEA DICKERMAN's** son, Alex, graduated from Landon in 2011 and Dartmouth College in 2015 and is currently a banker working at Silicon Valley Bank in Boston. "Rich and I are looking more and more like senior partners in Hogan Lovells and McGuireWoods, respectively, and have no idea how that happened. Time has flown. Our response to being empty nesters has been a renovation of our existing house and garden because we realized that it has been perfectly located and sized for us as Washingtonians, now and in retirement. We have a couple of guest rooms for Holton friends coming to town!"

**SYDNEY WOOD** was unable to come to reunion. She would love to get in contact with anyone!

**PAGE FLEMING ZEKONIS** lives in Boulder, Colorado with her husband, Michael, and son, Daniel (until he went off to college last fall.) She is an artist and teaches classes to kids and adults through her studio, Open Hands Art/Open Window Studio. She is also embracing her inner cowgirl with her beloved horse, Roo. Page has been happy to reconnect with **CLARE KILLEEN NEVILLE** in Boulder and was sorry to have missed the reunion.

**EMILY SEIBEL** writes, "After almost thirteen years of the cold winters in Chicago, my boyfriend at the time and I decided that we would move to Florida, so that he could continue to be a hands-on parent to his two daughters. In February 2003, we got married, I turned 45, and we bought our house in St. Petersburg all in the same week! Nothing like diving head first into the deep end of the pool. Home life has been pretty fun since moving to Florida; it is either winter or a 'formal

occasion' if there are long pants involved. I think I have completely forgotten what stockings feel like anymore! Inevitably work and career get in the way of enjoying life. I have spent more than thirty years in commercial real estate lending both in the corporate world as well as working for myself. Almost twenty years ago, I decided that I would never be able to fit into the corporate world, so I began working for myself, though I stayed focused in commercial real estate. It has had its ups and downs, but being able to do a variety of different things and knowing that next month could be completely different from this month, keeps the boredom and tedium from ever setting in. However, doing many of the projects I work on generally means travel and I do a lot of it; sometimes just for a couple of days, and other times it will be for weeks on end. Today, I am married with two really fabulous step-daughters and the time I get to spend at home still feels like a vacation thirteen years later! Sometimes I have to pinch myself when I look around at where I get to live. I still go out in the backyard to watch the dolphins whenever possible. I can be reached at emseibel@gmail.com."

**BETH HAYS BLACK** lives in New Jersey—an hour west of New York City. She has been married to Bruce for thirty-five years. Her husband is the CEO for the YMCA in their county. Beth's daughter, Caitlin (27), has a daughter, Olivia, who will be six in June. She helps out and loves taking care of her. Her other daughter, Maggie (25), just got married last Labor Day and lives in Maryland.

**NANCY ROSENTHAL** lives in New York. She missed reunion because she was traveling in Europe. Nancy is Founder and Executive Director of New York Wild, a documentary film festival, now in its fourth year. She and **AMY GILBERT POLLARD** are headed to a Utah spa together and she wants to hear what all she has missed!

**JENELLE PRINS-STAIRS** writes, "Well, I was a lawyer, but was in a plane crash in 1999 and can't work. That's the bad news. The good news is that I am active in animal rescue, particularly, but not exclusively, cats. I support a community cat colony and help with trap-neuter-return (TNR) of cats in the neighborhood. I'm known for helping animals and have had animals left or brought to me who need help. My daughter, Jenelle Elizabeth Prins-Stairs (24) married her partner on October 4, 2014. My son, Alexander Edison Prins-Stairs (28) runs a website and is active in a small animated short. My son, who has Asperger's Syndrome, lives with me in Emeryville, California. My daughter lives in Silver Spring, Maryland. Little Jenelle recently was promoted to being an Admissions Manager with 2U, a prestigious online university that partners with top schools, such as Boston College,



Page Fleming Zekonis '76 and her horse, Roo.



Alumnae carolers from the Classes of 1979, 2007, 2008, 2011, and 2014 caroling at Sibley Hospital.

UCLA, and North Carolina-Chapel Hill. I worked between 1999 and 2006 for a solo practitioner, who let me work from home. When he closed his practice, I stopped working being unable to find a position that had the flexibility I needed. My disability also got worse. So bleh. I have my animal work and my books, plus my best friend since I was eight, serendipitously moved to Chico, California, so I am content and happy with my children and my best friend's family." Finally, for me—

**SANDY FOGELMAN GREENWALD** shares, "I am living in Potomac, Maryland and have three children, Adam (23), who graduated from Miami University and is working in Chicago. My second son, Max (22), recently graduated from Middlebury College, where he played ice hockey and was assistant captain of the team! He is graduated this year as an All-Academic NESCAC Athlete and is working in New York City. I will miss traveling to Vermont every week to see him play hockey! My daughter, **BLAIR GREENWALD '14**, is a sophomore at Syracuse University in the Whitman School of Management. She plays club ice hockey and lacrosse there. I love to spend time with my husband, Herb, watching our children participate in their sports. I own a promotional marketing business, Unlimited Promotions, where I can take any logo and put it on various items ranging from pens, pencils, electronics, t-shirts, and other wearables. Check out my website: [unltdpromo.com](http://unltdpromo.com). I also still work on and off in the event marketing business for hotels! Keeping up with all of Holton Class of 1976 is fun and I enjoy calling you once a year to chat. For the girls I have not caught up with, please email me your news ([unltdpromo@aol.com](mailto:unltdpromo@aol.com)), so I can get it to all!

Thanks again for the last forty years of phone calls and I will look forward to many more! If you are on Facebook, a great way to keep up with everyone is our group page- Holton-Arms Class of 1976 - we have posted many pictures from reunion there."

**1977** | **SAVE THE DATE:** 40th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**MARY WHITLOW OTTE** is owner and president of Wayne Insulation Company – founded in 1951 by her father, Wayne Whitlow. Wayne Insulation is currently celebrating its 65th year in business.

**AMY KASLOW**'s article, "Poland's Democracy Under Threat Amid Fears of Russia, Homegrown Extremism," was published by *Fortune Magazine* online.

**1978** | **MARY QUEITZSCH ZOCCHI** teaches math for teachers at Northwest Vista College in San Antonio, Texas. She also received a Department of Education Title V grant for \$2.3 million over five years. The

grant will support Hispanics and other underrepresented groups with placement into appropriate math classes and help increase math core completion.

**1979** | **INA HANEL-GERDENICH**

**SUZANNE DONALDSON** writes that she and **KELLY BAKER** went to watch **JULIA LOUIS-DREYFUS** perform on Saturday Night Live. **SARAH BEETON CAPEL** and her daughter, Anna, visited Suzanne in New York to explore an internship possibility with Suzanne's company, Mrs. Sizzle!

**DEIRDRE REYNOLDS JONES** has really put her RPI engineering degree to good use. She has worked for NOAA for many years, currently serving as the Director, Office of Facilities. She oversees the National Weather Service's portfolio of real property, which requires the application of a totally different skill set than she has used to date. Her sister, **KIERSTIN REYNOLDS-BEAVERS '82**, enjoys working at Suburban Hospital as a microbiologist, which means Deirdre is filling in and attending a lot more school activities with her niece and nephews. Deirdre also is active in her sorority (Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.) and just completed four years as the Scholarship Director for Ivy Vine Charities, Inc. Her current focus is on a high school program ASCEND aimed at helping high school students focus on college and career aspirations.

**MARY FRANCES SMOAK WALDE** earned an MBA and attended Georgetown Medical School after Holton. For years, she worked as a physician executive for the McKesson Corporation, and is now retired. She writes, "I skipped my first marriage and divorce and went straight to my second marriage," celebrating her nine year anniversary this past spring. Mary Frances has four step children and recently adopted a nine-year-old Maltese rescue. Her household also includes two Bichon Frise named Finnegan and Pierrot. Their brother, Coco, lives with Mary Frances' father, who turned 100 this past July (congratulations!) Mary Frances' mother passed away a year ago at age 95. Mary Frances spends the winters in Florida with her husband in Palm Beach and the summers in the D.C./Middleburg area. She continues to have horses and rides them. She rides in a fox hunt with the Orange County Hunt in Middleburg.

**INA HANEL-GERDENICH** is working as an architectural historian and also as the Assistant Athletic Director in her younger son's school. Her older son is a U.S. Marine serving overseas and her daughter recently graduated from high school. Her younger son is a busy thirteen-year-old, who is surprisingly tolerant of having his mom hanging out at school.

**LORI CAMALIER** married Chuck Walser on April 16, 2016.

**MARY CATHERINE JONES THOMPSON**'s daughter, **KELLY THOMPSON '07**, married her college sweetheart, Andrew Cordisco on May 7. Andrew is originally from New

Hope, Pennsylvania. The couple will be living in Raleigh, North Carolina. MC's other daughter, **JESSIE THOMPSON '11**, is in the sports management graduate program at Georgetown University. She is presently interning with the Washington Capitals hockey team.

**1981** | This past April, **AMY DELOUISE** co-hosted the #GalsNGear conference, a gathering of professional women in the technical field of video, film, and digital media. The Women in Film and Video website states that Amy was the brainchild of this large industry event focused on women's contributions to media, and film.

**1982** | **SAVE THE DATE:** 35th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**1983** | **VIRGINIA HUME ONUFER**

**JULIE MARRIOTT** shares, "I have just become a grandmother! My oldest daughter and her husband had a little boy on December 1, 2015. I am still living in Wellesley, Massachusetts and keeping busy with my four daughters and various boards and volunteering in the Boston area."

**1985** | **KAREN RAPLEY**

Hi everyone! It seems hard to believe that it has been just over a year since our 30th Reunion: what a great time we had and it was so nice to see everyone and have the opportunity to reconnect. Here are some more recent updates from our classmates:

**ADRIENNE CARDELLA COOK** writes that her daughter, Alice, graduated from Quince Orchard High School and will head to Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa. Adrienne and her husband, Brent, will make the transition to being home alone and increased work hours. Adrienne has her first veterinary speaking engagement this fall, which will add an interesting and new dimension to work.

**CHERYL AMITAY**'s family celebrated with great pride and joy as her daughter, Nicole Annette Nava Appiani, became a bat mitzvah at Temple Solel in Bowie, Maryland on April 16, 2016. A highly festive reception followed at Martin's Crosswinds in Greenbelt, Maryland.

**ALLISON BRODY** reports that this spring her son, Samuel, (23), graduates from Grinnell College and her son, Truman (18), will complete his first year at University of Virginia. Allison has settled into a town house with her partner, Peter Jones, who recently retired after 33 years in the Coast Guard. She walks to the Williamsburg Health Foundation, where she works, to engage the larger community in creating health opportunities

for all. She wanted to say again how much joy she felt visiting with everyone at our 30th Reunion.

**LEE HAWFIELD ZAPPELLA** writes that her son, James, graduated from Landon in June and will attend the University of Maryland in the fall as a journalism major. James played Landon varsity baseball this spring and spent his senior project as a teacher's aide in an elementary school. Her daughter, Elizabeth, had a great ninth grade year at Holton. In the winter, she played on the JV basketball team with **CAROL CALOMIRIS-EDMUNDS**' daughter, **VICTORIA EDMUNDS '19**, and in the spring, she played catcher for the JV softball team. Elizabeth was inducted into Boosters in April for all the admissions tours that she gave this past year. Lee has no idea as to where she gets her drive. Lee just finished ten years working at Holton and has added a new job as the advisor to *Scribe*. Since she never had the chance to work on the yearbook back in the day, she thought "why not?" It was hard work, but such fun working with the Holton girls.

**JULIE JACOBS MENIN** has a new role in New York City government. In February, the Mayor appointed Julie to be Commissioner of Media and Entertainment for New York City. Her office deals with all matters regarding film, television, theater, music, advertising, digital content, and runs New York City public television channel 25, and a radio station. On the family front, Julie has three sons: her eldest is 12 and her twins are 11. Julie wanted to let everyone know that it was great to come to reunion and connect with our classmates!

**SANDY MARRIOTT BERTHA** writes that her oldest, Alex, graduated from Brigham Young University in business marketing and minor in communications! He accepted a full-time job from Bonneville Capital in Salt Lake. Her son, Andrew, is interning for Morgan Stanley in New York City this summer, daughter Megan is working for an advertising agency in London for three months, and her youngest just got called on her eighteen month mission for their church to Fort Collins, Colorado and leaves August 3. Sandy and her husband are traveling a lot now because they are empty-nesters, a fun new stage of life. They actually spend a lot of their time at Brigham Young University because their son, Andrew, plays on BYU's lacrosse team. They have not missed a game all season.

**DD DANFORTH BURLIN** is living in Chicago near Wrigley Field and the weather is as bad as everyone says. DD has two very tall, high school aged boys and she just celebrated her sixth anniversary of 24 years of marriage (she was married on Leap Day!) DD retired from the practice of criminal defense law some years ago and after moving to Chicago, she co-founded an angel investor group called SLoFIG, which invests in local, sustainable food businesses in the Chicago region. The Burlins have a cabin in Wisconsin



Cheryl Amitay '85 celebrating her daughter's becoming a bat mitzvah.



1985 classmates Cindy Combs Brohoski, Adrienne Cardella Cook, Laura Havener Hunsicker, Wendy Cutting Wishard, Hattie Croyder Buchholz, Janell Duncan Mayo, Anu Krishnamurthy Luke, and Karen Rapley



Jennifer Abrams '87, Lara Oboler '87, and Andrea Levy '87.

where they keep bees and enjoy everything the great outdoors has to offer. DD stays in touch with **MARY DANFORTH STILLMAN '81** and **JODY DANFORTH ROOT '86** because as she puts it, "Well, they are my sisters and my best friends."

**SUE-ANN COHEN SIEGEL** says that her life is good and busy. Her two sons are in college and her daughter is in 11th grade and starting the dreaded college process. Sue-Ann continues her rewarding work for the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and the Maryland Hotline/Youth Crisis Line. She has lunch with **KAREN CONANT RINDNER**, sees theatre with **HEIDI HOOKMAN BRODSKY**, has drinks with **SHARLENE PETRY AMITAY**, hopes to have dinner with **MARY BETH JORGENSEN JACKSON**, and stays in touch with **SANDRA ENGLE GICHNER '84**. Eric and Sue-Ann are planning a nice and quiet Ocean City summer, but mostly looking forward to having all three children home in August.

Congratulations to **CLAUDIA MISPIRETA HINSCH!** She was named partner at her firm, Holland & Knight.

**CAROL CALOMIRIS-EDMUNDS** provided the following update, "Things are hectic in the Edmunds' household. Having two high schoolers (Victoria is in 9th grade and Nicole is in 10th grade) with active social and academic lives keeps us on our toes. Thankfully, we are taking a family trip to Greece this August and looking forward to relaxing in the Mediterranean after a very full school year."

**LAUREN PANTOS MURPHY** is enjoying living in beautiful North County San Diego with her husband, Scott, two boys Dylan (12) and Owen (10), and her Rottweiler Rocky (2). The boys keep her very busy, especially with their travel baseball teams (year round), other sports, social, and school activities. Last summer, her family took a wonderful trip to Italy and traveled to Umbria, Minori (Amalfi Coast), and Rome. In Italy, the boys did an Italian Soccer Camp and an Art Camp and they had a great time traveling with another family of close friends. On a professional front, Lauren has been working for Magellan Health as Vice President Business Development for the past four years, and focuses on selling medical pharmacy programs (in areas such as Oncology) to national and regional health plans. In her precious spare time, she enjoys runs at the beach or hot yoga. From time to time, Lauren sees **SANDY MARRIOTT BERTHA**, too, as they live in the same neck of the woods. It is always great to have a Holton classmate nearby to connect with!

**KIMBERLY FERRIS CROCKER** and her family relocated to Madrid, Spain and will be there until 2021.

As for me, I am doing well! Work is very challenging and interesting. Since my position with my company is a newly created role within the company, it has given me a unique opportunity for me to develop and expand my role with the company. In April, I

participated in a panel discussion in New York City for HSMIAI, a hotel sales and marketing association. There were three other panelists presenting to a group of 100+ sales, marketing, and revenue professionals. I have also started visiting my company's hotel portfolio and had the chance to go to San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Monica, Boston, and New York late last year. During the summer, I will continue my tour in the Pacific Northwest with visits to our hotels in Portland, Oregon and Seattle, Washington. In February, a group of us had a mini reunion at the Irish Inn in Glen Echo when **ANU KRISHNAMURTHY LUKE** came to town for a medical convention. Joining Anu and me for dinner were **ADRIENNE CARDELLA COOK**, **JANELL DUNCAN MAYO**, **HATTIE CROYDER BUCHHOLZ**, **WENDY CUTTING WISHARD**, **CINDY COMBS BROHOSKI**, and **LAURA HAVENER HUNSICKER**. We had so many laughs, so many stories, and good times! I hope everyone has a terrific summer!

### 1986 | MOLLY EVANS

**KARIN KRCHNAK** says, "For my daughter Carolyn's (7) spring break, we usually go home to Slovakia and Austria, but this year, we made the trip to Oregon to pick up a Golden Retriever puppy. Carolyn and I went to the Westminster Kennel Show in New York City in February and have a long list of dogs that we want - Leonberger, Bernese mountain dog, Saint Bernard, Corgi, etc. But alas my husband, Carl, says no as I travel a lot for my work with the World Wildlife Fund. Our puppy will join our other Golden Retriever named Bargain and bunny named Braydee. I had a great time at reunion, especially catching up with **TRACY BENSON** and **SOPHIE LEE**. Hello to everyone!"

**LAURI FRIDOVICH LEE** writes, "Reunion was a blast. We had different crowds at the Friday night cocktail party and the Saturday night class party, but both were lots of fun. I had a great time touring the school with **SOPHIE LEE**, **JENNY LEVITSKY**, and **TRACY BENSON** - the new senior lounge is quite an improvement from our old digs in the FCL! It was also nice to see Mrs. Alexander and Mr. Tupper, and I bought a copy of the Tupper's book. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Alumnae Fund; even though over 50% of our class gave, we were narrowly edged out of winning the Champagne Cup by the class of 1966, so now we have a goal for our 35th reunion!"

**JEN LEVITSKY's** Healing Paws Veterinary Wellness Center, which she opened in 2013, just won What's Up Annapolis (the Annapolis version of the Washingtonian) Best Veterinary Hospital for 2016. "We are very excited since Greater Annapolis Animal Hospital has won it for the last ten years!"

**APRIL PAZIENZA PALMERLEE** emailed me to say, "I have gone back to work, full-time. It is a major shift,

having been a stay-at-home mom for a decade, but I am thrilled to be back in my element. I am running communications and events at the U.S. Studies Centre at the University of Sydney. It is a great time to be involved in U.S. Studies because everyone is so fascinated by the current crop of presidential candidates. In other news, my husband, Luke, is still an investment banker with JP Morgan. Our eldest, Henry (15), is in Form III (9th grade). He will travel to the U.S. on his own this year to travel with a friend. A big step for all of us! Our three girls are all doing very well. Portia (11) is an accomplished swimmer (butterfly) and a dedicated bassoon player; Scarlett (9) is a highly competitive athlete and an inspired artist. Daphne (5) is in kindergarten, but she is pretty convinced that she is one of the big girls too, and she loves to mix it up with her sisters. We are on our fifth Japanese au pair, so we are all getting very good at Japanese customs and foods. We live in Sydney and welcome visitors from Holton. **ELIZABETH "BIZZY" COLLINS VAN GESTEL** and **KAREN MARRIOTT RAFFERTY** have come through in the past, but we hope to see others soon!"

**JULIE TEMPCHIN WIMMER** says, "One of these days, I will be able to actually catch up with my 'young' friends from the Holton Class of 1986. I have many special and fond memories of those days. My daughter, Nina, is in seventh grade and has turned out to be this incredible soccer player - Yes! I'm proud! - and she has all these games, tournaments, and tryouts that limit my availability for much else at this time. Please continue to keep me in the loop, and I hope you ladies had a fabulous time. If you are ever in Philadelphia, give us a call - we live right outside of the city in New Jersey."

**CHARLOTTE BEETON SALIOU** writes, "About two years ago, my family and I, including my husband, Claude, our 12-year-old twins, Julianne and Nicolas, our 10-year-old, Elodie, and our dog, Cali, moved to Centerport, New York, which is on the north shore of Long Island. We love living so close to the beach that we walk there almost every day, and we have enjoyed getting to know our new community by spending a lot of time both in and on the water. Swimming, sailing, paddle boarding, and kayaking are all family activities, along with windsurfing, which our kids just took up during a recent trip to Antigua. Sorry that I missed seeing everyone at the reunion, but I hope you are well, and I would love to know your news. I am glad we connected on Facebook, so at least I have an idea of what you're up to!"

Congratulations to **SUZANNE DUVAL!** Suzanne married Chip Stelljes on December 12, 2015. Many Holton friends were in attendance, and the bride looked beautiful!

I have taken on a new challenge this year - going back to school! I am in social work school at Virginia Commonwealth University with the goal of becoming

a school social worker in D.C. Public Schools. It is definitely strange to be back in the academic world after so many years, but I am really enjoying it. My husband works for Senator Elizabeth Warren, so I get a lot of inside scoop on Democratic politics. My son, Sam, is in 10th grade and Henry is in sixth. We are all coming back to Holton for Creative Summer this year, which has become a much-loved family tradition. I was sorry to miss all the fun at reunion - hoping that I will be done with school by our 35th!

### 1987 | LIZ GOLDBERG

**SAVE THE DATE:** 30th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 30th reunion next April!

I'm still living outside the Raleigh, North Carolina area, working at SAS (the analytics software company), and updating the home I bought last year. Although real-life renovation is not like HGTV, it is definitely fun picking out all the various pieces.

**MIMI WEYER CAGLE** and her family are still living in New Hampshire. Her kids are now in 10th, seventh, and fourth grade. In her spare time, she heads Community Meals Network, a volunteer organization comprised of eight different free community meal providers. Each year, the groups host a free community feast on Thanksgiving.

**SUZANNE BAILEY's** step-father, Charles "Wesley" Peebles, sadly passed away. Our thoughts are with Suzanne's family.

Lastly, we are grateful to **LIZ GOLDBERG** for serving as 1987 class secretary as she gracefully bows out of the role to take on other responsibilities. This means that the class secretary position needs to be filled! If you are interested in the position and love staying connected with your classmates, please contact Alumnae Director Amanda Novak Hewitt '04 at amanda.hewitt@holton-arms.edu or 301.365.6005 for more information.

### 1988 | NICOLE KOBRINE's son is in the third grade and twin girls are in kindergarten.

Our condolences are with **MICHELLE MORRISON JONES** for the passing of her husband, Damian Jones, and father, Dr. Paul Morrison.

### 1989 | DIANE BOEHM HIMMICH

**DIANE BOEHM HIMMICH** is running two restaurants, an IT consultancy, and a small property management company in the Palm Beach area with her husband, Beni. They are planning a big move back to the D.C. area to educate their daughters Farah (3) and Teddy (5) in

“It is a great time to be involved in U.S. Studies because everyone is so fascinated by the current crop of presidential candidates.”

—April Paziienza Palmerlee '86



Ashley Fields Hedge '98 with her sister-in-law, Dana Cohen Fields '94, and Dana's sister, Erin Cohen Galper '91 on Mother's Day.



Jamillah Wright '92 is founder and CEO of Write It Up, a content strategy firm specializing in brand content, technical writing, and strategic communications.

the French school system.

**TAMMY MARSHALL SHEA** continues to work at Discovery Communications in Silver Spring. Her two daughters, Eleanor (13) and Stella (11), keep her busy with sports and other activities. Tammy spends most weekends on the side of a lacrosse field with **LISA MILLER HERTZBERG '89**.

**JILL KARPA** has retired from the practice of law for now and is busier than ever. She has gone into business with her mom and brother in residential real estate sales, working with their team at Long and Foster, in Bethesda. She has also joined her dad (a retired dentist) in his dental brokerage business, Karpa Dental Brokerage, assisting dentists in buying and selling practices in the D.C. metro area, (including Maryland and Virginia) and in Baltimore. Additionally, Jill is doing some compliance-related work for a former employer.

**TIMARIE KILSHEIMER THOMPSON** and her husband, Blair, have undertaken a large and demanding development project at the beach. Together they have built and will operate a 106,000 square foot, 680 unit climate-controlled self-storage facility called Delaware Beach Storage Center in Lewes, Delaware. If anyone wants to relive Beach Week, come on by and say hi!

**LOLLY WARD** recently moved to Portland, Oregon with her husband and two children, Lex (9) and Clara (7). The kids are continuing with Mandarin Immersion School, while mom and dad are busy making films and writing plays. Inspired by growing up in D.C., Lolly wrote a play about the first black female journalists in the White House press corps and is now working on the children's book adaptation.

**BEATRIZ PINTO TUNCER** can't believe her daughter, Gabriela, will be moving on to Upper School at Holton next year after a wonderful start in Middle School. Her youngest daughter, Sophia, will begin Holton next year in seventh grade. Beatriz has so much fun remembering the good times the Class of 1989 shared in these same hallways.

**EMILY SCHLEIN COHEN** lives in Denver working as a wound ostomy nurse at a teaching hospital. Her husband and 7-year-old son are avid mountain bikers, and she can usually keep up with them on the trails.

**LEIGH ERNST FRIESTEDT** still lives in New York City and is working with Harlem Lacrosse and Leadership to help middle school girls realize their full potential both on and off the athletic field (in Harlem our field is a hard top.) Two of our girls will be matriculating at Episcopal High School next year and the valedictorian at P.S. 76 took her SSAT today in preparation for boarding school applications. If you are ever in New York City, please join me for a tutoring session or practice.

**NATALIE NORMAN GERARDI** is a teacher at the internationally acclaimed boarding school, Schule Schloss Salem. She lives with her husband, Claudio, and children, Nicolas (13) and Maris (11), on Lake Constance, which borders Germany, Switzerland, and Austria.

**MIRANDA HOPE** is currently living in San Diego with her husband, Drew Smith, an ecologist and musician, and her son Kai (6). She teaches trauma-informed yoga and meditation to civilians, wounded veterans, and prisoners. As a director of the Bob and Dolores Hope Foundation, she finds and funds non-profits that feed, clothe, and shelter the poor. In her spare time, she writes and performs original Americana music.

**MIA KOGAN** has her private practice in psychiatry and neurology in D.C. and recently passed her boards of psychiatry and neurology re-certification (major pain); she was elected as a distinguished fellow of the American Psychiatric Association. Her son David (13) attends Sidwell Friends and Will (11) is at Landon. She skis and practices yoga every chance she gets!

**BETH FORD FRIEND** teaches part-time in the Doctor of Ministry program at Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria and is enjoying adventures with her two sons (3.5 and 5).

**MELISSA ADLE SCHLINGER** is living in the suburbs of Chicago with her husband and eight-year-old twins, Will and Nora. She works downtown as the VP of Practice for a nonprofit focused on Education Policy and Research called CASEL: Collaborative for Academic, Social and Emotional Learning.

**JENNIFER WINKEL** and her husband moved from San Diego to Chicago last year for their work in the hotel industry.

**JAMIE WINNICK ROBERTS** is living in Newton, Massachusetts with husband, David, and her five-and-a-half-year-old twins, Leila and Jacob. Life is full and busy. She has a psychiatry practice and works part time.

**ELIACHI KIMARO** screened her award-winning self-produced and directed family-based documentary film "A Lot Like You" at Holton's annual reunion weekend. The film has won several awards and inspired Eli's ongoing project showing how our stories can connect us to who we are, where we come from, and where we belong.

In other film related news:

Congrats to **LEIGH ERNST FRIESTEDT**, whose film 'The Sweet Life,' made it to the Los Angeles Film Festival. Let's support it when it premieres in June and clap when we see her Executive Producer credit.

**1991 | ALICE YOUNG** received the Best in Show

award from InLight Richmond, a public exhibition of light-based art and performances in neighborhoods throughout Richmond, Virginia.

**1992 | HOLLY SMITH LYNDE**

**SAVE THE DATE:** 25th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

I heard from **LAUREN GAVARIS**, who is still an oculoplastic and reconstructive surgeon in D.C. and Chevy Chase. She loves having Holton alum of all ages as patients! Her three girls, Zoe (7), Sophia (6), and Liv (2), also keep her busy. She is able to regularly get together with **KELLY COLLIS**, **LEILA KASHANI**, **NIMI ALISBAH DUFOUR**, and **JILL STEPHENSON**.

**NAZERA WRIGHT** is an assistant professor of English at the University of Kentucky. Her new book, *Black Girlhood in the Nineteenth Century*, published by the University of Illinois Press, will be released November 1, 2016. The book is available for pre-order through Amazon. Order your copy today! Congratulations, Nazera!

Her sister, **JAMILLAH WRIGHT**, is founder and CEO of Write It Up, a content strategy firm that specializes in brand content, technical writing, and strategic communications. She has focused her twenty year career on creating content and marketing products for powerhouse brands, like American Express, J.P. Morgan Chase, Nielsen, and HBO. Now, as the owner of a writing and communications company, Jamillah provides strategic content solutions for corporations, start-ups, government agencies, and other clients. Write It Up is certified as a Minority-and Women-Owned Business Enterprise (MWBE). For more information or to inquire about content services, visit writeitupinc.com.

**KELLY COLLIS** was the graduation speaker for the class of 2016 in May. Congratulations Kelly – what an honor!

**KATHERINE TRINIDAD** has been appointed Senior Vice President of Communications & Public Affairs for the American Council of Life Insurers (ACLI). ACLI advocates in federal, state, and international forums for public policy that supports the industry marketplace and the seventy-five million American families, who rely on life insurers' products for financial and retirement security.

**HILARY SPIVACK CHANDLER** wrote about the big adventure she and her family are undertaking starting in August: they are moving to Baja Mexico for six months to travel, homeschool, and get acquainted with a different culture. They will be on the road for a while with a big truckload including two dogs as they wind their way down to Baja. They will be just forty minutes from the Cabo airport, so visitors are welcome! She also writes about her two boys: "I almost have a teenager, which is freaking me out. He is only an inch shorter than I am, which I am sure will change by tomorrow. My

youngest is a little hippie in training. He has long hair and supports Bernie (although he does want a woman to be president)." Her business, Kidecals, personalized waterproof name labels and stickers, continues to grow and they will run it virtually while in Mexico. All Holton girlfriends get 20% off with code "girlfriends." On a personal note: I have Kidecals stickers for both my girls and they are awesome!

**JILL MAYBEE** has had some big changes in her life over the past year: "So much change this year, it's hard to know where to start. After five years at Fort Belvoir (two-and-a-half years as OB/Gyn Department Chief and two and a half years as Medical Director of Quality for the hospital) and making Lieutenant Colonel, I separated from the Army in July 2015 (technically transitioned to the reserves.) I relocated from D.C. to Tacoma, Washington. I joined a hospital-employed group practice (collaborative OB-Midwifery practice) and could not be happier. Unfortunately, with rank in the military comes more leadership, but less patient contact time, and I found I missed patient care; the move both from the military and out West has given me a reboot that has helped me to rejuvenate my practice and embrace clinical practice in a way I haven't been able to do since 2011. I also started volunteer assistant lacrosse coaching this year. It's something I always wanted to do: throughout my years in high school and college, I frequently had volunteer coaches that worked with me as a goalie, and it's great to feel like I can finally give back. Lacrosse is a very young sport on the West Coast, but it's so much fun to work with players who are just learning the sport, as well as more experienced goalies who need fine tuning on their skills. (Yet another thing I didn't have time for while in the military.) Moving West has allowed me to reconnect with old friends from the army, either from prior training or from my deployment (I deployed with a unit from Fort Lewis.) While I am no longer active duty, I am still part of the community here and there are some bonds (like Mr. Nelson's Latin class) that will never disappear. I love my new home, I love Tacoma, I love my practice, and I love the new adventure of exploring the West."

**SAIRAH BURKI** sent a great note: "I've now been back in the D.C. area for nearly ten years and cannot believe how quickly time has flown by. I'm Senior Director of Policy at the Structured Finance Industry Group. I really enjoy the work given that it combines my love of both policy and finance. (The commute from the 'burbs I love not so much.) My husband and I are doing the crazy work/life balance thing with two wonderful daughters (ages 8 and '4 and 2/3'). I hung on to so many of my Lower School books and have so enjoyed sharing them with my older one, who just

Hilary Spivack Chandler and her family are moving to Baja Mexico for six months to travel, homeschool, and get acquainted with a different culture.



1997 classmates Lauren Briggerman, Sonya Chawla, Anne Lackritz, Reena Ramchandani Samantary, and Kathryn Hoffman Young caught up over dinner in Bethesda in April.



Monica Leik Johnston '98 received the Craigie Award for Teaching Excellence at Collegiate School.



Members of the Class of 1998, Abigail Betts, Katharine Wolf, Alix Kram, Tara Rao, Jennifer Cornfield Schenker, enjoyed catching up at January's alumnae gathering at the Colony Club in New York.



Janaki Wickrema Kates '98 and her family in front of the West Wing with her sister, Narmali Wickrema Utley '85.



Elizabeth Minshall Brooks '99 and family announce the birth of Benjamin Wiss Brooks.

finished *From the Mixed Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*. I enjoy bumping into other 'Holtonites' around town and am looking forward to our big reunion next year."

As Sairah said, put our reunion on your calendar for next April. It is number 25 - what?! I hope to see everyone there!

That's all from 'Hotlanta' for now. Next time you hear from me, it will be from our new house in Decatur, a small city just to the east of Atlanta.

**1993 | LAUREN-BROOKE EISEN** is writing a book on private prisons that will be published by Columbia University Press in 2017. "Many thanks to Mrs. Alexander, Mr. Caussin, and Mr. Tupper for helping me with my writing at Holton."

John Hardisty, father of **CHRISTINE HARDISTY ELDTRETH '93**, brother of the late **JEAN HARDISTY '63**, passed away on October 29, 2015.

**1995 | ELIZABETH KRAMER DUGAN**

**TAYLOR LARSEN** has written her first novel, *Stranger, Father, Beloved*, which is available for purchase in July. The novel has been described as "a powerful and moving story about the fracturing of a family and its descent into chaos."

**SHAMYLA TAREEN** is a therapist in Columbia, Maryland and also works at Montgomery College as a counselor part time. She is enjoying helping people and working with people to make sense out of this crazy thing called life. She misses Holton and hopes to visit someday soon.

**JENNIE POWELL NORTON** has been back in D.C. for about a year-and-a-half. She and her husband are living in Wesley Heights/AU Park area and she is working for The JBG Companies on their mixed-use development retail team.

**LISA COLLEA WEST** and her husband, Justin, welcomed their second child, Colin Joseph West, born on August 19, 2015. He is now an active eight-month-old and is busy crawling after his two-year-old big sister, Carolyn. Lisa is an ophthalmologist in Irvine, California.

**SCOTTY MCCONNAUGHEY** and her husband, Arjun, are delighted to welcome Kaureen Boyd Garikipati to the family on December 29, 2015. Weighing in at 5 pounds, 9 ounces, Kaureen has been growing like a champ and has assumed her role as benevolent dictator with grace and style.

**ELIZABETH KRAMER DUGAN** shares, "Madeline is growing into a busy and talkative almost two-year-old. She is a joy and makes every day fun. Brian and I love our new

home in Kensington, Maryland."

**1996 | MICHELLE GIELAN** was featured in an article, "Broadcasting Happiness," by *Experience Life Magazine*.

**1997 | ALEX WILLIAMS FLYNN**

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**BRIANA GREEN** is now a doula, advocating for and assisting moms during pregnancy, labor, and post-partum.

**ERINN GOSNELL WALSH** is pleased to report the addition of baby Maeve Suzanne Walsh born on July 9, 2015.

**LAUREN BRIGGERMAN, SONYA CHAWLA, ANNE LACKRITZ, REENA RAMCHANDANI SAMANTARAY, and KATHRYN HOFFMAN YOUNG** caught up over dinner in Bethesda in April.

**KATE EARNEST SCHMICK** lives in Baltimore and practices as a speech-language pathologist. She and her husband, John, welcomed their third baby, James Colborn Schmick, on February 18, joining big brother, Johnny, and big sister, Anne Miller.

**KATE SANDSTROM DOSS** welcomed daughter, Charlotte Mary Doss, to their family on January 19, 2016.

**SOPHIE AIYER** recently moved back to D.C. and is an assistant professor at the University of Maryland.

**KIM PALMER** started a new job as Features Editor at *AARP magazine* and has a new book coming out, *Smart Mom, Rich Mom: How to Build Wealth While Raising a Family*, which *The New York Times* called witty and solid!

**1998 | ASHLEY FIELDS HEDGE**

**MONICA LEIK JOHNSTON** received the Craigie Endowment for Teaching Excellence Award at Collegiate School. The fund recognizes a Middle School teacher who exemplifies the values and ideals of excellent teaching. She attributes her success in teaching to many of her Holton teachers and especially credits former U.S. History teacher, Liz Zucker.

**KRISTIN SOKOL KRASNOW** is working at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center/Harvard Medical School as an Allergist and Immunologist.

**MICKI YOUNG ARMOUR** and husband, Phil, are delighted to announce the birth of their third son, Eric Armour, who was born in March.

**SARAH SHIPP RYAN** and husband, Joseph, welcomed Francis Beroe Ryan on May 23, 2015. Joe and Sarah moved to St. Augustine, Florida last year for Joe's position at the University of Florida Whitney Marine Lab. Sarah has started an architecture firm in St. Augustine and is designing historic and modern renovations and new homes.

**VIRGINIA SNODGRASS RANGEL** is living in Houston with her husband and soon to be five-year-old son, Francis. She started a new job last fall as an assistant professor in the Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies at the University of Houston.

**JANAKI WICKREMA KATES** began working at the White House in March. She says the hours have been a little crazy, but the work has been a lot of fun, and the perks have been great! Janaki also joined Holton's alumnae board at reunion this past spring. She is very excited to stay connected to Holton!

**ASHLEY FIELDS HEDGE** welcomed her third child, Olivia Louise, on April 8, 2015. Ashley is still working as a lawyer at Hogan Lovells in Washington, D.C. practicing employee benefits law.

**1999 | LIZA TANNER**

**ELIZABETH MINSHALL BROOKS** and her husband, Dave, welcomed their third child, Benjamin Wiss Brooks, on September 19, 2015.

**CLAIRE ZIETZ FOSTER**, her husband Alex, and big sister Sadie, welcomed daughter, Gemma Pierce Foster, on March 22, 2016. After some coaxing out at twelve days late, she tipped the scales at 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and 20.25 inches. Sadie and her parents are totally in love.

**EMILY BIEN EMOTT** and her husband, Brad, welcomed Maddox James Emott on March 15, 2016.

**JODIE MACHT ACKERMAN** and her husband, Daniel, welcomed a baby boy, Dillon Morrison Ackerman, on February 9, 2016.

**2000 | ABBY ROTMAN STOLL** welcomed son, Ryan Matthew Stoll, on August 17, 2015.

**ALI MARCUS** had a baby boy, Owen Abraham Cook, on September 1, 2015. She sends in, "ABBY ROTMAN STOLL, KATHARINE BURGESS, and I all had babies within about a month of each other and have had some funny video chats with all the little ones."

**2001 | JESSICA ROSENTHAL CHOD**

**MEREDITH COTÉ** recently bought her first home in Lake Ridge, Virginia. She is not far from the marina and wanted to let everyone know that if they would like to come kayaking or paddle boarding sometime they are welcome to give her a call. Her cell phone number is still (703) 408-2424.

**CASSIE GOOD**'s recent book, *Founding Friendships: Friendships between Men and Women in the Early American Republic*, was awarded the Mary Jurich Nickliss Prize in U.S. Women's and/or Gender History from the Organization of American Historians. The

award goes to the most original book on women's and/or gender history of the year.

**JENNIFER SILVERS** and her husband, Jason Buhle, moved to Los Angeles, California in February after nine years in New York City. Jen recently began working as an assistant professor of psychology at UCLA and is enjoying getting to know California.

**CAITLIN VINSON** married a U.S. Marine this past November 2015 in Chevy Chase. Caitlin had a special wedding coordinator! Our own **VANESSA YOUNG**, who runs Little Black Book, was a huge help in planning the wedding. Vanessa reports that Caitlin was a gorgeous bride.

**APRIL GORDON HUCKSTADT** welcomed twins, Avery Joy and Caleb William, on January 18, 2016 and big brother Jackson is very proud!

**LAUREN STOLAR HUETTEMAN** and **FARIZA IBRAHIM** had a great time meeting up for brunch when Fariza was in Seattle for business last fall. Lauren and her husband, Troy, welcomed Reece Milo on February 6, 2016. I had a chance to meet Reece in April and he is adorable!

**FARIZA IBRAHIM** and husband, Stephen Chapman, welcomed their son, Evan Martin Ibrahim Chapman, on March 20, 2016.

I enjoyed helping to plan our 15th reunion this year with **NISHA BOURI, FARIZA IBRAHIM, ANDREA KATKISH MATHIS, and VANESSA YOUNG**. It was wonderful to see so many members of the Holton centennial class in April! I am also still enjoying my job as a Corporate Counsel at HMSHost Corporation in Bethesda and I look forward to spending some time at the beach this summer.

**2002 | ERICA GORDON**

**SAVE THE DATE:** 15th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**SCHUYLER WINSTEAD MATTHIESEN** shares, "We recently had a little baby girl, Palmer Legendre Matthiesen. Hopefully, a future Holton girl!"

**ALEXIS WILSON-KIRK** married Mike Ridder on February 13, 2016.

**ADITI KIBE-HEAL** married Tim Heal at the Quinta do Convento in Portugal on October 16-17, 2015. **NICKY KOZICHAROW** attended the wedding as did a number of friends and family from Europe, India, and the U.S. Aditi still lives in London and Nicky recently moved back to London after completing her Ph.D. in Russian Art at Pembroke College, Cambridge University. Nicky is currently an affiliated lecturer in History of Art at Cambridge and Aditi works in brand management at Unilever.

**CATELYN SLATTERY** is living in the area and working as an adoption attorney in Maryland and Virginia. She loves her job because she is helping build happy families.

**LIZ LEACHMAN DEY** and her husband, Russell, welcomed



Erinn Gosnell Walsh '97 and family announce the addition of Maeve Suzanne Walsh.



Clare Harwood '98 and Sahar Siddiqui '98 ran into each other at Max Brenner in Bethesda!



Vanessa Young '01 was the event coordinator of Caitlin Vinson's '01 wedding.



Abigail Betts '98 ran into Jenny Albinson '01 at Russian River Brewing Company while Abigail was on vacation and Jenny was celebrating her bachelorette party weekend.



Taylor Funkhouser '03 visited Rebecca Straszheim Preston '02 and daughter, Elisabeth.



Liz Pavle Mixer '02 and new son Owen Henry Mixer.



Amy Goodwin '03 in Shanghai, China.



Cousins Lauren Walker '09 and Hilary Diefenbach '07 showing their Holton pride in NYC.

their second baby, Rawlings Dey, in October.

**LIZ PAVLE MIXER** is adjusting to life as a family of four! Owen Henry Mixer was born on March 1, happy and healthy weighing in at 9 pounds, 1 ounce. Liz's oldest son, Tyler, is enjoying his new status as big brother. Liz and her family are still living in the D.C. area and very happy to have grandparents nearby who love to babysit.

### 2003 | LAURA IRIZARRY-GARCIA

**AMY GOODWIN** has spent the last six months living in Shanghai, China working on the soon to open Shanghai Disneyland Resort. This August will mark her five-year anniversary of working for Walt Disney Imagineering.

**SAMANTHA HUBSHMAN DIEFENBACH** recently received her M.A. in Educational Theatre from New York University. She is living and working in New York City as an actor, director, and teaching artist; most notably in productions commissioned and designed for young audiences with developmental differences at Lincoln Center. She is also a freelance writer for the publication *Theatre for Young Audiences Today* and a yoga instructor.

**JENNIFER SCOTT STEPHENS** and husband, John Stephens, welcomed baby, John Joseph Stephens, on April 25, 2015. Jennifer and her family are currently living in Brooklyn, New York and frequently see other Holton alums in the city.

**TAYLOR FUNKHOUSER** has been living in Los Angeles running the Steel City Sandwich Food Truck for the past five years. She just recently closed the truck to open a restaurant in Las Vegas. While visiting family in D.C. this spring, she had **REBECCA STRASZHEIM PRESTON '02** and her daughter, Elisabeth, over for dinner.

**SUSAN HUMPHREY SKELLY** has had a busy year! She married Sean Skelly in a ceremony in her parents' backyard, which was officiated by **ARIELLE PANKOWSKI**. Since then, Susan and Sean welcomed a baby boy named Spencer, who turned six months old in April. In addition to being a new mom, Susan is the Director of Agency Partnerships at A Wider Circle, a non-profit in Silver Spring, Maryland.

### 2004 | AMANDA NOVAK HEWITT and CATHERINE DOOLING

**CATHERINE DOOLING** graduated in May with an MBA from the UC Berkeley Haas School of Business.

**STEPHANIE DURDEN** and Jon Barfield were married on October 3, 2015 in Washington, D.C. Stephanie is the director for the charter schools in Brooklyn that are managed by Uncommon Schools, based in Manhattan.

This past fall, **JENNIFER BEEK HUNTER** and her Interior Design company, J&G Design, was awarded the New York Cottage & Garden Rising Star Award. Congrats Jennifer!!

**JENNIFER NATH DOC-HABANY** welcomed baby girl, Talia Sarah Doc-Habany, on January 8, 2016 in Israel.

Congratulations are also in order for **EMILY SCHWEND**, who won the 2016 Yale Drama Series prize for "Utility," a family drama set in Texas. As part of the award, Emily will receive \$10,000, publication by the Yale University Press, and a staged reading at Lincoln Center's Claire Tow Theater. "Utility," which centers on a mother struggling to keep her a broken family afloat financially and emotionally, was chosen by the playwright Nicholas Wright from over 1,600 submissions. "Utility" is a remarkable play: beautifully written and effortlessly powerful," Mr. Wright said in statement. "At every moment the happiness of human lives is put at risk: is there any greater dramatic theme?" Way to go, Emily!

**WHITNEY BEST ALLEN** made a move this winter from windy Chicago to sunny Tampa, Florida for her husband Dave's job. Her puppy, Duncan, is especially enjoying the warm weather!

### 2005 | HOLLY CORNELL, daughter of ANN DOUGLAS CORNELL '71, married Todd Lowen on October 19, 2015.

**2006 | MARIA HARWOOD** married Alexander Kang at The Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Georgetown on May 9, 2015. The wedding reception was held at the Cosmos Club's Warne Ballroom in Washington, D.C. The couple celebrated with a splendid three day weekend of events. Maria and Alex live in McLean, Virginia. Maria also graduated with a Master of Science in Sustainable Development and Conservation Biology from University of Maryland College Park in May 2015.

### 2007 | SAVE THE DATE: 10th Holton Reunion, April 20-22, 2017!

**NEENA PASSI** was featured in a podcast about her career in medicine. She is currently a resident physician at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

### 2008 | REAGAN THOMPSON and KATHERINE NESS

**LIZEY KORENGOLD** married Stephan Bernstorff on October 3, 2015.

**COURTNEY WILKES** is currently a first-year law student at Georgetown University.

**SARA COHEN** is getting her Master's in Policy, Organization, and Leadership Studies (with a specialization in higher education) through the Stanford Graduate School of Education starting this fall.

**SARA SCHEINESON** will be pursuing a Master's of Public Health in the Department of Sociomedical Sciences at the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University starting this fall.

**JESSIE FELLING** is a toddler teacher at Stone Ridge School where she spends her time with adorable two-year-olds. In her free time, she is part of a tabletop RPG (role-playing drama group) run by Mr. Townsend, and has been exploring D.C. This August, she will be traveling to Africa for a safari with her family, including her aunt, **LISA LAMPHERE CRAIG '76**.

**LAURA KLICK** joined the law firm Squire Patton Boggs as an associate in the International Public Policy practice group in September. She is enjoying her work, which allows her to combine her interest in both law and politics. When on the Hill, Laura enjoys catching up with fellow classmate, **REAGAN THOMPSON**.

**REAGAN THOMPSON** does foreign policy and speech writing for Congressman Mike Pompeo (R-Kansas), who serves on the Intelligence Committee. She enjoys the chance to focus on Iran, Guantanamo Bay, ISIS, and Asia as well as travel in the region. She had a great time seeing old friends and meeting new ones at Holton's 2016 Reunion Weekend.

### 2009 | AMALIA NAMATH

The Class of 2009 cannot believe that time is going so quickly, and that teachers we remember from our time at Holton (Laura Myers, Nan Smith, and Marsha Scherbel) are all celebrating their 35th year of teaching. We would like to share our warmest regards and congratulations on this milestone! Many of us had the chance to be taught by each of these teachers and have fond memories of each.

**ASHIMA TALWAR** helped Representative Chris Van Hollen with his campaign, where he won the Maryland Senator Primary for the Democratic Party in April and she also had law school finals that same week. Congratulations to Ashima! No doubt her experiences at Holton helped her navigate that busy schedule.

Class of 2009 takes over New York: **MEHER IQBAL** recently moved to New York City, where she is only a few blocks away from **ALEXIS ZAVRAS**. There are Holton connections everywhere!

**MARTHA MACON SMITH** has completed her Master's in English Literature at Georgetown University as she continues to teach at Holton. Congratulations Martha!

**KATIE BOE** has been working at a corporate health

management company for about two years. However, she also has started her own baby food company, Bunnie's Baby Food, in Shanghai. She is in the trial phase with testing the food and plans to launch in March 2016 with a full line of products available by delivery throughout Shanghai.

**LILY REEDER** is Program Manager at the Hertog Foundation, a political educational philanthropy with offices in D.C. and New York.

### 2010 | ARIEL COHEN

**SARA PERLES** married Chase Womack on November 16, 2015.

Beth Findley, mother of **SARAH MEYERHOFF**, passed away on December 24, 2015.

**MADDY TENNIS** spent the past year working as a ski instructor in Vail, Colorado (no one is surprised, remember that Colorado semester?) She now lives in New York City and does public relations at Cohn & Wolfe and loves it.

**JOCELYN CAYNE** is going on her second year living in the Big Apple. She works as an Account Researcher at the corporate advisory firm, Brunswick Group, working closely with the telecommunications giant, AT&T, and traveling often to their headquarters in Dallas, Texas. She has loved her time in New York City thus far, especially when hanging with fellow Holton alumnae, **CAROLINE VOLZ** and **MADDY TENNIS**!

**CHELSEA BUTLER** moved to Los Angeles at the end of October 2015 to work for YouTube channel, DreamWorks TV, where she assists the head of the channel and the head of live action. She also moved into her very first apartment and is enjoying getting to know the city. This spring/summer, she was also excited to see her little sister, **HALEY BUTLER '16**, graduate and go to college!

After a few years kicking butt in the D.C. consulting world, **ALEX POON** moved up to Boston for a new career doing international business for Wayfair. He is also taking a break from swimming and water polo to train for his first half marathon. He says that it makes him feel, "literally like a fish out of water."

**ABBY COHEN** is living in Paso de Patria, a small fishing and farming town in the southwest corner of Paraguay, which will be her home for the next two years, as she serves as a volunteer in the Peace Corps. She says that all are welcome to come and visit if they find themselves in this part of the world!

After graduating from University of Maryland last May, **CASSANDRA SPICER** got engaged to her longtime boyfriend at a surprise graduation party attended by a group of Holton girls. Art History teacher extraordinaire, Dr. Wilson, also was there and partook in the festivities. Congratulations, Cassandra!



Lily Reeder '09 and Reagan Thompson '08 at a Churchill Seminar.



Bailey Jackson '12, Sequoia Austin '10, Laura Randolph '10, Jordan Jackson '10, and Haley Gilbert '11 gathered during the holidays.



Ariel Cohen '10 and Reagan Thompson '08 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa taking part of the Iowa caucuses.



2010 classmates Sapna Khemka, Ariel Cohen, Jordan Jackson, and Kelly Bies at the finish line of the Cherry Blossom 10 miler.



2011 alumnae Danielle Barnard, Maryann Akinboyewa, and Sarah Huber with Upper School Mathematics teacher Tim Sneathen.

**JORDAN JACKSON** and **ARIEL COHEN** ran the Cherry Blossom 10 miler in Washington, D.C. on April 5 as fellow classmates **KELLY BIES** and **SAPNA KHEMKA** braved the 50mph winds and freezing temperatures to cheer them on to the finish line! It was a great, albeit freezing, time and they were especially thankful to warm up with some brunch together after the race ended!

## 2011 | MARYANN AKINBOYEWA and EMILY PENCE

The Class of 2011 celebrated their five year reunion at The Mission in Dupont Circle. We were excited to reunite after some time away during our college years.

**MARYANN AKINBOYEWA** lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. She works in public relations for The Penny Hoarder (Taylor Media.) She was excited to return home to host the 2011 class reunion party. In Maryann's words, "I am extremely proud of my Holton sisters. We have done well for ourselves and continue to carry Panther Pride, sisterhood, and HAS '11 wherever we go."

**ABBY CARRAS** now lives in New York and works at Deutsche Bank in structured finance.

**JULIA CARROLL** is excited to have graduated from Williams College with her bachelor's in Biology and Geoscience. She looks forward to the next chapter of her life (post-Williams) and entering the working world. She will take a gap year before entering graduate school for biological oceanography.

**NEHA DAYAL** lives in New York City and is an Analyst in Data Sciences at R/GA, an advertising agency in New York City.

**LUCY GOLDBERG** just finished her first year of Teach for America! Spending the last ten months channeling Ms. Reddinger, teaching eighth grade science at a KIPP school in New Orleans, Louisiana, was quite the adventure. She says she, "now fully appreciates every single one of her Holton teachers and sincerely apologizes for every side conversation and every eye roll! You all are the best."

**SARAH HUBER** moved back to the D.C. area and works for Clark Construction in D.C.

**ALEX KLETZ** lives and works in public relations in New York City. She says, "Now that I no longer have summer break, I plan to book lots of weekend trips to see friends, volunteer at a local dog shelter, and train for a half marathon in the fall!"

**SYDNEY LEVY** lives in D.C. and loves her job at The Advisory Board Company!

**CATHERINE MAGUIRE** recently finished her first year as a second grade teacher at a Success Academy charter school in Brooklyn. Catherine says, "One of the best parts of being a teacher, besides the 27 amazingly

smart scholars I work with every day, is some time off in the summer. [This summer], I'll be working at a farm in Ireland and Scotland and then traveling to France and Amsterdam!"

**EMILY MANBECK** just completed her first year at William & Mary Law School and is excited to be an intern this summer for Judge Pauline Newman in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. She is really looking forward to spending time with her family and friends—both Holton and undergraduate!—in D.C. Next year, Emily will serve as the vice president of her a cappella group, the American Bar Association representative of the student government, and a writer for one of the law journals.

**ANGÉLIQUE MOSELEY** currently lives in Vancouver. She is finishing her final terms at the Vancouver Film School where she is learning to master the rigorous ropes of writing for film and television. Angelique says, "I just had a holiday down under in Sydney and Canberra, and I am planning a get together with another Holton alum, **SANDY FOX '12**, in June. I am sure all our 2011 girls shone at the reunion. Particular shout out to all the women who took the Global Education leap; let's keep going deeper and further abroad!"

**BRADLEY-ANNE NAING** moved back to the DMV for a job in Adams Morgan. She is enjoying life back home, and she and her family recently rescued a beautiful two-year-old Australian shepherd named Grace.

When she's not busy studying for graduate school, **MIKKI OFFIT** helps with Holton-Arms lacrosse. She lives in Bethesda.

**EMILY PENCE** lives in the D.C. area and works for IBM as a consultant. She had a great time catching up with the class of 2011 at reunion!

**KATHRYN SCULLY** is currently teaching first grade at Greenhill Elementary in Sardis, Mississippi through Teach for America. She is excited about her second year of teaching, and although she loves her new home in Mississippi she misses Virginia and her Holton classmates.

**LAUREN SPAK** lives in Washington D.C. She has been working for Oracle since graduating from Georgetown University. Lauren says, "I miss Holton every day! I had a great time catching up with old friends at 2011's five year reunion."

**LOGAN STEELE** will graduate with a M.S. in Commerce program from the University of Virginia. As part of the study abroad program in her course, she will go to Europe this summer visiting places such as London, Berlin, Barcelona, Bratislava, Bucharest, and Athens.

**JESSIE THOMPSON** is a marketing intern for the Washington Capitals and a sports management

major at Georgetown University.

**MILLIE YU** lives and works in Hawaii on a medicinal plant farm. She will attend medical school at Tulane in August 2016.

**GABRIELLA GUNAWAN** competed on the women's golf team at Methodist University for her last season in May 2015. She led her Monarch teammates to a first place finish, at their home invitational and was awarded MVP, Women's Golf for 2014-2015. Methodist University honored Gabby with a Senior Scholar-Athlete Award for Women's Golf and The Lura S. Tally Center for Leadership Development designated her as a Leadership Fellow. She was also selected to the All-Scholar Team by the WGCA, Women's Golf Coaches Association, for Outstanding Academic Achievement. For her 7-month internship, required by the PGA, Gabby returned to Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase, Maryland. By August, she was offered a full time position as an Assistant Golf Professional. Gabriella graduated December 2015, Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with a concentration in PGA Golf Management. She is in the process of completing certification as a U.S. Kids Golf Coach while working at Columbia Country Club.

## 2012 | WENDY BURR

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**JENNY GATHRIGHT** was featured in the January-February 2016 issue of *Harvard Magazine* for her op-ed article titled, "My Harvard Education."

**KATIE MARK** is president of the University of Texas at Austin Student Engineering Council and an active Kappa Delta sorority member.

**LISE COURTNEY D'AMICO** is working as an economic consultant with Charles River Associates and will join **ELLEN CAREY** upon graduating as proud Holton roommates in downtown D.C. Ellen will be working as a federal consultant with Booz Allen.

## 2013 | ISABEL CABEZAS

**MORGAN MCNAIR** interned in the Clinical Research Assessment Core at Marcus Autism Center (MAC) and helped charter the Georgia Beta Chapter of Pi Beta Phi Fraternity for Women. She will be spending her first summer in Atlanta interning in the Language and Learning Clinic at MAC and starting her honors thesis research on rat models of autism at the Yerkes Primate Research Center.

**JULIA PEIPERL** will intern in the costume department at New York Stage and Film's Powerhouse Season of new plays and musicals.

**MAGGIE BOSCH** will be interning with U.S.A. Rugby this summer in Boulder, Colorado, working in Sponsorship and Commercial Marketing. She writes, "Hopefully, USA can bring home the gold with this being the first year Rugby 7s are in the Olympics!"

Next year, **AMANDA MELTSNER** will be writing an honors undergrad thesis. It will look into feminist responses to BDSM and how the conversations between pro-kink and anti-kink feminists in academia have shaped how feminists in the last five to ten years have talked about consent culture and sex positivity. She writes, "It is going to be a wild ride!" Speaking of wild rides, she continues that, "This summer, I am going to be working at Burlington Segways giving Segway tours of the Burlington area! It may not be the most prestigious job in the world, but how many people do you know have both Martha Washington impersonator and Segway tour guide on their resumes?"

**ALEXANDRA BERTHIAUME** will be doing grassroots community health research among immigrant communities in Nashville this summer.

**ANGELINA DIPAOLO** spent the winter working in banking at Citibank and will return this summer, this time in its Equity Capital Markets section.

**AINE CONNOLLY** will intern with the Semiconductor Materials and Devices group at Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico.

**JENNI JUNG** will spend the summer interning at Systems Planning and Analysis, Inc. in its Strategic Systems Engineering Group. She jokes that she spent all school year in Pittsburgh, adding "lol."

**SARAH LASKY** will study abroad in Rome this summer, and **JULIE PETTIS** will partake in a Copenhagen summer program, through which she will work in local schools.

**SACHI KHEMKA** spent her semester abroad at Cass Business School in London. She did a lot of traveling, and her country count is up to thirty-one!

**POLLY FELDMAN** spent the fall semester abroad in Hong Kong, and this summer will be a Safety Operations intern at Amazon.

If you are in New York City this summer, make sure to meet up with **NIKKY GROVER**, who will be interning with PricewaterhouseCoopers. She just finished a semester in Madrid, and during her time in Europe was able to meet up with many Holton girls.

**ALISON COHEN** enjoyed her time in Rome and had many visits with Holton classmates, including **NIKKY GROVER**, **SAMANTHA CORONEL** (studied in Belgium), and **LINDSAY CAYNE** (studied in Prague), who all met up in Nikky's "casa" in Madrid. She saw **GABI MAYERS** in London, and **GRACE ANN BREW** and Alison got to catch



2013 classmates Isabel Cabezas, Alison Cohen, and Lindsey Thaker eating gelato outside the Vatican over spring break.



Upper School Director Lisa Pence and Maya Dennis '11.

Initially, Isabel's inspiration came from her classes and teachers at Holton, specifically Mr. Bautista and Ms. Carver, and the Global Education trip to Costa Rica.

up when Grace Ann, who studied in the U.K., traveled to Rome. **LINDSEY THAKER** visited Alison over spring break, and **ISABEL CABEZAS** met up with the duo, also during her spring break (in typical Holton fashion), they sought out both pizza and gelato. Isabel took a course called "Eschatology in Art" and explored all types of religious art and architecture throughout Rome, Orvieto, and Florence. She and Alison geeked out over the Laocoön statue at the Vatican Museums, which brought them back to the Aeneid in AP Latin. While in Florence, Isabel met up with **RACHEL FLEISCHER**, who spent her Florentine semester studying design.

For her 21st birthday, **ISABEL CABEZAS** started a fundraising campaign, in conjunction with Thirst Project, for a well in Kenya to deliver clean water. Her goal was to raise \$210 and she received well over that amount at \$258. Initially, Isabel's inspiration came from her classes and teachers at Holton, specifically Mr. Bautista and Ms. Carver, and the Global Education trip to Costa Rica. She writes on her fundraising page, "While 'one in every nineteen children born in Kenya dies before his or her first birthday,' I get to use my 21st as an opportunity to try to change this." In other news, Isabel continues playing violin - catch her next winter on Indiana's PBS in "Christmas at Notre Dame." Another wintertime activity of hers was competing in the semi-finals of Notre Dame's curling league.

Talk about Global Education! Look out for Holton 2013 in the State Department! **ZOE SWINSON** will be interning for the U.S. State Department, specifically in their Office of Western Hemisphere Affairs at the Brazil desk, and **KATIE KIRK** will intern at the U.S. State Department in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs in the Office of Russian Affairs.

## In Memoriam

JEANNE BATTLE HARRIS '38, 3/5/12

BETTY WARFIELD VOLPE '44, 4/20/12

MARILYN HOWELL PHILLIPS '56, 10/23/14

TOMMIE BRADFORD WALTON '38, 10/26/14

ORDWAY WHITFORD WADSWORTH '33, 7/15/15

MARY JOHNSTON DEFENDERFER '42, 9/19/15

MAURY ROBINSON REISHMAN '63, 10/21/15

SANDRA LEONARD STARR '57, 10/25/15

HARRIET LOVITT DAMM '35C, 11/29/15

DANA STIFEL KIPLINGER '68, 1/9/16

WENDY KNOWLTON MINOT '51, 2/27/16

ANNE SNOWDEN PLEASANTS WALDBAUER '49C, 2/27/16

BETTY BROWDER NIBLEY '47, 3/5/16

ALBERTA "RAE" KORDELL, former Faculty/Staff, 3/25/16

JULIE ANDERSON SMITH '60, 4/3/16

LINDSAY ROBERTS SMITH '66, 5/1/16

**2014** **SAMMI STROMAN** and **KATIE KIRK '13** are both members of Yale's female a cappella group, "The New Blue," which recently was named by *College Magazine* online as one of the top 10 female a cappella groups.

**ASHLEY MOREFIELD** is doing exceptionally well at Dickinson College. She is majoring in International Studies and French. Also, she will study abroad in France and Denmark for her junior year.

**REBECCA HUNSBERGER** is in her second year at Loyola Marymount University and loving life!

**2015** **ELISABETH BRAGALE**

**YASMEEN HAIDER** is just finishing three months backpacking across Indonesia. In February, she spent three weeks picking up the language in Jogjakarta before setting out to live in different communities around the country's islands. While living with host families, she taught English and immersed herself in a variety of cultures. Yasmeen returned to the United States in May.

**SOPHIE GHARAI** just had her first semester at Emerson College where she declared a major in marketing and a minor in publishing. She also became a part of the national sorority, Alpha Epsilon Phi, and is thankful for all her new sisters.

**MAEVE HICKEY** will be working this summer at the Heritage Theatre Festival in Charlottesville, Virginia.

**JACQUALINE ASUQUO** was accepted into the U.S. Department of State Chinese Critical Language Scholarship Program for the summer. Jacqueline will be studying in Taiwan, China at National Cheng Kung University.

**ELISABETH BRAGALE** has continued to be as busy as ever during her first year at McGill University. She started off her fall semester by stage managing *Dial M for Murder* with a popular theatre company on campus while also working as Assistant Stage Manager for *RENT* with another McGill theatre company. In the winter semester, she stage managed a one-act festival, *The Director's Project*, through McGill's English department as a class project. She also joined McGill's best (and only) comedy sketch group, Bring Your Own Juice!, as a technical designer and stage manager. She hopes to be writing her own sketches next year for the group. Contrary to popular belief, Elisabeth will not be majoring in Theatre, but in English Literature with a double minor in Cultural Studies and Sociology.



Taylor Larsen's '95 wedding day with her Holton bridesmaids and husband, Dexter Jones.



Wedding of Stephanie Durden '04 with classmates; Leslie Anne Cassidy '04, Michelle Lorica Thiele '04, Leia Marie Lorica Yongvanich '05, Nidhi Bouri '04, Shira Espo '04, and Janaki Kibe '04.



Maria Harwood '06 married Alexander Kang at Holy Trinity Catholic Church on May 9, 2015.



Lizey Korengold '08 married Stephan Bernstorff on October 3, 2015.

## Marriages

'79

LORI CAMALIER to CHUCK WALSER, 4/16/16

'86

SUZANNE DUVALL to CHIP STELLJES, 12/12/15

'95

TAYLOR LARSON to DEXTER JONES, 6/13/15

'01

CAITLIN VINSON to CARLOS TONG, 11/7/15

'02

ADITI KIBE to TIM HEAL, 10/17/15

ALEXIS WILSON-KIRK to MIKE RIDDER, 2/13/16

'03

SUSAN HUMPHREY to SEAN SKELLY, 6/21/15

'04

STEPHANIE DURDEN to JON BARFIELD, 10/3/15

'05

HOLLY CORNELL to TODD LOWEN, 10/19/15

'06

MARIA HARWOOD to ALEXANDER KANG, 5/9/15

'08

LIZEY KORENGOLD to STEPHAN BERNSTORF, 10/3/15

'10

SARA PERLES to CHASE WOMACK, 11/16/15

# Births

## '95

LISA COLLEA WEST, son Colin Joseph West, 8/19/15  
 SCOTTY MCCONNAUGHEY, daughter Kaireen Boyd Garikipati, 12/29/15

## '97

ERINN GOSNELL WALSH, daughter Maeve Suzanne Walsh, 7/9/15  
 KATE SANDSTROM DOSS, daughter Charlotte Mary Doss, 1/19/16  
 KATE EARNEST SCHMICK, son James Colborn Schmick, 2/18/16

## '98

ASHLEY FIELDS HEDGE, daughter Olivia Louise, 4/8/15  
 SARAH SHIPP RYAN, son Francis Beroe Ryan, 5/23/15  
 MICKI YOUNG ARMOUR, son Eric Armour, 3/16

## '99

ELIZABETH MINSHALL BROOKS, son Benjamin Wiss Brooks, 9/19/15  
 JODIE MACHT ACKERMAN, son Dillon Morrison Ackerman, 2/9/16  
 EMILY BIEN EMOTT, son Maddox James Emott, 3/15/16  
 CLAIRE ZIETZ FOSTER, daughter Gemma Pierce Foster, 3/22/16

## '00

ABBY ROTMAN STOLL, son Ryan Matthew Stoll, 8/17/15  
 ALI MARCUS, son Owen Abraham Cook, 9/1/15



Gemma Pierce Foster, daughter of Claire Zietz Foster '99.



Kaireen Boyd Garikipati, daughter of Scotty McConnaughey '95.



Francis, son of Sarah Shipp Ryan '98



Dillon Morrison Ackerman, son of Jodie Macht Ackerman '99.



Ryan Matthew Stoll, son of Abby Rotman Stoll '00.



Owen Abraham Cook, son of Ali Marcus '00.



Natalie and Charlotte, daughters of Kate Sandstrom Doss '97.



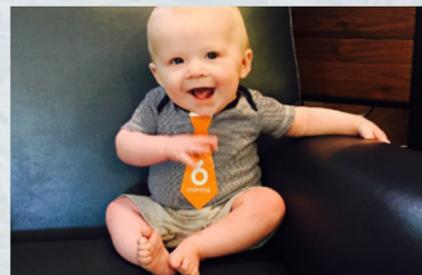
John Joseph Stephens, son of Jennifer Scott Stephens '03.



Reece Milo, son of Lauren Stolar Huetteman '01.



Rawlings Wicks Dey, son of Liz Leachmen Dey '02.



Spencer Skelly, son of Susan Humphrey Skelly '03.



Thomas Rex Squeglia, son of Shay Squeglia, Holton Faculty/Staff.



Logan Charles Howton, son of Caroline Howton, Holton Faculty/Staff.



Evan Martin Ibrahim Chapman, son of Fariza Ibrahim '01.



Talia Sarah Doc-Habany, daughter of Jennifer Nath Doc-Habany '04.



Celine Yvelis Panagiotidis, daughter of Alaniis Summerfield, Holton Faculty/Staff.



Rowan Isaac McFadden, son of Karri Hill McFadden, Holton Faculty/Staff.

## '01

APRIL GORDON HUCKSTADT, twins Avery Joy and Caleb William, 1/18/16  
 LAUREN STOLAR HUETTEMAN, son Reece Milo, 2/6/16  
 FARIZA IBRAHIM, son Evan Martin Ibrahim Chapman, 3/20/16

## '02

LIZ LEACHMAN DEY, son Rawlings "Rawly" Wicks Dey, 10/16/15  
 SCHUYLER WINSTEAD MATTHIESEN, daughter Palmer Legendre Matthiesen, 1/31/16  
 LIZ PAVLE MIXER, son Owen Henry Mixer, 3/1/16

## '03

JENNIFER SCOTT STEPHENS, son John Joseph Stephens, 4/25/15  
 SUSAN HUMPHREY SKELLY, son Spencer Skelly, 4/16

## '04

JENNIFER NATH DOC-HABANY, daughter Talia Sarah Doc-Habany, 1/8/16

## Faculty and Staff

SHAY SQUEGLIA, son Thomas Rex Squeglia, 11/10/15  
 ALANIIS SUMMERFIELD, daughter Celine Yvelis Panagiotidis, 11/11/15  
 CAROLINE HOWTON, son Logan Charles Howton, 11/20/15  
 KARRI HILL MCFADDEN, son Rowan Isaac McFadden, 1/10/16  
 KATIE LAVELLE, daughter Virginia Rosalie Lavelle, 1/27/16  
 JILLIAN VAN ELLS, daughter Ruby Wren Wible, 4/18/16

# Mr. Holton's Legacy



In 1891, Mrs. Holton married Frederick A. Holton, a Cornell chemistry professor. His mother and aunt were suffragettes, associates of Susan B. Anthony, and Mr. Holton thought that a woman should continue her own career after marriage if she wished.

From the beginning, Mr. Holton took an active and supportive interest in the school and its campus. Mrs. Holton had the building at 2125 S Street built with his financial assistance along with that of the banker father of a student.

The gymnasium across Connecticut Avenue on Church Street was a gift to the School from Mr. Holton and in 1909 he purchased the lot beside 2125 for a garden, extracting from Mrs. Holton a promise not to build there."

An era at Holton-Arms ended when Mr. Holton died in 1928. Knowing little of the tremendous financial and advisory assistance he had given Mrs. Holton over the years, the students were left only with pleasant memories of a gentle man with a toolbox, making repairs around the school and winding the clocks.

He might take credit for a greater legacy: Mildred Brown loved to tell the story of her hiring, for during the interview she heard Mr. Holton murmur, "You'd better take that one—she's a bright girl."

— Excerpted and edited from *The Open Door*, a history of Holton.



# NOMINATE an ATHLETE

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