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Legacy

A close-up portrait of Jennifer Hاديaris '01, a young woman with long, wavy brown hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing a black top, a gold hoop earring, and a thin gold necklace. The background is dark and out of focus.

Jennifer Hاديaris '01

*From Main Street to Wall Street
TA-Harvard alum balances tradition & innovation*

*F*rom the Headmaster

Dear Alumni, Parents and Friends of Thornton Academy,

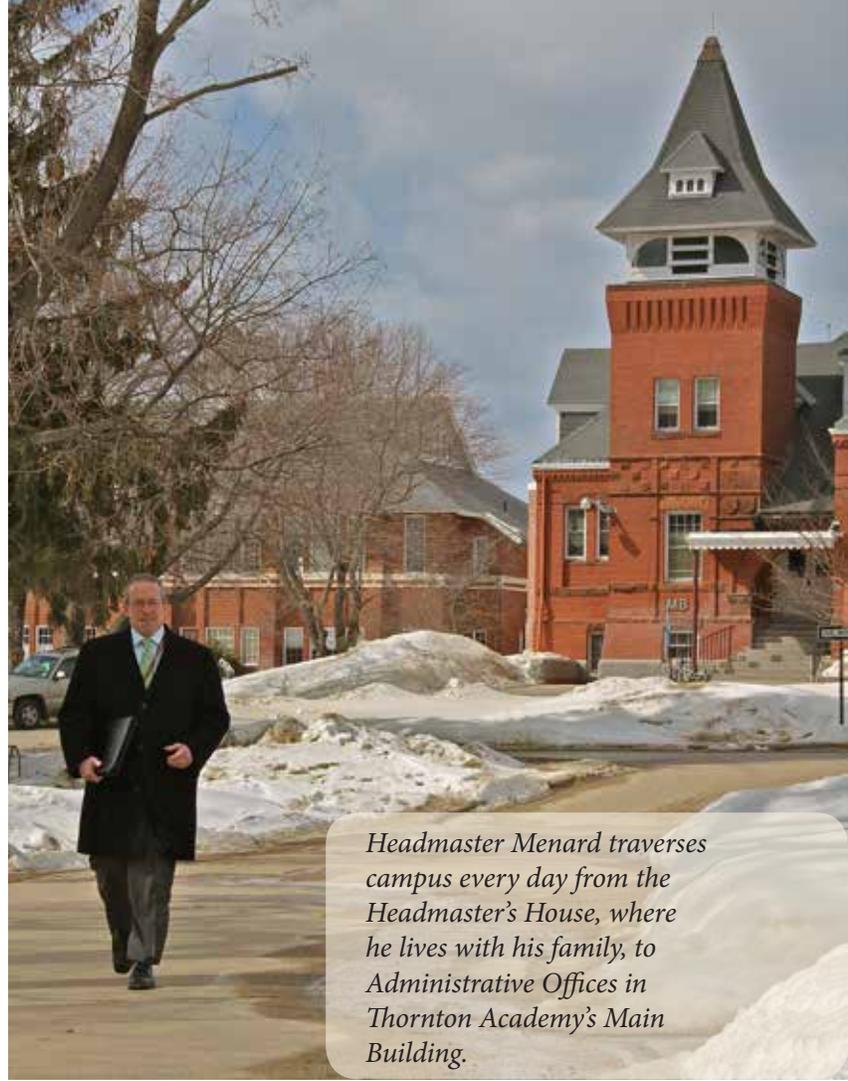
This issue of Postscripts devotes itself to the idea of “legacy.” A popular adage holds that we stand on the shoulders of those who have gone before us. Everywhere on Thornton Academy’s campus I see buildings and programs that show me this is true.

When I walk to my office in the Main Building every day, I see the determination of citizens who banded together in the 1880s and rebuilt their school after a devastating fire.

When I attend an event in the library or walk through the art exhibits in our gallery, I think of the generosity of Mary Weymouth Hyde, Class of 1910, and Edward O’Neill, Class of 1928, generous supporters of Thornton Academy who made these spaces possible.

And when I return home each day to the Headmaster’s House on campus, I think of a story that Ray Shorey, Class of 1949 told me. Most of us have relatives who joke that they walked miles through rain, sleet, and snow to school “back in their day.” Well, Ray Shorey really did. When Ray attended Thornton Academy, he found himself having to walk 14 miles to return home from school each day. To Ray’s good fortune, Headmaster Porter C. Greene noticed. Ray explained to me, “If Headmaster Greene had not brought me to live with his family at the Headmaster’s House, I would never have been able to stay in school” (see Ray’s full story on p. 18).

That experience shaped Ray such that he has become a member of the 1811 Society, a group of alumni, parents, and friends who have included Thornton Academy in their estate and plan to leave a legacy behind them.



Headmaster Menard traverses campus every day from the Headmaster’s House, where he lives with his family, to Administrative Offices in Thornton Academy’s Main Building.

Mindful of students today facing similar obstacles to staying in school, my classmates from the Class of 1988—in a gesture that touched me in its expression of care for young people in need— established a Headmaster’s Fund. This Headmaster’s Fund supports students who, because of family situations, must move out of Saco part way through their education, but wish to continue as a Thornton Academy student.

So, as you read through the stories that follow, and hear how alumni feel about standing on the shoulders of those who came before them, or how they are making sure that they leave a legacy behind them, ask yourself: what legacy would you like to leave?

Rene M. Menard ’88, Headmaster



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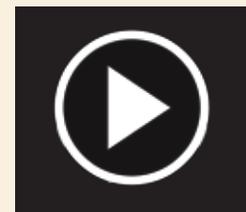
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COVER PHOTO



Jennifer Hadiaris '01, Harvard '05 was featured on the cover of *Traders Magazine* as one of the "intelligent women [on Wall Street] calling the shots." Story on p.4; photo by David Yellen Photography.

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CORRECTIONS

- Inkar Artygalina '14 was incorrectly referred to in the Spring '14 issue as the first TA graduate from Kazakhstan; Adilet Issayev '13 was TA's first Kazakh alumnus.
- The Fall '14 issue incorrectly identified the husband and children of Pam Roberts '76 as having the last name Roberts; their last name is McInturff.



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How Jennifer Hadiaris TA '01 & Harvard '05 made her distinction on Wall Street for helping to



L to R: Eleanor Ogden (of Morgan Stanley), Sophia Lee (of IEX), Jennifer Hadiaris '01 (of RBC) were featured on the cover of Traders Magazine as Wall Street Women 2014 Innovators (photo by David Yellen Photography)

“Dark pool toxicity.” “Rigged underbelly.” “Predatory trading.”

Far from snippets on the back of a suspense novel, these are the terms being used to describe a Wall Street financial culture that has turned Wild West. Enter stage right a once-obscure Canadian banker at Royal Bank of Canada, named Brad Katsuyama. As a popular episode of *60 Minutes* explained this year, Katsuyama noticed that, whenever he tried to “execute a trade,” the stock price moved just before his order went through. This is a little like having the price of your gasoline change between when you

pick up the nozzle and when you start filling your tank. Except that it was happening over and over. Someone was jumping the queue and benefitting from it. To the tune of billions.

Luckily for Katsuyama, he was able to pull together a team of people from all different backgrounds who rose to the team’s challenge of figuring out how the market was being rigged. One of those team members was a young woman—Jennifer “Jenny” Hadiaris '01 (at far right in photo above) “I joined the RBC market structure team in 2010. Not a lot

of banks had those teams because they didn’t think it mattered to pay attention to fiber optic cables [below ground], high-speed lasers [above ground], and trading patterns.” Well, now they do.

Since trading information has become much more complex—traveling through fiber-optic cables to 11 different stock exchanges — the “market structure team” on which Jenny worked has to work to figure out how the New York Stock Exchange, NASDAQ, and all other exchanges operate and how they are connected to one another. “We had to figure out the Wall Street ecosystem—how the connections between exchanges functioned so we could create a solution that protected our orders. The electronic trading team developed a product called ‘Thor’ and then patented it.”

To say that everyone sat up and took notice is an understatement. Katsuyama launched a new exchange called IEX whose aim was to force orders to reach all of the exchanges at exactly the same moment. Clients of RBC could buy stocks at the price they initially aimed for, rather than get “scalped” for a higher price. Katsuyama became an unassuming Canadian hero of a *60 Minutes* episode and the protagonist of Michael Lewis’ New York Times best-selling book *Flash Boys: A Wall Street Revolt* that exposed “rigged” high-frequency trading.

Jennifer went from being on the market structure team to running it globally. She also earned recognition as a Rising Star Innovator on Wall

went from the halls of Thornton Academy to expose “rigged” high-frequency trading

Street. About her award, Jennifer said, “There are not a lot of women out there on Wall Street. The genesis of the awards is to recognize the contributions of women and the commitment to diversity by some firms who are trying to advance women on trading desks.”

With a title like Global Head of Market Structure, Hadiaris is no stranger to the question, “what do you do again?” Jenny explained her job this way, “you know how people call their broker and buy, let’s say, some shares of Apple? Well, we offer the same broker service, but for large firms that are selling 100,000 or a million shares. Our clients are pension funds or retirement funds who own shares on behalf of hundreds of thousands of people. It’s tougher to buy shares in that volume because it can affect the market and change price. Essentially, I work on an institutional trading desk.”

“We map out how exchanges are connected and how the trades work. There’s a market microstructure - how an exchange (buy and sell order) works. I research how an exchange matches a buyer and seller. It’s a computer logic with rules in the matching engine. The rules may advantage or disadvantage participants. We do this in order to protect our clients.”

You might expect that Jennifer would point to her 2005 degree from Harvard as the source of her success, but she pointed to Thornton Academy. “After TA, I went to Harvard and majored in

psychology, then my friends and I moved to New York.” Jenny started her career at *Forbes*, as an assistant news editor for the online division. Then, she shadowed a trader over the summer in 2005. “I hadn’t taken much Economics. I accepted a very entry level job, helping to analyze markets. Five years later, I joined the market structure team and now I run it globally. The most valuable

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thing was my willingness to learn. There isn’t a class to prepare you for a trading desk. Even those people who trained on simulated trading desks said it didn’t prepare them for the real thing. What’s needed is the excitement to learn new things, to be able to figure something out.”

“At TA it was wonderful to take a new class, something totally new to me. TA offered me breadth — in addition to standard classes, I could be in a pottery class or a drawing class. These were unique opportunities to challenge myself to do something new all of the time. Not many high schools offer that. Even though I was a math and science person at TA, I didn’t pursue that in college. I tend to gravitate toward learning new things; I like steep learning curves.”

“I love the history of Thornton Academy. I love that my Dad — Leon Hadiaris ’70—and I went back and found an article about my grandfather—Fotis ‘Fred’ Hadiaris

’36—playing on a 1934 league championship football team. I played field hockey, track, and tennis. I rang the same Victory Bell that my grandfather rang (see bell story p. 24). My dad’s football team [he is one of the coaches for this year’s state champions] rang the same Victory Bell this year that my grandfather rang. I played field hockey, track, and tennis on the same fields my grandfather, aunts and uncles, cousins and brother played on. Family has always been incredibly important to me and

I try to think every day about what would make them proud. Having strong roots always comes into play when making tough decisions and Thornton Academy is part of those roots.”

Staying close to family, Jennifer returns to Saco as often as she can, not only to visit her new nephew, son of brother, Joshua “JD” ’98 and sister-in-law Ari, but also to burn up some pavement with her father in half marathons. Give this Rising Star a cheer as she goes by.



Jennifer Hadiaris TA '01 Harvard '05 accepting her Rising Star Innovator award at the 4th Annual Wall Street Women: A Celebration of Excellence event. Courtesy Trader's Magazine.

Thornton's STEM Academy



Preparing students for a changing world

A new Scamman Building wing will house STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) classrooms, including four laboratories (two chemistry, two biology) and four general-purpose classrooms. Scheduled for completion by September, the \$2 million STEM Center is entirely privately-funded, meaning that no tax dollars are being used for construction. This project is supported by TA alumni, parents and friends, including Brian Dallaire '75 (see below) and Joan Fink '70 who have made generous lead gifts to the project.

Thornton Academy's new STEM Center will be the cornerstone of a STEM Academy, which builds upon the exceptional STEM education that Thornton Academy already provides.

Gifts of every size are welcome. If you would like to support the education of students in science, technology, engineering, and math, you can:

- Donate online at: www.thorntonacademy.org/give, or
- Send a check made out to Thornton Academy to the Development Office (note STEM on the check or "teacher room" to honor former teachers; see right), or
- Call the Development Office for more information: 207-602-4456.



Watch an interview with Dr. Dallaire

Dr. Brian Dallaire, '75 (STEM Center Donor)
President, Lighthouse Clinical Development

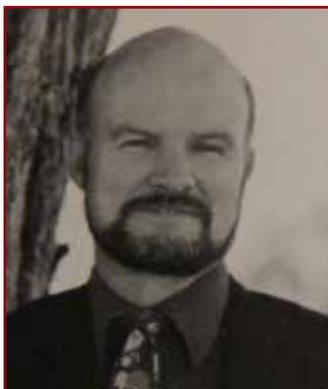
Dr. Brian Dallaire '75 has had a distinguished career in the pharmaceutical sciences and is currently president of Lighthouse Clinical Development, as well as a TA Board of Trustees member. About the importance of STEM education, he said: "In pharmaceuticals, you actually need all the disciplines of STEM in order to be successful...Anything you can do to support the school helps out. Think of your donations to TA as being compounded. This facility will hopefully last 50 years like the original Scamman Building...Just think of how many students have gone in there... One dollar of a piece of equipment being used times 20 years by 1,000 students a year. Just think of the impact that has!"

Honoring Beloved Teachers

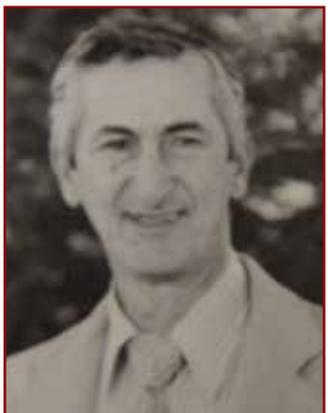
The Philip Curtis, Dominic DiBiase, & Richard Parker Classroom Goal: \$50,000

In September, the new STEM Center will feature eight new classrooms, one of which will be named the Philip Curtis, Dominic DiBiase, and Richard Parker Classroom. Please join us in honoring them.

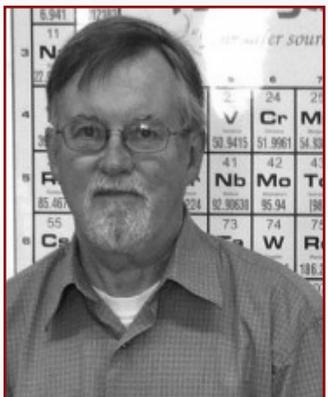
Thornton Academy's STEM curriculum is among the most advanced in the state, in part because of these teachers who implemented curricula that paved the way for today's high-tech learning. Please join us in honoring their legacy. Gifts toward naming this classroom in their honor are welcome in any amount and can be made online at www.thorntonacademy.org/give or by contacting the Development Office at (207) 602-4456. Honorees and their families will be provided with a list of donors. Those who donate \$5,000 or more, payable over five years, will be listed on a plaque as donors to the Curtis-DiBiase-Parker Classroom in the new STEM Center.



Philip Curtis, Math Teacher at TA 1962—1993
Mr. Curtis taught several levels of mathematics classes during his 32-year career, including college level. He wanted to help students think logically and find innovative ways to solve problems. He enjoyed challenging students to reach their full potential. In 2008 he was inducted into the Thornton Academy Athletic Hall of Fame for his many years of successful coaching. Mr. C. and his wife, Catharine, currently live in the Fortunes Rocks section of Biddeford.



Dominic DiBiase, Math Teacher at TA 1959—1992
Humorous yet demanding, Mr. DiBiase was the first teacher to introduce computers to TA. He also created the first calculus course, and a matrix/linear algebra course that went above and beyond the curriculum. He adapted his teaching to meet the needs of his students and inspired them to learn more. He also served as a track coach and was known as a rather dapper dresser. Mr. DiBiase passed away in 2002.



Richard Parker '60, Chemistry Teacher at TA 1964—2000
Mr. Parker had high standards and an incredible memory for detail. Many students said he taught the most challenging course in high school and that college chemistry was easy because of him. When giving a lesson about entropy (organized chaos) he would exclaim, "just look at my desk!" Mr. Parker introduced AP Chemistry to TA, coached track, and served on the Alumni Board for nine years. He currently lives in Saco.

The DiBiase Family will match all donations made by June 30 to the STEM Center, up to \$10,000 total.

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TA parent and mechanical engineer Charlie Dupuis of Steam Turbine Services reviews HVAC system design with students in Thornton Academy's engineering class.

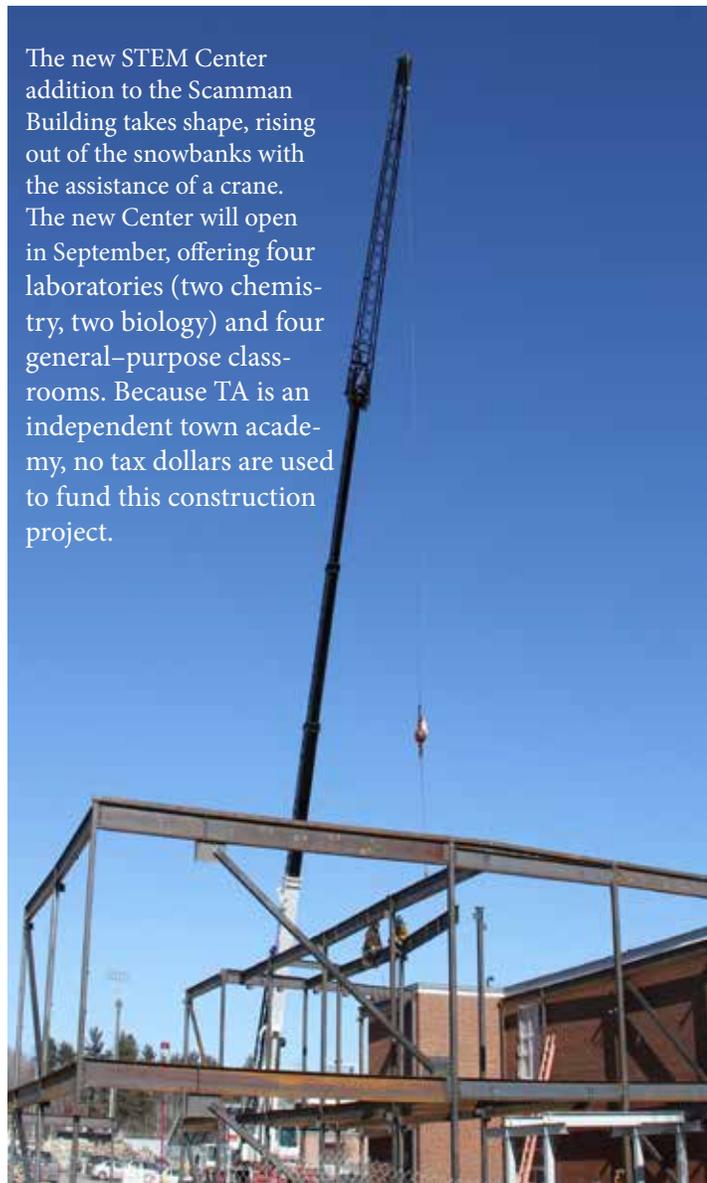
Students Study STEM Center Design

With students on campus studying engineering, you can never tell what sort of project they'll dive into. Now that they're studying mechanical engineering and the STEM Center building is under construction, students are studying the design and installation of the HVAC ductwork and equipment.

With encouragement from Timothy Hebert of Hebert Construction, faculty member Geoffrey Slack invited design mechanical engineer Charlie Dupuis of Steam Turbine Services to class. As a parent of Ethan '16 and Zachary '17, Mr. Dupuis is already familiar with TA and becoming more so as an engineer working on the STEM Center project. Try to imagine a lecture on building design, heat transfer systems, and "thermal comfort." In other words: why buildings shouldn't sweat and what to do to stop it.

During his visit, Dupuis spoke to students about an engineering career. He said, "Your engineering skills will always be transferable. You can take them anywhere in the world. The marketability of engineering is such that you're not going to want for work...But, if you want to work worldwide you better be able to use the metric system." Mr. Slack explained that students will get to witness firsthand the installation of the ductwork and HVAC equipment sometime in April.

"Using the science wing construction site as a teaching forum at Thornton Academy is the perfect example of one of Harvard Graduate School of Education's Pathways to Prosperity Report recommendations— 'industry must provide greatly expanded opportunities for work-linked learning, becoming full partners in the national effort to prepare young adults for success,'" said School-to-Work Counselor Linda Roth.



The new STEM Center addition to the Scamman Building takes shape, rising out of the snowbanks with the assistance of a crane. The new Center will open in September, offering four laboratories (two chemistry, two biology) and four general-purpose classrooms. Because TA is an independent town academy, no tax dollars are used to fund this construction project.

Leather, Horseflesh, and the Roar of the Crowd



Amanda Boutet '08 returns home and she means business

Sixteen horses, a rabbit, a donkey, two cats, ducks, guinea hens, more than 50 wild turkeys. These are the critters that Amanda Boutet '08 shares with the two TA international homestay students who live with her at her new horse facility in Arundel, named Specially Designed Stables. Although the barn was cold on a grey day, each horse greeted Amanda at their stall door with a whoosh of warm breath. She introduced each horse and recounted their life story, much like she introduced her father, Steve Boutet '79 who works with her at the stable. The horses are people here and they have an important job to do – help teach clients how to ride and compete at some of the largest horse shows in New England and beyond.

While a student at Thornton Academy, Amanda garnered state and regional equestrian championships and then took her Saddlebred named “Specially Designed” to Nationals in St. Louis. Her street cred? The only rider under 18, she placed 10th against 30 of some of the nicest horses in the country. Amanda decided to convert the passion for her sport into a career.

After graduating from TA, she attended Johnson and Wales University in Providence and majored in Equine Business Management. Amanda laughed when she said, “My friends tell me that I’m the one of them who’s done it. I made a plan, went to school and came back to set up my business. I guess it’s true.”

At 25 years old, Amanda owns an impressive facility that boasts 16 stalls, a large indoor arena, a visitor lounge with full kitchen, and living areas for herself and another

trainer. She found time in her busy schedule – between training horses, teaching students, and prepping a pony for a birthday party – to explain one of the next steps for her business: doubling the size of the facility.

Of the students from Thailand and China who live with her as homestay students – Pim and Sherry -- Amanda said, “They like the horses, pat them, and feed them treats. But if the horses bang their stall doors, they run away. The girls are great; when I’m down here early in the morning feeding the horses, they get themselves up and are ready to go to school.”

The business is a multi-generational family operation with lots of TA connections. Amanda started the business with her grandfather Ronald Boutet '57, her father Steve who works with her on daily operations, and Amanda’s boyfriend Tom Cloutier '09 – an industrial design engineer – who laid the 10,000 rubber bricks that line the facilities hallways. It looks as though the Boutet relationship with Thornton Academy is a legacy that will continue. Amanda said, “I liked my time so much at Thornton Academy, I chose to buy land here in Arundel because I want Thornton to be an educational choice for my family.”



“She’s my boss now. It’s kinda nice,” said Steve Boutet '79 of his daughter, Amanda '08, Owner and Trainer of Specially Designed Stables.

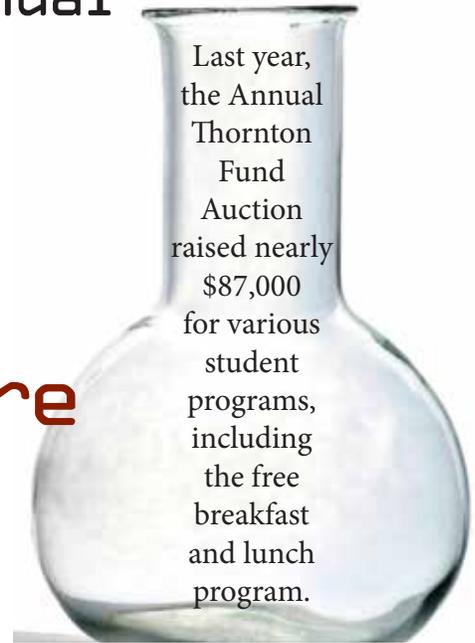
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Celebrating the Arts

This winter, Thornton Academy named its newly-renovated dance studio after Leonard G. Johnson '47, an 1811 Society member who has made a significant donation to support TA.

In January, a reception in Hyde Library brought together Leonard G. Johnson's family members, trustees, staff, and students to celebrate the naming of the renovated dance studio in the Emery Building.

Beginning at 13 years old, Leonard was practicing dance steps from illustrations in a Dale Evans dance book, preparing himself for the many barn dances that he would attend in high school. He was voted best dancer for the class of 1947 and went on to teach ballroom dance in Denver at the Ernie Miller Dance School. The love of dance runs in the family. Leonard's great-great niece, Peyton Dill '14, also danced at Thornton Academy.

Dance program director Emma Arenstam Campbell said, "This is a huge gift for the school; it acknowledges the importance and continuity of the dance program. It's an investment in instructional space and in the program in these times when, at other schools, arts education is usually not prioritized. The naming of the studio also reflects how interconnected the TA community is. I taught Peyton as a student for three years. It's another example of a family legacy that has committed itself to sustaining a student program at Thornton Academy."



TA Players present the Spring Musical "Mary Poppins"

April 9-12

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MARY POPPINS

The Bedell family, with deep TA theater roots, is still taking to the stage

Call it a Shakespeare remix. Thornton Academy faculty David Hanright and Chris Queally spent months and hundreds of hours taking a three-and-a-half-hour long “Hamlet” script and cutting it down to an original, half-hour performance. They asked a member of a multi-generational TA family—Mark Bedell, Director of the Academy of Staged Combat—to help students prepare for it. Bedell spent a day in Garland Auditorium with students leading “sword play workshops.” The TA Players presented their cut of William Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” as they competed in, and hosted, the Maine Regional One Act Festival on March 6 and March 7.

Theater Director David Hanright said, “We kept the dramatic arc and the iconic lines – Hamlet’s soliloquies – intact.” While previous “cuts” of Shakespeare plays have extracted one entire act from the play, “this was a restructuring of the play and reordering of the scenes,” Queally said. Mark Bedell explained how his sword play workshops at TA connect to his passion, “It’s all storytelling. I’m also a playwright and screenwriter. Directing fights is the same as writing. It’s all about telling a story to the audience.”

Bedell family roots in TA arts go way back. “Our family has lived in Saco for a long, long time. My great-great-grandmother and great-great-aunt graduated from TA in 1894 and 1899. My mother’s father and his brother attended TA, but neither graduated as they had to be sent off to find work. My mother, Patricia Hobbs Bedell ‘51 and all her sisters went to TA. I am the youngest of eight kids.... all of whom went to TA, except me.”

Alumni Jazz Musicians Invited to 15th Annual Jazz a la Mode Event

Thornton Academy Jazz Band will celebrate its 15th annual Jazz a la Mode this year on May 20th. Jazz a la Mode has become a beloved end-of-year tradition. The musical event will feature multiple sets, featuring seniors and alumni. Were you part of the What is Hip, Feelin’ the Funk years, or the Lazy Sunday Steppers? Join us to re-live the glory days by sitting in with the band, by contacting Ms. With, also known as Jennifer Witherell-Stebbins at jennifer.witherell@thorntonacademy.org. Following tradition, pie and ice cream will be served.

Did you know? *The TA Jazz Band has enjoyed a year of great musical performances, including their unprecedented 2nd Place finish in their class at the Berklee Jazz Festival and 3rd Place finish at the Maine State Jazz Festival! They also earned I (one) ratings at the District and State Festivals-congratulations!*



Two of Bedell’s siblings played in the band, while six of them participated in theater with Mr. Woodward. “Even I performed in Carousel at TA in 1971. They needed a kid for a role and I got it. Mr. Woodward influenced my brothers (Brian ‘78, in particular) to go into theatre. In turn, my brother influenced me to go into theatre and film. That has been my life’s work.”

“I teach staged combat all over the country at colleges, universities and high schools alike. That is not, however, the meat and potatoes of my work. I fight direct and stunt coordinate feature films, television, documentaries, plays, opera and live stunt shows. I also build specialty weapons and props and special effects for amusement parks, stunt shows, haunts and shows all over the world with my other company Action Point Entertainment.”

Bedell’s workshops must have hit their mark. At the Maine Regional One Act Festival, the TA Players’ performance of Hamlet—which earned a Silver or 2nd place distinction and several student commendations—also earned a commendation for the “sword play fight scene” which students choreographed.

Mark’s siblings include: Stephen ‘70, David ‘71, Debra Bedell-Emmanuelle ‘72, Carol Bedell Braley ‘74, Brian ‘78 (deceased in 1994), Wendy ‘80 (deceased in 1987), Linda Bedell ‘81 (deceased in 2006).



TA International

2015 Lunar New Year Celebration

In early February, a group of local and international students (including Chinese Club members and students enrolled in Chinese language classes) put on an amazing dinner and performance in the Atkinson Dining Commons to celebrate the Year of the Goat. The Lunar New Year is celebrated throughout many Asian countries.

Lucy Chen '15 and Meaghan Stephenson '17 served as show hosts, while chefs Andy Li '15 and Mark Yang '16 prepared an authentic Chinese meal of flavored pork, beef with broccoli, garlic veggies, braised chicken wings, scrambled egg and shrimp, and eggplant in savory sauce. Community members, homestay parents, and staff enjoyed dancing, instrumental music (flute, piano, strings), singing, and a Nunchaku demonstration. Chinese Teacher and International Advisor Phoebe Hsieh and Chinese Club Advisor Jon Janson '09 guided this event.

Top photos L to R: Nicole Ren '17, Meaghan Stephenson '17, Lucy Chen '15. Bottom photo L to R: Andy Li '15, Forrest Li '15, AZ Zhou '16.

Watch student performances from the celebration.



Jon Janson '09 Brings International Experience to TA

Jon Janson '09 studied Finance and Economics at the University of New Hampshire and then taught English for 10 months to students in grades seven through ten in Tianjin, China through a private company called UExcel International Academy. Upon returning to Maine, Jon helped staff the summer English Language Learning camp at Thornton, and then stayed to assist first-year international students with the transition into American life and high school academics. He connects students with resources, communicates with teachers, and advises the Chinese Club. Jon says his path has been “more interesting than the generic post-business school job” and he appreciates the travel and teaching opportunities that have broadened his perspective about the global economy.



Globetrotting With Emma Morrison '08



Emma Morrison '08 in Almaty, Kazakhstan, where she has been living this past year. Saco and Almaty lie on approximately the same latitude line, differing by about only 16 miles.

What happens when you travel to 11 countries on four different continents within 12 months? For Emma Morrison '08, the math adds up to a life-changing experience. Emma earned a bachelor's degree in Applied Mathematics with a concentration in Biology from the University of Maine at Farmington '12, and a master's degree in Statistics from North Carolina State University '14. Her

aptitude for math led her to a one-year high school teaching position at Tien Shan International School in Almaty, Kazakhstan.

This past year she's seized every opportunity to travel the globe, and it's inspired her to pursue

a second master's degree in Intercultural Studies at NC State, beginning in Fall 2015. *Postscripts* caught up with her via e-mail to learn more about these experiences.

"Living in Kazakhstan, I have learned that there is a purpose in life that is so much bigger than just being comfortable and happy. Living in post-Soviet Kazakhstan specifically, I have learned to be patient with other cultures and other people. I have learned to love even when I am frustrated and completely baffled by the way things are done. Laws about driving, cell phones, and visas may change every few months, but the

"Immersing yourself in different cultures and traveling are important because you can only listen to so many lessons, but those lessons won't move from your head to your heart until you actually experience them—until you take off your shoes at the door of a one bedroom apartment and sip tea while you sit next to a Kazakh woman who shares her life with you." -Emma Morrison '08

trouble is all worth it when I think about the people I have met and the relationships I have built. Yes, I still do not understand some of the cultural differences... but on a deeper level, people all across the world are essentially the same: we all want to be accepted and loved.

"My family has a strong relationship to TA.

Even seven years after graduation, Thornton is still an integral part of what I consider home.

With my dad [math department chair Jack Morrison '74] teaching

at TA since before I was born, I grew up on the campus and around the teachers, some of whom I'm still close with. The TA community has been incredibly supportive of my family in both struggles and celebrations. My grandparents graduated from TA, as did my dad, my brother [math teacher Brian Morrison '06] and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Our closets are lined with maroon and gold. My family's loyalty to Thornton can attest to the fact that Thornton is a great community."

Middle School



Watch a video interview with Tori.

One of the first to attend TA for seven years, Tori Lands '13 found career inspiration at TAMS

Tori Lands '13 was a member of the very first class of Arundel students who attended TAMS for grades 6-8 and then Thornton Academy for 9-12. She credits her positive experience at TAMS for being a big part of her decision to become a middle school teacher.

“When I think about TAMS, the words that come to mind include: innovative, hands on, and community. I left with a sense of how to figure out who I was as a human being and how I could positively influence surrounding communities.

“Being familiar with the campus helped tremendously in transitioning from the middle school to the high school. I was involved with athletics at both schools so I feel that really aided in the transition. Being 12 or 13 and having the ability to go to the high school library

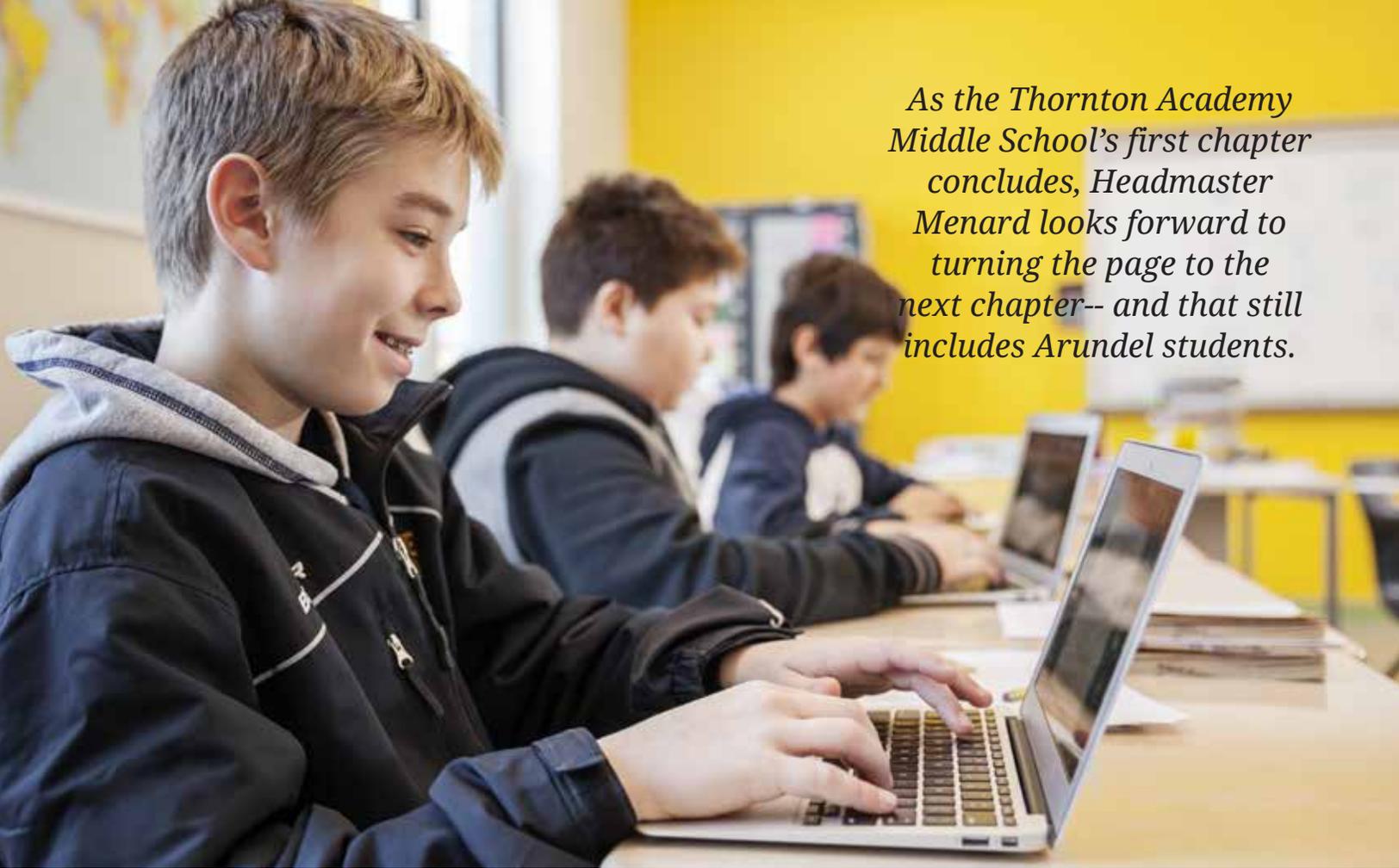
or gym was a big deal. Thornton's campus is sprawling and even after spending three years at the middle school, I was intimidated entering my freshman year. Luckily,

“Middle School is a tough time—kids are going through a ton of changes and trying to figure out who they are. Many students say middle school was the least enjoyable part of their education—schools tend to focus strictly on the work and don't address the personal needs of students. TAMS provided the opposite experience, not only teaching me valuable academic material but also what it means to be a good person.” -Tori Lands '13

TAMS teachers provided support above and beyond what would be expected. Anytime I was feeling scared or nervous

about my transition or about anything at the high school, I could always walk to the other end of campus and talk to Ms. Brewer (one of my favorite teachers and one of the reasons I want to teach social studies) or one of the various other staff members such as Mrs. Robert, and leave feeling confident and reassured.”

Tori is currently a sophomore at the University of Maine at Farmington, majoring in secondary education with a concentration in social studies and a minor in international and global studies.



As the Thornton Academy Middle School's first chapter concludes, Headmaster Menard looks forward to turning the page to the next chapter-- and that still includes Arundel students.

In an open letter to all residents of the town of Arundel, Headmaster Rene Menard '88 described the exciting changes at the Thornton Academy Middle School.

“The ten-year contract through which all Arundel middle school students attend Thornton Academy will expire in June 2016. At that time, Arundel families with students in grades six through twelve will have educational choice. Thornton Academy is one of those choices for 6-12th graders. Thornton Academy Middle School (TAMS) was built ten years ago, in partnership with Arundel, to answer the community’s need for additional space and programming for its middle school students.

“The result has been nothing short of amazing, with TAMS echoing the strengths of M. L. Day School by providing Arundel students with high quality education in a small and personal environment. Arundel students in both the middle and high schools have succeeded here, becoming citizens who contribute to our TA community in positive and productive ways.

We will continue welcoming Arundel students to Thornton Academy!

“Providing a good education is a primary community responsibility. TA will honor and support the educational choices Arundel families will make in the coming years. The Thornton Academy Middle School program— from classrooms to athletic fields to performance stage—offers a diverse range of academic offerings and after-school activities. Our school culture includes and welcomes a diverse student body. TA faculty and administrators are capable, committed, and accessible. That being said, we hope Thornton Academy will be your foremost choice.”

Did You Know? In addition to welcoming students from Arundel, TAMS educates middle schoolers from several surrounding towns, including: Dayton, Saco, Scarborough & Portland.

1811 Society

Raymond Shorey '49 talks about the long walk home and how a Headmaster's kindness changed his life.

“We’re going back a long ways here. I lived in Dayton when I was growing up. Of course, we had a one-room school for grades 1-8 and there was no high school. It was a normal thing to go to TA. Freshman year, I caught a ride to school with two brothers who had a family car. I wanted to play football. Before TA, I had never even seen a football! So, a couple of other kids and I went out for freshman football. I kind of liked it.

“In '47, the only way I could get to school was to catch a ride with a millworker at 6 AM. My parents were dirt poor farmers with one beat-up car; there was no way I could use it. In the fall, it started getting dark early. I had no ride home. I walked to Route 5 and started walking and hitchhiking. I ran awhile, then walked the 14 miles to my house. I got home about 8 PM or so and I was starving. Same thing next day.

“There wasn't the traffic in those days. Not a car passed me. The third day, it poured rain the whole way home. I was kind of disgusted. I couldn't see any other way.

“I told my parents, I was going to



Ray Shorey enjoying Reunion Day 2014 with his daughter, Susan.

quit school. It was normal for the eldest to help support the family in those days. They didn't oppose it. I started work at a sawmill the next day. The next week, when I arrived home from the sawmill, a car was sitting in the yard. It was Porter C. Greene, Headmaster. 'Raymond, I've been told you quit school,' he said. 'Yes, sir, I had no transportation. I could get there, but not home.' 'Do you want to go to school?' he asked me. 'Yes, sir,' I said. 'Then pack your clothes. Tell your parents and come live with my family.'

“I went from a farm with an outhouse to the Headmaster's House. I stayed there three winters. If I had not finished school, God knows where I would be now. He influenced me.

“I graduated in '49, went into the service [Army], got married and all the time I didn't recall thanking the Greenes. After retirement, in 2000, I thought: I never thanked them personally. I travelled to Morrisville,

VT, Porter Greene's home town. I knew Mr. Greene had passed, but I went to the oldest person I could find and asked to find Mrs. Greene. Eventually, folks at the Senior Center sent me to Stowe, VT where Mrs. Alice Green stayed in assisted living. I drove right there and found Mrs. Greene. It had been 50 years; at first, she walked by me, then stopped, turned around, and said, 'Raymond what are you doing here?' I almost flipped. She said to her aide, 'He used to steal my chocolate chip cookies.' I finally got to thank her.”

Although in his eighties, retired Lt. Colonel Raymond Shorey works as a salesman for TRC (Texas Refinery) and visits with a couple dozen deer in his back yard each day in Oquossoc, Maine. Ray Shorey is a member of the 1811 Society because he, along with many others, has named Thornton Academy as a beneficiary in his estate planning.

Trojans build on athletic legacy

Golf Wins SMAA; Hashilla Rivai Captures State Schoolgirl Title

The TA varsity golf team won the 2014 SMAA Championship with a score of 196 at Sable Oaks Golf Club. Led by Hashilla Rivai '16, the Trojans beat Scarborough by 16 strokes. Rivai then went on to win the Schoolgirl Individual State Championship at Natanis Golf Club in Vassalboro with a round of 70. A record five girls from TA competed in the state championship, and Jordan Laplume '18 tied for 5th place.



TA golfers at the SMAA Championship (L to R): Greg Kalagias '16, Hashilla Rivai '16, Noah Jacques '16, Logan Picard '16, Lauren Wells '15, Coach Jeff Camire, and Jordan Laplume '18.

Football Takes Gold Ball

The TA varsity football team defeated defending state champion Bonny Eagle, 30-14, to advance to the Class A state championship game, where they defeated Windham 35-14. The Trojans finished the year with a 10-1 record, including playoffs. Several players made All-Conference and D'Andre Morgan '15 was honored with the Gerry Raymond Lineman of the Year award.



For the second consecutive year, the girls indoor track team took home the Class A State Title, with a score of 53 points. Leading the Trojans was standout senior Tori Daigle '15, who took home three individual state championships. Daigle won the 55 hurdles, the long jump and the triple jump. She also broke her own state record in the long jump with a leap of 18'2". Samantha Curran '17 also won an individual state championship with a 38' 3/4" throw in the shot put. This winter's triumph is the third state title for coach Lisa Huntress.

In the News

Warner Siblings Inducted Into Halls of Fame

Mari Warner '77 was inducted into the State University of New York at Albany's Hall of Fame in Fall 2014. A star player at Thornton and University of Maine, Mari went on to a successful 20-year coaching career with SUNY and helped them transition from Division III to Division I. She became the school's all-time leader in women's basketball coaching victories, compiling a 299-213 record and distinguishing herself at a pivotal time for women's sports. She currently teaches Physical Education and coaches girls basketball at Falmouth

High School. Mari identifies TA Coach Phil Curtis, her father (Robert Warner, a trainer for TA football for many years, as well as a former trustee) and brother (Bob Warner '72) as her mentors: "In my coaching career, I always thought about Mr. Curtis and what he stood for. I reached out to him often. My dad had me lifting weights in our cellar. He didn't care if it was my brother or me. He was disciplined and knew that lifting was a big part of the game. My brother was such a great player and I learned so much by watching him on the court."



Photos courtesy of U. Albany Athletics

Robert "Bob" Warner, currently of Marblehead, Massachusetts, was also recently recognized for his athletic achievements. Bob was inducted into the Maine Basketball Hall of Fame. Bob led the Golden Trojans to the 1972 Western Maine final, then set career rebounding records at the University of Maine and became a 1,000-point scorer. He played professionally in Europe for a year, and was a graduate assistant coach at Boston University under Rick Pitino.



Speaking of TA basketball greats...

Girls Basketball Makes History With Epic Win Over McAuley

For the first time in MPA-sanctioned program history, the girls basketball team won the Western Class A Championship and advanced to the state championship. During their run, the Trojans knocked off Scarborough, Gorham, and four-time defending state champion McAuley on their way to the Augusta Civic Center. Though the girls lost to Lawrence in a closely-contested game, it proved to be a banner year for TA basketball. Among many accolades, several players made it to the SMAA all-star team - Alex Hart '18 (1st team), Katie McCrum '15 (1st team), Victoria Lux '15 (2nd team) and Ashley Howe '16 (2nd team). Lux was named a finalist for Miss Maine Basketball.

You can watch several games, including the championship win against McAuley by visiting the TATVSaco YouTube channel www.youtube.com/tatvsaco

Did You Know?

Rules for girls basketball used to be so different that, in the 1960s, the six players per team could not cross the center line (three forwards played on the team's frontcourt and three guards remained on the backcourt). Not until 1971-72 could players dribble continuously (beyond more than three dribbles). To learn more about the evolution of girls basketball at Thornton, skip to the ninth minute of the 2014 Hall of Fame video on our YouTube channel. On behalf of the teams from 1965-67, captain Elise Shevenell '65 explains how the game has changed.



Alumni Gatherings

California

On January 18, a group of TA alumni and friends gathered for the afternoon at a restaurant in Manhattan Beach, California. Alumni spanned the Classes of 1946 to 2004, and enjoyed sharing experiences from their days at Thornton Academy and learning of the changes at the school.



Florida

During the last week of February, Headmaster Rene Menard attended three alumni gatherings in Florida. Alumni gathered in Sarasota, Orlando, and in The Villages.



New York City

Headmaster Rene Menard visited a small group of New York alumni at the Capital Grille, including: Margaret O'Neil '72, Laura Ellis '02, Elizabeth Furbish '00, Abbie Mohlin Henry '01, and Jennifer Hadiaris '01.



**Don't Miss the
Boston Alumni Event**

Wednesday, May 6

5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join us for a cocktails and
appetizers at Joe's on Newbury!





On January 2, 2015 the Swimming & Diving team celebrated its 25th Anniversary Season. In its inaugural 1989-1990 season, the team began with six girls and five boys. Since then, swimming and diving has had several teams with 40+ members. The celebration began with a swim meet at the Northern York County YMCA in Biddeford, followed by a reception/banquet at Thornton Academy.

Upcoming Reunions

Senior Alumni Reunion

Saturday, September 19, 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM, Thornton Academy Atrium, Auditorium & Cafeteria

50th Reunion-Class of 1965

Saturday, August 8th, FMI: Ken Pike, mainepikes@aol.com or 207-846-9221

45th Reunion-Class of 1970

If you are interested in coordinating this reunion, please contact development@thorntonacademy.org

40th Reunion-Class of 1975

Saturday, July 25th, FMI: Al Sicard, asicard@maine.rr.com or Pat Fennell, pfennell@maine.rr.com

35th Reunion-Class of 1980

Saturday, August 1st, FMI: Dawn LePauloue Lambert, dlambert62@hughes.net

30th Reunion-Class of 1985

Homecoming Weekend, FMI: Steve Pate, steve.pate@edwardjones.com

25th Reunion-Class of 1990

Friday, July 24th-Sunday, July 26th
FMI: Giselle Tardiff, fishbowl512@yahoo.com

20th Reunion-Class of 1995

FMI: Tracie Saucier True, tracie.true@thorntonacademy.org

15th Reunion-Class of 2000

Looking for members to help plan!
FMI: Kathryn Danylik-Lagasse, KDL@thorntonacademy.org
Nate Tripp, nate@haleysmetal.com

10th Reunion-Class of 2005

Saturday, August 1st, FMI: Jessica Janson, jess.janson@yahoo.com

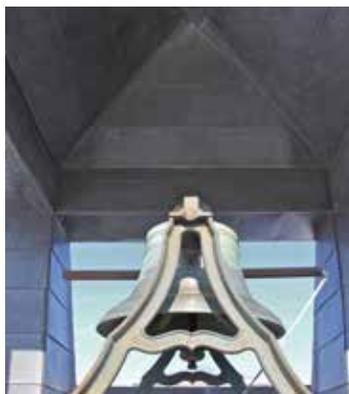
5th Reunion-Class of 2010

If you are interested in coordinating this reunion, please contact development@thorntonacademy.org



TA Treasure

Time takes a toll on the Victory Bell



For generations, one thing that all Thornton Academy athletes have looked forward to is the opportunity to ring the Victory Bell.

Once sitting atop the Main Building and ringing as the regular school bell, this 1889 beauty, manufactured in West Troy, New York and donated by C.C.G. Thornton, now rings from its perch atop the Fine Arts Building only after select team wins.

This fall, the Boys Soccer team gathered in the Atrium to celebrate a victory. When they grabbed

the rope together and pulled, the wooden-pegged wheel that had swung the bell for more than a century broke (see photo right). The bell went silent.

Dedicated Facilities staff worked quickly and rigged a temporary iron-bar mechanism that allowed the bell to ring (see photo center). Then Thornton Academy faced the challenge of how to restore the bell to its original function and address other maintenance needs (see split brace at left). Then, on December 29th, the Duranceau Family presented Headmaster Rene Menard with a check for \$10,000 in memory

of John Duranceau whose two children—Brad '09 and Taylor '12—graduated from Thornton. Their generous gift has been designated to repair and restore the Victory Bell.

Also, Thornton Academy Board of Trustees member Earle Cianchette, Senior Vice President of Operations at Cianbro and a TA parent, has pledged additional support for this summer when the reproduction wooden wheel is installed.

Why restore the bell? “This is tradition,” said Maintenance Worker Mike Walker as he pointed to the wooden pegs securing joints of the wheel mechanism. “We want to do this right.”

Class Notes



Class of 1944 Rachel J. Whipple Small writes, "I am still living in Gainesville, FL with annual visits to the great state of Maine! Would be happy to hear from old classmates!"

Class of 1945 Helen Lundy Boyd writes, "I now have a great-great grandson. His name is Kayden and he is one-year old. I also have 12 great-grandchildren and one more on the way." **David E. Hill** writes, "I am still flying around the country, flying organs and patients."

Class of 1946 David A. Patriquin writes, "I am retired in Dummerston VT, with my wife Cynthia. We visited with **Harley Scammon** this year and it was a great time."

Class of 1949 Mary Neal Morrison writes, "I was at the Senior Alumni Banquet in September. I am sorry that our class didn't have our 65th reunion. I got to spend time with my newest great-grandson Kurt and saw him baptized at the North Saco Congregational Church where his mother and grandfather sing in the choir. I will be in Maine to celebrate my daughter's graduation from SMI and Kurt's 1st birthday on May 13th." **Raymond Shorey** writes, "All is well in the western mountains. I have retired 5 times and still working as a sales rep for a major oil company!"

Class of 1952 Helen Rancourt Hilton writes, "We moved last month from our home in Candia where we have lived for 46 years into a one-story home in Manchester. Steps and stairs were getting to be too much for us, plus the upkeep of the property in our golden years. We live in a 55-and-over adult community and we love it here. We celebrated our 55th anniversary in

April 2014 and we are looking forward to another great-grandchild in May."

Class of 1953 David G. Kennedy writes, "Judy and I do some traveling and still garden. I turned 80 this year and had knee surgery which affects my mobility and stability. I keep in touch with classmates by phone, and we visit Maine each year for the Senior Alumni Reunion."

Class of 1954 John Hanning writes, "This is the first time that my Winona and I have not made it up to Maine in many years. She fell and broke her right hip in July. She is doing much better but has to go to therapy 2x a week. **Elsie Boudreau** mailed a picture of the class reunion. That is what I call caring friends!" **George C. Holston** writes, "I attended the annual alumni luncheon and the 60th anniversary brunch. Hope to do both next year also. We had Thanksgiving with family in Virginia Beach, VA."

Class of 1955 Marilyn Macomber Ives writes, "I am planning my next mission trip to South Carolina this spring. I will be helping with horses from the track that are being trained and adopted."

Class of 1957 Ethel Boothby Beaudoin writes, "I am trying to fill my dream of crossing each item off my bucket list. Next up is driving to Florida with my sister."

Class of 1958 Mary Gay Baldyga writes, "My graduating class of 8 eighth-graders from Dayton Consolidated School did not prepare me for entering TA. The initial shock was quickly overcome by students and staff whom I met in classes and activities. Great memories evolved!" **Carole Warren Spiller** writes, "I was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive cancer in July of 2014. My oncologist put me on a high dose chemo which is working very well! Please keep the prayers coming!"

Class of 1959 Ernest Morrill writes, "I am playing golf a couple times a week and usually straight through December."

Class of 1960 Andy Kochis writes, "Life is great when you have grandkids to enjoy it with!" **David R. Perkins** writes, "I am semi-retired with 3 children and 6 grandchildren-all TA grads. We will be celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary in June."

Class of 1961 Peter C. Gordon writes, "I am retired and I am part of a volunteer ministry that works with a maximum security prison in Indiana. I am an active golfer with 4 wonderful grandchildren. Loving Life!" **Michael Prejean** writes, "I have taken up line dancing. I am still active in ballroom dancing, camping, hiking, kayaking, and bicycling. Have to stay active."

Class of 1962 Margaret Colomb Reed writes, "I enjoyed a wonderful 13-day cruise to Alaska with my niece Penny Colomb. We are looking to Hawaii next." Class of 1962 you have been challenged! Are you a member of '62 who has never made a gift to Thornton Academy? Every new gift made by a member of the Class of 1962 will be matched with \$5 by a classmate. Now is your chance to make a difference in the lives of all future TA students.

Class of 1963 David Howe writes, "I just returned from a cousin reunion in San Diego and some touring of fantastic national parks in southwestern Utah."

Class of 1964 Margo Cote Audiffred writes, "Since retiring in 2004 I have been a Hospice volunteer and returned to Thornton as a long-term sub in a variety of positions. I have 4 beautiful grandchildren and my husband and I travel often." **Michael Roberge** writes, "I have 1 daughter in Princeton, and 2 kids going to St. Pauls."

Class of 1965 Norman R. Dubois writes, "My wife Evie and I are making many trips from Millinocket to Portland to visit our first and only

grandchild Charlie, son of Renee and Rob Orcutt.” **Carolyn Winslow Johnson** writes, “After sailing in the Mediterranean for 6 summers on our Moody sailboat ‘Shearwater’ we are now in the Caribbean in the winters. This next year will be a longer season as we are planning to sail it home to Boston. Dave and I have just become 1st-time grandparents. Our son, Eric and his wife Megan, had a daughter on September 14th in San Francisco. She is the cutest baby and her name is Ellie Grace. We are looking forward to our 50th reunion next summer or fall.” **Hannah Dolby Whittaker** writes, “My husband Paul and I have recently relocated to North Port, FL.” **Peter Scontras** writes, “Both **Bridget ’67** and I are retired after each teaching 34 years. Making the final decision was difficult as I had taught English at Saco Middle School for 33 consecutive years. However, we found, for us, the perfect retirement adventure, owning the beloved Way Way Store. Now, we regularly see our former classmates, students, and friends as customers and keep abreast of where folks are and their goings on. We are both excited to begin our 5th season as stewards of that remarkable store. Our son, **Nicky Scontras ’92**, battled with cancer last summer and was an inspiration not only for us but also his community. His type of malignancy has a 95% complete cure rate! We feel blessed to be his parents. What a joy!”



Celebrating 25 years of Swimming & Diving at YMCA Biddeford

Class of 1966 William S. Searle, Jr. writes, “I recently led a workshop called ‘Great Teachers.’ I had everyone identify their personal ‘great teachers.’ Do the names Staples, Huntress, DiBiase and Griffin sound familiar? If so let me know at sacobills@aol.com.”

Class of 1967 Sigrid Eisberg Lade writes, “I am still working at the Department of Justice as a drug prevention senior manager. I am looking forward to retirement in several years. I just became a step-grandmother to a baby girl.”

Class of 1970 James E. Wilcox writes, “I am very happily married 41 years on Jan 26th. We love retirement and we are enjoying our 4 grandchildren. I am serving with Samaritans Purse Disaster Relief and Rebuilds. We are doing some traveling.”

Class of 1972 Roger Ralph Meserve writes, “I traveled back to Maine on my motorcycle last September. Got to see lots of family and classmates and enjoy such great weather only Maine could provide. Left Iowa on Christmas and got to visit Jimmy Sears in Georgia on my way to Sarasota, FL. I took my motorcycle on my trailer and rode around the area for a while. Made a stop in North Carolina to visit family on my way home to be close as my daughter gave birth to my 1st grandchild. A boy 9 lbs,10 oz. on 2/16/15, Caleb James O’Loughlin. Other than that still living in

Grimes, Iowa and driving a truck hauling rock for a local company.”

Class of 1975 Lauren Chenard Folsom writes, “I will be wrapping up my 9th year on the Alumni Board this spring. I am still practicing law part-time and fostering kittens for the Animal Welfare Society and enjoying activities with my husband of 35 years and two adult daughters who are also TA alums.” **Vita Gerardi Hansmeyer** writes, “I celebrated my 35th year in nursing, 25 years of marriage and 2 children graduating from college all in 2014! What a year!”

Class of 1977 Mari H. Warner was inducted into the Hall of Fame for the State University of New York at Albany. Mari was a star player at TA and University of Maine and then went on to a successful coaching career with SUNY and helped them transition from Division 3 to Division 1 under her tenure. She coached at SUNY for 20 years (1980-2000 +/-) and made a name for herself at a pivotal time for women’s sports.

Class of 1979 David B. Gannon writes, “I am a Project Director with Webcor and currently working on a new San Francisco General Hospital Project”

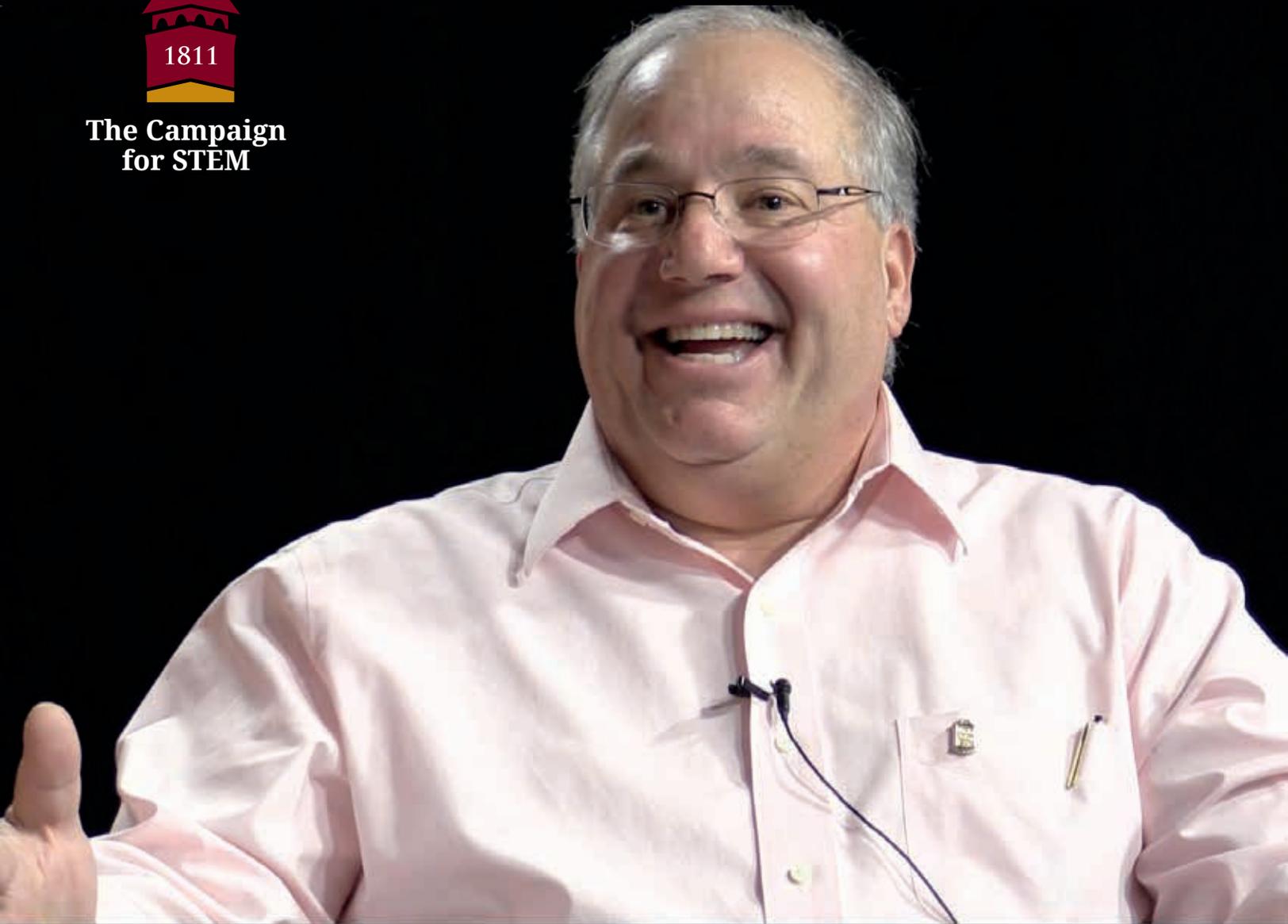
Class of 1980 Paula B. Nichols-Brown writes, “I ran and completed my first marathon on February 28, 2015 in Phoenix, Arizona where I live.”

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On January 2, 2015 the Swimming & Diving team celebrated its 25th Anniversary Season. Diving alumni who participated: Liz Tangney ‘10 and Keith Burgie ‘04 joined current diver Lauren Bishop on the board. Returning alumni swimmers included: Jared Goodness ‘00, Jessica Merrick-Herling ‘00, Brock Major ‘01, Ben Lyons ‘04, Sam Lyons ‘10, Jake Steva ‘14, Julia Gagne-Viger ‘06, Matt Provencal ‘01, Ryan Lozeau, Kiefer Robinson ‘09, Bobby Wilcox ‘05, Dave Atherton ‘04, Katie Kirby ‘14, Chloe Eisenhaur ‘13, Stephanie Pare ‘13, Adam Madore ‘12, Jeff Petit ‘05, and Jeremy Nicholas ‘08. Those unable to swim/dive but participated in the celebration were Stefanie Goulet-King ‘02, Katherine Wells-Karbel ‘97, Coach Peter Goulet, and Jarod Harriman ‘96.



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-Brian Dallaire '75, Board of Trustees Member

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Nichole Motil Jackson '95 was named the 2014 National Federation of State High Schools Coaches Association Coach of the Year in the sport of Girls Track and Field. Ms. Jackson is in her 11th year at Monroe High School in North Carolina where she coaches and serves as a guidance counselor. During her career at Monroe, the team has been recognized four times as Rocky River Conference Champions, three times as Regional Champions, three times as State champions, and has had seven students earn collegiate track scholarships. Ms. Jackson has personally been recognized four times as the Rocky River Conference Coach of the year, three times as the Charlotte Observer Regional Coach of the Year, and three times as the Charlotte Observer State Coach of the Year. While at Thornton, Jackson was the 1995 Maine Sunday Telegram Athlete of the Year, broke three state, six conference, and 13 school records in hurdles, relays, and the high jump (including outdoor track), and was also an outstanding soccer player. She went on to compete in track and field at the University of Maine. Nichole was inducted into the TA Athletic Hall of Fame in 2010.

Class of 1990 Giselle Tardiff writes, "Save the date! July 24-26, 2015 for our 25th reunion!!"

Class of 1992 Nick Scontras states that he is in his 21st year as a customer service associate at Hannaford. Last summer, after cancer surgery and intense treatment, Nick returned to his managerial duties for the TA 2014 Varsity football team. Prior to the Class A State Championship game, Channel 6 Sports interviewed Nicky, coaches, and players on how Nicky was dealing with his recent adversity and how that inspired players to handle adversity during the game. In the state game, after being behind at halftime, TA met the challenge and came home with another gold ball. Since he began as the TA Football manager in 1988, Nick has been involved in 3 TA football state championships and looks forward to a few more. His health continues to improve and he is expected to make a full recovery!

Class of 1995 Kristin Sladen writes "My husband David Todd and I welcomed our daughter, Louisa Cecile on October 18th 2014. She joins brother Bennett, age 4½."

Class of 1997 Nathan Pike recently received his masters in Special Education and General Ed and is a 2nd grade teacher at Buxton Elementary School. He completed the Spartan Obstacle course known as "The Beast" at Killington Mountain in Vermont, in September.

Class of 1999 Edward Earle graduated from TA in 1999 went on to Northeastern in Boston. After college he attended Law School at Syracuse and he now works for Learner and Rowe law firm in Phoenix, Arizona. In December he was named Attorney of the Year for his firm. **Elizabeth McGee Capdevielle** gave birth to twins on January 19, 2015; Andrew Robert & Alyson Elyse. Elizabeth and her husband of 7.5 years, Jason, reside in California.

Class of 2003 Nicole Sevigny is engaged to Christopher Yanni. They are planning a fall 2015 wedding.

Classes of 2006 and 2007 This spring the Class of 2006 and 2007 have decided to create a friendly competition between each other to see which class can get the most alumni to donate! The class with the highest number of people who give to the Thornton Fund before June 30th, 2015 will be awarded a class prize. You can donate online at www.thorntonacademy.org/give.

Class of 2008 Derek J. Gaudreau was named Sports Information Director at alma mater Thomas College in September 2014.

Class of 2014 Lauren Bartholomew writes, "I am in my sophomore year at the University of New England as a Health, Wellness and Occupational Studies Major."

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In Memoriam



The names of the deceased below have been received by Thornton Academy since Postscripts was last published. We rely on friends and family to send us obituaries (especially for alumni who live outside of Maine) by mail or through a form on our website: thorntonacademy.org/stayintouch.

1936 Mary Grace Dawn in November 2014
1937 Marianne Holt Gillis in February 2015
1940 Margaret Fearon Donald in November 2014
1941 Margaret Ricker Curry in November 2014
1942 Thomas West in March 2014
1943 Joseph Regina in October 2014
1945 Marie Venetta Noke McLellan in June 2013
1948 Hebron Adams in December 2014
1948 Isabelle Kennedy Wendelken in December 2014
1949 Irene Vlahakos in February 2015
1949 Marshall Main in February 2015
1951 Carleton Pellerin in December 2014
1951 Josephine Chute Chase in October 2014
1953 John Bell in December 2014
1961 Robert Brown in October 2014
1962 Lawrence Sicard in October 2014
1964 Nena Strombom Murphy in November 2014
1970 Dennis William Gaines Sr. in February 2015
1971 James King Jr. in March 2014
1972 Gary Hoyt in October 2014
1972 Paul Ouellette in December 2014
1984 Melinda Simard January 2015
1985 Daniel Petrin in November 2014
1989 Timothy Browne in November 2014
1990 Daniel Garland in January 2015
1993 Peter Carter in October 2014
2007 Amber Strickland in January 2014
2007 Nicholle Lemelin in March 2015

Marianne Holt Gillis '37



Marianne Holt Gillis '37 passed away on February 24, 2015, surrounded by family and friends. Marianne and her family, including her parents, two sisters Marie and Virginia, as well as a grandfather, uncle, and sometimes an aunt - all lived together in an 18-room farmhouse on Main Street in Saco. The Saco turnpike entrance marks the area of the stately home.

Marianne was an accomplished violinist, playing for many weddings and funerals in the area. She worked for ten years as secretary of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company on Main Street in mid-town Saco.

In 1943, she married Army Pvt. Edward E. Gillis, who was later wounded in the war in France. She devoted her life to taking care of him and visiting him upon his admittance to nursing care.

Marianne Gillis was a recipient of Maine's 10th Annual Remember ME Lifetime Achievement Award, bestowed by Governor LePage's wife, Ann, in April 2012. The program, sponsored by the Maine Healthcare Association, seeks to "recognize the most pioneering, innovative, and interesting residents living in Maine's long-term health facilities."

Gillis regularly kept Thornton Academy up-to-date on her activities and she enjoyed attending the Annual Senior Alumni Reunions held on Thornton's campus each fall. She is fondly remembered as an 1811 Society Charter Member, joining when the group was formed over a decade ago. Her legacy will have a lasting impact on ensuring the school's continued success.

Thornton Academy receives numerous memorial donations each year recognizing members of the TA community who have passed away. Thank you to all who choose to remember loved ones in this way. If you would like to make a donation in honor of a loved one, please contact Kathryn Danylik-Lagasse at 207-602-4460 or visit thorntonacademy.org/give

Class Agents Wanted!

A class agent is someone who works as a liaison between the Alumni Affairs & Development Office and members of their class.

Qualifications:

- Thornton Academy alumnus
- Commitment to: increasing alumni participation in events and the Thornton Fund
- Desire to communicate with classmates and support TA's mission in a variety of ways.

Benefits:

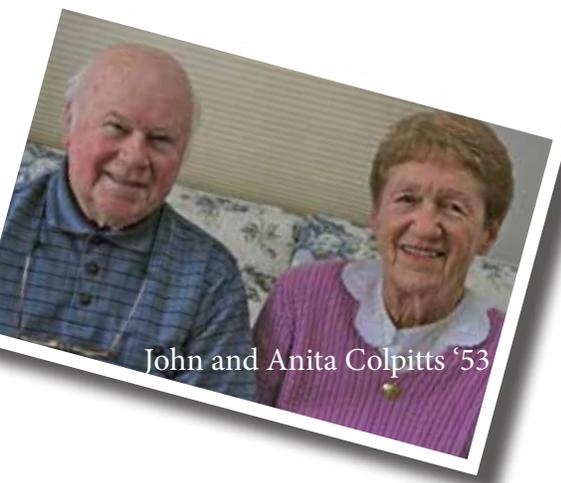
- Stay in touch with classmates
- Build a closer relationship with school leadership
- Once-yearly appreciation dinner.

Responsibilities:

- Communicate with classmates and provide the Alumni Office with updated contact information, class notes, and any other personal information that classmates would like to share with each other and/or the TA Community
- Class Agents are the first point of contact for the Alumni Office in reunion planning and recruiting classmates to help in the planning process
- Explore ways to encourage alumni to participate in the TA Community and activities
- Assist with the Thornton Fund, the school's annual fundraising appeal, by providing classmates with Annual Fund information.

Support Provided:

- Direct support from the Alumni Office in locating and contacting classmates
- Access to class lists and mailings.



John and Anita Colpitts '53

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Teri
Arenstam
'77



Ryan Lagan '01

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1952	1966
1954	1968
1955	1969
1956	1970
1958	1971
1959	1974
1960	1986
1963	1994
1964	2003
1965	

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