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# THIS IS WHAT HIGH SCHOOL SHOULD BE...

## *Message from the Head of School*



Having just come off Alumnae/i and Family Weekend, it is hard not to be impressed by the rich, deep history of The White Mountain School. Talking with alumnae/i, viewing the art exhibit, perusing the history display, and reading reflections after the event brings this history to life. My conversations with current families make it clear that while the School has evolved, the core values remain the same.

Over the years, our School has inspired students to challenge themselves academically, to develop life-long passions, and to connect with each other in bonds of friendship. Our teachers have been supportive mentors, truly believing in the students, accepting who they are as individuals, and inspiring them to grow. This is what high school should be.

I believe much of this inspiration can be traced back to our history. In my remarks at the October Alumnae/i Dinner, I touched upon the two most significant events in our history – events that have shaped who we are to this day. The first is our very founding, the second, our move to the mountains.

Nearly one hundred twenty-five years ago we began as a small school in the Episcopal tradition. As with many Episcopal schools, our outward practice of religion has shifted and changed over the years. However, inwardly, our Episcopal heritage shapes us to this day. In the recently published book *Reasons for Being: The Culture and Character of Episcopal Schools*, the editor writes: “Above all, Episcopal schools exist, not merely to educate, but to demonstrate and proclaim the unique worth and beauty of all human beings.” *To demonstrate the unique worth and beauty of all human beings.* This is why we treat our students as individuals, and support them to develop their unique gifts and passions.

This underlies the commitment our teachers make to serve as mentors to our students. This is why we reach out to support each other in our School community, and beyond, in our regional and global communities. Our spirituality is grounded in the belief that everyone matters. Everyone.

Seventy-five years ago, our visionary headmistress “Aunt Dot” McLane moved the School to these mountains. Our mountain location has had a wonderful effect on our program. We ski, we hike, we climb, we learn about the mountain environment and about sustainability. It has also had a profound influence on who we are and how we learn together. Aunt Dot moved the School here because she knew that the mountain setting would help students develop both humility and vision. In these mountains we are “surrounded by things greater than ourselves.” We connect with a purpose beyond ourselves. Our commitment to community – to both the social world and the natural world – flows from this connection. These mountains also challenge us to expand our view of ourselves. We can see new possibilities, we take on new challenges, and new ideas seem to come more easily. Our mountain setting inspires us to explore more broadly, to think more deeply, to experience the fullness of life.

Our spirituality and these mountains. These define us. They lead us to value the unique worth of all individuals, to care for one another, to see farther. They inspire us to look beyond ourselves, and to challenge ourselves to grow.

In a few weeks, I will be sending out an online questionnaire. I would love to hear your stories about how you were inspired by SMS/WMS – by our setting, by our spirituality, by your teachers, by your friendships. Your stories serve as a reminder of who we really are as a School, and as an inspiration for our future.

# WELCOME & ADIEU

By Mercedes Pour-Preveti



Each fall, The White Mountain School welcomes new students to our community. They arrive in August with a mixture of excitement, nervousness, and hope. We also welcome some

new adults to our community each fall. These new teachers and administrators chose to come to WMS because of the unique opportunities that define us. There are few schools where teachers can be mentors and guides both in and beyond the classroom. Here we are able to share our passions in literature and language and in climbing and yoga. Here we can share with experienced and dedicated colleagues who truly enjoy working and living in community with our students.

This fall, WMS welcomes academic faculty in three departments. **Anitra Lahiri**, our new International Student Coordinator and Director of our ESL Program, comes to us from the George School in Pennsylvania. She has taught ESL for over fifteen years in several schools. When **Campbell Ainsworth** moved his family to the campus it was the first time he had been to either WMS or to New Hampshire. His last teaching assignment was teaching French, Spanish, and ESL at the International School of Lusaka in Zambia. **Paul Denby** also has a rich global background. Paul recently completed his MA in Political Philosophy at Boston College, but before that traveled extensively and taught ESL in China. Paul is teaching both English and ESL classes this year. And I am writing this introduction as the new Dean of Studies. I come to WMS from nine years of teaching and academic administration work at Miss Hall's School and am excited to join a community that values connection and individuality, as well as academic rigor and an appreciation of the outdoors.

We were fortunate to convince our two interns from last year to stay on as full-time faculty. **Joanna Fisher**, a teaching intern last

year, will continue teaching Humanities courses while also serving as our Health Services Assistant. **Rob West** has also joined us full-time. A recent graduate of The University of New Hampshire, Rob was WMS's Outdoor Education intern last spring. He is staying on as an Assistant Director of Admission.

Also new to the Admission office are **Molly Radis**, and **Rhienna Miscio**. Molly hails from Peaks Island, ME and is a recent graduate of Bates College where she worked as a tour guide and student interviewer. Our new Admissions Assistant, Rhienna Miscio, has life-long ties to our local community and brings with her eight years of experience working with area public schools.

Lastly, we are excited to welcome **Mike Gallagher**, our new Head Alpine Ski Coach. Mike has coached at both Loon and Pico and is excited to bring alpine ski racing back to WMS!

It was with a mixture of sadness and good wishes that we bid Adieu in June to some beloved WMS faculty and staff.

**Kim** and **Kelly Hollingsworth** left WMS after two years to pursue new educational adventures in Missouri. Front Office Assistant **Beth McDonald** is also pursuing new interests. English teacher **Dan St. Jean** will continue his excellent work at Germantown Academy, an independent day school in PA. **Tom Pace** is guiding bike tours in France after having taught French for four years at WMS. **Torrey McMillan**, our chair of the Sustainability Studies department for the last seven years, is considering myriad options in her field from her new home-base in Cambridge, MA. Though remaining close by, **Josh Lawton** left the WMS Admission Office to pursue a long-time goal of teaching social studies in the public school system. After 19 years of teaching, coaching, and advising at The White Mountain School, we said goodbye to **Lee Zanger** and his family. Lee, Jane, Annie and Ari are all working/studying at the Key School, an independent day school in Annapolis, MD. We wish them all the best of luck in their new pursuits!



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to choose between my  
studio and my classroom?

- KATE RENNER, CHAIR OF THE ART DEPT.

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# WHAT I DID OVER MY SUMMER VACATION...

.....  
*three faculty perspectives*

## one

**Kate Renner, Chair of the Art Department:** Kate is in her 7th year at The White Mountain School. In addition to teaching and chairing the art department, Kate is a coach and the dorm head of Carter Dorm. She has just earned her MFA and is the first chair of the Northern Vermont Community Orchestra.

On the first day of my graduate program at Vermont College of Fine Arts, I found myself participating in an exercise that I had facilitated many times at The White Mountain School. We were supposed to spend five minutes asking the person next to us questions about themselves. They were to do the same with us, and then we were supposed to introduce each other to the rest of the group. As my classmates were introduced, a pattern emerged. Many of them were art teachers who were there to revive stagnant studio practices. Many of them expressed a desire to get an MFA so that they could spend more time in the studio and less time teaching.

I left that first meeting feeling uneasy. Had I chosen the wrong program? When I had applied, the program's admissions director had told me that the program would enhance my teaching. I was clearly in the minority. As an artist, would I have to choose between my studio and my classroom?

Simply put: no. The two years that followed at Vermont College were transformative. Before the program, I thought of my classroom and my studio as two very different

spaces. I followed a very traditional curriculum and used traditional methods to teach observational drawing and painting lessons. The artwork I traveled to New York to see during vacations did not often make it into my classroom. Now, my students study conceptual artists like Sophie Calle and On Kawara in addition to Matisse and Picasso. I show them art that surprises them, that makes them question the meaning of the word 'artwork'. Instead of talking about just the historical context of a piece, we discuss how it is relevant *now*, and why. Instead of assigning each and every project and giving the students a concrete framework of expectations, we sometimes collaborate on project ideas – and even on the projects themselves.

Shortly after starting the program, I was confronted by how difficult art making can be. The creative process – too often seen as merely a pleasurable pastime – can be an extremely daunting exercise in problem solving, especially at the beginning of the project. I was forced to learn new ways to approach brainstorming ideas, ways to become 'un-stuck', and ways to think through solutions to overcoming obstacles. By passing on these methods to my students, I felt like a much more authentic resource than I had been



in years past. The classroom began to feel like a studio space, a place for artists to collaborate. Instead of playing the traditionally didactic role of the drawing teacher, giving students advice on where to shade, how to capture depth on a flat plane, my relationship with my students became more like that of a mentor.

At the end of the program, I again found myself sitting in a circle with my classmates, trying to come up with answers for questions we had all been asked. The director of the program wanted to know what we had been the most surprised by during our two years at VCFA. I told her

that I had been most surprised by the discussions I had been able to have with my students. The lectures, the reading, the interactions with my professors – all of these things exposed me to artwork that I would have never thought to show to my students pre-MFA. Now, as I write this during my first week of the 2010 school year, I would add that I have also learned how important it is for our students to encounter artwork every day. What else has the power to surround us with beauty, make us angry, and make us question, question, and question again – sometimes all in the same forty-five minute class block. –KR

## two

**Anitra Lahiri:** Anitra comes to us from The George School in Pennsylvania. She is starting her first year at The White Mountain School but brings significant experience working with international students. She serves as our International Student Coordinator, a new position at WMS, and is also the Director of the ESL Program. Welcome to WMS, Anitra!



I am most impressed with the warmth and openness with which the American students and faculty embrace the international students; there is a rare and precious culture of acceptance here.

– ANITRA LAHIRI, DIRECTOR OF THE ESL PROGRAM

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I lived in Pennsylvania most of my life, and I taught there for nearly 15 years. So when I visited The White Mountain School for my interview in February, 2010, I was surprised to find myself feeling completely at home, as though this was a place I had always known. I was surrounded by mountains which emanated a serenity that people around Philadelphia rarely experience. I was engaged in conversations with people who had a similar educational philosophy and the same passion for working with young adults as me. And I bore witness to teenagers who seemed to know they were in a special place – a school where they were free to be themselves, and where they could connect with each other and nature in the healthiest of ways.

After a little cajoling, my husband agreed to take this huge step and move to a state he had never even visited. So, in late June, we made the 8-hour trek with our two very excited young children, slightly anxious cats, and crotchety old dogs. When we finally arrived at WMS at 5 am, we were in awe of the sheer beauty of the campus. We were home!

Since arriving in June, I've been beside myself with excitement at meeting the challenge of helping to further



build strong International Student and ESL Programs here. With the help of many people, I've been working on implementing programs that will make WMS the warmest place possible for its international students. For example, this summer, Nate, the Dean of Students, and I put together an International Student Orientation that helped ease the international students' transition to America and to WMS. New students from China, Taiwan, Croatia, and Germany attended this orientation. They spent time becoming familiar with the culture of the School and the surrounding area. Most important, perhaps, the orientation helped our new international students build camaraderie; watching a new Croatian student learn to navigate the gym's climbing wall alongside a new Chinese student, both laughing at themselves and building self-pride,

for example, offered me a glimpse into the richness of what an International Student Program at WMS might look like. Additional programs that I started planning this summer are the Conversation Partners Program, in which American and ESL students will pair up to get to know each other, and the English as a Second Language Program. With tremendous help from the entire ESL department, we are creating a program that is challenging yet nurturing, thorough yet individualized.

So far, I am most impressed with the warmth and openness with which the American students and faculty embrace the international students; there is a rare and precious culture of acceptance here. WMS is the right place for me and my family, and I couldn't be more excited to be here! -AL

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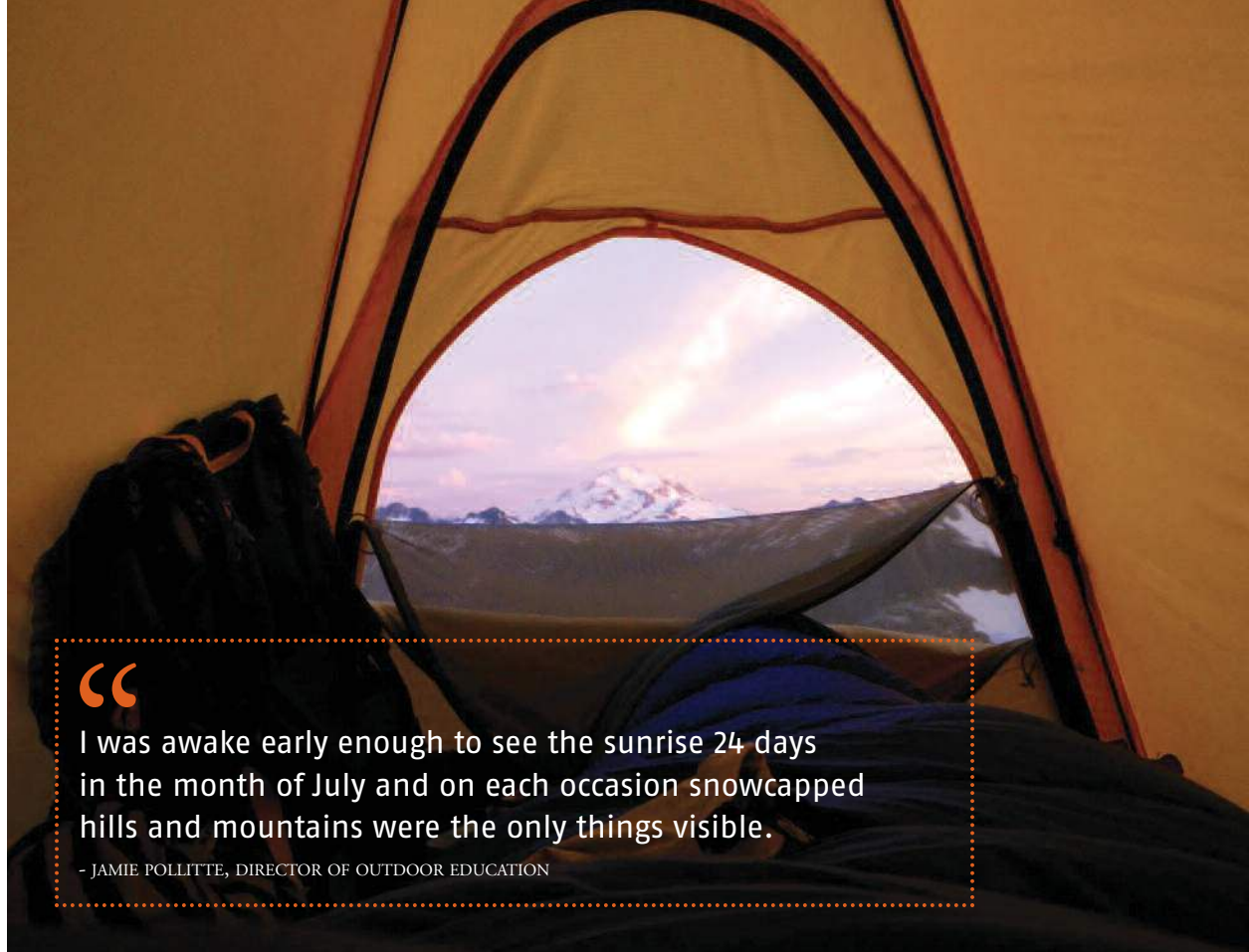
**Jaime Pollitte, Director of Outdoor Education:** This is Jaime Pollitte's 8th year at The White Mountain School. The Director of our Outdoor Program and an ESL teacher, Jaime has coached a variety of outdoor sports during his time at WMS. During the summer months, Jaime works out west as an Alpine Climbing Guide. In addition to an impressive personal climbing and backcountry skiing resume, some of Jamie's relevant certifications include, Certified Rock Instructor (AMGA), Avalanche Level I Course Leader (Level II & III certified - AIARE), Swift Water Rescue (ACA), Wilderness First Responder & CPR (SOLO), Risk Management Training (NOLS), and Leave No Trace Trainer (AMC).



"As I step out into the bright sun light", this is the opening line to SE Hinton's story *The Outsiders*. *The Outsiders* is a story of adolescent self-discovery. At the age of 39, I shouldn't still be having adolescent epiphanies but somehow I am reminded of this passage every summer.

The North Cascades is a vast expanse, often called the "The American Alps". It doesn't deserve this term. It is not just a mirror image of the highly regarded "French Alps" but a place that contains its own unique grandeur.

The North Cascades is a seldom seen part of the American landscape whose beauty lies in its remote nature and its anonymity. It is a gem that holds the heart of anyone willing to make the long journey. I am not talking about places that take an hour or even a day to get to but places that require days of rugged travel over heavily glaciated terrain, steep rock ridges, and other complicated landscapes. My job as an Alpine Climbing Guide is to make these places accessible to anyone willing to take on the challenge.



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- JAMIE POLLITTE, DIRECTOR OF OUTDOOR EDUCATION

I was awake early enough to see the sunrise 24 days in the month of July and on each occasion snowcapped hills and mountains were the only things visible. As you can imagine, my guiding days begin at daybreak and often end twelve to fifteen hours later. I don't think a single client has ever seen me sleep. Bad decisions have severe consequences in this realm and to use a cliché, you need a warrior's mentality just to make it through the days. From the outside, this may seem like a useless endeavor but there is a rejuvenating effect that comes with it. I leave every summer feeling 20 years younger.

It is a precious opportunity for me to work in the North Cascades as a guide. I am continuously humbled and dazzled by every new destination. It is a rare thing to help people realize their dreams. On many occasions this is the opportunity I am giving to my clients. In my years of guiding, I have seen people spread the ashes of recently departed loved ones over the top of remote peaks. I have seen a group of men with multiple sclerosis summit the second highest peak in Washington. I have seen countless people set new life goals for themselves, and I have seen people push themselves beyond what they ever believed

possible. When I return to The White Mountain School every fall, I see our students having similar epiphanies with their outdoor endeavors. I also see the potential of our students facilitating these experiences for others at some point in their future.


This is why I was reminded of that opening line, “As I step out into the bright sun light”, from *The Outsiders* every day when I woke up and every night before I fell asleep this summer. -JP





# ORIENTATION TRIPS AT WMS

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*By Victoria Fura '11*



Back to school supplies:  
Clothes ✓  
Backpack ✓  
Canoe paddles ?

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Four years ago, I was a new student at The White Mountain School. Returning students told me about how they really got to know people on orientation trips and that it was nice to already have a friend to talk with on the first day of classes. Of course, I was skeptical at first. I'd be spending three days away from home with people I had never met before? This didn't sound like it would be easy or fun at all. Yet, to my surprise, these orientation trips have become some of the most valuable and memorable experiences during my time at WMS.

About a month before school began my first year, I was asked what orientation trip I wanted to go on. I had no clue at first what to choose. Rock climbing sounded too scary, hiking sounded too hard, but paddling on Lake Umbagog sounded safe enough. We would paddle for the entire day, every day, before stopping to make camp for the night. I had been in a canoe before, but once on the trip I realized that I was the only one who had never been

on an overnight camping excursion. Furthermore, I was the only ninth grader. Most students my age would have found this terrifying, but I understood quickly that people at The White Mountain School care about each individual person rather than their age. They want to know what you can do and want to help you do even more. Whether it was a student's first year at WMS or their fourth, everyone played an active role in working together to get things done.

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On Lake Umbagog, as we told riddles and played games, I started to think “I can do this. No one’s telling me I look ridiculous in this life jacket or that I’m a terrible paddler. They just want to have fun.” Everyone was having a good time and finding their own stroke. Before the trip left, the other new students, like me, were probably feeling the same sense of butterflies and having the same irrational fears that “No one will talk to me. No one wants me here.” But it was the total opposite; I couldn’t go without speaking for five minutes without someone asking me a question about myself. Everyone was interested in where I was from or why I chose The White Mountain School. They genuinely wanted to get to know me, which made everything, even the full day of paddling, feel easier.

The returning students who had been away from their friends for the entire summer got a chance to catch up and have the pleasant feeling of being a veteran on orientation

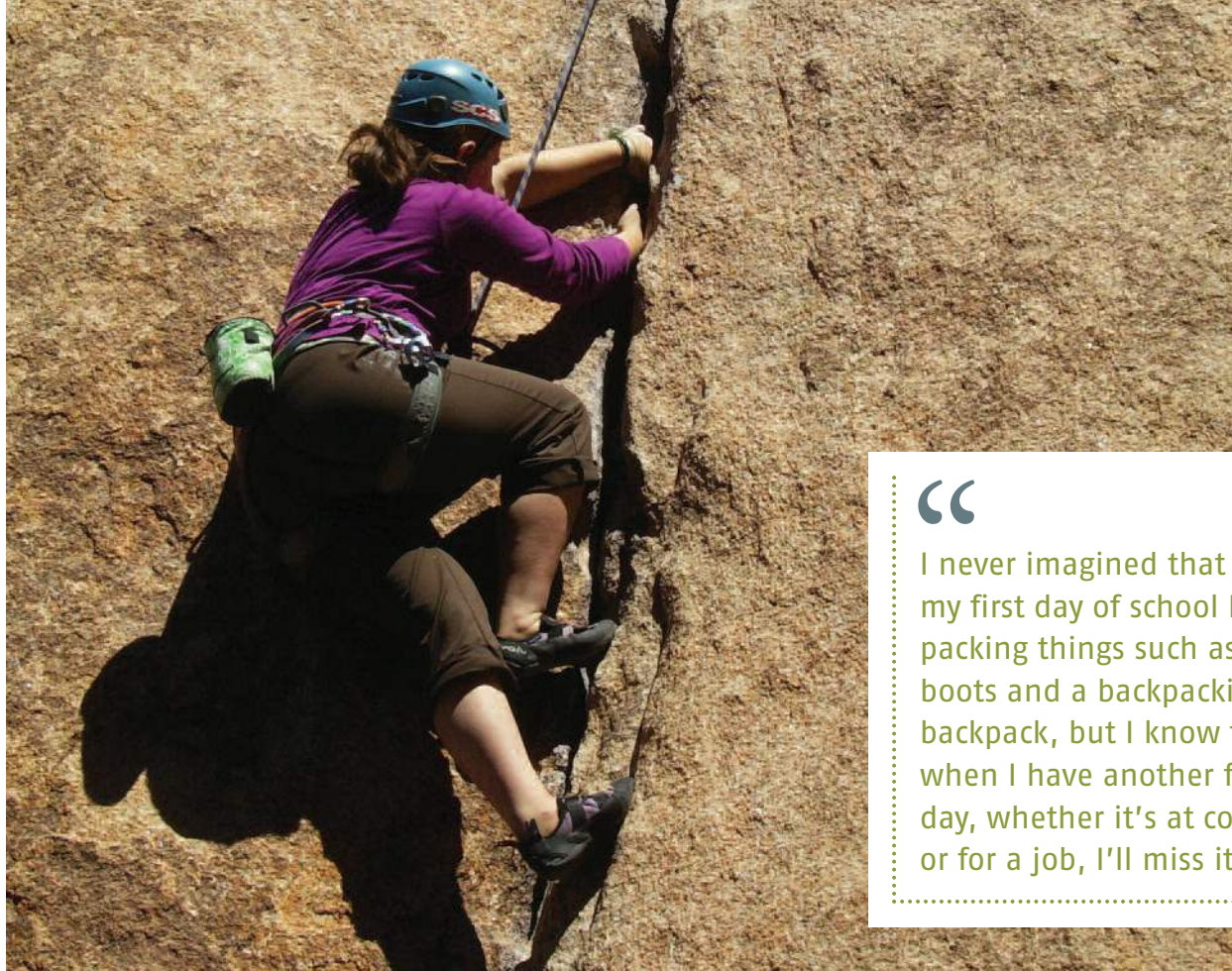
trips and at WMS. Each year you can pick what trip you are on, but all of them have similar components. On each trip you have to set up where you’ll be sleeping that night and you have to help cook dinner. Returning students knew how to do the little things, like how to tie a girth hitch so you wouldn’t lose your water bottle if your canoe flipped or how to pack your dry sack, which kept all your belongings dry. On these trips they tried to share their knowledge with the rest of us. When it was my turn to cook, a student came up and showed me how to prime the stove and control the flame.

Although there were two teachers on the trip, everyone learned from each other and not just from the teachers. This reflects the way life is at The White Mountain School; everyone does their part in the community and no matter what your status, teacher, student, or administrator, you help out with getting jobs done. The School’s sense of equality and unity is displayed on these trips through teachers and students washing dishes together or tying canoes to a trailer. I knew that if WMS was anything like how these trips went, it would feel like a community rather than just a place to go to school.

On our last day of that Umbagog trip, the winds were too strong to cross the lake. The large waves, or whitecaps,







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I never imagined that on my first day of school I'd be packing things such as hiking boots and a backpacking backpack, but I know that when I have another first day, whether it's at college or for a job, I'll miss it.

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would push us straight back to shore once we tried to paddle out. Since we couldn't paddle during the day, we waited for the winds to calm down at night. When we reached the center of the lake, we took a break and laid back in our canoes and stared up at the stars. Every orientation trip I have been on has had a moment like that, where everything falls into place.

By the end of Orientation, I felt more confident that my choice to come to WMS was the right one because after those first three days I knew that I'd be part of something bigger. Once we got back to school it wouldn't be working in a cook group or sleeping with the same tarp group that brought people together, but I was certain that something else would take its place.

As the years went on, the things I picked up on that first trip kept coming up. I still use tricks I learned back then in sports or when I have to work in a group for a school project. Knowing the best way to motivate people to work harder, like your canoeing partner, can come in handy in other situations. Or learning to focus on keeping all your belongings organized so they don't get lost in the bottom

of your backpack. When it was my turn to be a more experienced student on Orientation trips my sophomore year, I showed new students how to tie certain knots or what was the best way to pack the van with all of our gear. Just like the people who introduced me to The White Mountain School, outdoor skills, and life lessons on my first trip, I made it my goal to assist whomever needed help.

Orientation my senior year was very different in many ways. I was nostalgic. I felt sad for a while. I'd never pack my backpack for the first day back with outdoor gear, but like everyone else, with notebooks and pencils. I remembered all the new batches of students and all the places I had been to on these trips. I had learned a lot on these trips about myself and about people in general. I have a love for the outdoors and without these trips, I may not have ever realized it. I've also seen that people from different places and backgrounds can work together to do things they could have never imagined. I never imagined that on my first day of school I'd be packing things such as hiking boots and a backpacking backpack, but I know that when I have another first day, whether it's at college or for a job, I'll miss it.



# GRADUATION 2010

124<sup>TH</sup> COMMENCEMENT,  
SATURDAY, MAY 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2010



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*Franconia, NH*

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*Boca Raton, FL*

Cheryl Jennifer Zhou  
*Fresh Meadows, NY*





I come today in praise of small places. Places where you can know everyone's name; where differences are expected and accepted; where true community still is possible. Here...the individual and the community are not different: the development of the Self happens within the context of a strong community, which is only what you create it to be.

## PRIZE & SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

### THE ETHEL W. DEVIN PRIZE

*for excellence in English:*  
Esthefania Rodriguez '10

### THE VALPEY PRIZE

*for excellence in History:*  
Esthefania Rodriguez '10

### THE RICHARD J. HAYES PRIZE

*for excellence in Mathematics:*  
Misha Ignatenko '11

### THE FREDERICK L. STEELE PRIZE

*for excellence in Science:*  
Yisheng Cai '12

### THE JACK COOK SUSTAINABILITY PRIZE

Nick Holzthum '10

### THE GOODRICH PRIZE

*for excellence in French:*  
Esthefania Rodriguez '10

### THE ALICE C. HUMPHREY PRIZE

*for excellence in Spanish:*  
Joseph Iosue '10

### THE HAMISH MACEWAN PRIZE

*for excellence in Art:*  
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### THE CAROLINE O. McMILLAN '47 MUSIC AWARD

Daniel Annunziato '10

### THE RELIGION & HUMANITIES PRIZE

Nick Holzthum '10

### THE MOUNTAINEERING AWARD

Zachary King '10

### THE COURAGE PRIZE

Bryan Chan '10

### THE SAMUEL ROBINSON II COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

Bryan Chan '10

### THE ROBIN MACQUIRE PEARSON PRIZE

*to the girl in the graduating class who  
has shown the greatest perseverance in  
her studies and life at The White  
Mountain School:*  
Esthefania Rodriguez '10

### THE LT. MICHAEL S. PIERCE '82 AWARD

*to the student who has achieved the most  
in one year's time at WMS in academics,  
athletics and personal maturity:*  
Luis Peña '10

### THE BISHOP'S PRIZE

*to the student who has the highest  
scholastic standing:*  
Kristýna Čermáková '11

### THE FACULTY AWARD

*to the student who has, in the opinion  
of the faculty, demonstrated excellence  
in both attitude and performance in  
scholarly and athletic endeavors:*  
Kristýna Čermáková '11

### THE HEAD'S AWARD

*to the student who best personifies the  
Mission of The White Mountain School:*  
Amazjah Grant '10

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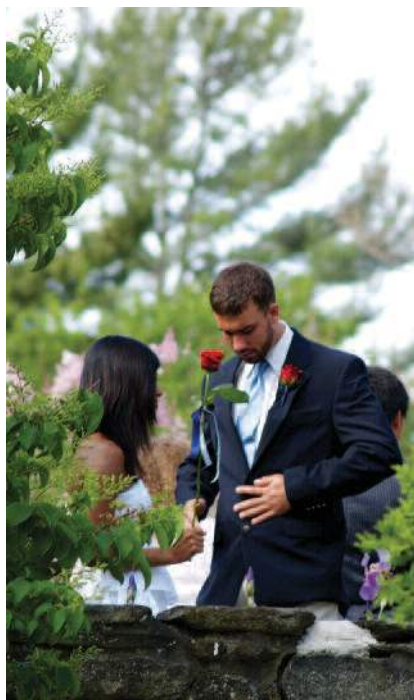
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 Binghamton University SUNY  
 Brooklyn College CUNY  
 Buffalo State College SUNY  
 California College of Art  
 Cazenovia College  
 Champlain College  
 Colby-Sawyer College  
 College of Idaho  
 Colorado State University  
 Columbia College (Chicago) School of Art  
 University of Connecticut  
 University of Denver  
 De Paul University  
 Drexel University  
 East-West University  
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Whatever you embark on as  
 you leave this special, small  
 place, your work and your  
 opportunity lie in the acts  
 of transforming. Remember  
 how that happened here.  
 Keep your friends; find your  
 next mentors; take White  
 Mountain School with you  
 while you are transforming  
 the world.

- ELLEN MCCULLOCH-LOVELL  
 PRESIDENT OF MARLBORO COLLEGE  
 COMMENCEMENT SPEECH





# ALUMNAE/I WEEKEND 2010 CREATIVITY AND CONNECTIONS ABOUND!

In early October, we welcomed back to campus nearly 50 WMS/SMS alumnae/i and their families. Torrential rains on Friday did not deter WMS alumnae/i ranging from the Class of 1954 to 2010 from reconnecting and enjoying the weekend festivities.

## ART SHOW

Alumnae/i, Former Faculty members and Current Faculty put their artistic talent to the test with a stunning art show – the perfect opportunity to celebrate the arts at our School. Artwork ranged from paintings and photographs to bronze work and fishing flies...and nearly everything in between! 20% of the proceeds supported the WMS Annual Fund – thank you all!



## PRESENTING THE ARTISTS:

Birdie Waterston Britton '55  
David Budd '86  
Chris Clark '01  
Lillian Schrank Graham '03  
Mary Shaw Makay '55  
Starr Jordan Moore '58  
Anne Weathers Ritchie '70  
Ann Reynolds Smith '55  
Trixie McCandless Wadhams '55  
Rick Clark, WMS Faculty (1992–2003)  
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Ruth Berry Lindell, SMS Faculty (1939–1944)  
Hamish MacEwan, SMS Faculty (1955–1971)  
Timothy Breen, Faculty  
Joyce Vining Morgan, Faculty  
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- SCOT CASTLE '80

On behalf of "The White Mt Boys" I just want to say thank you to the administration, staff and faculty. It was an amazing experience to play music with my first bandmates in the same location that we first played in public. Thanks so much for providing us an awesome venue for our first time playing together in 30 years (complete with a stage!!!!).

 To view more comments from Alumnae/i Weekend join the WMS Facebook Fan Page (visit [www.whitemountain.org](http://www.whitemountain.org) and click on the facebook icon).



## THE WHITE MOUNTAIN BOYS

Alumnae/i from the early 1980s rocked the house with a spectacular performance on Saturday night. The White Mountain Boys reunited their WMS high school band, performing some great 70s tunes. Thanks to Scot Castle '80, Casey Fletcher '80, Stephen Liddell '81, Dan Shugar '81, Dan Salomon, former WMS music teacher, and friends, Ben Salomon and Mary Lessor, for some excellent music! You can find video footage of the event on YouTube.

## SOCCER GAME

The Alumnae/i Soccer game had a scoreless first half, but the Alum-Parent-Faculty team pulled ahead in the second half ending with a 5-0 win over the students. It was a fast game and fun was had by all. Thanks to the two Alumni MVPs this year, Steve Brodsky '80 and David Budd '86 for leading your team to victory!



## HARVEST DINNER

Friday night's Harvest Dinner featured local meats and produce from the WMS organic garden. Other events on Friday included the Student Panel, where current students shared their experiences with the audience, and several monologues and one-act plays performed by WMS Theater students.

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- CASEY FLETCHER '80, DVM

At Alumnae/i Weekend this October, I gave some thought to my time at WMS during the late 70's era. As a group we tend to focus on the more outrageous aspects of that decade, however if a filter was applied that removed the background noise, our stories of the WMS experience would be the same as every other generation. The deep friendships, love of the outdoors and coming of age in a beautiful supportive environment are things that each class experiences in its own way. I couldn't have asked for a better place to be during that period of my life.



## DINNER & AWARDS

The Alumnae/i Dinner and Awards event on Saturday evening brought all Alumnae/i together with the faculty to reconnect and to celebrate WMS/SMS past and present. For long-time service to the WMS/SMS Community, Jocelyn Taylor Oliver '55 received the Linda Clark McGoldrick '55 Alumni Prize (photo left). The Sylvia A. Dickey '54 Alumni Prize was shared this year by two alumni, Anne Weathers Ritchie '70 and David Budd '86, who have demonstrated long-time and consistently generous support of their alma mater since their graduations (photo below). Many thanks to all three of the 2010 WMS Alumni Prize winners!



## REUNION CLASSES

Photos: (above) Class of 1955; (below, left) Class of 1960; (below, right) Class of 1970; & (bottom) Class of 1980.



## SAVE THE DATE!

Alumnae/i Weekend 2011:  
September 30 – October 2, 2011

Alumnae/i Weekend 2012:  
May 26 – 28, 2012





# WHY THE SACRED MATTERS AT THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

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*By the Rev. Kurt C. Wiesner, Trustee*

You are likely aware that The White Mountain School was founded in 1886 as an Episcopal school, and retains this affiliation today. You are likely also well aware that The White Mountain School welcomes students of all faiths. Having made both of these statements, I want to affirm that The White Mountain School is a secular school in the very best way: free from specific religious affairs and deeply involved in the temporal issues of our times. **And yet, the sacred matters at The White Mountain School.**

Now, I'm going to go out on a limb: I'm going to talk of God.

I'm aware that there are many people who have had bad experiences talking about God. I understand where you might have objections, and you may feel it has little or no place in this school publication. I get it.

My conversations, however, have led me to believe that most objections to God talk assumes the subject is the God who is "all-powerful, controls everything, and judges everyone."

“Now, I'm going to go out on a limb: I'm going to talk of God.”

"God" does not necessarily refer to the singular supernatural deity of traditional Christianity, Judaism or Islam. Certainly that is the understanding of God for many people. Even within these faiths, however, many people find this understanding of God lacking or incomplete.

There are almost as many images of God as there are people. Some people see God as a non-theistic presence...some see the divine in nature...some in the mathematics of science...or some even see God in the vast potential of human beings.

"God" in secular context represents the presence of the sacred moment...however we individually understand the source...and calls on all those present to come together in the spirit of our common humanity.

The mission of The White Mountain School is to prepare young people for rigorous college studies, and for life beyond formal academics, by helping them learn: who they are, how they contribute to their communities, and how they can become responsible citizens of the changing planet.

Throughout the academic year at WMS, there are critical moments of insight and development. We (students, staff, parents, and the greater community) are called to place these moments in greater context: to invoke a connection between those present and those who worked and sacrificed to make the moment possible, all while pointing to hopes and dreams for a better future. We are called to draw attention to the specialness of the journey: pointing towards the sacredness of where our lives intersect with one another.

It is our great privilege to look together for these holy moments throughout the school year: from the first day of classes until the day of Commencement. With the school's 125th Anniversary celebration on the horizon, this year promises to be one of the most memorable in The White Mountain School's history.

And, I guarantee, it will be *sacred*.

# SURVIVING THE TEST OF TIME

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*By Justin Solomon,  
 Director of External Affairs*

The impact of a school can be measured by the lasting nature of its lessons and how widely they are employed beyond the campus! In my broad travels across many states, I have had the rewarding experience of visiting with many of you and seeing the wonderful legacy of this School taking root and surviving the test of time. **Our School positively impacts the lives of so many and the ripple effects of each impact are both broad and deep.**

My office was fortunate to make more visits in more states than this office has made in many years. Each visit is a two-way communication enhancing the School's insights into its historical understanding of itself, its level of current support as well as how it is perceived in the community. The visits also allow our community at large to gain a view of the growing and changing School. Because these conversations evoke the greatest passions and commitments to the School, we are increasing our personal visits this year.

hosted by Alumnae/i and current parents. Tim wants to speak with you about WMS today and hear your stories of time spent here – your experiences, questions and concerns.

We are heading towards our 125th anniversary and now more than ever we need your care and support. Our School is as committed as ever to educating, nurturing, and challenging our students. Please consider WMS a continuing priority. In the coming months, you will be hearing about a campaign for the future of SMS/WMS. This financial challenge will be your opportunity to show the strength of our community and support the strategic initiatives for the quality of community living, academic rigors and the future stability of the school.

For the past 125 years, SMS/WMS has had a great sense of community and an unquestioned focus on the students while they are here. Join us in broadening those

“The real secret of happiness is not what you have or what you receive; it's what you share.

In addition to offering on-campus events such as Alumnae/i Weekend and my regular visits to many of you, Brian Morgan, President is spending most of his time this year talking and meeting with the broader WMS Community. Brian is pleased to announce the introduction of the St. Mary's Scholar program. This is a program that partners the School with donors in funding worthy students who would otherwise be unable to attend WMS, a special partnership in scholarship designed to be accessible to all donors. Tim Breen, Head of School, is also looking forward to talking with as many of you as possible at area receptions

sights and challenge yourself to help secure its next 125 years. The School needs your help to put its economic health on par with our community and educational health. Please call me with your thoughts and accept our visits when we are in your area.

“The real secret of happiness is not what you have or what you receive; it's what you share.” This anonymous quote is an inspiration to many of us and an honest reflection of so much of the good that has always been part of SMS/WMS. Please continue to let it guide you!



The White Mountain School exceeded its fundraising goals in 2010! We send a heartfelt thank you to our donors. Thank you for recognizing the value of the programs we continue to offer our students and thank you for showing your support through generous donations, both restricted and unrestricted, to the WMS Annual Fund. Kudos all on a fantastic fundraising year!

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**DORIS MCCONNELL THOMPSON**

Doris' son, David, reports that she has many beautiful memories of St. Mary's and the wonderful times there. Doris would have liked to attend the recent reunion but she is now residing in a nursing home in Bristol, CT and is unable to travel. She sends her good wishes to all the returning alumnae and her regrets for not attending. Doris turned 102 on Sept 25, 2010.

## WMS/SMS 125th Anniversary Cookbook Project

We need your recipes! Send your favorite recipes to [alumni@whitemountain.org](mailto:alumni@whitemountain.org) for inclusion in our upcoming cookbook.

Help us commemorate our School's 125th.

## 1939

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**MARY (MUFFIN) BACALL HESTER**

My home is for sale, but the local market is "flat" at the moment. I expect to move to "The Groves" here in Lincoln when someone is willing to take on this big house where I've lived for 52 years! I keep busy with various volunteer commitments. I'll soon get to 10,000 volunteer hours at Emerson Hospital in Concord, MA!

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**MARY PECKETT CANAN**

Our thoughts go out to Mary whose husband recently passed away. She wrote, "Sadly, my husband of 59 years died suddenly on September 22, 2010. We were celebrating my birthday on the 21st when his stroke hit the first time. Lots of changes for all of us."

## 1945

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**ANN DODGE MIDDLETON**

We are still living in Freedom and Jack is working only 5 days! We're both 81 and still skiing. Our grandchildren are all skiers and doing a lot of ski racing. They are the children of Jack and Peter '86 and '87. Susan '72 is busy with her horses!

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**AUDREY CHASE BRACKSTONE**

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## 1952

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JULIE BIGG VEAZEY

Julie's third novel, *Jadine*, has just been published and is available on Amazon. Check out her website at [www.juliebiggveazey.com](http://www.juliebiggveazey.com). Julie says, "From contributions to the Pendulum at SMS, to writing novels in my 70s, my literary journey has been, and continues to be, fun and fulfilling."

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GERALDINE (DINE) WEBSTER  
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In April, Dine and Bob traveled to Beirut, Damascus, and Amman, then on to Jerusalem for two weeks. Dine shares about a new care-giving program in her church. "Our church has begun a program, 'Circle of Care', in which we will attempt to assist people who need extra support, relieve other care givers, and do whatever one isn't able to do alone. We were trained through American Cancer Society; so we are able to work with cancer patients as well as others who live alone. I was privileged to be the first one to be given a client. It is a rare privilege to be able to share so intimately with someone who is pretty helpless."



Barbara Geissinger, Carolyn Chase Kritselis '52, Audrey Chase Brackstone '50, Bernard Chase, and Warren Geissinger in the WMS formal garden this summer. They returned to campus to honor the memory of Frances Chase and are standing around the plaque erected in memory of Ernest Chase.

JESSIE COOKSON DRYSDALE

David and I married in September, 1955 and we will celebrate our 55th wedding anniversary this coming September, God willing. I serve in the liturgy at Good Shepherd, serve as a chaplain at Houlton Hospital, make home, hospital, and group home visitation, baptize, and officiate at weddings and funerals. I keep on keeping on! Our daughter, Beth, and her husband, Dave, and their two boys live in El Cajon, CA. Beth graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Skidmore and got her J.D. from the University of San Diego. She works full-time from their home (except for some office visits and court appearances) for Dietz, Gilmor, a law firm specializing in worker compensation law. Dave is a special ed teacher in the San Diego school system. Their elder son, Doug, began studies at U.C. Berkeley this

past fall and loves it. Tom, their 13-year old, is a Down's Syndrome child; he is doing very well, and much of his progress is due to his dad's loving and constant teaching.

JOAN HOWARD

I have just returned from a two-week visit to Prague where my son, Mark, is living and working for IBM. It was extremely hot, no air conditioning, and no screens on the windows. The conditions reminded me of Munich 50 years ago, including the brown sandpaper toilette paper. The city of Prague, located on the Vltava River, is a showcase of churches, palaces, and gardens. We enjoyed a concert of Mozart's Requiem in the St. Nicolas Church. The beer is excellent, particularly the Pilsner. Streetcars are free to those 70 and older. More recently, on Trinity Sunday, Janet Lovejoy and I attended a church service in Lincoln, MA and sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" together. Hattie McGraw and I also paid a visit to Franny Bailey Pinney in Puerto Rico this past winter.

ANN KENNEDY IRISH

Our children live fairly close, universally speaking: Tracy is a specialty RN in Grand Rapids, married with three sons; Sue is a senior researcher with the US Forest Service in Chicago, married with two sons and a daughter-in-law; Perry is a stay-at-home mom of two young boys, ages 2 years and 4 months, married and living in Charlevoix (only 25 miles from us); and Colin is a Doctor of Osteopathy, living in the Upper Peninsula (Marquette), where he works for the VA. He



Sally '53 and Tony Marlow celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

is married, and he and Carrie also have a franchise business of two Jimmy John's restaurants in Marquette. Life is good.

## SALLY MILLAR MARLOW

Tony and my big summer news was celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary! First we had a week in Cornwall with daughters Jen and Lisa, their husband/partner, and our 2 American grand-daughters. Great fun exploring Tintagel, the Eden Project and the beaches! Then we had a London party for family and friends where the girls presented us with a marvelous book of our life together, getting pictures from friends all over the world. One of my most favorite pages in the book is of St Mary's in 1953, thanks to The White Mountain School's archives for the photos! Jen made us a fantastic cake and we were lucky with the weather. It was an unforgettable day.

## HATTIE BURROUGHS MCGRAW

Hattie reports that, despite a rotator cuff injury, she continues to love skiing each winter...this time on the cross country trails! She reports that it is "great exercise and a lot of fun."

## ELEANOR COMMO MCLAUGHLIN

On January 2, 2010 I married Dr. Elizabeth Hess (Betsy), a clinical psychologist. Bishop Gene Robinson married us...after a civil marriage presided over by our Town Clerk.

## PAULETTE WAUTERS MUIR

Last winter Audie, Mydie, Beaty and I met for a wonderful luncheon. So we four 1953 classmates sat around my kitchen table eating egg salad sandwiches, enjoying Audie's oranges and the feast was capped by Mydie's homemade gingersnaps and candied orange peel. It was perfect!

## MYRA HIGGINS NELSON

Norm and I still live in our California home of 44 years. We travel some in retirement, and have studied art and music, I am still

volunteering at the Bechtel International Center at Stanford, helping orient foreign students and scholars; working at Sak's in the Baccarat Department; serving on the altar guild and being weddings coordinator at St. Mark's Church; being a member of a book club; and shopping weekly for shut-ins. I still love being a parent and a grandparent to a wonderful family!

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ELIZABETH ZOPFI CHACE

After 15 years on the Brown University Corporation, 11 of them as Fellow, I have retired. They need some young new blood!! It has been a wonderful experience and I will miss it. I am still co-chairing their \$1.4 billion dollar campaign which

ends December 31, 2010. We are beyond our goal and hope to surpass the \$1.7 billion mark. We are Florida residents and live at The Lost Tree Club in North Palm Beach. We have maintained residences in Providence and Cape Cod. I never know where anything is!! I was elected to the Lost Tree board and now chair the membership committee and am on the Long Range Planning Committee. Besides golf I have been able to fill my life with some challenging projects which makes retirement not so bad. Between us we have 15 grandchildren from college age (Brown University) to 4 years old so our lives are full of activities and often turmoil!!

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KRISTINA (STINA) ENGSTROM

The movie business continues to take up lots of my time in a very agreeable way. The movie is *Once in Afghanistan* about Peace Corps smallpox vaccinators in rural Afghanistan in 1969-71. This calendar year alone, I have been at shows in: Ballston Spa, NY; Middlebury, VT; Seattle, WA; Boothbay Harbor, ME; Geneva, Switzerland (for celebrations of the 30th anniversary of smallpox eradication at WHO); Washington, DC (for the Global Health Council conference) and Lancaster, PA. And I still have the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and the Boston University School of Public Health. Isn't it grand! To find out where we've been and where we're going, see [www.dirtroad documentaries.com](http://www.dirtroad documentaries.com). Perhaps we'll be showing it at a theatre near you!

JILL HENDERSON

Thanks to Mrs. Hodges, my love of theater remains strong. Our St. Mary's drama



teacher had acted on Broadway, and instilled a love for stagecraft in me. None of our Class of 1956 knew it, but based on "The Magic Flute" I won a full scholarship to the Lee Strasberg school of Acting in NYC. My parents decided I should go to Goucher, so I waited 50 years to fulfill that dream. My husband Jim Miller and I are up to our ears in theater in Concord, MA. Last fall we performed in "Pirates of Penzance" with the Savoyard Light Opera Company in Carlisle. Jim is on the Board of "Friends of the Performing Arts" in Concord, and I am VP of the Concord Players Board of Directors (which was founded by Louisa May Alcott and friends). We graduated nearly 55 years ago! Patti, Georgia and I got to our 50th and had a joyous time together. I remember how the 3 of us pinned our towels together and wore Togas to that great costume party. Miss Jenks surprised us all with her Sailor Shirt and pleated skirt and Mrs. Hodges came as a Gypsy.

#### LIDA CAPELLE KIM

I lead a pretty quiet life. I lost my husband in October of 2008. My health is good so I continue to live in our house in Kamuela, on the big island of Hawaii. I keep busy with volunteer work for the Episcopal Church here in town and with my water aerobics class which meets 3 times a week. My 2 step-sons live nearby and call often and visit when they can. I have 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

#### JULIA PERRY PRICE

It seems like only a couple of days ago that I sent in a class note for last year. Time is fleeing at an ever increasing rate. When Stina asked what I had been doing lately; working, traveling, eating, writing or what, I'm pleased to say that I continue to dodge the working part but do all of the others. As soon as I complete the writing of this note, I will go to finish packing for a trip to Russia to enjoy a river cruise from St. Petersburg to

Moscow. Home in two weeks for a week, then a golf trip to the Nemaquin resort in western Pennsylvania. After that outing, October will be on us and Jim and I will aim ourselves South to John's Island in Vero Beach, Florida where we have our full time residence. This winter, we look forward to our continued work with disadvantaged youth and our attempts to channel them towards a college education. When you measure the results of our efforts, it is amazing what a little nurturing can accomplish. Finally, except for the fact that I wake up every day and something new isn't working, we are blessed that our families and ourselves are all in good health and seemingly doing well.

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#### KAREN NAESS BUDD

I am still living on our farm in Erwinna, Pennsylvania, with my husband, Boyce. Although I have a degree in Landscape Architecture, I have been involved in land conservation most of my career. I was on the staff of The Nature Conservancy for 15

years, specializing in land stewardship, invasive plant species, and fire management. Shortly after moving here, I got involved in the local land trust which was just getting started and served as its president for 8 years. We now have a staff of 3 which lessens my burden considerably but I am still working with landowners to preserve their properties. We have 4 children, one of whom was just married in June here on our farm, and 7 grandchildren.

#### SARA POST FERN

I continue to teach ESL to adults part-time, Richard writes, and together we enjoy spending time with our two active grandsons (ages 2 and 5) who live in NYC.

#### STELLA BREWSTER HALL

All is well with Steve, me, and the family. Our oldest daughter, Sonya, who teaches the five French classes at Sehome High School in Bellingham, WA, left 6/22/10 with 25 French students for three weeks touring France. Her husband and two sons, ages 7 and 10, joined her at the end of three weeks for another two weeks touring France.

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#### BARBARA HAMILTON GIBSON

When we heard from Barbara last spring, she was looking forward to trips to Maine and Montreal (Rotary International Conference) over the summer. Barbara continues to take watercolor lessons and she has exhibited at the Chatham Creative Arts Center and the Cultural Center of Cape Cod. She was also invited to exhibit her work at the Barney Library in Farmington, CT this fall. Barbara still loves living on Cape Cod!

## 1960

NANCY VAN VLECK VON ALLMEN

We recently had a gathering in Colorado of several 1960 alumnae. It was a weekend that will never be forgotten! Many of the women who got together had not seen each other for 25 years or more.

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**ELIZABETH FULLER BOSHART**

This is going to be difficult condensing the past 49 years into a small summary, but here it goes. After SMS, I went to Bennett Jr. College where I majored in theater. I went on to graduate from Monmouth College in Illinois (my first co-ed school) where I majored in history. I lived in NYC, graduated from Katherine Gibbs School, and then worked for the Rockefeller family doing their private travel. After I was married in 1967, I moved to Albany, NY where I was Governor Nelson Rockefeller's assistant private secretary for a year. My husband was transferred back to NYC where he was a partner on Wall Street. We moved to Connecticut in 1970 after our daughter was born. Three years later when our son was four months old we moved to Florida because my husband was very ill and he loved the perpetual summer there. We were divorced in 1989 but I continued working at our art gallery in Fort Myers until we sold it in 2000. An early retirement was not for me, so in 2004 I started my own internet ornament business (*designerornaments.com*). I decorate Christmas balls with designs using Swarovski crystals. David Jr. (the family has always called him Holt) is married with three children and



lives in North Carolina. He has an internet Christian art business (*Christ-centeredart.com*) and online ministry. Susan lives in Ohio with her husband and two dogs. She is very active in rescuing and finding homes for stray dogs. After living in Florida for 30 years and desperately missing the change of seasons, I decided to downsize and move. Two years ago I left Florida and moved into a charming cottage with an English garden in Ohio. When time allows and I am not making ornaments, my passions are gardening, interior decorating, gourmet cooking, vintage doll collecting and politics.

**LEE WARE BRYAN**

I continue to live in Stowe and have been married to David for 43+ years. We have a son and two grandchildren who live in the Boston area, close enough for frequent get-togethers, but not really close enough! I taught skiing for a very long time and have been a family mediator for the past 20 years. I worked in various roles for 10 years in the Mediation Program at Woodbury College in Montpelier, VT. For the past 7, I have been working with kids in state custody and their families. I continue with my private mediation and parent coordinator practice. Following my interest in collaborative processes, I serve on my town reparative board (through the Dept. of Corrections) and am involved with Diversion and Community Justice Projects. When my first grandchild was born, I learned to knit (sort of) and that and Sudoku keep my fingers and mind nimble (again, sort of).

**LOUISE (PIXIE) BIGG CUSHMAN**

Pixie is living in Falmouth, ME. She formerly owned an antiques store and auction company, but has retired and is now selling through a local antiques gallery. She has two daughters, Susan, who lives 2 miles from her and Sara (and her husband) who also live a few miles away. "They have two wonderful sons that I spend much time enjoying."

**PRISCILLA FITZHUGH**

Priscilla reports that she has many happy memories of her years at (SMS) The White Mountain School and would love to hear from old friends (*pfitzhugh@comcast.net*). She enjoys semi-retirement, 2 wonderful sons-in-law, good health, and she says, "We are looking forward to the future. Look for us in Seattle, WA – a 'big outdoors' state!"

**TRACEY SMITH HARRIS**

I haven't seen anyone from SMS since our 20th, so would love to get news about our classmates. I've been married for 35 years, have 2 kids and 2 grandchildren (boy, almost 6 and girl, 2½) and have lived in the Albany, NY area for 30 years. I was a stay-at-home Mom until the kids were out of college and then 10 years ago I started a high-end ladies' clothing consignment shop, 5 minutes from my house. I love every minute of it, although we do get away quite often. My husband has his own financial planning business, so we are both quite flexible with our time and we enjoy traveling. My mom is a very active 94 and lives in Saratoga Springs, as does my sister – only 25 minutes from us.

**FRANCES (LEE) MONTGOMERY**

I am delighted to be your new Class Scribe and excited that I have heard from a handful of classmates with their news. I hope more of you will contact me and make this column longer and longer! I have been retired for some years now and split my



## 1960, 1962 & 1964

time between Cambridge, MA near Harvard Square and the Green Mountains of Vermont, near the Sugarbush ski area. I have three grandchildren: two boys, Connor (10) and Tyler (4) by my oldest daughter Alison, a lawyer in Boston and Grace (11 mos.) by my youngest daughter, Caroline. I take care of the grandsons one day a week and play and ski with all of them when they visit in Vermont. I enjoy my young Cocker Spaniel, walking and hiking and taking dog agility classes. I ski, garden, read and travel. Life is pretty good!

### JEAN BALIVET ROPER

We have lived on this farm in the Shenandoah Valley for 37 years. Our interesting life is centered around Lexington, home of Washington and Lee University and Virginia Military Institute. All three children attended the local schools through the 8th grade and then went on to Westtown School in PA. Heather (40) lives in Brookfield, CT with husband Greg and their two adorable boys, Teddy (10) and Toby (8). Morgan (38) is a Lt. Cdr. in the Coast Guard. She's been very instrumental for the Gulf Spill as an IT. Blake (34) is with State Street Bank in Boston and will marry terrific Melissa in March. Doug and I are enjoying our Golden Ages, visiting the three children, traveling some, and being old farts!

### LINDA JENKS SWANSON

Just a quick note as I am off to Italy to witness the baptism of my fourth grandchild in Verona. I just retired in June of this year as I could not stomach the severe cuts made to the library system I loved. I have been in charge of the children's service in a small community library in the Maryland suburbs of Washington, D.C. My other children are Eric, in California, who works for the Federal Reserve in San Francisco and is positive about the economy (take heart) with two beautiful children; Janet in Bethesda

who works for Roche Pharmaceuticals with diabetic devices (hers is the grandchild being baptized in Italy). Her husband is Italian and directs the Baltimore Port for MSC Shipping Company. Wendy in Phoenix is a stay-at-home mom with one sweet daughter. Her husband works for Intel. My husband and I are still together after 42 years – amazing, right?

### SALLY TULLY-FIGUEROA



Sally Tully-Figueroa  
with a rescue dog,  
Junie.

I am still living in Puerto Rico, but travel to MA to visit my granddaughters, Ava and Emily. You can find me, Class of 1961, on Facebook!

## 1962

### ANNE CHAMBERS CORBETT

Anne reports that she now has three grandchildren. Anne's daughter and her life partner have 2-year-old twins, a boy, Lachlan and a girl, Aine. In addition, her son and his wife have a 17-month-old son Austin who is named after his great grandfather. She enjoys them all!

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### PAIGE SAVAGE

Paige is living back in Stowe (since 2001) after being in California for 18 years. She is

the proud grandmother of four "spectacular grandchildren" ages 6-10, all of whom live within 40 miles of her. Paige is also back in the hospitality industry – working at The Trapp Family Lodge – and assisting her youngest daughter's family in their new enterprise of Osborne Maple. They make delicious organic maple syrup in the Northeast Kingdom. Check out their website at [www.osbornemaple.com](http://www.osbornemaple.com). If ever in Stowe, you can find Paige 100 yards down the road from where she grew up – at Savage Pond Town Homes. Barbara Sirna owns the unit next door!

### BARBARA MCFADDEN SIRNA

I'm playing lots of golf – it gets me out and walking and is fun and nearby. I look down on the course from my window! I decided to treat myself to a birthday present and am going to Tuscany in September with a group that my friends at Niner Wines in Paso Robles, CA have put together. As soon as I saw the invitation I figured it would be a great 65th birthday present to myself! Other than that, still active on the WMS/SMS school board and wish people would come and see the changes and yet not changes at an upcoming Alumnae/i Weekend!

### MARCIA HAYES TORREY

Marcia Hayes Torrey '63 is the proud grandmother of "Baby" Roosevelt, born to her daughter Serena and son-in-law Ted Roosevelt. 8 pounds and 2 ounces, 20.5 inches long and very healthy.

## 1964

### JANE PARSONS KLEIN

We are still in the town house on 95th St. and have a farm in Kent, Ct. where we spend weekends and summers. Chuck is working part-time with American Securities Capital Partners which is the private Equity Firm. I'm on leave this year from The Met where I've been a docent for 18 years. I'm

also Vice President of the Kent Land Trust and on the board of a couple other non profits so I'm very busy. My sports keep me happy and I love skiing every day while we are in Vail.

## ELLEN WATERSTON

Ellen experienced a writer's "Quadruple Crown" in September. Her work is included in two anthologies released this month: New Poets of the American West, Many Voices Press, Lowell Jaeger, Editor, which includes a selection of Waterston's poems; and I'm Going To College, Not You!, St. Martin's Press, Jennifer Delahunty, Editor, featuring an essay by Waterston on the subject of college admissions. She also is the winner of Bend's The Source Weekly 2010 flash fiction contest.

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## PATRICIA WHITNEY

This is my 25th year teaching Spanish at Belmont Hill. I also coach the 7th grade soccer team in the fall and the golf team in the spring. I have taken various trips with students to Spanish speaking countries over the years and this June, another Spanish teacher and I are planning on taking a group of Belmont Hill students to the Dominican Republic for ten to twelve days to participate in a community service project and to live with a Dominican family with few amenities in a small town. This will be a new experience for all of us and we hope to teach our students about global awareness.

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## NANCY MCCOUCH DAVIS

The last year has been a busy one for us. I had my second hip replaced and still marvel that the pain is gone and I can move around again so well. Steven and I are now able to take short hikes, do a bit of kayaking, lots of gardening, and last winter did some gentle cross country skiing. We moved into retirement mode in January and are now full time in Vermont and loving it. Most of our energies have gone into home improvement and gardening projects. Our place finally feels like home and we are excited about meeting new and interesting people in Chester and the surrounding area. Last September, I spent several days visiting Janet Dunwoody and got caught up after several years of not crossing paths. I saw Jan

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**1965, 1970, 1971, 1973  
& 1976**

again last December for a quick lunch when we were out west visiting our daughter in Seattle and our son in Whitefish, MT. I look forward to hearing news from other classmates.

## WENDY HAND

It's been a good spring and summer. My partner, Claudine, and I took a trip to Rockport, MA to see Nancy Cameron in the spring. She's great. It was so much fun to see her and her Seaward Inn again (she's trying to sell it). I'm enjoying my new job with New York State as an aide for the developmentally disabled. I've only gotten hit twice! My alternative treatment for my MS has been a huge success. I'm just about back to normal, after one and a half years. I'm happy to share info with anyone who may need help. I am thrilled to have my life back! Most importantly, Claudine and I are about to embark upon a great journey to South Dakota, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona and Nevada! I'm in touch with Valle. It's so good to talk with her and to hear from other St. Mary's friends. I'd love to hear from you!

## ELIZABETH JOYCE

I am sad to report that Richard E. Walters, 65 – beloved husband of "Chicki" Elizabeth Joyce passed away August 29, 2010 from respiratory failure after a valiant fight against squamous cell carcinoma – head and neck cancer. His ashes will be scattered at the Grand Canyon on his birthday, April 22nd and a celebration of life is being planned with his photographs displayed.



Thryza Whittemore '70 and  
Barbie McLelland '69.



#### VALLE PATERSON

This year has been quite rewarding, to say the least. In June, I was in Idaho for a three day Western Sage Grouse conference to present the bi-annual Robert L. Patterson Award to two deserving biologists. It was a surprise to receive an honorary award in his name as his daughter. Star Snively-Dingle and I have renewed a friendship after many years, and we have enjoyed a few visits and the sharing of old photographs, many cherished memories, and a lot of laughs. I've seen Carol MacEwan twice this year, while she has been here visiting her Dad, Hamish. I continue to communicate with Jody Foley, Wendy Hand, Cynthia Gale and Henny-Lill Wibye on a regular basis. It's been a lot of fun communicating with other alumnae friends and sharing old photos on Facebook. Thanks to everyone for your news and photos.

#### CARMEN ARSENAULT PERRY

Carmen is still working at SAIC as a Quality Assurance Analyst. On weekends from August through mid-October she is the manager, with 17 employees under her, of all the souvenir booths at the Ohio Renaissance Festival. She's been doing this since 2002 and became the manager in 2007. In June, her youngest son, Matt, had a commitment ceremony with his partner, Matt Perry. Carmen said "It was a beautiful wedding". Now that all four of their children are grown and out of the house, Carmen says she and her husband, Bill, are busier than ever!

#### CAROL MACEWAN POWERS

I'm happy to say that nearly two years after the fire, my husband Mike and I have finally moved into our new house! It's been a long haul for us, but we are grateful for many things including the incredible support we have received from family and friends. Unfortunately, just as we were moving my father fell and broke his hip. He is now back at home. We received many good wishes



Audrey Chase Brackstone '50, Carolyn Chase Kritselis '52, Bernard Chase, and Gina Chase '73 in the WMS formal garden this summer. They returned to campus to honor the memory of Frances Chase and are standing around the plaque erected in memory of their father, Ernest Chase.

and prayers from SMS alums via Facebook ...many thanks!

## 1970

#### ELEANOR BOWNE ANDREWS

Eleanor enjoys living year round on Mt. Desert Island, Maine. She sees Mazzie Madeira Gogolak and Anne Weathers Ritchie regularly.

#### F. DANA THOMPSON

Hoping to see many classmates at our 40th reunion in 2010! Retirement is wonderful! I split my time between Denver and New England.

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Linda Bangs '70, Anne W. Ritchie, '70 and Thryza Whitmore '70 at Anne's house this summer.

## 1973

#### GINA CHASE

Gina Chase, Audrey Chase Brackstone '50, and Carolyn Chase Kritselis '52 returned to campus with family and friends this summer following the burial service of their mother, Frances Chase. The Chase family lived on campus from 1944-1973. It was the School's pleasure to welcome the Chase family back to their home and alma mater and to honor the memory of their parents, Frances and Ernest Chase.

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## 1976

#### JONATHAN WEIS

I have fond memories of Robert Whiten and Norma Logsdon. I am in my 11th year teaching math at a small New Hampshire boarding school (Dublin).



1970s Alumni gathered in Bethlehem this summer.

## 1977

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**PETER HADLEY**

I am currently living in western MA and working at a very small boarding school where in fact Bill Paterson went to after leaving WMS. I'm also doing catering and private chef work and am a consultant for a company in Provincetown. I'm keeping busy, am still in touch with a lot of folks from WMS and still loving the outdoors. Give a shout if you are ever in western MA or Cape Cod.... (phadley1@comcast.net)

**ALEXANDRA MACPHAIL**

Having finally found my peer group, I am teaching 8th grade social studies at the American School in London. I love the city, and the school is a great place to work. If you're ever in London during the school year, get in touch (alex.macphail@comcast.net).

**ALISON FERRELLI MORRIS**

I still live in Franconia, NH with my husband, Richard. We have three sons, ages 22, 21, and 15. Loved seeing all of my WMS classmates at Niffer's this summer where Peter Hadley and Peter Abashian planned the event of the season! I just wish we all lived closer and could get together more often. That was the best time ever!

**RONA KERN O'CONNOR**



Rona '78, Luke and their daughter.

'I am living in LA – married 23 years... crazy. We have one daughter 21. We all do hair – Luke and I work on people in film and are known for creating signature looks like Deb Messing curls, and many shades of reds. We have owned our salon in Beverly Hills for 17 years – love LA. I brought Luke for his first visit to NH and WMS. He went gliding at Franconia Inn and wants to come back! He really enjoyed all the WMS people he met.

**CARYL TAYLOR QUINN**

It's time to re-invent myself again. I am almost an empty nester, with one daughter a freshman at James Madison University and one a sophomore in high school. We had a great unofficial reunion at the school and Niffer's house this summer – lots of laughter – was so good for the soul.

**ALISON SIMMONS**

Alison Simmons wrote to say, "Please contact me as I want to hear from people. The best way to reach me is at [alisonsimmonsuvn@gmail.com](mailto:alisonsimmonsuvn@gmail.com)."

## 1979

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**KIM SIEGEL SKYE**

Dan Shugar '81 heard from Kim and reports that she is in Santa Cruz, CA right now. Since May she has been living in a tent at a Buddhist center where a friend of hers lives and works. She may be heading north to Idaho for the winter to spend time with family.

## 1981

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#### ERIK ROBINSON

Karin Robinson Koga '85 reports that her brother, Erik lives in Denver, CO with his wife, Ashley, daughters Chloe (age 8) and Ashtyn (age 4), and son Bjorn (age 7). Erik works as a commercial real estate broker and enjoys skiing and camping with his family in the Colorado Rockies.

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#### KARIN ROBINSON KOGA

Karin Robinson Koga lives in Honolulu, HI with her husband, John, daughter, Maile (age 18), and son Marc (age 14) where she works as a research project manager at the University of Hawaii. On a recent trip to Massachusetts, Karin's family met up with Bruce Plate '85, who lives in Belchertown, MA with his wife Kim, son Jake (age 10), and daughter, Olivia (age 8).

#### MICHELLE KREMSER

Michelle Kremser and her husband, José María, live in Seville, Spain where they hope to start a family soon. Michelle recently completed her Masters degree in Secondary Education with a specialization

in English. Throughout the time she was working on her Masters, she also was working part-time as a language assistant in a school in the suburbs of Seville, and she hopes to be teaching English this 2010-11 school year. Michelle's husband is a construction engineer who is currently studying transportation logistics.

#### BEN LINCOLN

Ben and his wife Heide live in Massachusetts with their two boys, Xander, age 7 and Theo, age 4. Ben works at BOSE as a technician and Heide works at Kraft foods.

#### BRUCE PLATE

Bruce emailed from western MA that he spent July 4th weekend in the White Mountains. His dad and stepmom live in Franconia so Bruce and his family go to NH frequently. Bruce's wife, Kim, works for TJX Co. in Natick, MA and Bruce works for Case Partners in Hartford, CT, however, he mostly works out of his home office. His son, Jacob, is 10 and daughter Olivia just turned 8. They spend time on their motor boat each weekend going tubing, waterskiing, and wake boarding. They have also been enjoying their new pool this summer. Bruce heard from Chrissy Valar that Margrit Barblan was visiting from Germany with her boys. Bruce is also in touch with Damon Cramer. Damon and his wife Shannon live in Vermont with their 2-year-old son Owden and they are expecting a new baby this summer. Shannon is a school teacher and Damon is a stay-at-home dad, taking a break from being a glass artist.

#### SOMRUTHAI (TOOK) PRASARTTONG

Took Prasarttong-Osoth lives happily in Bangkok, Thailand, where she works at Suvarnabhumi Airport as the Marketing Director of Bangkok Flight Services. Took travels extensively for both work and fun. She enjoys outdoor adventure travels, a

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**1989, 1992, 1996 & 1997**

habit that was kindled by her experience while at The White Mountain School, and she has now added underwater into her new territory to be explored. In recent years, Took became more and more interested in the studies of Buddhism and occasionally attended Buddhist Meditation Retreats.

#### ROBIN SUMMERHILL

Robin and her husband, Bob Jones, and their dog, Cheyenne, live in Colorado Springs, CO, where Robin works for Boeing as an environmental health and safety manager.

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#### WILLIS SLOAT

I married my wife Beth in 1997. We have two young boys, Noah, 6, and Alex, 4. I received my MBA from DePaul in 2001 and my law degree, JD, from Loyola University Chicago in 2005. In January of this year I opened my own law firm in Chicago where I practice litigation (commercial, personal injury, family law, and legal malpractice). I currently live in Northbrook, IL about 30 minutes by train from Chicago.

## 1988

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## 1992

**ELLEN AMES SMITH**  
Ellen and her husband, Chad Smith, were married in 2007. They have two boys, Carter, age 21/2 and most recently Henry, 1 month old. They live in Wenham, MA.

**MEGAN SPRAGUE**



Megan Sprague '92  
and her son Eli in  
Alaska.

After being both a library director and children's librarian, as well as a stay-at-home, home-schooling mom, I have decided to go back to school to get certified in both special and elementary education. I have worked as an assistant in the Governor Wentworth School System in Wolfeboro, NH for the past two years. I am very excited to start my student teaching this fall in a fifth grade classroom. My eleven-year-old son, Eli, will be in the same school which is very exciting for me, not so exciting for him.

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## 1997

**NADINE AL-DILAIMI**

The White Mountain School inspired me to become a teacher and I still appreciate having been a student at WMS. I am teaching Health Education, Nutrition and Anatomy for high school age. My sister, Katrin, and I visited WMS in October – it was beautiful and great to see the school again. While many things have changed on campus, much has also stayed the same.

**ETHAN GILSON**

Ethan reports that he is alive and well, living in Essex, VT with his wife and working with disabled young adults. "I hope everyone is doing well!"

## 1998

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**KATRIN AL-DILAIMI**

Like my sister, Nadine, I am also a teacher of Health Education, Nutrition and Anatomy for high school age students. I would like to say hello to all of my former school mates. WMS was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

## 1999

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**PROMISE PARTNER**

I had a great summer in Santa Fe for my first year of the Bread Loaf School of English – intellectual, social, and cultural stimulation. Great new students here this year and an exciting Quaker-rooted visioning process underway to determine the future focus of the school. Check out [www.olneyfriends.org/summit](http://www.olneyfriends.org/summit). I continue to teach grade 12 Humanities (History and English), Quakerism, and ESL and staff the girls dorm, as well as heading the Spiritual Life Committee and participating in the Summit Program Committee. I manage to sneak in some time to learn how to play guitar and to take dance classes.

## 2000

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KATHRIN KUEHNER BUERZLE



Kathrin's daughter, Antonia Linnea, was born on September 2. She says, "Her birth was not easy but everything went fine. We are all well and happy. Antonia is such a lovely and happy baby that we can't imagine a life without her anymore. She is growing very fast and is gaining weight."

JOHN FENOGLIO



Hello all you fine WMS folks! Life for me is rolling along smoothly. Currently, I'm living in Chicago where I'm a freelance reporter for OutWorld TV and the Windy City Times as well as other various media around town. My beat is politics with a focus on issues of social justice. And, I'm proud to say that I haven't reported, even once, a single story about a philandering golfer mired in scandal. However, I have been working on stories about disparities in

housing and employment for LGBT people. What else? For the last couple of years, I've been a seasonal media rep for Burning Man, the eco art and music event in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. My involvement with the Burning Man organization has been nothing short of eye-opening. The event is an experiment in civic responsibility, radical self-expression and self-reliance, decommodification and Leave No Trace. It reminds me a lot of the values I learned at WMS. In my free time, I take classes at Chicago's Improv Olympic. I have a Peace Lily in my living room named Bob. For the most part, he keeps me pretty grounded.

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WALTER (JOE) HAMPTON

After struggling to find a job after graduating from Daniel Webster College in Nashua NH, my fiancé and I caught a break. Rachel and I got engaged last December in New York City. I now work for Pratt and Whitney in CT as an Aerospace Project Engineer designing classified aerospace components for both government and commercial applications. My fiancé and I are in the middle of intense wedding plans and hope to set the final date for June of 2011. My studies have not permitted me to spend as much time as I would have liked exploring the outdoors and doing the things I loved to do, but with a real job and normal hours I hope to change all that and get back on the rock face and tear up the slopes. I do hope to go back to school after the wedding to further concentrate my education in aerospace propulsion design and only time will tell what can happen from there.

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2003, 2005 & 2006

**STEPHANIE SPEICHER**

I am situated at the opening of the Olympic National Forest in Port Angeles, WA. I realized since leaving WMS that more than career or location, community is my focus and to that end, I'm reaching out, being brave, and making connections with all I can. It's a spirited life and other WMS-ers are invited to share if they're in the area.

## 2004

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SARAH DEJONG

Hello WMS! Currently, I am working on a farm which assists "at-risk" teens to learn the basics about having a job and the possibilities for their future. Smokey House Center, a non-profit organization, connects with schools in the county and recruits students (Youth Workers) who need a learning atmosphere where they get to "do" instead of just "sit," as well as meet individual learning preferences. Sound familiar WMS? My crew raises turkeys, manages a veggie garden and all the flower gardens, makes charcoal, and much more. It is hard, satisfying work! My boyfriend and I are moving (not far) into our new house next month! Yep...bought a house!! Very exciting!! To everyone who crossed my WMS path, Thank You for the beautiful stories I will have forever! Peace and Love, Sarah

JOHN FOSS

I finished my graduate work at the Monterey Institute and have joined the Business Development Branch of the Peace Corps. In October, I left for my assignment in Costa Rica. While in Monterey, I enjoyed long cycling rides and hikes along



the CA coast and even began Salsa and Tango lessons! I finally found a 6 ft. dance partner who, when wearing heels, can look me straight in the eyes!

## 2005

OWEN CURVELO

Owen is living in Greensboro, VT, working in area schools doing IT, and still writing and juggling a lot.

## 2007

JUNG HYUN (DAN) LEE

I cannot resume my studies yet as I have to work for two years in the "Public Interest Service" (PIS). In the PIS, I teach practical English (English conversation). Certainly my life at WMS for 3 years is helping me a lot!! Everything else in Korea is fine.

## 2008

KEVIN KRESS

Kevin's dad, David, reports that Kevin is doing well at Eugene Lang School in New York. He was on the Dean's List for freshman year and started a literary magazine at the school.

## 2009

CAROLINE RUHL

While home for awhile last fall, I began volunteer work with a group called The Medical Advocacy Team that arranges medical visas for children from around the world that need to come to the U.S. for medical care. This spring, I returned to Romania for 7 weeks of work and then headed back for a summer of volunteer work. This fall, I will be enrolled full-time at Wheelock College in Boston. It has been a busy, but rewarding year!

CHRISTINE (BREE) SCHMIT

Bree's mom, Gayle, wrote to say that all is well with Bree: "She got a 4.0 this past

semester. I am so proud of her. She remains cancer free. She is sharing an apt in Ft. Lauderdale and attending Broward College. She is also working part-time at Panera Bread."

## 2010

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BRYAN CHAN

I spent the summer working for two different companies, one in Hong Kong and the other one in Beijing! From the end of June to the beginning of August, I worked for a large valuation company in Hong Kong, and from the middle of August to the middle of September, I worked for a real estate company in Beijing. This fall I am off to Drexel University.

An update from Bryan: In October, I went to the WMS Alumnae/i Weekend. It was the first time I've been back since graduation and it was definitely great to finally be back. I was welcomed by all the faculty and current students and definitely felt like I was home again. On Friday night there was the Harvest Dinner and I must say the food at WMS is a lot better than the meals I get in the Drexel Dining Center. After dinner I attended the Theater Performance where I was able to watch amazing performances by several WMS students including Brian McGovern '13, Krista Peace '11, Bianca Lora '13, Kayla Beliveau '13, Junya Wei '12 and other talented actors. Saturday was the Alumnae/i vs. Student Soccer Game and unfortunately, as usual, the teachers, parents and alumnae/i were

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2008 & 2009

kicking the students' butts. Saturday night, though, was definitely the most interesting part of the entire weekend. I attended the Alumnae/i Dinner and I was able to meet alums from all different decades including a group of ladies from the class of 1955. Hopefully I will see the rest of you at an Alumnae/i Weekend soon!

AMAZJAH GRANT

I am going to Colby-Sawyer College this fall. I'm spending my first semester in Florence, Italy, and will return to campus for the second semester. I'll send updates!

MICHAEL LACHMAN

I spent almost all my time this summer glass blowing in a very small town in Turkey. The town was just past "Riva" which is about an hour out of Istanbul on the Asian side. It was very beautiful there... a lot of cows and goats and (friendly) wild dogs. The town consisted of a corner store and a mosque. I'm going off to school on August 26th but I don't start until September 7th. I'm going to indulge in a little rock climbing and hiking with Zach King and my roommate.

ESTHEFANIA RODRIGUEZ

Esthefania started college over the summer so she finished her first semester in August! She says, "Overall, it went pretty well and I've already made some friends, know my way around (I won't look like a hopeless freshman), and I am starting off with a 3.9 GPA (which is always good). I was only taking three classes which explains the high GPA. I will be heading back next week to start my first official college semester and I am super excited. I am currently trying to get a job at a research lab with Dr. Benedict Lucchessi. He is a cardiologist/researcher and he is like 80 years old! He is one of the people who invented the pace maker and he is a pioneer in the studies of the heart. I am trying to get a job in his lab and learn about heart diseases and such. If I get the job, I'll be performing surgery on hearts (dog hearts) in four years!

(Before I even enter med school.) It's going to be a lot of work but I am excited! I am very happy and absolutely love UM! My favorite place, by the way, is the water fountain in front of the bell tower. :)

#### ZOE SKIBBIE

I am happily enjoying my first few weeks here at Warren Wilson and getting used to the pace of things here. Every student must be a part of a work crew here on campus and you are required to work 15 hours a week which means we're all really busy all of the time. It's nice because people take a lot of pride in the work that they do for the community which reminds me in a lot of ways of WMS. It's beautiful in North Carolina and the views from campus are incredible, especially in the mornings. My email is [Zskibbie@gmail.com](mailto:Zskibbie@gmail.com). I miss everyone at WMS!

## FACULTY NOTES



Serin Houston & Will Decherd

#### WILL DECHERD

Math and Physics teacher Will Decherd and Serin Houston were married on July 17th, 2010 in Crafts-bury Common, VT. Congratulations Will and Serin!

#### JACK HOOD

Here is an update from Jack that wraps nearly 2 decades into a few sentences! "Mary Lou passed away in 1995 after a 6 year struggle with breast cancer. Luckily, I had our 3 strong sons for support. A long-time family friend, Irene Brown, then came into my life. She and her two daughters were a timely Godsend. Our 5 children are all graduates of the Interlochen Arts Academy. Four of the five are teachers (preschool, kindergarten, high school and University). The 5th is a "successful entrepreneurial" type. Our blended families are our pride and joy(s). Enough about me. Irene is a

wonderful retiree from the fields of academe. She is a graduate of Michigan State University and taught Jr. High English for years. Irene is a very active community member (church, AAUW, Film Festival, alpine skier, kayaker, swimmer, etc.) I could go on and on. Brevity of expression is not one of my personal attributes!"



Hamish MacEwan

#### HAMISH MACEWAN

This fall, Hamish fell and broke his hip. After a successful surgery, he is doing well and working on rehabilitation. Hamish and his daughter, Carol MacEwan Powers '69, are grateful for the many good wishes and prayers they received from SMS alums via Facebook and letters!



Wenonah M. Brewer-Nyborg

#### ADAM NYBORG

The WMS Community was thrilled to welcome Wenonah Mari Brewer-Nyborg who was born on May 17, 2010. She weighed 8 lbs 9 ounces at birth and is growing fast! Wenonah is the daughter of our very own Adam Nyborg and Jill Brewer and is happily keeping her young parents hopping!

#### SUSAN DAVIS PATTERSON



Susan Davis Patterson and her husband, Tom.

Susan Davis Patterson and her husband, Tom, stopped by campus on their way to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary at The Mount Washington Hotel. They were married at St Mary's School by Bill Dearman on June 13, 1970. Susan and Tom loved seeing WMS/SMS again after all these years and on such a nostalgic weekend for them. "Miss Davis" wishes all her former SMS students well!

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# FRIENDS WE'LL MISS...

## ELIZABETH CLARENBACH CAMPIGLIA '52

The White Mountain School recently learned that Elizabeth C. Campiglia '52 passed away in 2008. Please contact the alumnae/i office if you have additional information.

## FRANCES BRADLEY CHASE, '96 *Past Parent; Wife of Former SMS Employee, Ernest Chase*

Frances Chase, 96, of Littleton, passed away on December 29, 2009 at the home of her daughter, Carolyn Chase Kritselis '52, in Monroe, N.Y. Born in 1913, Frances married Ernest A. Chase and moved to St. Mary's School in 1944 where her husband worked until his death in 1973. She was devoted to her family and a long-time member of All Saint's Episcopal Church in Littleton. Frances is survived by her daughters, Audrey Chase Brackstone '50, Carolyn Chase Kritselis '52 and Gina Chase '73, her son, Bernard Chase, of Littleton, 9 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

## MATHILDE CLARK HOLMES '43

Mathilde "Teally" Clark Holmes '43 passed away on April 14, 2008. After graduating from St. Mary's School, Teally earned a teaching degree from Wheelock College. She taught elementary school in Wilmington, DE prior to marrying Alexander Rutherford Holmes in 1951. Teally was an avid volunteer throughout her life as well as a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Teally was an adventurer, remaining active athletically, intellectually and socially. She is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and brother and two sisters, Juliana Clark Watts and Letitia Clark Sexton '42.

## FLORA BULLOCK INGRAM '58, *Former Trustee*

After an almost four-year battle with cancer, Flora Bullock Ingram died on Friday, March 26, 2010. Following her graduation from St. Mary's, Flora attended Bradford Jr. College and received her nursing degree from the Children's Hospital in Boston. In 1965, Flora married Bill Ingram. They raised their family in Lancaster, NH before retiring to Arizona. Flora served on the Board of Trustees of The White Mountain School and was named Outstanding Trustee.

A lover of the outdoors, Flora enjoyed skiing and tennis in particular. She loved to cook, traveled extensively, and opened her home to many foreign exchange students.

Flora devoted countless hours to community service and was devoted to family and friends.

Flora died with the same, calm, grace, quiet humor and dignity that typified her whole life. Throughout life, Flora remained true to her New England heritage of honesty, thrift, work and service.

Flora is survived by her husband, Bill, their sons and grandchildren; her sisters, Marjorie Bullock Jardeen '63 and Nancy Bullock Lipowczan '67; and her brother, Richard Bullock.

## ANNE BOBIS MANN-ROUTHIER '46

Anne Bobis Mann-Routhier '46 passed away on February 6, 2010 at the age of 81. After graduating from St. Mary's in the Mountains, Anne earned her BA from Bryn Mawr College and her MA in Psychology from Catholic University. Anne's generosity and enthusiasm for life are to be celebrated. She loved to laugh and entertain. She had a passion for skiing, tennis and a good debate. Along with a rich family life, she had a long career as a child psychologist working at various schools as well as in private practice. Anne is survived by her husband Rene, her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

## MERRILY NEILDS MORGAN '61

Merrily N. Morgan '61, a longtime Stowe resident, passed away on April 2, 2009 after a long battle with cancer. Family and friends will miss Merrily's aliveness. Merrily would, however, want us to celebrate her life and how she left her mark here on earth. Her adventurous spirit touched many, young and old.

## SANDRA STEKETEE SIMMONS '60

Sandra Steketee Simmons '60, age 67, lost her seven-year battle with cancer on Saturday, January 2, 2010. She died peacefully in her home surrounded by family. Sandy was an active community volunteer throughout her life as well as a small business owner and award-winning photographer. Sandy had a love of the outdoors, enjoying many activities including tennis and golf. Sandy is survived by her three children: Michelle Eger, Scott Simmons, Bryan Simmons '94; sisters; brothers; grandchildren; and her companion of 15 years, Christopher Chaffee.



# PEOPLE AND PLACES:

## MAKING CONNECTIONS AT THE WHITE MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

*By John Brown, Chair of the Board of Trustees, PP '04*

**This month's Family and Alumnae/i Weekend reminded me once again of how strongly people feel connected to The White Mountain School (St. Mary's School) and how that sense of connection to people and place continues and grows over the years.** Whether celebrating faculty and student art during the weekend, cheering on faculty, parents, alumnae/i and students in their annual soccer game or simply enjoying alums from thirty years ago reuniting their rock band, *The White Mountain Boys*, it was a chance for one and all to reconnect with each other and to a very special place.



Family and Alumnae/i Weekend is always slightly bittersweet for me as it reminds me as a past parent (Jeffrey '04) of the passage of time. Jeffrey won the French Prize at WMS and he is teaching in France once again this year.

His love of France and French culture also reminds me of how his individual talents and passions were nurtured by his teachers at the School. I made a point of reconnecting with him by phone during the weekend just to fill him in on the School's progress. He would have enjoyed the apple cider that was pressed by students and faculty over the weekend. The apple orchard planted by his WMS class is approaching maturity now as part of our efforts to expand the School's garden and farm programs. For those of you who missed the weekend's Annual Harvest Dinner, please consider joining us next year. It is a wonderful celebration of produce from the School's organic gardens, meats from local farmers and of course, that freshly pressed cider.

Goodbyes are also a part of Family and Alumnae/i Weekend. We are all sorry that Dan Shugar '81 has retired from our Board of Trustees. Dan contributes much to the School and many of you will remember his generous donation of the solar photo voltaic panels arrayed along the south side of the Fred Steele Science Center. It was no

small task for Ruth Cook, Board Chair Emerita, and me to persuade Dan at a busy time in his hugely successful career as a businessman and entrepreneur in the field of renewable energy to join our Board of Trustees. Dan has consistently pursued his passions for engineering, business and alternative energy since leaving WMS. His no-nonsense business sense and candor were a refreshing addition to our Board meetings and he will be missed. We hope that his latest sojourn in renewable energy will inspire him to circle back and renew his ties to WMS and our Board of Trustees in the near future.

Remember that reunion, three decades later, of the rock band *The White Mountain Boys* that took place during this year's Alumnae/i Weekend? That band is another one of Dan Shugar's passions. As one of the band's guitarists, he organized its reunion during Alumnae/i Weekend. Perhaps that also explains the record turnout for graduates of the School around that time. As someone who grew up in California in the 1960s, and attended law school in Berkeley in the early 1970s, the band's Saturday night concert in the Great Hall brought back a lot of memories. You can see the band perform several of their songs on YouTube. My favorite was the Jefferson Airplane song, White Rabbit. Keep chasing that rabbit Dan and remember, you and your band mates have a standing invitation to play at each and every Alumnae/i Weekend!





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