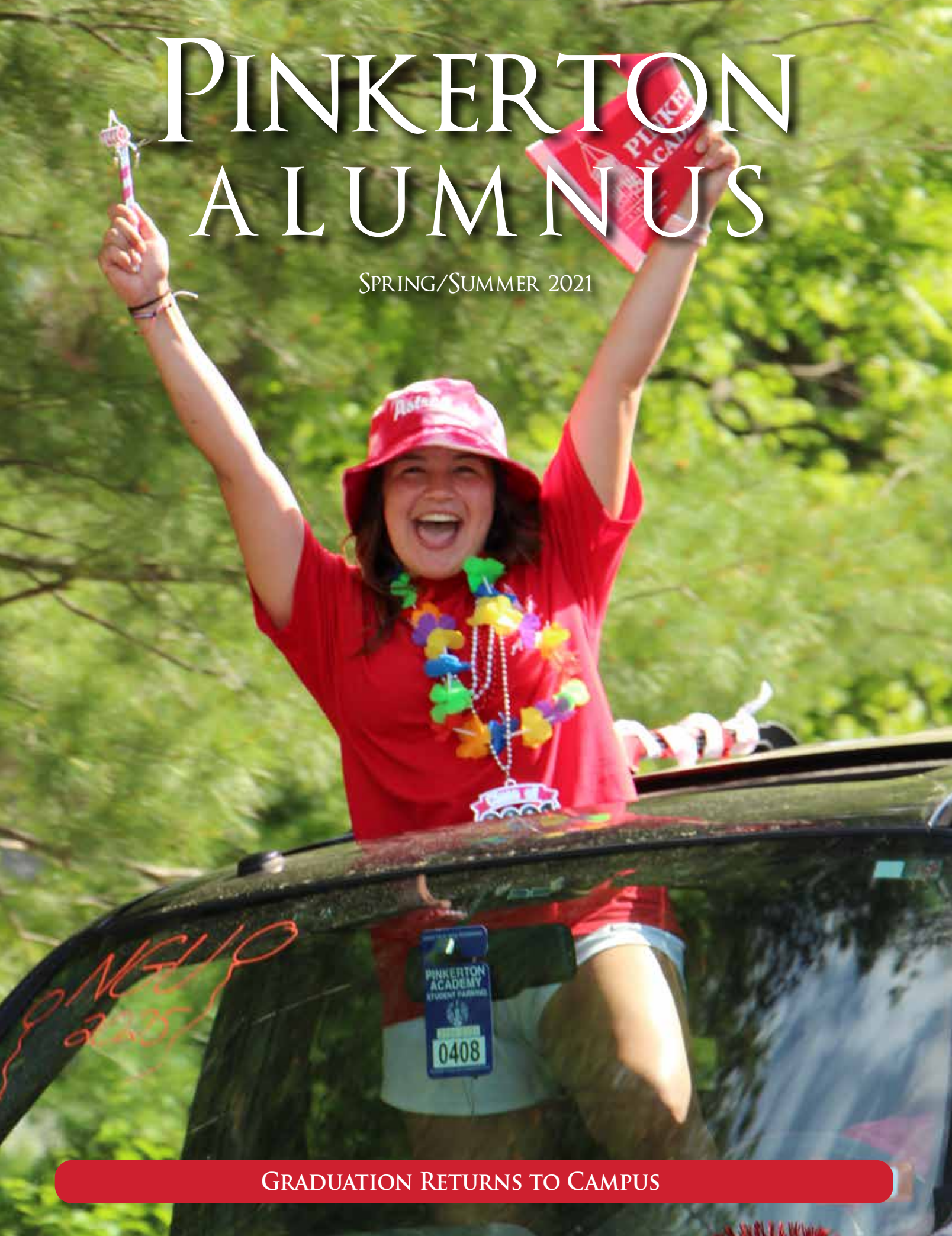


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BRENDA KEITH



Brenda Keith

Miss Brenda Keith has been on the Board of Trustees for 20 years. Having graduated from law school in 1997, she was building her practice when in 2001 former trustee Bob Gorham asked her to join. A 1974 graduate and lifelong Derry resident, she was honored to represent Derry on the Board.

Keith's ties to her alma mater run deep as her mother, Marjorie (Piper) Keith graduated from Pinkerton in 1948, and her 5 siblings all attended as well. Her love for Pinkerton has always been strong.

"I had a great experience at Pinkerton and very much enjoyed my time there," she said. "I would always look forward to the *Alumnus* magazine every time we got it."

Throughout her years as a student at Pinkerton, Keith also worked for her family business, and says her business teacher, Mrs. Rebecca Helm, would often help her with the work she was doing. This authentic connection between academic classes and real life applications is at the heart of what is now Pinkerton's CTE program, of which Keith is particularly proud.

"The trades are extraordinarily important. That's what I'm most proud of at Pinkerton, the CTE program. The fact that you can graduate from Pinkerton with an LNA, you can graduate from Pinkerton and go to work as a welder or an electrician with more experience, is remarkable."

After her graduation, Keith says she continued to watch Pinkerton as she was very involved in the Derry community. Keith volunteered with the Jaycees, an organization in the Derry area at the time. Through the years she has been a member of the Derry Town Council and has also served as a NH State Representative. She was a co-founder of Derryfest and helped establish the Miss Derry Scholarship competition. Keith has served in various roles at the state and national level of the Miss America organization, including as Vice-Chair. A long time fan of the pageant, she remembers watching with her dad. She

is proud of the opportunities the program provides for young women.

"I love the mentorship opportunity with the young woman, and I love the fact that we're making a difference with the scholarship program," she said. "We granted \$100,000 in scholarships this year at Miss New Hampshire. We (NH) are routinely in the top 5 or 10 states for the amount of scholarships we grant."

Empowering young people is a passion that transcends Keith's involvement in both Miss America and the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees.

"What keeps me coming back is the mentorships. To see the young women grow and become leaders. I have faith in the next generation, serving on the Pinkerton Board, I see what the kids can do and then the natural extension of that is watching the young women grow in the Miss America program."

What might surprise many is that Keith was a racecar driver intermittently for ten years. A trip to Star Speedway in Epping with her dad led her to join the spectator race, and she immediately discovered a new passion.

"I took my American Motors Javelin and told my dad I was going to enter the spectator race. He said, 'Go for it.' He was always supportive of me, but I didn't tell anyone else in my family in case I chickened out. You had to go to the grandstand to sign up, and I was more nervous about that and asking a driver to borrow his helmet than I was about getting in the car. Once I got out there, I had a blast. I loved it."

Keith says she did "pretty well" over the years, winning a race and coming in second place a few times. She says while she was never great, she held her own.

Keith is currently a partner at Boutin Law in Londonderry, NH. She loves traveling and has visited all 50 states, a goal she set for herself as a sophomore. She credits her parents for giving her the confidence to pursue any path she chose which led to her success across many disciplines.

"Because my parents told me I could do anything I wanted to and anything I set my mind to, at a very young age they convinced me that I could," she said.

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Members of the Derry Fire Department helped distribute shots for a closed COVID-19 vaccination POD in the Hackler Gymnasium. Proud Pinkerton alumni posing here are (left to right) Pattie MacIsaac '13, Gregory Putnam '01, Jacob Pelletier '08, and James Hoffman '02.

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Chaucerfest 35 years of fun with British Literature

For 35 years seniors in Mrs. Therese Kerman's English classes have participated in "Chaucerfest" after reading Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Canterbury Tales*. Students would dress like characters from the stories, sign into the Tabard Inn guestbook, mingle like they're at a party, and then introduce each other to the class.

"It almost always came in the middle of second semester," said Kerman, "And the idea was, let's be like Chaucer's pilgrims who were entertaining each other along the way and telling stories and let's have a day to just entertain each other and have some fun."

Kerman admits the academic tie-in might not always have been particularly evident, but over the years it

has been something students have remembered, and they've always been willing to participate.

"I remember one time I was seated at a restaurant and our waitress walked up to me and she said, 'Chaucerfest!' And I looked at her and said, 'You were the nun!' I think for a lot of them it's the thing they remember doing. I haven't ever had anyone refuse to do it," she said.

The entertainment over the years has varied and provided memorable moments for the classes. In the end, Kerman hopes the lesson goes beyond the fun break from traditional learning.

"I've had weddings here, and I've had people write stories. I had three young men who did their own original rap," she recalled. "I don't expect any of them to be English majors but to just understand that people are all alike. We may not all be dressing like they were back then, but we really aren't all that different."

Mrs. Kerman retires this year after 35 years in the Pinkerton English Department.



UNIFIED FIELD DAY



Focusing on positivity and encouragement

In 1993 Physical Education teacher Miss Betty Shepard coordinated the first ever Unified Field Day. Having taught the Unified Physical Education classes which paired Regular and Special Education students together, she expanded the idea to a day of competitions with other schools. Over the years, several area schools have traveled to Pinkerton to participate in the day's events.

Since Shepard's retirement, Mr. Bryon Murphy '78 has taught the Unified PE classes and coordinated the Field Day. He says the impact has been good for the whole school community, even expanding into the creation of the Just Like Us club.

"It's just really special. Some of our students haven't had the experience of working with special education students," he said. "I find it especially satisfying to see kids who were maybe not as comfortable with special education students their freshman or sophomore year in PE and then sign up to be a partner for Unified PE senior year."

The Field Day traditionally has events like partner relays, basketball, volleyball, and foul shooting. The focus is on positivity and encouragement.

"The students know who's winning; they keep track," he said. "But really they are all encouraging each other and cheering each other on."

Though he is retiring this year and the day has been on hold the last two years due to COVID-19, Murphy says they are planning on bringing it back next year. Mr. Jon Rich will take over the Unified PE classes and the Field Day. Murphy says he will come back to be a part and help any way he can.

"Over the years the Unified PE class and the Field Day have been impactful experiences for both the special education students and their partners. It's really been a way to help bring the school together," he said. "We just tried to carry on what Betty [Shepard] started. In the spring, hopefully I'll be back to help and maybe bring Betty along."

Mr. Murphy retires this year after 39 years teaching Physical Education at Pinkerton. He will continue to coach.



A LETTER *from the* HEADMASTER

Dear Pinkerton Academy Community,

The 2020-21 school year has been one that is unlike any other. We all continued to navigate the pandemic and all the changes that it entailed. Our faculty and staff did a phenomenal job for our students this past year. Our campus community shifted from hybrid to remote learning to fully back in-person. Learning in the classroom, participating in clubs, plays and musicals, athletics, and other events looked different throughout the year but in early June, over 700 seniors graduated and joined the ranks of Pinkerton Academy alumni. Their senior year was different, but they persevered. We are very proud of what they have accomplished during their 4 years, and we hope they have continued success in the years ahead.

Pinkerton Academy is proud of the strong traditions and the educational experience that is provided for our students. During this past year, we were reminded that the education of an Astro is not just in the classroom, not just in the textbooks, but also in the way we treat each other, interact with each other, and help each other grow as individuals. I hope that you have been able to draw on these experiences and lessons learned during your time at PA. While each graduating class is large, every member of the class leaves a mark of their own. They graduate as an individual, and while we draw on the strength of the numbers in each class, we thrive on the diversity that each individual brings to our campus.

With the summer months here, I hope that everyone is able to find some time to take a break, recharge, and enjoy the summer months. Over the coming months, we will be continuing to plan what the 2021-2022 school year will look like. These new times have created challenges for all of us, but they have also made us stronger as a school. We are fortunate that work done over the past several years and supported by our extended community has set us up well to navigate the changes we have faced and will face in the future. I sincerely hope that all of you are doing well and will continue to support the Academy in any way possible. As alumni, everything that you do to support fellow graduates and future alumni is greatly appreciated. Stay safe and be well. 🍷

Respectfully,



Dr. Timothy J. Powers
Headmaster
Pinkerton Academy



CMSgt Ted Hebert and the members of the JROTC Color Guard with Dr. Powers before graduation.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

The Pinkerton Academy community mourns the loss of several prominent members of our community. We join their families and friends in mourning their losses.



John Muller

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Former English teacher and Assistant Headmaster, John Muller passed away on April 26, 2021. A dynamic force at Pinkerton, Muller was passionate about ensuring that Pinkerton's faculty and curriculum were top quality. Coordinating graduation for 26 years, he called the names of over 9,000

Pinkerton Academy graduates. He is survived by his wife, Mary, and their three children Michael, Mitchell, and Jennifer, all of whom are Pinkerton graduates.



Bob Nugent

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Former Physics teacher and Science Department Head, Bob Nugent passed away on January 10, 2021. Nugent taught at Pinkerton for 9 years and in that time purchased Sunset Park Campground, which became a second career for him. He found great joy in providing a place for families to enjoy the outdoors.



Robert Gorham

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Bob Gorham was a member of the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees from 1988-2016, serving as Vice-President and as a member of the Finance and Audit Committee. He grew up in Derry, a neighbor to Brad Ek, and attended Pinkerton for three years before graduating from the Tilton School in 1954. His wife Gail is a graduate from the Pinkerton Class of 1956 and his son from the Class of 1990. Those who knew him will remember his kindness and his sense of humor. We appreciate his years of dedication to the Academy, and we extend our heartfelt condolences to all of his family.

The Pinkerton Academy community mourns the loss of Jeremy Dunn, Social Studies teacher and 1995 Pinkerton graduate who died after an 11-year battle with brain cancer.

Jeremy returned to Pinkerton as a teacher in 2004. In addition to teaching, he coached golf and was active in several committees on campus. Respected by his colleagues, Jeremy left an indelible mark on Pinkerton. His wit and perspective were a welcome addition to any activity or meeting he participated in, and he often was able to get others to think about things in a different way. This ability also made him a dynamic, respected teacher.

For as long as he was able, Jeremy continued to teach. He loved being in the classroom, and his students loved his classes. They knew that he respected and cared about them, so Jeremy was able to encourage even the most reluctant students. By making relevant connections to their lives in both his US History and Contemporary Issues classes, he was able to elicit meaningful class discussions. He was a department and school leader, winning the Shepard Award last year. Jeremy was one of the best.

Jeremy loved Pinkerton. He enjoyed attending sporting events and other activities on campus and proudly wore his vintage Pinkerton gear at every opportunity. He continued to stay connected even in his illness. Jeremy set a new standard for living life each day with courage, joy, and gratitude. Through all the ups and downs, Jeremy was never angry and never complained about what he was going through.



Jeremy Dunn '95

Jeremy leaves behind his wife, Rebecca, and their children, Oscar and Sylvia. We join them and all of Jeremy's friends and family in grieving his loss.

Pirates of *Penzance*

Collaborative artistic efforts bring spring musical back to Stockbridge Theatre

By Aleksandra Carney, '21

Lights dim, and rollicking music bursts into the room, as the curtain rises on the Pinkerton Players production of the *Pirates of Penzance*. Performed in the midst of a global pandemic, the Stockbridge stage had never before hosted a show quite like this; actors sang in masks while dancing to the pit as its musicians played in a separate room. Embracing the more COVID-19 friendly method of double casting, the cast, crew, and pit of *Pirates* pulled off six spectacular performances, unwilling to let the abnormalities that had plagued the school year prevent them from doing what they love.

"Seeing my theatre family is what gets me through rough days. Even though I don't get to see their smiles, I love seeing the happiness in my friends' eyes as we do what we all love so much!" shared Samantha Autumn, '22, reflecting on her second musical experience with the Pinkerton Players.

With a membership totaling over 150 students, many like Samantha view the club as a safe space, relying on its productions and meetings to return a sense of normalcy to an otherwise chaotic year. It was with this knowledge in mind that the production team of the spring musical began to prepare to design, direct, and perform a large-scale musical during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Getting these students on stage was the most important thing," reflects choreographer and assistant director Mrs. Laura Iwaskiewicz. "That's the goal of the students, that's the goal of the production team, just getting these experiences for the students even in what seems the hardest of circumstances."

Upon sitting down at their first meeting back in August 2020, it became apparent that in order to achieve this goal, the musical selection would need to change. Originally, the PA Players were slated to perform *Cinderella* as their spring 2021 musical, but this was quickly changed to the more "COVID friendly" operetta *Pirates of Penzance*. Unlike *Cinderella*, which would require frequent close contact between actors, and whose



(from left to right) Carleigh Lacroix '22, Brianna Chap '23, Lorrie Stevens '22, Aleks Carney '21, and Mia Perfetto '23 are the fearsome Pirates of Penzance!

rights would take a sizable chunk out of the club's budget, *Pirates* is a versatile musical in the public domain. This would allow performances to be streamed, recorded, and performed as many times as necessary with no extra costs.

"It's the kind of musical, because it's an opera, we could do on a bare stage anywhere and just do the music, and have fun with it," director Mrs. Susanne Tartarilla shared. "It worked really well and was a great choice for this group."

As is the case with all Pinkerton Players' musicals, the members of the production team set out to divide and conquer, each overseeing a specific aspect of the production. This would be especially crucial for *Pirates* as unforeseen difficulties emerged as COVID protocols challenged them to think outside the box of traditional theatre-making.

Mr. Rob Lemire served as the Scenic Designer for *Pirates* in addition to supervising the stage crew. He started drafting for the beautiful multi-layered set back in August, easily switching potential plans for *Cinderella* to the backburner. As the set design budget has usually remained consistent for every musical, according to Mr. Lemire, the biggest concern would be accounting for the necessary six feet of space between each actor on stage. The set needed to be open but still fill the space, and that concept came to life in the form of beachside cliffs that could transform into the time-worn walls of a chapel in disrepair.

Seeing that the same social distancing that occurred on stage would be required backstage, the crew for *Pirates* would be smaller than that of past musicals. Only twelve students could work on the set at a time, and for actual performances, a total of two crew members were in each wing, with an additional three in the booth. During meetings, the garage doors would be left open, and a significant portion of the set building took place outside in order to provide students with more space to spread out.

"At the beginning of the year, we spent a lot of time going over 'needs' so that we could prevent students from switching tools and equipment. We purchased extra drills, we purchased tape measures, extra bits, and we put them all in kits so that you could grab a drill bag and have all the supplies you'd need for the day," Mr. Lemire said, sharing some of the stage crew's new COVID policies. "At the end, each student was then responsible for cleaning their own equipment for the next day's use."



Violinists in the pit orchestra play the fast-paced melody of "Modern Major General."

Sound designer Mr. Ryan LoPresti faced the unique challenge of how best to mic every cast member, as well as the pit orchestra in a way that would smoothly convey sound from multiple masked performers on stage, and musicians located in an entirely separate room in an even distribution. In total, he was working with 24 different mics, including 2 in the band room, 19 on actors' faces, and 3 hanging from the stage.

"The number of mics wasn't so much the difficult part as it was the output. We had to take all the sound into the soundboard. Then we had to send just the vocals to the band room without looping in the band, and then we had to send just the band without the vocals to the stage. On top of all this, both the band and vocals had to be sent out into the audience and to the stream," commented Mr. LoPresti.

The final product involved tv screens set up in both the band room and at the edge of the stage so that the actors and Mr. Adams, the pit's conductor, could see each other. While a few kinks appeared in the system during tech rehearsals, by opening night Mr. LoPresti had solidified his sound system, and with the assistance of student Patrick Garcia '22, never ran into any other issues.

Mr. Michael Adams conducted the pit orchestra, composed of both students and professional musicians. Sequestered in the band room, far from their usual pit beneath the Stockbridge stage, these talented musicians had to adapt to a new environment and new method of performing. In order to conform to COVID-19 safety regulations, the entirety of the pit was spread out throughout the band room, relying on tv screens and microphones to provide the soundtrack to the action on stage.

"It was not ideal, but it happens all the time on Broadway. A lot of the unspoken communication goes away when you're six feet away from someone. Even seeing someone move using peripheral vision to pick up on tempo or entrances can be hugely helpful, especially in a large and fast paced piece like a musical. Despite the challenges, the orchestra did a fantastic job. I'm very proud of what they were able to do, and how they were able to stay together," Mr. Adams shared.

According to Mr. Adams, playing in the pit is the hardest thing a Pinkerton musician will do in their time at the school. For auditions, nothing is handed out in advance, as hopefuls are tested on their ability to read and pick up music quickly. Much



Props Assistant Angelina Townsend '23 and Assistant Stage Manager Danielle Diorio '21 keep track of the action from stage left.

of the pit's rehearsing is done on the musicians' own time, with rehearsal only held once a week on Sunday afternoons beginning after the holiday break. Many aspects of the music are instinctual, which can be difficult with a double-casted show, as different actors who play the same role will make different musical decisions in the spur of the moment. Pit musicians must be able to recognize these decisions and adapt on the fly, sometimes skimming right over whole measures in order to keep the music moving smoothly.

For this production, Mrs. Laura Iwaskiewicz wore many different hats, stepping out of her traditional role of director and into the roles of choreographer, assistant director, music director, and flutist in the pit. Reflecting on the work that went into balancing all of the aforementioned roles successfully, she shared, "It's kind of the world I live in daily. Here at Pinkerton, my class schedule is chorus, band, and two different theatre classes, so at any given moment I have all these different things running through my mind. So when I get into the theatre world it just naturally happens. The biggest challenge for me was playing flutist in the pit and being unable to see the show. I'm used to sitting in the audience during tech and taking notes."

According to Mrs. Iwaskiewicz, one of the most important aspects of planning for the musical was the different contingency plans the production team created in the event of COVID shutting down either the club or school once more. The musical was moved to an April performance date instead of its usual March one in the hopes that the warmer spring weather would allow an outdoor show if performing in the Stockbridge became impossible. Additional contingency plans included filming the show with no live audience, performing only a concert version in a style similar to that of the summer *Children of Eden* performance last year, and a cast recording.

"No matter what the outcome was, the important thing was that we would get to do what we love," Iwaskiewicz said.

For director Mrs. Susanne Tartarilla, Facetime and Google Meet would become two of her most used applications, as the second winter of COVID-19 forced school and rehearsals into a virtual format. During the three-month rehearsal period, about a third of rehearsals took place via Google Meet, as cast members were talked through blocking and choreography.

"I hate Facetime, but towards the end of the rehearsal process, Mrs. Iwaskiewicz and I were Facetimeing every day during lunch, whether it was about someone in the cast who was sick or a snafu that we found in the calendar or an issue with the set.

Blocking virtually was hard. No one speaks in a remote



The beautiful daughters of General Stanley frolic on stage (left to right) Lorelei Stahl '24, Brenna Kimball '21, Sarah Iller '23, Samantha Brackesy '22

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Good Shepherds Foundation encourages young people to volunteer



By Julianna Manrique, '21

In 2016 members of the Baird family, Bella '20, Stephen '22, and Sophie '24, founded the Good Shepherds Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to encouraging volunteerism in young people. After being inspired by doing a Thanksgiving food drive, the family thought to themselves, "Why don't we do this all year round?"

The objective of the organization is "to create volunteer opportunities for young adults in Auburn and the surrounding communities," said Board of Advisors member Jada Gaudreau '20.

The Good Shepherds Foundation organizes food drives and fundraisers every year to help people in need. For example, every year they donate 500+ Thanksgiving baskets to PA families in need as well as other surrounding communities for families who otherwise might not be able to afford to buy a Thanksgiving dinner. The foundation also set up a vendor table at the Pinkerton Academy Wellness Fair, which was run by Ethan Wasiejko '20. All funds from the Wellness Fair and vendor table went straight to the Pinkerton Academy Homeless Fund.

"One of the activities we do is a Thanksgiving basket brigade. We gather everything you need for a Thanksgiving dinner and put them into baskets to be sent to people in need," said Sophia Baird '24. "Over the years we have made hundreds of baskets. I really enjoy doing this every year because it makes me feel good that I'm helping others."

Another way the organization has helped the community is through their mask drive. Starting at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, the organization was motivated to help address the growing need for masks for essential workers.

In the spring of 2020 they donated handmade masks to healthcare workers and members of Pinkerton Academy's food services and buildings and grounds crews.

The foundation's hope is that their work will help young leaders from all surrounding communities accomplish their goals with support from the community. A key part of this is educating and increasing their volunteer base so that everyone is well educated in teaching others how to give back. Their mission is "to help build up lives of those needing assistance to their full potential," and their vision statement is "to grow our volunteer base and create opportunities to assure families have the essentials to lead healthy lives."

Many people are involved in the Good Shepherds Organization. There is a Youth Advisory Board and a Board of Advisors. Gaudreau and Wasiejko used to be on the Youth Advisory Board, but both moved onto the Board of Advisors after turning 18 and graduating high school.

"The Youth Advisory Board is responsible for facilitating the work we do while the adult members are there to help guide them," said Ethan Wasiejko.

For more information about the Good Shepherds Foundation, including becoming a member, visit the website.

<https://www.goodshepherdsfoundation.org/>

If you or anyone you know are interested in helping out in your community, please see our volunteer form: <https://www.goodshepherdsfoundation.org/volunteering.html>



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

BERT DEIVERT, '68

Contributed by Aleksandra Carney, '21

Pinkerton graduate Bert Deivert '68 was unsure as to where his journey through and after Pinkerton would take him, but he knew that music would be involved in some way. Now, he is a professional mandolinist living in Sweden with more than 13 albums recorded and sold worldwide.

Even as a student, Bert knew that music was his passion. He started out playing drums in school bands in 1964 and rock bands in 1965, and upon enrolling at Pinkerton, joined the concert and marching band. In 1967 Bert joined a local band as the lead guitarist, but said most of his classmates would have known him as a drummer. His bands performed at many dances and concerts in MacGregor Park. Mr. Hutchins, who at the time was the sole music teacher at Pinkerton, was a huge source of inspiration for Bert, encouraging him to pursue his musical dreams.



Deivert and Peter Case playing in the streets of San Francisco in 1973.



Deivert playing in a Blues Bar in Bangkok, Thailand.



Some of Bert's favorite memories of his time at Pinkerton include the massive concerts the school used to host for the bands and choirs and his senior class play *Hip Hippie Hooray*. Local community members would come to watch the students perform, bringing together the entire school, including those who wouldn't normally spend time with one another. In addition to the arts, Bert was also involved with writing for the *Tower*, Pinkerton's literary magazine.

Upon graduating from Pinkerton Academy, Bert studied in San Francisco, where he played music on the streets, determined to pursue his passions no matter what. It was there that he met his wife, with whom he would move to Sweden.

"I actually got a job teaching at the University after 20 years in Sweden, but those first 20 years, I just supported myself on music. It's always just been this sort of thing that moved me," he said.

Bert was first exposed to the mandolin while listening to music with his friend Peter Case in 1973, when they stumbled upon a record on which Yank Rachel played blues on a mandolin. Bert became fascinated by this unique style of music, eventually deciding in 2003 to transition from guitar to mandolin, a decision that would catapult him into the global spotlight. In 2007, he released his first blues mandolin album. Shortly after the album's release he began receiving offers of international gigs and would go on to perform in 23 different countries including Ireland, South America, Thailand, and Australia. Reflecting on his success, Bert had this to share with prospective musicians:

"Go with the things that guide you. Don't listen to everybody else that says 'oh you can't do this,' or 'don't do that.' There are lots of other kinds of music than just hit music and becoming famous. The musical things that appeal to you, just keep doing them and work at it. You have to be really stubborn, and you have to not give up. Expand your interests—don't just focus on one instrument, because each one will teach you something different. It's easy to give up and say, 'Oh, I'm not going to be any good,' but it takes years and years. You're always going to keep improving."



Deivert's latest album will be available in early July to stream or download. You can find it on Spotify or at his bandcamp site <https://bertdeivert.bandcamp.com>.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

CHRISTINA MAILLOUX '98

The path that led 1998 Pinkerton Academy alumna Christina Mailloux to her current role as Field Medical Strategy and Execution Lead at Pfizer is not one that she had imagined.

In high school she was unsure if she would major in English or science in college, ultimately choosing to major in Biology at Tufts University.

“I think what sort of drove me towards science was that when I was looking at my career options, I didn’t necessarily want to go the teaching route,” she said. “It’s pretty ironic because in my current job within Medical Affairs at Pfizer, I do a lot of teaching and educating others, and I enjoy that aspect of it. Many people don’t realize that within pharma, we offer non-promotional scientific education to physicians—around the science behind the development of a certain drug, what might be needed from a prescribing perspective, and information on safety or efficacy—so that they can make informed decisions about whether to prescribe it.”

After graduating from Tufts University in 2002, Mailloux worked for the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C. as she applied to graduate schools. She spent 7 years at the University of Colorado, earning her doctorate in Human Medical Genetics. Upon completion of her program, she completed her postdoctoral fellowship at National Jewish Health in Denver, CO.

Before joining Pfizer, Mailloux worked for various smaller biotech companies. She moved to California after being recruited to work for a genetic testing company, but after a year the company shifted direction, and her job was eliminated. Unsure of her next move, she applied for a position at a medical affairs contracting company that was working with the dermatology team at Pfizer.

“I lucked out because it just matched my skill set since I had studied vitiligo, a dermatological disease, in grad school,” she said. “It wasn’t necessarily something I was looking for, but it just so happened to come along.”

Mailloux took the position and after six months got internalized at Pfizer as a full-time employee with the dermatology team as a Field Medical Director, traditionally called a Medical Science Liaison (MSL) elsewhere. In this role she was responsible for maintaining connections within the medical community and educating healthcare professionals about the safety and efficacy of Pfizer’s products. This experience helped prepare her for her current role.

“Last year an opportunity came up for me to apply for my current role which is Field Medical Strategy and Execution Lead. It was a new position that was not a customer-facing role so it was a change from what I had been doing before, but also an opportunity to shape the future of medical affairs” she said. “This new role involves a lot of cross-functional work, operational excellence,



Christina Mailloux



and strategic thinking and I’m often the voice of the field medical team. Because I had done that role before, I have the perspective of what field medical directors might need.”

While she is not in a lab performing what is often known as “bench science,” Mailloux says earning her Ph.D. was essential to advancing in her career. She says she likes the different ways she is able to incorporate her science education into her career.

“In a lot of science careers, you really need your Ph.D. to advance. Everyone I work with that’s my peer has an advanced degree of some sort. Even though I don’t directly do bench science now, obtaining my Ph.D. was essential to my current success.

“I tell people, it’s kind of frustrating to do bench science because most of the time it doesn’t work! Most people assume you do an experiment, it’s successful, and then you have this great discovery, but I would say often science doesn’t work that way. To do bench science, you have to be passionate as you often only work on one particular thing for the rest of your career. After years in the lab, I wasn’t sure I wanted to focus on just one thing. I liked the broader aspects of science hence my ultimate decision to transition to Medical Affairs instead.”

In her time at Pinkerton, Mailloux loved English with Mr. Veitenheimer, Chemistry with Mr. Gundrum, and Advanced Placement Chemistry with Mrs. Little. She ran track and participated in several clubs.

“What I loved at Pinkerton is that it felt like a mini college. I felt the education we got there was excellent and I was well-prepared going into college,” she said. “I loved the opportunities at Pinkerton. I was part of so many clubs and ran track; I really loved going there.”

Mailloux advises all Pinkerton students to pursue things that might intimidate them and to be open to all opportunities that might come their way, even if they are not part of their initial plan.

“Try things that are outside of your box. There are things that I wish I had done when I was at Pinkerton that I was too scared to do. I always wanted to play field hockey, but I had no field hockey experience, so I never even tried out. I also would have loved to try and do a play and act. There are so many different opportunities. Try something out of your comfort zone. It’s how you grow.

“In terms of opportunities, I always tell people to just be open to things. This was not the career path I would have outlined for myself, but I actually think that certain things that have happened, and at the time seemed very negative, have ultimately led to positive alternatives. Being open to these other opportunities was really important because it shaped how I structured my life later on.”

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

HANNAH TERRY, '17

Hannah Terry earned her BSN in Nursing from Northeastern University in May. What would normally have been a difficult balance of coursework and clinical opportunities took an almost inconceivable turn last spring when the pandemic hit.

Terry was working her second co-op as a full-time nursing assistant in the Mass General Cardiac Surgical Intensive Care Unit (ICU). Though the university offered students the option of stopping their co-ops in light of the pandemic, Terry elected to stay on.



Hannah Terry

“It was never a decision to me. I would never have stopped the co-op,” she said. “I wanted to be there. If I was a nurse, I wouldn’t have had the choice, so I stayed.”

She admits that the experience of being a nursing student at the worst of the pandemic was harrowing, but it only cemented her resolve to be a nurse.

“It [COVID-19] ripped through the hospital for sure. We’re still recovering from a lot of backed up surgeries, a lot of death -- it’s been an amazing experience, a unique experience,” she said. “I’ll be able to look back in 20 years and say I worked through it, started my nursing career in it. The profession of nursing as a whole showed that profession is a very strong and important one.”

Since elementary school, Terry has had an interest in the medical field, first considering a path in forensics or autopsy. Though they lived out of district, her parents chose to send her and her sister Rebekah to Pinkerton because of the many opportunities it provided, and Terry made sure to make the most of them. She says taking part in the Health Science Technology (HST) program really helped her carve out her path.

“Coming to Pinkerton and having the HST program, I knew I wanted to do that program. I wanted to do EMT. I moved my schedule around, worked with my counselors, and sacrificed some other classes, including AP English, to be able to take these courses. In the end it really helped me,” she said. “I was definitely able to use what I had taken from those last two years at Pinkerton, have a job, learn my skills, and it made the first couple years in college a lot easier.”



Terry (far right) with members of HOSA and adviser Mr. Derek Earle in her senior year at Pinkerton.

Much of Terry’s success can be attributed to her confidence in creating her own path. She completed the honors diploma program at Pinkerton, but she did so with a balance of unlevied language classes, A-level versus AP courses, and many hours with the HST program and the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA). She was a state officer and president of the NH/VT chapter her senior year. HOSA Advisor and HST teacher Mr. Derek Earle made a major impact on her.

“The class, time I spent outside of class with HOSA, just life in general,” she said. “He’s a guiding part in my medical, personal, and educational experiences. I owe it to him.”

Terry wrote her college application essay on “outside of the box” thinking, and it is this approach that she believes has led to her success. She advises current students at Pinkerton to do the same and try to find their own way.

“You can do what isn’t expected of you even if it means working with the system to make your own path. Be diverse. Try to do many different things,” she said. “Once you’re in college or in a job you’re fairly tied down to one area, and high school is that time when you can try anything you want.”

“Pinkerton’s electives are so diverse. There are so many you can choose, so use them to diversify yourself and figure out what you want to do after graduation whether that be a job or college. Do as many things to find what you want so that once you find that you’re the happiest you can be.”

Terry recently accepted a nursing position at Mass General Hospital in the Cardiac Interventional Unit. 🍷

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

KEVIN DAVIES, '12

Contributed by Julianna Marique, '21

Officer Kevin Davies has been a police officer with the Derry Police Department (DPD) since 2017.

After graduating from Pinkerton, Davies went to Plymouth State but decided to drop out his freshman year and join the National Guard. He then applied to and was hired by the DPD and attended the New Hampshire Police Academy, a 16-week course at New Hampshire Technical Institute (NHTI) which he described as “grueling mentally.” Davies would spend Monday through Thursday night at NHTI, then he would leave school Friday afternoon to go home for the weekends.

“There was a lot of information thrown at you, you’re in class 8 hours a day and sometimes you’ll have 2 or 3 separate subjects you’re covering,” he said. “It feels like there’s not enough time to get all that information. It was just jam packed, but it had to be done.”

While working as a DPD officer, Davies has faced many challenges, but an incident a few months back in February has probably been his worst. While responding to a call for a driver who crashed into a guardrail, Davies was hit by another car, pinning him between both vehicles. He suffered severe leg injuries. While recovering from his injuries, Davies has been both mentally and physically preparing himself to go back to work.

“I’m so excited to get back to work and do what I love to do. I truly can’t wait,” he said.

Even before joining DPD, Davies has helped Coach O’Reilly with Pinkerton’s football for 7 years. When he was at Pinkerton, his dream was to play football in college, but due to a head injury he could not. Davies approached Coach O’Reilly to see if he could volunteer to help out with the JV and Varsity football teams.

“I try to be there as much as I can. It’s great, I love it. I have had such a passion for football since I was a little kid so to be both a police officer and help out the football team has been

really cool. The kids are great and just being able to see the maturation of kids from when they come in as freshman to when they graduate has been really cool,” said Davies.

During his 4 years at Pinkerton, Davies played for the football team. Senior year he also joined the Just Like Us Club

and was a member of the track team. He said his time at Pinkerton allowed him to meet new people and take some amazing classes, including Sports Literature with Ms. Buskey and Unified P.E. with Mr. Murphy. He hopes current students make the most of their time.

“I would say enjoy your time at school, because it goes by quickly and once you get out, real life hits you in the face. Stay in touch with your friends from school as you get older. I always think back, and I miss seeing all my friends from school and soon as you get older you have your own life and it’s hard to get together.”

Davies says no matter the path they choose, Pinkerton graduates will be ready to take on the challenges that come their way.

“Pinkerton gets you ready for everything. There’s a lot of different avenues you can take, and I think Pinkerton does a good job of offering all these courses to everybody where you can pick your own path and decide what you like and what you think you want to do with your life. Pinkerton really helps you prepare for your time outside of Pinkerton.” 🍷



Kevin Davies

Pirates of Penzance *Continued from page 9.*

classroom, and while there were a few people who would do the obligatory ‘Thank You!’, it was definitely an exercise in trust to see if the blocking would stick from the virtual to the in-person setting.”

The moments that brought Mrs. Tartarilla the most joy were witnessing the cast explore the comedic script and simply have fun in each other’s company. With the production coming on the heels of a bleak winter where students were confined to home among school closures and activity cancellations, the comedic elements of *Pirates* provided well-needed moments of laughter. Despite the long rehearsal period and challenges presented by COVID, every member of the cast was all in, showing up to early morning weekend rehearsals, and quickly picking up blocking that was taught in virtual formats. The silly and fun energy filling the Stockbridge rehearsal spaces was contagious.

“One of the moments that stands out to me has nothing to do with acting, singing, or dancing. It was one of those beautiful March

days, and I was rehearsing with both casts when someone asked if a group could go outside to run lines. I said sure, and at one point while the cast in the chorus room was running a scene, I checked in on the kids outside. I don’t think there was much running of lines going on, but everyone was just spread out on the grass, talking, basking in the sun. It was just 17-18 teenagers outside basking in the sunshine, being together. It felt normal. It made me happy, and it was such a beautiful moment.”

What every member of the production team agreed on, was the fact that without the support, leadership, and talent of every adult and student involved with the production, *Pirates of Penzance* would not have been the massive success that it was. The Pinkerton Players may have faced insurmountable odds this season, but the dedication of the members and advisers alike proved that even in the face of a global pandemic, theatre and the joy it can bring to a community will survive. 🍷

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MARISSA TREMBLAY, '08

An assistant professor at Purdue University in the Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, Pinkerton Academy graduate Marissa Tremblay has been recognized as an outstanding woman in science.

Tremblay was awarded the *2021 Marion Milligan Mason* award for women in the chemical sciences. The award, given by the American Association for the Advancement of Science, is presented to early-career female scientists who work broadly in the chemical sciences and provides funds to support their research. In 2020 Tremblay also received the Doris M. Curtis Outstanding Woman in Science Award.



Marissa Tremblay

As a woman in science, Tremblay recognizes the impact awards like these have as she advances in her career.

“Now that I’m in a position where I have more power and responsibility, I also find that I’m facing barriers that I didn’t face before. Getting an award like this definitely helps,” she said. “It helps your name to be on the radar of people it wouldn’t have been

before, particularly for me. I’m in an Earth Science department, but I do chemistry, so I’m building a network that’s broader than it would have been before.”

Tremblay has been at Purdue University since 2019 where she teaches a survey class of 450 students along with upper level Earth Science courses in her department. However, her early plans did not include pursuing a career in academia.

“I wanted to be a doctor, and I took AP Chemistry with Mr. Breda and AP Bio with Mrs. Granger. Then I learned how long medical doctors have to stay in school, and I didn’t want to do that,” she said. “In hindsight, the joke’s on me because I’ve spent a lot of time in school—maybe not as much as a medical doctor in training, but quite a bit more than I expected.”

After graduating from Pinkerton, Tremblay earned a B.A. in Environmental Science from Barnard College and her Ph.D. from the University of California Berkeley. She credits a spring break educational field trip to Death Valley, CA for setting her on her path.

“I went to college not really knowing what I wanted to do, but I was sort of interested in environmental science. Then my first year this course was offered, which was a spring break field trip to Death Valley, CA. I had never been to California, had never been to the west coast, so that’s what I ended up doing that spring break. I ended up really enjoying the content of the course—doing the field work, asking the professor



In her spare time, Tremblay enjoys the outdoors.



Tremblay at work in her lab at Purdue University.

questions about the geology and trying to learn more about it. That’s for me, I think, what the turning point was.”

Tremblay worked for the professor who led the trip in the lab that summer. She recognizes that many of her opportunities have come from the relationships she built with mentors along the way.

“I’ve had excellent mentors support me as far back as high school. I had excellent teachers who helped me think generally about what I wanted to do in terms of going to college, and then I had excellent mentors when I was in undergraduate that really advocated for me and helped push me get these opportunities that were going to help me advance in my career.

“I think having those relationships is really important. It’s essential. I wouldn’t have been aware of some of the opportunities that came my way without those people telling me about them and encouraging me to apply for them, even telling me how to go about it.”

She encourages Pinkerton students to seek out these types of mentors by talking with teachers outside of the classroom. She says she gives the same advice to her own students.

“The more facetime you get with people, the more opportunities you have for those mentoring relationships, so go to office hours or just stop by outside of class. Even when you don’t have a question about homework or something—go and talk.”

SENIOR REFLECTION

MACY GRAVES '21



Macy Graves, Class of 2021

Rolling into the Junior Lot, overlooking the Academy Clocktower with the sun peaking over the trees was not a sight many freshmen got to see on their first day of high school. I sat in the passenger seat next to my older sister, Amelia, in a nervously excited buzz. This was it! It was finally time for me to enter a new stage in my life—one that my three older siblings previously established themselves in, creating fond memories and

entertaining stories that they would apprise to me in my younger years. It was finally time for me to make lasting friendships of my own.

Yet the most unusual factor to the start of my high school career sparked feelings of uncertainty toward this new, expansive environment reflected by Pinkerton's size and stature. In my middle school transition, I entered a class of 129 students from a class of 18 students. As a fifth grader, this already seemed like a huge step. Little did I know that soon I would be in a freshmen class of 899 students. The overwhelming size was far from what I was used to, casting unwavering uncertainty on my expectations. Though it was new, it was a change that allowed for the opportunity to re-establish who I wanted to be. After all, being one in 899 was the closest I was going to get to being "one in a million." Those 770 more students could be 770 friendships with the fondness that my siblings described to me. The size factor may have seemed scary, but it turned out to be the greatest opportunity for adventure and exploration that I have ever experienced to this day.

However, as I strode into my first class, I was still ignorant of the immense impact that Pinkerton would have on my life. During my freshman year, I immediately immersed myself into athletics joining the soccer and track teams.

To this day I have incredible memories from Mack Plaque, Spirit Week, Pep Rallies, home games, and Division 1 Championships, repping the Astros with vibrant shades of red and white. My teammates became my best friends. I found myself shouting their names during the passing periods when my eye would catch another Pinkerton jersey on the way to its next class. Pinkerton athletics opened the door to opportunities like making friends in different grades, connecting with teachers as coaches, and competing in high level sports competitions. Daily practices developed my self-discipline and immersed me into the Astro's school spirit.

As my love for Pinkerton stemmed from athletics, it led me to get involved in clubs and CTE classes. Initially in my classes, I was met

with familiar greetings. . . "Oh, you must be Calvin's sister!" or "Are you related to Stuart Graves?" and "Oh my gosh you look EXACTLY like Amelia!" Though I would argue that in fact we do not look alike, it was clear from the get-go that my teachers were invested in the success of their students. The range of leveled classes makes it possible for all types of students to be successful at Pinkerton. From college-level AP classes to the unlevelled career-based learning classes of the CTE program, students are free to take the reins of their education, preparing them for the future. To follow my own interests, I decided to join clubs. Pinkerton has a club for everything imaginable, and among that extensive list, I joined LCA, AMP, NHS, and FLHS. Though these might not have been as specific as the cartoon-loving Garfield Club, each was a fantastic opportunity to practice my leadership in fields of future interest. Because of Pinkerton's learning and involvement systems, I was taught by tremendous teachers and advisors, and supported by students with the same dedicated desire for success. I am incredibly grateful for these people and memories.

As the Class of 2021 graduates and I drive out of the Senior Lot for the final time with the sun beating down on a hot summer's day, I think back on my Pinkerton experience and I cannot imagine it any other way. I am lucky to say that I have attended an astounding high school with teachers, coaches, and peers that supported my every effort. Yet as the graduates go forward, we are moving on to even bigger and better opportunities. Like we did from middle school to high school, we must take the next step on the upward incline of our lives, leaving a legacy of our own. Whether it is following the footsteps of a role model or paving the way to personal achievements, we will continue with the same courtesy, respect, and responsibility that Pinkerton administered in our lives. As we reflect on the adversities we faced each year, it is important that we input the same resilience used to acquire our caps and gowns into our future endeavors. Be proud of the legacy you have left at Pinkerton, and go forth with tenacity!



SENIOR REFLECTION

NICHOLAS BARBUTO '21

Sitting amongst my fellow classmates at graduation a couple nights ago really put the Pinkerton experience in perspective. Amidst a sea of red and white surrounded by family, faculty, and administration – it all seemed so surreal. The finality of the occasion brings new found perspective in so many ways. You don't have the full awareness of the size of this class until you're literally sitting in the middle of it. Row upon row of seats spanning the width of the football field neatly laid out in alphabetical order, and a half hour into the roll call finds us only up to the last name letter "H"!! What a diverse group of students with so many skills and talents all ready to embark on new journeys and challenges. We all started our Pinkerton experience as small fish trying to swim in a very big pond. However, now as bigger fish, we swam into the tides of a pandemic and everything that challenge presented. No doubt we reached our shoreline. We are smarter, wiser, and more confident as we enter new ponds to start swimming upstream again. Some of these waters will be deep, and may even be murky at times, but we are equipped to begin our next journey. Pinkerton has been the current in that pond carrying us all forward readying ourselves for our next challenge.

I recall that very uneasy feeling the night before my first day at Pinkerton. How was I ever going to transition to a school that is closer to the campus size of a small college versus a one structure building typical of your average high school. Will I get lost? Will I be late for class? Will I walk into the wrong room full of seniors who will smirk at me? My first week was eventful – I missed seminar, went to the wrong class, and then with some other unintentional circumstances, wound up in the Dean's office. That conversation helped put things in perspective – it calmed my fears, and allowed me to take a step back and regroup. I got over that hump quickly, and the pieces of maneuvering through the Pinkerton logistics puzzle were falling into place. We learn by making mistakes, and it's not so much making the mistake, but it's how we respond to those miscues and overcoming our challenges.

As some of my classmates know, I am a musician and will be pursuing a Music Degree in the fall. I've been playing the drums since I was five years old, have taken private drum lessons for many years, and played in many teen rock bands prior to Pinkerton. As if entering the award-winning Pinkerton Jazz Program as a freshman wasn't enough of a daunting challenge, I also had to completely change my percussion technique from a hard and pounding rock style to the finesse and subtle tonalities of jazz percussion. While I worked hard on my technical jazz skills, so much of my development was directly attributed to the smart and supportive culture of the Music Program led by Mr. Mike Adams and Mr. Jamie Boccia. As an eighth grader, Mr. Adams sought me out and introduced himself to me. He showed an interest in me not just as a musician, but as a person, even before I ever stepped foot on campus. Upon my arrival as a freshman, I found my way in to Jazz Ensemble, Wind Ensemble, Marching Band, Theatre Pit, and Jazz Combo all in my first year. Each of these settings and experiences challenged and stretched me beyond my comfort zone, giving me the confidence and drive to compete and place at the Jazz All State and All State Honors levels throughout all four years at Pinkerton.



Mr. James Boccia, Nicholas Barbuto '21, and Mr. Michael Adams

The Music Department culture is engaging - not just from the educational component the program delivers, but how each student is treated as an individual and contributing member to the program. Sure, there are varying levels of student skill and drive, but each student brings value to the overall equation resulting in the sum being greater than its parts. This is where the magic happens. I learned so much about myself, not just as a developing musician, but more importantly, as a person through the relationships I developed with my fellow musicians and music educators, and the mentorship I received over these past four years.

For incoming freshmen, it's all about stepping up and taking that leap of faith into the great unknown abyss – taking smart risks and then going for it. Having a goal, working hard to attain it, and not being afraid to stumble on occasion. Hard work develops confidence, and confidence develops passion for the goals and pursuits we want to achieve. Pinkerton has played a critically important role in helping me further develop my skills and realizing my passions. The pandemic has taught us much about ourselves as students and as individuals. It has challenged us in ways no one could have ever envisioned only just a year and a half ago. It has taught us the importance of resiliency, consistency, overcoming obstacles, and taking risks to keep pushing forward towards our goals. Pinkerton has truly been a gift – it has provided me with so many resources and the opportunity to dive head first into new currents flowing forward to the seas of our futures. Thank you, Pinkerton Academy educators, administration, and staff for your hard work and efforts – each of you know who you are and the role you have taken in helping me become that bigger fish. It's time to start swimming forward again as larger fish in even bigger ponds. 🍷

A FUTURE BUILT ON THE PAST:

HISTORY, PRESERVATION, AND ADAPTIVE REUSE AT PINKERTON ACADEMY

BY MARK A. MASTROMARINO, CLASS OF 1979



View of Derry Village before 1925, looking south from the bell tower of the new Pinkerton Building, erected in 1887. The Haynes House is in the left foreground; the Bingham House is to the left of Association Hall (the three-story building with the mansard roof). From the collections of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association archives.

One of the areas first settled by the original Scots Irish migrants to the Nutfield Grant in 1719 (John Pinkerton, father of the school's founders, arrived from Northern Ireland just a few years later), Londonderry's Lower Village, or Derry Village after 1827, enjoyed a building boom with the coming of the Londonderry Turnpike, incorporated in 1804. The architecture of the Village today abounds with structures surviving from the eighteenth and especially nineteenth centuries. Pinkerton Academy, its own location influenced by the siting of the turnpike, owns some of these nineteenth-century structures. The most significant one is, of course, its first schoolhouse—the Old Academy Building, erected in 1815. Since the first of three main principles embraced by the Academy in the 1990s is that “The school’s future is built around the strengths of its history and traditions”, the current Board of Trustees is taking important measures to preserve and present the school’s history. The juxtaposition of the old and the new has been a major mantra of the school since at least 1887.



The Old and the New. Postcard from the collections of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association archives.

As a new member of the Board in 2018, Mark Laliberte of Candia, was impressed by how much the Pinkerton community reflected his and the Board’s interest in the school’s history and traditions, and he truly appreciated the Board’s mission to honor

those aspects of the Academy in “ways that were meaningful,” since “a recognition of a place and time within our history is always worthwhile. It spurs curiosity on how PA was formed, developed, and influenced both its campus community as well as that of Derry and beyond.” “History also provides us with a map of the present state, which, in turn, helps us with future decisions.” Laliberte also believes that such efforts also raise Pinkerton’s “profile amongst those who appreciate history and culture, which provides its own benefits.” Going forward, Laliberte stated that he and the Board intend to “continue to have conversations with the PA community to learn about the school’s past and the stories behind them.”



Pinkerton Trustee Mark Laliberte. File photo, Pinkerton Academy.

Pinkerton Academy’s Architectural Heritage

As one of those who appreciates history and culture, and as a neighbor of the Academy and an interested resident of Derry Village, I say Amen! The Old Academy Building may be the first and most significant of Pinkerton’s early structures, but the Academy did come to possess other more or less historic buildings here as its campus expanded over 207 years, including the ca. 1823 Littell House, the ca. 1820s Haynes House, the ca. 1829 Bell Cottage or Bingham House, the 1875 Stearns House and Barn, and the 1935 Mackenzie House. Of that incomplete list, derived from Harriet Chase Newell’s *Houses of Derry Village, N.H.: An Informal Story* [Littleton, N.H., 1951], only the Littell house no longer stands.

The two most historical homes saved and repurposed by the Academy are the Bell Cottage or Bingham House and the Mackenzie House. The former sits adjacent to the now empty Littell lot, on the north



The Bell Cottage or Bingham House, 13 North Main Street, 2021. Photo by author

corner of North Main and Nesmith streets, just across Bypass 28 from my own humble nonhistorical house. It was built sometime between 1829, when William Choate sold a half-acre lot to Leonard Hale, and 1834, when it became the property of Pinkerton alumnus Luther V. Bell, husband of Frances Pinkerton and a grandson of Samuel Bell, an important New Hampshire political figure and jurist. Luther Bell, himself, became famous as a precocious physician and eventually the superintendent of the McLean Asylum then located in Somerville, Massachusetts. After passing through several hands, the house was purchased by the Academy in 1894, from the widow of J. F. T. Corwin, a brother of Mrs. H. P. Hood. Pinkerton headmaster George W. Bingham purchased it from the school in 1903, and later bequeathed

the property to the Academy at his death in 1918, to serve as a residence for headmasters, which role it fulfilled until the mid-1960s. By the 1970s, however, it was being leased as faculty apartments. In 1998, a building inspector estimated that the extensive updates and repairs for safety purposes, including properly rebuilding an ell and undertaking foundation work, would amount to over \$100,000. The Trustees balked and contemplated the cheaper alternative of demolition, until the Derry Heritage Commission intervened and educated them on the historic significance of the house. The Board reconsidered, and the following year the school was able to find a private buyer who could afford to restore the house. Today, the historic apartment house at 13 North Main Street remains an asset to Derry Village, although no longer owned by the Academy.

Another preservation success was the renovation of the 1935 home (across from the Old Academy Building) of Malcolm Mackenzie, a member of the Board of Trustees from 1933 to 1949. Former Derry town historian Richard Holmes claimed in the September 18, 2014, *Derry News* that the construction of the Cape Cod-style house was a widely publicized New Deal project. FDR's Federal Housing Administration provided funds and the house's design,



The Mackenzie House, 8 Pinkerton Street, 2021. Photo by author.

intending for it to serve as a model home for the average American family, then buffeted by economic hardship of the Great Depression. Its cutting-edge features included modern indoor lavatories, full electrification, central air conditioning and heating, and other amenities, including a totally electric kitchen with a double sink, plenty of counter and cupboard space, and an inlaid linoleum floor. Newspapers across the country featured photographs and floor plans of the Mackenzie House, and thousands of New Englanders attended the open house held November 9–16, 1935. Mackenzie left the property to the Academy in his will, and after he died in 1949, the building served as Headmaster Ivah A. Hackler's residence from 1950 till his retirement in 1974. Then it was occupied by the school's finance department, the Astro Boutique, and a detention hall. The school took much care and spared little expense in 2014–15 when renovating the building as the residence of the new headmaster, Griffin Morse, who lived in it until his resignation in 2018. Since then, 8 Pinkerton Street has served the Trustees as well-appointed office and meeting spaces.

The Preservation of the Old Academy Building

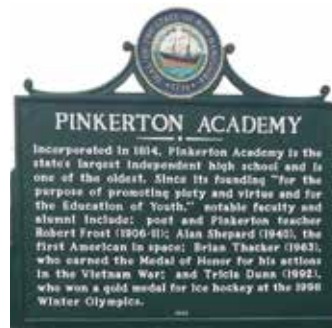
More than a century ago, the Board of Trustees also considered the school's built environment as a valuable resource with which they were entrusted (the fact that the campus then consisted of only one seventy-year-old structure might have made that consideration easier). The generous legacy of John Morrison Pinkerton, a member and president of the Board who died in 1881 enabled the Academy to erect a grand modern edifice in 1886–87. Instead of razing the original 1815 building on the desired site, they realized there was much life left in the old building and practiced a well-established Derry architectural tradition, carefully moving the structure 215 feet south-southwest down Gregg Hill in 1885. Here along Pinkerton

Street, the Old Academy Building has proudly stood for 136 years in the shadow of the Pinkerton Building (later renamed Pinkerton Hall), like the proverbial cat with nine lives, continually being revived. The building is still going strong today, though currently in need of some attention.



The Old Academy Building after being moved in 1885, dating probably to ca. 1900. From the collections of the Derry Museum of History.

That attention is now being paid as part of the current Board's interest in preserving and presenting the school's long and significant history. This interest was spurred by the Academy's 200th Anniversary celebration in 2014. A more recent manifestation of the Board's work was the 2020 installation along the Bypass by the state of New Hampshire of a two-sided highway marker informing passersby and drivers of the rich history of the school and of the Old Academy Building. And with the assistance of history-minded Alumni Association Board members, the Pinkerton Trustees successfully nominated the original schoolhouse to the New Hampshire State Register of Historic Places. This made sense. There are only two Derry buildings significant enough to appear in Bryant F. Tolles Jr.'s *New Hampshire Architecture: An Illustrated Guide*, published by the New Hampshire Historical



Historic marker installed on the lawn of the Stearns House, autumn 2020. Photo by author.

Society in 1979: the Old Academy Building, and its successor, the 1887 Pinkerton Hall (which might be next in line for nomination to the state register?).

The preservation of the Old Academy Building is being overseen by Andrew Da Prato, the Academy's first Director of Project Planning, who took up his duties in May 2020.

By considering the nuances of the school's administrative structure, decision-making process, risk/reward tolerance, and policies, personalities, and traditions, Da Prato decides out how best to achieve a campus project's goals in the most efficient, strategic, and fiscally responsible manner. His first major project was to complete a survey of the usage of the Academy's enclosed

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spaces. Currently, he is working on the best way to preserve and utilize the unique space of the Old Academy Building, the most valuable feature of the Academy's architectural heritage.

Since both the immediate and long-term preservation and restoration goals are expensive, the first step is to find appropriate sources of funding.

Having consulted with the directors of other major historic preservation projects, Da Prato is now in the process of filing with the state an Intent to Apply for a grant from the New Hampshire Land and Community Heritage Investment Program. These LCHIP grants are made to New Hampshire municipalities and nonprofit groups to acquire and preserve significant lands, buildings, and cultural resources. However, since every dollar granted by the state must be matched by the same amount funded directly by the grant applicant, there are opportunities available for the alumni as a group, as separate classes, or as individuals, to directly contribute to the success of this project.

"According to Da Prato, his first priority is to repair the envelope of the building, specifically the roof and siding. The roof has already been replaced, in May, in advance of any hoped-for LCHIP funding. On the exterior, window shutters are still faded and cracked, paint is still peeling and chipping off clapboards, and wood trim is still rotting. "The wood siding and trim repair will likely be the biggest line item, and the primary focus, of our LCHIP proposal." Da Prato also noted that, "while the specifics of the long-term plans . . . are still currently being considered, improving American with Disabilities Act accommodations in the building will almost certainly be addressed in some capacity." Alumni Center visitors will certainly be glad to hear that.

As a major first step in the LCHIP grant process, the Academy has hired an architectural historian and historic preservation consultant, Mae Williams of Unlocking History, based in Center Harbor, N.H., to prepare a report to serve as the basis of the school's application. I had the pleasure to accompany her and Da Prato on her initial survey of the building, during which she examined with a professional eye everything inside and out, between the fish weathervane at the top of the bell tower to the building's original foundation and basement (in which, somewhat ironically, the school's second bell currently rests). Her rough draft of the report will have been completed by May 14, and after any modifications requested by LCHIP, the final draft will have been completed and submitted by June 11, when the technical review will be conducted by the state. Williams's report will also be preserved in the Alumni Association archives to serve the Academy as an important resource documenting the early history of the school.

An Oral History of the Building?

Generations of students, faculty, administrators, and alumni have different memories of the building that they called Pinkerton Academy, the Old Academy Building, the Freshman Building,



Andrew Da Prato

Mackenzie Hall, and the Alumni Center. As the only building on campus for the first four generations, it was Pinkerton Academy, from 1815 to 1885. It was all downhill from there, literally, when it lost its favored position on the hilltop and was replaced by the grand brick building literally towering over the school, the Village, and most of the town. No one lives today who can personally recall that first dispensation.

A few living alumni might remember their experiences in Mackenzie Hall during the middle years of its use as auxiliary classroom and homeroom space into the 1940s and '50s. Considerably more could share their memories of the building in which they took science and art classes into the 1970s and early '80s.

But, surely, many, many alumni could speak from personal experience about the initiative of Academy Trustees Marion Pounder (Class of 1940; Hall of Fame, 1993) and Col. Paul Traver, and the leadership of Alumni Association President Richard West (Class of 1959; Hall of Fame, 1993) that resulted in the renovation of the building from 1982 to 1984, and its dedication and reopening on June 23, 1984, as the official home and headquarters of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association. Approximately 250 people attended that occasion (of which a video exists in the archives), but so many more made it possible, through thousands of dollars of financial contributions, hundreds of hours of donated labor and expertise, and plain sweat equity. For over a third of a century, the Alumni Association has enjoyed and utilized the offices, a welcoming lounge and meeting space, and storage and exhibit space for historical records and documents, photographs, and Pinkerton Academy memorabilia and Pinkerton family antiques and museum pieces.

If you, dear reader, have any memories of the building to share for a future article detailing its history, please email them to me, Mark A. Mastromarinio, at markamastro@gmail.com, or to



View to the east from the Old Academy Building's bell tower, 2021. Photo by Mae Williams.



Dedication of the Alumni Center; June 23, 1984. From the collections of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association archives.

Alumni Coordinator Meagan Sojka at msojka@pinkertonacademy.org. To inspire your participation, permit me to present the recollections of current faculty member Ms. Patricia Nelson Hicks, one of the last teachers who taught classes in the building. She shared them with me during an April visit to the Alumni center:

“I taught General Science upstairs, which was divided into a lab room with long lab tables with sinks in the middle and a carpeted classroom with enough desks for about thirty students. Ivah Hackler hired me right out of college (UNH) in 1974, but he retired before I began teaching, and I had the pleasure to start work under Brad Ek. I was younger then (and coach of the girls cross-country track team), and was able to negotiate the front stairs as easily as my students, who would run up and down them. I didn’t even realize their steepness was an issue until my first parents’ night, when some of the parents were dragging by the time they reached my classroom.

“I don’t recall any problems with the various mechanical systems of the building. The radiators provided enough heat in the winter, and if it got too hot in June, we would just open the

window and welcome in spring breezes. There was one incident I do recall. In the middle of class one day, I smelled something burning. Assuming that some pottery was baking in the kiln in the art room below, I went down to check with the art teacher. He told me there wasn’t, but that the ballast of one of the fluorescent lights was buzzing so he turned it off. He thought that might have been the source of the smell, and when he turned on the switch to demonstrate, the fixture sparked and caught on fire! I was horrified, imagining the consequences if my students were trapped in a fire on the second floor, so I ran back upstairs as fast as I could and got everyone safely out of the building.

“I had no complaints about teaching in this building. It was my first job, and I was in no position to complain, even if I had any. I suppose I did perhaps feel somewhat isolated from the other faculty on campus, but the heightened camaraderie with my science colleagues Brewster Bartlett and Chris Harper, who also taught upstairs here, more than compensated. You should contact them, as I’m sure they have stories to tell!”



Softball Team Soars

In their first season on the new turf multi-purpose field, the softball team had a strong year making it to the playoffs and ending with a 13-5 record.

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On Saturday, May 1st the **Hope Garden** was dedicated at Pinkerton Academy. Planted through the collaborative efforts of the **Yellow Tulip Project, Reach 1, Teach 1, Love 1**, and the **Jason R. Flood Memorial** 1,500 yellow tulips were planted in the fall of 2020. The flowers are meant to be a visual reminder that “even though individuals face ‘cold and dark’ seasons in life, renewal and hope wait ahead.”

Hope Garden Dedication

With musical performances and inspiring speakers, the dedication of the Hope Garden on Pinkerton’s campus focused on mental health awareness. Pinkerton Academy alumna Eden Richardson, '16, a Board Member of the Jason R. Flood Memorial Foundation and direct care counselor at Hampstead Hospital spoke about suicide prevention. Jeremy Fenn, president of the Reach 1, Teach 1, Love 1 Peer Board conducted the dedication. The event also marked the start of Mental Health Awareness Month.





Dalton Fenn



The Hope Garden lines the Memorial Garden on the Pinkerton campus.



Holly Fenn and her youngest son, Jeremy, at the Hope Garden planting in October.

Reach 1, Teach 1, Love 1: Start the Conversation...

Eleven years ago, Holly (Rozen) Fenn, '85 lost her middle child, Dalton, to suicide. Just 14 years old, Dalton was in the 8th grade, and his death was a total shock for his family and the small town of Bow, NH where they lived. Fenn says Dalton was not the typical portrait people think of when they think of mental health and suicide.

"Dalton fit in the box. He was well-loved by everyone, athletic, very social," she said. "When Dalton died, we were all completely shocked and gutted. The whole community was utterly devastated."

Nine years after Dalton's death, Fenn co-founded **Reach 1 Teach 1 Love 1** with another mother who had lost a child to suicide. The mission of the organization is "to share our experiences, to promote awareness of mental illness and suicide, and offer encouragement and hope to reach one, teach one, love one, to impact all."

"I knew, probably a day after he died, that one day I would have to go out and talk about this and share our story and build a platform where kids felt comfortable talking about mental health and seeking assistance," she said. "To help them realize that it's okay not to be okay, and you never know what's happening behind the scenes in someone's brain."

Having suffered from depression herself, Fenn always watched her children carefully for signs of mental illness. She admits, however, that they never talked much about mental health, so she tries to help parents navigate talking with their own children.

"I have a mission. My mission is to save lives. I don't want anyone else to go through this," she said. "I try to speak with parents to say even if you think your child is okay, you still need to have that conversation that not everything in life is going to be daisies and unicorns—there will be times in your life when you'll have difficulty, but know that you'll get through it and there are people always there willing to listen. We want people to be able to start the conversation."

The strictly volunteer organization has expanded to create a peer advocate program where teens share their own personal stories. Fenn says it was critical to get kids involved and give them a feeling of ownership and to educate them on what to do to help friends in crisis.

"We sometimes hate to admit it, but often with kids, peers will listen to peers more than adults; we do encourage them to go to adults when they're in need, but they won't always do that. They'll go to a friend, so we empower those friends to know where to turn."

One of the organization's overarching goals is to stop the stigma that is still often connected to mental health issues and suicide. She says people are still afraid to talk about suicide because they're afraid it will give someone the idea, but the opposite is true. Talking about suicide saves lives.

"We need to think of mental health as something as important as keeping your glucose in check. We need to think of it as a health condition because it is. It's important that we talk about how we're feeling as much as we talk about getting a cold. I think the more we talk about it, the more it's going to become language that's heard all the time and hopefully people won't feel inferior for needing help or guidance."

Fenn also encourages families to have a safety plan for mental health crises the same way they prepare for other family emergencies. The plan would include who to call, any important phone numbers, and ways to mitigate stress in the moment.

"When you're suffering from any mental anguish the last thing you can do is think right. So having that down in front of you, being able to read it or maybe hand it to somebody who cares about you and can help you through that process -- it's important to be prepared."

Most of all, she hopes to spread the message that everyone has someone who cares and to turn to those people in times of need, regardless of who it is.

"Everybody has someone, everybody has someone that they can reach out to. We encourage it to be parents, but if the parent is not that person it could be a coach, it could be a nurse, it could be a guidance counselor, it could be a best friend who can lead you to somebody," she said. "But there's always, always someone who wants to help you and will understand."

**To donate or learn more, including how to become a peer advocate, visit <https://www.reach1teach1love1.org/>
You can follow Reach 1 Teach 1 Love 1 on Facebook and Instagram (reach1teach1love1).**

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Astros United

Astros United is a student organization that “shines light on an issue our society often disregards: mental health.” Started just five years ago when adviser Joe Mancinelli began his career at Pinkerton, the group seeks to give students a platform to discuss mental health along with raising awareness for others. To date the group has raised \$8,000-9,000 for groups like the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI); Reach 1, Teach 1, Love 1; and the Center for Life Management. #StoptheStigma



ABOVE: Astros United club members promote conversation and awareness in order to work to stop the stigma associated with mental health.

RIGHT: Astros United adviser Mr. Mancinelli presents a check from the proceeds of their first ever virtual 5K to Reach 1, Teach 1, Love 1.





Jason Flood

Healing through music and connecting with community:

Pizzastock remembers **Jason Flood '16**

Along with being a musician, Jason Flood was an athlete, playing soccer and baseball growing up. He did well in school and senior year spent his lunch period helping underclassmen with architecture work. Flood admits that in hindsight he thinks Jason might have been reaching out for help, and he advises parents to seek help early.

“Don’t wait. We thought that Jason’s mood swings were typical teenage boy moody because he was high functioning,” he said. “He was good at anything he did, never great because it appeared he wouldn’t work at it; it just came natural. But we sensed something was wrong, and when we did, we didn’t know where to turn.”

The Pizzastock events and the Jason R. Flood Memorial are also meant to help provide support and community for families of young people as well. Flood says he hopes it helps parents who are struggling.

“Danillelle and I didn’t know where to go. We didn’t know what to do or who to talk to. We weren’t even sure what was wrong. After, you realize how many people are in your same situation, and now we have a pool of parents that hopefully can be there for each other. Our Pizzastock motto is ‘Healing through music and connecting with community,’ and that’s what we really are trying to do with it all.”

This year, like most everything, Pizzastock looks a bit different with 3 or 4 smaller traveling events, but the show(s) will definitely go on. Locations include the Auburn Pitts, Kendall Pond Pizza, the Boys & Girls Club of Derry, and the Stockbridge Theatre at Pinkerton. Kendall Pond Pizza in Windham has generously donated the pizza since the start.

To donate or find events, visit www.pizzastock.org. You can follow the Jason R Flood Memorial on Facebook and Instagram ([jrf.memorial](https://www.instagram.com/jrf.memorial)).

Jason Flood graduated from Pinkerton in 2016 and passed away by suicide in November of that year. Since then, his parents Douglas and Danielle Flood have established the Jason R. Flood Memorial to remember the life of their son and help other young people and families who are struggling with mental health and suicide.

The flagship event of their organization is Pizzastock, a music festival in the spirit of Woodstock that brings young people together with live bands and lots of pizza. The event started in the spring of 2017 when Jason’s friends approached Doug. Jason and his friends had always wanted to hold such an event, and so they worked together to pull off the first Pizzastock in 2017, donating their profits to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen in Derry.

What began as a dream shared among Jason and his friends has only grown, expanding to 2 events a year and even hosting virtual events last year. The organization became an official 501(c)(3) and to date has raised close to \$35,000. The Upper Room and the Boys & Girls Club of Derry have been beneficiaries of these efforts, and now Flood says the organization is starting to use the money for its own efforts for mental health education and support programs.

“Our thing is community and getting kids together and talking together,” Flood said. “Some of the bands share members or equipment—we try to encourage them to come and stay for the whole thing and see and support the others. We are trying to develop different friendships where they didn’t know they had them.”



Jason graduated in 2016.



The Flood Family—Jason, Doug, Danielle, and Malarie

CLASSNEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2021

—1945—

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As correspondent for the Class of 1945, I am happy to report there are 9 of us still living and doing well. The past year with the pandemic has certainly been challenging for everyone. I am occasionally able to contact some who live here in town or nearby. Recently, **Claire Ball** and I had lunch here in my home and with the vaccinations and relaxation of regulations perhaps we and some other friends will be able to have lunch at one of the local restaurants soon.

Since my last class correspondence I am sorry to report that **Bill Levandowski** passed away November 21, 2020. I spoke with Bill before his death and he was planning to send me some of his poetry that he had written, some of which was about his late wife **Pat Senter Levandowski**. It had been published in Maine. If anyone happens to have any of his poetry it would be great to be able to share it.

Claire Ball, myself and **Sam Low** kept in touch on a regular basis. We were fortunate enough to have enjoyed many lunches together over the years. Even over the past year we stayed in touch through our many telephone conversations. So it was with great sadness that we were told of Sam's passing in September 2020. We will certainly miss Sam but will remember the times we shared.

I hope we can, through this column, persuade more classmates to join us for lunch. Please contact me so we can arrange something.
Elaine Rendo

—1948—

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Summer's here and we're still held back from visiting because of Covid-19. I had my second vaccination on April 15th so by the time you read this *Alumnus* I'll be out and about but still with a mask – can't be too safe!

Dick Rand had 2 mini strokes and they did a catheterization and put a stint in. He went to two Rehab Centers—the last one was Hillsborough County Nursing Home which he was happy with and they did a good job with his rehab. He's home and happy to be there. I'm sure **Doris** is tired from all the worry, etc.

Rita Demers called last week telling me she had a heart attack and is home and doing well. She also lost her roof from her home due to a tornado!!

I had a heart attack in August 2020. They did a catheterization and put a stint in.

Bob & Jean Kelley sold their 5th wheeler camper to a man who comes into their trailer park in Florida to purchase them. They were there for 17 years and enjoyed each year but ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!! They'll stay winters in the cold north with the rest of us now.

Paulina Hall Backman lost her oldest daughter Donna to cancer on March 15, 2021. 20 years to the day after her father passed. Paulina has a pacemaker but is doing well.

Joanne Aiken is doing well but bored to death because of the restrictions with Covid-19. She used to go to lunch once a month with a group of friends and she will again as soon as they all have their vaccinations. They'll go to their favorite restaurant as soon as they can. Joanne enjoys the fire pit in her daughter's back yard. Nice to have small gatherings because they've all had both vaccinations.

Pauline Hall Butterfield is very busy making beautiful pillows of which I received one with fern leaves on a light blue background. She had her sewing machine serviced so she could continue making

her beautiful pillows. She made over 30 for Christmas and when some of the nieces saw them, they all wanted one. Can't blame them—they are beautiful. She certainly is a talented lady and doing all this with macular degeneration! Her sewing machine is situated in a window so she can see all her work.

Virginia Verge Nelson '49 (husband **Richard Nelson '48**) had a bout with shingles. Richard is doing well—holding his own like the rest of us for being in the 90s!!

My wish for you is for good health and to practice social distancing and wear your mask to keep it that way! With all the ailments we have in our 90s, getting old is not for sissies!! Enjoy your summer.

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—1951—

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Yo Classmates!

Not much going on around here; Covid has certainly taken care of that! I am very thankful that none of my family or friends have been infected with the virus, and all have been able to do their jobs at home. I will return from Florida to my N.H. home in mid-May. Looking forward to seeing my family members and friends, all of whom should be vaccinated by then.

I will not be making my annual pilgrimages to The Villages in Lady Lake, Fla. this year, but will instead go next year if all goes well. Meantime, the weather here is warm and I swim in our heated pool in the park almost every day with my many friends. Will stay away from our beautiful gulf beaches this winter as college break is almost here and the beaches will be overcrowded with large gatherings of kids gone wild. Haha

I would really love to hear from some of you, to hear how you are coping with Covid, etc. I know you must have more spare time now and hope that you can drop me a line or two.

Go ahead, make my day! *Claire*

—1952—

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Hello Classmates,

Many of you probably already know and some may not that **Nancy Sullivan** passed away in February. Following is part of her obituary: Nancy Sullivan, 86 of Londonderry, NH passed away Sunday, February 7, 2021 after a long illness. She passed away in the comfort of her son's home in Florida surrounded by her children and surviving sister. Nancy was born in Derry, NH, on January 29, 1935, a daughter of William C. and Leona (Rowell) Gray. She was a graduate of Pinkerton Academy, Class of 1952. Following graduation, Nancy began her career at Fleet Bank where she worked for 33 years before retiring as Vice President/Branch Manager. She was very active in the Derry community. Nancy volunteered to be involved with many organizations and committees and was honored as Citizen of the Year for her

commitments. She was an active member of the St. Peters Episcopal Church of Londonderry. Upon retirement, Nancy and Sully enjoyed traveling with friends throughout the US and abroad. They spent most of the winter months in Florida. They enjoyed being active in the lives of their grandkids, attending sporting events and school activities. Nancy enjoyed staying in touch with her classmates from Pinkerton, always interested in the social aspects of the alumni.

Nancy was such a good friend to all. She always had a lot to do in the planning of our wonderful past reunions and such a good class correspondent. She will be greatly missed! Ellie and I will no longer be class correspondents due to health and personal reasons. We hope someone else will take over.

Best to all, *Carol*

We are sorry to add two more sad notes concerning our class: **Eleanor (Watt) Barton** passed on April 27 and **Bob Boyle's** oldest sister, Patricia Cassell, passed on April 22. Condolences to these families from class of '52.

Next year (2022) will be our 70th anniversary. Remember June 13, 1952 we walked down the steps and parted our ways. Another reunion seems to be out of the question due to the pandemic. However, we can stay connected through the two issues of the *Alumnus* in 2022. Share a line or two about how you are doing, where you are living (houseboat? mountain retreat?) and any future plans you may have (trip to Mars?) Just kidding. Let us hear from you! *Arlene*

—1953—

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Remembering Al Page, Jr. our classmate and very own hero.

Linda Page Wickens, sister of **Al Page Jr. (PA '53)**, M.I.A. August 6, 1967, has informed us via an in depth heartwarming email of the passing of Al's son Mark Page, age 57 on December 11, 2020 from a rare form of cancer that he battled for six years. Mark at four years old did not know the man Al Page Jr. in 1967 when his plane was shot down in Vietnam. However, Mark with his parents correspondence from Al's time in Nam; government letters in response to his M.I.A. status; and voice tapes from Al's nearly 100 missions got to understand his dad's feelings on being a jet fighter pilot and having to be away from his wife and two young children. Linda ended her email as follows:

Webb Palmer '53 who promised to be my adopted big brother always wrote to Al and would call me later about how happy he was to read Al's response in a manner and form that Al never sent to my parents. He sent Mark several copies to show him how much Al missed his family. He also sent pictures of Al with some class members of '53. Yes, the class of "1953" was a big part of my growing up. In a recent phone conversation Linda told how she followed her big brother (16 yrs older) around school and sporting events. Al's son Mark attended the dedication of the computerized program donated by the Class of 1953 in Al's honor. This allowed the Air Force ROTC students to land their simulated aircraft in any major airport in the world. **Laurie Wells '78** (my daughter) said "of course I remember Al Page. Remember? We said prayers for him for years." **Angie Wells Leone '83**, my daughter, said "We wore bracelets (MIA) for years in his memory." Linda Page Wickens is an *Alumnus* Correspondent for the Class of 1969. Condolences to the Page Family. - *Telly*

Your class correspondent **Janet Caron** asked me if I'd share some information about the lat Maj. Albert Page, Jr. My late husband Wilbur ("Webb") Palmer nominated Al for induction into Pinkerton's

Hall of Fame and was invited to give some comments about Al at the induction banquet in September 2008. Here are my husband's words about his very good friend. "Al moved from Amesbury, Mass to Derry just prior to our freshman year at Pinkerton. We became friends immediately as our dads knew each other working in the shoe shop. We spent a great deal of time together. We were both on the football team, worked together at the local supermarket, and shared the same group of friends. We were welcomed in each others' homes on South Avenue and Ryan's Hill. I was with Al the day we traveled to Grenier Field when he joined the New Hampshire Air National Guard. His goal was to become a jet fighter pilot. When he got his wings and commission, he enrolled at UNH. One Wednesday evening he visited me at my fraternity house and upon leaving told me he would see me at 1 PM the next day. I was enrolled in advanced ROTC and would be attending weekly drill on the athletic field at 1 PM. However, when we were called to attention to start our drill, I heard a roar. Looking up I saw two jet fighters streaking low above us. I then realized how I would see Al at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday. The second jet was flown by another PA grad (**Frank Johnson**), Class of '52. Prior to Al's leaving for his second Viet Nam Tour, he was in Derry visiting his parents. He had dinner with my wife and me the night before he left for his base in Tampa. That evening I asked Al why he had volunteered for a second tour over there. His answer was "Because I believe in what we are doing." That was the last time I saw Al. After he was declared MIA his mother called me whenever the national news was scheduled to broadcast a video of POW camps. She would ask me to watch the news to see if I could recognize him. When Al was declared killed in action, there was a Memorial Service at Arlington Cemetery. His mother called me and asked if I would attend the service. As I was a Reserve officer, I was able to get a flight from Pease AFB to Andrews AFB in Washington. It was an honor to attend that Memorial Service. It has been likewise an honor to be here this evening with Al's family: his sister Linda Wickens, her husband Bob and their son Jason, Al's son Mark, Mark's wife Adela, and their children Christopher and Jessica." - *Marjorie Palmer*



Al Page Jr. (PA '53)

I remember Albert Page for his ever present radiant smile. He was a classmate that never seemed to get down. He had a positive personality that brightened the mood of all around him. Al was an athlete who was devoted to academics with an eye to his future after Pinkerton. With all that I never saw him without his broad smile. He was one of the elite in our class. He matured early and was an achiever in and out of school. He could be counted on to participate in any school function always with a big smile. I never saw him after graduation as we went our different ways. He became a fighter pilot in the Vietnam war and died doing his job. Pinkerton Class of 1940 had its hero in Al Shepard and the Class of '53 had its hero in Al Page. There is a stone bench on the Derry/Windham rail trail dedicated to him. It is one of three benches located just off of Bowers Road heading south on the rail trail. I pass it often in the good weather on my bicycle and never fail to salute and say "hi Al" and in my mind's eye I see his smiling face just like the picture in the '53 Pinkerton Critic Commencement book. It's hard to believe he died so long ago and wonder what he might have achieved had he lived. "Whom the God's love dies young" Herodotus - *Powell Allen, Class of '53*

I remember Al as a good friend, very likeable, always a smile on his face and a great sense of humor. He was always ready to talk about his feelings and problems and very willing to listen to

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yours. He was self-assured and optimistic. He excelled in athletics, especially basketball and football. Al was lost in the Vietnam War, when his plane went down on August 6th, 1967. He was honored on the Vietnam Wall on Panel 24E, Line 84 and has a marker at Arlington National Cemetery. He will always be missed. - *Gloria Abbott Klein*

Thoughts from *Telly*: Nov. 2020 I had need of a watchmaker. Years ago I enjoyed the services of P.A.'s best Walter Robertson "48" who passed on. Well—I should explain. I wanted information about my dad's pocket watch to pass to my grandson Alec George Leone, PA 2014. I found Walt's name in the latest P.A. Alumni Directory in the Class of 1948 section. But, no phone number or address, only an asterisk indicating he had passed away. OH NO! The one professional I knew I could give the watch to with confidence. After a phone call or two I talked with Walt. We met and laughed about the error in the P.A. Bible, as Lorraine Routhier "48" referred to it. Walt fixed me up with an examination of the watch. Two hours later he was in my driveway with my watch!! Talk about service! Walt was not sure he remembered in 1959 me being in front of his dad's store. There I was in the sunshine enjoying the sparkle of Cynthia's wedding ring set. I promised to pay \$2.00 per week until I could pay more. Great memory- fun times. - *Telly*

Condolences to the family of *Sylvia Matarozzo Costello* who has passed away. I had spoken with Sylvia a few years ago. She said she had a good life, played golf and traveled the world in her retirement years.

Condolences to the family of *Martha Daskey Dube*, our classmate who passed away in March.

We are hoping that all of you are doing well and staying strong. Quote from unknown "Cherish yesterday, dream tomorrow, live like crazy today." Think good thoughts. - *Janet, Telly, Bob*

I want to recognize *Bob Morrison, Telly Wells, and Wally Ramsden's* contributions to Pinkerton Academy and the Alumni Association. The article that appeared in the last *Alumnus* was a fitting tribute. I genuinely appreciate what Bob, Telly and Wally have done. I am proud to be a friend, *Dick West '59*

—1954—

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—1955—

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Well it is April 19th and I am doing our Summer edition of the *Alumnus*. Easter is now behind us, everything is starting to blossom and we had snow yesterday. The weather is so unpredictable these days. By the time you receive this in June, hopefully we will all be having nice warm summer weather.

I received a very nice letter from *Barbara (Ross) Corson* which I am passing on to you, my classmates.

Hello Pauline,

My mind is going round and round with thoughts and memories of the year of 2020. Did we ever imagine what that year was going to be like? Here we are thinking of spring, our vegetable gardens and flower beds. Some have already started seedlings, and as I look out the window it is snowing, the ground is all white, for sure it will not last long, actually it is very good for the lawn and fields as we are in a drought situation and without rain or snow that will become water we are in for a tough dry summer. I hope while many are planning their gardens I hope they plant pollinator gardens so our Honey Bees will be able to have food. It is a very serious situation, if we don't have honey bees to pollinate our food, there is a lot of fruit and vegetables that we will not have. My thoughts back to the past year, with the stay at home restrictions we have had, there were many benefits. Families got to know each other, do things together,

and enjoy the outdoors. There were many warnings about hiking trails, because so many people were hiking the mountain trails they became crowded, wow, can you imagine. I know the alumni will probably not come out until midsummer, hopefully the Covid-19 will have slowed down a little, but still we will never know where it is. If you listen to the scientists they don't even know when it will be over, the only thing to feel comfortable about are those of us who have had our vaccine will not get it so severe. Regretfully we have chosen to hold off on the reunion in hopes that we can get together safely in the future.

My flower shop is open with restrictions, customers come to the shop door with a mask, we talk thru the screen and I take the order, if it goes with them I make it up and leave it on a table outside. Everyone seems to be happy with this arrangement; this keeps them safe as well as me.

Today is Patriots Day. Captain John Parker, said to his Minutemen on Lexington Green MA, April 19, 1775 "Stand your ground. Don't fire unless fired upon, but if they mean to have a war let it begin here." The U.S. Semiquincentennial will be the 250th anniversary of the 1776 establishment countdown to July 4, 2026 of the United States of America. National celebrations are being planned all over the country as I write. This will be old news by the time the *Alumnus* is out; my wish for you all is to have a happy and healthy summer. *Barbara Ross Corson*

I am sad to report, we have lost more of our classmates.

Ken "Bump" Lovell passed away on October 17th, 2020 in Lehigh Acres, FL. Ken graduated from Cornell University in 1964 and spent his career in the food manufacturing business. He worked for a number of food companies, including Rolston Purina and Kroger foods, where he managed their salad manufacturing operation. Ken is survived by his wife of 61 years, *Sally Gray Lovell*; three children, Ken Jr. (Beth) of Hamden, CT, Lisa Talcott of Lehigh Acres, FL. and Robert (Heather) of Dublin, OH; Twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild. Ken will be missed by all of us and his loving family & friends. Ken was always ready to help do anything to help our class. I used to enjoy his visits where we would reminisce about our days at Good Ole P.A.

Marjorie (Pugh) Barrett passed away on November 27th 2020. Marjorie and her husband Clarence had two sons. They did a lot of traveling while Clarence was in the Air Force. Marjorie had been ill for a very long while. Bless her, she is at peace and free of pain.

Richard Gero passed away on Jan 5th 2021. He was in the hospital and passed away suddenly and unexpectedly. He was very involved in Korean Vet & Vet Of Foreign Wars.

We want to extend our condolences to all the families and friends of these classmates that have left us. Our love goes out to all.

Thank You Barbara, for our wonderful letter, plus you have made my job much easier this time.

Well, dear friends and forever classmates that is just about it for this spring edition. I want to wish every one of you the best summer ever. Please stay happy, healthy and safe until next time in the fall when I hope to be once again writing our *Alumnus* for you. Keep a song in your voice and love in your heart! **I am waiting to hear from YOU!**

And always remember! **Every Day is Truly A Precious Gift!** Your friend & Classmate, *Pauline*

—1956—

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I have to start off my report with sad news. I have learned that *Marlene Gallien* (VT.) and *Nancy Kingsbury Deisroth* (Pa.) have passed away. *Robert Hilliard* (Londonderry) brother of *Betty Hilliard Bernier* passed away. Bob was in the class of 1959. *Bob*

(Louie) Gorham passed away, husband of Gail Boles Gorham. Our condolences to their families.

Bob and Gail hosted a number of our reunions at their scenic home on the shore of Beaver Lake. Captain Bob gave many of us rides on his pontoon boat. Our class made a donation to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Derry, which Bob and Gail volunteered many hours of their time.

My own sad news is that my sister Jane Holm Macomber passed away this month in Brethren, Michigan. She was in the class of 1963.

I received the following email from our President John Goyette:

Dear Classmates,

We hope you are well, and surviving two of the worst crises in our lifetime. Life can be unfair. It hits some of us harder than others. We are gradually pulling away from the COVID pandemic and the economic crisis that affects so many Americans. With hope in our hearts your reunion committee is looking ahead to our 65th this fall. At the time when Ed's column goes to press we are planning on the date of Thursday, October 21 at 1:00 p.m. All should be vaccinated by that time. Current thinking is that our gathering will be at the easy-to-find Coach Stop restaurant in Londonderry. Following lunch, if time allows, Gretchen has invited us to nearby Sunnycrest Farm for apples and cider. A confirming invitation will go out to classmates sometime this summer. Meanwhile, mark Thursday, October 21 on your calendars and please stay well. John

It has been a very dry Spring in NH. Have played golf twice in April, have never seen the course so dry this time of year. You will probably receive the Alumnus in June which will be strawberry month in NH. Will have enjoyed a few strawberry shortcakes made with Sunnycrest Farm strawberries. I am writing this report on April 13th.

I have received my second Moderna vaccine shot three weeks ago. Hope everyone has received their shot. Hoping by October we can have our reunion, when life might be back to "Normal". Ed

—1957—

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—1958—

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In a recent communication with Beth Simmons Davidson, she and her husband Jon received their first Covid shots January 22nd and the second Moderna shot February 22 with some side effects from the second. It appears Beth was the first of the 58 classmates to receive her shot. She explains, "We had been watching closely how Nevada, and particularly Washoe County, were rolling out vaccine appointments. We registered as soon as we could, but then it turned out that our local fire department was able to get some vaccines, and our doctor's office called and told us there were some available appointments. Our fire department plays an important role in this small community with skilled paramedics ready to deal with injuries or adverse health events from both the local population and tourists, as well as the very real threat of wildfire in the summer. They were thus able to approach the county and become vaccine administrators." She also mentions they both feel fortunate to receive their vaccines so quickly and easily.

Because of the lack of other class news, I would like to share an experience I had last fall during this pandemic. The farm received a call from the Chaos and Kindness team looking for a venue for a Halloween Celebration. Chaos and Kindness is a worldwide brand and movement created by the founder of Recycled Percussion, Justin Spencer. He has one goal in mind; "to show the world you can live life to its fullest while having fun and giving back".

Once viewing the farm and the available venue for his continued efforts, a handshake was accepted. Some apprehension

was considered by my son Donny and myself because of the Pandemic. Automobiles were parked near the buildings and participants were transported by tractor hayrides or they walked to the Chaos and Kindness hilltop site a mile away. Several food trucks were at the site along with Chaos and Kindness vehicles selling their souvenirs, clothing and providing music. Their team was manning the trick or treat trails laid out in the woods. Candy scrambles in the fields and competitive belly rolls down the hill.

Our tractor hayrides were operating from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. nonstop, all farm parking lots were filled, cars were parked between blueberry bushes etc. Several thousand adults and children dressed in Halloween costumes attended the two days wearing masks and keeping distance. It was a joy viewing the costumes and participation of families enjoying freedom from the Covid confinement.

Justin Spencer and team reached the goal of living life to its fullest while having fun and giving back at Rossview!

A great experience! Wayne Ross

—1959—

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Hello to all classmates! By the time that you read this, spring will be almost over and summer will be on its way. For us in New Hampshire, it was an easy winter except for a horrendous snowstorm early on. The lack of snow made it easy on our 70-80-year-old backs. It is so good to hear from you and how you have survived the last 12 months.

I will again begin with the sad news and follow that with better news. Dr. Judith Adams Kraybill passed away on January 8, 2021, in Overland Park, Kansas due to complications from Alzheimer's disease. Judy attended PA for her sophomore year. Robert (Bob) Hilliard passed away on March 20, 2021, in his home in Londonderry, NH surrounded by his loving family. The members of the class of 1959 extend their thoughts and prayers to the families of these classmates.

I received the following from Jackie Keith Hepworth. "We spent the last year sheltering in place without any physical contact with even our children, ordering necessities on-line and groceries to go. It is good we didn't have any contact with them, or we might not have had such a good outcome. Our daughter, age 55, got the Corona virus in November and was very sick at home for over 3 weeks. Then our grandson, age 17, got a very mild case in January. Nine other extended family members from NH to NC to MN got it in varying degrees also.

We completed our 2 Moderna shots and 2 weeks later, on March 17, we were considered to be fully protected. On that day we got to hug our NH daughter and grandson for the first time in a year! It felt so good!

Except for not being able to see the family, we weathered isolation well and were able to keep busy with various projects, so we did not become bored. As we live on Big Island Pond, we were able to enjoy cruising around the lake on our Pontoon boat in the summer and busied ourselves with genealogy and completing over 50 new photo albums from old photos that had been stored in boxes for many years.

The highlight of our genealogy search was discovering my Scottish Keith ancestors going back to 980 AD. A few years ago we had discovered that my paternal 7th great grandfather, Rev. James Keith, had arrived in Massachusetts from Aberdeen, Scotland in 1662. It was exciting to visit his preserved parsonage in West Bridgewater, MA in 2019. My grandfather Keith, who died in 1960, had told me many stories that had been passed down to him, and we now have found so much truth to them...from Keiths arriving in MA in the 1600's to the Keith Castle (Dunnottar) in Scotland,

etc. Because the Keiths held the title of Earls Marischal for so many centuries, it was relatively easy to trace them back to 980 AD, with at least one English great grandmother from the 1500's with ancestry going back to 2 English Kings.

We have also discovered that my paternal grandmother's family arrived in Hingham, MA. from England in 1628. My other paternal 7th great grandfather was Deacon John Leavitt, and there is a statue erected in his honor in Hingham. His uncle, Christopher Leavitt, secured York County, Maine in the 1600's for the King of England and established a settlement on an island in Portland Harbor. A sign there commemorates this.

With my mother's side we have only gotten back about 200 years from England, Ireland and Scotland. So, our ancestry search continues.

I hope everyone has been able to remain in good health and good spirits throughout this past most difficult year. Hope to see you all at our next reunion!" *Jackie (Keith) Hepworth*

Thank you so much for sharing your COVID-19 activities, I would say that you and Ken had a very productive time.

Ray Vercoe sent this to me. "Hello to all classmates, families, and friends. What a challenging year 2020 was with COVID 19, Capitol takeover by protesters, Presidential elections, Black Lives Matter protests and other events that have affected our way of life. History will certainly record the year.

Kay and I are well and have had our COVID shots. We hope everyone is well and survived the year. We have had contact during the year with *Roger Beliveau*, *Dick* and *Ann West*, *Ken McCann*, *Bob Hilliard*, *Joe Plaza*, *Don Carey*, *Bob* and *Yolande Klein*, and *Bob Brown*.

Pinkerton students have had their challenges with a different classroom format which they will not soon forget. Our grandson, *Owen Sezgin*, was a 2020 graduate and is now attending SNHU. Our granddaughter, *Ava Sezgin* is a sophomore and competed for Pinkerton on the Alpine Ski Team.

On a very sad note, *Bob Hilliard* passed away recently and some of us attended a gathering at the Peabody Funeral Home in Londonderry to pay respects and honor his life with his family. Bob was a good friend and we did many things together, with many stories to tell. We will miss him greatly.

Looking forward, it was suggested that we try to have a mini reunion. If possible, let's do it!

In closing, all is well for the most part in the Lakes Region. We mourn those who have passed away from COVID and the difficulty of visiting restrictions in our healthcare facilities." Blessings to all, *Ray and Kay Vercoe*

Ray and Kay, thank you for the news. Yes, there were so many things that affected our lives during the past year.

The following is from *Joe Plaza*. "We hope that everyone is in good health and spirit during these unpleasant times. Norma and I are both well. We have been in Florida since late October 2020 and will return to New Hampshire in early May. We both have had our two Pfizer shots with no ill effects. Both Norma and I were saddened to hear of *Bob Hilliard's* recent passing. I have been in touch with Bob's wife, Suzanne, expressing our sincere condolences. Norma and I keep busy, Norma plays pickleball and Mah Jong, while I play shuffleboard and read. We generally walk two or three miles daily visiting several of the beautiful parks here in Pinellas County.

I also find time to call many of my PA '59 classmates to discuss family health and events. Speaking of family, my son *Matthew*, PA '90, has three children that are either attending or have graduated from PA. *Zachary*, the oldest, PA '20, is a freshman at UNH enrolled in an Engineering program. *Nicholas*, PA '21, a senior, plays on the varsity hockey team and will be attending the University of Utah in the fall of 2021 and enrolling in an Engineering program. *Emma*, PA '23, is a sophomore and runs varsity track and cross country for PA. Emma recently visited us in Florida.

Norma and I are scheduled for a three continent, 21-day cruise

in November and December 2021; however, due to current COVID restrictions, we may find ourselves rescheduling. I am looking forward to returning to NH soon and, hopefully, getting together with friends and family and doing some trout fishing. I hope that all PA '59 and other PA classmates and their families are staying healthy awaiting the demise of this pandemic and a return to normalcy." *Joe and Norma Plaza*

Joe, thank you for the news on the winter happenings in Florida, and I hope that your return to NH is a pleasant one.

This email arrived from *Susanne Beauregard Reeves*. "I received a surprise call from *Bob Klein* yesterday. It was so rewarding to share some memories and hopes for the future. 2020 was quite a trip for me. Not only COVID but selling my home of 35 years in Utah in November of 2019. I had purchased a home in Maine in April, but it was built in 1901 and required a complete rebuild. My son, Mark Tsetsilas, took over this project. I was able to move some household items to Maine with the help of my brother, *Ed Beauregard*. We drove a moving van across the country. Since I brought my Siberian Husky with me, she ended up needing the passenger seat and I rode jump seat. That was fun. The house was not ready, so I then drove to my daughter Patti's home in North Port, FL for Christmas. I planned to stay a couple of months but ended having to stay until June due to restrictions. So, I have been in Maine since June. I am glad to say that I have completed my vaccinations. My original plans were to spend 2020 visiting friends and family. Hopefully, I can do some of that this year. My best to everyone." *Susanne*

Thank you, Sue, for catching us up on your doings the last two years. I hope that you are enjoying your new house.

I read with great interest and admiration the article in the last *Alumnus* about the "Three Amigos". I worked for many years with *Bob*, *Telly*, and *Wally* on the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Board. There was no one more devoted to the Academy than those three. Thank you, "Three Amigos", for what you have done and thank you, *Alumnus*, for sharing their story with the rest of the Pinkerton community.

If any of you have contact information for *Anita Garrett Handren* or *John Sullivan*, please contact *Roger Beliveau* or me. I see that *Joan West* has registered on Classmates.com, if anyone knows her contact information, please contact Roger Beliveau or me. For those of you that do not enjoy cutting down trees to make paper, please consider visiting the Pinkerton Academy website and reading the *Alumnus* online. Please be sure to contact Meagan Sojka at 603- 437-5200 x1101 and tell her your preference to not receive a paper copy of the *Alumnus*. If you have new contact information that you would like to share with the Alumni Office, please follow this link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScUzF3qYpxOO8ZhkDBARmcawZHV5ZEb_KMv0Ww0YjkOhGc46g/viewform?usp=sf_link

We hope that your memories of the class of 1959 are good ones, and we want to hear how you are today. Each of you is an important part of our class. I love it when my mailboxes are full of classmate's news. Please "keep in touch."

Thank you all! Stay safe and have a great summer. *Dick West*

—1960—

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Hello Spring,

I received the following from *Doug Raybeck* and I thought I should forward it to our classmates. I thought it was humorous. The good old days.

Natalie,

I appreciate the research and work that went into the list of our
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GRADUATION FESTIVITIES

CLASS OF 2021

RED CARPET



AWARDS NIGHT



GRADUATION

Class of 2021 Graduates Together under the Lights

There is no doubt that the Class of 2021 was robbed of many memories due to the pandemic, but on Monday, June 7th, they started what looks to be a new tradition. The entire class graduated as one on Memorial Field. The sea of red looked particularly striking under the lights, and it was fitting that this be the class that brought graduation back home in its full splendor.



See page 32 for senior parade photos!

departed but, as you can understand, I am deeply saddened by the number of friends no longer with us, especially **Ernie Nichols**. He and I were best friends from first grade onwards. We had scheduled to meet last summer in Chester but something interfered—his death. Here is a remembrance of sorts:

Our General Science teacher was Mr. Suttles, who believed in individual projects to demonstrate basic physics principles. Ernie and I had decided to make replicas of ancient Roman siege weapons. I assembled a working kit of a small ballista that could fire kitchen matches some four or five feet. Kits were too easy for Ernie so he decided to build a scale model of a trebuchet. While my ballista stood about five feet inches tall, Ernie's trebuchet with the arm upright was a bit over two and a half feet otherwise it was 'only' a foot and a half. To add weight to the box that in Roman times held wet sand or dirt, Ernie poured in melted lead. He made a sling and a release mechanism that, attached to the trebuchet, would propel a racquetball a remarkable distance. Ernie had purchased three balls with the thought that one or more could be lost. His concerns were justified when, during our first outdoor attempt, we literally lost sight of the ball.

We took both machines to school to display, as we were required to do. I went first with my little ballista because following the trebuchet would be the very epitome of an anticlimax. When Ernie got up to display his trebuchet he took it all the way to the back of the classroom. The science teacher, Mr. Suttles, commented that it wouldn't reach the front of the room but Ernie assured him it would. The teacher said if it did he would catch it, and, in a manner of speaking, he did. Mr. Suttles caught the powerfully propelled ball where no male likes to encounter a projectile. He managed to keep his feet if not composure. Later that afternoon, we were asked to tour various classes to put on demonstrations. The news of Mr. Suttles' mishap had spread and no one tried to catch Ernie's missile.

Stay well, *Doug*

Not much is going on as it has been too cold. I was not the healthy specimen I appear to be. I went to the hospital on December 28th in critical condition as my gall bladder had died and was causing sepsis and other problems. Was in the hospital 8 days and am now recovering with a minor case of PTSD. What hell I went through. I am doing much better now and thank God for the angels on my shoulder that pulled me through. I am still here to harass my classmates and Friends so I have news to relay. I really do not have much to say at this time but wish to thank all that sent cards this year. It really means a lot to hear from you all. Cards came from **Dottie Pinard Batchelder, Judy Ross, Pat Zimmerman Wentworth** (sent a nice note with it), **Rena Butterfield Bourassa, Pat Dearborn Devlin, Ronnie Bettez, Patricia Warren, Yolande Ruel Klein, Bob Plocharczyk, Kenneth Chase**, and I know there were others but with all that was going on, I don't remember where I put them. I also heard from **Ken Strino** just checking in. Thank you all for the notes and friendships for so many years.

Until the next time, Be safe and love to you all.

Your Class Co-Correspondent *Natalie Shripsa Fuller*

With Covid-19 being prominent, we stayed nestled in Hampstead, NH, this past winter. So I don't have any wild stories or adventures about the Wild West!

Last Thursday, the old gang met for lunch and a glass of wine. So great seeing such good friends, **Betsy Cole Morrill, Dottie Pinard Batchelder, Rena Butterfield Bourassa, Judy Zirpolo Ross, Norma Hatch Jenkerson, Carol Kaskac Batchelder** and yours truly, **Gail Waterhouse Merrill**. We had a great lunch, and most importantly we caught up on each other's lives and had fun! I reminded myself to take a picture, guess we had too much fun talking and laughing!

We missed our 60th Class Reunion last year because of the Pandemic. I have spoken with Natalie, Yolande Ruel Klein and the girls the other day. The reunion committee has asked if there is any interest in having a class reunion this coming fall. Would you like to celebrate our 61st Reunion? Would you please contact Natalie or

myself and let us know if your interested in attending. We need to carry on the Pinkerton Spirit and Pride!

On a serious note, when we were talking the other day, we remembered and acknowledged some of our classmates that have passed over. Remembering them, I took out a poem that **Bobby Manning** wrote in 1982, and thought I'd share it with you again. It's timeless.

Friends Are Dear

We were young and restless; my friends of youth
Like summer friends.

We are now many years and wiser; my friends of old,
Like September friends.

We are survivors of time and forever linked; my friends of present,
Like forever friends.

We must not forget our decedent friends; our friends of past,
Like timeless friends.

- *Bobby Manning, 2008*

So beautifully written and expressed. Thank you For sharing this with us.

Class, remember to let the reunion committee know if it is a Yay or a Nay!

Until then, stay healthy and keep in touch!

- *Gail Waterhouse Merrill*

~1961~

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I have a list of class of 1961 missing classmates. If you want to call me, I'll be happy to discuss this list, in case you may be in contact with one or more of these classmates.

We were sad to hear from **Jim Guinesso**, brother of classmate **Robert Guinesso**, of Robert's passing in June, 2020.

I called my cousin **Marsha Hepworth Solms** who lives in The Villages in Florida. She and her husband Chuck are well and in good health. She couldn't talk long because she was playing golf and needed to "tee off"!

I talked with **Elaine Anderson Alexander**. She said she is fine, had bought a house in Manchester. Elaine, not surprisingly, is keeping busy, working at a 24-7 animal shelter and vet clinic. In her "spare time" she is working on genealogy.

Our classmate **Joan Lavoie Desclos**, keeps in touch with **Janet Spahn Beers**. I called Janet, she lives in Canada and is doing okay. She said she is doing daily walks ... sometimes long ones.

I continue to talk daily with **Althea Davis Lyons**, who is living in Arizona. She is doing okay, but would love to hear from classmates. Her phone number is 603-505-5057.

I chatted with **Wayne DiMarzio**, who is still living in Derry. He is doing well, enjoying golf and fishing, especially their two grandkids!

I talked with **David Misiaszek**, who with his wife **Sandy** lived in Deerfield for a number of years. They currently live at the Villages in Florida, and see other Derry folks who live there. They come to New Hampshire occasionally.

As for me, my husband, Lee and I continue to live in our house in Northfield, NH. Because of the corona virus, we knew we would be homebound for a long period of time... so in August we went to the local animal shelter and adopted two kittens which we keep inside. They are delightful, love each other and us. We are entertained on a daily basis by their antics.

It would be helpful to me, and enjoyed by our readers, to have information about you, how you are and what you are doing!!

As always, *Joan Tessier*

—1962—

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—1963—

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I received a call from Ed Holm informing me of the passing of his sister, Jane Holm Macomber, from pancreatic cancer on April 2.

Ron Gorrie's brother called when he had passed earlier this year and I had recently connected with Robert Paradis. We had been talking on the phone every few days until his passing as well. Another classmate that I am aware of losing is Ed King. Our condolences to family and friends of these classmates. We are getting to a time where we are losing so many.

Roger Binette and I spoke as he was asking about when we might have another class reunion. We had been sticking pretty closely to a reunion every five years but missed that milestone in 2018. Our next five year date would be in 2023. Some of our classmates and I had talked about possibly joining the alumni luncheons that Pinkerton was holding every two years on a Saturday in June (held on even numbered years). If they hold them again, that is an option even though it wouldn't be on an odd numbered year. I have attended in the past and it is well done and very simple to pay the school directly for lunch and then break out into a separate room by year to visit with those classmates that attend. I don't know what anyone wants to do and how much interest there is for another reunion for our class separately or doing something with the alumni luncheon idea. Let me know,
Peg Spooner Bunker

—1964—

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Hopefully you have all been able to stay safe and well. Jeanne and I have pretty much stayed home for the last year and now after having had both shots feel like we can carefully reenter the world again, finally.

Hi Dick,

Thanks for the effort you put in, I'm sure it consumes much of your time. I have been living in McDonough, GA for 11 years. When I first moved here I was quite surprised to see that there were four other alums living in this small town. One was my son, class of '89 and the other three '62, '84 and '89. Not much to report except the winters are a heck of a lot better than N.H. It was really great to hear that Dave Graham is still with us. God Bless All.

Thanks again for your effort. *Ron Stowers*

Thanks for the update!

Saturday I tore my meniscus while bike riding with my daughter Christy on the Santa Monica boardwalk. So I am now being super careful—but good news we are double vaccinated. Are you two??

Thanks again for being our link to each other.

Blessings, *Kappy Mills Kelley*

I chose not to vax. I can live like a hermit instead.

Ed Fisher

Hi Dick,

It is so nice to hear from you, and then Ed and Kappy. I'm glad you're well and continuing to organize and prompt us into staying connected. Thank you. We have spent the winter in boots with ice grippers along Lake Chaplain in Vermont. Beautiful and cold. The highpoint of each day is walking with or running into neighbors.

We feel so fortunate to be here riding out the pandemic. I just published a book, BATS, a novel. It's set in a small New Hampshire village much like Derry where my main character just happens to teach Humanities in a high school very like—yup. Pinkerton. Again, thank you for your work for the Class of '64. I look forward to reading the *Alumnus*. Be well, keep safe.

Best, *Cathie Smith Keenan*

Hello Classmates,

In 1968 I was engaged to David Demers from Manchester when just before Easter the US Army called up his unit of Army National Guard. We decided to get married the next weekend on April 20th. He left for Viet Nam in September for one year.

I had been at UNH for 2 years, home for one year and worked at Crotched Mountain Rehab Center in the Special Ed department. I applied to Keene State College and was accepted and lived with a family in Marlborough. When David returned he found work in Keene and I finished school. The week before I was to finish student teaching our premature son David was born. He was out of the hospital in time to come to my graduation. Then we had Diane, now Syiane who is a Master degree nurse, Sarah and husband Bryan Paul home schooled 4 children, two have already graduated from college and Erica and husband Brad Ferland adopted 3 children in 2017, the same day son David's son David was born. Erica was teaching High School Science when asked to foster care the baby sister of the other three children. She then became a full time Mother. She works with another person writing a book to help teachers take care of themselves. Syiane has a 30 year old daughter and had a son who died at age 23. She and David and family live nearby. David is Manager of Family Dollar in Winchester. He has an eight year old daughter whom I home schooled in the afternoons while mother Juliet worked last Spring when schools closed. Juliet also has a 14 year old daughter. Sarah and Erica live near Boise, Idaho.

When my children were little I was a full time mother and took some Special Education classes to add to my Elementary Education degree. Later I worked as a homemaker and tutored adults until I found work as a Special Education assistant. I did some substitute teaching and was retired for a while. I now am again working part time as a Personal Care Assistant for Ascentria. We have lived in West Swanzey for 48 years in a big house and rent out the second floor. We have almost an acre of land with vegetable and flower gardens. *Marcia Rand Demers*

As usual, we would like to hear from some of you that we have not heard from in the past. Keep those emails coming.

—1965—

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Greetings Class of '65!

Linda (Alexander) Boulette passed away November 21, 2020 at her residence after a lengthy illness. Linda was a graduate of a cosmetology school in Lawrence and was a hairdresser for over 42 years before her retirement. She enjoyed painting, candlepin bowling and loved the ocean and spent many years at Wells Beach in Maine.

Patty (King) Boone passed away December 29th 2019 in Florida... her daughter had her funeral late Spring 2020. She is buried in Forest Hills Cemetery with her husband Rocky Boone.

Jim Bolton—Ellen and I continue to ride our recumbent bikes—yesterday we did 25 miles and saw six painted turtles sunning themselves on a log at a pond in Newington. We have a good-sized organic garden with nineteen 4X10 wood-enclosed raised beds, a high tunnel (unheated greenhouse), and a rainwater-

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collection system as drought insurance. It really helped last year. Ellen and I had Covid in November, so we've been riding on a semblance of immunity for several months, through probably the worst of the pandemic. Our cases were really mild. I was extremely fatigued and Ellen had a little bit of a cough, but no serious breathing issues. Must be all the clean living. Ha! I donated blood in December and was positive for antibodies, prompting the Red Cross to suggest I donate convalescent plasma, but I have to admit I'm a little nervous about giving away any antibodies at this age. I will be getting my second Moderna shot this afternoon at Exeter HS. They've been doing a pretty good job in NH.

Carol (Cadieux) True - Now that we've both had our covid vaccine shots, we just returned from a visit down to Polk City, FL to see my brother **Jack** and his wife Maureen Cadieux. Had a lovely day, and a quick sightseeing tour of the Lakeland area. So wonderful to be out of the "Villages Bubble." We must say that most of our friends that live here did quite well with the restrictions. We were still able to play pickleball, golf, walk, bike and shuffleboard within the social distance requirements. Hoping to go north mid-summer to visit our son Jared, and daughter Kim and the 8 grandchildren. It's been too long since we've been able to hug and kiss them. Hope you all are doing well and "covid free"!!!!

Roger Cummings - Like everyone, I've been quiet and distanced from many things during 2020. I've now gotten both COVID-19 vaccine shots so I'm feeling a lot better about the future. Luckily, I have lots of activities that I can do either outside or alone. It's only in the last few weeks that I've been able to hug my Greensboro, NC grandsons and still have not seen my London, England daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren in over 15 months. My major New England activity was to buy a vacation home in North Truro, MA (Cape Cod). We've been vacationing there for over 40 years and pulled the plug 13 months ago—just before we knew how serious COVID-19 would be. We drove up leaving 70-degree weather in NC and after 2 days of driving had to unpack in a snowstorm. The one great thing is how easy it is to socially distance that far out on the Cape. In addition, both of my daughters plus their families will be able to visit this August. I've learned the enormous difference between a vacation and a vacation home.

Cheryl (Morrison) Corneliussen - Phil '64 and I have lived in Norway, Maine (population 5000) in the Oxford Hills area since 1981. When we first moved here, you could sit in The Koffee Kup Restaurant on Main Street and count the logging trucks passing through town during your coffee and doughnut and see how close to twenty you could get. The storefronts were all occupied with various businesses, pharmacies, clothing stores, shoe stores, bookshops and craft shops. The economy was thriving. Over the years we have witnessed dramatic changes to the logging industry. Forty years ago (my gosh, did I say forty years ago?) all of logging in Maine was produced by a man, a chainsaw and a skidder... a sign of simpler times. Nowadays that man...or woman...is sitting in a feller buncher...and doing the same job that was done by three men. We had businesses that had existed for over 100 years: Longley's Hardware, A.C. Lawrence Leather Factory, a snowshoe factory, originally begun by Mellie Dunham who made snowshoes (in his barn) for Adm. Robert E Peary's last two arctic expeditions, Penley Clothespin Factory... there were others. Our Main Street has changed its appearance over the years, reflecting the economy at any given time. Family-owned stores and businesses closed down as the influx of McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Dunkin Donuts and Walmart took its toll on the local merchants. Progress. When Walmart came into the area, I can remember vowing to "...never set foot in that store" ... worrying for the survival of our locally owned businesses. It took me 7 months to change my mind. The businesses were in the process of slowly coming to grips with their new reality and I could do all my errands at one location! In the end we all surrendered to the inevitable. Okay, so I still do as much shopping as possible at small, locally owned businesses as I can...but I live

part time at Walmart! The Norman Rockwell picture I had in my mind of The Oxford Hills was changing. But, I am still in awe of the resiliency of all those Mainers who persevered throughout generations to make a living for their families and to provide for their community. I am grateful to have raised our children in such an area, so they could bear witness to the same. Phil and I own timberland and our lives are kept busy managing that. While Phil says that he is semi-retired, he still works a lot of the time...which is a good thing for someone who likes to be busy and productive... and I keep the books for the same.

Our daughter, Heather is a Dental Hygienist. She and her husband Arlo have two adult children and live in Buxton, Maine. Our son, Joel is a Fire Protection Engineer and owns his own business in Wrentham, MA. He and his wife Lisa have a 9-year-old daughter. In a normal winter we go camping for several weeks down the east coast and west to Texas. We look forward to resuming that tradition once we return to normalcy! We spend our summers at our family camp on Thompson Lake with children, grandchildren and dogs coming and going as they please. Are we lucky or what?

We hope that this finds all of you well and having survived this terrible plague that has descended upon us. Looking forward to *normal* returning soon.... and gee, I really missed our 55th class reunion!

Jim Sutton - We've been spending much of our time hiking through the woods, exploring new trails. We see our family at outdoor gatherings around the outdoor fire. Vicky tutors her students in their garages and outdoor porches. I keep active with my AVIS land trust activities...and of course reading. Looking forward to my second shot this week and then we'll be exploring wider vistas.

Judy (Watts) Griffin - I was down in Florida for 6 weeks this year. I still work part time at Hannaford in New Hampshire. We have enjoyed our vacation and have taken a few trips on our Harley Davidson trike to visit the countryside. I hope all is well with all my classmates.

Laura (Sylvia) and Chuck Ashford - Chuck and I are still working, he works every day driving a dump truck, Dependable Construction is still very busy doing septic systems. **Chuck Jr. '89** and his wife, Michelle, run that business now, Dad just takes orders from the son now rather than giving orders.

I am pretty much busy with running Granite Village Retirement Community a 55 Plus development we started in 1989. Our daughter **Heather '93** works with me in the office managing that and the apartments we own. Chuck Jr. has one son, **Ian**, who is a freshman at PA this year. He will be 16 in April. Heather has one daughter, Brooklyn, who will be 13 in June, she is a seventh grader here in Hampstead. We all live on a private road in Hampstead, no one ventured very far.

Pete Desrocher - Everything ok here. We've had our shots and now spending some time on the beaches. Heading north the last week of May for two weeks. Hope to see you in October at the Villages reunion.

Pete Davenport - I'm always delighted to receive a note from **Lana**, inviting the '65 classmates to share a few words of greeting with each other. I find I spend more time than most of you might guess to be the case, wondering what all my classmates are doing in their retirement years. My, Oh, My, can it have been almost 56 years since our graduation??! I still run the UFO telephone hotline, although I've recognized recently that it is long past time for me to transfer it to someone who is more excited about running it than I currently am. I estimate that since July 1994, when I first took on the job, I've fielded over 300,000 calls, and received over 200,000 follow-up written reports, and that should be enough to cause a case of "burn out" in anyone! I hope that by the next time I write for the Pinkerton alumni newsletter, I will be able to report that I am fully retired from the pursuit of the elusive flying saucer!!
'I recently exchanged e-mails with **Warren Cleary**, and was

delighted to hear from him. He reports that all goes well with him and his family. I would welcome communications from any of my other classmates. My addresses are director@ufocenter.com and davenport@nwlinc.com. If any '65 classmates get close to Spokane, you're invited to drop in. I am just an hour west of there, and I usually have cold beverages in the frig during summer months. I live on the margin of the Harrington (WA) 9-hole golf course, so bring your clubs!

Glenn St. Germain - I am living on Kiawah Island but will be moving to Eastern Tennessee (near Knoxville) early next year after my wife retires. She will be retiring as an Event Planner for one of the resorts on the island. I spent time in law enforcement (narcotics) in the Baltimore/Washington area. Then I took job at a law firm where I started out as the Director of Investigations and then Head of Marketing. I retired after 20 years with the law firm. I moved to Kiawah Island where I worked at one of the resorts. I wore many hats and ended up as head of maintenance at the resort's golf course. I have 3 children—two sons who are police officers—one is a Captain and one is a SWAT team member at a large police department in Maryland. My daughter is an RN and Rape Crisis Specialist for a county in Maryland. I spend most of my days hiking with my best friend (a 4-year-old lab). We hike 3-4 miles each day.

Greg Stevens - I received a phone call from Greg and he tells me he and his wife Elizabeth live at The Falls in Ormand Beach, FL. They enjoy Florida but look forward to spending some time back in Maine. Greg spends a lot of time at the pool, enjoying the hot tub and of course playing corn hole. They live close to one of their daughters and several of their grandchildren. Two of his children live in California and one is still in NH.

Gayle (Emerson) Gagnon - Due to Covid we didn't go on any trips this past year. Hopefully, we'll get to travel again later this year. Our youngest granddaughter, **Tori** will be graduating from Pinkerton this June. She is the last grandchild to graduate from Pinkerton. We have two other granddaughters who are graduating in May one from the Massachusetts Art & the other from UNH. This will be a very expensive summer for sure. **Ron** & I are still on the Pinkerton Alumni board which has not been very active because of Covid.

Sandy Hall - I tried to retire—in April of 2017; I called it retiring from commuting as I had been driving to Marlboro MA every day. Then took a contract job here in NH that lasted thru March of 2020 when Covid hit which then made me really retire. Have gotten used to being at home every day and finding things to keep busy. Living in "this old house" always creates another project to complete. Fortunately, I have survived the Covid with no illness and just had the 2nd vaccine. So, all is good. Planning on a trip to Denver in May with sister **Hilary** and will meet up with brother **Jim**, his wife and my niece Jennifer—who all live in the Sacramento area.

Linda (True) Phil Torre - Linda and I are still wintering in Arizona. Due to Covid we spent more time in the desert—still haven't struck it rich prospecting but it's been a great hobby. This summer we are planning to take a houseboat trip on Lake Mead with some family members.

Paul Brassard - Always nice to get that unexpected message from an old high school friend, **John Nichols Cashwell**. John was in Clearwater for a few weeks and drove up to the Villages to visit for the afternoon. We had a great time reminiscing about our high school days at Pinkerton and hope to catch up with him again later this summer in New Hampshire.

John (Woody) Woods - Everyone in the immediate family has avoided contacting Covid and now that Jackie and I have received both shots we are ready to re-enter society to some extent. In fact, we are going to visit with our youngest granddaughter Lexi for the first time in several months. She graduates from high school this June so we'll be empty nesting it all over again. Wish we had some

news to share but maybe next time.

Jim Low - We really haven't done much interesting to report. Marion and I both had the Moderna shots. I had temp day after second shot otherwise all good. Finally able to get together with family. We spent a week at the beach in Clearwater, FL. It was good to get outside of NH after having canceled all travel last year.

Peter Lorenzo - and his wife Nancy are doing well and living in Concord, NH.

Tommy Bonnar - As for any news from me, not too much lately other than I am recovering from a heart attack I had on February 17th. Two days later I had open heart surgery and received a triple bypass. I'm feeling great and going through cardiac rehab for the next few weeks. Other than that, I am enjoying my retirement and living in Naperville, Illinois, with my husband. Although I love Naperville, I miss NH very much and looking forward to visiting much more often once COVID is behind us.

Cheryl (Myette) Soly - Deepest sympathy to our dear friend and classmate **Beverly (Cooper) Brier** on the loss of her husband Tim. I still enjoy working part time doing hair and trying as much as possible to meet for lunch with my dear friends and classmates through this terrible pandemic. Has truly been a trying year, something that we will not soon forget! Pray all is well and maybe, just maybe we will be able to squeak in another reunion someday. Take Care & Be Safe.

Lana (True) Stevens - It was nice to hear from so many classmates. Florida did a wonderful job keeping most of our outdoor activities open. We were able to play golf throughout the winter and I made my first "hole-in-one" – what a thrill that was. I look forward to getting back to normal so that I can go on the cruise that was cancelled last year.

Fall Florida Reunion - Pinkerton is planning on a fall Florida reunion near the Villages at the Whispering Oaks Winery in Oxford, FL on October 24th.

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~1967~

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From your Correspondent,

I don't have much news to report. We are finally all settled in our new home in Gilmanton, NH. We lived a year at our lake house on Lake Winnepesaukee while our house was being built. We are enjoying our retirement but we are still very busy as I am still breeding my cocker spaniels. Steve is busy with his outdoor projects and having a vegetable garden.

I am sad to report the death of **Joyce Lynne (Mills) Diener** on March 29th. Joyce was a caring wife, devoted mother, grandmother, sister and a dear friend to all. Joyce was 71 years old and had been battling cancer. She was the daughter of Arthur and Elaine Mills of Derry. She is survived by her daughter Lynn Diener, her son John Diener and two grandchildren Emily Tillett and Zoey Davis. Joyce loved spending time knitting, She would make blankets, scarves and hats for friends, family anyone who asked or was in need. Joyce would often say she had two families- the one on this earth that she loved and one in heaven that she

also loved and missed. Our condolences to Joyce's family.

Kathy (Magee) and Jim Hall stopped by to visit and see our new home around Christmas. They have sold their home in Derry and bought a smaller home in Derry. Jim is semi-retired and Kathy is still doing her sewing. They just celebrated their 50th Anniversary on May 1st.

It seems we are all making changes in our life now. We have been very fortunate to not get the virus. We now have our shots, so far so good. Hope all of you are staying well. That's all for now. Let me know if there is anything exciting going on in your life.

Take Care and Stay Well, **Polly Wells Tewksbury**

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Getting packed for our usual summer in the top of NH. By the time this gets printed, we will have been back in the log cabin for a few months. Anyway, in this moment in April, we're leaving in a few days after we have our last doctor's appt. Winters go so fast trying to get everything scheduled...the older we get—the more appts made for us. We got our COVID vaccines in January & February so we're A-OK to travel. Hope all are safe & loved. Everything's packed, we swear we're bringing less each year...never happens. It is what it is. Thought at least I'd leave my laptop in FL and just take my iPad for the journey, hence, I'm sending what I've got for '69 news. I guess my classmates are in shock we're turning 70 this year. Wow, 70! Happy Birthday and blessings to all.

Condolences to **Marcia Whitehouse Fisk** who lost her dear husband, Terry, late this winter. Being a mother and very proud grand-mother with a wonderful faith, keeps Marcia busy and fulfilled. **Leo Ouellette** passed away on May 8, 2021. Leo came in late our Junior or Senior year and had recently moved to FL a few years ago. He leaves a daughter, Laura, from Denver, CO.

Marcia Miller Peterson recently moved back to CO. Thanks for the phone call! Her new address: 4320 Georgetown Drive - apt. 239 Loveland, CO 80538

Glad to hear **Frank Rowans** wife Cathy is feeling better after very extensive spinal surgery several months ago. Difficult to endure, with months to heal, she's feeling better, and thanks those for their healing prayers.

I was deemed Non-Essential back in March of 2020. I was forced to close the gallery as I could no longer hold events (they were our bread and butter). I am now officially RETIRED! LOL I still do commission work on the side. For the most part enjoy home and my "Boys" (dogs). **Lauren Conway Carr**

By the time this gets in *The Alumnus*, I will be off of Facebook. Long story, too many hacks, etc, as many of you I hear from already understand and know. Life is too short, don't need that aggravation ...so have signed off. I ask all my classmates to please send a note to my email address if you have news, changed, or just want to say hello. Or, let your fingers do the walking (remember that advertisement?) and give me a call. I will never print anything you don't want to share. Never have in 50 yrs, never will. My cell phone & email is always listed in the *Alumnus*. The Alumni office always knows where I am. You all say you enjoy *The Alumnus*...let your 69 yr. old correspondent know how you are. Life is too short to never

take a moment to say hello or talk about the old days at P.A. Wishing you all well. **Linda Page Wickens**

—1970—

Bill Cote

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Hey, Class of '70. Are you disappointed each time you read the Alumni to see little or nothing in our column? Do you wonder about the many classmates with whom you have lost contact? Well, as your new correspondent, it is my desire to reinvigorate this column and to hear from you long-lost classmates! So many personal and professional changes have occurred over these 50 (yes, fifty) years and we should share them.

Speaking of 50 years, a group of us consisting of **Mary (Giguere) Stuck**, **Sally (Daily) Evans**, **Cliff Blake**, **Cynthia (Coviello) Cote** and me have been planning a reunion for over a year. Yes, Covid-19 got in the way and we couldn't hold an event last year. Yet, our planning continued and now our long-anticipated, 50th year reunion is happening! After viewing many sites and in an effort to make it reasonable for classmates, we've chosen The Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern in Londonderry. A well-known location with good food and good drink, it will be a great time to catch up/renew acquaintances and maybe make new ones. The event is scheduled for September 18, 2021 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Check out our private Facebook page "Pinkerton Academy Class of 1970" for further details as they become available. Classmates can request to be a member of the page and be admitted.

So, save the date and send me a note at paclassof1970@gmail.com with your news and perhaps your plans to attend the reunion. Let's make it happen! **Bill Cote**

50th PA SAVE THE DATE
September 11th
2021

Pinkerton Academy
High School
CLASS OF 1971

50 Year
Reunion

Derryfield County Club, Manchester, NH
Details to come via E-Mail and
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I hope this finds everyone well, fully vaccinated and looking forward to a happier, and less restrictive summer. Ivan and I have been living the good life in Fort Myers Florida from Oct-May, and enjoying the mild, sunny winters and watching the Red Sox during spring training at Jet Blue Park. We spend the summers in Wells, Maine at a great seasonal community of 2 bedroom cottages, called Summerscape. [Susan Walsh Graveline](#) and [Maureen Walsh](#) have a place by the beach and [Susan Tewksbury Madden](#) has a 2nd home in Wells, and [Michelle Caldwell Dennett](#) has a 2nd home in Dover, NH so we all get together whenever we can. Of course I still see and talk a lot to my oldest friend (since we were 2 years old), [Carol Indoccio McNair](#) who still lives in Derry. She has hosted several reunions for “the ladies” at her home in the past. I have 3 grandchildren in Nashua, NH and they love to visit the “beach house”. Ivan and I have 7 children and 10 grandchildren, but none together so we are a modern day *Brady Bunch*.

Wow, it is hard to believe that this year marks 50 years since we graduated from Pinkerton. **So, let's party, like we did in 1971.** With free time on my hands, I decided to take the lead, (giving [Cindy Thibeault Bedard](#) a break) and organize our 50th reunion. Please **“Save the Date” and join in the fun on Sept. 11th, 2021, from 5:30-10:00 p.m. at the Derryfield Restaurant. Dinner at 6:30 p.m.** will be preceded by cocktails (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres. Background music will be provided by DJ Scott Swain alternating with our very own Barry Brearley and his guitar. There will be raffles for great gift certificates, gift baskets and unique gifts. An optional tour of the Pinkerton campus will be offered in late afternoon, to have an opportunity to see just how much the campus has changed. Please feel free to invite friends from other classes. Just please send me the contact information so that I can send them an invite. The invite with details and RSVP will be sent in early summer.

It has been a real challenge, but a great opportunity to connect with friends. I was able to track down [Stanley Jones](#) in Oregon, and we chatted for a long time. He reminded me of the time that he forgot to put his car in park while visiting Dave Barka at the top of Kingsbury St. His car careened down the hill missed everything in its path and collided with a sandpile in the field. I also reconnected with my good high school friend Terry True Hussey. We plan on getting together this summer. [Barry Brearley](#) has been just plain wonderful in helping me organize things. Also [Don Beaudreau](#), [Brenda Wood Van Ness](#) and [Susan Tewskury Madden](#) have helped with locating our classmates and providing valuable input.

That being said, contact information on many people has changed in the last 10 years. We still have no e-mails, or telephone numbers on: [Wendy Bettez Lipke](#), [Alan Billingsley](#), [Ian Cuthbertson](#), [Darlene Dalton Breton](#), [Dennis Daneau](#), [William Dorr](#), [Cathy Edmands](#), [Mary Emery Royer](#), [Sterling Emerson](#) and [Natalie Furlong Emerson](#), [Patricia Filteau Foskitt](#), [Neal Folsom](#), [Carol Fontaine Coughlin](#), [William Freer](#), [Marlene Gottseling Winsatt](#), [John Grover](#), [Steven Hamilton](#), [Doug Holaday](#), [Christine Holbrook Devine](#), [Patty Horne Whitten](#), [John Kasper](#), [Christine Kizer Divenuti](#), [Rich Little](#), [Joanne MacMillan Goguen](#), [Mark Macolino](#), [Salvatore Malandrino](#), [Dorothy Manning](#), [Dorothy Naylor](#), [Larry Nickerson](#), [Mike Oliver](#), [John Perroni](#), [Gail Robitaille Bisplinghoff](#), [Diane Southwick St. Cyr](#), [Dee Stone Floyd](#), [John Thibeault](#), [Martha Thibeault Temple](#), [Doug Thompson](#), [Diane Wilson Blanchette](#), [Kathryn Young](#), [Peggy Murphy Forest](#), [Al Eaton](#), [Leslie Crabb Arling](#), [John Wells](#), [Barry Wells](#), [Steve Acres](#), [Donald Doe](#), [Scott Graham](#), [Carol Anderson Plante](#), [Robert Bartek](#), [Scott Benedict](#), [David Daigle](#), [Steve Decker](#), [Francis Donahue](#), [James Harris](#), [Sandra Lafreniere Forbes](#), [Dave](#)

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If anyone has an e-mail or telephone on the above classmates, please either text or call me at 239-313-8280 or e-mail me at sherryallanbucar@comcast.net.

—1972—

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I am saddened to advise you of the loss of two fellow classmates. Condolences are extended on behalf of the class of 1972 and we pause here to remember them.

The families of [Jacob DeGroot, Jr.](#) which include [Karen \(Sinning\) DeGroot](#) and the [Arensberg](#) and [DeGroot](#) families on the passing of [Jacob DeGroot Jr.](#) [Karen](#) wrote that [Jake](#) was an enthusiast of the sea, a fisherman, a conservationist and past volunteer of the East Derry FD. She said he was put on this earth to be a “Grampy” –his favorite role. [Karen](#) and [Jake](#) were active photo bloggers on the class Facebook pages sharing their safe travels. [Jake](#) will be remembered for being a kind person always willing to help.



Karen and Jake DeGroot in Osprey, Florida

The families of [Lisa \(McDonald\) Dugoni](#). [Lisa](#) was well poised as the class salutatorian to achieve her dream of becoming a lawyer. She received her JD of Law from the NE Law School of Boston. She and her husband, [Steve](#), moved to the San Mateo area of CA where they raised two children, [Emily](#) and [Patrick](#). In 1980 [Lisa](#) was admitted to the CA Bar. She later started a family law firm and became a Certified Family Law Specialist. [Lisa](#) will be remembered here for her thoughtfulness and kindness.

Additionally, we extend our condolences to the families of classmate [Erin \(Cassel\) Bruen](#). [Erin's](#) father [Ralph Cassel](#) passed away at the age of 92.

Classmates who are on the *PA Class of 72 Facebook* have been treated to some wonderful photos by classmates who shared photos taken during safe social distancing RV travel as well as a few from the end of the previous year. Those who shared photos include [Dave](#) and [Cindy DeSisto](#), [Mike](#) and [Carol Pelletier](#) and [Jake](#) and [Karen DeGroot](#).

I asked where their favorite travel location was and to share a picture for us armchair travelers.

[Dave](#) and [Cindy](#) wrote they went on a cruise in the Fall of 2019 that visited several countries. Of the many beautiful cities visited his personal favorite was Venice, Italy, where they stayed at a 14th century palace on the Grand Canal. (Below) The picture of the gondola was shot from their hotel. Rome was his 2nd favorite city. Hence, the photo of the Coliseum. The remaining photo was from one of their RV trips in Sedona, AZ. Lucky couple, these are all on my bucket list.

[Mike](#) and [Carol Pelletier](#) wrote that their most enjoyable place was camping at Hampton Beach (NH) State Park. It's wonderful to live in a state that has many natural attractions that keep amazing us.

I've read that while there are many who already enjoyed RV travel, this mode of vacation has seen renewed popularity as a safer means to travel today. Everything is self-contained and I suppose if you can work from anywhere...why not change the scenery.

[Karen Cann](#), one of our more distant US travelers wrote that In November of 2020 she moved from Alaska to New Mexico to

accept an appointment as the Deputy Secretary for the Department of Corrections. In leaving Alaska, she leaves behind the ability to play golf at the Moose Run Golf Course, the northernmost 36-hole facility. She wrote that her golf game will surely suffer but looked forward to the challenge ahead...I believe it keeps me young...or crazy, I am not sure which! Well, I am not going to weigh in on that one!

Hoping for an early spring, I posted on the class page that we were seeing a lot of blue birds and robins in the yard. **Marcia Calabro** who lives a little west of me wrote they see robins in February. By the time this is published, the birds will have all arrived and getting ready to be on their way again.

Richard Driscoll writes that his business continues to gain momentum and are now endorsed by the New Hampshire Hospital Association and the Maine Hospital Association. Great news to hear during these times.

As I write this, the Covid 19 vaccination process in NH is in full swing and while the speedway doesn't have fast moving cars on it... it's a hot spot for NH vaccinations. That's thinking outside the oval. I am looking forward to being able to safely travel this summer to hug and see those I've only Zoomed or Face-timed with. With that thought...

Class of 1972—50th Reunion update from **Dave DeSisto**.... He writes,

Hello everybody!

It is time to prepare for your return to Derry. **Our 50th reunion is scheduled for July 30, 2022.** We have formed a committee whose task it will be to plan the reunion. We ask each of you to consider replying to this message by posting to the class of 72's website your preference to the following question. Would you prefer a dinner engagement or perhaps an outdoor event? It looks like about 50 people viewed Dave's message. If you are one of them and interested in going...write a response on line or send it via email.

In closing, the Alumni office is looking to update class lists, while you can advise me of a change, the Alumni office wrote that an information update link has been set up. The link is: Alumni Contact (google.com)

Enjoy your summer have fun and stay safe.

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I hope everyone is healthy and happy!!

I am happy to announce I will once again be taking a more active role in our class activities and newsletters now that I am retired. In March of last year, due to the pandemic, The Internal Revenue Service building in Andover shut down and we were all sent home. During my time at home, I finished a quilt I had been working on for 25 years and got closer to my spouse and my dog! Closets got cleaned out and organized, corners cleaned, a lot of small projects done and I read several books. In July I had total left hip replacement, I can't say enough good things about Elliot Orthopedics, they were fantastic! I was planning to retire October 1, 2021 anyways, so I had plenty of time to practice. I love being home, I am never bored! Catching up on projects and having time for my many hobbies has been so much fun!! I love to cook, sew, garden, I repurpose chandeliers into solar lights or bird feeder holders, and make jewelry. Please keep in mind, if you are moving in the next 2 years please let us know so we can keep your records up to date for any upcoming events or reunions.

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Deb Gero Autry: My husband and I retired and moved to Palmetto, Florida last fall. We're enjoying the retired life and the beautiful Florida weather. My mom moved with us, but unfortunately, she passed away in November. We also lost my Dad in January. This past year has certainly had its ups and downs. Hope all is well with everyone.

Pat Christian: My main news is very sad. My mother passed away on February 11 from a lung infection that she just couldn't beat. She was in the hospital for about three weeks, and while she couldn't have visitors she was able to connect with us by Zoom. She was virtually surrounded by her family up until the end; we are so grateful for the care she was given by the hospice team at Plymouth Medical Center who made it possible for her to hear and see her children, their partners, grandchildren and great-grandchild.

In other news, my husband and I will be spending the summer and fall between Buffalo and New England as he will be on sabbatical from teaching in Montana. If there is an in-person 45th reunion I might be able to attend! We will be welcoming our first grandchild in June, and with everyone vaccinated by then, it will be a joyous time. We hope to gather at my mother's house in Derry for a celebration of her life sometime this summer.

Lea Kelleher Adams: Yes, looking forward to getting the motorcycle out, too. We, also, enjoyed our winter.

In Feb. 2020, our eldest daughter's family moved in with us until the construction of their new home is completed. The world closed two weeks later and "homeschooling" was the new normal for the children, 9 & 11, but not for Pa & Grandma; we had 19 years' experience. Current events have been opportunities for multi-generational "Storytime" life lessons. Using the elections for example: "Once upon a time, a young father traveled to the gym of the arch-rival school's basketball team to watch his son play. He settled himself on the bleachers watching warm-ups. A mother from the opposing team recognized him as a classmate from her Alma mater and went over to his seat to welcome him and catch up on "old times." They ended up sitting together for the game, each unashamedly cheering for the opposing teams. Neither parent rebuked or name-called the other cheering for their team even when at times the game got chippy and heated. Neither parent wanted the opposing team to win for various and obvious reasons. At the end of the game, I do not remember which team won now, but the parents exchanged pleasantries and went their separate ways in peace." "True story, Grandma?" Yes.

During General Election 2020, at a small-town polling site, I sat all day as a trained election challenger shoulder to shoulder with the opposing party challenger. After the final count, we exchanged emails, got together over dinner at my home,

grandchildren included, and talked and listened. Our passionate, lively discussions ranged from politics to religion (gasp!), Shakespeare to Frost and at the end of the evening we hugged as new friends, a real hug, while still not agreeing on the definition of “BEST” for our nation. The next generation is learning from our examples of love, hospitality, and diplomacy. I have faith and hope.

BTW: Our 9th grandchild will have arrived by *Alumnus* printing time and my husband, Steve, and I will be celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary in May. We are thankful. Peace, *Lea Kelleher Adams*

Robin Anderson Simard: Spring has arrived so taking the motorcycle out in the air will be exciting. Was able to sneak a trip to North Carolina to visit my daughter in March and it felt so good to travel. Ballroom dancing has started again, luckily I have a couple of partners to go to class with since it now “bring your own partner,” LOL. Work is busy with changes in our department and the software we use for our team, so I expect an excess of work in the coming months. Now that the inside of the house is completed, will be doing some landscape changes this year in preparation for the new deck and patio next year. I have really enjoyed the freedom to make the changes needed to get the house to its best shape ever. I hope you are well and healthy. I have no news of anyone planning a 45th reunion so I have nothing to pass on.

1. December 7th is a day that shall live forever in infamy—not just for the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in 1941, but for the tragic death...The needless death...of our childhood friend, **Robert J. Sargent:** a member of Pinkerton Academy’s Class of 1976, who was struck by a drunk driver on December 7th, 1975, and who died on December 10th, 1975. This is in memory of the 45th Anniversary of that event.

2. After dinner on Sunday, December 7th, 1975, **Robert J. Sargent** (known as “Sarge” to his many friends) announced to his parents that he was going to the Methuen Mall, to pick-up his friend, Christopher (“Chris”) McMahon from work at York’s Steakhouse. But, Sarge never got there....

3. On his way over the back roads between Hampstead, N.H. and Methuen, MA, while driving at 30 m.p.h. on West Side Drive in Atkinson, “Sarge” was struck nearly head-on by a driver doing 60 m.p.h. (i.e., double the posted speed limit)—and who was driving on the wrong side of the road.

4. Photographs and contemporary news accounts paint a morbid picture: Sarge’s car was so severely damaged that the Atkinson Fire Department had to use the “*Jaws of Life*” to extract him. Sarge was first transported to Hale Hospital in Haverhill (where, by the way, his father, Charles S. Sargent, worked), then to the Intensive Care Unit at Lawrence General Hospital. Sarge’s chest had been crushed when the force of the impact forced the steering wheel into his chest; and, he suffered severe head injuries. When Sarge’s parents were waiting for news of their son’s prognosis, the sound of “Taps”—in honor of Pearl Harbor Day—came over the radio...whereupon Sarge’s parents broke down in tears....

5. Sarge lingered for three more days, before finally succumbing to his injuries on Wednesday, December 10th, 1975, at the age of only 17. The day that Sarge died was only two weeks before Christmas Eve: his parents had already bought his Christmas presents, wrapped them, and placed them under their Christmas Tree. Friday, December 12th, was the day of Sarge’s funeral, after which he was buried in Hampstead’s Lakeview Cemetery.

Sarge’s parents, Charles and Lillian Sargent, faithfully tended to their only son’s grave; Charles, a World War II Navy Veteran, died in 1985; and, Lillian passed away about 15 years later. Consequently, when I visit my own relatives’ graves in Lakeview Cemetery every Memorial Day Weekend, I always visit the Sargent Family Plot, and remove the grass and dirt from their gravestones.

6. It should be noted and clearly understood why Sarge’s tragic death was a needless death: the reprobate who struck and killed our 17 year old friend and classmate was not only driving at twice the posted speed limit and driving on the wrong side of the road; the reprobate who struck and killed our 17 year old friend and classmate

was also driving drunk—and, Sarge was his third “confirmed kill” while driving drunk in as many car “accidents”....

7. After his anticipated graduation from Pinkerton Academy in June 1976, our friend and classmate, Sarge, planned on joining the United States Army. After my graduation from Pinkerton Academy in June 1976, I went to White Pines College in Chester, N.H.; then, I spent a couple of years working at the Methuen Mall in Methuen, MA; and, then in 1982, I joined the Regular Army Infantry—and served in the Elite Berlin Brigade in Berlin, West Germany.

8. In 1983, while stationed in Berlin, West Germany, I studied for, took, and passed the very difficult German Driver’s Exam (in order to drive U.S. military vehicles off post on German city streets). Among the interesting things that I learned was the fact that, in Germany, if you are caught driving with any alcohol in your blood, you are considered to be driving drunk— and you lose your drivers license permanently; but, if you are caught driving with any alcohol in your blood (=driving drunk) and you kill someone while driving drunk, then you not only lose your drivers license permanently—but, if found guilty, you will be sentenced to life in prison without parole...because, in Germany, motor vehicle homicide is homicide. Consequently, in Germany, people drive much more responsibly than in America.

9. As to what happened to the scoundrel who killed our friend and classmate, Sarge, while driving drunk—his third “confirmed kill” while driving drunk—that scoundrel did another 30 days in the Rockingham County jail in Brentwood, N.H. And, that was it

10. As for myself, one of the reasons why I have been a teetotaler is because of what happened to Sarge; another reason is what I learned in a science class at White Pines College: alcohol causes permanent brain damage by destroying brain cells, and by causing the brain to shrink; and, every time a drinker gets drunk, permanent holes form in the brain—leaving it looking like swiss cheese. Additionally, alcohol stimulates the growth of cancer cells. Therefore, for decades, I have thought that no reasonable and prudent person would ever drink any alcohol—but, nonetheless, many people do anyway. If you are one of those people, then for god’s sake, please do not drive under the influence of any alcohol—because you might not just kill yourself...But god-only-knows what innocent person who happens to get in your way.

11. Thank you very much.

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P.S. Please be advised that I still have half-a-dozen newspaper clippings from December 1975 relevant to Sarge’s death; they’re old, faded, and yellowed, but I still have them...

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Hello classmates. I’m hopeful that 2021 is better than 2020. I think we all learned something about ourselves during a tremendously trying time. I have grown more patient & forgiving of people. I like to think I’m more empathetic. Having said that, my heart goes out to our classmates **Peter Matarazzo & Vivianne Blunt Bausha** on the passing of their fathers! And to **Sandy**

Fendone on her Mother's passing. I think a lot of us can sympathize with a parents passing. My sympathies to all I didn't know about. Losing our parents is crushing to say the least. But even more saddening is the passing of a sibling. Condolences to **Becky Gurley Bettez** on the sudden passing of her brother Johnny! Life is so unfair sometimes.

Oh a happier note, **Cindy Hawkins Baldwin** is a Grandmother for the fourth time. Congratulations, she's a beauty!

Jeannette Indoccio writes: "I have a business called *Graceful Awakenings at Whole Life Health Care* in Newington, NH, I can be reached at gracefulawakenings@gmail.com. I am a psychotherapist. In NH, it's called a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor. I will be living in Costa Rica for the month of October 2021 & then I will be leading a retreat in Costa Rica at Blue Osa in February 2022. That will be on "*Creating a More Peaceful World Through Mindfulness Meditation, Nonviolent Communication and stress reduction*". I will be expanding my business to group therapy for decreasing anxiety and stress. Plus teaching more mindfulness classes/courses at hospitals, universities, schools and corporations. I've done the Pan-Mass Challenge five times & raised over \$30,000 for the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. 100% of rider raised money goes directly to Dana Farber. I, unfortunately, will not be riding this year, but I hope to be riding in 2022. I recently sold my condo at Hampton Beach and moved to a beautiful townhouse in Raymond, NH."

How many of you are getting the vaccine? I've gotten mine & I ordered a shirt that says, "Hug me I'm vaccinated". I've been making masks for over a year now. I love changing mine up, having fun with them. I actually double mask even though I'm vaccinated. I got to spend a wonderful weekend at **Laurie Wells** house in Colebrook, NH. I haven't been sledding in years. I can't tell you the last time I laughed so hard. Beautiful piece of property overlooking the mountains. And the peace I felt was amazing. Now, I'm off to Florida to see my sister **Karen Kingsbury Dumas**, class of 1981, need to hug my sister! And to see **Joey** and **Sharon Grabowski**...always full of fun! Can't wait for the warmth!

Happy Summer all! Look forward to seeing you all! **Jo-Ann**

Happy Spring 2021 everyone:

Condolences go out to...

Stacy Cassell Antonelli Soucy on the passing of her father in January and the passing of her mother in April.

Natalie Saulnier Dimine on the passing of her daughter Christina.

Vivianne Blunt Simone on the passing of her father.

Joanne Sullivan Green on the passing of her mother.

Becky Gurley Bettez on the passing of her brother, John.

Sending good wishes to **Tina Potter Girard's** husband Mike. He has gone through medical challenges these past few years. Mike is doing well.

Congratulations to the newlyweds. Tina and Mike were married last year.

Check out **Debby Case Donovan** on her craft session every Wednesday at 12:30 on Facebook. If you like doing crafts, please check this out.

Patti Ford was recently in the hospital. She is now home and doing well. She loved to spend time with her daily especially the grandchildren.

Jackie Reagan Huntington spent time with husband celebrating his 70th birthday in Puerto Juarez.

Lastly Congratulations to **Ellen Uicker Mulligan** on making the Real Estate international society. What a great honor, **Ellen**

Have a great summer!

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Hello class of '79. I hope this finds everyone is safe and happy. It's been a rough year and a half for everyone, but luckily everything seems to be improving. Spring has sprung and summer is right around the corner...Cheers to a fabulous spring and summer and if anyone has any info they would like to share please let me or **Karen LaGree Kelly** know and we will include it in the next *Alumnus*.

I've been keeping in touch with our classmate, **Janice Plante**, through Facebook and email for several years now. Janice has been living in Ithaca, NY for over 30 years with her husband, Rod Getchell, who some of you may know as "*Rocket*," his nickname from when they first met out at the Shoals Marine Laboratory. Janice loves living in the Finger Lakes region of New York, and she and Rod have a 600-square-foot cottage perched on a cliff above the west shore of Cayuga Lake. They own a 17' Boston Whaler and appreciate spending time on the lake whenever they can get away. Ithaca is home to Cornell University and its College of Veterinary Medicine, where Rod works as a research professor. After high school, Janice went to the University of New Hampshire. That's where she discovered the Shoals Marine Laboratory and took courses during the summer of 1981. From there, she spent a semester in Tanzania in East Africa doing a special project for a professor from the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, which involved field work on giraffes. Then she went back to UNH but, a year later, moved to Oregon, established residency there, and got her Bachelor of Science degree at Oregon State University in Fisheries. She took time off to be a foreign fisheries observer for NOAA Fisheries on a Korean factory trawler in the Bering Sea and Gulf of Alaska. Foreign fishing vessels aren't allowed in U.S. waters anymore, so it was a unique opportunity. Throughout it all, she went back to Shoals during the summers to work as part of the staff, handling housekeeping, communications, and comings and goings. Next, Janice signed on with Commercial Fisheries News, which, at the time, was the premier fishing industry trade paper for New England and the Northeast Region. She spent 30 years there, mostly as associate editor. She earned two awards for her work with the paper.

In 2016, she took a job as the public affairs officer for the New England Fishery Management Council, which is one of eight regional fishery management councils in the nation. Janice now leads the communications and outreach efforts for the New England Council. She's busy, she says, but enjoys connecting with fishermen and the public about issues related to the fisheries under the New England Council's jurisdiction, which include Atlantic sea scallops, groundfish (cod, haddock, pollock, and flatfish), monkfish, herring, skates, whiting, and others. Janice said she tries to keep in touch with a few close friends from the class of '79 either by phone, email, or Facebook. But we have such a big class that sometimes it's a challenge. She often thinks about two of the classmates we lost—**Melanie Gulden** and **Tami Ross**—and hopes everyone else in the class doesn't forget them. Our time at Pinkerton was special in so many ways, she said, and our class was made all the better by what Melanie and Tami gave us. Stay safe, **Caroline**

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Hello class of 1982, I've heard from many classmates since the last edition. I can only imagine it is our renewed sense of a need for connection since the pandemic. It's been a wonderful season here in Florida with the weather being the nicest I can remember in several years. If you can imagine, people from the Northeast, Midwest and even part of the Northwest are moving here in droves. There are many factors driving this. One of them is we are the last year of the baby boomers and either we are ready to retire or have had the realization most of us can work out the remainder of our careers from home and we can do that from anywhere we choose to live.

I heard from **Tom Salter** last year and he told me is happy and living outside of Bolder, CO. He's always been an active guy and loves riding his dirt bike through the Colorado countryside.

I recently saw **Lynn Kegley (Karakostas)** as she and her husband bought a home in Port Charlotte, FL. It's always great to see Lynn and she is spending more and more time down here. She loves the Florida lifestyle and avoiding cold weather.

Gretchen Meisner (Horne) recently contacted me. She is a professional Medium teaching for the Spiritual National Union and living in Salem, NH. She was careful to mention that not everyone believes in the abilities of mediumship but she did mention to me some things about some classmates from the beyond that were quite interesting. I found the comments enlightening and I'm not sure how she could know some of what she said without some other way of communicating with the hereafter. I'll not mention the names as to not upset anyone but Gretchen would welcome contact from any classmate so she can share her experiences.

I heard from both **Randy Cargill** and **Scott Picanso** around the same time this year. Both are doing well. Scott and his wife are living in the Lakes Region of NH and have a 6 year old little girl. It was good to talk to Scott after so many years as he and I were very good friends in High School. In addition to Scott, Randy was in my close circle of friends and we laughed about some of the old times and wonderment of who's where and what they are doing now. Randy is raising three children and is living with his wife in Pennsylvania. He is an executive with a pharmaceutical distribution company. Up until the pandemic, he was traveling quite frequently for business.

I also heard from **Robin Rousseau**. She is very active in her Portsmouth, NH community.

I am so grateful for those that have reached out to me. Many people want to hear from you and how you are doing. Please email me so I can update your classmates. Rather than elaborate on any of my conversations the people mentioned in today's publication, if you would like to contact any of them directly, please email me and I will get permission from them to provide their contact info. Or contact the alumni office to see if they will provide the info. If you know of someone who is no longer receiving the *Alumnus* and would like to do so, have them contact me or the alumni office to update their address. Thank you and be safe and well.

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Hello Class of 83! It has been a unique year to say the least. This pandemic has done so many things for every person out there. For some, it has brought families closer, others really separated them. Some people have lost their jobs, some have been overworked and underpaid and others have been risking their lives daily to care for

others or provide a service that is needed. Some have had family members sick and die and have not been able to be there for them. My heart goes out to all! For me personally, it has been a hard but rewarding year. We care for a disabled family member (physically and developmentally) and have not had coverage for over a year. It has been hard to do showers daily, split her care throughout the day and night with my husband. You value the people that have helped before this even more. On a plus we were able to spend a lot of time with our kids and grandson but on the downside barely saw my mom, siblings, and friends. I am looking forward to some normalcy in our lives again. I am a hugger and I have missed being able to hug my friends, my mom, my loved ones! I wish everyone strength, love and happiness for 2021. My best! **Patty**

Margaret Sabella: "So you want us to share last year? Well here goes! March 2nd before Covid shut everything down...I had a total knee replacement on my right knee. Which was 8 weeks out of work during lockdown, and then work closed and I had to take 3 weeks furlough, so I was out of work and at home for almost 3 months! Going stir crazy. Then I went back to work and realized my left knee needed to be replaced as well. So....August 1st when elective surgeries opened back up I had my left knee replaced and was out of work for 6 weeks. So now I have two new knees and had to learn how to walk all over again without wobbling...Yeah! In the fall my husband and I decided we were ready to take on a dog again after losing both of our Rat Terrier in the past couple of years. We adopted Lu Lu and she is fun! We have no grandkids yet although our Son has been married for 6 years now. We have six large fur grand dogs! So there are lots of dogs in our life. We sold our family home in Derry a few years ago and relocated my dad to the west coast to Seattle area to live near my sister Marion.

My dad loves living in the Pacific Northwest. He had no desire to come live here in Minnesota as he wanted to get away from the snow and cold. The hardest part about last year and Covid life is not being able to hop a flight and visit family and friends. I miss the east coast and the west coast. If anybody visits the Midwest and comes to visit the Mall of America in Minnesota, I live right down the street...look me up! This is all I have to share for now, thanks so much. **Maggie**"

Frances Zyburt Rogers: "I have recently retired from Consolidated Communications after 29+ years as a Central Office Technician. I am now onto my second career as a realtor with Coco Early & Associates in East Hampstead, NH. We are busy now getting ready for our daughter's wedding next February down in Florida. Our oldest son **Jonathan** class of 2010 has been very busy as a respiratory therapist at Mass General Hospital. Our second son **Brandon** class of 2014 works for Northeast Metal Spinning in Atkinson, NH. Our daughter **Hannah** class of 2017 work as an MSR for DCU and will be graduating from Granite State College this June with her BA in Human Resource and Administration"

Doug Desautels: "I would like to say hi to the class of 83. I am still in Windham. I actually live in the same house bought it from my mother and built her an in law next to me so I could take care of her. I still have the Windham Mobil Brake and Tire - 26+ years now. I finally got married two years ago. She has been my whole life ever since—thank you God. Would love to hear from anybody. I always look to see what people write don't see a whole lot so tell us your story! Have a nice summer everyone. Do something nice for someone today, it'll pay off later."

Lisa Berkelbaugh: "I never like to submit for the alum stuff but this is a special crazy year lol. 2021 will see my youngest daughter graduate from Michigan State University, my oldest daughter get married, and son & wife welcome their first child. It's going to be a great year!"

Connie Bailey: "Last year was a hard hard year to get through.

My brother Paul Bailey spent most of the year either in the hospital or in a rehab center after losing his left leg below the knee, then learning to walk on two artificial legs. (He lost right one in 2004 also below the knee.) However, he is doing amazingly well in spite of that. I have learned that and injury that I did to my right shoulder 15-16 years ago apparently never really healed, and after two rounds of PT, will be having surgery on my shoulder sometime after I get my second COVID 19 vaccine. But I am still doing my crafts, mostly for fun and therapy. Have a wonderful rest of the years everyone and stay safe."

Richard Olson: "Grandkids?—I've got six! My daughter married a widower 12 years older than her. He had two kids. Ian is 18 and active duty Army now. Mary Rose turns 16 next week. Tannis is 12, Mikey is 11 and Fiona is 2. My daughter is 31. My son who is 29 has a 2 year old son. The baby of my family Taylor Astrid just turned 23 today. She has no kids. (not a race, kids) It makes you feel old when you can legally buy liquor for your kids as gifts. It warms my heart to listen to your daughter yelling at her own kids to clean up their rooms. Business wise, firearms training is through the roof. It's overwhelming. Never in my years doing it has it even like this."

If you enjoy reading updates from our classmates, please consider sending in something about yourself for the next issue of the *Alumnus*. We would all love to hear about whatever you have been up to lately. We have a fairly active *Class of 83 group on Facebook* if you are interested in joining: *Pinkerton Class of 83*. Hope you all have a wonderful and safe summer! *Deborah*

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Hey class of 85, we are trying to select a date in August or September to gather together outside for our 35th+ 1 year reunion. One possibility is LaBelle Winery in Derry. Please check Facebook for any upcoming details on Where, When, and How? Plus, you can text me 717-571-2846 for any information or questions. *Michelle*

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Hello Everyone,

As we come to the end of a very long COVID year I hope all of you are and remain well.

I recently heard from **DeWayne Howell**. He sent along this message to share with you all.

Hi Tracey,

Thought I would send an update. Hard to believe that we have been in Alabama for 5 years. I am still working as a production manager for Polaris building Rangers and Slingshots. My wife Traci and I will be celebrating our 28th anniversary in June. She is a collaborative special education teacher in the next town. Both our boys graduated from Alabama last year. Matthew is teaching middle school and coaching the boys basketball team and Michael is looking for a job in civil engineering. Our daughter Rachel is a junior at Auburn and will be pursuing a PA certification after graduation. That is all for now. *DeWayne and Traci Howell*

DeWayne thanks for reaching out, sounds like all is well and I hope to hear from you again.

I have some exciting news regarding **Stephanie Allain-Savard** LICSW. Stephanie was recently named NASW NH Social Worker of the Year. Congratulations Stephanie! You have always made such an impact on many lives. This award is more than deserved.

I also have an update regarding **Tammy Daley**. As many of you know, Tammy was in a horrible car accident in November which left her with five fractures in her neck. With determination and a positive attitude, Tammy has worked endlessly with her physical therapist and her doctors to recover. Tammy was just given approval to return back to work on light duty. She wanted to extend her gratitude to all of you who reached out to her, visited, called/texted and donated to her *Go Fund Me* account. All of your support was a major motivator for Tammy.

For those of you who are taking a road trip this summer, add Tiltonka, IA to your must visit list.

Derek Reebenacker recently opened "*Reebs Wicked Good Bar & Grill*." If you can't make it out for a visit please like Reebs Wicked



Good Bar & Grill Facebook page and support Derek virtually.

Amy Francis-Jones is selling real estate in Longboat Key, FL. If you're ready to relocate or wanting to become a snowbird feel free to reach out to Amy at Coastal Realty. She would love to hear from you.

As for me, I'm more than thrilled my business *Wiggles & Jiggles Pet Care* will be celebrating 20 years. In business this August. I am blessed to do what I love to do and hope for another 20 years.

In closing, I would like to invite all members of the Class of 88 to join our group Facebook page. It's called "*Pinkerton Class of 1988*" This page is OUR page and it has become quite interactive. Many folks post updates, reconnect with others, sell items, post vacation rentals and reminisce about the past.

Enjoy your summer everyone and I hope to hear from you soon,
Tracey

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Hi everyone!

Hope you all are surviving these crazy times! I'm glad to report that we are back on track with the 30/31 year reunion. A huge thank you to **Brandon Stritch** for taking charge of this event! The invitation is attached and if you are on Facebook, please join the *Pinkerton Academy class of 1990* page for ongoing information. Looking forward to seeing everyone who can attend! As always, if you have any news you would like included in the *Alumnus* please let us know! *Alison*

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Greetings Classmates!

I hope this email finds you and your families healthy and well and with a renewed sense of hope after this long and challenging year. It's hard to believe but we are ready for our 30 year reunion!!! If feels like just yesterday yet at the same time a lifetime ago we were racing across campus to get from the Pinkerton building to the English wing on time!

Amy Marchese and I have been working on plans for our 30th reunion and we are excited to announce some details!

Part 1: We are hoping to get as many 91 grads to attend a night of football at home under the lights on Friday 9/24 at 7:00 p.m. as our own Astros take on our rivals the Lancers! Come join us and cheer on our Astros!

Part 2: On Saturday 9/25 we will have a more traditional reunion at Fody's Tavern in Derry, NH. Join us as we gather in our own space under a tent to toast 30 years! More details to follow. If you aren't part of our Facebook page, please join the group, or email me at 4juliemail@gmail.com if you aren't on FB.

We love technology and are so happy that friends connect on FB, but it's nice to share updates in our *Alumnus* mag still! If you have an update, news or info you'd like me to share with our class and fellow PA Alums, send it my way!

Looking forward to seeing you all at our reunion! *Julie*

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I am very pleased to be writing this brief spotlight on one of our most distinguished beloved alumni, with this past January marking the 25th anniversary of his leaving us, but alas way too soon. With

being just on the pinnacle of his goals coming to fruition and graduation from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music, **Jason Schenker** left the mortal world to conduct God's heavenly choir. Jason truly represented everything that was good about Pinkerton Academy and more. From his leadership positions in student government to bass section leader and president of the choir. Not to mention his contests performances with his twin brother Eric in the Milli Vanilli and the Mr. Pinkerton Contest. And the many concerts and musical productions over the years, concluding with Albert in *Bye Bye Birdie* and conducting the chorus at Baccalaureate in 1992 to a magical piece that he wrote for the event called "*Oh Lord, My Strength*". Jason was always there for all the causes he felt strongly about, the Pinkerton community, and his friends and family of which I am very lucky to be one of.
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Happy Spring 2021!

It's been a while since any classmate has been in contact via Pinkerton alumni as we seem to all use social media more often. We have many classmates doing spectacular things. And we want to hear all about them. Please reach out to pince7@yahoo.com and make sure you put "Pinkerton" in the sub-title.

Nicole Gula has successfully owned and operated Gula Promotions (www.GulaPromotions.com) a promotional products & branding business in New Hampshire with the artistic help of **Janna Welch (Hartley)** since 2012. Janna has owned and run her own company for years as well called Monguin Creative creating websites as well as graphic and logo designs. Nicole works with businesses and schools across the US in providing branding merchandise & apparel and logo design concepts as well as packaging, knitting and fulfillment projects. In November of 2020, along with 3 chef partners she purchased AJ's Wood Grill Pizza in Kittery, ME. It's been great to see old classmates coming into the restaurant to eat, drink and say hello!

Nicole Gula is in touch with **Erol Moe** pretty regularly because her Stratham-based promotions company does a lot of work with Erol's local brewery, Stoneface Brewing Co., based in Newington. A friend got Erol into homebrewing after college and they eventually turned the hobby into a business! Stoneface is now the second-largest craft brewery in the state, you can find their beer in NH, ME, MA, and RI, and there's a full-service pub attached to the brewery.

As for myself, I moved back to NH a few years back. I've been navigating this pandemic as everyone else as a regional manager for Healthpro-Heritage. Healthpro-Heritage is nationally recognized as one of the most innovative & privately owned consulting + therapy management firms, HealthPRO Heritage partners with a diversified portfolio of providers who span the care continuum: hospitals, CCRCs, SNF/subacute centers, assisted and independent living communities, home health agencies, and also schools.

Stay Healthy. *Lesley*

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Freddie Zirpola class of '94 and his wife **Tori (Marchetti)** Zirpola class of '96 own the largest pre-owned Harley Davidson Motorcycle dealership in the northeast, Monarch Motorsports. They have 2 locations one in Derry, NH & the other is in Hampstead, NH. Fred has a great community following. He comes from a long line of Pinkerton alumni graduates.

Please check out our website. <https://www.monarchmotorsport.com/>

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Victoria Harding launched her small business, *Deck to Diary*, at the beginning of 2021. She sells decks of 52 cards with journal prompts on them in hopes that they will help others find joy and relaxation through writing. Victoria has kept diaries since she was eight years old and believes that journaling is an extremely beneficial habit to build. You can learn more about *Deck to Diary* by following @decktodiatary on Instagram and purchase a deck through Etsy at <https://www.etsy.com/shop/DeckToDiary>. Whether journaling is already a part of your life or something you're interested in trying, *Deck to Diary* can strengthen and enhance your writing experience.

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Nico Bucierri and Hannah Rogers got engaged in November of 2019 after first meeting on PA's campus in Mr. Sojka's Contemporary Issues class their senior year. They have a wedding planned for February of 2022 and currently reside in Raymond, NH.

Emma Hodge and her fiancé Brandon Emerson of Augusta, ME got engaged in June 2020 after meeting in concert band her freshman year of college. Emma will be graduating with a BA in New Media from UMaine and starting work while Brandon continues his Masters of Music Performance in Trumpet at Baylor University.

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IN MEMORIAM

We celebrate the lives of Pinkerton Alumni and Friends. Below are recent updates from our Astro community.



William J. Levandowski '45 — November 21, 2020
Burton Clement '47 — December 18, 2020
Patricia (Boyle) Cassel '49 — April 22, 2021
Albert "Babe" Gallien '50 — February 23, 2021
William J. Putman Jr. '51 — May 1, 2021
Pearl (Severance) Ward '51 — November 6, 2020
Eleanor (Watt) Barton '52 — April 27, 2021
Nancy (Gray) Sullivan '52 — February 7, 2021
Martha F. (Daskey) Dube '53 — March 3, 2021
Robert L. Gorham '54 — February 17, 2021
Marjorie (Pugh) Barrett '55 — November 27, 2020
Richard Gero '55 — January 24, 2021
Kenneth Lovell '55 — October 17, 2020
Nancy (Kingsbury) Deisroth '56 — December 26, 2020
Marlene Gallien '56 — March 9, 2021
Robert S. Hilliard '59 — March 20, 2021
Judith C. (Adams) Kraybill '59 — January 8, 2021
Frank A. Wise, Jr. '59 — May 8, 2021
Robert Guinesso '61 — June 5, 2020
Shirley (Hepworth) Lemay '61 — March 26, 2021
Ronald R. Gorrie '63 — November 13, 2020
Jane E. (Holm) Macomber '63 — April 9, 2021

Linda (Alexander) Boulette '65 — November 21, 2020
Sherril Bover-Cheney '65 — November 18, 2020
Joyce L. (Mills) Diener '67 — March 29, 2021
Brenda J. (West) Steele '67 — April 30, 2021
Robert W. Bonnar '68 — March 24, 2021
Susan (Andrews) Clayton '68 — January 3, 2021
Leo Ouellette '69 — May 8, 2021
Jacob DeGroot, Jr. '72 — January 18, 2021
Lisa (McDonald) Dugoni '72 — November 20, 2020
Evelyne Mamie '75 — April 10, 2021
Victoria MacDonald '83 — November 20, 2020
Teri (Prince) Jobes '84 — January 11, 2021
Mark A. Clukey '87 — March 12, 2021
Tyler G. Cox '89 — February 10, 2021
Dana M. (Safron) Wyman '93 — January 16, 2021
Jeremy Dunn '95 — June 10, 2021
Joseph T. Robbins, Jr. '04 — March 8, 2021
Thomas M. Dattilo '05 — February 23, 2021
Jennifer L. Cyr '06 — January 17, 2021
Jacy C. Connell '13 — January 9, 2021
Christian E. Arrell '16 — December 27, 2020
Shawn P. Sarel '16 — March 23, 2021

FRIENDS OF PINKERTON ACADEMY



Robert L. Nugent, former teacher — January 10, 2021
Francis "Frank" Driscoll, former teacher — April 13, 2021
William J. Urbach, former teacher — February 15, 2021
John Muller, former teacher and assistant headmaster — April 26, 2021



In Memoriam: We rely on friends and family to send us obituaries (*especially for alumni who live outside of New Hampshire*).

Please contact Meagan Sojka at msojka@pinkertonacademy.org.

Marriages and Future Astros: If you have a marriage or family update to share, please contact your class correspondent for inclusion in the next *Alumnus* magazine. If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Judy Spigarelli at jspigarelli@pinkertonacademy.org or 603-437-5200 ext. 5140.

VIRTUAL Florida Reunions



The Villages (Florida) Regional Event

Alumni from the Class of 1961, 1962, 1964, 1965 logged on to the zoom call where memories were shared and friendships were re-connected.



John Breda Jr. '96

36th Annual Alumni Association Florida Virtual Reunion (lower right)

The 36th annual Florida reunion was held on February 21 in a virtual environment this year. In addition to alumni from Florida, there were also some attendees from other parts of the country allowing a variety of alumni

to connect and share some stories. Attendees also heard about activities of the Alumni Association and participated in a Kahoot game exploring different parts of campus. While the participants had an enjoyable time, we hope that circumstances will allow us to meet again in person next year.

John Breda Jr., Pinkerton Class of 1996, President of the New Hampshire Alumni Association of Pinkerton Academy



2021 SENIOR PARADE



SAVE THE DATES

REUNIONS

Class of 1955

Hold off on the reunion in hopes we can get together safely in the future.

Class of 1956

Thursday, October 21, 2021

The Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern • 1:00 p.m.

Class of 1960

60th Class Reunion planning for end of Sept. 2021. Possible date coinciding with PA Homecoming. More info will be available. Gail Waterhouse Merrill, Dotty Pinard Batchelder, Yolande Ruel Klein

Class of 1961

Saturday, August 14, 2021 • Location to be determined.

Class of 1970

Saturday, September 18, 2021

The Coach Stop Restaurant & Tavern • 5:00-9:00 p.m.

Class of 1971

Saturday, September 11, 2021

The Derryfield Country Club • 5:30-10:00 p.m.

Class of 1980

With the current environment, we will not have a reunion this year. We will try to plan for our 45th reunion.

Class of 1985

Looking at August or September to gather outside for our 35th + 1 year

Class of 1990

Saturday, October 2, 2021

Fody's Tavern • 7:00 p.m.-close

Class of 1991

Friday, September 24, 2021

Home Football Game at 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 25, 2021 • Fody's Tavern

Facebook: *Class of 1991*

Class of 1996

April 9, 2022

Doubletree Downtown Manchester, NH

Time TBD (*in the evening*)



Class of 2010

Class of 2010 will host its "10" (*or more accurately, 12*) year reunion in 2022. Please get in touch with Yera Ha at

yeraha.nyc@gmail.com to receive

updates or join us on Facebook

at [facebook.com/groups/](https://facebook.com/groups/pinkertonacademy2010)

[pinkertonacademy2010](https://facebook.com/groups/pinkertonacademy2010). See you soon!

Class of 2011

Friday, August 20, 2021

Granite Rose • 7:00-11:00 p.m.

Class of 2015 ~ Reunion postponed

Air Force Junior ROTC Reunion

Postponed until June 2022

Check the PA website for the most up-to-date information

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dinner Train Ride in North Woodstock, NH

Friday, August 20, 2021 • 2:45-10:30 p.m.

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Thursday, September 23, 2021

PA Senior Cafeteria • 5:30 p.m.

29th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

Friday, October 1, 2021 • Noon

Passaconaway Country Club

Alumni Association Craft Fair

Saturday, October 16, 2021

PA Hackler Gymnasium • 9:00 a.m. -3:00 p.m.

Alumni, Family & Friends Foxwoods Bus Trip

Saturday, November 13, 2021 • 9:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.

37th Annual Alumni Florida Reunion

Sunday, February 27, 2022

Philippe Park (Safety Harbor, FL) • 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

REGIONAL EVENTS

NYC, NY — Fall 2021 • More details coming soon.

Portland, ME — September 2021

More details coming soon.

Alumni in The Villages, FL — Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021

Whispering Oaks Winery, Oxford, FL • 1-3:00 p.m.

Boston, MA — Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Variety Bar, Somerville, MA • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

If you would like to have an event in your area, please contact Meagan at alumni@pinkertonacademy.org or 603.437.5200 ext. 1101



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Pinkerton Academy's P.A.C.E. Program announces dual credit option



Attending were Ms. Marissa Mannarini, P.A.C.E. Counselor; Mr. Mark Laliberte, Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees; Dr. Timothy Powers, Pinkerton Academy Headmaster; Ms. Lynne Lonergan, P.A.C.E. Director; Dr. Brian Bicknell, President Manchester Community College; Dr. Mark Rubinstein, President Granite State College; and Ashley Haseltine, President Greater Derry Chamber of Commerce.

On Monday, May 10th at Pinkerton Academy's Academy Building a ceremonial ribbon cutting celebrated Pinkerton's Alternative Choices in Education (P.A.C.E.) first ever dual credit option. In partnership with Manchester Community College in Manchester, N.H. and Granite State College in Concord, N.H., with sponsorship through the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation, students have the option of taking career and college preparatory courses at the collegiate level at no cost while enrolled in P.A.C.E classes on Pinkerton Academy's campus. 