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Fall/Winter 2017-18



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**THE MISSION AND
CORE VALUES
FOR ERSKINE ACADEMY**

Erskine Academy is an independent secondary school dedicated to providing all students a high quality education. Through an extensive academic program, rich and meaningful experiences, and a caring school community, the Academy develops a firm foundation in scholarship, leadership, stewardship, and relationships.

Scholarship – A rigorous and relevant program of studies, with high standards for teaching and learning, provides students with knowledge and skills for success in high school and beyond.

Leadership – Through positive and active engagement in school life, students learn more about themselves, discover their gifts and talents, and mentor and motivate others to strive for excellence and put forth their best effort.

Stewardship – Through a culture of awareness and sense of responsibility, individuals are encouraged to enhance and preserve their communities—school, local, and global.

Relationships – Through mutual respect and care, the Erskine Academy community fosters a school environment that is centered on kindness, civility, and safety and that accepts and values its members for their unique characteristics and individuality.

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COVER Students playing snow soccer during Winter Carnival

Headmaster's Report of the School

Greetings from the top of the stairs... by Michael J. McQuarrie, Headmaster



Education is a people business. Rarely are we alone in our work, and our successes are usually the result of our relationships with others. This is why at Erskine Academy we

are as deliberate about developing morally good people as we are about developing the intellect and why personal and social success are as actively pursued as academic success.

Flourishing under the mentorship of teachers and staff who care for them, inspire them to learn, and encourage them to reach beyond what they thought they were capable of, our students become their best selves.

This issue of the *Connector* connects our readers with students using their best selves to achieve, accomplish, or work with others to make a common cause better. A snapshot in time—Fall/Winter 2017–18—these stories constitute a chapter in the story of Erskine Academy and an enduring part of our students’ personal histories. One does not forget, for example, their induction into the National Honor Society, their role in an award-winning drama or musical performance, or the good-spirited competition of Winter Carnival or Mr. EA. Leo Club members will recall bringing children joy at the Lions Club’s Christmas for Kids event. Having broken the record of a national fundraiser for a highly personalized cause—the amelioration of cancer—will forever bond the players and coaches of the girls’ basketball program. And an eighth humanitarian trip to Costa Rica to build homes and deliver school supplies for those in need is not only memorable for our travelers, it transforms their lives.

“The relationships that we have tell us about ourselves.”

—Student

It has been said that there is no such thing as a truly “self-made” person and that everyone who has ever done a kind deed for us or spoken a word of encouragement to us has entered into the make-up of our character as well as our successes. If this is so, as I believe it is, we become the sum total of the people and events we’ve encountered along our way. Connecting with and supporting one another, then, are more than just niceties, they are critical for developing our confidence, sustaining our efforts, and enhancing our competence.

Also in this issue, we express our heartfelt gratitude for the generosity of our loyal supporters—senior and new alumni, parents past and present, local businesses and grant agencies. We thank each of the donors listed in our “Report of Contributions” who this year considered Erskine Academy worthy of their investment. Along with our dedicated faculty, staff, and trustees who work tirelessly to implement our mission, your support and generosity encourage us and move us forward.

When Erskine Academy opened to 52 students over 135 years ago, our founder and first benefactor, Mary Erskine, said it was the happiest day of her life. Imagine what she would feel knowing that thousands of alumni and families have made her Erskine Academy even more valuable by having attended here and given support to ensure that Erskine exists for future generations. I speak for Mary and her current Erskine community in thanking you. No matter how you have supported us—financially, through volunteerism, or by speaking of your positive Erskine experience—I am profoundly grateful for your place in our history and your role in enabling our existence, improving our present, and paving the way for our future.

More good things ahead. 

For the Good of Others



The Girls Basketball team receiving recognition for raising \$10,000 through the American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge. *left to right* Headmaster McQuarrie, Assistant Coach Meghan Hughes, Coach Mitch Donar, the team, and ACS representative Brian Casalino. *inset* Local media interviewing team leaders while Coach Donar stands by. The team was again honored at the Maine Statehouse on March 28.

Girls Basketball Raises \$10,000 for Cancer Research

In January, the Girls Basketball team took up the challenge of raising money to fight cancer through the American Cancer Society Coaches vs. Cancer Challenge by collecting pledges for every free throw or 3-pointer made in the month and ended up raising \$10,000!

Kennebec Journal writer Travis Lazarczyk said it best in a February 14 story:

The most inspirational high school basketball team in the state is not playing in the tournament. The Erskine Academy girls basketball team's season ended last week with a 33-32 win over Mt. Blue. What the Eagles accomplished in January will have far more impact than playing to put a Gold Ball in the trophy case.

The Eagles took part in the American Cancer Society Coaches vs Cancer shooting challenge. The team took pledges for every free throw or 3-pointer made in January, and ended up raising \$10,000. Out of 323 high schools in the nation that took part,



the Erskine girls basketball team raised the most money. According to American Cancer Society spokesman Brian Casalino, it wasn't even close.

"This community was competing against schools with three or four thousand students," Casalino said. "It was quite impressive. I worked with a lot of schools that had more games and four times the amount of students (as Erskine). They didn't just finish No. 1, they finished No. 1 with about a \$3,000 gap between No. 1 and the second place school. I've worked on Coaches vs Cancer for five years. I've worked with schools all over New England, and no single school, college or high school, has raised this amount of money in a single campaign."

On Tuesday, Casalino was at Erskine Academy to honor the team at a presentation during the school's winter carnival celebration. The ceremonial big check was presented for the American Cancer Society, and Casalino gave the Eagles a trophy to signify their efforts. A banner for the gym wall is coming, too, he said.

The effort was close to the team's heart. Coach Donar's mother, Susan Donar [class of '71], died last October after a long battle with cancer.

"I'm 6 feet, 4 inches, and every inch is filled with one big mama's boy. I've never took that as a detriment. Certainly, with the passing of Mom, I knew we could be doing more," Donar said. "You hear of all the kids in school and community members that are affected by cancer. Just because we're a little school in South China, Maine doesn't mean we can't make a difference. We gave the nation a \$10,000 reason why we can come together and do what we can."

For the team's Coaches vs Cancer game on Jan. 25, the Eagles wore pink t-shirts in warmups, and many players adorned the

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backs of the shirts with the names of people they knew fighting cancer. Grandparents, uncles, friends, acquaintances. Some players had more than one name on their back.

"We all played for those people," senior Lauren Wood said.

The Erskine girls had taken part in the annual Coaches vs Cancer game over the last few years, Casalinova said, raising between \$300 and \$800. When Donar said that this year, the team would like to do more, Casalinova suggested the free throw and 3-point challenge. The answer was an immediate yes, Donar said. Casalinova helped the team set up a web site and gave them tips. Then, it took off.

"I just knew, with the passing of Mom, we could do more," Donar said. "The first donation came on New Year's Eve, and we didn't stop until the 31st of January."

When it started, pledges amounted to \$18 per free throw. By the end of the month, the Eagles had earned so many pledges, each made shot was worth over 50 bucks.

"I feel like there was more pressure. Each free throw was valued," junior Lydia Boucher said.

"There was a lot of money on the line with those free throws, but I just tried to keep the grand scheme in mind with the girls. Listen, the free throws are nice and important, but we're trying to do anything that we can to raise as much money as possible. Promoting the cancer research and awareness is the ultimate goal," Donar said.

With the money being raised, the Eagles' focus sharpened. In January, the team's free throw percentage improved by around 14 percent, he said.

"I'll tell you what, there was more asking for practice time to practice their free throws than any years prior," Donar said.

During Tuesday's presentation, the team thanked the entire community. All the people who made donations made it all possible.

"It's really nice to do something for a great cause. Everyone's affected by it," senior Bailey Cloutier said.

Added Boucher: "The community can come together for such a great cause."

What the Eagles accomplished won't be immediately felt. Raising money doesn't come with the instant gratification and the cheers of a big win. But that \$10,000 will go into cancer research, and somebody whose name is on the back of a player's t-shirt will be helped, maybe even cured.

That's the victory the Erskine girls basketball team earned. 

AFS Helps El Salvadore and Puerto Rico



A volunteer delivers a basket of provisions to an elderly El Salvadoran man, which is made possible by AFS Club donations.

The AFS Club raises money each year to send to El Salvador to provide baskets of food and other needed items to the elderly, which are distributed by local volunteers.

Following the devastating hurricane that passed through Puerto Rico, the AFS Club ran a food drive to collect essential food and personal items for the victims.

JMG Serves Veterans Dinner and Special Olympics

In November, JMG students with advisor Mitch Donar '00 helped out at the 11th annual veterans dinner arranged by the Boynton-Webber American Legion Post #179 and Auxiliary in South China, ME.

The JMG students have assisted at the dinner for several years by waiting on tables, serving the coffee and dessert, and helping the veterans to their buses and cars.

The JMG students traveled to Sugarloaf to help out with the Special Olympics events. They were a merry group even while braving the elements.

Leo Club Helps Bring Christmas Cheer



Erskine's Leo Club members helping out the Whitefield Lions club with its Christmas for Kids event.

In December, eight members of the Erskine Leo Club helped the Whitefield Lions club at its annual Christmas for Kids event by greeting guests, serving food, and handing out



JMG students helping out at annual veterans dinner.



JMG working at the Special Olympics event at Sugarloaf.

gifts. Twenty-five local children and their families attended the party. 📷

Humanitarian Trip to Costa Rica

The AFS Club again undertook the ambitious project of building a home for a family in need in Costa Rica. Long before boarding the plane for central America in March, they worked hard to raise funds to pay for the new home. They wrote letters asking for donations from local businesses, held tag and plant sales and a spaghetti dinner, wrote a grant, and arranged for Margarita's Restaurant to donate a percentage of a day's profits.

Many thanks to the very generous businesses who contributed—Dennis Keller State Farm Insurance, G & E Roofing, Haydon Bolts, Inc., Hussey's General Store, and MDS Werks, Inc.—and to all the hardworking current and past parents involved in supporting the trip.

Students on the trip were Sam Falla, Sam Heath, Ella Johnson, Kyli Julia, Caitlin Labbe, Kassie Nadeau, Kaili Shorey, Liz Sugg, Caleb Tyler, Kassidy Wade, Ashlyn Wing, Dylan Wing, Alana York, and Sam York. Chaperones were Nick Labbe, Heather Sugg, Darrin Wood, and Andy York, and teachers Sonia Stevenson and Lynn Wood. 📷



above One of the highlights of the trip to Costa Rica was visiting a local school and delivering school supplies to the young children. below Erskine students standing in front of the newly completed home for a Costa Rican family.



Student Council Attends State Conference

In December, Student Council members Jackson Tirell, Emily Jacques, Lydia Boucher, and Kaylee Porter attended the Maine Association of Student Councils (MASC) State Conference. The theme for the conference was P.R.I.D.E.—Personal Responsibility in Delivering Excellence.

The Association's statewide service project this year is the Travis Mills Foundation, which supports combat injured veterans and their families through long term programs that help these heroic men and women overcome physical obstacles, strengthen their families, and



Kaylee Porter being introduced in at the MASC State Conference.

provide well-deserved rest and relaxation.

This year's keynote speaker was John Jenkins, who has more than 40 years of experience in promoting successful personal and professional development. He has lectured and trained throughout the U.S., Japan, and The People's Republic of China. He served as mayor of both Auburn and Lewiston. He was the first African American to serve in the Maine State Senate and is an accomplished author, educator, trainer, leader, and national public speaker. 📷

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Inspiring Eagles Seasons

The pictures tell the story. The fall and winter sports seasons represented hard work, ambition, pride, resilience, good sportsmanship, and sheer will power. All of the teams made great strides these past two seasons.

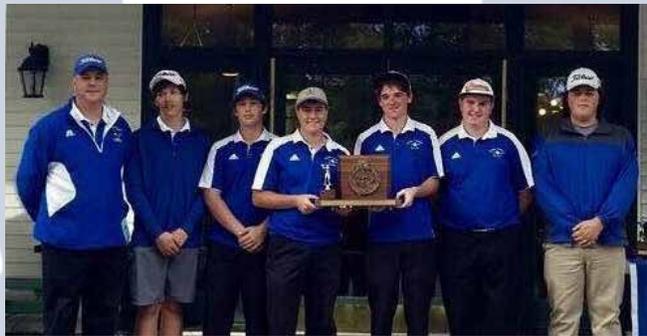
In the fall, Boys Cross Country received the MPA Class B North Sportsmanship Award, Boys Soccer was the Class B North Semifinalist, Girls Soccer was the KVAC Champion, Coach Ryan Nored was named *KJ* Coach of the Year, and Golf was KVAC Champion.

In the winter, Boys Indoor Track and Swim teams received Class B North Sportsmanship banners, Girls Indoor Track runner Kaylee Porter '18 was All KVAC 800 Meter Run, State Champion 800 Meter Run, School Record Holder 200 Meter Dash, 400 Meter Dash, and 800 Meter Run, and 9th at New Englands in the 1000 Meter, Cheering pushed back 21 years of hopeful competition to win a berth at state competition, Boys Basketball persevered despite the loss early in the season of a key player and qualified for the state championship, wrestlers Mike Sprague and Jake Peavey were Conference and Regional Champions, Jake was State Champion, and Kristen Ray was State Champion in Girls High School Wrestling.

These images don't tell the complete story of what it takes for a team to rise



Girls soccer won the KVAC North B Championship.



The golf team won the KVAC Class B championship.

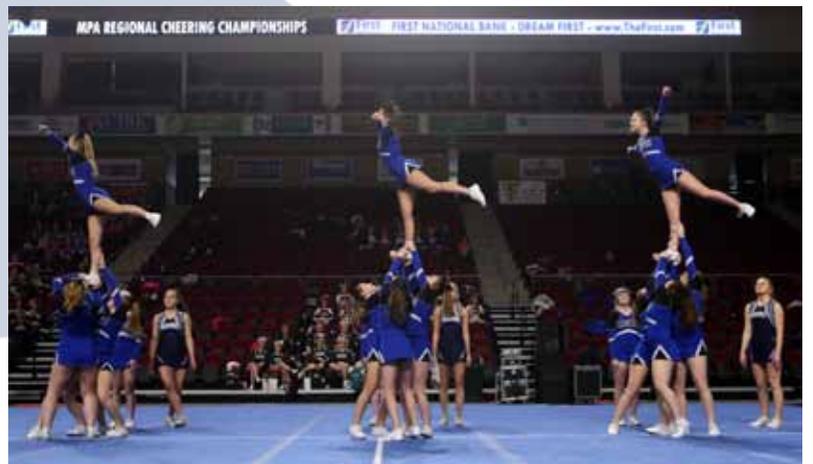


Aaron Pion '18 made a hole-in-one at the annual Eagle Open golf tournament in August, pictured here with Ray Haskell '83.

above its trials to become a unified force nor do they reveal the hard work of many individual athletes, coaches, and parents that makes up a successful athletic program. We recognize and congratulate everyone who took part. *Go Eagles!* 🦅



The cheering team, coached by Julie Haskell Wing '98, won the KVAC North B championship, qualifying them for States.



Cheering qualified for States for the first time in 21 years.

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Good Sportsmanship banners were awarded to the Cross Country, Swim, and Indoor Track teams.



Boys Varsity Basketball qualified to play in the State championship at the Augusta Civic Center.



Kaylee Porter '18 wins gold at the State championship in the 800 Meter Run.



Mike Sprague *left* wrestles Oxford Hills opponent in a 126-lb. match at the Class A North championships. Mike won his match in the Regionals and went on to compete at States. *KJ Staff photo by Michael Seamans*



Kristen Ray '21 won the State Championship in girls high school wrestling.



Senior Jake Peavey placed 4th at the New Englands after winning the State competition. Jake's impressive wrestling stats include Team Captain; his 2018 record was 59-3 with 45 pins; he's a two-time KVAC Champion, three-time Regional Champion, two-time State Runner-up, State Champion 2018, and All State Champion 2018. His career record is 161 wins and 116 pins, both of which are school records. He had a .08 pin this season, which is the current school record. He made the *Maine Sunday Telegram* All-State team and was named *Kennebec Journal's* Wrestler of the Year.

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TIME AND TALENT

Erskine Academy sincerely thanks the many volunteers, parents, teachers, staff, community members and alumni who give generously of their time and expertise. Your commitment to the students is commendable. We could not do all that we accomplish without your selfless generosity.



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Why does Erskine Academy need to raise money every year—don't the sending towns pay the school tuition for their students?

While our eight sending towns do pay tuition for their students, that amount is calculated each year by the state. The tuition allowance always falls short of what it actually costs to educate an Erskine student. Every year Erskine depends on support from the Annual Fund to bridge that gap and make up the difference.

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Junior Achievement Titan Challenge

The annual Junior Achievement Titan Challenge was held at Thomas College in February, and 14 students with advisor Roxanne Malley attended.

One of the executive mentors, Brian King, Senior Vice President of Card Product, Bank of America sent an inspiring message to Ms. Malley:

"I wanted you to know how impressed I was with the three young men I had the pleasure of working with during the JA Titan Challenge at Thomas College. I've been supporting JA in various capacities these past three to four years and working with Sam, Billy, and Jay was

a good reminder of why I do it. It was a lot of fun getting to know them a little bit, discussing their ideas, challenging their thought process, and watching them learn about the cause and effect of critical business decisions. I was thoroughly impressed with their approach, professionalism, and communication



above and left EA students at the Titan Challenge with the executive mentors.

skills and how well prepared they were. Please pass along my sentiments to each of them. Also, please let them know that I sincerely hope they pursue the app creation idea we discussed—I think it has real merit!" 📧

FBLA State Leadership Conference

Ten students attended the Future Business Leaders of America State Leadership Conference March 19-20 in Portland with chapter advisor Roxanne Malley.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference is a state level competition and workshop conference. Any member who placed at their local chapter competition may compete, and any FBLA member may attend. Members compete against all chapters in the state in their competitive event. Elections are held for State Officers along with workshops, entertainment, guest speakers, and awards. 📧



FBLA competition winners were left to right Hunter Rushing, Matt Veilleux, Hagen Wallace, and Madeline Geidel with advisor Roxanne Malley.

Drama Wins Regional One-Act

It was a sweet victory for Erskine's Drama Club this year at the Maine Drama Festival One-Act Play regional competition after their runner-up status last year. The group performed *The Yellow Boat*, a play by David Saar that is a glorious affirmation of a child's life and the strength and courage of all children. The dramatization is based on the true story of David and Sonja Saar's son, Benjamin, who was born with congenital hemophilia and died in 1987 at the age of 8 of AIDS-related

complications. It was a more serious and demanding play than some of the comedies performed by the group in the past, but the students proved they were up to the task.

Drama coach Ryan Nored commented, "This is one of our best shows in years, and the kids and I are extremely proud of it!" 📧



Student directors Morgaine Kmen '19 and Gabi Pizzo '18 at the state competition. They were awarded the Student Director Judges Commendation.

JMG Career Development Conference

In late March, Thomas College hosted the statewide annual JMG Career Development Conference, and 14 Erskine Academy JMG students attended. Throughout the day the students competed against other JMG

students from all over the state in various career preparation events. One of the highlights was when Erskine Academy received the Grand Prize for winning the Campus Quest Event. It was also an honor

to have Mr. McQuarrie join our JMG program for both the Opening and Closing Ceremony this year. 



left JMG students attended the statewide annual Career Development Conference at Thomas College. above Three students got career-ready with new haircuts donated by alumna Dawn Chamberlain Dunn '79, the owner of Shear Techniques in South China, ME, who came to campus and worked her magic in a student-prepared "barbershop."

Youth in Government

In early November, the EA Youth in Government (YIG) students and their advisor Kelly Clark participated in the YIG Program at the State House. All members of the delegation wrote and submitted a bill beforehand and were elected to an office. Ms. Clark

comments, "I really enjoy YIG because it gives students the opportunity to understand how the government works at the state level. Just by being at the State House for the weekend allows students to experience collective action live and in person. It also allows them

to develop the art of compromise and empowers them to know that getting involved in the government is possible and the pathways are accessible."

Students and the elected position in which each served during the weekend: Brenna Audet, media staff, photographer; Chris Bourdon, lobbyist for Labor, Commerce, and Economic Dev.; Dawn



left Youth in Government (formerly referred to as Model State) students joined other schools in the state legislature chambers to conduct proceedings. top Students in a breakout legislative session.

Elliott, Senator, Transportation; Harrison Mosher, Cabinet member, Commissioner of Fish and Wildlife; Dominic Smith, Senate Chair for Health and Human Services; Samuel Smith, lobbyist, Fish and Wildlife; Jacob Sutter, House Chair, State and Local Government; Matthew Veilleux, lobbyist, State and Local Government.



National Honor Society Induction Ceremony

In November, a large group of 32 students nominated by the faculty were inducted into the Dirigo Chapter of the National Honor Society at a ceremony attended by their families and friends.

Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship (academic achievement), leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society requires some sort of service to the community, school, or other organizations. The time spent working on these projects contributes towards the monthly service hour requirement. The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Four main purposes have guided chapters of NHS from the beginning:

1. To create enthusiasm for scholarship.
2. To stimulate a desire to render service.
3. To promote leadership.
4. To develop character in the students of secondary schools.

The ceremony was lead by Kayla Hubbard, President; Luke Hodgkins, Vice President; Bryanna Emery, Secretary; and Chantelle Roddy, Treasurer. Teacher David Currier is the NHS advisor.

Congratulations to the following new members: *Seniors*

Poetry Out Loud Competition

As stated on the Poetry Out Loud (POL) page of the Maine Arts Commission, recitation and performance are major new trends in poetry. There has been a recent resurgence of poetry as an oral art form, as seen in the slam poetry movement and the immense popularity of hip-hop music among our youth. Poetry Out Loud builds on this momentum by inviting the dynamic aspects of slam poetry, spoken word, and theater into the English class. The National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation have formed a partnership with state arts agencies



Annemarie Allen, Maggie Anderson, Noelle Cote, Samantha Jackson, Isabella Johnson, Megan Lemieux, Kassandra Nadeau, Emma Stone, Christopher Wight, and Martie Young;

and *Juniors*
Lydia Boucher, William Bourque, Samuel Falla, Sage Hapgood-Belanger, Samantha Heath, Kylie Julia, Robert King, Morgaine Kmen, Olivia Kunesh, Caitlin Labbe, Maverick Lowery, Rivers Malcolm, Noah Miller, Jacob Praul, Seth Reed,

Christina Roy, Hunter Rushing, Conor Skehan, Katherine Smith, Braden Soule, Elizabeth Sugg, and Alana York.

to support the expansion of Poetry Out Loud, which encourages the nation's youth to learn about great poetry through memorization and performance. This exciting program helps students master public speaking skills, build self-confidence and learn about their literary heritage. Registration is open to all public and private high schools in Maine as well as high school homeschooling populations.



Samantha Box '21 won the POL competition at EA and went on to the regionals. POL advisor and librarian Crystal Shamas-Douglas presenting Samantha with her award.

Outing Club Expeditions

Planning and getting students and staff together for excursions outside of a busy school schedule is a challenge but one that phys ed teacher Marguerite Cullivan undertook this year by reestablishing an outing club.

Faculty members David Farady and Sonia Stephenson led a trip early in the fall with 14 students to the LaVerna Preserve in the Pemaquid Watershed on the coast of Maine. This expansive preserve features some 3,600 feet of shoreline, 2.5 miles of trails, and a diverse array of wildlife habitat, including mixed hardwoods, coniferous forests, forested wetlands, freshwater marsh, and gently sloping overgrown farmland. They hiked in a mile then walked along undeveloped coastline just north of Pemaquid.

In February, the Outing Club participated in an ice fishing trip to Lake St. George in Liberty, ME led by faculty members Chris Vogel and Halda Stout, where they hoped to snag some landlocked salmon and brook trout. Offering his grilling and fishing expertise was retired athletic director and Doran Stout.



left The Outing Club on a hike in the LaVerna Preserve with faculty member David Farady below left Outing Club ice fishing trip to Lake St. George bottom right Doran Stout manning the grill. No news of whether any fish were caught, but the group had a fun time enjoying the great Maine outdoors.



Our Lively Library

The Myrtle Huff Austin Library is always an interesting place to visit. There are wonderfully decorated seasonal and timely displays showcasing new and relevant books, creative artwork on loan from the art department, and a full array of magazines on just about every topic you would want to read. There are student musical performances, book club meetings, yoga classes, and visiting lecturers.

In March, the "You Go Group" was established for girls to celebrate National Women's History Month. The group went to Railroad Cinema in Waterville for a private showing of the movie "Ladybird", took part in a self defense demonstration on campus, and attended an engaging talk by former Waterville mayor and activist Karen Heck in the library.

A recent fascinating display put together by the library was entitled "Accomplished Maine Women and the Technology That Helped Them."



It included a wonderful collection of well used typewriters previously owned by female trendsetters in Maine.

The collection was on loan from David Theriault (Eleanor Rose '17) and included the typewriters of Elizabeth Stokes Matlack Haines, who was the first female to be hired by Dupont in the 1930s, Bessie Manary Dean, the first female pilot who flew solo in Lincolnville, ME, April 1941; and Louise Dickinson Rich, who authored the well-known books *State o' Maine*, *We Took to the Woods*, and *Trail to the North*. A student volunteered to

demonstrate on the 1958 nicknamed "The Tank" the hard work it took to operate these vintage machines.



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A New Gym Floor

Last summer, the James V. Nelson Gymnasium was transformed with a beautifully refinished floor complete with a new Eagle center logo. The work was accomplished thanks in part to the generosity of the many donors to the Sheldon Bumps '62 Memorial Fund and the Class of 2015 class gift. 



At Erskine Academy, we lay a firm foundation for young people to enter the world as future leaders and successful citizens. Your ANNUAL FUND gift helps build that foundation. With your continued support, there is no limit to what Erskine can achieve. Please consider a gift to the Annual Fund today.

You may donate to the Erskine Academy Annual Fund by mailing the enclosed envelope or online at erskineacademy.org/support-ea. THANK YOU!

Mr. EA Competition

Ten senior boys—Alex Cleaves, Cody Daigneault, Derrick Dyer, Luke Hodgkins, Harrison Mosher, Jake Peavey, Dylan Plugge, Chance Reed, Michael Sprague, and Caleb Tyler—took to the stage in November to compete for the coveted title of "Mr. EA." All of the contestants were highly qualified, as they demonstrated with their many talents, but Jake Peavey took the crown. 



center Mr. EA winner Jake Peavey

A Time-Honored Tradition

What's work without play? The time-honored tradition of Winter Carnival carries on at Erskine. Although a few of the events have been updated to keep up with the times, there are plenty of events that alumni, even from decades ago, will remember—pulp throw, snow sculpture, tug-of-war, egg toss, broad jump, sack race, toboggan pull, cribbage, hula hooping, chess, baking, paper plane throwing, and other contests to collect class points—and alumni are fond of saying, "back in my day..." It's good to know that Winter Carnival is alive and well in memories as well as for today's Erskine student.



A Fond Farewell

Erskine is the type of place that grows on you, and employees become family. As a matter of fact, we usually spend more time in each other's company than our own families at home! It's a community of caring individuals that look out for one another and pick up the slack wherever help is needed.

One individual who picked up the slack in many areas is Jane Godbout. Sadly for us and happily for her, Jane retired in December, and the school bid her a fond farewell at a gathering at the China Dine-ah.

Jane's quick eye kept on top of all the details required for Erskine to run smoothly, and you could count on her to send reminders about any event or project that needed attention. Her official title was Assistant to the Headmaster and she served under former Headmaster Don Poulin and current Headmaster Mike McQuarrie, which she accomplished with equal competency. The "Grand Central" front office, co-efficiently (wo)manned by Marcia Tibbetts Coffin '66 and Jane, is a constant swirl of phone calls,



The Front Office team of Marcia Tibbetts Coffin and Jane Godbout on Jane's last day of work at Erskine.

visitors, and meetings, and the "Jane/Marcia" team handled the busyness with diplomacy and grace.

Once Jane's retirement was announced, the good wishes poured in via phone calls, Facebook comments, and visits, confirming the number of people whose lives she affected. Headmaster McQuarrie commented on Jane's retirement, "I know that for numerous reasons—my dependency on you among them—that I am one among many that will be grieving your leaving for a good long time."

Following her retirement, Jane and her husband traveled to Florida for the winter months to enjoy some much deserved time in the sun, and we wish them all the best.

Finding a replacement for Jane seemed a daunting task but one that was completed easily with the hiring of alumna Diane Douglass Galusha '83, parent of Sierra '12 and Savannah '15 Tjelemand. We welcome Diane's smiling face (below) to the front office!



Our Lively Library

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The Commercial program was a major part of the Erskine curriculum in years past, and many graduates were sought out by employers and went on to successful careers in offices around Maine and beyond. Mastering the mighty typewriter was key in the program as are computers in today's curricula.

And don't forget the free bookmarks in the library!... 

Commercial Program photo from the 1953 *Pinnacle*.



TO SPRING

O, happy, merry, gentle Spring,
We're glad to welcome thee
Back from the far Sunny Southland,
Back from the Southern Sea.

We like the life you bring to us,
The birds, the flowers, the bees;
We like the green grass growing up
And the budding of the trees.

We wish you would not go away
To let hot Summer come;
Why don't you stay forever here
And have a lasting home?

But then we know we cannot have
This joy to always share;
We must endure the Winter's cold
As well as Summer's glare.

And so we must enjoy your air
This time while you are here,
And wait for you so patiently
To come again next year.

—by Marie Turner '28

IN MEMORIAM

The following members of the Erskine community have passed away since the last *Connector* issue or of whose passing we have recently been notified.

Mary Ellen Hold Peaslee '50 3/7/18
Beatrice Nolin Ferrari '54 3/19/18
Charles A. Merservey, Sr. '56 2/27/17
Harland E. Young '56 12/30/17
Everett F. Higgins '57 12/23/17
Irene Reed Stewart '58 11/12/15
Robert E. Dufour '60 1/29/18
George W. Studley '63 8/18/17
George E. Oliver '65 12/8/17
Theresa Gove McKenney '67 10/1/17
Susan Mitchell Donar '71 10/2/17
George Horak '73 8/20/17
Dionne S. Barnett '76 11/25/17
Jackie E. Rowe '77 1/30/18
Darlene Tyler Sampson '77 10/18/17
Michael R. Wescott '79 10/18/17
William H. Bickford '82 8/18/17
Kristy Labonte Brann '96 11/30/17
Jill A. Dyer '98 1/27/18
Tanner O. Smith '05 September 2017
Dakota J. Blaschke '11 9/4/17
George L. Dwelley, EA, teacher
1987-2000 2/15/18

Contact us... and please notify us of any errors or omissions.

If this issue is addressed to your son or daughter who no longer maintains a permanent address at your home, please provide his or her updated address to the Alumni Office. An online update form is also available on the Erskine Academy website on the "For Alumni" page.

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We're cheering for your return to celebrate our 50th!

Heads Up for the Class of 1968!

We are in the process of organizing our 50th Class Reunion and the dates have been set!

50th Class Reunion
June 1, 2018, 6:00-10:00 p.m.
American Legion Hall
79 Legion Memorial Drive, S. China

An informal get-together for us and our spouses or significant others to reacquaint and reminisce. The event will be catered with lemonade and iced tea available, but you are welcome to bring anything else you'd like to drink. The fee for this night is \$15.00 payable to Brenda Williams and can be mailed to 439 South Clary Road, Jefferson, ME 04348. A packet was mailed out in February with this information. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will be attending so we can get a head count.

AND

All Alumni Reunion Lobster Bake
June 2, 2018, 1:00-5:00 p.m.
Erskine Academy, 309 Windsor Road, S. China

You will be receiving the All Alumni Reunion details and registration form soon. In the above-mentioned packet there was also information about our 50th Reunion Yearbook. To allow time to get this prepared for compilation and printing, please submit your profile information immediately.

We have a few classmates that we haven't been able to locate. If anyone has been in contact with Nancy Allen Barrows, Carol Ouellette Cooper, Virginia Loder, Raymond Paul, Zeldon Powers, David L. Thompson or Bernard Williams, could you please e-mail Halda Stout hstout@erskine247.com or call the Alumni Office (207) 445-4026. We'd really like to get in touch with these classmates.

Neil Farrington, Suzanne Dinsmore Krajewski, Dennis Frank Reed, and I have been meeting regularly with Halda at the Alumni Office across from the school. Please contact Halda at the email above if you would like to help out with Reunion. We would love to have you!

I know it's been 50 years and a lot of us haven't kept in touch. Some may feel that because they haven't seen each other or kept in touch, why would they want to do it now? Well, why not? This IS our 50th, so let's get as many of us together as we can. We've lost six of our classmates, Ricky Allen, Dave Banton, Anna Canty, Mark Haskell, Robert Starratt and Floyd Welch, so let's get together while we still can. I'm really hoping to see everyone!

—Your classmate, Brenda Foster Williams

Class Notes

1955

Jeanne Colby Feyler attends regular get-togethers with up to 12 other Erskine ladies (men are welcome if they wish). The gatherings have grown from once a year to once a month. They are elated when Gerry Rogers Hill from Hartford, WI and Ann Carleton from Tucson, AZ join them once a year. "We have good times; Erskine enters our conversation a lot."

1979

Greg Dodge retired from the US Army in 2014 after serving over 20 years and two tours in Iraq. He enjoys participating in Civil War reenactments and operating an 18th and 19th century gun accessories business called The Ordnance Sgt.



Greg Dodge '79

1985

Cheryl Wellman York was recognized with a Faculty of the Trimester Award at a Renaissance assembly in December for her outstanding commitment to the community and Erskine. Cheryl is chair of the Town of Palermo select-board and Erskine's business manager. She and her husband Andy have two children attending Erskine, Alana '19 and Sam '21.



Cheryl York and family left to right daughter Alana '19; great niece; nephew Randy Pottle '07; mother Ginny Haskell Wellman '62; sister Gail Wellman Pottle '83; Cheryl; husband Andy York; and son Sam '21.

1990



Shanon Cotta '90

Shanon Cotta is running for selectman in Alna, ME. A local press release stated he is a strong supporter of first responders like firefighters, paramedics and law enforcement; he understands and supports their importance to the community because he worked as a combat medic in South Korea. He served during Hurricane Katrina Relief Operations in New Orleans, LA and Tropical Storm Irene in Vermont conducting humanitarian aid assistance.

He has served for over 26 years in the U.S. Army, U.S. Army Reserve and the Maine Army National Guard. As a combat veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom II, he understands the meaning of service to our country and the State of Maine. Shanon is married to Jill and they have three young children.

2000

Congratulations to

Jason Bartlett, who was inducted into the 2018 Maine Sports Hall of Fame. World-class harness driver and winner of over 7,000 races, Jason represented



Jason Bartlett '00

the USA in World Championships and is among the top three drivers in America. Jason has accumulated over \$87 million in career purses and as a relatively young man may very well become the greatest driver in harness racing history. Erskine presented Jason with the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2015.

2002

Jessica Dowe Haskell and her husband Adam welcomed a second son in November named Henrik Berry Haskell.



Henrik Haskell

2005

Josh Jones is now a pro with Maine Mixed Martial Arts following a successful stint



Josh Jones '05

in professional basketball. He plans to try out with Chicago MMA and runs his own landscaping business. A recent write-up on New England Fights online: ...Josh Jones' rise to the top of the NEF middle-weight division in 2017 was nothing short of meteoric. A former basketball star at Erskine Academy in South China, ME and draftee of the Rio Grande Valley Vipers of the NBA Developmental League, Jones has honed his craft in the martial arts at First Class MMA of Brunswick. It took him a mere 24 seconds combined to knock out his first two opponents this past year. Jones' four-second knockout of Anthony Spires (0-3) went viral worldwide and was featured on major websites like Bleacher Report. After back-to-back losses to finish the year, Jones is looking to rebound with a win to open 2018. Congratulations to **Ashlie McKenney Stubbs**, who married Ethan Stubbs on January 13, 2018 at Point Lookout in Northport, ME. She is teaching health education at Mount View Middle School and coaching their softball team. Her husband is a Maine Maritime Academy graduate and works as an engineer for US Shipping Co. They have an Alaskan honeymoon planned for August 2018.

2006

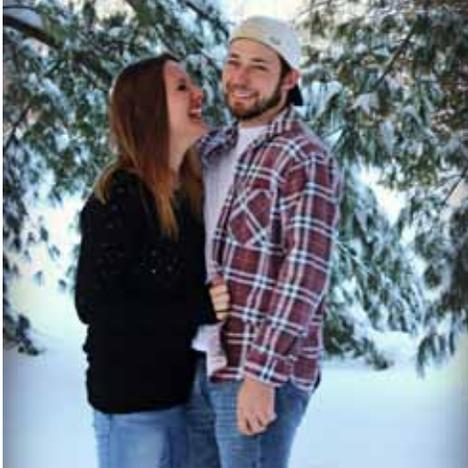
Jeremy Taylor has been teaching at Mascenic High School in New Ipswich, NH since the fall of 2017.

2009

Nicole Morissette returned to campus to speak to language teacher Sonia Stevenson's class. Nicole has been teaching in South Korea. **Brittney Reynolds** works for Kennebec Valley Community Action Program (KVCAP) helping families improve their parenting skills and has a four-year-old. She is engaged to Gaige Fuller with the wedding planned for October 20. Congratulations!

2011

Sadly, **Dakota "Cody" Blaschke** passed away on September 4, 2017. He worked at an organic farm in China and for the past two years as an associate at Wal-Mart.



Brittney Reynolds '09 and her fiancé Gaige



Ashlie McKenney Stubbs '05 and her husband Ethan Stubbs

He enjoyed gardening, cooking, fishing, spending time with his family and friends, and helping his brother Sage work on his house. He adopted a rescue dog from Puerto Rico and discovered that "Rico" understands commands in Spanish better than English! Cody will be remembered for his outgoing personality, his kind soul, and his infamous dreadlocks.



Nicole Morissette '09 visiting Ms. Stevenson's language class.

2012

Nate Burns was featured in a fall 2017 UMaine Maine Business School article. He is pursuing career paths at Unum



through a four-year rotational leadership training development program at the supplemental insurance company's Portland, ME office. Now in his first rotation in Unum's financial planning and analysis area, Burns says his responsibilities involve financial forecasting and planning, budgeting, project management and financial reporting. Burns, who lives in Yarmouth, credits MBS classes, membership in the Student Portfolio



Cody Blaschke '11

Investment Fund (SPIFFY), and his experience as co-chair of the UMaine Business Challenge with preparing him for his job. Through his business classes he developed his research, technical writing and presentation skills. During SPIFFY meetings, he was able to apply the theories and concepts he learned in class to the real world as he researched stocks and advised members which to buy and sell. Helping oversee the UMaine Business Challenge enabled him to polish his planning, teamwork, communication

and leadership skills. **Sean Cabaniss** is in the masters program at Smith College for Exercise & Sports Studies. He was featured in an article in the UMaine at Farmington alumni magazine. After graduating UMF with a number of honors and records and securing the graduate assistantship at Smith College, Sean was named the North Atlantic Conference Man of the Year and was awarded a prestigious NCAA Postgraduate Scholarship for his athletic and academic achievements.

2014

Olivia Burke was named to Maine Maritime Academy's Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester. **Moriah Cloutier** is attending Northeastern Law School in Boston. She graduated in three years from the University of Maine in May 2017 after persevering in her major of psychology while minoring in legal studies. It



Moriah Cloutier '14 and her significant other Richard

was mentioned in a recent UMaine Alumni Perspective blog that while at UMaine, Moriah's favorite class was a seminar on prejudice and discrimination. Apart from her academics, she enjoyed her involvement in the Mock Trial Club and the Pre Law Society. She became the president of the Mock Trial Club during her senior year. Participating in the club helped further her familiarity with legal jargon and procedures, as well as helped her make great friendships. Moriah spent her three years at UMaine mentoring a young man at Old Town Elementary. Over the years, they developed a strong, trusting relationship and made some great memories, including him regularly beating her at Four Square! Moriah had the opportunity to participate in an internship with the Maine Attorney General's office, which she received after submitting an application and having a successful interview with members of the Political Science department. On her internship site she was able to get hands on experience such as filing, organizing documents, drafting orders, motions, and shadowing attorneys in court, settlement hearings, conferences and trials. Moriah

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Class Notes

AWARD NOMINATIONS REQUESTED

Do you know of an alumnus or friend of Erskine Academy who has accomplished outstanding deeds in their life or contributed greatly to the school? Please consider nominating them for an award. The awards are presented at the annual Alumni Reunion.

Distinguished Alumni Award
(open to alumni only)

Exemplary Service (to Erskine Academy) Award
(open to anyone)

Volunteer Leadership Award
(open to alumni only)

Award criteria and the nomination form can be found on the Erskine Alumni web page or by contacting the Alumni Office for assistance.

The Annual deadline for submitting nominations is APRIL 1.

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Science in Healthcare Studies/Master of Science in Occupational Therapy program. Air Force Airman **Jayme Marcellino** has



Jayme Marcellino '14

graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, TX. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air

Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Marcellino is the son of Debbie Blythe and stepson of Thomas Blythe of Palermo. He is also the son of Peter Marcellino and stepson of Cindy Stafford of Sidney.

2015

Zachary Isbell and **Austin Johnson** were named to Maine Maritime Academy's Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester.

Megan Mahoney, **Zoe Mather**, and **Michaela Sprague** were named to the Husson University Fall 2017 Honors List; Megan is a senior enrolled in the Bachelor

of Science in Elementary Education program; Zoe is a junior enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Kinesiology-Human Movement Science/Doctor of Physical Therapy program; and Michaela is a junior enrolled in the Bachelor Science in Criminal Justice//Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a Mental Health Rehabilitation Technician/Community (MHRT/C) Certification program. **Kaitlyn Sutter** was named to the Dean's List at the University of Vermont. **Justin Davis** was named to the Dean's List at Stonehill College for the fall 2017 semester.

2016

Abigail Cooper and **Merlin Murphy** were named to Maine Maritime Academy's Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester.

Theresa Gervais was named to the College of the Holy Cross Dean's List for the fall 2017 semester, where she is a Spanish and philosophy major. **Traviana Higgins** and **Mackenzie Gayer** were named to the fall 2017 President's List at Husson University, where they are sophomores. Traviana is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/Master of Science in Criminal Justice Administration program, and Mackenzie is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program.

2017

Andrew Browne, majoring in communications at Coastal Carolina University, was named to the fall 2017 Dean's List.

Kaitlyn Brundate was named to the Dean's List at the University of Maine at

lives in Boston with her boyfriend Richard and their kitten Opal; when she's not at school she enjoys spending time with her twin sister, singing, hiking and playing sports. **Tasha Dutil** was named to the Husson University Fall 2017 Honor's List, where she is enrolled in the Bachelor of



Madison Grass '17, a freshman at Dean College, performed with other dancers in the college's dance program in September at the 2017 NFL opening pre-game at Gillette Stadium.



Dylan Presby center with parents Dave and Michelle

Presque Isle for the 2017 fall semester.

Terrence Conway was named to the Husson University Fall 2017 Honors List, where he is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Communications Technology with a concentration in audio engineering program. **Phoebe Fleck** earned Dean's List honors at Husson University for fall 2017, where she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Health Sciences program.

Madison Grass participated as an on-field performer in the 2017 NFL opening pre-game on Sept. 7 at Gillette Stadium. She was able to experience firsthand what it takes to produce such a large-scale performance. **Jenna Lully** earned Dean's List honors at Husson University for fall 2017, where she is enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Healthcare Studies program.

Dylan Presby was featured in a *Town Line* article by Roland Hallee (11/21/17) about the difference between high school and college baseball: At Erskine, Dylan became an integral part of a baseball team that was laden with talent. ...According to Erskine coach Lars Jonassen, Presby took on the role to be content to give the spotlight to the other players by simply doing whatever the Eagles needed to win. Jonassen called Presby "our best player." Jonassen continued by saying, "He was an unsung hero, and didn't care that he never got any recognition." Presby wanted his senior year to be something special. ...The team was expected to do well during the season, with forecasts they would go deep into the playoffs. ...They captured the regional championship when Presby responded with a bases-loaded triple in a 7-6 win over Hermon. ...During his senior season, Presby batted .490, and went 4-2 as a pitcher with two saves. ...Prior to that season, Dylan played for the Maine Lightning in the Elite Baseball League and prepared himself to play at a higher level. "That really helped me get my swing down, get my mechanics ready for my senior year, and I felt like that really helped me out to start the

season." For his accomplishment at Erskine, Presby was named the *Kennebec Journal's* Baseball Player of the Year, an accolade that, it is believed, has never been given to a China resident before... He has taken his baseball skills to Newbury College in Brookline, MA, a Division III school that plays in the New England Collegiate Conference (NECC). ..."The major change between high school and college is how in-depth the college coaches

critique your every move. I felt I was learning something new every day even though I have been playing ball ever since I can remember."...According to Newbury College head coach Kraig Kupiec, "Dylan is doing great here at Newbury and, as a

freshman, is fighting for playing time in a very congested and competitive outfield."... Dylan credits his parents for playing a huge role in his development as a baseball player. "My dad was able to drill commitment in my head ever since I was younger. There was no excuse to miss practice..." What about mom? "Mom helped me better myself every practice and every game because she is my number one fan and I always wanted to make her smile when I played."...Dylan is majoring in sports management and communications.

Eleanor Rose Theriault was recently named to the highly selective Dean's List at Colby College in Waterville, ME, for outstanding academic achievement during the fall semester of the 2017-18 year. 📖



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