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A Message from Dean Foster, Headmaster

Although the pace at Hoosac is often quite hectic with everyone, students, faculty, and administration doing so much, I still find some time to contemplate Hoosac and how my family and I fit in to the fabric of our small school. Most recently, it was as I returned from a trip to Cape Cod to visit an alum. In the quiet confines of my car I thought about the growth of a child, one in particular, my son, who is in the IIIrd Form this year at Hoosac.

It is his first year as a student here at Hoosac, although he has known the campus since his birth 14 years ago. A first for him is also a first for me. I now have the opportunity to see Hoosac through the lens of a parent. Yes, I have been a dorm parent, coach, and teacher to many children over the years, and I took the duty of caring for them very seriously, but never have I had that familial bond of father and child.

I know Hoosac as well as anyone possibly could and yet there was a sense of angst, "will he like it, will he make friends, will he do well?" These are questions that I have answered with confidence when asked by parents for the last 25 years. I now found myself asking my faculty the same questions. To be completely honest, I was worried. My worry was for naught, my son is having a great experience, and he is growing faster than I could ever have expected, not just physically (teenage boys seem to outgrow clothes overnight), but intellectually and socially. The level of independence that Hoosac instills has allowed him to flourish.

I'm sure I have already spoken too much about him and I hope he doesn't get embarrassed by my public praise, but what I discovered in that moment of contemplation in the car was that Hoosac is just like our students. The school is continually improving and

developing. It's still the same Hoosac, but just like the students it does grow and change, for the positive. While that growth is not as sudden as a teenage boy's, it is just as inevitable.

Those close to the school: Trustees, alumni, past parents, faculty, staff, students, and current parents, who all love the school and are always hoping for the best possible outcome for Hoosac, can see that development taking place. In fact, this Hoosac Today is filled with stories of growth. Take time and enjoy this issue and also contemplate how you, like a parent, can help Hoosac continue to grow and prosper. There is so much happening, but there is also so much more that can be done. Be a part of the school and take pride in all the great progress that is being made.

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The Most Students. The Most Girls. The Most Countries. Ever.

Hoosac opened the 2018-2019 school year with 161 students, the most in school history! Hoosac has seen a significant increase in both applications and enrolled students over the previous three school years, especially with females - 46 enrolled this year. Opening Day marked the beginning of what will prove to be the most diverse school year since Hoosac's inception in 1889, bringing together students from 10 states and 31 different countries. For many, this will be the first time these students have been away from home. We are excited about this opportunity to embrace the various cultures, and delighted that each student will be able to call Hoosac their home away from home for the rest of their lives.

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FROM VISION TO FRUITION:



A rendering of the proposed Towne Hall dorm.

Help Build TOWNE HALL

As published here in 2014, a new dormitory for girls was in the long-term plan, a vision of the future. Female enrollment steadily increased. Staying

on course, Hoosac opened this year with 161 students, 46 of whom are girls. It is time to build. The architectural design and estimate is complete. The new dormitory will gain two faculty apartments, a common room, and 23 new beds, allowing the second floor of Tibbits to be renovated back into much-needed classrooms.

The task ahead is to raise the funds. The Hoosac Board of Trustees has contributed over \$220,000 to begin this important brick and mortar project. Please join them in order to complete this essential addition to Hoosac. With everyone's help, it can be accomplished.

Your gift to this cause will make a lasting difference to Hoosac girls of today and tomorrow. For details and to discuss your interest in giving to this project, please contact Hoosac School Headmaster Dean Foster, or Director of Advancement, Sherri Klein.



Above: (L. to R.): Melanie Harnett Hoffmann '88, Eric Crawford, Marbie Parshall Tarburton '88, Ben Ford '74, Abigail Towne Vietze, Lewis Pierce '68, Tom Wright '70, Neal Irwin '96, Susan Towne Schaefer, Richard Lomuscio, Allison Spitz-Perry, Dean Foster, Seton Ijams '75, and those wielding gold shovels and hard hats - Craig Kennedy, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Rich Lomuscio '90, and Ted Juraschek '64.



A New Dormitory For Our Girls



Maureen Thompson Phillips '73, the first female to graduate from Hoosac, signs the Big Red Book that Mrs. Towne always had at the ready for signatures of visitors and alums.

Maureen Thompson Phillips '73 wrote in the fall 2014 issue of Hoosac Today, "I want to keep informed as 'Towne Hall' becomes a real building, a girls' dorm. Mrs. Towne was very instrumental in incorporating girls at Hoosac. As much as I was that first girl, Mrs. Towne was a most inspirational mentor. She was always so good and kind to me. I hear all the stories of her expectations of people, students and teachers alike, keeping everyone's sights aimed at their highest potential.

I am truly humbled at her belief in and support of me. As I wrote in my 'remembrances' of her on Facebook, I will miss her handwriting on the card that arrived every birthday in my mail basket. She is indeed one of my own personal pillars.

She embodied that sense of 'formality and reverence' that Hoosac holds its students to. I believe so much of the delight I felt in reconnecting with fellow students, teachers, and my headmaster, Mr. Crosby, was seeing how that very 'formality and reverence' remains a strong fiber, holding us to Hoosac, and creating a bond that time cannot erase. May the stately tree planted in her memory and the proposed girl's dorm, 'Towne Hall,' keep her forever near and dear to Hoosac School."

A special need is to expand or build new dormitory space for girls. My wish is to see this happen and for Hoosac to continue to grow and thrive.

-Theodore Juraschek '64

Alexander "Sandy" Wright '74

We Will Not Pass This Way Again

Alexander "Sandy" Wright '74 journeyed this way in 1970. At the time, Ashton Crosby was Headmaster. At one juncture in 1972, they exchanged letters, Alex deciding to move on, making his point about educative constrictions, and Ashton assuring him of his talents and that he'd be welcomed back if he changed his mind. Dynamic, creative characters both, as time went on to prove. Perhaps the soft tones of acoustic guitar and folksongs pervaded the campus then?

Theater beckoned him. A young man with a belief in the theater as an agent of social change and a degree in fine arts from Carnegie Mellon University, he then moved to Los Angeles. There he directed and produced a wide variety of theatrical performances (yes, Shakespeare too!) and founded theater companies, including the Wallenboyd Theater. Music a lifelong companion, his first guitar at age 13, by the 1990s he produced albums and played at festivals throughout California with the Eight Hand String Band. Then drama, Shakespeare, and raising a family. Then, more music: 2Ton Bridge.

As an American folksinger and

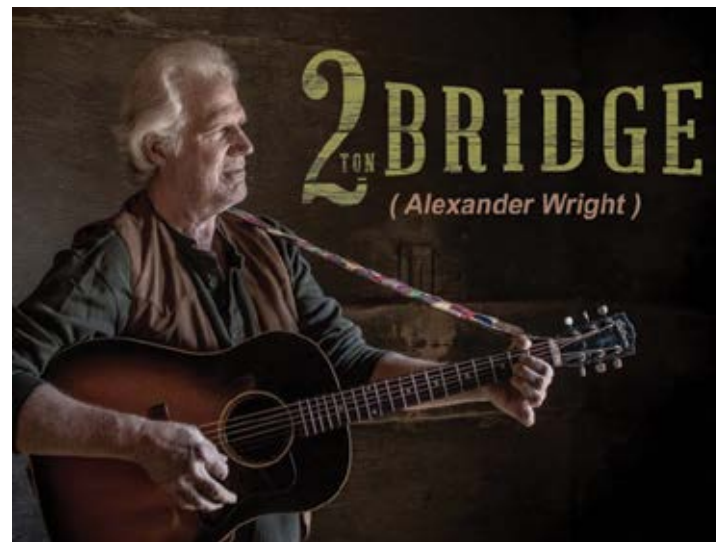
songwriter, Alex has said "When I was growin' up (and I use that term loosely), my heros were not the guys from the superman comics and Batman, but they were more from American mythology - Paul Bunyon creating the great lakes with his ox, John Henry beatin' down a rail road machine, Pecos Bill lassoing a tornado. American Mythology. Sometimes when I'm out in the garden, I hear a rhythm, a phrase, or a couple of words that just won't go away... turns into a song - "Parchman Prison Clay," "Waterman Town," yeah, we will not pass this way again. And that will sit with me, inside me, and becomes a song eventually." As a very young child on his grandfather's farm, Alex was immersed in the traditional sounds of an accordion and ukulele playing timeless tunes of justice, family, love, work, and death. "When music was in the house, all was right with the world." Years later, the album title 2Ton Bridge would personify the artist's life and philosophies, taking the name of the landmark that connected his childhood home to the main road.

Life experience is a powerful teacher.



As his story goes, Alex narrowly escaped death several times. He resolved, "I'm here for a reason. My work is to find that reason." And there came to be those he cared for deeply who faced serious malady. How could he help? His touch of guitar strings and vocal tenderness in songs like "Mary Says" brings you into that painting of human circumstance, standing there, in that song, connecting with that melodied story about life. "Mary Says" is a tribute to nurses and those who care for others. It softly sings of a caregiver who sees to the smallest comfort of one who is suffering, "...a shift here, a pillow there, a sip of water, a kind word, sometimes not a word, sensitive to the breaking of night's healing embrace. And then a farewell until, again, the day turns into night, turns into day... either way, any way, caring comes to those who listen, and see, and know, that life's road can be fraught with stumbling blocks, and falls, and catching one's breath, and taking time to regroup, and so many paths to understanding the frailty of our days here. The few hours we have, the many days we have, the multitude of experiences we look forward to over the years will never be enough time to say thank you. Thank you for caring." -SCK

Sources: <http://www.2tonbridge.com>
<http://soundcloud.com/alexander-wright-3/mary-says>



Alexander Wright, known as Sandy to his classmates, is an actor and a composer.
"Actually I would love to give a nod to Ashton. He cast me in several large roles as a 9th and 10th grader and was in a large way not only instrumental, but responsible for instilling a love of the theatre in me. He was the one who steered me to Carnegie Mellon as a Theatre Major. We did everything from Ionesco's 'The Lesson' - (just myself, Nick Samstag '72, and Ashton) to William Saroyan's 'The Time Of Your Life', and of course ... Father Christmas (with guitar) in the Boar's Head Yule Log. His energy and passion for the Theatre was infective and inspirational."
-Alex Wright '74

Every Drop Counts:

by Yuti Dalal '01

Yuti was Hoosac's graduation speaker in June 2018. This article is an excerpt from her speech.

Good morning class of 2018! I am honored to be here today, at my alma mater. We belong to the same generation of millennials – but we are still generations apart. When I began college, flip phones were the cool thing to have. Today not many exist. I would never have imagined then that the entire computer and more, would be in the palm of my hand. Technology has changed dramatically, but some lessons of life remain the same, and that's what I want to share with you – stories of my journey, the mistakes I made, with the hope to inspire you to make your own! Mistakes! I want each of you to have the opportunity to make countless mistakes! A motivational speaker aptly said "Mistakes are painful when they happen, but years later a collection of mistakes is what is called experience."

I came to Hoosac almost 20 years ago, from over 10,000km away in Mumbai. For me to go it was a really big deal – a girl going alone at only 16 years old. My parents were worried about my ability to survive by myself. But I really wanted to go to boarding school in the United States, so I did my research on the internet, found a few schools, connected with them, and within a few weeks I was booking my ticket to fly across the world to go to high school.

Coming to Hoosac... I survived it! I loved the boarding school life because it compelled me to become independent. I was taking decisions on my own, I was taking care of myself. It was a big leap for where I came from. This was the first decision I took for myself, and I learned that when you take tough decisions like this yourself, it becomes easier to accept them and live with them. My two years at Hoosac were the best two years of my life! I didn't make lifelong friendships, nor was it about what I learned or didn't. But it made me independent. Hoosac gave me the opportunity to fend for myself, to explore opportunities without limitations. It gave me the space to make mistakes and gain the experience which set the foundation for making me who I am today. With all confidence I can say that I am who I am because of the two years here at Hoosac. My time here molded me into a more well-rounded person. Taking decisions for yourself, making mistakes, and creating experiences for yourself is what makes you grow – Hoosac is where I began to learn that!

After my undergrad and master's and seven years in America (one-third of my life at the time!), I moved back to India to be closer to family, leaving the country of everyone else's dream. Home is where the heart is! I didn't get a job and was extremely upset at the time. In hindsight not having first worked in America made adapting to Indian work culture easier. I learned from this transition. Things fall into place and happen for a reason. Everything is transient – life is like a sine wave. There are crests and troughs. You need the sad



moments to relish the happy ones! And – the grass on the other side is always going to seem greener. Sometimes you're stuck in a situation where you don't want to be – you may not have chosen to be there, but you may as well accept it, knowing that everything in those "greener" pastures isn't perfect either.

It's been 12 years now since I moved back to India. I started a job that paid virtually nothing. Was it a mistake? In hindsight, probably yes. But I learned. Not just on the job, but the skills of dealing with people, managing bosses and office politics! I then interned at a family office to learn how to invest money. I gained a tremendous amount

Creating Impact On The World



Yuti delivering her speech at the Prize Day and Commencement ceremony. She brought her daughter (left) along with her to the event.

of technical knowledge – how to study companies, how to read balance sheets, which companies to invest in and which ones to avoid. I learned very early on about the importance of investing in the people who ran the business – quality management. The integrity of the people running the business is critical. Whether you're a manager with a team of 2-3, or the owner of a small business, or the headmaster of a school – investing in your team is critical. You need the right people to be with you, to help you grow, and succeed!

Without realizing it, and without design, I was gaining a whole lot of learning on how I should be running a business in the future. And I was doing this by mistakes. I was ready with a lot of tools and experience when my idea struck. I had finally found something that I was extremely passionate about – I began The Curiosity Club to make learning more fun, meaningful, and

experiential for children and to nurture interest at a young age in subjects like science and math. STEM is something that we all need to be comfortable with. We live in a highly tech-dependent world, and that dependence is only going to increase. Whether you're pursuing a career in music or journalism, you're still going to have to use technology. Don't shy away from science – everything around is STEM related, and we need to make it part of our DNA. Today's education isn't about what you study – it's about learning to learn – to be ready to survive in an uncertain future. That's what I believe STEM-based education prepares you for.

As a woman engineer myself, it meant even more for me that I encourage young girls to pursue careers in STEM, something society often tends to keep them away from. I once had a parent call me to know about what I did. After I talked about STEM, robotics, LEGO,

programming, etc. she said "so what do you have for girls"! The gender bias still exists. I urge each of you not to create gender biases as you prepare yourselves for the future. Either you like it, or you don't, but it shouldn't be because you are a girl or a boy, or because others think you shouldn't. In today's time, it's not about a job or business. It's about creating impact in the world. Every drop counts – so at least be one who creates that one drop.



Yuti Dalal Jhaveri graduated from Hoosac in 2001. She is the Founder and CEO at The Curiosity Club - a maker space designed to spark creativity, curiosity, and critical thinking in young children. Her vision is to change the way children in India learn science - to make it more engaging, hands-on, meaningful, and fun!

After graduating from Hoosac, Yuti pursued biomedical engineering at Vanderbilt University, and then received her master's in biomedical engineering from Northwestern University.

She moved back to her home in Mumbai, India, and began her career in healthcare consulting with Frost and Sullivan. She then moved into finance doing equity research and has been managing investment portfolios for over seven years.

Intrigued by alternative practices in education, supplemented by her background in engineering and finance, and added with the experience of being a mother to a young child, Yuti takes on the world of education with new-age learning techniques incorporating STEAM concepts.

<http://thecuriosityclub.in/>

Geoffrey "Jade" Barrett '78

Never Stop Seeking

Based upon Jade S. Barrett's Mission Service remarks on June 1, 2018

On a hot and humid first day of June, the All Saints church was filled to the brim, a dozen standing in the back, a few just outside the door. The choir ready, Mr. Uhl at the pipe organ, two faculty joined to sing. Prefects did the readings. Headmaster Foster introduced the speaker: Geoffrey S. Jade Barrett. He emphasized Mr. Barrett's broad accomplishments particularly in building charitable funds (Heifer Int'l). "And so," said Mr. Foster, "as Jade Barrett has done, go out into the world and do good works"

Jade stood center stage, his well-practiced public speaking obvious. He was the last person to be born on the Hoosac campus, son of a Hoosac Chaplain and his wife, the school nurse. Mr. Barrett began by giving a gift to each of the seniors. It was a quarter. He spoke of quarters borrowed while he was here and of using a quarter as a fundraising game - buy an answer to a question for a quarter! He spoke of investing in oneself to live well, whether by charitable giving, raising a family, or by leadership. He encouraged learning great things by taking on challenges and from the mistakes one will make therein. "I was a student at Hoosac in the 70s, troubled



Geoffrey "Jade" Barrett, class of '78 was the Mission Service speaker. He visited with his partner Dr. Donna Lombardini. Both are World Champion Bridge coaches and players.

times with widespread student unrest. The people who came out of those years became leaders. The challenge had to be explored to find out what motivates people to 'do something' and even more importantly, to 'do what they believed in doing'. He also emphasized, 'say something' - the best lesson from this school is to realize that the right word at the right time to the right person changes everything. It could be a word of kindness, advice, or encouragement."

Jade closed stating that his 193 medals came from what he learned here

i.e. how to deal with loss, how to look at a situation, how to carry on when things change. "Look for more to do in the search of things to do. Real charity is that you know what you're giving. You are investing in your soul."

Three sayings accompany the name Jade Barrett:

- Be proud of your successes, but embrace your failures.
- Be in pursuit of excellence, whether or not you actually attain it.
- The moment you are failing is the moment you stop seeking! -SCK



by Lance Roepe '66

California Dreaming-The Call of the Wild

We met at The Fat Lady Restaurant on Jack London Square as arranged by Hoosac's new Director of Advancement, Sherri Klein. It was the first official meeting of Hoosac's West Coast Alumni Association. Lance Roepe '66, Jon Emerson '66, and Scott von Stein '65 hadn't seen each other in over 50 years. We had a great time reminiscing about our experiences at Hoosac and how it influenced our life paths.

For me, Hoosac was a refuge from a mostly dysfunctional public school system and from turmoil at home. When I arrived in the Fall of 1964, I was immersed in an entirely different way of life. It took me all of a week to get adjusted to the new environment, and to my fellow roommate Seward Allison '66. He was a very affable and dramatic personage who wore a cape and made all of life his stage. Seward, wherever you are, I will always be grateful to you for introducing me to English Leather, the great smelling aftershave.

Hoosac is a community, a way of life driven by faith, learning, and sportsmanship. Because it has a limited enrollment, Hoosac is like a family where everyone knows each other, learns together, plays together, and worships together. It allows for an intimacy unavailable in a public system. It is this wholeness of Hoosac's community that helps students thrive and become successful in life.

As I look back at my life, I am so grateful that I experienced Hoosac. It was the great H. Ashton Crosby, our English teacher, who left his mark on me to discover and enrich my love of literature. He had a style and aura that

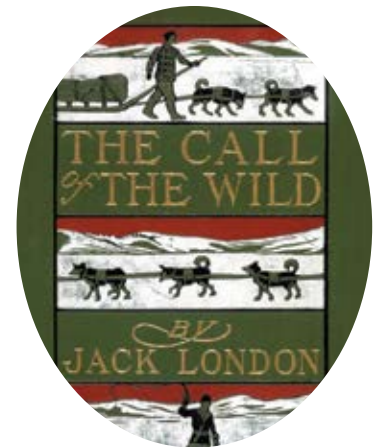


Back: William "Scott" von Stein '65, Sherri Klein; Sitting: Lance Roepe '66, Jon Emerson '66

commanded respect from his students and drew out the very best in us.

To my classmates of 1966, I am happy to have known you. I learned so much from you all. Wherever you are now, remember your days at Hoosac. You were there. You made a difference. Be grateful and remember, God loves you.

DEUS REGIT!



Reaching Out and Welcoming



This page, clockwise, starting from top left: Akeesha Simmons '07 during Sherri's summer visit to Oregon; Dean Foster thanks Bill and Sue Bolza for their donation of a Meade 12-inch aperture LX200 GOTO model telescope for Hoosac's observatory; Chris Duke '95, his wife, Rachel, and their sons visited campus from Greensboro, NC; Zhen Xu (Panda) '16 stops by campus for a visit with Dean Foster on his way to college.



In The Hoosac Family

Whether visiting Hoosac on campus, or whether we visit you, the Hoosac family maintains our close connections. This has been a busy year with many alums and friends visiting campus. We've also done some traveling and taken time to see Hoosac family and friends. Dean Foster, Sherri Klein, and Ryan Grant have been out and about visiting alums and friends.



This page, clockwise from above: No visit to former Headmaster Richard Lomuscio in Shelter Island would be complete without checking out his boat; Chris Cercone '82 visited campus in August with his wife, Christine, and children, Christopher, Victoria, and Daniel; Sherri visited Charlie Rexford '60 during a summer stop in Alexandria Bay, NY. A class agent for many years, Charlie works on cruise boat tours.



Jeff Gilchrist, class of '74, and his wife, Carol, visited campus on October. They live in Merritt Island, FL.



George Verschoor '78 toured campus with Dean Foster and checked out the on-going improvements.



Director of Admission, Ryan Grant, chats with Sara Cruise '18 who stopped at Hoosac on her way to college.



Long-time Hoosac friend and supporter, Bill Marvin and his wife, Inna, stopped in while visiting the northeast from Las Vegas. Bill is the son of Keith Marvin '43, and the brother of Dwight '74.



Director of Advancement, Sherri Klein attended the wedding of Christina Trongone '02 to John Yaeger this summer. It was held in Manhasset, NY. with the reception at Oheka Castle.



Erika Seitz '01 was a Friday Night Speaker in September, bringing the peppers and sauces that she makes. Students had fun taste testing.



Emily Taylor Degyansky has served on Hoosac's Board of Trustees for seven years.

by Emily Taylor Degyansky '93

I have noticed over the years since I graduated from Hoosac in 1993, (25 years ago? . . . Good Lord!) that when I mention to people that I went to a boarding school, more often than not there is a preconceived notion that we were all sent away to live with the other "rich brats" whose parents just didn't want to deal with the day-to-day responsibilities of raising an unruly teenager. The ironic thing is, in the two years I spent at Hoosac, that

couldn't be further from the truth. In retrospect, from my experience at Hoosac, it felt more like a melting pot of diversity that I can't help but appreciate more, the older I get.

While I attended Hoosac there were barely 100 students from literally all walks of life. Korea, California, South Florida, Vermont, the Bronx, Brooklyn, Japan, Staten Island, along with midwestern states, such as good ole' Indiana! Maybe there were 15 female students? Maybe 75 males at

THE INHERENT BEAUTY OF DIVERSITY

the time? A small student body all residing in the tiny town of Hoosick, NY, that quite honestly if you blink, you'll miss it.

We ate together, studied together, played sports together, worshipped together, lived, and grew up together. Each of us, I believe unknowingly at the time, were molded to accept diversity as a normal high school experience. However, those who also attended Hoosac know it was anything but normal.

Whether we chose to go away or whether we were sent, whether we were unruly and difficult to raise, or whether we were of the studious sort who realized a private school education would benefit our future, whether our parents could afford the cost of a private school education or whether our parents couldn't but found resources and scholarships to send us to Hoosac, we all came for different reasons from different backgrounds at different times that, in reality, taught us to view the world differently. We all left Hoosac learning some valuable life lesson. How couldn't we have? If anything, I learned to never judge a book by its cover, but more importantly to value and respect the inherent beauty of diversity.



Akeesha Simmons and Sherri Klein on the west coast this summer.

Akeesha Simmons is finishing her master's degree at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, OR. Hoosac's Director of Advancement happened to be in Oregon this summer. Sherri writes about their visit. "Just off a fishing trip in Astoria, Oregon, my cell phone signaled a Facebook messenger communication: 'Hi Sherri! I saw you are traveling through Oregon. If you have some time and pass through Portland I'd love to buy you a cup of coffee or glass of wine. Hope you have a wonderful trip.'"

It was Akeesha Nicole Simmons '08. She chanced to see my post of an Oregon adventure and she lived only 12 minutes away from the Airbnb I was headed to! "I sure would like to connect with you," I replied, "I'll pick up dinner." And so, on the deck of the Airbnb, we visited, dined on vegetarian sandwiches, and sipped Oregon wine. Hours passed, neither of us anxious for the time to end, mutually interested in learning about each other's lives. Hers, in my opinion, of greater intrigue. We shared our thoughts of many things, of philosophy, of the state of the world,

of optimism, of what we can help and what we can't, of time and pathways, of life and learning. Her current read was *All About Love* by Bell Hooks. She was stylish and sophisticated in a warm, kind, natural way.

Akeesha had written for Hoosac Today back in 2013, having just finished a bachelor's degree in psychology at Hunter College in NYC, having begun that endeavor at the University of St. Andrews in Scotland. Thus discovering a love for traveling and learning about other cultures, Akeesha went on to Australia to work as a research assistant in emotion regulation, anxiety, and mindfulness. At Hoosac she was a peer-writing assistant; she founded the "Go Green" environmental club and managed our first recycling program. A horse owner herself, Akeesha helped out at therapeutic horseback riding organizations. She once traveled to Thailand to take part in a photography and Elephant Conservation Project. Volunteerism being integral to her life story, Akeesha currently volunteers through an organization called Living Yoga. "I am on the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

On An Oregon Trail

team, and teach trauma-sensitive yoga to incarcerated men. I also volunteer with a group called the Humans of Color Movement Alliance, which teaches movement and meditation classes to underserved communities in Portland, working to organize community-based racial equity workshops. Lastly, I occasionally volunteer at Rose Haven, which is a shelter for homeless and displaced women in downtown Portland."

With an eye on entering the doctoral program, Akeesha is currently studying full time at Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon to obtain a Master of Arts in Professional Mental Health Counseling with three focus areas: social justice, somatic psychology, and ecopsychology. She also works part time in psychology research at the VA Hospital to study chronic pain and opioid use in veterans. She hopes to find a way to apply her experience in Meditation and Yoga to the therapeutic realm. In her spare time she studies herbalism and enjoys exploring the Northern California, Oregon, and Washington wilderness with friends. Akeesha had once written "Hoosac helped me explore my interests, build resiliency, and become a forward-thinking adult in an exciting and ever-changing world." Indeed she has done so.



2018 FALL SPORTS



A TRADITION IS BORN

by Coach Eric Crawford



Owen Allen '16

Who will wear #7 in 2019?

Like most great team traditions, they develop on their own, with the players. The tradition of #7 began during the 2016 season when it was worn by then-senior Owen Allan. Owen was an ultimate team player and quietly led by example. He rarely came off the field, played every field position, knew what had to be done, and did it all without the pursuit of accolades.

In 2017, senior face-off specialist Oliver Crawford, after wearing #20 almost his entire career, switched to #7 to honor his friend, and the tradition was born. The team slogan is "Be The Tide," rising tides raise all ships. The job of a teammate is to lift other teammates whenever they can, to raise the team as a whole. Oliver said Owen did this during his time at Hoosac, and he wanted to honor him and hoped to lead his team in much the same way.

As the team looked forward to 2018, the heir apparent was injured prior to the start of the season. The #7 jersey sat idle, hanging in an empty locker awaiting his return to the field until Will Kennedy wore it on senior day. After talking with coaches and teammates, Will presented the #7 jersey during the Hoosac Athletics awards ceremony to senior Logan Cahill as the official player of 2018 to wear the #7. Logan was overwhelmed, but happily accepted and took his place in Hoosac Lacrosse history.



Oliver Crawford '17 and Will Kennedy '18



Will Kennedy '18 and Logan Cahill '18

"To see how much these kids love the game and each other as teammates is very powerful," said Coach Eric Crawford. "Tradition is such an important part of any program. To have one develop organically right before our eyes for this generation of Hoosac Lacrosse players to hold on to is truly special. It's an honor to coach these players and I look forward to seeing who will be our next #7."

Which Hoosac Boys Lacrosse senior will wear #7 in 2019? Only time will tell.

"BE THE TIDE!"

Continuous Improvement:

When Dean Foster became Headmaster in 2011, Hoosac began an on-going commitment called "Continuous Improvement." This commitment still carries on today. It can be seen in our Sports Center which is getting much-needed new siding, along with a new, wooden gymnasium floor, and resurfaced the tennis courts in school colors.

It can be seen in the complete renovation of

the faculty apartment in Dudley Dorm, dorm room renovations in McCullough Dorm, and the relocation of our nurse's office to a more central location in Memorial Hall. All of our buildings have new paint, and dorm rooms have been thoroughly cleaned and painted.

These improvements do not stop with summer's end, but carry on throughout the year.



An Ongoing Commitment



A Senior Prefect

by Simon Delden '19

So far, my time at Hoosac has been one big roller coaster. From high highs to low lows, I feel more prepared for my future than I ever have before. Hoosac has helped me develop for a potential college hockey career, which has been my dream all along.

The biggest changes that took place when I moved to Hoosac were in my social life. At first, I was timid and anxious. I always preferred to be by myself, focusing on the things that were most important to me. I learned very quickly the importance of balancing academics, athletics, and social life. Within one month I had met everyone in the school, including some people that will be a part of my life forever. I became friends with people from all over the USA, Canada, Holland, Turkey, Serbia, Russia, Ethiopia, and the Middle East. At Hoosac we have the rare chance of learning from people of different cultures, something that I believe is most valuable for developing strong character. Now I am confident, open-minded, and understanding of everyone's differences; I will possess these characteristics my entire life.

I look forward to my senior year and preparing for bigger things to come.



Helping People

by Leah Magee '19



I love being at this school – I like how diverse it is, because I can experience what the differences are in other cultures – what sports they have, their food, their customs. As a student I shoot for As, to be sure I can send a good transcript to colleges when I apply. I'd like to pursue a career in Physical Therapy – to work hands-on and be able to interact with people, perhaps helping professional athletes, keeping them healthy and preventing injuries.

Music has always been a part of me and has been a big part of my family life. I play the violin and cello, and I love dance, all styles – ballet, jazz, hip-hop, even tap, although I mostly just watch that. Whatever job I have in the future I'd still love to continue to dance. I love to perform, love being up on stage. When I'm performing I'm not really nervous as I sometimes am off-stage.

And I enjoy helping our community service projects, like working with Selin at the fund drive to raise money for blood cancer (Leukemia). It felt good to help. We raised \$360. I would eventually like to help raise funds for people who have lost everything due to wildfires and hurricanes. I know people out west who have lost everything.

Leah Magee is a young woman of many talents. In addition to singing and playing several different instruments, she also choreographs, dances, and plays on the varsity volleyball team. She was inducted as a prefect during Parents' Weekend.

A Great Community

by Jayde Dukette '18

Graduation day. And I must say, as I am standing here with my Tibbits dorm room packed for the last time and in my white dress looking forward to a celebratory cigar later, time seems to have flown by. If my time here has taught me anything, it's to live in the moment and make the most of your time. Make the most of your lives. Don't worry about what other people think of you and don't be so quick to pass judgement on other people. We live in a generation that seems to be so invested in what other people are doing and ready to tear them down when their idea of fun doesn't fit ours. Why? Just live for yourselves. Strive every day to take on a positive mindset. So often you are missing out on opportunities that turn into amazing memories. Take that leap; call the guy; do something outrageous; turn your phone off for the day and just enjoy life for what it is because you are going to want to look back on this time and be like - I survived that! Remember this as you go on to the next chapter in your life. Our high school years have come and gone; we have worked hard and I know we will all go off to do great things. We are all going to find our place in this crazy world, so don't stress about it too much. Some of us will go to college, others to trade



This article is excerpted from Jayde's Baccalaureate speech at Hoosac's June 2018 graduation ceremonies. Above, Jayde delivers her remarks.

school or to junior leagues, and if you are really lucky - you are going to PG (let's face it no matter where we end up the food won't be as good as Fabian's).

I hope wherever we find ourselves, we look back on our years here and the friendships we have made. I hope we make trips back to see Yule Log, see who is wearing the same itchy costume you had senior year, and share all your stories of all the fun you had and trouble you got in or if you are really lucky, all the things you didn't get caught for. Make the effort to come to the reunions, and keep in touch with one another. This school has allowed all of us to make connections all over the world. We have all been through so much together, from morning meeting singing Hymn 711 for the hundredth time, to our free time by the fire pits that just never seemed long enough. It wasn't easy in the middle of winter, exhausted from school and training and travel. We all had our

struggles whether it be getting into college or making a team - whatever we faced there was always someone there to hold your hand, give you a pat on the back. Having a group of people in your corner like the ones we have here at Hoosac is a real pick-me-up. So remember all the teachers who met with you after hours, the recommendations all your teachers gave you, and every woman in the office who sent out millions of papers on your behalf.

Believe it or not, when I first came here, I was not the most outgoing or "friendliest person"; those of you who know me can attest to that. Yet this school and its people have really touched my heart, and yes...I do have one. It goes to show just what a great community we have here. Hoosac is an experience like no other. So remember the faces around you and keep in touch with one another. There are hundreds of ways to stay connected and I truly hope we all do.



Citizen Scientists Assess Tibbits Pond

By Camron Adibi

Tibbits Pond is important for freshwater biodiversity. Students can witness an example of the ever-changing environment by observing this pond. When I arrived as the new Biology and Chemistry teacher this August, I was immediately drawn to the beauty of the campus. The pond is a centerpiece. Students walk across the dam road that created this pond each day they go to the athletic center for sports. Several students have been at Hoosac for multiple years and have shared with me their observations and changes to the pond. My question: How can students become citizen scientists of the Hoosac community and use their observations to test hypotheses and conduct experiments?

The goal is to perform a pond assessment by recording species and monitor water quality in the pond. By using scientific observations, we can measure any changes and fill major gaps in understanding, such as the effects of pond management. Collecting data and analyzing the data is essential to explain both the reasons for change, and to identify which actions will be most effective to protect species and stem any declines that we see occurring.

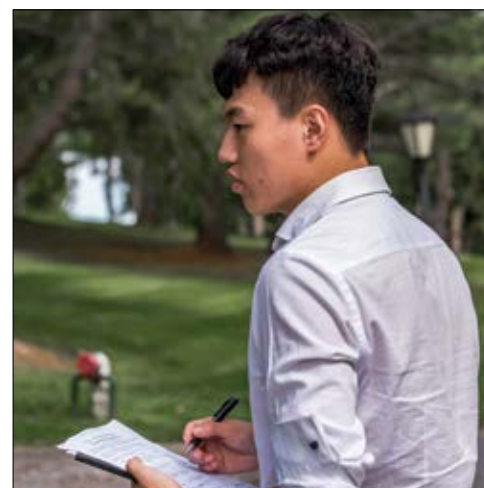
Later this fall, the goal is to collect species from the pond and create an aquaponics system in the greenhouse at the Blake



Science Center. I am currently working with several students who are helping design and improve the greenhouse so we can

have an indoor environment to continue our experiments through the winter. All hands on deck, as they say!

Right: Students clean and organize the greenhouse at Blake Science Building. Far Right: JinHao Chen '20 takes notes for Biology class at the pond.



Lynsey Lancaster '19 (left), and Bernard Baafour '19 and Hunter Cunningham '21 (above) in Tibbits Pond collecting specimens to test.



Faculty member Haley Puckhaber says, "Science class takes the lab outside for a study of CO₂ action, reaction, and the height that different soda mixes will reach after coming into contact with Mentos. Students recorded details, measurements, and thought about the lab exercise in terms of nucleation sites that take place in the bottle."

For The Love of Math

Nine students interested in advanced concepts in Mathematics signed up to take a comprehensive course in Linear Algebra offered by Physics and Mathematics teacher, Mr. Gerardo Ayes. A pre-requisite is Honors Pre-Calculus or

Pre-Calculus. The class meets in the evenings twice each week and is complete with homework, mid-term and final exams. Mr. Ayes says the course is mostly about theorems, matrices, determinants, and proofs which can be used to

analyze data in a most useful way, as for example, in Computer Science there are ordered lists (matrices) to store and manipulate data.

Holding a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics from the University of Pittsburgh, Mr. Ayes is well-known here not only for his love of physics burning the midnight oil for deeper study of it, but also for "learning and understanding the more complicated and beautiful aspects of higher mathematics."



Editor's Note: These students are not in class dress because it's an elective evening class and is more informal.



'43-'49

Class Agents, Needed.

William M. Morriss '46 died of a stroke December 2017. He lived in Stephen's City, VA.

John Pattison '48 of Troy, NY shared some remaniscences while visiting in May. "Julian Hillhouse was on the teaching staff in the 40s. He was tall, lean, and somewhat ascetic. He took students hiking in the hills around school. He knew all the wildflowers and much of the folklore of the area. I can say he was a good story teller. I remember his reading to us from *The Virginian*, by Owen Wister. He taught writing also, and the importance of the economy of words. And he stepped right out, it was not easy to keep up with him."

The Rev. John C. Kimball, age 88, of Colledgeville, PA passed away on Saturday January 13, 2018. He was born in New London, CT on September 3, 1929. **Fr. Kimball** has lived in Colledgeville for the last 41 years, formerly of Conshohocken, PA. **Fr. Kimball** was in the class of '49.

'50-'51

Class Agent, The Very Rev. Raymond D. Brown '51, 6162 Lazy Man Gulch, Helena, MT 59601. Email: ray003@aol.com

John David McLanahan, Jr. '50 died December 2, 2017. Called **David**, he lived in Marlow, NH.

Gail West, wife of **E. James "Jack" West**, class of '51, wrote in May. She says, "I am sorry to inform you that my husband, **Jack West**, died December 20, 2017. Thank you for all your school mailings these many years. I know he enjoyed Hoosac as he spoke of his days there often." His obituary says, "**Elmer James "Jack" West, III**, 84, died

peacefully surrounded by his family on December 20, 2017.

He was born in Hudson Falls, NY and is survived by his devoted wife Gail (Richardson) West of Peabody, MA. Loving father of Susan Fay West of Amherst, NH; Philip Hall West of Beverly and James Richardson West of Bedford, he is also survived by two grandchildren and one niece.

Jack had been a resident of Wayland for many years before he and Gail moved to Peabody three years ago. He received his BA from Williams College and his MBA from Boston University. He had a long and successful career in marketing and began with Dennison and was also associated with Carter's Ink and Dun and Bradstreet as well as a self-employed Marketing Consultant before retiring. He served his country proudly in the United States Navy as a Musician and Administrative Commander where he sang on the Ed Sullivan Show in a Navy Quartet. He was a talented musician and music was always his passion. In his earlier years, he was a violinist in New York State Symphony. Jack was a member of the Saengerfest Men's Chorus and served two years as the President of the organization. He was also an active member of Sound Investment, a 'very large octet'. He was an avid skier and sailor and enjoyed curling where he was one of the original members of the Broomstones Curling Club in Wayland. **Jack** will be most remembered and loved for his remarkable smile."

'52

Class Agent, Needed.

'53-'54

Class Agent, Franklin W. Bulkley '53, 1150 Freddie Ct., Reno, NV 89503. Email: frankandsal@gmail.com

Frank wrote in September, "**Kerry Payne** is back in Germany for the winter and doing well. His expected big offer to play football (soccer) from Manchester City was withdrawn when they discovered that he was not 18 years old as they had been led to believe.

Hank Coolidge '53 has had his left hip replaced (no political implications) with no residuals. He is singing in a nearby Episcopal church choir and has rejoined the Gulf Coast Civic Choral. It was at Hoosac, with Mr. Butcher at the organ, that Hank's soprano voice suddenly became a very impressive bass voice. It remains so.

Frank '53 and **Sal Bulkley** celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary in August and are now looking to take their elderly RV to Desert Hot Springs when winter arrives.

Andy Olmsted '52 is alive and well! New phone # 518.496.3977. He's back with his wife, Carolyn, again. Unhappily and unexpectedly she is dealing with some health issues. On the bright side, she inherited a house in Schenectady and they will be moving to it on or around the 1st of December.

'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

'59

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

'60

Class Agent, The Rev. Dr. Timothy Parsons, 12 Oak Ave., Norway, ME 04268. Email: timothyprsn@yahoo.com

Walter A. Lapham III died suddenly March 19. He was born in Oak Park, IL, and spent significant time in Marblehead, MA, where he fell in love with the ocean and boating. His parents settled in Old Bennington, VT just in time for him to start high school at Hoosac. He later attended Williams College and Boston University. He served in the Vermont Air Guard. He met his wife, Julie, in Old Bennington. They moved to Southborough in 1984.

Walter loved serving others, and from a very young age worked professionally and personally to assist where he could. After college, he joined the sales force at Paramount Greeting Cards in Pawtucket, RI where he worked for almost twenty years, and later represented several card and gift lines in stores throughout New England. More recently, he worked for Boston Coach and Knight's Airport Limousine Service, where he enjoyed learning about the lives and travels of his passengers and providing suggestions for places to eat and visit that matched their needs and interests.

Walter actively participated in activities with his family, attending his children and grandchildren's athletics and activities, and helping Julie at flower shows and demonstrations. He also loved cars, boats, and food. He started flagging at Sports Car Club of America events as a young man and raced his Alfa for several years. The Laphams spent several summers in West Falmouth, MA, where he enjoyed time on the water with his family and friends. No matter where life took him, he'd either have a restaurant in mind or be on the hunt for a culinary adventure, and he also loved experimenting in the kitchen.

He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Julie Jenkins Lapham, two daughters and their children.

'61

Class Agent, Arthur Rodia, 207 Grassy Hill Rd., Woodbury, CT 06799.

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Peter Jenvold passed away June 29, 2018 after a long illness. He had resided in St. Petersburg, FL.

'62

Class Agent, The Rev. Malcolm Roberts III, 520 Taberna Way, New Bern, NC 28562. Email: mroberts12@hotmail.com

Charles "Chuck" Buckley wrote in May when he sent an annual fund donation in memory of classmate, **Jerry Palmquist**. "On the 17th (June) a granddaughter, Jessica, will be married, then another will graduate high school on June 7. Kaitlyn will attend Millersville Univ. (PA). My wife, Nancy, and I will celebrate our 50th with a family reunion at the Skytop Lodge." **Chuck** and Nancy live in York, PA.

'63-'64

Class Agent, Theodore Juraschek '64, 100 Eastbury, Williamsburg, VA 23188. Email: theo_juraschek@msn.com



Jon Emerson '66 enjoys growing his own grapes, making his own wine, and has built a wine studio. He lives in Fairfield, CA.

Arthur C. Stratton '63 died August 25, 2017. **Art** served in the army in the mid-sixties and worked for General Motors for over 35 years. As a young man he appreciated the fine craftsmanship of cars. While skiing in Vermont, he met Joan, the love of his life. **Art's** adventuresome spirit led to travel across the world and throughout the United States. He was an avid sailor and loved his boats named "Camelot." He was a "skating Dad" - proud of his daughter, Jessica, and her accomplishments as a figure skating coach. During his retirement, they traveled together to figure skating competitions where he enjoyed the friendship of the skaters' parents. **Art** loved the attention of his two scottie dogs and two cats. Recently, medical issues slowed **Art** down, but he never complained. His sense of humor and optimism were a gift to his friends and family. He lived in Webster, NY.



Charles "Chuck" Buckley '62



E. James "Jack" West '51



W. Seton Ijams '75



Patrick Hughes '85 and fiancée, Jenna Sponaas

'65

Class Agent, Charles T. Barnes, 823 Waldens Pond Rd., Albany, NY 12203. Email: chasman823@gmail.com

'66

Class Agent, Lance Roepe, P.O. Box 111796, Campbell, CA 95011. 207-326-2024. 408-879-9126

'67-'68

Class Agent, Needed.

'69-'70

Class Agents, Needed.

'71

Class Agent, John T. Ober, 30 Lake Meade Dr., East Berlin, PA 17316. Email: jtwober@gmail.com

'72

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

Tim Campbell wrote in August, "I have a 25-year-old daughter who lives in San Diego. I am now semi-retired. I wish Hoosac was not so far away as I would like to have attended more

reunions. I missed opportunities to see Ashton Crosby and Donn Wright. Nowadays, I actually relate more to Father Cannon and his wife (really dates me). Perhaps I will hop on a plane and attend the next time there is a "super" reunion. I missed the 100-year event." **Tim** lives in Carlsbad, CA.

'73

Class Agent, Richard Montgomery, 154 Samara Dr., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702. Email: rmontgomery211@gmail.com

'74

Class Agent, Philip Smith III, P.O. Box 944, Far Hills, NJ 07931. Email: phillary-mgmt@aol.com

Alexander "Sandy" Wright, actor, composer, and singer, says, "People can go to my website, www.2tonbridge.com, (or any digital music platform) for info and music ... hint, hint ... I am currently releasing three songs in tribute to my friend and guitar player, the great Jerry Donahue, before the end of the year. Jerry has played with all

the greats, from Led Zeppelin to Paul McCartney, Fairport Convention, Joan Armatrading ... and I was lucky to have him play with me. Wow, we were just starting on a second album. Jerry suffered a catastrophic stroke and is in need of assistance. All proceeds from this release will go towards his care.

Also (not featured on website) I have appeared in several films over the last few years (Thor, Pirates of the Caribbean; At World's End, Wid Winner and the Slipstream (award-winning film. - and a few television shows." **Sandy** and his wife, Christina, live in Los Angeles, CA. (see an article on him on pages 5 & 6)

'75

Class Agent, Seton Ijams, 311 E. 71st St., Apt. 5H, New York, NY 10021. Email: sijams@aol.com

Brian B. Hatcher passed away in 2016. He lived in East Aurora, NY. with his family.

'76

Class Agent, Craig Kanner, 17 Gage Rd., Brewster, NY 10509

'77-'78

Class Agent, Matthew McCormick '78, Grace House, 5731 Monticello Ave., Portage, MI 49024. Email: mattmcco@gmail.com

'79

Class Agent, Needed.

'80

Class Agent, Fred Wright, 659 Ridgehill Dr., Orange Park, FL 32065

'81

Class Agent, Michael Rider, 3 Nob Way, Lowell, MA 01852

'82

Class Agent, Dr. J. Toby Mordkoff, 11 Wildberry Ct. NE, Iowa City, IO 52240

'83

Class Agent, Lizzette Hayes Winters,

2044 Alycia Way, Pleasant View, TN 37146. Email: LHlights@aol.com

'84

Class Agent, Wanda Wrzenski Williams, 613 Cardella Dr., Greensboro, NC. wandawka@gmail.com

'85

Class Agent, Austin P. McGrath III, 25B Harvest Way, Waterford, NY 12199. Email: grandgablesiding@nycap.rr.com

Patrick Hughes married fiancée Jenna Sponaas October 26, 2018 in a small civil ceremony. They live in Las Vegas, NV.

'86

Class Agent, Bryan T. Green, 7909 Whitebridge Glen, University Park, FL 34201. Email: bgreen@hhmin.org

'87

Class Agent, Needed.

'88

Class Agent, Marbie Parshall Tarburton, 4493 Cedarwood Dr., York, PA 17402. 717-751-6861. Email: marbis@aol.com

Melanie Harnett-Hoffmann has taken a position as Assistant Head of School and Director of External Affairs at Vermont Academy in Saxtons River, VT.

'89

Class Agent, Janet Stiegman, 2360 Brace Rd., Canandaigua, NY 14424. 716-394-7211. Email: janetjfellows@yahoo.com

Hoosac recently learned that **David Dion** passed away in April 2005. He had been living in Arizona.

'90

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

'91

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

'92

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

'93

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

'94

Class Agent, Jaime Campbell Hudak, 358 Broadway, Ste. 201, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866. Email: jchudak@criteriuminc.com

'95

Class Agent, Crystal Allen, 4068 South Washington, Englewood, CO 80113. Email: all4cailin2000@gmail.com

'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, Wolfboro 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

Tara Sherry-Torres is a new mom to her daughter, Nayara, born August 23. They live in Pittsburgh, PA. **Tara** is the Founder and Principal Consultant at TST Productions.

'01

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

Akiko Yokoyama Hasebe wrote in April. "Hi! it's been a while. I have been busy being a mom to three kids. They are 14,11,7 years old. I am enjoying it and doing great. It's one of my dreams to visit Hoosac with my kids some day. I'd like to show them around." **Akiko** and her family live in Yamaguchi, Japan.

'02

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

Christina Trongone married John Yaeger in July at Oheka Castle in Huntington, Long Island. Sherri Klein attended from Hoosac.

Michael Burns is engaged to Marci Kates and recently purchased a new home in Norwood, MA.

Luciana DosSantos was with Nicole WhiteLucien at Nicole's baby shower in July.

San Hung wrote to Sherri Klein, "I thought we could meet at **Christina's (Trongone)** wedding but unfortunately we decided not to go because the flight would be too long for my toddler. I'm married and have a 3-year old son, and I work as a research assistant in the Psychology department at Univ. of Hong Kong. I've been trying to advance my career. I'm considering taking a second undergraduate degree in a subject I love but did not study - biomedical science. **San** and her family live in Hong Kong.

'03

Class Agent, Needed.

Matt Sarnecky touched base with us in August. He says, "After spending some time in the Navy I crossed over to the Army and spent four years as an Army Ranger. I currently live outside of Philadelphia, running my own business as an electrician. My wife and I have two girls (6 and 3) with another one on the way. I currently still serve in the PA Army National Guard."

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OUR HOOSAC FAMILY



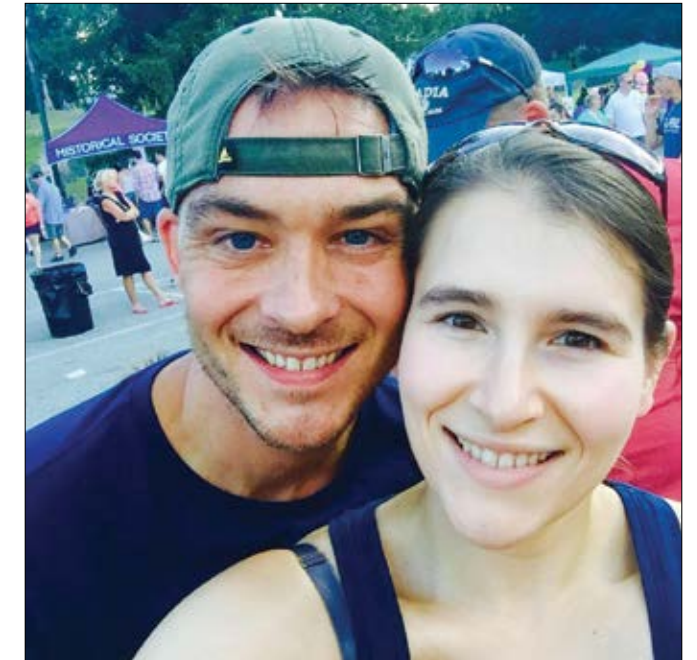
Brad Warner '06 and his wife, Kristen are expecting their first child in March



Max Corthell '05 married Fallon Randazzo in September



Alec Adjil '05 and his wife, Jessica Jones



Michael Burns '02 and fiancée, Marci Kates



Christina Trongone '02 married John Yaeger in July



Melanie Zylinski '06 and her husband, Craig Lonergan, and her son, Nicholas



Ethan Clifford '14 and his wife, Alana

'04

Class Agent, Whitney Kelly, 11 Riverview Dr., Westport, MA 02790
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'05

Class Agent, Laurel Del Rosario, 193 Church St., Hoosick Falls, NY 12090.
Email: laureldelro2@hotmail.com

Alec Adjil married Jessica Jones this summer in France. Their honeymoon included a trip to Switzerland. They live in New York City.

Max Corthell was married on Sept. 2 to Fallon Randazzo. They live in Danbury, CT.

'06

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

Brad Warner has joined the team at Royal LePage ProAlliance Realty, Brokerage as a sales rep. Born and raised in Belleville, Ontario, **Brad** lives there with his wife, Kristen. He has worked locally in the non-profit sector for the last seven years. Away from work he can be found at the golf course, a sporting event, or volunteering in the community.

Melanie Zylinski married Craig Lo-



Jacqui Law's daughter, Arya Dutey

nergan this summer at the Mountain Top Inn and Resort in Vermont.

Michael Swartz of Newtown, PA, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering during commencement ceremonies on May 20, 2018, at the University of Vermont.

'07

Class Agent, Blake Boyer, 13 Bassett St., Taunton, MA 02780. Email: hoo-sachockey1@yahoo.com

Blake Boyer and his wife, Kayla, welcomed baby Zoey in May. They live in Taunton, MA.

Jacqui (Hoi Ying) Law, and her husband Gorian, welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Arya Dutey, on September 12. They live in Hong Kong.

'08-'09

Class Agents, Needed.

Lorne Miller '09 and his wife, Megan, welcomed a daughter, Tali Rose, in July.

Tae-Young Kim '08 is from Korea, now living in Hong Kong and running two restaurants. After Hoosac he attended the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

'10

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

Ian Richter lives in Des Moines, IA. He became engaged in April to Natalie Witschorik.



Kevin Boyd '14

'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

Will Sims wrote in May, "As a senior at Plattsburgh State, I pursued my Bachelor's of Science in Cyber Security. Upon graduating in May, I headed to Greenville, South Carolina to begin my professional career at Michelin North America Inc. as a Cyber Security Analyst. I would like to take this time to give a special THANKYOU to Hoosac School and Dean Foster for their constant support and guidance. My effort has gotten me this far, however I can not take credit for all my success because I would not be here today without the support from such dedicated individuals who have invested their time and energy into my well being. Let's get straight to it Owls!"

Conor Jordan says, "I am a high-performance NSCA Certified Personal Trainer." He works at the Hockomock Area YMCA in Franklin, MA.

'13-'14

Class Agents, Needed.

Ethan Clifford '14 married Alana Todd in September. **Ethan** is on a disaster action team with the American Red Cross, responding to local and national disasters, and works with the Town of Hoosick Rescue Squad and fire department.

Jasn Wilson Rodgers '14 of Hoosick Falls, NY, received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Intelligence and Data Analytics, Law studies minor from Clarkson University in June.

Kevin Boyd '14 is a professional hockey player with the Billingham Stars in the UK.

'15

Class Agent, Anthony Kelly, 18-15 215th St., Apt. 15N, Bayside, NY 11360

'16

Class Agent, Julia Kopala, 131 Putnam St., Bennington, VT 05201, Email: jko-pala@fandm.org

Zhen Xu (Panda) visited campus in August. He spoke with the Headmaster, Ms. Stulz, Mrs. Weaver, and Ms. Klein. Still fond of his Hoosac nickname, **Panda** entertained us with his usual good humor, reminiscing about his time at Hoosac. He is transferring from SVC in Vermont to Valencia College in Orlando, Florida, and plans to be there one year and transfer into the University of Central Florida. **Panda** hopes to return for



Luciana DosSantos '02 was with Nicole White-Lucien '02 at Nicole's baby shower in July



Will Sims '12

Yule Log and says he keeps in touch with his Whitcomb dorm-mates. His email is 2295232767@qq.com.

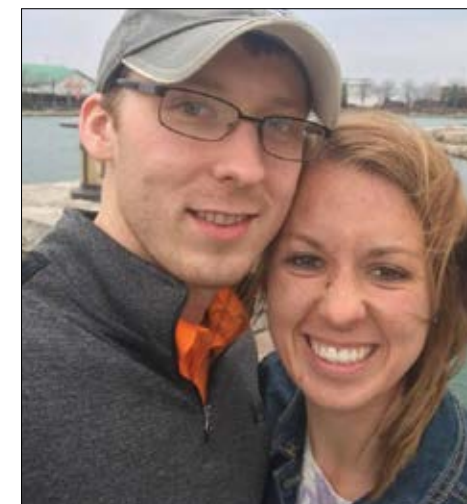
Mengjia Qi of Loudonville, NY, was named to the 2018 Dean's List at Union College. **Mengjia** is a member of the Class of 2020, majoring in Music and Economics.

Brandon Kloc of Petersburg, NY, graduated from Paul Smith's College in May 2018. **Brandon** earned a degree in arboriculture and landscape management from Paul Smith's.

'17-'18

Class Agents, Emily Levin, 332 Rayelene Dr., Vestal, NY 13850, Email: eml227@cornell.edu

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Ian Richter '10 and fiancée Natalie

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Wilkes University welcomes **Alexa Rango** of Hopewell Junction, NY into the honors program's newest class. **Alexa** is one of 91 students who make up the University's newest honors class. She is a criminology major.

Wilkes University also welcomes **Nicole Longboat** of Rochester, NY into the class of 2022. She has an undeclared major.

Bangor, ME resident, **Nikoloz Bulashvili**, has been named to Husson University's Honors List for the Spring 2018 semester. **Nikoloz** is a first-year student who is currently enrolled in Husson's Bachelor of Science in Legal Studies with a pre-law concentration program.



Blake Boyer '07 and Zoey



Lorne and Megan Miller and daughter, Tali Rose



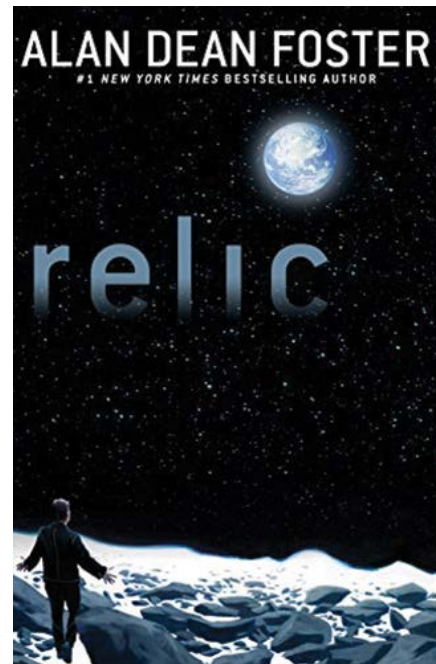
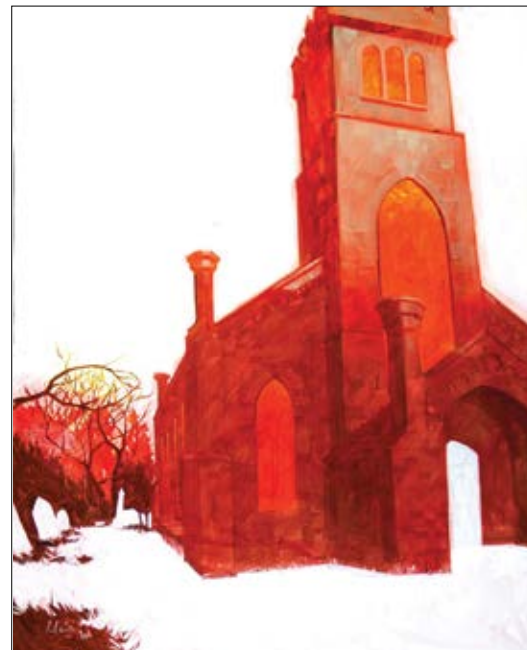
It's A Family Affair

This photo not only depicts Jeremy Wilson '05 and his lovely bride Alyson Garst, but three others of our Hoosac Community - his parents and his brother Elliot, class of '08!

Mother of these two alumni brothers is Anita Wilson - a Hoosac employee of 21 years. Father, Evan Wilson, is an accomplished artist who has donated several prints of his work to benefit Hoosac.

We had to ask Anita to tell us a little more about her boys! "I adore my sons," she was pleased to say, and gave us an update. "Jeremy married Alyson Garst in Richmond, VA on April 6, 2018. Elliot was best man. Evan and I are proud parents who welcomed Aly into the fold. The couple was living in their new house when the hurricanes and tornados struck the south, but all is well. Aly works as a chemist and Jeremy is successfully working his way up the ladder in the art world. His work has been included in numerous shows, such as Infinite World and he has won multiple awards. Most recently, a painting he had been commissioned to do was chosen to be the cover of a book by Alan Dean Foster, entitled *Relic*. Elliot Wilson '08 is working for Tunnel City Coffee in Williamstown, MA, learning every aspect of the business and doing all the graphic design for the packaging and menus. .

Jeremy Wilson has been busy with book illustrations. *Relic*, written by Alan Dean Foster, was announced in June with Jeremy's work on the jacket cover. He says that the cover design changed significantly from the original concept for marketing and sales. He also says, "A short while ago I worked with Bob Jones University Press doing interior illustrations for Thomas Grey's 'Elegy Written in a Country Church Yard'."



Tim Revell '06 At Oxford

Tim Revell '06 and the Oxford University Polo Club were victorious in the Atlantic Cup polo tournament hosted by Harvard at Myopia Polo Club in Hamilton, MA from Sept 5-9th. The Atlantic Cup was established in 2002 as a challenge by Yale to Oxford and Cambridge, and since Harvard entered the tournament in 2016, it has become a hard-fought contest between four of the world's most prestigious university polo brands. The tournament is meant to foster connections between Britain and the US, and this was the first time it was hosted by Harvard since its inception. Revell says the tournament was an "extraordinary experience with great players, people, and of course horses." Tim scored six times in an 18-1 win against Yale in the first match of the tournament. Oxford would go on to beat Cambridge 7-1 before meeting Harvard in the final on Gibney field, the oldest polo pitch in America, in front of a heavily-attended crowd from Harvard, Yale, and the Oxford and Cambridge Society of New England. Oxford came out on top with a 4-3 win. They didn't lose a game in the tournament and were presented the winning trophy for the third time in a row. Revell credits his experience as an ice hockey player and horseback rider

for his success in polo. Revell, who was an integral part of the Men's Varsity Ice Hockey Team at Hoosac, would later go on to play internationally. Tim has just completed an Mst [Master's degree] in the History of Art and Visual Culture at the John Bamborough MSc Scholar in the Humanities at Linacre College, Oxford. He has accepted an offer from the Countess of Bessborough to work at Roche Court, an art gallery and trust on the old estate for Admiral Horatio Lord Nelson.



Above: Revell going to goal against Cambridge as part of Atlantic Cup polo tournament hosted by Harvard at Myopia Polo Club.

Below: Tim Revell (far left) with winning Oxford team at Myopia Polo Club, Hamilton, Mass.

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BACK COVER: Members of the Girls Volleyball Team

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LIFE ON CAMPUS In the Valley of the Owl

Life on Hoosac's 350-acre campus is a fast-paced series of hard work and fun. Classes, sports, dorm fun, and new and old friends all make up our Hoosac family.

This home-away-from-home is freedom with rules. Opportunities are created to share experiences and create bonds that last well beyond the time spent on campus.



Although it's early in the year, there have already been trips to Lake Placid and the Clark Art Museum in Williamstown, MA. Family Weekend was in mid-October with a talent show and prefect induction.



The Rev. Meredith B. Wood Scholarship Awarded to Mikiyas Lema '19



Every year at Prize Day-Commencement, a student hears his or her name called to receive a scholarship: "The Rev. Meredith B. Wood Foundation Scholarship is a merit scholarship. Awarded to that Hoosac student who, in the opinion of the Faculty, is the embodiment of

those qualities of honesty, loyalty, and commitment to hard work and service to God, community, and country that Fr. Wood instilled in his students at Hoosac from 1941 to 1957. This scholarship, recognizing merit and character, has supported a Hoosac education for thirteen students since

2005." This year, it was Mikiyas Lema '19 who was called.

"I am really flattered to get the honor of receiving The Rev. Meredith B. Wood scholarship. When I heard about this great Headmaster who nurtured his students with education, and his legacy is helping students even after he is gone, I was really surprised and thankful that people like him existed.," said Mikiyas Lema '19 after receiving the award.

A dedicated group of alumni initiated this scholarship fund in 1999 to honor the most beloved Fr. Wood, who "was truly a great teacher who imparted an extraordinary educational and citizenship experience. His philosophy remains a strong influence on the school today." To continue building this important program, support is needed not only from those whose lives directly benefitted from the man, but from others who value and understand the need for scholarships.



SAMUEL S. GREENE Hoosac Headmaster 1981 - 1984

Samuel Stanton Greene died at home in Brunswick, Maine, on November 27, 2016. He was born on October 14, 1927, in New London, Connecticut. In 1946 he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served for two years in the Medical Corps. Following graduation from Amherst College in 1951, Sam began a long career as a schoolmaster; first at Mount Hermon School, Gill, Massachusetts, teaching mathematics, coaching cross-country, and founding the summer school. In 1966 he was appointed headmaster of Shady Side Academy in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania;

during his tenure co-education was introduced.

In 1953 Sam married Martha E. Payne; they had five daughters: Meg (Dana Bourgeois) of Brunswick, Maine; Georgia of Ann Arbor, Michigan; Julie (Kevin Kearns) of Greenfield, Massachusetts; Sarah (Judith Jordan) of East Hampton, New York; and Lydia (Michael Bird) of Harvard, Massachusetts. He delighted in his grandchildren: Benjamin and Samuel Bourgeois, Nicholas and Steven Kearns, and Grace Bird.

Sharing the last 32 years with his wife, Phyllis Gansz, Sam lived in Yarmouth and Brunswick. Pleased to be near the sea and continuing his lifelong enjoyment of family, singing, travel, church, and friends, he characteristically described himself as "on top of the wave."

WHY BEQUEST? It Just Makes Sense

We are after all, mortal beings, in as much as we prefer not to dwell on that fact.

Of course Hoosac wishes to be included in your estate plans - bequests drive the greatest portion of funding capability for organizations such as ours.

And of course it is understood that you will wish to finance your own life journey first and assure you have provided for your loved ones. But most certainly we hope that you will also remember Hoosac in your estate plans - the place where you grew up, the place where you learned things that contributed to your success. And now here you are, at a juncture where such planning is the sensible thing to do to have things in order and put your mind at ease.

So, talk it over with legal counsel and your accountant. There are a variety of ways to bequest. Call us too, let us know your intentions and find out how Hoosac will recognize your bequest and how your gift can benefit others in the years to come.

DEUS REGIT.



Those who bequest and pledge to bequest are forever recognized as members of the Wotkyns Society, so named following a generous gift by Dana B. Wotkyns, Class of 1919. Dana Wotkyns is remembered as "a friendly but somewhat formal man who was often seen out for a walk" on the streets of Troy, New York. He always responded to greetings with "lovely, thank you" and would tip his hat.

Mr. Wotkyns had been a principle at Wotkyns Coal and Oil of Troy, NY which most likely merged with another company before retiring, the sale of which is thought to have yielded him considerable wealth. When Dana learned he faced terminal illness, he considered a major bequest to the YMCA and/or other local charities. He contacted Ned Pattison Esq. '49. Ned asked "Dana, didn't you go to Hoosac School?" "Yes", Dana replied, to which Ned responded "Charities have so many sources that give to them - why don't you bequest to Hoosac School?!" He did and the Athletic Center came to be.

-We would like to thank John R. Pattison '48 for this story about a bequest that lifted Hoosac School for all time.

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