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A Message from Dean Foster, Headmaster



The start of a school year is always a time of excitement and curiosity. New students, returning students, parents, and faculty all prepared for the journey ahead, and at the same time, finding out about what changes occurred over the summer. Each year it seems that we are starting for the first time. The memories of Prize Day & Commencement, only a short time ago, seem as if they belong to a different era. So much has happened and the new school year brings with it all kinds of fresh new ideas and attitudes, each ready to be amalgamated into the traditions and customs that make Hoosac...well, Hoosac.

In order to be thought a leader in the educational world, you must be a change agent as well. Change that shows a dedication to moving the school forward with action. Hoosac is now charting a path less traveled, fitting considering the proximity of the campus to Robert Frost's home in Vermont. We are setting the standard for what it means to act responsibly in global terms, not only by talking about green initiatives and sustainability, but by committing to reducing

our carbon footprint on the earth through action. Over the last five-years Hoosac has taken advantage of modern technologies that allow us to use less energy. By installing high-efficiency heating systems, combined with high R-value windows, better insulated roofs, and most importantly, education on how to reduce use, we have cut our fossil fuel consumption by 20%.

Three years in the making is the installation of a two-acre, 500 kW solar field that will provide 100% offset of our electrical usage.

Everyone in the Hoosac School community can take pride in the knowledge that our lights and all the electrical demands on campus will be completely provided for by the non-polluting and unending energy of the sun. Not only will this facility provide our energy, it will augment our STEM curriculum. Students will be able to access real-time data on the output of the system and also extrapolate that to examples of what that sustainable energy means to the electrical grid. They will learn about the technology that makes the solar field possible, examining photovoltaic cells in our makerspace, and learn the history of the green movement and how it has affected the way we look at the world.

This issue of Hoosac Today is full of great information about what we are doing as well as great stories from the past. I encourage you read every article and every update. You will find that although great changes are taking place, the core of Hoosac remains the same. Come visit and see firsthand what's going on here in the Valley of the Owl, and remember to book your stay with us for the 2018 all-school reunion.

Deus Regit!

The Future is Solar Energy

by Makenna Murphy '18



Makenna Murphy '18 interviewed the installer's of Hoosac's solar panels, taking notes on her cell phone. Makenna is a hockey player (defense), and plans to become a trauma surgeon. She is from Rochester, NY

"The use of solar energy has not been opened up because the oil industry does not own the sun". -Ralph Nader

What is Solar Energy?

Solar energy, according to Wikipedia's definition is "radiant light and heat from the sun that is harnessed using a range of ever-evolving technologies such as solar heating, photovoltaics, solar thermal energy, solar architecture, molten salt power plants and artificial photosynthesis".

In simple terms solar energy is light and heat energy from the sun, which is then converted with solar "photovoltaic" panels into electric energy that we can use for everyday uses. The sun is our non-dying battery and we should take advantage of its energy.

Positives of Solar Energy

- Cheaper energy; fossil fuels are becoming scarce so prices rise; you never run out of solar energy because it comes from the sun.
- Generates steady income; the tariff scheme pays for every unit of renew-

able electricity generated, no matter if you use the electricity or not.

- Good investment options; Solar panels offer long-term savings for every household.
- Green energy source; Solar energy is a renewable energy that doesn't pollute our atmosphere.
- More energy in summer and surplus into winter; meaning the power we don't use / the excess energy from the summer is carried over to use in the winter time.
- Solar energy helps prevent global warming-since it's an energy that doesn't pollute the air, threats to our environment decrease.
- Provides reliability; the sun is consistent with its movement, guaranteeing you will get energy every day, even on cloudy, rainy days.
- Creates jobs; solar power investments create two to three times more jobs than money invested with fossil fuels.

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Disadvantages of Solar Energy

- Panels take up space-the solar panels are unattractive and big, making them very inconvenient.
- The sun doesn't shine 24/7; so electricity is not constantly being produced.
- Energy storage is expensive- building the panels and having a place to store the energy produced costs a lot of money.
- Ruins wildlife; solar fields impact the homes of the environment's inhabitants.

Hoosac's Long-Term Goal

- Produce energy for the whole school, and use excess energy in the winter.
- Make Hoosac a green school by using this renewable energy.
- Save on expenses.
- Develop a surplus to roll over into future years.
- Show the world Hoosac's ideologies about clean energy use.

Facts about Hoosac's Solar Energy

- Hoosac's solar field contains 1,482

panels that absorb the sun's light, each panel brings in about 320 watts of electricity. The panels span 2.2 acres.

- The offset of Hoosac School's energy usage is 100%.
- It's currently the largest solar field in Hoosick, NY.
- The Solar energy agreement is called a Power Purchase Agreement. It took years for the project to take off because Enlighten Solar and the Headmaster had to convince the town Zoning Board of Appeals to allow the project.
- All power is transferred from DC to AC. AC is an electric charge in alternating current and changes directions periodically. DC is a direct current where the electric current flows only in one direction.
- Inverting DC to AC can result in loss of energy. The hope is we get energy and get excess energy for winter, not lose energy.
- The inverters used in this system are 98% efficient.
- This solar energy will reduce future electric bills.

- Net Metering also known as remote net energy metering, allows you to track and store energy credit. When solar panels produce excess power, that energy is sent away and in exchange you can pull grid credit when it is nighttime and the sun is no longer in the sky producing energy.

Solar energy is the future of Hoosac; it is green power that will really demonstrate that Hoosac cares about the environment and the people around it. Solar energy is a great contribution to the future of Hoosac, and will change it for the good.

"The path towards sustainable energy will be long... America cannot resist this transition, we must lead it."
-Barack Obama



Musical Happenings

by Chris Fisher-Lochhead, D.M.A.

This year at Hoosac, we have seen a groundswell of interest in music. Between a growing focus and enthusiasm among returning students and an influx of new talent, our music program has soared to new heights. Among the highlights of the new academic year are the following:

Leah Magee '19 and Helena Burzesi '20 joined forces to write an original duet in which Helena sings and plays piano and Leah plays violin. They have already started work on a new duet and are discovering the joys of collaborative creativity. Jana Apostolakis '19 started the year by singing Harold Arlen's classic "Stormy Weather" (made famous by Lena Horne) and will be tackling Etta James' "I'd Rather Go Blind" next. Jayne Dolinsky '21, one of our newest musicians, showed off her impressive voice in a duet with Jana at the fall talent show, singing Paramore's "The Only Exception." We have been lucky this year to add the experience and talents of Mr. Aidan Daft to our music faculty. In his music class, Jana and Jayne have been joined by Ireland Ward '19 in singing a vocal trio version of the song "Valerie." Other highlights include the dedication and energy of Jordan Salzano '20 on the drums and piano, the poise and passion of Wing Chiu Sze '20 and Zeming Lu '19, and the stylish suavity of Jingchen Yuan '20 in his performance of Frank Sinatra's "Fly Me To The Moon."



Helena Burzesi '20



Jingchen Yuan '20



Leah Magee '19



Dr. Christopher Fisher-Lochhead



Jana Apostolakis '19 and Jayne Dolinsky '21

Alumni News

'36-'41 Class Agent, **Francis H. Whitcomb '41**, of West Glover, VT, passed away June 21, 2017. **Fran** was a special member of the Hoosac family, serving on the Board of Trustees for many years, and having had the distinction of being our oldest living alumnus. You can read more about **Fran** on page 24 in this issue.

Dr. Abbott Lowell Cummings '41 passed away May 29, 2017 at the age of 94. He was the leading authority of 17th and early 18th century ("First Period") architecture in the American northeast and author of *The Framed Houses of Massachusetts* (Harvard Univ. Press, 1979). He was an outstanding teacher at Boston University, Yale University, and U. Mass Amherst mentoring dozens of young scholars. **Dr. Cummings** was born in St. Albans, Vermont in 1923. The son of a Congregational

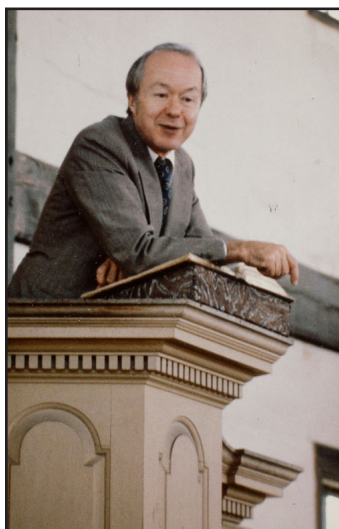
minister and sometimes supporter of Norman Thomas, he spent much of his youth with his beloved paternal grandmother in Southington, CT. This old Yankee helped to form his love of genealogy and appreciation of New England's past. It was she, too, who gave the teenager a membership in the Society for Preservation of New England Antiquities (SPNEA).

A budding art historian, he was educated, after Hoosac School (1936 – 1941), at Oberlin College (BA 1945, MA 1946), and Ohio State (PhD 1950), then one of the few universities offering American architectural history. He soon learned discretion in speaking of his research when in 1948, after Prof. Henry Russell Hitchcock published without crediting **Cummings'** new discoveries on the design and building of the Greek Revival Ohio capitol.

From 1948 – 1951 he taught at Antioch College while finishing his critical study of the Federal-era building guides of architect Asher Benjamin. Thereafter, he accepted a position as assistant curator for the American Wing of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, until in 1955 he was hired as assistant director of SPNEA (now Historic New England), and editor of its journal *Old-Time New England*. **Dr. Cummings** lived in Deerfield, MA.

David Van Vranken Wend '41 passed away in his sleep at his home Jan. 23, 2017. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York on Oct. 18, 1923. **David** grew up in Albany, NY. He matriculated at the University of Michigan and was a Wolverine through and through. He definitely owned (and wore!) a raccoon fur coat, and loved to reminisce about Tom Harmon and Michigan's "Fighting One

Hundred" marching band. During the Second World War, he volunteered at the Lake Placid Club, running the canoe and boat dock for convalescing veterans. An accomplished pianist, he studied under Stanley Hummel and was a lifelong student of classical music. His true home was in the mountains, however, and his subsequent career led him West. Crisscrossing the nation in his beloved 1941 Ford during the late 1940s, he was a visiting professor in mathematics at Reed College in Portland, OR. During this time, he hiked and skied his way across the Cascades and Rockies, including the portion of Mount St. Helens that no longer remains. He returned to Michigan, and completed his dissertation. It was during this sojourn in Ann Arbor that he met and married the woman who was to be his partner in crime for the

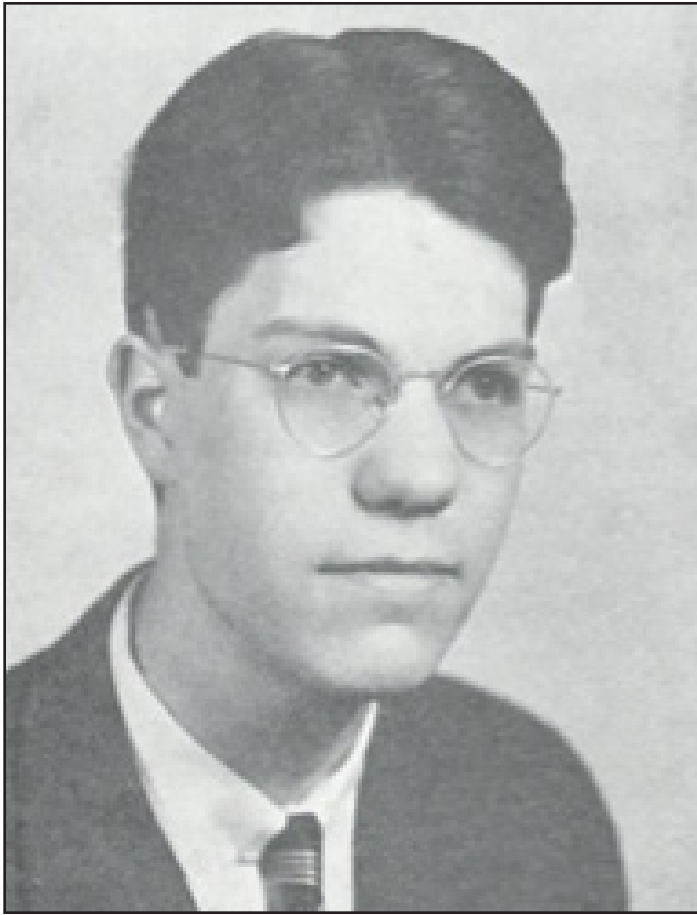


Dr. Abbott Lowell Cummings '41



Francis Whitcomb '41





Professor David V.V. Wend, Class of '41

next 63 years: Alice Virginia Burke. (Editors Note: Alice passed away in April 2017) They married in 1953 and moved to Ames, Iowa where he took up a mathematics post at Iowa State University. **Wend** left Iowa State in 1955 and moved his family to Salt Lake City, where he stayed for 11 years. Among his memories of his time at the University of Utah was his ability to teach morning classes, and then go up to ski in the afternoon. He recalled, "I got in more runs in two hours than I could during an entire weekend." He loved to regale his family and friends with stories of the mountains in Utah, especially his story of camping at above 10,000 feet in the Uinta Mountains in August during the late

1950s and viewing meteor showers in the night sky. In 1966, he found paradise. Applying for various mathematics jobs (as he liked to point out, in those halcyon days of the post-Sputnik scare, a math professor could send out ten applications and get ten job offers), he visited Montana State College in Bozeman. Upon his return to Salt Lake City, he announced to his family that he had found just the place to live. Bozeman had just voted to open up an airport, and the town still basked in its distinctive locality: "more cattle than people" **David** observed. **David** taught at Montana State University from 1966 until his retirement in 1991. He was promoted to full professor, and authored

and co-authored numerous academic papers, particularly on linear and nonlinear differential equations. **David** was a true educational professional who rewrote his lecture notes and worked out all of the problems the night before teaching class right up to his retirement. He authored solutions manuals and routinely sent in corrections to mistakes he had found in the textbooks to the authors. One favorite story comes from a former student who had obtained liquid nitrogen and took the opportunity to freeze all of the chalk in **David's** classroom prior to the beginning of class. **Professor Wend** arrived and proceeded to attempt the beginning of his lecture only to find that the chalk would not write on the board. He tried each piece of chalk with no success. Not to be thwarted, he produced his own piece of chalk from his pocket with a comment about the poor quality of the existing chalk and proceeded with the lecture. As always, he found time to fulfill his passion for mountain climbing. One of his stories included dropping his first-grader son Chris off for school at the one-room Anderson School. He then had time to drive up Hyalite Canyon, climb Hyalite Peak, and make it back in time to pick Chris up from school at the end of the school day. Pretty sweet! Alone or with his family in tow, and always accompanied by the menagerie of odd hounds that habituated the **Wend** household, he managed to climb most of the substantial mountains

in the Bozeman area. These hikes included a memorable hike up Hollow Top in the Tobacco Roots where he and the **Wend**-family dog "Butch" encountered a large bear at the summit. Beginning in the 1990s, **David** and his wife Alice split their time between Alice's family home in North Manchester, Indiana, and Bozeman. However, **David** always made sure to leave Indiana, as he put it, "when it stopped being human weather and started becoming corn weather." They maintained their residency in Montana, and moved back permanently to the family abode on Harrison Street in 2006. Even in his later years, **David** retained a sharp wit and an understated sense of humor. One of his last words came a mere week before his death, when he told two of the therapists helping him prepare for bed that "If I had known you were coming, I would have baked you a cake."

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July 28, **Frank**, class of '53, visited Hoosac during an RV trip up the east coast from his home in Reno, NV. **Frank**,



his wife, Sal, and their two Westies, were on their way to see classmate **Huc Hauser '52** and his wife, Pat, in nearby Bennington, VT. It was a brief visit with lots of reminiscing! **Frank** and Sal are seen near their RV after touring campus with Director of Advancement John Harniman and Nancy LaPorte. **Frank's** father, **Merwin Bulkley**, was Hoosac's class of 1923. **Dr. Ephraim "Eph" McLean '53** is the director for Region 4 of the Clan Gillean. He enjoys preserving and sharing the history of the Clan Maclean. **Dr. McLean** is an internationally recognized expert and lecturer on information systems and organizational theory. He is a Professor of Information Systems at the J. Mack Robinson College of Business, known for his work with William H. DeLone on the information systems success model and on "measurement of information systems effectiveness." His extensive consulting experience includes work for Bell-South, Chick-fil-A, Citibank, Digital Equipment, IBM, and Primerica, among others. **Dr. McLean** obtained his BS and MS at Cornell University. After graduating from Cornell, he served at the U.S. Ordnance Corps, before earning his MSc and Ph.D from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. At Procter & Gamble, **Dr. McLean** moved from manufacturing management into computer systems analysis. In 1965 he joined the MIT Sloan School of Management faculty, where he wrote his first

books on computer and management. In 1969 he moved to the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management, where he founded and directed its first Information Systems Research Program. In 1978 he moved to the J. Mack Robinson College of Business at the Georgia State University, where he became Professor in information Systems, and Director of its Center for Research in Information Systems. **Dr. McLean** has published three books and more than 120 scholarly and professional articles. He is listed in Marquis' *Who's Who in America and Who's Who in the World*. He lives in Dunwoody, GA.

'55-'56 Class Agent, Charles Rexford '60, P.O. Box 697, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

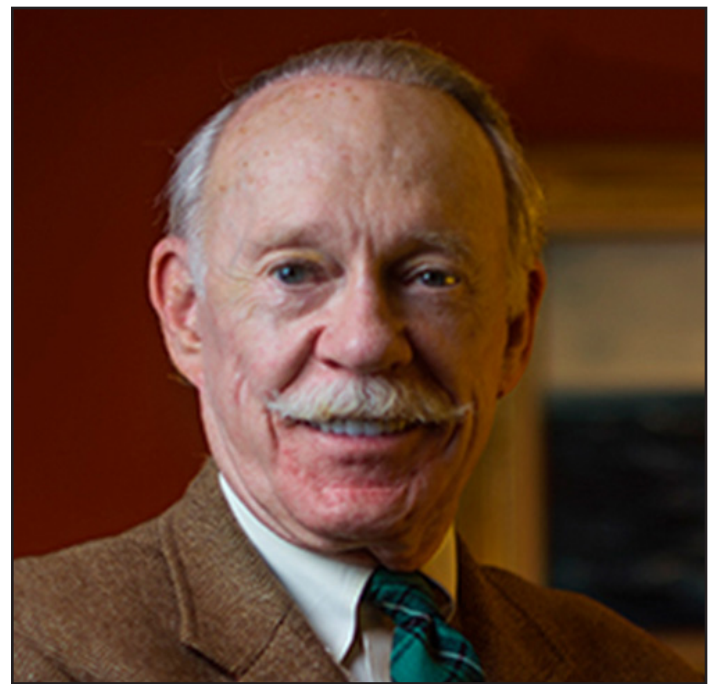
Stan Wegner '56 ran in the Squaw Mountain Run in July with his daughter, Anne. It was 3.6 miles straight up the mountain - a 2,000 ft. elevation gain - in Lake Tahoe. **Stan** and his wife, Margaret, live in Auburn, CA.

'57-'58 Class Agent, Paul Rodia '58, 30 Applegate Lane, Woodbury, CT 06798

John S. Allen '58 passed away June 18, 2017 from cancer. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and loved reading, spending time at the ocean, and was a big Yankee fan. **John** lived with his wife, Sally, in Mechanicville, NY.



Sal and Frank Bulkley '53



Dr. Ephraim "Eph" McLean '53



Stan Wegner '56 and his daughter, Anne





Skip Clayton '59



Leonard Warren '65



Jade Barrett '78



Mike Peak '77

'59 Class Agent, William Comer, 5650 Eden Roc Lane, Atlanta, GA 30342. Email: *bill@comermachinery.com*

George "Skip" Clayton has written a new Eagles book that came out September 5. **Skip** was a Friday night speaker in November.

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Jerry Palmquist, age 74, of Lincolnshire, passed away on Sunday morning, March 19, 2017. He is survived by his wife, Helen, of 49 years, and his sons, Brian and John, as well as his brothers, Deen and David. **Jerry** was raised in Wausau and Neenah, WI. He graduated from Parsons College in Iowa and went on to receive his MBA from Western Michigan in Kalamazoo. **Jerry** was a successful investment advisor for 40 years. He loved being with his family at their summer cabin in the woods of northern Michigan. **Jerry** enjoyed hydroplane boat racing, scuba diving, and home and auto repairs. An additional celebration of **Jerry's** life was held at a boat race

on Father's Day, June 17 in Constantine, MI.

'63-'64 Class Agent, Theodore Juraschek '64, 100 Eastbury, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Email: *theo_jurachek@msn.com*

Robert (Bobby) Oshei '63 passed away in March. He and his wife, Molly, lived in Buffalo, NY. **Bobby** was preceded in death by two of his three brothers, **John '68**, and **Jim '71**. **Bobby's** wife wrote, "**Bobby** loved Hoosac and had many fond memories of the time he spent there."

'65 Class Agent, Charles T. Barnes, 823 Waldens Pond Rd., Albany, NY 12203. Email: *chasman823@gmail.com*

Leonard Arkell Warren "Arky" passed away suddenly on May 8, 2017. **Arky** was born April 27, 1946 in Albany, NY, and lived in Coxsackie almost all of his life. After Hoosac he attended Yampa Valley College in Steamboat Springs, CO. He started working in the family business, State Telephone Company, when he was 16 years old, and retired in June 2012. **Arky** had many passions including his family, gardening, skiing, boating, and his annual trip to Europe. He loved spending time with his wife, four daughters, and 12 grandchildren. **Arky** could also be found listening to Neil Diamond while shooting off fireworks from his house in the village every Fourth of July, much to the chagrin of the local police. He was a huge fan of the NY Yankees and Giants and

could often be heard cheering with gusto at his TV during the games. He played many sports, including softball and soccer in his younger years, and later, golf. **Arky** could light up a room with his infectious smile, hearty laugh, and charm. He loved people and socializing. Any stranger who met him quickly became a friend.

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Geoffrey S. "Jade" Barrett and his partner Dr. Donna Lombardini of the Great American Bridge Tour visited Hoosac a few years ago to present Heifer International and provide a session introducing the students to the game of duplicate bridge. In Lyon, France this past August they coached the Sheng Xing Teenage Bridge Club of Shanghai, China Girls, Youngsters and Kids teams to Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals at the World Championships. In gratitude, the Sheng Xing team presented Dr. Donna and **Jade** the Girls Gold and the Youngsters Silver Medals, respectively.

Michael E. Peak '77 passed away January 25, 2015. **Mike** attended Akron University and attained a BS in Biology. He was active in his church, and lived in Peoria, AZ.

Raoul Peter Mongilardi '77 is very excited to share the Lovelace / S.U.I.T.E Media/ Film Legends poster for *Eyes Don't Lie* in which he played the role of "Father James." **Raoul** is a writer and actor, and says, "I've been producing for a bit too, starting with *Love.com aka Primal Instinct* in 2000 then *The Changing Face of Autism* in 2008, and *The Walt Disney Concert Hall Organ*, 2012.

More to come as we ramp up the releases over the next five-year plan. Thanks Dean (Headmaster Foster), for all of your respectful support and interest." **Raoul** lives in Los Angeles, CA.

Bruce R. Shirley '77 died June 1, 2016. He was a resident of Schuylerville, NY.

Christopher Smith '78 passed away from a short, but catastrophic illness on October 10. After graduation from college, **Chris** moved to California and was employed by the YMCA, became a Veterinary Nurse, and worked as a research biologist for Roche Pharmaceuticals at Stanford University. A celebration of life will take place in the future. **Chris** lived in Santa Cruz, CA.

'79 Class Agent, Needed.

Ferrilyn Sourdiffé writes that after studying visual arts, music, and literature at Bennington College, she worked as a textile designer at McAdoo Rugs in nearby North Bennington, VT for many years. While raising a large, blended family, Ferrilyn formed and sang with the regional group *Dafé Brudäjo* (rock, jazz, folk) all around the tri-state area, as well as the folk group, *Adesso*. Her Americana group, *Cradle Switch*, is dear to her heart, having started it with her husband David, and daughter, Cora Jane, after Cora graduated from Bard College in 2010. After Cora's departure for LA (and subsequently Nashville to work as a songwriter) the band added new members, expanding

to a group of five. *Cradle Switch* just released their first CD on September 7, 2017, available for purchase at the band's Facebook page, at CDBaby, and soon: iTunes, Apple Music, and more.

Jon Edward Garhartt, age 56, died on Saturday, April 22, 2017. **Jon** worked for years at All Days and Onions Restaurant then Henry's Market in Bennington, VT, and later for the State of Vermont until his retirement due to illness. He leaves his wife, Robin of thirty-one years, two sons, and a granddaughter, Leah.

There were no services per Jon's request. His request is for all to be happy and to remember life is a gift.

Hoosac received notice that **Mark Steinberg** passed away July 27, 2017. **Mark** was living in Scottsdale, AZ at the time of his passing. He was remembered for his unforgettable gatherings and BBQs. **Mark** loved to fish and made many trips to Mexico, Costa Rica, and Alaska.

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'83 Class Agent, Lizzette Hayes Winters, 2044 Alycia Way, Pleasant View, TN 37146. Email: LHlights@aol.com



R.P. Mongilardi '77



Chris Smith '78



Ferrilyn Sourdiffé '79



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'85 Class Agent, Austin P. McGrath III, Park Ave., Cohoes, NY 12047. Email: grandgablesiding@nycap.rr.com

Many alums and students alike remember **Ben and Liz Moss**. **Ben** graduated in 1985, and he and his wife, **Liz**, taught here for 10 years. They now make their home in Brooksville, Maine.

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'90 Class Agent, Kevin A. Backus, 23323 Liberty St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Email: captkevin@mrmuskiecharacters.com

Oman Frame and his wife, Naimah, have two daughters, Suriyah Ngozi and Uchenna Sanaa. They live in Atlanta, GA.

'91 Class Agent, Karl A. Sessler, Jr., 4517 Foxcroft Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309

Kairi Frame, his wife, Stephani and their 15-year-old son, Jackson, recently moved to Atlanta, GA from Denver, CO. He has been a web designer for the past 15 years. He is presently employed at Sto Corporation in Atlanta.

Nelson Espeland's team at Allstate Insurance wrote, "We're bragging about our boss, **Nelson**, who was recently selected as Allstate New Jersey's Ray Lynch Award nominee! The Ray Lynch Award honors Allstate agency owners who have exhibited an extraordinary commitment to service within their communities. **Nelson** was proud to be one of 14 individuals nationwide nominated this year." Nelson and his family live in Summit, NJ.

Jill Sarmanian Larson lives in Sarasota, FL with her husband, Eric. Together they own Larson Natural Health Center. **Jill** is a Reiki Practitioner and business and life coach. She is involved in the Sarasota community and enjoys networking with other professionals as well as planning a wide range of events. She has also enjoyed volunteering at The Suncoast School for Innovative Studies as a second grade tutor/mentor.

'92 Class Agent, Kendell Klein Munzer, 2204 Dewees Creek Dr. Mt. Pleasant, SC 29466

Will Plumb was named as Pop Culture Classroom's high school teacher of the year. **Will** and his wife, Tawnya, live in Laramie,



Ben '85 and Liz Moss with children, Jacob, Rachael, and Evelyn



Oman '90 and Niamah Frame with their daughters



Jill Sarmanian Larson '91

WY where he is a teacher at Laramie High School.

'93 Class Agent, Kristin Norton Anderson, 172 Todt Hill Rd., Staten Island, NY 10314

Rashid Rondon and **John Cahill** met again for the first time since their '93 graduation. They are pictured with **John's** wife, Holly. **John** lives in Winchendon, MA.

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'96 Class Agent, Nick Johnson, 9 Broadview Rd., Brookfield, CT 06804

'97 Class Agent, Carlos "Cheech" Quinones, 1269 Bonheur Dr., St. Louis, MO 63146

'98 Class Agent, Jeff Urquhart, P.O. Box 926, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896. Email: yugecin79@gmail.com

'99 Class Agent, Kelly Price-Bayliffe, 4092 Ashton Club Dr., Lake Wales, FL 33859. Email: kellysrevival@gmail.com

'00 Class Agent, Christine Donovan Dobson, Email: ilovegroms@yahoo.com

'01 Class Agent, Jontia Jones, P.O. Box 319, Selkirk, NY 12158

Jontia was married July 6. She and her husband, Thomas, have two children, Jihana and Joiya. **Jontia** is an RN

at the Center for Disability Services in Albany, NY.

'02 Class Agent, Lea Taubinger, 416 Ocean Ave. #3 Melbourne Beach, FL 32901. Email: lea_taubinger@hotmail.com

Classmates **Dorian Blackshear**, **Brian Walcott**, and **John Uvira '03**, met up in Ohio in March to reminisce and do some four-wheeling.

Darryl Perez is a Building HVAC Engineer for Hyatt Hotels Corp. He lives in Brooklyn, NY.

'03 Class Agent, Needed.

'04 Class Agent, Whitney Kelly, 11 Riverview Dr., Westport, MA 02790. Email: whitneynvk5985@aol.com

'05 Class Agent, Laurel Del Rosario, 193 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Email: laureldetro2@hotmail.com

In April, **Jeremy Wilson** won an award for his art work. He writes, "...a life-long goal was achieved, surrounded by the people and the community that I love. A gold for comics in Spectrum! Thank you to the judges for selecting my work to stand next to all the amazing nominations and awards. Thank you to John Fleskes and the Fenners for putting on and starting such an incredible show. The awards are beautiful sculptures by J, Anthony Kosar. Amazing feeling to stand alongside all of the other award winners and the Grand Master on stage, thank you all."



Will Plumb '92



Rashid Rondon with Holly and John Cahill



Jontia with her husband, Thomas, and their daughters





Doran Blackshear and Brian Walcott, both class of '02. Missing from photo is John Uvira '03



Jeremy Wilson '05 with a gold for comics in Spectrum award for his artwork

'06 **Class Agent, Amanda Fleming**, 2514 London St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Email: amandamary.fleming@gmail.com

'07 **Class Agent, Blake Boyer**, 13 Bassett St., Taunton, MA 02780. Email: hoosachockey1@yahoo.com

Sy Nutkevitch was spotted coaching hockey in Montreal in July. **Tyler Grill**, Hoosac class of '18, says, "I have been doing a hockey camp in Montreal and the coach is a Hoosac alumnus!"

Colin O'Rourke was married this summer. He and his wife, Kim, live in Belleville, Ontario. **Colin** is an Aerospace Engineer at Canadian Forces.

Hoi Ying (Jackie) Law was married in July in France.

'08-'09 **Class Agents, Needed.**

Matthew Stewart '09 from Prince Edward Island, Canada, was named to the Dean's List for the semester at SUNY Canton.

'10 **Class Agent, Jed Jones**, 428 Schenkar Rd., Pownal, VT 05261 Ph: 802-823-5074

Eunice Cheong studied advertising, marketing, and management at Michigan State University after leaving Hoosac. **Eunice** is recently married and living in Seoul, Korea.

Justice Reyes is a Development Coordinator for Brooklyn Teen Challenge.

Jon Gervais was married in July in Canada. Best man was classmate, **Frank Lavoie**.

'11 **Class Agent, Needed.**

'12 **Class Agent, Patrick (P.J.) Lepage**, 214 Grassy Lake Rd., Whitefish Ontario, Canada POM 3E0. Email: pj_ryde@hotmail.com

'13-'14 **Class Agents, Needed.**

'15 **Class Agent, Anthony Kelly**, 207-18 Melissa Court, Bayside, NY 11360

'16 **Class Agent, Julia Kopala**, 131 Putnam St., Bennington, VT 05201, Email: jkopala@fandm.org

Former senior prefect, **Julia** works with the Student Outreach Committee at her college, Franklin and Marshall. She recently checked in walkers for the Crop Walk there in October.

Mengjia (Cheechee) Qi was honored at the Prize Day celebration at Union College in Loudonville, NY.

'17 **Class Agent, Emily Levin**, 332 Rayelene Dr., Vestal, NY 13850, Email: eml227@cornell.edu

Dannick Breton passed away in October. He was a senior prefect while at Hoosac and very active in sports, especially hockey and baseball.

Jiachen "Scott" Liu wrote "It is pretty good in college. New friends. New classes. New life. I will come back to Hoosac if I get free time. I just want to you know I am good over here. Don't worry. I will be a success!"





Colin O'Rourke '07 and his wife, Kim



Eunice Cheong '10 and her husband, David



Jacqui Law '07 married Gorian Maley



Jon Gervais '10 and his wife, Jessica



Justice Reyes '10



Julia Kopala '16 working at college



Frank Lavoie '10 and Jon Gervais '10

The Ode, Ne'er Forgotten

by Jamie Higby '06



In the time I've spent since my graduation from Hoosac, more than a decade ago now, I still look back to my three years there with a sense of introspection. At the time, I did not fully understand how one's adolescence affects the development of one's character...what teenager (or even adult) ever does? The experiences I had at Hoosac made impressions on me which have carried through to my adult life in ways I could not have predicted when I was there, but I do enjoy and appreciate them now. It was here that I first discovered the joys of having other musicians my age, and a casual setting in which to play. My previous musical experience was limited to the usual high school band recital scene; looking back I think I learned more about playing guitar on lazy Sunday afternoons in Wood Hall. I learned how to live with other students in a dormitory.

Sometimes it was really fun, sometimes it was really not, but when I arrived at college I knew I was better prepared than most of my peers.

Hoosac is a very different sort of place: it is a modern school with traditional roots, yes, but it is also a place where individuality is not merely accepted, it is exemplified. At Hoosac I knew each and every other students' name, where they came from, what they were more or less about. Some of them I still see regularly. Just last month I was in Williamstown with my friend Brandon Burns, class of '07, and we were comparing high school memories with another friend our age who attended Mount Greylock High School. He asked us if we had a school song... and without hesitation Brandon and I sang the entire Hoosac School Ode! It's been ten years but we both remembered all those Latin verses, and I bet most other alumni do too. Hoosac was, and always will be a special place in my life.



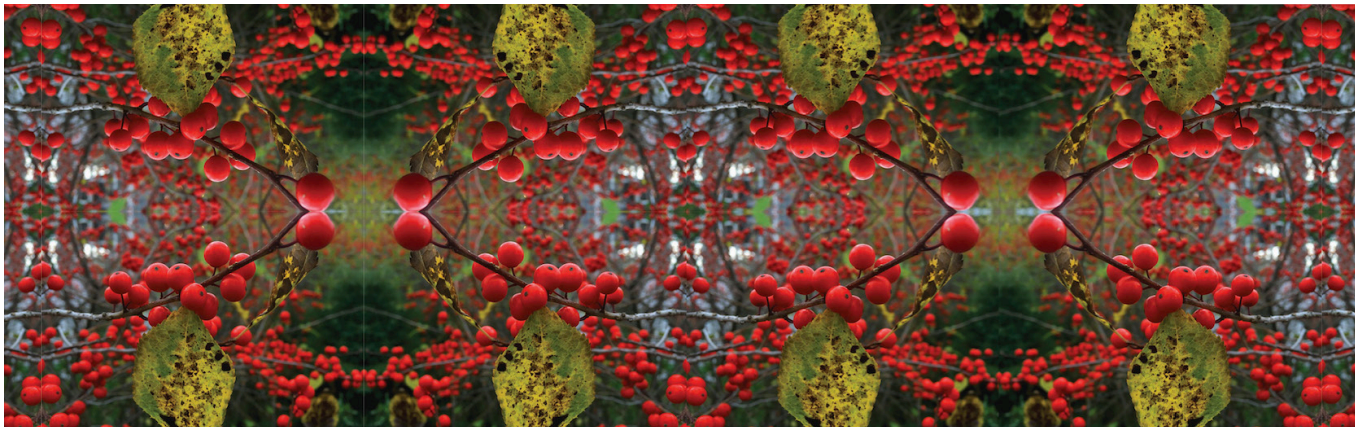
Dannick Breton '17

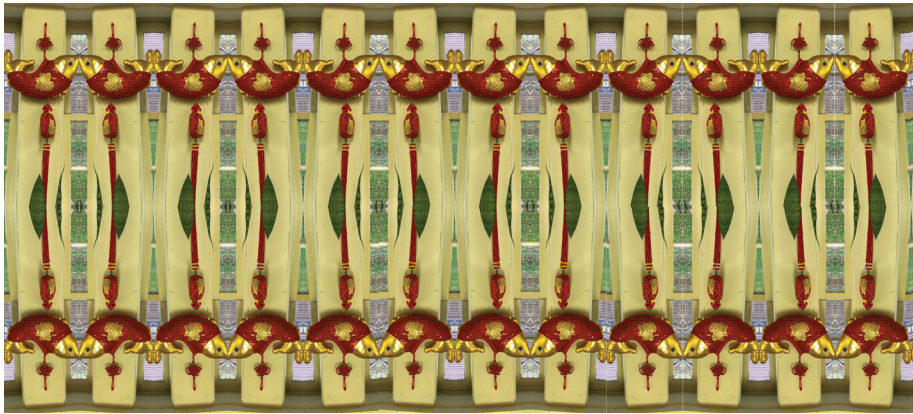
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Hoosac bid farewell to a cherished alumnus, Dannick Breton '17, in October. During his time at Hoosac, Dannick was a Senior Prefect in 2016-17, and a valued member of our community during his three years. As a member, and assistant captain, of the hockey team, he played center. He resided in Quebec City, Canada, and had gone on to the University of Maine after graduation from Hoosac. He will be missed and always remembered at Hoosac.



Students Develop Artistic and Creative Thinking Skills in Art





At Hoosac, students have the opportunity to engage in classes that explore two and three-dimensional art forms, digital arts and photography, and creative journaling. Students may also work on building a college-level portfolio in AP Art. All of these classes encourage creative problem solving as well as the development of art skills and media techniques.

***This page** (clockwise from top left): Works by Zenan (Sherry) Xue, Barbora Machalova, Kiersten Konrardy, Sanantha Rodriguez (working in her creative journal), Mya Bjorkstrand-Luna, Eyob Kelemework, Mengqiao Lai.*

***Opposite page** (clockwise from top left): Maren Lancaster, Maya Cummings, Selin Oncul, Yoan Ferland, Gabriel Pigeon, Nuo (Grace) Xu, Emma Robinson.*

Recollections Come Alive

by Charles Barnes '65



I graduated from Hoosac in 1965. I had come to the school as a junior from another private school in Connecticut and was not sure that I would survive in a strange place; however, this concern was erased soon after I arrived as I found Hoosac a warm and friendly haven from the cacophony of suburban Connecticut and the struggle in a school where competition was rampant and everyone had somewhat of a superior attitude. I might add that I was a faculty child which put even more of a burden on me.

Now looking back, and particularly after a brief visit to Hoosac, a warm welcome from Dean Foster, and a most excellent tour by Jayde & Elizabeth, all topped off by a wonderful lunch by Fabian, and good conversation with Max, my recollections of Hoosac life again came alive in observing the beauty of the school, its fine faculty, and an atmosphere of friendship, congeniality, and community.

In my day there were approximately seventy-five students, no female students, a new dining hall, no science center, fewer dorms, and a lot of Episcopal mumbo jumbo. Looking back over the last fifty-three years I realize that most everything I learned at Hoosac was geared toward providing me not only with an education but with a moral highway of the highest caliber. From Chapel to meals in the dining hall and on the playing fields, we were given the best kind of guidance and instilled with a spirit of honest and fair competition both in sports and academics.

We did have our share of adventures and misadventures. Following one misadventure, I was called down to Mr. Reifsnyder's apartment on the second floor. Lo and behold, my friends were there before me and the look on their faces indicated to me that the jig was up. We were ushered into Mr. R's living room on the second floor where he smiled like Count Dracula. He knew. We never learned how he found out about our "adventure" but "Rifey" always had a way of finding out about everything and being who we were, he was particularly keen on getting to the bottom of our mutual "illness". That afternoon, instead of heading to the athletic fields, the three of us became experts at cleaning the third floor bathroom with toothbrushes. Needless to say, this was a story about a boy's "rite of passage." Deus Regit.



Reunion - June 8-10, 2018

Hoosac School is hosting a Reunion, June 8 - 10, 2018. Time flies! Talk to any classmates you are in touch with, make plans, save the date, and come back to campus! Reconnect!

2008 - 10 years; 1998 - 20 years; 1988 - 30 years; 1978 - 40 years; 1968 - 50 years!



Fall Campus Visitors



Alex Demin '18 with alumnus C.J. Gustafson '17, and Olivier Lacroix '18



Erika Seitz '00 visited campus and gifted us with peppers she grew.



John Pattison '48 came to check on the progress of our Grow Wild program. He's shown at right discussing the garden with Noah Patry-Dontigny '19 and Daniel Miller '18



Emily Levin '17, pictured here during an Honor Society event, visited campus in November and spoke in Chapel.



Skip Clayton '59 was a Friday Night Speaker and talked about the many sports books he has written. He also donated several copies of his books to Hoosac, and did us the honor of signing them.

Hoosac's Big Diversity

by Mikiyas Lema '19

I am from Africa. I have lived in the city of Addis Babba, Ethiopia my whole life, although I love to travel and have visited France, Dubai, Southern Africa /Kenya and the U.S. There are a lot of differences between U.S. culture and that of a developing third world country such as mine. A most striking difference is that of opportunities. For example, in the U.S. if you graduate in a field, it is likely you will be able to get a job within that field. In Ethiopia however, 20% of graduates with a civil engineering degree may find a job in that field, leaving 60% with minimal chance to become successful due to employment opportunities. Ethiopia is considered the capital of Africa. It's a really great country. It is developing, and there are a lot of beautiful tourist attractions. And, we hold the top three track records in the world!

When I first arrived here at Hoosac School I didn't think I was walking into something special, but I learned there are a lot of people here from different parts of the world. This great diversity

makes it special and I knew this was going to be a big part of me. My father says "the best part of learning or growing up where there is a lot of diversity is that you will come to know people around the world, and you will have connections for your future." Since I came to Hoosac I have come to know and learn about different cultures and views because of the school's big diversity.

The people here are really nice and easy to associate with. The school has great athletic coaches and teams which I am also enjoying – I really love to play basketball and have been training in Africa. I read online about the team and saw it was a good team. My studies are first, but I hope to go on to play basketball at college. Hoosac is not only teaching me in class, but also in Chapel and outside of class - about becoming a better me by learning self-discipline in order to meet commitments and showing me the basics of a good lifestyle. I think these things will be a part of me throughout my life.



Mikiyas stands under the flags of many nations in the Dining Hall

Admissions Around the World

by Director of Admission, Ryan Grant

Hoosac School provides many an outlet to meet individuals from all over the globe. As our Director of Admission, I especially find this statement to be true. This year alone, I've had the opportunity to interview applicants from roughly 40 different countries. What makes our great school so special is the amazing group of kids that have traveled from around the world to learn here. This Fall, Hoosac was comprised of students from 18 different countries total!

One of our goals in admissions is to diversify the student body as much as possible, all while remaining roughly 70 percent American. While it would be nice to have a population of young men and women from even more areas than aforementioned, we must always remember that our international students have sought out an elite, private boarding school where they can engage

in English immersion both inside and outside of the classroom.

Our international students are not only practicing their English during their assigned ELL period, but during team athletics, meals, community service, theatre, etc. In 2017 we have seen students enroll from the United States, Canada, China, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Kazakhstan, South Korea, Russia, Serbia, Turkey, the United Arab of Emirates, the Netherlands, Ghana, the Bahamas, Australia, Argentina, Egypt, and Japan.

We've witnessed so much success from our international population and we are confident they will continue to contribute to the Hoosac Community extensively. Fall of 2017 has been a trimester to remember and we are so excited to see what the remainder of the school year will bring.



Cambodia Medical Mission 2018 - Hoosac Helps!

This January, inspired by faculty member Ms. Meryl Lindsay, Hoosac students Maxim Georgievsky '18 and YuYan Wei '18 will join Meryl, Dr. Daniel Caloras, and his team of medical and dental care professionals in rural Takeo Province, Cambodia, to help provide medical treatment to rural citizens there who are in need of care. The last mission provided medical and dental care for over 1,500 people and is supported by a rotary club in the capital city of Phnom Penh and a rotary club in Charlestown, NH. Volunteers will pay for their own travel expenses. All money raised will go directly to purchase medicine, supplies, and support local Cambodian volunteers. On October 25th, Maxim and YuYan presented the details of this endeavor to our school community and invited donations of any kind: medical supplies such as bandages, wraps, eye drops, ibuprofen, and even clothing or suitcases, as well as funds.



Meryl Lindsay, YuYan Wei '18, Maxim Georgievsky '18, another volunteer, and Meryl's golden retriever, Spock

Max: "From a young age I have always been fascinated with the field of medicine. I grew up with a father who was an anesthesiologist, and a sister who is a doctor in the field of internal medicine. A dream of mine has always been to follow in their footsteps, and there is nothing more that I want in life than to become a doctor. That being stated, to accomplish my goal I have always sought out any opportunities that related to the field of medicine. Now, thanks to Hoosac I have the tremendous opportunity of going to the country of Cambodia and having the opportunity to make the lives better for deserving people. This medical mission will take place January 4th to January 13th. In this period of time the medical team, Edward (YuYan Wei), and I are hoping to help, in any way we possibly can, the people of Cambodia. Having this opportunity of going to what is considered a third

world country and change the lives of people is a tremendous blessing. This trip will give me a glimpse of what I want to do in the future as a healthcare professional."

Yuyan Wei: I've been to Cambodia a few times myself, and my father runs a project that helps Cambodia. I've seen how much help they need. My family has a line of traditional Chinese doctors, so I want to do all I can to help them. A lot of things we are really used to, but they have never had a chance to try."

A graduate of The College of Agriculture and Life Science at Cornell University majoring in Biology and Society, Ms. Meryl Lindsay is a licensed NYS EMT and ACLS & BLS certified and worked as a medical assistant. She aspires to continue on to medical school knowing the path will be long, inspired by her father's attitude and perseverance through disease. With focus in neural basis of health and behavior, Ms. Lindsay teaches Neurobiology and Human Systems at Hoosac. Extending the opportunity to Hoosac students, Meryl signed up for the Cambodia Medical Mission service trip because of her interest in emergency/trauma medicine and setting up a clinic in the absence of shared language and culture where many people have never been to a doctor. Having met a survivor of the Khmer Rouge genocide, Ms. Lindsay was moved to take this opportunity to volunteer at the medical mission in Cambodia.

Grow Wild Prepares for Phase II



Back in May, on the hillside behind Tibbits Hall, students tilled and planted the first of a Grow Wild Community Garden, supported by a grant from the East Greenbush Garden Club. Squash, peppers, tomatoes, and more were shared by resident faculty over the summer and a good Fall harvest was given to SAGE Dining Service as a farm-to-table contribution to school fare.

This Fall, just before the cold snap, John Pattison '48 came to campus showing his support for Hoosac's Grow Wild program by donating use of his Troy-Bilt rototiller. John dug right in with the students to help prepare the garden soil for the Spring garden, his delight in "digging in the dirt" obvious, his gems of knowledge about soil chemistry, composting, and rototillers

much appreciated. Later that day, John wrote the school:

"Hello all - hope we all survived... Wonderful day for me, and my sense was that it worked well for all others also. Today's teabag says, "Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished" Lao Tzu. Well, we waited patiently for the right time, and got it done. It's a great program where everyone can get involved (including the Headmaster); it's good outdoor activity, and has benefits for chemistry/English/math/physics/the arts, etc. Not bad. Thanks for inviting me to take part. Let's pick it up again in the spring."



Grow Wild Logo by Dannick Breton '17

John Pattison '48 shows Patrick McGuane '18 how to run the rototiller.

Teaching Chemistry & Biology

an interview with faculty member, Aimee Beaudette



Aimee Beaudette meets with students for the Grow Wild project

Aimee Beaudette loves teaching the sciences and says it's fun because it's hands-on and encompasses daily life. It's part of all the natural phenomenon that we see, a lot of which relates to chemistry and biology – such as our food, and even the light we see through fog. Her classes have labs every week. A lot of those are what she calls "wet labs" with gloves and goggles donned for doing things like mixing compounds together.

Ms. Beaudette's plans for Spring projects include exciting things like using sodium metal in experiments, and using kits to test the soil and water to help the community garden. The Grow Wild program can then look at what ingredients are missing before deciding what nutrients to add. Using the greenhouse to start seedlings for the Grow Wild garden, studying the biology of the plants to be grown, and integrating that

with chemistry and math - is an exciting entry into STEM. Ms. Beaudette believes STEAM is even better, and she has her eye on adding the creativity of art into the mix.



Aimee meets with alumnus John Pattison '48 who came by to help prepare the Grow Wild garden for spring.



Mosaic Lives on



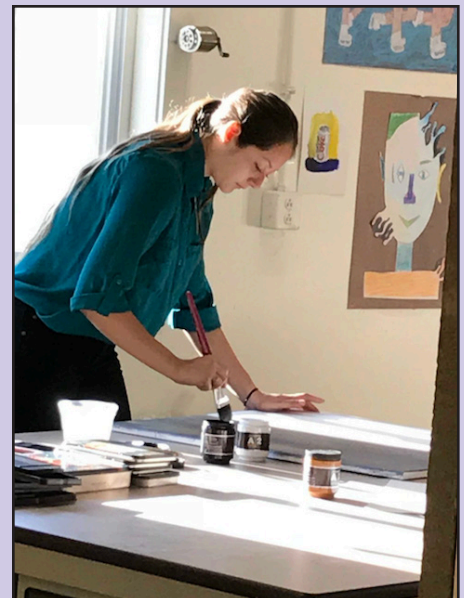
Each year students and faculty are invited to submit poetry, short stories, and artwork for publication in the *Mosaic*. Acknowledged in the 2002 *Mosaic* was a special thank you to English teachers (Mr. Lomuscio, Mr. Smith) “who inspired their students to step out of their comfort zones” and dare to try and express “thoughts of love, hate, joy, rage, anger, sadness, despair, loneliness, hope and fear - human emotions and feelings we all have and will experience as we continue our adventure up the road called Life.” The *Mosaic* collections through the years do indeed contain fearless expression of all that, in rhyme, free verse, essay, and art.

The 2017 *Mosaic* showcased Fall happenings in the Crosby Art Center - drawing, painting, collage, 3-D, digital photo art. Enjoyment of creative expression is evident in these student works

of art, guided and inspired by a great teacher, Ms. Alter. Current artwork by over 30 students is presented as well as literary works of Sonnet and Free Verse by Alexa Rango ‘18, Jayne Dolinsky ‘21, Maya Cummings ‘21, and Jana Apostolakis ‘19.

So many students in Hoosac’s past submitted youthful works to the *Mosaic*, be it poems reflecting rite of passage, short essays pondering life as it then was, or artwork using mediums at hand. And yes, class assignments to submit so as to get an issue put together in time for Parents Weekend. All these a portrait of the heart of the times. Were you a *Mosaic* artist or writer? Thanks to Dan Verdery, Tom Kurland, Pam Kopala, past issues of the “Journal of Art and Literature” known as the *Mosaic* have been saved and stored in Hoosac’s archives. Preserved are these *Mosaics*: 1992, 1993, 1995 Spring & Fall, ~1994,

1996 Fall, 1997 Spring & Fall, 1999, 2000, 2002, 2007, 2008, 2010. When you visit Hoosac, you could also re-visit your *Mosaic*! -SCK-



Nicole Longboat ‘18 busy in the art studio.

Former Hoosac Faculty and Staff

In Memorium

Former Hoosac Chaplain, The Rev. Herbert W. Sanderson, 86, of Melrose, NY, passed away Thursday, August 3, 2017. He was married to Elizabeth Fickenger Sanderson for 41 years before she passed away in 1998, and for 18 years to Anne Hathaway Sanderson, who survives him.

Herb had resided in the Troy area many years and earned his Bachelor of Arts in Music at Boston University, his Master's at Berkeley Divinity at Yale and his Ph.D from State University of New York at Albany in Clinical Psychology. Fr. Sanderson was an ordained Episcopal Minister for 58 years, serving many parishes in New York and Vermont including Trinity Watervliet, Grace Waterford, Grace and Holy Innocence Albany, and Rector of Holy Cross in Troy. He was Chaplain at Hoosac School, Professor at Russell Sage College, Psychologist for the Center for Disability Services as well as in private practice as a Psychotherapist. He was an Army veteran of the Korean War. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include three daughters.



My name is Poppet Sanderson and I am the oldest daughter of Herbert and Elizabeth Sanderson. We lived at Hoosac from 1967-1972. My parents were both teachers there and my father was chaplain. My mother was the organist as well. We lived in Wood Hall, Pitt Mason and Lavino during our years at Hoosac. My father taught senior music, psychology and theology, and my mother taught music, algebra and geometry. She died in 1998. My parents were both musicians and they coordinated and taught everyone the music for The Boar's Head & Yule Log pageant My sisters and I were sprites. My sisters, Becky, Catharine and I, grew up at Hoosac. We had a wonderful time living there and being part of the community. We ate dinner in the Dining Hall every night. My parents got to know many students and found out what some of them wound up doing later in life. While we were there, Lavino was built, and so was the house on the far side of the pond. The Headmaster's house on Pine Valley Rd. was either built or renovated during this time. At that time, girls were not students, until the last year we were there when two girls from Bennington were admitted as day students. I have many memories of being there. It was an idyllic place to live and play. We had a beagle named Jessica. I know my father also had good memories and kept Hoosac in his heart, as did my mother. Wishing you all the best.

Poppet Sanderson



Former faculty member and dorm parent, Jade Franklin Colling is a school counselor at Salisbury School. Her husband, Kurt, also former Hoosac faculty, works at Salisbury as well. Kurt teaches science.



Kurt and Jade Colling

Former faculty members Randy and Judy Krum live in Sanford, FL where they recently weathered Hurricane Irma. Quoting Judy from her Facebook site, "All is okay here after Irma. Lots of wind and rain. We took lots of precautions...We were lucky."



Randy and Judy Krum

Remembering Francis Whitcomb '41

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Hoosac's oldest living alumnus, class of 1941, Francis Hale Whitcomb, otherwise known as "Whit" to family and friends, took his last peaceful breath surrounded by his beloved wife and children on the Summer Solstice. He was 94. He was blessed to be able to remain on their family farm in South Albany through this journey.

Born in New York City, he attended Hoosac School and Bard College earning Bachelor in Education. In his life-long pursuit of education, he went on to collect Master's in Education from The Putney Graduate School, and a Master's in Conservation from the University of Michigan.

In between his education pursuits, he served his country in World War II. Stationed overseas with The Army Air Corp later known as the Air Force, Whit worked as an Air Traffic Controller and assisted in construction of temporary airport infrastructure.

After the war, Whit accepted a teaching position at The Hickory Ridge School in Putney VT. He taught there until it burned to the ground in the early 1950's. Whit then resumed his education and after completing a Masters program at the Putney Graduate School, he accepted a teaching position at The North Country School in Lake Placid, NY. It was there where he met his partner in life, Patricia Jane Hale. On December 19th, 1953, they married. 63 years of marriage were celebrated this past December. In 1962, Whit and Pat moved to New Canaan, CT, to teach history and English at The New Canaan Country Day School.

In 1966 Whit returned to Putney along with Pat, now with three little ones in tow, Marian, Jennifer and David. It was at The Grammar School where Whit not only continued to shape young minds in the classroom but stepped forward to take on the role of headmaster of this progressive private elementary school until 1973.

The fall of that year began Whit's hiatus from teaching. The family moved to South Albany, VT, to set up a small family farm. It was on this small homestead that a lifelong goal of owning a

maple sugaring operation was realized. Armed with his UM Master's Thesis topic on Maple Sugaring, and practical experience from operating and teaching this 300 year old New England tradition during his days in Lake Placid, he embarked on cultivating the sugar woods that were so abundant on that 350 acre haven they now called home. These "sugarwoods" reignited a passion for the industries history and provided a sugaring community that he immersed himself in. He and his character-filled sugar house aged together, and he embraced this life on their family farm: Hand tapping and hanging buckets on his majestic maples, gathering sap through knee deep snow and boiling till dawn to make his "liquid gold." The warmer months were dedicated to prepping for the next sugaring season, haying the fields for the various livestock that they had accumulated and reaping the benefits of Pat's glorious vegetable gardens.

In 1981, Whit returned to the classroom, accepting a position at Lake Region Union High School in Orleans VT. It was perhaps, his truest calling, his purest gift, developing and impacting young minds for the future. A 45 year educator of History, Geography and English, he remained at Lake Region until his retirement in 1988.

Whit was also a passionate world traveler, experiencing the lands of Ireland, England, Italy, Switzerland, France, India, Morocco, Egypt, and the

entire United States. He was in his 91st year when The Grand Canyon spoke to him. Taking a side trip from visiting his sister in New Mexico, he was in awe of its vastness, as we now are in awe of his life.

Whit was a very active member of his community. He ran for Vermont State Representative for Orleans County at least 8 times on the democratic ticket, each time edging closer to holding that coveted seat.

He was a member of the East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church, was Chairman of the board of lister's for the town of Albany as well as Town Moderator. He was a Justice of the Peace, uniting many local couples in marriage who he remained in touch with. Whit was a member of The Orleans County Farm Bureau and past President of the Orleans County Maple Producers Association and a Former Director of Maple Sugar Makers Association.

Whit's passing has left a true void in his families lives as well as the many communities that he had resided and committed to throughout his life. He was an eternal optimist, a searcher of truth, and of tolerance. He had a never ending curiosity and compassion for the lives around him, a thirst for knowledge and was most joyous when he was in the presence of his family.

A Celebration of Whit's life was held at The East Craftsbury Presbyterian Church on July 16th. There was nothing Whit loved more than a good party.



Tibbits Pond in the News

On July 4th 2017, Tibbits Pond was featured on News Channel 13 (Albany, NY) with this report:

“The road into Hoosac School’s main campus crumbled and washed away during Saturday’s heavy storms. 5.2 inches of rain fell, causing the normally calm Tibbits Pond to crest the road atop the dam that was first constructed over 100 years ago. Headmaster Dean Foster witnessed the land wash away, and said that he never thought the calm Tibbits pond would feed a raging waterfall and wipe out the road, but it did. When Dean realized the storm was more than a passing rainfall, he went to check on the dam. Upon his arrival the water had not yet crested and he thought all might be all right, but within 20 minutes that dramatically changed. Once before in Dean’s term as Headmaster, the pond had breached over the road, and to prevent future problems, large riprap boulders were laid into the pond/road border. Nonetheless, this time the peaceful pond let loose and land began to fall away. It looked like a landside, and it sounded worse than it looked. There are very large boulders here and you could hear them rolling down the streambed, Dean remarked. In storms past, a sluiceway was able to handle the extra volume of water, but this time it was completely filled up and the water had nowhere else to go but over the road. The dam had to be breached and the pond drained.”

With generous help from the local community and friends of Hoosac, a temporary access road was immediately built at the back of the campus to continue school operations without skipping a beat. Then on to repair the entrance road, which required 940 yards of fill and 1,525 of heavy rock, along with 1,024 yards of clay donated by the Wysocki family of Hoosick, NY whose farm neighbors the campus. Hoosac School is forever grateful for the support that came in from individuals in our school and local community who reached out to help the school recover from this force of nature.

The Department of Environmental Conservaton (DEC) is involved in approving plans for a new dam vs turning Tibbits Pond into a stream. New York’s governor requested a disaster declara-

tion for the area and the school has applied for FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) funding to help cover some of the damage. “Ideal for us would be to see the dams rebuilt with better gates and culverts. If a flood situation does occur, we can release the pressure earlier than having it over the top and we’ll still have access to the pond for recreation and emergency services,” said Foster. Funds are needed. Tibbits Pond has long been an important feature of the school’s picturesque main entrance - greeting students, teachers, alumni, and friends of Hoosac ever since the school was moved to the Tibbits estate over sixty-years ago. We believe it is important to restore Tibbits Pond in such a way that it will never be wiped away again. Headmaster Foster is working tirelessly with DEC to that end.

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Sources: News Channel 13, Asa Stackel, July 04, 2017 05:49 PM; Bennington Banner, September 7, 2017; Hoosac School Facebook July 4 & July 13, 2017.



Tibbits Pond as it looks today.



Tibbits Pond a year ago



The Wrath of Hurricane Irma

by Kinsley O'Garrow '96

It's amazing how powerless you are when things are completely out of your control. This past September I weathered the wrath of Irma, a category four hurricane that touched down at my home in South Florida. With winds of over 100 mph, tons of rain, and very loud noises, all I could do was just stay put and be present in the moment.

As I was hunkered down in my house I was reflecting back on all the things that prepared me for this moment. It wasn't a matter of how am I going to get through this, something completely so powerful and out of my control. I felt helpless, but also hopeful.

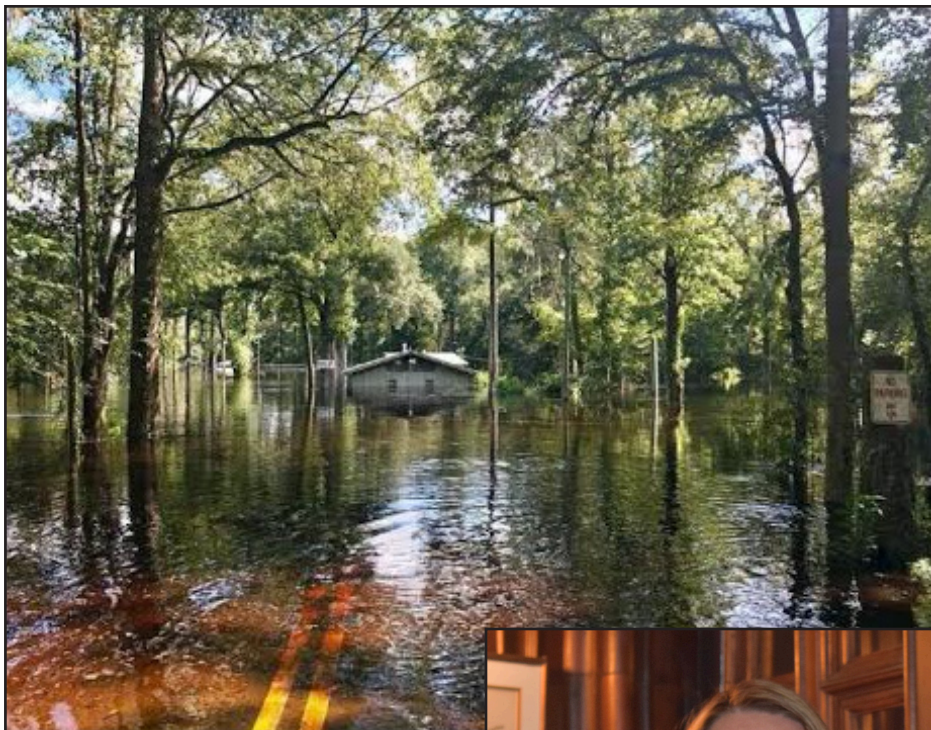
We don't realize until that moment actually comes, when we are faced with thoughts of complete helplessness, that we very rarely live in the moment because we are constantly looking at the

past and hoping for a brighter, better future. So what I experienced during this hurricane made me realize that the present moment is all I have. Despite the wind, the rain, downed trees, and loud noises, I was comforted in knowing that right now at that moment is all that I have... along with peanut butter sandwiches and canned tuna... which I intend to not eat again for a very long time.

Everything happens for a reason and reasons happen for things... maybe for me I was just running through life too fast, missing out on the present. Now, moving forward, I intend to take a second to pause, breathe, reflect, and be present. I've got one life, and I intend to live each day to the fullest. As we all should - life's a gift. Enjoy it!



Kinsley O'Garrow '96



Hurricane Irma also wrought havoc on the home of Christine King-Lancaster, mother of Lynsey Lancaster '19. Their home is in Winter Springs, FL.

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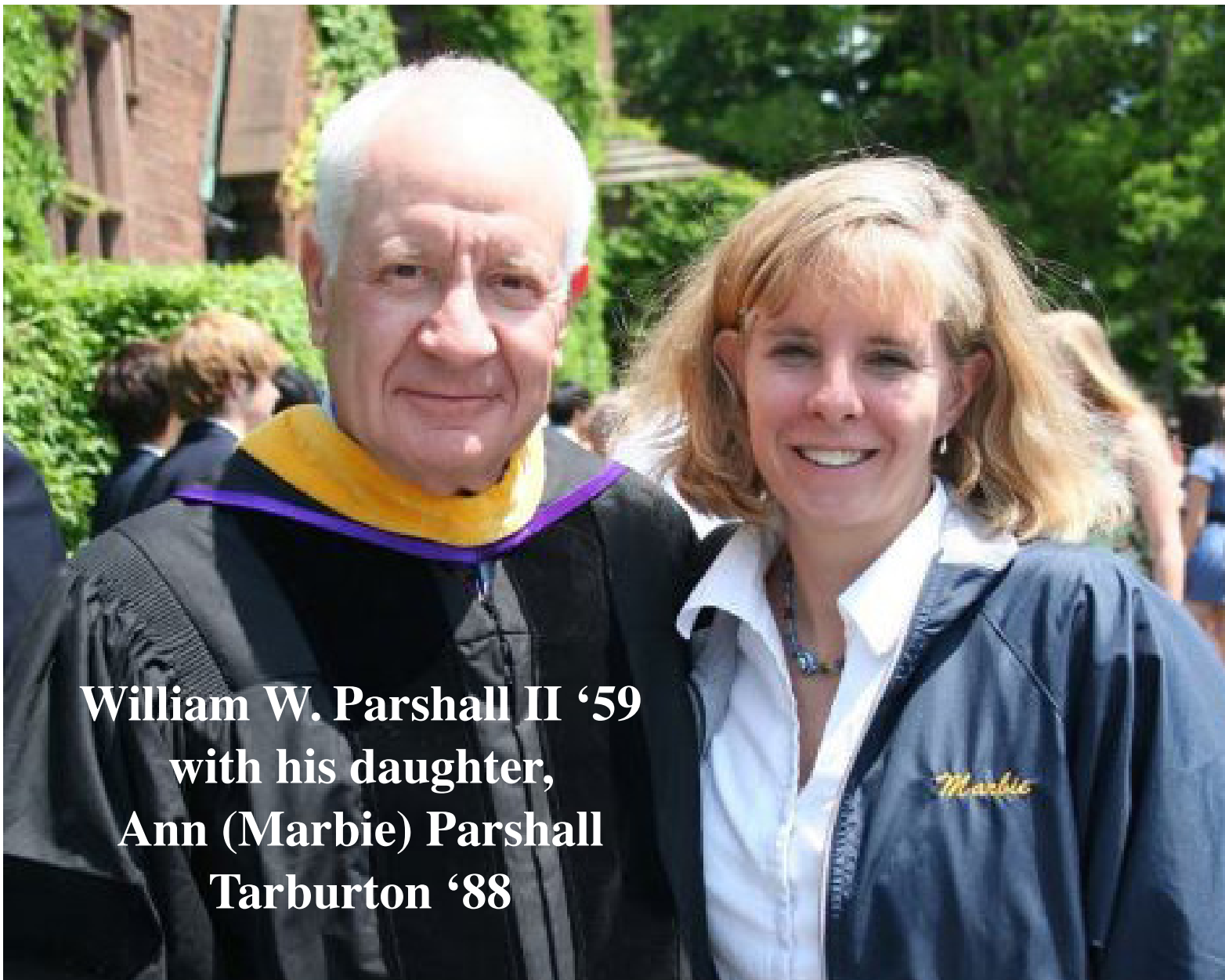
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**William W. Parshall II '59
with his daughter,
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