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## A Message from Dean Foster, Head of School

It seems like only yesterday we were welcoming our students back to campus. The quiet of the summer is replaced with shouts and laughter of friends reunited and new bonds being made. The campus is alive with the sounds of people - the people that make Hoosac so special. Students from 11 countries and 9 states represent an incredibly diverse student body.

Our faculty have returned from their summer travels, some from visiting far off lands, while others stayed within our borders. Students and faculty are ready to work together to explore all that the curriculum and the world has to offer.

The many improvements made over the summer are quickly recognized and appreciated by the returning students, while at the same time quickly becoming the norm for our new students. Renovated dorm rooms, updated equipment in the Richard J. Phair fitness center, a new digital research lab, updated AP curriculums, and many other improvements, were accepted with excitement and anticipation as to what the school year would bring.

A quick look at the school roster shows a significant increase in girls enrollment. A long recognized issue has always been that Hoosac had more boys than girls on campus. With the addition of a girl's ice hockey team and a concerted effort to attract talented young women to our burgeoning visual and performing arts program, the number of girls on campus has almost doubled.

All of these wonderful changes go to show that even as Hoosac remains true to its mission, the ability to adapt and change are what makes Hoosac so very special. Meeting the needs of our students, while at the same time teaching them the traditions that have been practiced for over 127 years, is essential for their success.

One of the, if not the greatest, traditions at Hoosac is the annual performance of the Boar's Head & Yule Log Christmas Pageant. This year marks the 125th consecutive year of the production - a claim that



no one else in the United States can make. This tradition is unique to Hoosac, and although many parts of it are performed at other elite prep schools, as far as I can tell, Hoosac alone performs it in its entirety.

In celebration of this milestone, I can assure you that this year's performance will be one of the best ever. Of course, I understand if alums insist that their year was the best. I encourage you to join us and take in the majesty that is the Boar's Head & Yule Log. The Trustees & Alumni performance will be on December 16th this year. I hope to see you there.



# Girls Ice Hockey - Making History at Hoosac

by Cari Coen

Hoosac Girls Hockey has been working diligently since arriving at school in September. These girls have been working on off-ice conditioning while working on their individual skills daily. From 6am team workouts, team bonding, nutritional

talks, team meetings, to Sunday morning workouts on their off day, the girls have strengthened their talents. The Hoosac Girls Hockey team is showing dedication and motivation of taking that next step to playing at that next level, while mak-

ing big gains with having only limited time in their daily schedule. Coach Ward and myself are very excited about this upcoming season. All the girls and coaching staff can't wait to touch the ice and start to make history here at Hoosac!

*Photos below, left: The girls ice hockey team makes history with their first practice now in the books.*

*Photo right: Coach Cari Coen shows off the girls' new home and away jerseys.*



## Parents sponsor a new fire pit at Hoosac



Hoosac Parent Association (HPA) is an active part of the Hoosac family. Each year they raise money for a special project. This year's project is a new fire pit, which students have already begun using.

Whether a local parent, or a family living across the world, the HPA is a group of parents who support the school in many ways to improve the daily lives of our students.

Some past projects have included new computers, carpeting in dorms, and dorm renovations. Many thanks to our parents for their support.



# Growing up at Hoosac

Watching a young student learn and mature is a joy to those who teach. It's the extra reward at Prize Day when a teacher/mentor watches a student walk up for a diploma or award. Memories of struggles and successes flash in the mind of the teacher. It is not uncommon to detect a teacher swelling up with a bit of pride, or brushing away a little tear that says they valued being a part of that young person's journey. This year marks the fifth year at Hoosac for three of our students.

"I had just turned 13 when I entered the IIInd Form at Hoosac. I had attended St.Mary's (a local private grade school) so I was used to small classes. Here at Hoosac, I found the teachers were more than just teachers at the end of the day - you could talk with them about anything - life, sports. Academically, the biggest class for me was Marketing with Mr. R. I had been thinking about majoring in business in college, and in that class I was able to look into more of how marketing works. At this point, business is my direction. True, I love to play lacrosse, but I will apply the 'broken leg effect' as Mr. R. would say, and base my choice of college on interest and lifestyle first, and sports second. I have gained a good group of friends, not only locally, (Will Kennedy '18 is the best!), but across the nation, and across the world. Some, whom I met in my first year, graduated and are now in places like Lithuania and New Zealand, but we all still keep in touch with Facebook's group chat. It's very cool to have friends from all over the world."

- Oliver Crawford '17

At right: Eric Pai and Oliver at a Yule Log performance.



Above: Oliver Crawford represents in lacrosse



On Prize Day 2016, Taylor's name was called more than once for an academic award - a reflection of a high caliber student. One of her teachers wrote "She proved herself to be a wonderful, meticulous student, and a considerate and thoughtful young lady." In her own words, Taylor says "During my five years at Hoosac, I've learned many real-world experiences and have become a stronger person. I've learned a lot about the different cultures in the world. Hoosac brought me the best friends I've ever had: Ben Adrion, Stephen Yetto, Katie Jones, and Maxx Barnhill. Hoosac has prepared me for the world after college."

Taylor as the Star of the East in the Yule Log



When co-editor, Sherri Klein, asked for faculty input, one teacher proudly walked in and placed before her Seung Jun (Eric) Pai's application essay for the Office of Prefect, and exclaimed, "You ought to see his resume for college too!" The depth of thought exemplified by this student's essays reveals a growth of intellect, spirit, and character that Hoosac has historically cherished as its hallmark. Excerpts from six pages of Eric's writings are dispersed throughout this issue."

#### From Essay to Prefect

"I learned from my current experience that Prefects require a tremendous level of leadership. Initially, I did not have many leadership experiences. However, when serving as the captain of the JV soccer team during my sophomore year, I began to gain true understanding of leadership. Being captain meant that I needed to show my leadership to the team and coach. Sometimes it was hard for me to lead the team. For instance, one of my teammates didn't want to have practice but instead wanted to play with his friends. Here, rather than jumping on my power, I compromised with the student where both of us gained what we wanted by taking that one step backwards. Through this experience I know that leaders must be strict and determined. But, more importantly, it is about leading people and balancing different interests for a common goal.

Furthermore, I like helping people. For instance, I know that many people have difficulty with math, one of my favorite subjects. Therefore, what I started doing this year was that I held informal tutorial sessions for friends having difficulty understanding the course materials in Honors Pre-Calculus class. Before the exams, I always review with three or four classmates, so we can help each other."

- Seung Jun (Eric) Pai '17



*Eric stands with Headmaster Foster and his parents (attending from Seoul, Korea) during his prefect induction.*



*Left to right: Oliver Crawford '17, Taylor Schnoop '17, and Eric Pai '17. Hoosac's five-year students.*

## Back to the Days of Fr. Wood

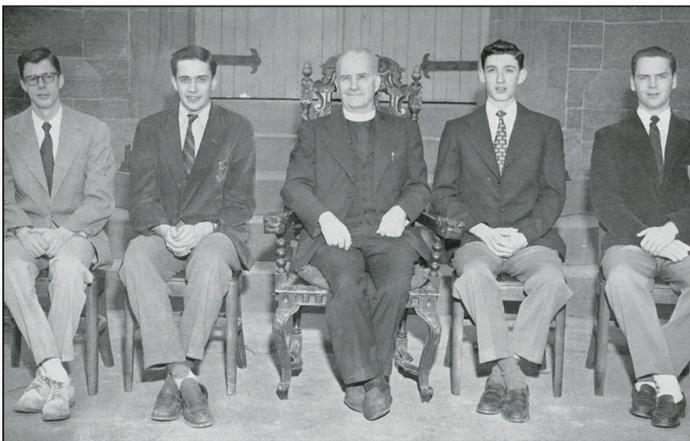
A gift to The Rev. Meredith B. Wood Foundation has been described as “the gift that keeps on giving” (David Bliss ’54, Gerald Guild ’55, *Hoosac Today, Fall 2012*). This fund is devoted exclusively to scholarship awards to Hoosac students. To date, “The Wood Foundation Fund” has provided financial support to 10 students since it was founded in 1999 by the late Keith Adams ’54 and John Pulsifer ’54, and supported every year by alumni, parents, and friends of Hoosac School. Yes, the passage of time may remove many of us from recalling who Father Wood was, but his life-building impact on a generation of Hoosac students must always be recognized and remembered. Gifts in his honor do indeed keep on giving.

“Fr. Wood accepted us as we were, and built from there. He had the grace to see the good in each and every one of us, no matter how hard we tried to hide it.

Fr. Wood led Hoosac through WWII, and set it on the road to growth and success. Without his perception, inspiration, and perspiration, I am certain Hoosac would not have survived. All of us, past, present, and future, owe him a debt of gratitude.” (David Bliss ’54, *Hoosac Today, Fall 2014*). Alumni from the Fr. Wood era came to love and respect him, and still remark how important Fr. Wood’s influence became even after they left Hoosac to navigate through life. It was during Fr. Wood’s tenure that the entire school moved to its current location. David (Bliss) went on to write that character played a major part in Fr. Wood’s educational philosophy, best reflected in the words of the man himself: “Honest thinking, hard work, thorough mastery of one’s assignments are all part of the basic integrity of character, which should be as natural as breathing, as delightful as winning a hard contest in athletics. Respect for work well done must be part of our fundamental thinking.” – The Rev. Meredith B. Wood, Hoosac School, 1953.

Lest you think that character building in the Fr. Wood era lacked good fun and laughter, think again! Class agent Frank Bulkley ’53 often sends in very entertaining memories of his own and of his classmates as Hank Coolidge ’53 recently sent in:

“One Saturday afternoon I, as a member of the Student Vestry Committee, went to church. Upon entering the sacristy, I heard fantastic jazz coming from the pipe organ. I discovered Fr. Dunkerly giving the keyboard and pedals an energetic workout. Turned out that “Unkle Dunkle” had played the piano at a Providence, RI silent movie theater to ease his university expenses. I never again heard him at the organ, but he often regaled us at the piano in the Dining Hall. He was a fantastic jazz pianist, who easily could have been a headliner in one of the New Orleans or New York clubs. One Sunday morning Fr. Wood was delivering his sermon from the All Saints pulpit (you may remember that the pulpit is offset to right of the chancel, and 5-6 feet above the walkway into the Vestry). At any rate, apparently one or more of us had drifted off into dreamland, which disturbed Fr. Wood. Without missing a beat during his delivery, he dropped a hymnal onto the tiled floor, where it landed absolutely with a loud bang. We all were suddenly alert, rising slightly in our pews as the report echoed throughout the Sanctuary. Fr. Wood always seemed to have a subtle way of getting his message across... :-).”



Andrew Olmsted '52, Henry (Hank) Coolidge '53, Fr. Wood, David Bliss '54, & Keith Adams '54



The old school sign



# Alumni News

**'36-'41 Class Agent, Francis H. Whitcomb '41**, 2278 Centebar Rd., South Albany, West Glover, VT 05875

One of our oldest living alumni, after **Fran Whitcomb, Dr. Wakefield Dort, Jr. '40** is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Kansas in the Dept. of Geology.

**Willem Van Rensselaer Malkus '40**, emeritus professor of mathematics at MIT, died in Falmouth, Mass., on May 28, at the age of 92. He was a professor of applied mathematics at MIT from 1969 until his retirement in 1996. **Willem V. R. Malkus** was born in Brooklyn, New York, on November 19, 1923. He studied at the University of Michigan and Cornell University, and was admitted to the PhD program in physics

at the University of Chicago, to study under Enrico Fermi. **Dr. Malkus** received his PhD in physics in 1950. He was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 1964, and was also a fellow of the American Physical Society and the American Geophysical Union. He received two Guggenheim Fellowships in 1972 and 1979. In 1972, he was elected a Member of the National Academy of Sciences.

During his time at MIT, **Malkus** twice served as chair of the Applied Mathematics Committee: 1977-79 and 1984-87. He was a beloved supervisor of graduate students, many of whom now occupy leading academic positions.

**Dr. Abbott Cummings '41** lives in So. Deerfield, MA.

**Dr. Cummings** is a noted architectural historian and genealogist, best known for his study of New England architecture. He is also an author.

**'43-'49 Class Agents, Needed.**

**The Rev. Dr. Allen W. Brown '48** passed away in March in Cape Coral, FL. A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in 1955, the Philadelphia Divinity School, and Trinity Theological Seminary, **Dr. Brown** served twelve years in the USMC before beginning his career as an Episcopal priest. Following his ordination he served on active duty as an Army Chaplain, including a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 4th Infantry Division. His Military Decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal for Valor and

Meritorious Service Medal. Leaving active duty in 1976, he served on the staff of the Bishop of Virginia and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in New York until he retired in 1996.

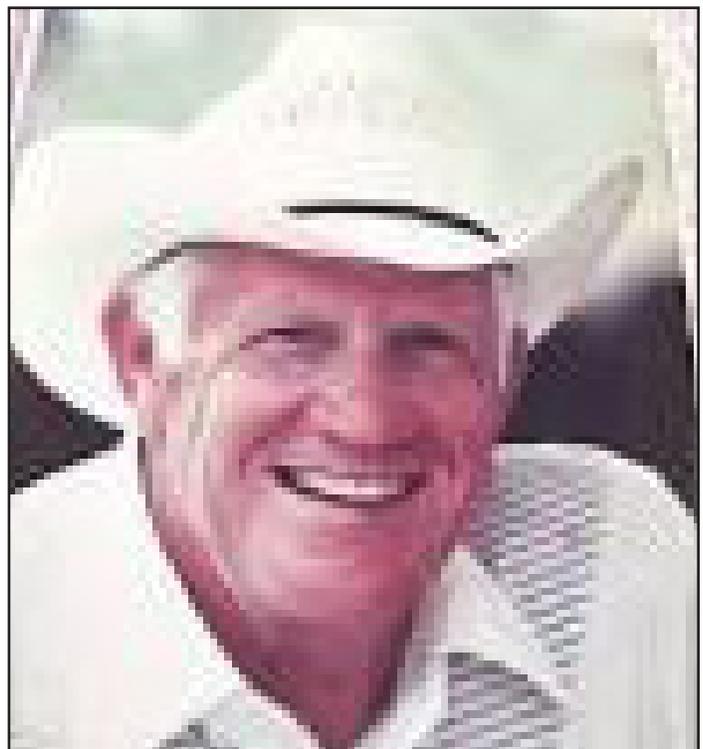
**H. Lawrence Parker '44** passed away October 21, 2015 after a long battle with cancer. He was surrounded by family at his home in Hobe Sound, Fla.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps days after graduation.

**Pfc. Parker** served during World War II aboard the USS Atlanta, part of the Third Fleet in the Pacific Theater, and was among those participating in the first landing of American troops in Japan at the Yokosuka Naval Station in Tokyo Bay in late August 1945. The honor of serving as a Marine was as strong



*Dr. Willem Malkus '40*



*H. Lawrence Parker '44*

for **Larry** at the end of his life as it was in 1944. He earned a bachelor's degree and a varsity letter in swimming from Yale University, then immediately went to work for Morgan Stanley & Co. in 1950. He rapidly distinguished himself for diligence and for cultivating trusting and close relationships with clients, and in 1959 became the company's youngest general partner ever. Over the years he managed key accounts such as GMAC, The World Bank, and Weyerhaeuser, and was chairman of Morgan Stanley Canada Ltd. from 1979 to 1983. He was president of the Investment Bankers Association of America in 1969-70, and retired from Morgan Stanley as a managing director in 1983.

**James Cooke Noice '45**, born in Paterson, N.J. on October 19, 1926 passed away March 30, 2014. A graduate of Colby College, ME, he received the Presidential Citation during World War II, and retired as a Lt. Sr. Grade in the US Navy. In 1952, he became a financial adviser with Smith Barney, NY stock exchange in Orlando, Fl.

Following 10 years as VP/ Mgr. he retired as VP in the Winter Park office. **Mr. Noice** served as President of the Orlando Stock & Bond club; the Pelican Assn.; and developer of 100 ocean front condos, New Smyrna Beach; and the University Singles Club, Orlando.

**David S. Buzzell '46**, of Winchester, NH, died December 22, 2015. He passed peacefully with his family near. **David** was born on October 28, 1932 in Newport, VT. He was an Army brat, so with his father's transfers he attended schools in various places. Soon after high school, **David** enlisted in the U.S. Army following his father's footsteps. He served during the Korean War as a Tank Gunner with the 6th Tank Bn. in Korea. He was the recipient of the Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. **David** was honorably discharged on February 21, 1955 at the rank of Sgt. First Class. After the service he went back to school and earned his Associate's Degree in Business Manage-

ment from Dean College in Franklin, MA. On June 6, 1981 he exchanged vows with Gloria H. Reuter. The **Buzzells** were married for 34 years. **David** worked for Sun & Surf Container Co. in Shallotte, NC for 25 years before retiring in 2006. He was a man of faith and attended services with the Episcopal Church. He had a passion for photography and tinkering with electronics, lovingly known as "Mr. Gadget." **David** was a member of the Executives Club in Wilmington NC, and time was also spent doing things within the community as a member of the Lions Club, the American Legion, the Elks, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

**James Taylor Wetherald '47**, age 86 of Bristol, RI, died August 2, 2016 at Brookdale Sakonnet Bay Healthcare Center, in Tiverton, Rhode Island, surrounded by his loving family. He was the husband of the late Justine (Power) Wetherald, his wife of 35 years. Mr. Wetherald was born in Cannes, France and raised in Marblehead, MA. **Jim** served in the US Coast Guard during the Korean Conflict. His entire pro-

fessional life was spent in the Marine Industry working for such notable companies as Hinckley Yachts, Westerbeke Diesel and Triton Marine Insurance. He held a lifelong passion for yachting and the sea, living aboard his boats *Batia*, *Wish Stream* and two *Star Streams* for 40 years. A resident of Newport and Narragansett Bay for over 20 years, he previously resided in Marblehead and around the North Shore of Massachusetts. He was a member of the Cruising Club of America and the Ocean Cruising Club.

**Royal Donald Smith '47** passed away in April of 2014. He lived with his wife, Linda, in San Jose, CA.

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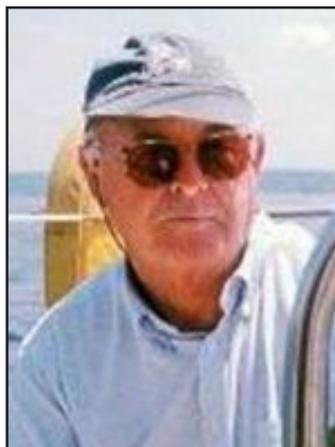
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**Edward Millington Stout III '54** wrote in May. "Fol-



James Cooke Noice '45



James Taylor Wetherald '47



Edward Millington Stout III '54



Andy Olmsted '52



lowing graduation I served in the Army - Air Force Motion Picture Corps during the Korean war. After that obligation I entered the pipe organ maintenance and restoration vocation. I established my successful firm in 1958. During the next fifty-eight years I was responsible for the care of northern California's finest pipe organs, and held a staff position at San Francisco's famed Grace Cathedral, where I was Curator of Muscial Instruments for forty-two years. I now live in Rocklin, CA, six doors away from my business partner and his wife. At the age of eighty-two, I am consulting on pipe organ projects throughout the world. Best regards and my thanks for the treasured years at Hoosac with good pals and Fr. Wood."

**Frank** was in contact with **Andy Olmsted '52** recently. He says, "Andy is preparing to hibernate for the winter, still resting on his laurels as being named the school's "best athlete" some 60 plus years ago. As for me, after having owned seven airplanes and at least as many boats, I now own a 2005 Winnebago Voyage that will be our 'home away from home' for several months after the 1st of the year. Winter isn't as much fun as it used to be!" *Check out an article by Andy Olmsted on our website under the Alumni Owlets.*

**Frank** also says, "I heard from **Martin "Kerry" Payne '53** last night - actually at 4 am. He's in Germany, having visited his son and daughter-in-law in The Hague. His daughter-in-law is a heavy weight with Royal

Dutch Shell. His daughter's husband is ex-military with a good job in Germany. He then will travel on to visit friends in Paris before returning home. He called thinking only to leave a message but waking me instead, and then he beat me up for not using Skype or Snapchat. I pride myself on seldom wearing a watch! As for his cancer treatment, he's on a new medication and certainly sounds like he's doing very well." **Kerry** lives in Langley, WA.

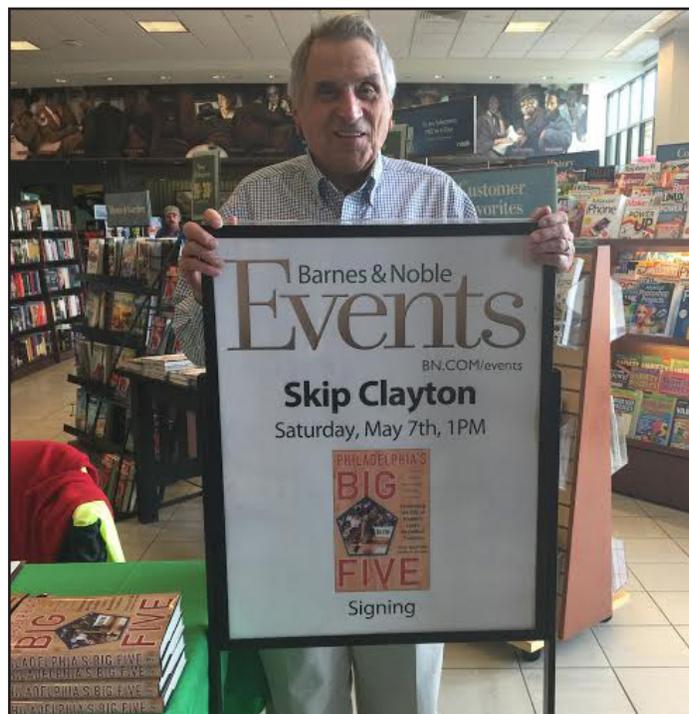
**'55-'56 Class Agent, Charles Rexford '60**, P.O. Box 697, Alexandria Bay, NY 13607

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

In May **Douglas Pell '58** and his wife, Sheila, visited campus after attending a wedding in the area. The **Pells** are from Los Angeles, CA.

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

**George P. Clayton II (Skip)** wrote in May. He says, "I had a book signing on my *Big Five* book at the Barnes & Noble book store in Plymouth Meeting, right outside Philadelphia." **Skip** also called in October to say he's busy writing another book which will be out in 2017 entitled, "*So You Think You're a Philadelphia Eagles Fan (Stars, Stats, Records, And Memories For True Diehards)*"



George P. (Skip) Clayton II '59 at his book signing

**'60 Class Agent, The Rev. Dr. Timothy Parsons**, 12 Oak Ave., Norway, ME 04268. Email: [timothyprns@yahoo.com](mailto:timothyprns@yahoo.com)

As can be seen on page 14, classmates from the 60s gathered on campus in July.

**Roger Amidon** passed away in May at age 73 after a long battle with COPD. He resided with this wife, Nancy, in Hopewell, NJ. An electronics engineer and computer programmer, **Roger** began his career by creating innovative software and hardware for the developing personal computer industry, from its earliest "hobbyist" days in the 1970s.

Both an innovator and entrepreneur, he helped found several early personal computer companies. **Roger** will be remembered for his contributions to the first multiplexing LCD display, the first personal computer software development tools,

the TPM operating system, and Zapple, a diagnostic tool for the Z-80 chip that worked at the machine level. As the chief engineer of Rising Star Industries, a fierce competitor to Microsoft in the early days of home computing, he shepherded the development of the Epson QX-10 personal home computer, providing a true WYSIWYG environment for the user, and introducing the concept of integrated office software that predated Microsoft's "Office Suite." Later, he would go on to create his own business, the DX Computer Company, and got caught up in the booming game industry. He was the primary programmer on many games for the Game Boy entertainment system including, "Turn and Burn," "Home Alone 2," and the first handheld "Star Trek: The Next Generation" game. **Roger** was also a well-known amateur radio enthusiast from a very young age.

He was a storyteller and a dreamer who loved his wife, children, and grandchild immensely.

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**Ted's** wife, Jeannie, passed away in September after a courageous two-year battle with brain cancer. Jeannie was 63. An obituary can be read in the Virginia Gazette.

**John Elliot Joslin '64** lives in Charlotte, NC. He is a Sr. Consultant at Talisma Fundraising. **John** attended UMass, Amherst after Hoosac.

**'65 Class Agent, Needed.**

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**Dr. Clive Bridgham '68** is a chiropractor who specializes in sports medicine. In August he had the opportunity to be in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, working as a treating chiropractic sports medicine physician in the athletes village at the Summer Olympics. You can read Clive's article on page 15.

**'69-'70 Class Agents, Needed.**

**Geoffrey Stevens '70** wrote in April in response to a school email blast he received about Earth Day "I was there for the first Earth Day, never knowing it would blossom into such

a big deal. The school got together and we did a big clean-up, and an extended work program on campus, and picking up trash and litter all the way down the ravine south and up to Route 7/22."

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**'72 Class Agent, David Hoy**, 2-101st St., Stone Harbor, NJ 08247

**Tim Campbell** wrote in May, "I am now semi-retired living in Carlsbad, CA. I enjoy hearing updates from my class of '72, and seeing pictures of those who make it to Hoosac. Sounds like things are good in the Valley of the Owl these days." **Tim's** email is [spriggs1@roadrunner.com](mailto:spriggs1@roadrunner.com).

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**Al Meyer** wrote in October. He says, "My daughter, Anna, graduated from Bay Path University in May 2016 with a 3.72 GPA, Magna Cum Laude, and with a B.S. in Criminal Justice. She has started at the Campus Police Academy in Springfield, MA." **Al** lives in Millbrook, NY.

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**William Hale** visited Hoosac on his way to New Mexico from Maine. **Bill** is living in Albuquerque now and works at Canyon Club, a golf/country club near his home.

**'79 Class Agent, Needed.**



John Elliot Joslin '64



Dr. Clive W. Bridgham '68



Al Meyer '74



Jeremy Mordkoff '79



**Jeremy Mordkoff** of Pepperell, MA is Director Engineering Services at RIFT.io in the greater Boston area. He is also the webmaster for Over-the-Hill Soccer League in a volunteer capacity. "I have been a division director, registrar, president, and treasurer. We have 256 teams and 5600+ players, which makes us one of the biggest amateur sports organizations in the world. We also send teams to the US open cup and USASA veterans cup."

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**Victoria Ann Maffett Campbell (Tori)** died May 28, 2016 after a battle with cancer. She was 46. While at Hoosac she played soccer and softball. When she was 21, she was involved in a devastating quad accident that left her paralyzed from the chest down. She always said that the accident redirected and reshaped her life. Following months in a rehab center, she moved to Pittsburgh, obtained a degree in social work from Geneva College, married fellow Hoosac alum, **David Campbell '88**, and had a son, Brodie Ashton Campbell, now 14.

**'89 Class Agent, Janet Stiegman Fellows**, 2360 Brace Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424. 716-394-7211. Email: [janetjfellows@yahoo.com](mailto:janetjfellows@yahoo.com)

With great sadness **Janet** reported to Hoosac that classmate, **David Hicks** died August 25, 2016. **David** struggled with depression. He leaves behind his wife, Jennifer, and two children. There was a GoFundMe site to help **David's** family. <https://www.gofundme.com/28prwtwk>. A memorial was held on Oct. 2 in Wilmette, IL.

**'90 Class Agent, Kevin A. Backus**, 23323 Liberty St., St. Clair Shores, MI 48080. Email: [captkevin@mr-muskiecharters.com](mailto:captkevin@mr-muskiecharters.com)

**Oman Frame** has co-authored a book, *Let's Get Real - Exploring Race, Class, and Gender Identities in the Classroom*, with fellow teacher, Martha Caldwell. They teach at the Paideia School in Atlanta, GA., and are co-founders of iChange Collaborative ([www.ichangecollaborative.com](http://www.ichangecollaborative.com)), where they train teachers and students in inclusion education, cultural competency, social emotional learning, and ethical leadership.

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

**Dustin Bowman** is an attorney in New York City focusing on Family Law, Real Estate and Real Estate Litigation. His website is [www.lawbowman.com](http://www.lawbowman.com).

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

**Amy Sagalkin** married Keith Zukowski May 22, 2016 in Baltimore, MD.

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

**Justin Smithers** wrote on Hoosac's Facebook in July, "One of the best places I've spent four years. The education and social experience at Hoosac was, at the time, the best thing for me, and the faculty that I was taught by were second to none."

**'94 Class Agent, Jaime Campbell Hudak**, 358 Broadway, Ste. 201, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Email - [jchudak@criterioninc.com](mailto:jchudak@criterioninc.com)



Victoria Maffett Campbell '88



David Hicks '89



Oman Frame '90

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

**Sarah Perry McClelland** says, "I am currently working with a designer and will be publishing a series of five kids' science books over this next year. I have a LEGO book which was out at the end of May." **Sarah** and her husband, **Brian**, live with their son, **Liam**, in East Longmeadow, MA.

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

**Dong-Wook Ahn** lives in Seoul, Korea. He is at SK Networks on the HR development team. He and his wife, **Ayaka**, had a baby in 2015.

**'98 Class Agent, Jeff Urquhart**, P.O. Box 926, Wolfeboro Falls, NH 03896. Email: [yugecin79@gmail.com](mailto:yugecin79@gmail.com)

**Justin Patterson** is the Front of House Manager at Fogo de Chao in the Atlanta area. **Justin** has been in the

restaurant business for 15 years and says, "The food and beverage industry is my passion. I have been with the same company 11 years now which I believe says a lot about me and my work ethic."

**'99 Class Agent, Kelly Price-Bayliffe**, 4092 Ashton Club Dr., Lake Wales, FL 33859 Email: [info@tastour.co.uk](mailto:info@tastour.co.uk)

**Alexis Leonard** is an Adjunct Professor at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in the Asheville, NC area. **Alexis** taught at Hoosac in 2004.

**'00 Class Agent, Christine Donovan Dobson**, Email: [ilovegroms@yahoo.com](mailto:ilovegroms@yahoo.com)

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

**Kyra Climbingbear** has been admitted to the class of 2019 at Arizona State University's Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law.

**Charles Tannenbaum** and his wife, **Jacqueline**, visited Paris in September. They live in New York City.

**'02 Class Agent, Lea Taubinger**, 416 Ocean Ave. #3 Melbourne Beach, FL 32901. Email:

[lea\\_taubinger@hotmail.com](mailto:lea_taubinger@hotmail.com)

**Brian Kelly** was officially sworn in as a new Livingston, NJ police officer on Monday, Aug. 8.

**Geoff Mancuso** and his wife, **Amy**, live in Norwood, MA with their two children. **Geoff** is the bartender/manager at The Cottage Chestnut Hill.

**'03 Class Agent, Needed. Lauren Ehrlich** married **Blade Hovekamp** in July 2016 and honeymooned in Jamaica.

**'04 Class Agent, Whitney Kelly**, P.O. Box 9, Hoosick, NY 12089 Email: [whitneyvkv5985@aol.com](mailto:whitneyvkv5985@aol.com)

**Sam Mahar** married **Christy Lee** in October. They live in Santa Barbara, CA. **Sam** works for Fast Spring, a software company.

**'05 Class Agent, Laurel Del Rosario**, 193 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090. Email: [laureldelro2@hotmail.com](mailto:laureldelro2@hotmail.com)

**Jeremy Wilson**, a freelance illustrator, had a new *Titan* comic book cover hit the newsstands in November. **Jeremy** lives in Richmond, VA.

**'06 Class Agent, Amanda Fleming**, 2514

London St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Email: [amandamary.fleming@gmail.com](mailto:amandamary.fleming@gmail.com)

**Amanda** sends greetings from the west coast.

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

**Jacqui (Hoi Ying) Law** got engaged to **Gorian Maley** in August.

**Colin O'Rourke** and his wife, **Kim**, were married August 27, 2016. They live in Trenton, Ontario. **Colin** studied aeronautical engineering at Royal Military College of Canada. He is an aerospace engineer at Canadian Forces.

**Keaton Smith** and his wife, **Rebecca**, welcomed baby girl, **Eden**, in January. They live in Woodbridge, Ontario, Canada.

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

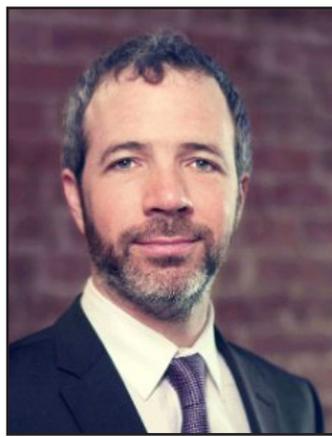
**Gary Marin '09** is in Norwalk, CT where he is a National Account Executive for HR360, Inc.

**Palmer Johnson '08** is a Sales Development Representative at PEX in New York City.

**Lorne Miller '09** married



Amy (Sagalkin '92) & Keith Zukowski



Dustin Bowman '91



Dong-Wook Ahn '97 & family



Kyra Climbingbear '01

Megan Saleh in Montreal, Canada, in September 2016. **Lorne** studied at the University of Southern Maine after Hoosac.

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

**'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](mailto:pj_ryde@hotmail.com)

**Adesewa Egunsola** graduated in May from Lafayette College. She says, "It's time to start a new chapter at Villanova Law."

**William Sims** started SUNY Plattsburgh this fall.

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

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

Charlotte Rush Hockey Captain **Nikita Smirnov**, Hoosac class of 2015, earned an NCAA Division III Commitment. Nikita has committed to Division III Aurora University. He finished out the 2016 season with 45 points in 43 games, and was the team's leading scorer.

"We could not be more proud of **Nikita**. He worked extremely hard for this opportunity. He was a leader on and off the ice and Aurora is getting a complete player." -Coach Ryan Cruthers on **Smirnov**.

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

Our newest class agent, **Julia**, is off to Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, PA and doing great!

**Damian Figueira's** dad wrote in October. "**Damian** is playing JR A hockey in Elliot Lake. His yearbook came in and we had a great time looking back at his time at Hoosac!"



*Brian Kelly '02 is sworn in as a New Jersey police officer.*



*Lauren Ehrlich '03 and her husband Blade Hovekamp.*



*Geoff Mancuso '02 and his family.*



*Amanda Fleming '06*



*Sam Mahar '04 and his wife, Christy.*



*Colin and Kim O'Rourke '07*



*Charles & Jacqueline Tannenbaum '01*



*Jeremy Wilson '05*



*Lorne and Megan Miller '09*



*Adesewa Egunsola '12*



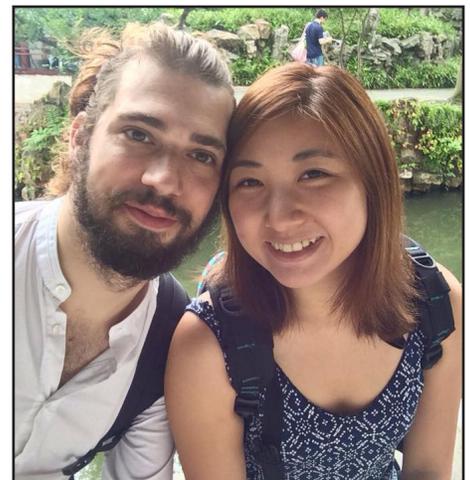
*Nikita Smirnov '15*



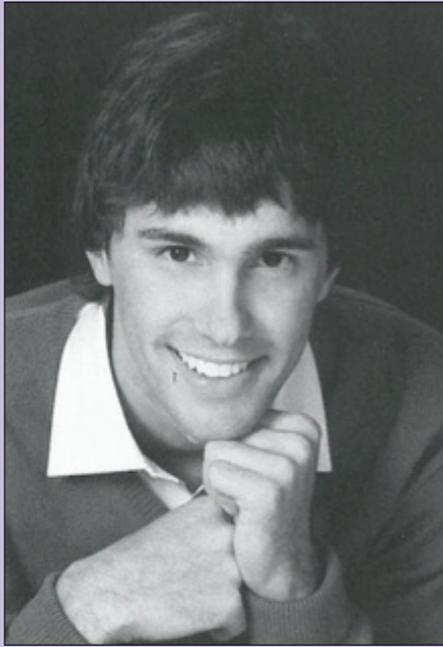
*Keaton ('07) & Rebecca Smith with Eden*



*Will Sims '12*



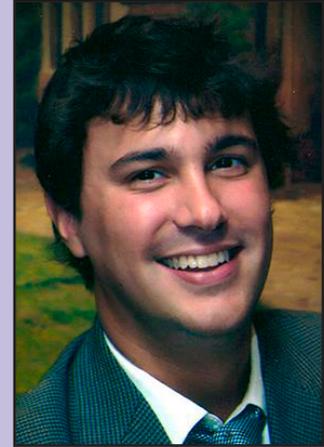
*Jacqui Law '07 and Gorian Maley*



Joe Opperwall '05

**Joseph Galien Opperwall, 29**, a Grosse Pointe Park, MI resident, and member of Hoosac's class of 2005, died suddenly and unexpectedly on Oct. 21, 2016. He attended the University of Michigan Dearborn and College for Creative Studies. He was a self-employed interior designer in the Grosse Pointe area. Joe had far-ranging interests. He enjoyed world travel, designing and building things, craft beer, and automobiles, among others. He was a member of the Detroit Racquet Club. He had a special appreciation for art and architecture, and an unusual eye for color and design. He was a very social person, with countless friends around the world. In addition to his parents, Theodore Opperwall and Kristine Galien, Joe is survived by his fiancée, Rachel Enright; brother, Daniel G. Op-

perwall (Eleni); niece (Patricia); two nephews (Theodore and Joseph); and grandmother, Jean Galien.



## Mini 60s Reunion

In July Hoosac welcomed alumni from 1960 back to visit the campus for a mini-reunion. The classmates toured the campus and shared memories, visiting their dorm rooms, and checked out changes to the campus. We love having Hoosac family members stop by! Left to right: Russ Reeder '60, Tim Parsons '60, Paul Rodia '58, Norm Bohn '60, and Bill Areson '60. The classmates traveled from New York City, Maine, Connecticut, Vermont, and Hong Kong respectively. They checked out the school store, their old rooms in Tibbits Mansion, and saw yearbooks and photos in our library.

Bottom: Norm Bohn. Right, bottom: Tim Parsons, Russ Reeder, and Bill Areson.



# The Rio 2016 Polyclinic- An Athlete-Centered Experience in the Olympic Village

by Dr. Clive Bridgham '68

At first it was like being a mouse in a huge maze of corridors, offices, entries, and exits - not to mention protocols. It quickly became an athlete-centered, check-your-ego-at-the-door experience. Being a member of the sports medicine team for Rio 2016 Olympic Games in the Polyclinic of the Olympic Village (OLV) was a superb experience which was built on the efforts of many chiropractic sports physicians over many decades.

Arriving on my first assignment day was a transportation maze. I was living with friends in Logoa, where the rowing and kayak events took place. I opted to take a taxi as I had no idea of the public transportation logistics of walking to buses, which took you to subways, which took you to more busses and more walking. My taxi arrived 15 minutes late and the driver really didn't know where the Olympic Village was located. After 50 minutes we found an entrance to the OLV. The guards wouldn't let the taxi into the restricted area. We were stopped with a huge bus honking behind us. I got out of the taxi and fortunately, one of the guards spoke enough English and let me get on the bus, which was authorized to go into the outer perimeter of the village. I walked toward some volunteers and asked how to get to the Polyclinic. Passing through security with credential check, metal detector, and x-ray examination of my official volunteer carry bag, they pointed me in the right direction. After a fast walk/jog, I ended up where I needed to be.

On arrival at the Polyclinic we had our meeting of the physical therapies team of physios, chiros, and osteos, introductions all around, and then toured the clinic which included many specialties: dentistry, ophthalmology, emergency room, orthopedic sports medicine, podiatry, osteopathy, massage therapy, and of course, chiropractic.

The complex also included two state-of-the-art MRIs, one digital x-ray, a



*Dr. Bridgham served over a three week period from July 29th until August 11.*

cryo pool room, a rehab room with an antigravity treadmill, conference rooms, storage rooms, IT rooms, break areas, and reception.

There was a room for orthotics and support braces for ankles to shoulders, a chiropractic table room, an osteopathic table room, and our main area for physical medicine - the physio room with 12 treatment tables and state-of-the-art physio machines for ultrasound, ems, laser, cryo/compression, and hot moist packs. There was also a Swiss machine for intense pulsed ultrasound. The one exception was that no acupuncture was allowed in the clinic. The physios were allowed to perform mobilization but only the chiros and osteopaths were allowed to perform manipulation.

During the first few days, the early morning hours were relatively quiet with only an easy flow of returning athletes, so it was "watch and learn and figure out" what specialty we each were since we were all dressed the same, and our credentials made no differentiation as to our degrees. It was an adaptive process on all sides, learning the subspecialties of each provider. Watching the team develop understanding and work together was a great experience. The chiropractic team provided treatment to all athletes requesting their services, from any country's team, in any sport. We saw a wide variety of treatment needs, with many athletes being referred to us for neck, low back, and extremity conditions. It was great being able

to make a difference in these athletes' lives. We helped them achieve their goals by getting them back into play after an injury, or helping them perform at their optimum level by making sure that their bodies were functioning at 100%.

Our teams were divided into two shifts. On my first day there were only about 2,500 people housed in the OLV, but by midway through my rotation the OLV swelled to at least 11,000 occupants. Athletes, accompanied by their team doctor or team physio, were allowed direct access and could either work with us or independently.

I found many team physios and some team MDs were very interested in referring and watching chiropractic services. Pleased athletes spread the word about the clinic and soon the volume increased exponentially. Once the athlete was in the physio treatment area interdisciplinary referrals were allowed and encouraged, providing the athletes with a world-class experience. My first day shift ended at 3pm with a debriefing and a team Rio cheer.

It is amazing what happens when you have a dedicated team of professionals who are athlete centered treating the finest athletes in the world. This has been a dream for my entire chiropractic career, and was 30 years in the making. It is the highest level of sport, and a total honor to be a part of the sports medicine staff. It was truly a world-class experience, well worth the time to learn how to navigate the maze.

## Advanced Placement Program

Thirty-three students are currently taking Advanced Placement (AP) classes here at Hoosac.

Half of those students are enrolled in two or three AP courses, the total enrollment in AP classes equaling 55. Each AP course is year-long and must be approved by the College Board, which also provides the AP exams. Hoosac has seven AP courses this year: AP English Language and Composition, AP United States History, AP Physics, AP Biology, AP Chemistry, AP Calculus-AB, and AP Art. These courses offer students a taste of college-level work. Students who sit for the AP exam or, in the case of AP Art, submit a portfolio, may qualify to earn college credit.

To pull just a tidbit from each course description, students in AP English classes must complete copious amounts of reading and writing, develop evidence-based analytic and argumentative essays, and read and analyze rhetorical elements. In History students examine social, economic, and political history of the United States, including decisions by the Supreme Court. AP Physics students engage in inquiry-based investigations; and in AP Biology, extensive laboratory work and problem solving. In AP Chemistry the focus is on a concept known as “Big Ideas” in the study of matter and changes in matter, and for the advanced math student – AP Calculus.



*Class with Dean of Students,  
Kevin Robichaud*

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## Peer Tutoring

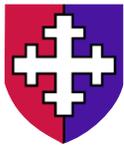


*Faculty member, Aimee Beaudette with students, Yalena Akkus '19 and  
Jordan Salzano '20*

Peer-tutoring has long been part of Hoosac’s philosophy of helping others and always hopes for a leader to emerge to carry the torch. This Fall, Emily Levin '17 has organized the peer-tutoring schedule. Thus far, nine upper classmen have volunteered to help tutor other students each weekday evening in the John Gane Library. Says Emily, “Basically I noticed that a lot of the girls were struggling with Algebra 2 and I was trying to help a few, but there were too many who needed help understanding the material. That sparked this idea about peer-tutoring, so everyday there will be multiple tutors, and most of them are comfortable tutoring in multiple classes such as chemistry, math classes, history, and English.”

## Hoosac Helps

The Hoosac Gives Back Charity Committee, founded in 2014 by Hoosac student Min Du '15, is still working to raise funds to give to people in need in the greater community. Leadership was continued last year by Julia Kopala '16 and the torch was passed this year to Yuqiao (Jocelyn) Li '17. The committee has already completed two fund drives and raised \$385 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS) and \$100 for breast cancer. During the month of November they started a food drive and on November 16 all the food donated was taken to the local Hoosick Falls Food Pantry to prepare a Thanksgiving dinner. For December, the committee has planned a fundraiser for our own Yule Log, to support the community meal and costume repairs. Looking ahead to January, Jocelyn says that the very popular auction will be run again and those proceeds will go to Heifer International.



*Jocelyn works with staff member, Pam Kopala*

## Owl Rescue!

Students Tyler Grill '18, Will Daniel '17, and Will Belec '17 were leaving the gym to go back to their dorms. "We saw an injured owl that was still alive. It seemed badly hurt so we went to find a box and blankets to put it in. Mr. Foster said to keep it safe for the night, so I took it back to my room. I tried feeding it but it was not hungry," said Tyler. This barred owl was taken to Mr. Foster's office in the morning and transported to the Berkshire Bird Paradise Sanctuary in nearby Grafton. The Sanctuary will make sure our owl is healthy and eating before releasing him back into the wild. The barred owl is Hoosac's mascot.



## Hoosac Helps - New Skete Service Dog Training

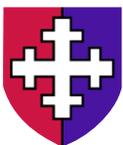
Ms. Federova volunteered to take interested Hoosac students to help out at the New Skete Monastery in nearby Cambridge, NY, where Br. Christopher (Monk, Professional Trainer) runs a dog training program. Our students' job was to handle and play with the pups as they mature to nurture a good canine companion, and to keep data on each pup's reaction to certain handling or stimuli. This data will be used by New Skete to help determine what line of service companion would be a good fit for that dog.



Students from left to right: Selin Oncul '19, Sara Cruise '18, and Oliver Crawford '17

“When we went to play with dogs for the first time, they were so small. They could barely open their eyes. We were supposed to touch their paws, give them a nice pat, put them in a basket, and see their reactions. On the second week we went, they were a lot bigger than the first time. Most of them were more active and eager to play. We took each of them one by one, petted them, held them up, etc. The most important thing we needed to do differently than the first week was to put them on the floor and see if they were trying to walk. Most of them tried to walk while the others tried to hide under our arms so as not to be cold. This time they were able to jump out of the basket. At the times we spent there, I actually saw how happy they were to see people coming to play with them. I am so glad that I had the chance to go and play with those puppies.”

- Selin Oncul '19



### *Volunteering is a privilege.*

*“Coming to the United States has helped me to appreciate the value of volunteering. While I had engaged in different volunteering programs before, I now know that volunteering is not an obligation, but rather a privilege as I also benefit tremendously. In fact, the Community Service and Outreach Program at Hoosac has been very meaningful.*

*However, the Shareground activities, a non-profit organization in Korea, has helped me realize my efforts can make a difference globally.*

*For example, the funds were used to help the victims of the earthquake in Nepal, and this year for NGOs working in the environmental protection field. Through this, I realized that the ‘Butterfly Effect’ does exist, and my actions or inactions can either have positive or negative effects.”*

*Seung Jun (Eric) Pai '17*

## Friday Night Speakers & Shows

Hoosac students learn in a fun way at the Friday night lectures and special events, a long-time tradition at Hoosac School. Friday night dinners are made distinct by white tablecloths, attended in dinner dress, and filled with the anticipation of something different - a speaker, activity, or performance. On the first Friday night, the story was told of the age-old Antonian/Graftonian challenge and the part the nearby hills played in naming the two opposing teams of Hoosac students. Each new student reached into the big kettle to pluck out a ball telling whether they would wear red or purple now and forever more. And so a lesson in local geography and Hoosac history was learned.

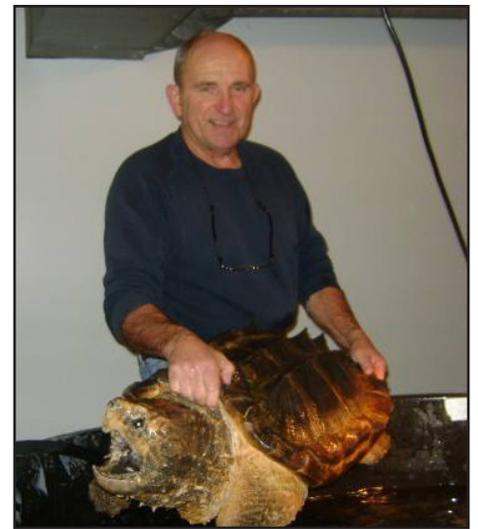
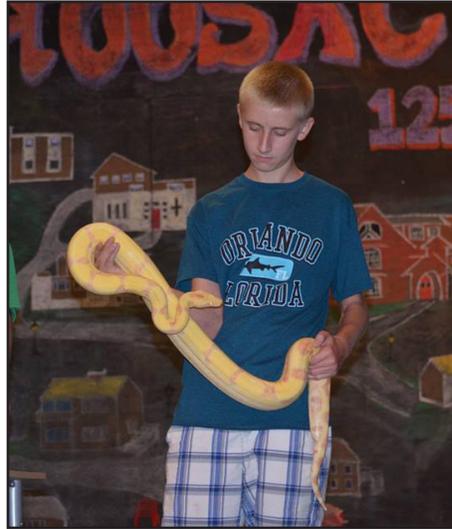
Next came Rhonda's Reptiles, a Friday night favorite each year where students learn from an expert about reptilian creatures and can see and touch Rhonda's snakes and lizards.

Two Friday nights showcased Hoosac's own with the Prefect Induction and Talent Show on Parent's Weekend and a repeat of the Talent Show for the Trustees the following week.

Friday night speakers this Fall also included conservation specialist, Howard Romack, a graduate of Cornell University and NYU, and teacher of Biology and Life Sciences for many years. Committed to cross-disciplinary approaches to connect education with real-world experience, Mr. Romack is widely recognized as a conservation educator, presenter and writer. With the assistance of "Crunch," the turtle, Mr. Romack was able to capture everyone's attention and present the significance of studying natural science and the importance of environmental conservation and preserving natural resources.

Our most recent Friday night lecturer was UConn & WNBA Standout, Bria Hartley, who ran a two-day clinic working with our student athletes. Athletic Director Mike Ryan said "She gave them some nice tips to improve their games, as well as life lessons on how to become successful with a positive

attitude." Ms. Hartley was a two-time NCAA Champion as a member of the UConn Huskies, and earned Big East Freshman of the Year and NCAA Final Four All Tournament Team honors. She currently plays guard for the Washington Mystics. -SCK



*Photos left and right: Left, students held snakes brought by Rhonda's Reptiles. Right, Mr. Romack introduced Crunch, an Alligator Snapping turtle who is nearly 50 years old, weighing 125 pounds. Crunch was captive bred in a facility in Alabama and will be moved to a captive breeding facility in Oklahoma where he will live out the rest of his life with many "friends" to the age of 100+ years.*



*Students met Bria Hartley, a WNBA stand-out (7th from left in photo)*

## After Class Fun



### *There Will Be Laughter*

*While I may not be a famous comedian, I think I do bring laughter and joy to people around me. This may be because of my words or actions or sometimes people may be making fun of me, but what I believe is that if I can bring laughter, I will. There is an old Korean saying, "You cannot spit on someone who is smiling." In the past, I questioned this tradition, but now I know what it means. When you laugh, or when you make people laugh, you are not necessarily being mocked. Also, you are not being looked down upon. It simply helps people to become more comfortable and open up. Therefore, I will make sure that when you are around me, there will be laughter.*

*Seung Jun (Eric) Pai '17*



This page features the many faces of students enjoying activities outside the classroom. Whether visiting the local apple barn, picking and carving pumpkins, playing in a talent show, or visiting the animal shelter, Hoosac students fill their time with many interesting activities.



# Fall Sports Recap

by Mike Ryan, Athletic Director

Fall sports came to an end on Saturday, November 5th, as the last two teams played their final games. The girls volleyball team ended their season on a high note with a win at home vs Storm King School, giving them a 500 final season record at 4 wins/4 losses. Coach Federova was very happy with the team's overall performance and how much the team grew.

The boys JV soccer team also played their final game at Marvelwood School, winning 7-4, giving them a final season record of 3 wins/5 losses and 1 tie. Coach Foster and Coach Ward both remarked about the strides the team took as at the end of the season they beat two teams that they had lost to in the beginning of the season.

Finishing up earlier in the week were the two Varsity soccer teams and the cross country team. The girls finished strong with a 5-3 win over the guest team Stoneleigh Burnham. The girls finished their season at 6 wins/4 losses and 1 tie. It marked the first time in the school's history that both the girls volleyball and girls soccer recorded 500 records or better in the same year. Coach Coen stated that the girls played some very exciting games this year with fast tempo play, providing lots of goals.

The boys wrapped up their season on the down side with a 2-1 loss at the Darrow School, putting their season record at 2-9-1. Coach Wassick said, "The boys played a nice controlling type of play all year

- we just had trouble finishing and couldn't put it in the net enough."

The Cross-Country team traveled to Winchendon School to run their final meet, losing to a strong Winchendon squad, and although the team didn't win many meets, according to Coach Beaudette, they had a lot of personal bests for many of the runners, which was nice to see.

The students moved on to Intramural sports of flag football, volleyball, and basketball. The Graftonians won the soccer and volleyball competitions that opened the season's first major Antonian/Graftonian events.



Athletic Director, Michael Ryan



J.V. Soccer



Cross Country

*Becoming a better person  
through sports*

*“I can say without a doubt that sports has been one of the most important parts of my life at Hoosac with my involvement in soccer, basketball, baseball, and track and field. In fact, when I first came to Hoosac, sports was my best friend as it helped me to erode the wall of fear and uncertainty as well as mingle with my peers. However, now, it is more than a friend. It is more than an important part of my life. Now, it is my mentor, teaching me valuable lessons that have guided me throughout my life and will continue to guide me.*

*Sports helped me to appreciate the importance of not only being a good winner but more importantly, being a good loser. I wanted to win, and sometimes I was tempted to bend the rules for my end. But, what I realized through sports is that it is not about winning but whether you have given all you have. Like my father once said, “Some days you will see the sun, and some days you will see rain.” Through sports I learned that winning and losing are all important parts of my life. I can now say with confidence that I am a sportsman – not because I will be receiving a scholarship to college or playing for a pro team, but because it has helped me to become a better person.*

*Seung Jun (Eric) Pai '17*



*The Girls Volleyball Team*



*Girls Soccer Team*

**You can follow Hoosac’s sports schedule on our website - [www.hoosac.org](http://www.hoosac.org) - under Athletics, and Teams & Schedules. Be sure to look for our upcoming Girls and Boys Varsity Hockey games, as well as Girls and Boys Basketball. Hoosac students will have a busy winter! Go Owls!**

# Trustee/Faculty Retreat October 21-22

by Sherri Craib Klein

Ten members of Hoosac School's Board of Trustees came to campus for a Trustee/Faculty Retreat weekend to interact with faculty, students, and parents. After a reception at Tibbits Hall, our trustees joined students and faculty for Friday night dinner. Each table was graced by one trustee, who enjoyed conversing with students. Each trustee had a set of questions to "research," and good conversation was shared throughout the meal. At dinner's end, the trustees moved to the head table to form a panel and the floor was opened for questions.

Chairman of the Board, Richard Lomuscio '90, began by explaining what a board is, what it does, and that the board members were here to provide policy guidance and to guide the future of the school. "The school has grown and become a better institution every year," he said. "The goal is to continue that growth and to set benchmarks for the future."

Our students heartily accepted the invitation to engage the Board, and posed questions on topics ranging from longstanding school traditions like the Yule Log, to more recent program additions such as the girls hockey team. The answers provided by the Trustees -- some of whom have been affiliated with the school for more than 50 years -- illustrated for the students that Hoosac's emphasis on bringing people from different backgrounds together in an educational community is not anything new.

On Sunday morning, trustees, faculty, and parent

Michelle Gocio worked together to address five areas: Professional Development, Curriculum, Physical Plant, Community Service, and Student Life. The focus was to arrive at achievable goals that would augment the educational experience at Hoosac during this academic year. Over 30 solid ideas were crafted: Course/curriculum maps; use of outside mentors; course integration; expanding community service to include activities in agricultural science, such as integrating with the Agricultural Stewardship Association, adding a Spring theatrical production; creating space improvements such as a music room and locker rooms; infra-red lighting for athletic equipment storage areas; art displays; and non-sports alternatives such as dance and art. The next step now is to prioritize and formulate a timeline to measure progress toward selected benchmarks.



Trustees Marbie Parshall Tarburton '88, Bill Parshall '59, and Rick Hartt



Board Chairman Richard Lomuscio '90



Jordan Salzano '20 asks a question

How Can You Help Hoosac reach the goals of the retreat?

When everyone helps a little, great things get done. The intention of this retreat/workshop was to see what is possible to do in this school year, now - short term tangible goals that build on all the good things Hoosac already has in place. Some of these items can be accomplished under ordinary school operations, but some need extra Annual Fund dollars or volunteer hours. How can you help? Every gift, every kind of gift, will help Hoosac reach these goals this year. Whether in dollars or talent or gifts in kind, every gift counts as we join hands together to make this year the very best for every student here.

Make your gift today! Visit our website - [www.hoosac.org](http://www.hoosac.org) - and see Giving to Hoosac under our Giving section.



*A direct result of the Trustee/Faculty Retreat "Community Service," parent volunteer Michelle Gocio and faculty volunteer Brett Heigl '09, spearheaded "Grow Wild" - gaining much student interest. Shown here, they dig in to harvest purple (Graftonian) potatoes that had been planted behind Tibbits Mansion.*



*Benjamin Viens '17 participates*

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## What is “GiveCampus?”

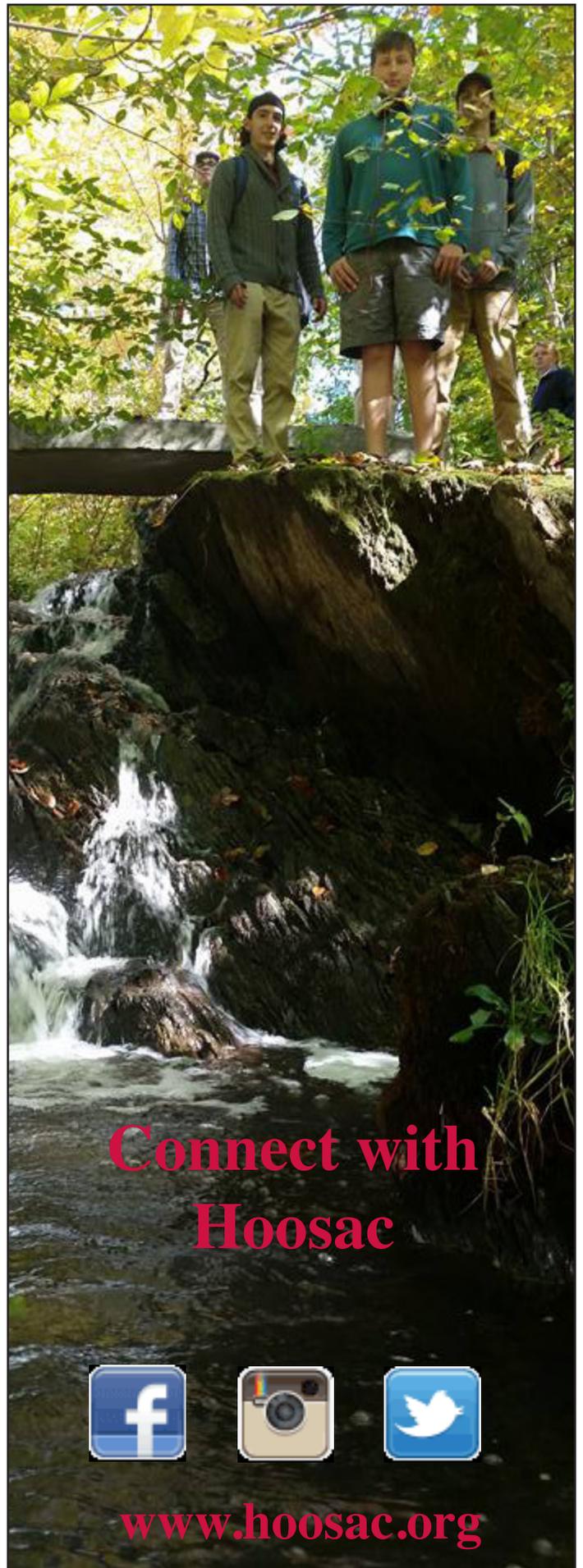
Simply said, “GiveCampus” is an online social fundraising and engagement platform that you can find on Hoosac’s Facebook page. School leaders have embraced the crowdfunding phenomenon, and are adding electronic fundraising tools such as GiveCampus. This opens the fundraising forum in a social way, and appeals to younger tech-savvy constituents who spend much of their time online.

By engaging a new generation of alums who communicate with social media, a new model emerges: the peer-to-peer snowball effect! By posting on social media that one has made a gift, others see it and are inspired to do the same. They can connect with each other right on the website, keep in touch, remind each other, and make quick and easy contributions.

It’s not just for the younger set! One 70-year-old remarked, “It’s not all generational, and more information can be available online than in a printed brochure, and – there is a sense of participating with others rather than in isolation. An extra benefit? Print off the receipt right away and file it with the tax papers.”

Schools rely on gifts of all sizes to enable scholarships, renovations, special activities, or programs. Perfectly said by the co-founder of GiveCampus, “The quality, the affordability, the accessibility of education in this country is heavily dependent on private philanthropic support” (*Washington Post*, April 2016).

Go to GiveCampus..... <https://www.givecampus.com/schools/HoosacSchool/2016-2017-annual-fund>



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**The One Hundred and Twenty-Fifth Annual  
Boar's Head and Yule Log Celebration**

*Hoosac's Boar's Head and Yule Log pageant is the longest running one in the country.*



Community Night ~ Thursday, December 15, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Alumni and Trustee Night ~ Friday, December 16 at 7:30 pm

Family Night ~ Saturday, December 17, 2016 at 7:30 pm

Space is limited ~ RSVP to 518.686.7331

## 125th Boar's Head & Yule Log

In a letter to alumni, Director of Advancement, Susan Schoeninger '94, recently wrote:

"This year marks 125 years of Yule Log at Hoosac School, and the students are brimming with excitement about this year's performances on December 15, 16, and 17, 2016.

Yule Log brings a time of year that bonds us as a school, and every alum has a memory of the campus during this magical time. Whether you begrudgingly trekked through snow and cold to get to Yule Log practice, secretly negotiated for the best costumes (girls, I know you hear me!), or were lucky enough to be tapped as the Jester and created mischief on campus with your court members - we all secretly loved the camaraderie Yule Log brings. It's one of the most talked about events at any alumni gathering, and memories of Yule Log experiences spark instant smiles within our Hoosac community. It is an experience unique to Hoosac and one that only our community can appreciate.

During a season that begs for reasons to be thankful, I am thankful this year to be a part of a school with long-

standing traditions that unite and bond our community. It is nostalgic times like these that I hope trigger your inner Owl and bring to mind your own Hoosac memories that remain near and dear to you.

Hoosac's Annual Fund helps support Yule Log performances year after year, as well as many other programs that encourage student growth and confidence both in

and out of the classroom.

In honor of 125 years of Yule Log, please consider showing your support by donating \$12.50, \$125, or \$1,250 using the enclosed envelope, or online at [www.hoosac.org/giving](http://www.hoosac.org/giving). It is your generosity that makes Hoosac possible!"



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