



The Owllet

Hoosac School's Source for Alumni News and Nonsense

GIPSON FAMILY HONORS ALUMNI WITH NEW ACADEMIC BUILDING



A growing school requires foresight. With record number of students enrolled this and last year, Hoosac is responding to growing pains with a new academic building that will house six new classrooms, a state of the art cybersecurity lab, a new art studio, multimedia lab, and a nursing suite.

Gipson Hall will be completed later this fall and is named for the Gipson family who have a long history with Hoosac. Gipson brothers Henry Clay '27, Allen H. '28, and Donald Livingston '32, attended Hoosac and descedents are honoring them with a significant gift making this project possible.

The Gipson Brothers each went on to lead successful lives and epitomize what it means to BE HOOSAC. For more information about this important project or to contribute a gift in support of Gipson Hall, please visit:

<https://hoosac.org/giving/gipson-hall>





Updates from 2009 Graduate Sean Jenkins

Following Hoosac, I went on to play two years of Junior A Hockey in hopes of landing a spot on a D-1 college that matched my hockey wants and scholastic needs... Ultimately, I fell short and ended up at St. A's and had an amazing experience.

At Saint Anselm, I played all four years, missing just one game due to injury. Played a ton and it helped structure my competitiveness in the classroom. During my senior year I was awarded the school's "Male Student Athlete of the Year" award, for holding the highest GPA in conjunction with the highest contribution to respective sport. I was also named Assistant Captain. Most importantly, I met amazing friends and about half the team attended our wedding.

While at St. A's, I participated in a number of competitive internships in banking and wealth management. Glad I had those experiences because I ended up learning and building out my contacts, but I also learned that I was not interested in either field. I ended up taking a job at a then smaller firm named Hedgeye Risk Management where I took a role in Equity Research and Strategy.

Typically these Equity Research (sell side) jobs are a place to cut your teeth and move into banking or

business school, but I have loved the work and have been fast-tracked on promotions and coverage of certain stocks so I've stuck with it.

My field is a fun one; gaming, lodging, and leisure is the domain I cover - think casinos, online betting, hotels, cruise lines, booking sites, etc. I have been at the same firm since college and love it - excited to see how much bigger we'll build the firm.

I have not been able to do any of this alone. Fortunately through college I was able to meet my now wife. We have been together for nearly nine years and have been married for three. For three of the nine, we were doing long-distance and I was working in the greater NYC area. I moved back full-time in early 2018 and we have been living in Boston's West End and North End ever since.

I'm fortunate in that I routinely see my folks on the West Coast and we love to travel the world and locally as much as possible. For local travels we'll even bring our Golden Retriever, Gordie. (Yes, named after Gordie Howe.) *-Sean*



ABOVE LEFT KRISTIN AND SEAN JENKINS IN THE MALDIVES OVER THE SUMMER / LOWER RIGHT SEAN JENKINS IN HIS 2009 YEARBOOK PHOTO



DWIGHT AND DEBRA MARVIN '74 VISITED CAMPUS THIS SUMMER AND BROUGHT WITH THEM SOME HOOSAC RELATED ARTIFACTS. DWIGHT IS THE SCHOOL'S UNOFFICIAL HISTORIAN



ALUMNI VISITS



BRAD GLOVER '82 STOPPED BY THIS SUMMER TO VISIT THE SCHOOL. HE'S PICTURED HERE WITH HEADMASTER DEAN FOSTER.



JEFF NUGENT '76 WRITES "I STOPPED BY HOOSAC ON A SUNDAY IN LATE JUNE THIS YEAR. OBVIOUSLY, EVERYTHING WAS SHUT DOWN, BUT I HAD A FUN TIME WALKING AROUND AND REMINISCING. I AM 65 THIS YEAR AND RETIRED. I AM FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO SPLIT MY TIME BETWEEN LAKE WASHINGTON, WA AND PALM DESERT, CA.



JOHN REED '68 AND FAMILY MADE A SPECIAL TRIP TO HOOSAC TO OBSERVE THE BOAR'S HEAD AND YULE LOG EVENT.



Turning a Trade into Art

After a 35-year business career in seven different industries and 12 years teaching at the University level, Al Keller retired to work with his hands. Having had the advantage of growing up with a grandfather who was a master of all trades, he was exposed to many skills. He attended a trade high school which introduced him to wood, metal, printmaking, and mechanical drawing.

Al always felt that he would work in wood when he retired but having exposure to farriers through his wife's interest in horses, he found a greater interest in working in metal, specifically fashioning horseshoes.

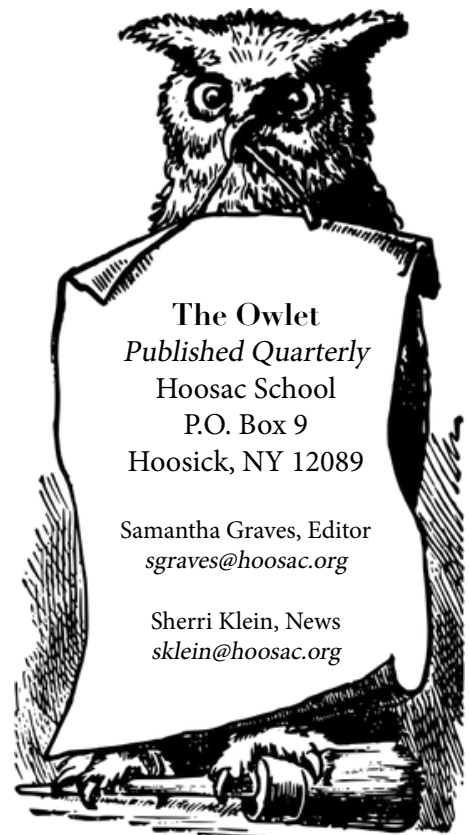
At first, Al tried having his projects executed by a welding shop. The effort unfortunately was unsuccessful.

After completing a welding course, acquiring the necessary equipment and spending four years developing techniques, he settled on methods he decided to use in order to complete his various projects. The items that you will see are his vision of the use of the materials, new or used, to the end use.

"I only use horseshoes because I like the challenge of that the single source creates in the completion of piece," said Al. "I'm not an artist by trade, but I do like projects that hold my attention and challenge me. "

Al and his wife, Joan, have two children, Hikky and Keith, as well as four grandchildren. They recently relocated to Wisconsin after a decade in California.

*ALLEN KELLER '59
NEVER SAW HIMSELF
AS AN ARTIST, BUT
ANYONE WHO VIEWS
HIS WORK, CRAFTED
FROM DISCARDED
HORSESHOES MIGHT
THINK OTHERWISE.*



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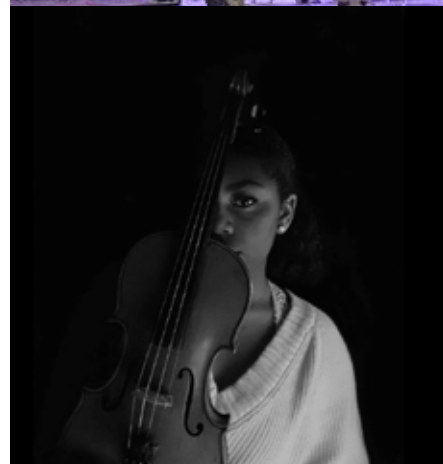
EDDY FRANZ '13 WAS RECENTLY MADE 50 PERCENT OWNER IN A CARPET CLEANING BUSINESS AND NEXT YEAR HE'LL OWN THE BUSINESS OUTRIGHT. HE'S VERY EXCITED TO BE A BUSINESS OWNER. THE HOURS LEAVE HIM TIME FOR HIS GUITAR, VIDEO AND KAYAKING PURSUITS. HE'S ENJOYING LIFE AS FULLY AS HE CAN AND APPRECIATES ALL THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE HELPED HIM GET THERE INCLUDING HOOSAC.



AN UPDATE FROM EMMA MCGUANE '20 I AM CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT WESTERN NEW ENGLAND UNIVERSITY PLAYING ICE HOCKEY. I GO TO SCHOOL WITH TERRI SIOLAS AND STILL HAVE CONTACT WITH MANY OF MY OLD CLASSMATES.



FACULTY MRS. PRASANNA AND STUDENT RISHI VIRA '23 ENJOYED INDIAN NIGHT AT HOOSAC, ONE OF SEVERAL EVENTS HONORING THE CULTURES FROM AROUND THE WORLD.



LEAH MAGEE '19 CELEBRATED HER FIRST PAID PERFORMANCE THIS FEBRUARY. SHE IS CURRENTLY A STUDENT AT THE SUNY FREDONIA SCHOOL OF MUSIC.

We'd love to hear from you!
Send your **Alumni News** to
sgraves@hoosac.org



HOOSAC WELCOMED 200 STUDENTS WITH THE DYNAMO FENCING CLUB ON CAMPUS OVER THE SUMMER. THE STUDENTS LEARNED A VARIETY OF TECHNIQUES AND ENJOYED THE MANY AMENITIES LOCATED WITHIN OUR PICTURESQUE CAMPUS.

IN THE NEWS!

*MYA BJORKSTRAND LUNA '21
MADE THE PAPERS LATELY
WITH A SPORTS FEATURE IN
THE NASHUA TELEGRAPH THIS
OCTOBER. MYA PLAYS HOCKEY
FOR THE RIVIER UNIVERSITY
TEAM IN NASHUA, NH.*

