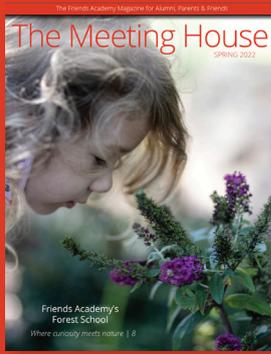


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Friends Academy's
Forest School

Where curiosity meets nature | 8



ON THE COVER

A Pre-Kindergartner explores the wild flora of Friends Academy's new Forest School program. Read more, beginning on page 8.

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Our Mission

Guided by Quaker principles, Friends Academy educates our students to discover and develop the best of who they are and who they can become.

Our Belief

At Friends Academy, we achieve educational excellence by committing to the highest standards of learning and living.

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Because when we inspire students to learn and live with purpose, they can achieve greatness without sacrificing goodness.

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Letter From the Head of School



I write this at my desk on a snowy March morning. Three days ago, however, the temperature stretched upward toward 68 degrees. March is like that on Long Island; so is April! From my office window, I can see our youngest learners making their way to the **peaceful** “forest beyond the fields” where they inquire, observe, and investigate changes in nature in the forest program. Our ultimate goal is to inculcate a sense of responsibility and **stewardship** from the very beginning. I can only imagine the questions driving their learning today. How can it be warm and sunny and then cold and snowy just days apart? In this issue of *The Meeting House*, the reader will see threads of Quaker education and testimonies woven through all we do; in fact, it was George Fox who said, “Quakerism is caught, not taught.” I would suggest at Friends Academy, we promise both. On the bedrock of Quaker values, testimonies, and inquiry-based learning, we build our program, our coursework, and develop and refine our teaching methodology and pedagogy. You will note that science at Friends Academy is a community endeavor. Our science and innovation programs rely on collaboration and **community**. From social entrepreneurship courses, where students work in teams to solve urgent real-world problems, to our Solutions in Medicine course where students study an actual medical case, investigate, share diagnostic information, come up with the right diagnosis, and finally set the course for a treatment plan; to Dan Kriesberg’s sixth-grade students, who study consumer products by testing the **integrity** of the product, developers, and company. As for our teachers, learning to step back and let the students drive the learning is the goal. A non-hierarchical, **equitable** construct in a classroom that is “student centered” is espoused in many schools. To find it as fully realized as we do at Friends Academy is rare. As Mrs. Newitt noted, “A big piece of the Solutions in Medicine course is how to develop those teamwork and collaborative skills, and my role is to guide them toward solving as a group – not to give them the answers.”

Our featured alumni are letting their lives speak in incredible ways, perhaps inspired by their science courses and teachers at Friends Academy. **Andy Menzin '81**, recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award in 2021, is the Chief of Gynecologic Oncology at Northwell Health. Andy, a Friends Academy Trustee, returned to the classroom in a new role as a guest teacher in our Solutions in Medicine class this fall. You’ll meet Rear Admiral (RADM), **Aisha Palmer Mix '91** who among other responsibilities, is responsible for the well-being and deployment of about 1,300 active-duty nurses. RADM Mix recently connected with a variety of student groups on campus, including FA’s feminist club and the Black Student Alliance. Finally, **Fredrick Chien '07**, who has spent his days building and testing rocket parts for SpaceX, definitely gravitated toward math and the sciences at Friends, but it was his participation in lacrosse that taught him a few concepts about physics applied on the field. Explore new worlds with each of our alumni in this exciting next issue. Enjoy!

Andrea Kelly



NEW! FRIENDS ACADEMY VIDEO STORIES

If you spot this video icon throughout our issue, please head to our [YouTube page](https://www.youtube.com/friendsacademyli) at www.youtube.com/friendsacademyli to watch an accompanying video story.



 In learning about the community around them, third graders studied the history of Quakerism with hands-on exploration of the Matinecock Meeting House, which provided them with valuable primary research when engineering and building their own structures later in the unit.

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CORRECTION

In the story "A Renewed Commitment: The Past, Present, and Future of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at Friends Academy," published in the 2020-21 issue, the Pride Club was incorrectly identified. It was a group dedicated to keeping the campus clean.





Former Friends Academy Middle School history faculty member Peter Philander was an accomplished poet with five collections and author of one novel who was one of the first Black South Africans to achieve national recognition for his contributions to literature.

MARKING MR. PHILANDER'S 100TH

*The life of a remarkable man
and Friends Academy educator*

By Karl Hoenzsch, Friends Academy archivist
and Andrea Miller P '22, '27

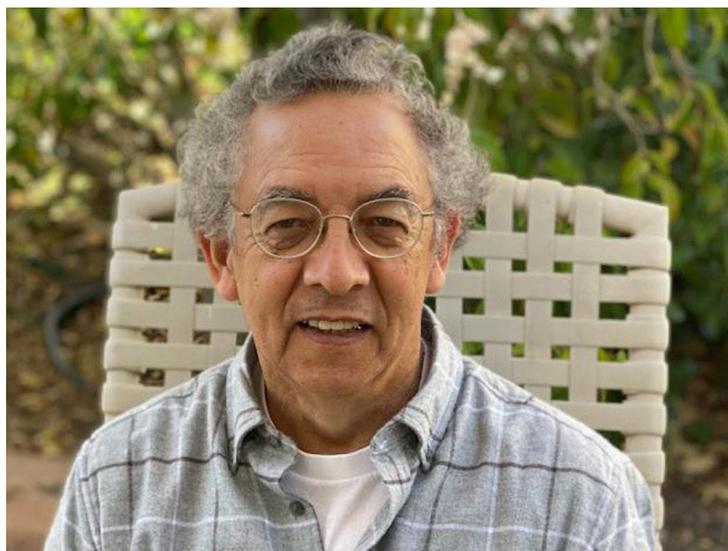
Peter Philander (1921-2006) was a poet, novelist, and lifetime educator who taught History at Friends Academy from 1969 to 2001. Born in South Africa on Nov. 25th, 1921, last year marked the centennial of Philander's birth. Peter Philander was one of the first Black South Africans to achieve national recognition for his contributions to literature. Written in Afrikaans, his second poetry collection, *Vuurklip*, received an award from the South African Department of Education, Art, and Science, in 1961 while his overall contributions to literature and education merited a medal of honor from the whites-only South African Academy of Science and Art in 1963.

During the 1950s, Philander worked as a headmaster and principal at several schools. However, he faced an uphill battle because of

the authoritarianism of the apartheid government. Philander left South Africa because of the increased enforcement of the Group Areas Act. This law required households to live in segregated areas according to the four established racial categories: of “native,” “coloured,” “Asian,” and “white.” Because of his multiracial heritage, Philander was classified as “coloured” under the oppressive regime of apartheid and was forced to leave his home. Motivated by the United States’ recent progress thanks to the civil rights movement and seeking a safer environment for his family, Peter Philander moved to the United States in 1969 where he taught at Friends Academy until his retirement.

Friends Academy Upper School history teacher Bill Rueger, who also works as a library assistant and in Admissions, remembers Peter from his early years. “Peter taught most of the eighth grade geography, and I was 22, so I looked at Peter as a little bit of a mentor. He had a way with them (Middle School students), and he had both tremendous patience and curiosity. He knew so much, but he was always curious about other things that he didn’t know about,” recalled Mr. Rueger. “So, he would ask you questions, sometimes to reaffirm what he thought he already knew, but oftentimes just to find out something that was completely new or curious to him.”

Former Upper and Middle School Principal Deb Schoman remembers how Peter’s meticulous attention and focus permeated everything he did. “Everything had an incredible importance. I remember watching him do some of the geography lessons – he would draw freehand maps on the chalkboard, and they were detailed, to show where you have the ins and the outs of the boundaries and the harbors. In both a gentle and serious way, he held the kids to the same expectations



Peter Philander's son, Peter Harker Philander, recounts how his father's experiences deeply affected his poetry and literature, including the death of his one-year-old daughter, Elsa, from diphtheria, as well as other challenging times during apartheid.

of being precise and exact and detailed,” shared Schoman.

Michael Brielmann '90 and Dawn Kallman '84 remember their former teacher with great affection and respect. “His class was like a treat during the day; he was never the sort of teacher who stood there and spit it out. Every class was a conversation,” said Michael. “He engaged everybody in the room,” added Dawn. “You were retaining the information he gave you and if you didn’t understand it, he knew it.”

On Nov. 25, 2021 the centenary of Philander’s birth was celebrated in South Africa with a commemoration during a Wellington (Western Cape) literary festival and publication of his short memoir “Soetsuurlemoen” (bittersweet lemon), written in Afrikaans in an online journal. Visit litnet.co.za/peter-harker-philander-remembering-my-dad-pj-philander/ to view an in-depth article and interview told through the lens of Peter Harker Philander.

Excerpted Friends Academy interviews conducted by journalist Steward Van Wyk.



But Peter, he was one that taught from his memory, from his experience – from his life.

– Dawn Kallman '84

OWNING WHO WE ARE

In the summer of 2019, a group of 25 Friends Academy colleagues from all corners of the school and trustees gathered in the Kumar Wang Library to embark on a new journey that would answer a guiding *Strategic Plan* question – how do we match the lived experience of Friends Academy with its public expression?

With creative and strategic identity partner Mission Minded, a firm headquartered in San Francisco, this small school group began to explore how to tell the story of Friends Academy in words and visuals to those who know it, and those who do not.

Eighteen months later, we were ready to share storytelling elements that, together, allowed us to succinctly and powerfully share FA's one bold and central premise – It is our Quaker values that elevate and deepen our educational excellence and allow our school, colleagues, and students to “achieve greatness without sacrificing goodness.”

From this, we created our school's first Belief Statement; our three guiding goals; a new visual identity, including new school logo, Athletic logo, Admissions Viewbook, and website.

We invite you to discover the Friends Academy you always knew.



What We Believe ...in words

Our Belief Statement:

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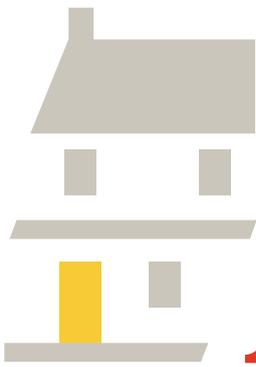
Because when we inspire students to learn and live with purpose, they can achieve greatness without sacrificing goodness.

Our Three Goals:

- **Own Who We Are** as a Quaker School
- **Lead With Warmth** at all times
- **Set the Standard** in educational excellence

Our School Logo:

Our new school logo, which works in concert with our school seal, starts with the Meeting House, the heart of Quakerism at our school. Step over the illuminated threshold, where we let our lives speak and our inner light shine.



Friends Academy

What We Believe ...in visuals

Our Viewbook:



In telling the story of Friends Academy, we open the door to how our values deepen our students' learning in the classroom, on the field, and on the stage.

Our Colors:

Our expanded color palette reflects the hopes, dreams, and goals that we have for our students and alumni, colleagues and families.

-  *Brilliant Red*
-  *Aspirational Blue*
-  *Illuminated Yellow*
-  *Warm Gray*
-  *Deep Red*

A DIFFERENT KIND OF SCHOOL



By Andrea Miller P '22, '27
Director of Strategic Communications

Nestled in a clearing encircled by wooded cross country trails, Friends Academy's new Forest School program is bustling and buzzing with activity.

A group of Pre-K students, with clipboards and collection buckets in hand, are approaching the entrance from the forest path.

Within moments, they cross over the threshold, marked by a few fallen branches, and excitedly scamper to discover what surprises nature has waiting.

"I've always been fascinated by Forest

ARNOLD MILLER
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Clockwise: Lifting and exploring the undersides of a tree's bark leads to wonder-filled discovery; children bring collection buckets with them; FA's Forest School program energizes all the senses of each student, growing cognitive literacy, focus, and creative application; a few outdoor classrooms are built into the corners of the Forest School.

ARNOLD MILLER FOR FRIENDS ACADEMY



ARNOLD MILLER FOR FRIENDS ACADEMY



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Schools, which originated in Germany and Scandinavia and have gained notoriety in the United States in more recent years,” said Head of School Andrea Kelly, who conceived the idea when daily walks during the pandemic took her past the brush-filled area. “I knew it would be perfect for a forest program,” she recalled. The school worked with its architectural firm to create a loosely planned environment uniquely designed for outdoor student learning.

The space features trunks from felled locust trees safely and strategically placed, a sensory garden, a pollinator garden, and a natural swale known as the rain garden that fills with a few inches of water following a storm.

“Here, nature is the classroom,” said Mrs. Kelly of the year-round program. The children negotiate the space differently than a built or organized environment like a classroom, playground, or ball field. Balance, climbing, and running are more challenging in a forest! Eye, hand, and foot coordination; core strength; and physical stamina increase exponentially in an outdoor environment.



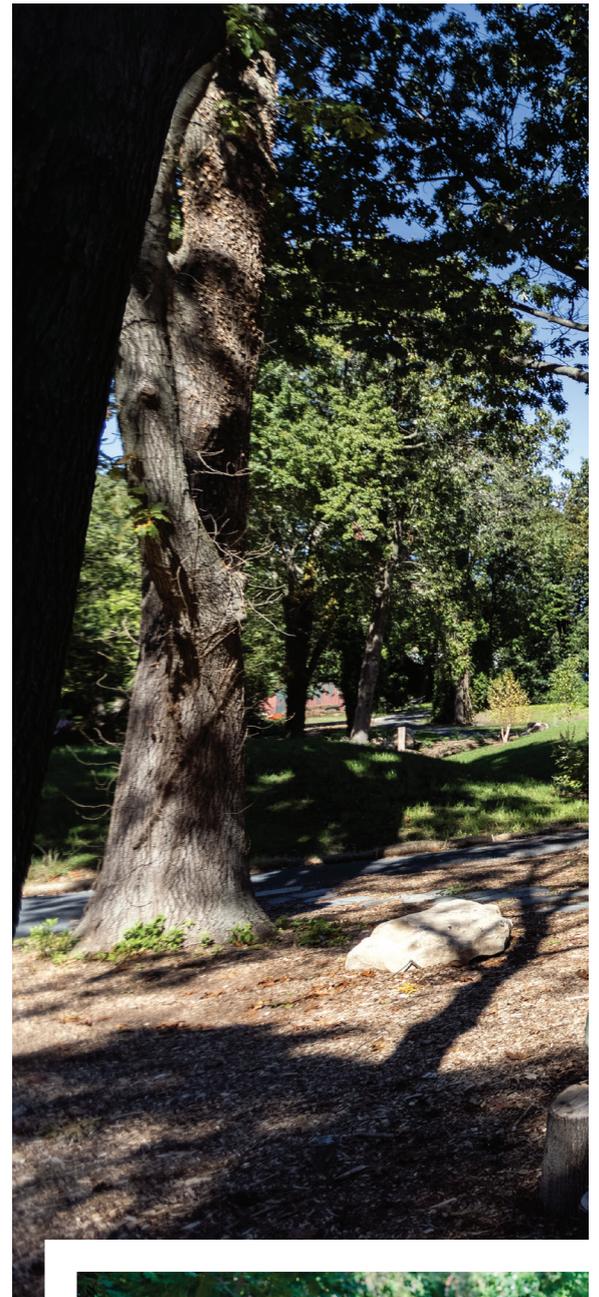
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Practicing sustainability, the school reused the soil it excavated from the turf field to build the Forest School's grassy berms.

As children physically navigate the space, they are also able to explore, inquire, observe, and collect factual knowledge from their surroundings. Building upon those skills, they can then ask deeper questions. Curiosity leads to critical thinking, problem-solving, and collaboration as the children grapple with bigger ideas, environmental science, conservation, and earth care – a direct connection to our stewardship testimony.

Each visit to the Forest School starts with a moment of silence. Time and distance settle into the background. “Like all of us, children are moved by the reverence and awe of the natural world. In our Friends school, we are responsible for developing the spirit, as well as the brain and the body. As children become familiar with their inner being and their spiritual life deepens, they forge an unparalleled reflective connection to themselves and the wider world,” commented Mrs. Kelly.

She continues, “Our forest program will set the foundation for the beginning of a relationship with nature that will last a lifetime, inspiring our students to be the leaders who will make the scientific discoveries to conserve and preserve the planet. It’s a lofty goal, and one of the most critical issues of our time and Friends Academy students will be prepared to lead the way.”



ARNOLD MILLER FOR FRIENDS ACADEMY

A group of Pre-K students approach the entrance of the Forest School program through one of its wooded trails. Once inside and at the start of every visit, students and teachers share a reflective moment of silence.



ANDRES LOPEZ/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Clockwise, scenes from inside FA's Forest School program, which includes grassy berms, a sensory garden, outdoor classroom, pollinator garden, and rain garden.



Students strengthen gross and fine motor skills in a different way outside. Balancing on a log differs from a gym class balance beam.



LENSWORTHY

PHOTOGRAPHY BY ANDRES LOPEZ

A new feature debuting in this Spring 2022 issue, Friends Academy Photographer and Videographer Andres Lopez selects his favorite images from the school year so far and tells us why.

Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2021

Lower School students work together on an assignment during science class with Katie Schlicht. I captured this shot on a visit to Friends Academy, prior to accepting the position as the school's new photographer and videographer. Previously, I had studied education reporting in grad school and worked as an education reporter at daily and weekly newspapers. I love my job here and part of what makes it so special is getting to observe classroom learning as a fly on the wall. Here in this shot I captured young scientists engaged in work. The diffused natural light from the windows is beautiful.



Friday, Oct. 29, 2021

A graduating senior rides the elevator back to class after the Upper School Halloween assembly. I've been very impressed by the talent, creativity, and commitment to community demonstrated by our students. This student showed ambition, effort and preparation, even when choosing her Halloween outfit. Her professionalism and talent as a performer also stood out when she helped me with a video project during Peace Week.



Saturday, Nov. 13, 2021

An Upper School student plays with a participant at Play & Create, a free event open to children not currently enrolled at our school. I laid down on the gym floor on my back for this shot. My effort was rewarded with an interesting foreground, background, and moment.



Monday, Nov. 22, 2021

Kristyn Dorfman, our Lower School and Middle School Librarian, shares a book about gratitude with Playgroup students. Mrs. Dorfman helped oversee the creation of our new Lower School library. I recently spent several minutes while on assignment lost in all the great books. I'm glad our students have this space to help spark and sustain their love of reading and learning from books.



Thursday, March 10, 2022

Line Kristensen, one of our Early Childhood educators and a Reggio Emilia specialist, sits with a three-year-old Playgroup student as he explores the sophisticated mechanics of sewing with a machine. The Atelier spaces Mrs. Kristensen created for the school feel like special places full of color, lights, textures, and ideas.

This September, Friends Academy opened the doors to its new Lower School Atelier. The Atelier is a hands-on experimental research center for faculty, families, and community.

Playgroup and Pre-K children work in small groups where they research, investigate, and express themselves while building community.

At present, the children design and sew stuffed animals, build musical instruments, make literacy books using different mediums, code with LEGO bricks, and work in the "Light and Shadow" area of the Atelier. This work encourages collaboration and creative thinking.

Engaging in short- and long-term investigative work promotes critical thinking, the exchange of ideas, literacy, language development, STEM, organization, and problem-solving skills. These skills are essential to success in all aspects of life. Workshops for faculty and families are also conducted in the Atelier. Documentation and reflection of children's learning processes are shared to strengthen the importance, understanding, and benefits of implementing the Reggio Emilia approach to early childhood education.

– Line Kristensen

AROUND THE QUAD



A student from Pre-K explores the new Lower School Atelier, developed by Line Kristensen, Friends Academy's new Reggio Emilia Specialist. Students and faculty explorations of this space help deepen and increase creativity, improvisation, critical thinking, and curiosity.

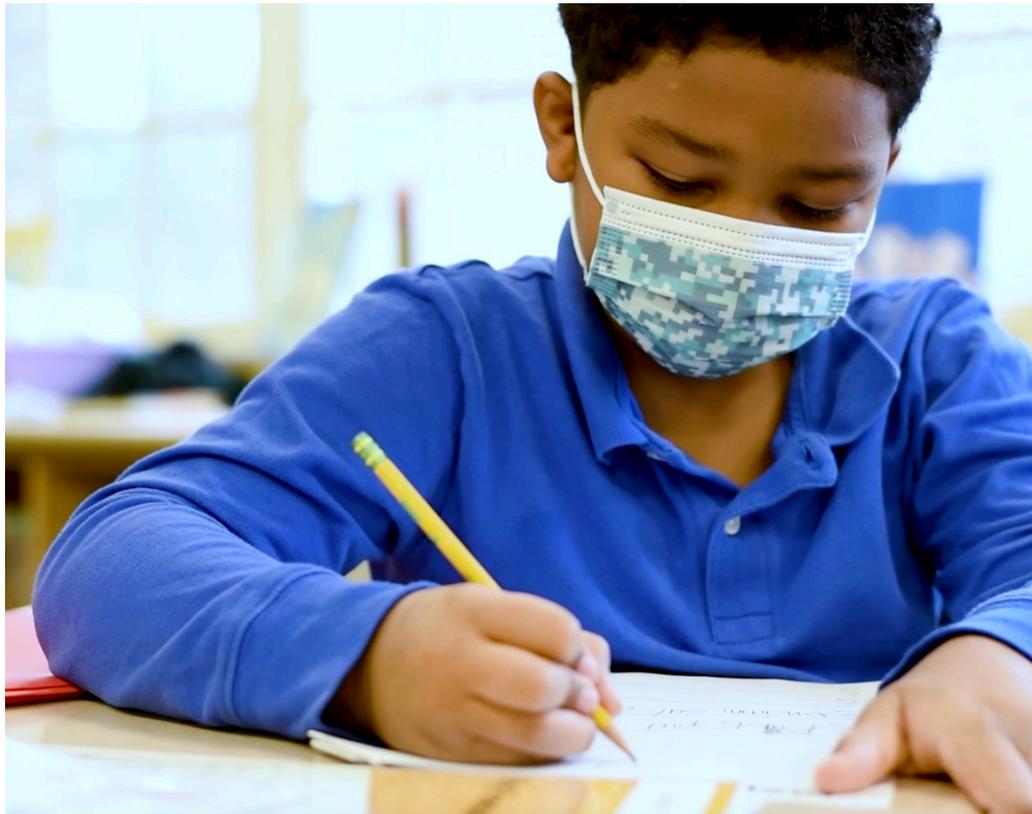
LOWER SCHOOL

REFINING THEIR CRAFT

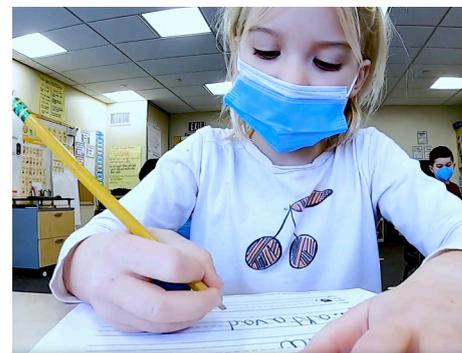
Writing workshop in our Lower School is not simply a time we teach writing, but an opportunity to develop our students into writers. First-grade authors in Rachel Curtis' class recently chose a topic in which they are an expert. "How-To" books really let our children shine as they draw on craft and their understanding of this genre to take on the role of instructor for their audience.

"Friends Academy is a Quaker school," Mrs. Curtis said. "One way we are able to incorporate the Quaker process in writer's workshop is through reflection. We reflect on what we have learned before beginning a new unit of study."

– Andres Lopez



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In Rachel Curtis' first-grade classroom, students use Quaker process through reflection in their writing. "We reflect before a unit, periodically during our unit, and afterward so that we can see how our thoughts may have changed."

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS AT WORK



This fall, Kindergarten and first-grade science students planted their Journey North Tulip Test Garden with the help of their science teacher, Katie Schlicht. Journey North is a citizen science program, which encourages students across the Northern Hemisphere each year to plant tulip test gardens to monitor

Kindergartners plant their tulip test gardens.

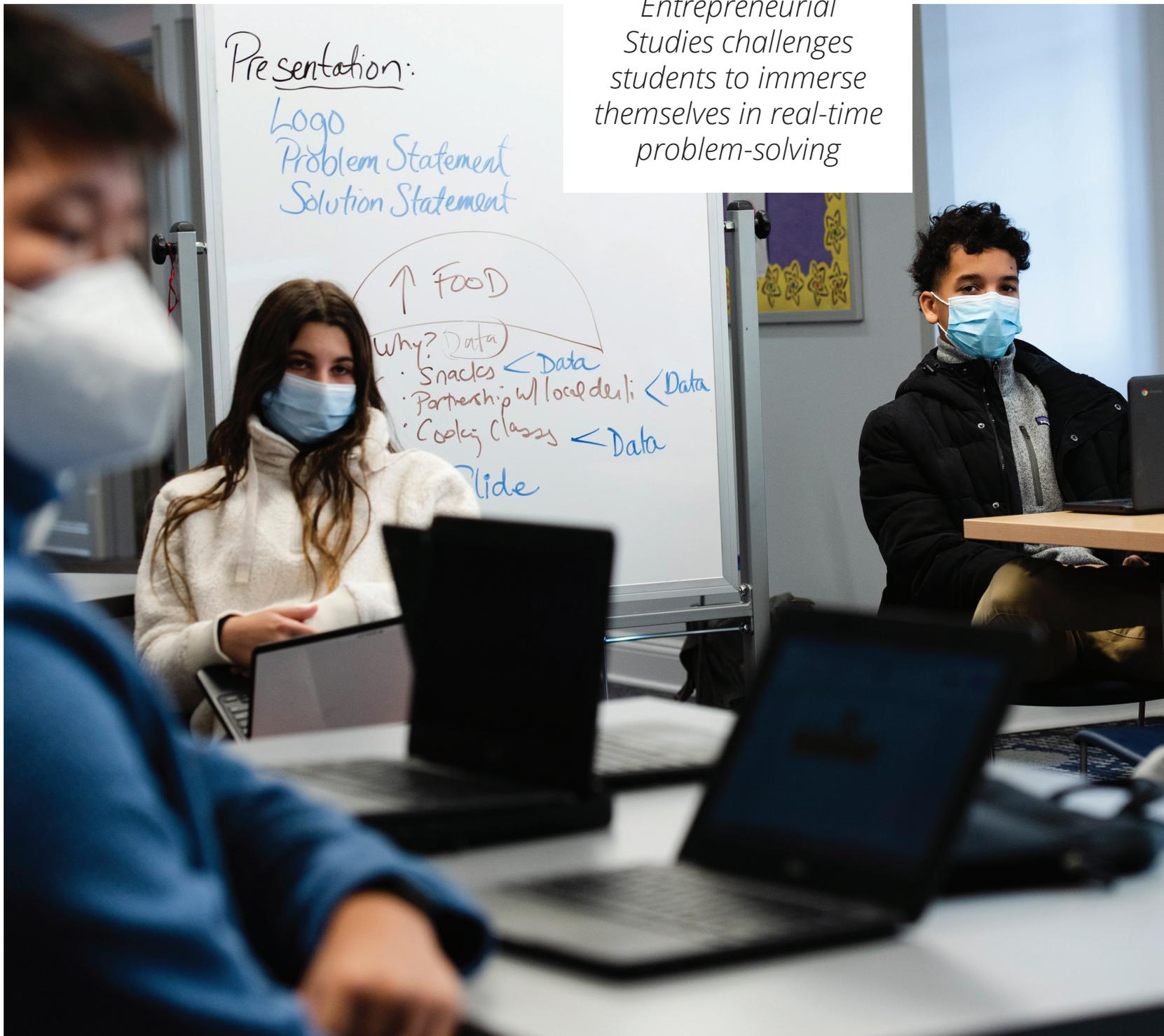
seasonal change in a scientific manner.

Our youngest gardeners will report their observations and data on the Journey North digital maps, which will reveal the relationship between climate, geography, and the arrival of springtime. Their curiosity was further sparked as they observed and dissected the tulip bulbs.

– Andrea Miller

ENTRE: REAL-TIME SOLUTIONS

Entrepreneurial Studies challenges students to immerse themselves in real-time problem-solving



Eighth Grade Entre students collaborate to help improve peer-to-peer relations and connections at Grenville Baker Boys and Girls Club, which took a toll during COVID-19. "When you present to your client, make sure they know that you know the problem," explains Entre co-teacher Jen Halliday.



Entre team teacher and Middle School Principal Christine Saunders illustrates the importance of presentation skills such as eye contact, power poses and expression.

By Andrea Miller P '22, '27
 Director of Strategic Communications

In the fall of 2019, Friends Academy launched a pivotal new course that would pave the way for a new style of learning – for both students and teachers. Entrepreneurial Studies (or Entre, for short), debuted in the Upper School.

Partnering with the Korda Institute, located in Cleveland, OH, teams of teachers trained in new methodologies and practices. “It’s changed my teaching,” shared Assistant Head of School Jen Halliday, who spearheaded the new curriculum at Friends. “I’m not just teaching for a discipline, but I’m looking to cultivate experiences in a very unpredictable, real-world environment.”

A pilot Upper School course invited a series of local nonprofits and business owners to pose a business challenge to four teams of students. Students visited the business site, conducted field research and peer surveys, performed social media analyses, and tracked other metrics. At the end of three weeks, each team digitally presented their solutions to the business owner, followed by a Q&A. Clients included The Wells Cafe, (which opened during COVID-19), the owner of RADD Crossfit Training, and Living Water for Women in Glen Cove.

At the start, students equate profit with entrepreneurship. By the close of the course, they understand it is about impact and collaboration.



PHOTOS BY ANDRES LOPEZ/FRIENDS ACADEMY

Students in Entre 2, a new course this semester, have partnered with three businesses on real and urgent problems. Students are asked to update a business model canvas and work in collaboration with a mentor who has completed training with the Korda Institute.

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Left, fourth-grade Entre facilitator Jen Halliday leads students in nuances of design thinking; right, fourth graders inspect, analyze, and measure as part of their design challenge.



Upper School engineering students work with fourth grade Entre students on their

The course was a hit – with students and teachers. With this success, Mrs. Halliday and others wondered, “Why should it just be in the Upper School... all students need access to real-world problem-solving.”

This year, they did just that with the expansion of Entre into eighth and fourth grades. Unlike their Upper School counterpart, the course is being offered to all students in those two grades.

“The eighth-grade quarter-semester class was built purposefully from the Upper School course and intentioned as a sampler,” explained Middle School Principal Christine Saunders, who team-teaches with Halliday.

“It’s a chance for the eighth graders to dip their toes into the same skill set of real-world, client interviewing, research, filtering sources, and craft and present publicly,” added Saunders.

Eighth-grade Entre clients this year included the Glen Cove Police, Grenville Baker Boys & Girls Club and the Mayor of Hempstead. “Glen Cove Police asked us to come up with a plan to guide them with Glen Cove’s non-domicile population, and the kids were so surprised,” Mrs. Saunders said. “One student remarked, ‘I can’t believe they trusted us with this!’”

Where Upper School students are partnering with nonprofits and local and national businesses and eighth grade with community partners, fourth grade students are considering campus-wide problems.

“Fourth graders start in their 2nd quarter and do a deep dive into design thinking, which includes empathy, defining a problem, ideating, prototyping, and testing. This preparation gets them ready for their challenge,” explained Mrs. Halliday.

Currently, fourth graders, who are also partnering with Upper School engineering student mentors, are working on a parent-originated design problem – how to fit a water bottle into her car’s smaller compartment. “They have the capacity to do analysis, application, and synthesis,” emphasized Halliday. “We don’t always think Lower School students can handle this, but they can.”

Momentum is growing across all corners of the school as a new Entrepreneurship 2 course launched this semester in the Upper School. Focused on student-generated ideation, this course allows students to identify a real, urgent, and complex need that currently exists and with partners in the field, create a business model and plan to meet the existing need. “The biggest part of their grade is their deep verbal and written reflection,” said Mrs. Halliday. “They have to show how they are going to solve real problems.”

Excited about the prospect of deepening this program across the entire school, Mrs.

Halliday underscores the critical thinking that is being taught. “The students are really the leaders and the teachers are creating the conditions. We are teaching a process, instead of content. And that leads to high-order thinking skills.”

In the Middle School, students learn to take care of not only the world around them, but also the communities with whom they interconnect.

In our multi-aged Community Group service learning project this year, students brought in warm socks and mints and learned why empathy is necessary; they learned from the Bronx-based nonprofit Part of the Solution (POTS) that these were high-need items. Students also heard from POTS about the purpose of the organization and why the FA drive was so important.

PHOTOS BY ANDRES LOPEZ/FRIENDS ACADEMY



Every December, students from all three divisions gather in mixed-grade Community Groups to organize donated care packages for the Bronx-based nonprofit Part of the Solution (POTS), an organization that supports families in need.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

SCIENCE WITH IMPACT

Sixth-grade students in Dan Kriesberg's science classes are exploring the work of scientists and learning how to plan and conduct experiments. This winter, they focused on consumer products and sustainable design. Individually, they chose a product and developed experiments to test three different consumer brands. The plan is for them to present their lab results to their peers and possibly publish them online. In conducting experiments, students learn to develop a question, plan for controlled variables, measure results with quantitative data, draw conclusions, and share results. "I want them to understand the nature of science," Mr. Kriesberg said, "so that they can understand how much science issues impact our lives and current events."

Mr. Kriesberg said he chose consumer product tests for his students to conduct because they



In their unit on sustainable science, students consider the carbon footprint of consumer products.

are simple and inexpensive and the results have practical applications for their families. Margeaux Weinstein, for instance, found dollar store-brand napkins larger by area and more absorbent than more expensive napkins.

The work of consumer product testing can also save lives. In 2019, investigators at the New York Division of Consumer Protection conducted a random sampling of ten children's toys for compliance with state and federal standards for lead and

phthalates. A five-inch doll sold at Dollar Tree was found to contain more than 246 times the federally allowable limit of the chemical known as DEHP, which the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has classified as a probable human carcinogen. Dollar Tree responded by removing the product from shelves, according to the Division's annual report.

"We are making decisions about how to live based on science," Mr. Kriesberg said. "Medicine, climate change, diet, and so much else is based on science. If, as a country, we want to make good decisions we need to understand the process of science."

– Andres Lopez



Students test their products to determine efficacy and then present findings to their peers.

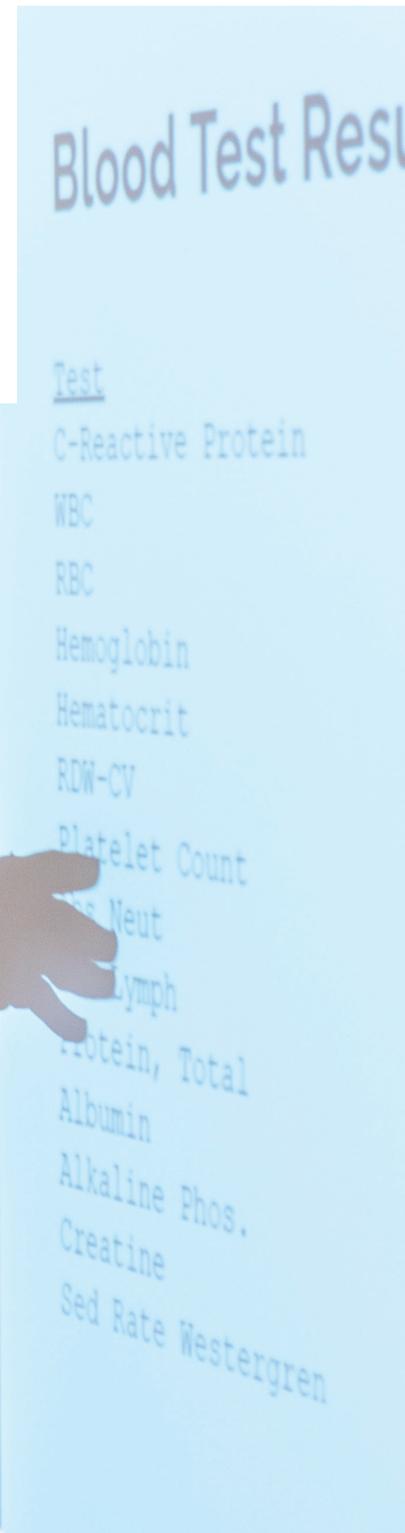
SOLUTIONS IN MEDICINE

By Andrea Miller P '22, '27
Director of Strategic Communications



A small group of students encircle the large Zoom screen in front of them, laptops perched on their thighs. Dr. Neil Smith peers out at them, nodding and asking clarifying questions, several hundred miles away in Cleveland, OH.

Group 3 prepares to outline the medical case study assigned to them – the patient is complaining of a 10-lb weight loss and other



Senior Chemir Mathewson presents what his group gleaned from lab tests they ordered for their patient. "I learned how to talk to people even more and with compassion. My biggest fear was delivering bad news, and we practiced that. It taught me how to be devoted and determined."

Results of significance

Result	Normal Ranges
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L2.09	[3.70-11.00]
L2.41	[4.20-6.00]
L7.60	[13.0-17.0]
L23.5	[39.0-51.0]
H20.5	[11.5-15.0]
L73	[150-400]
H12.51	[1.45-7.50]
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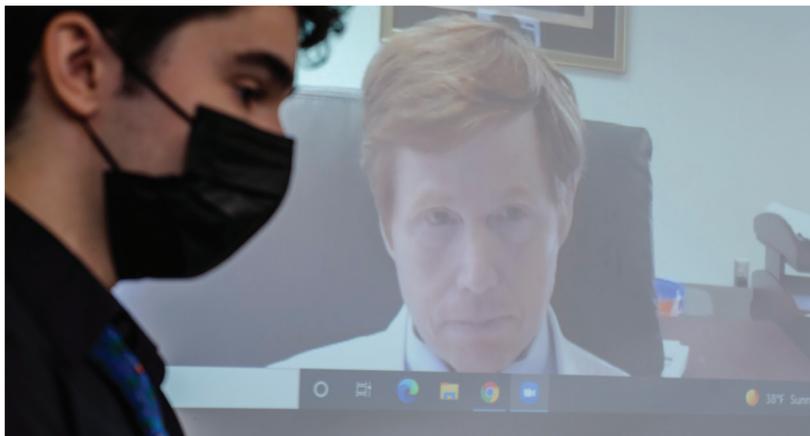
symptoms. Prepped with background, the students know the following – the patient had just purchased new boots; he had recently taken a trip to the Nile River, where he swam and walked; he is an engineer in the city waste department; he smokes three packs a day and consumes three alcoholic drinks daily.

Their challenge? Over three weeks and through team-based work, hunt down medical red herrings through internet research; suggest, rationalize, and order labs; and decipher the test results to ultimately diagnose the patient’s medical issues. This is Solutions in Medicine, a new Upper School course that pairs research and real-world complex problem solving.

Facilitated by Science Department Head and biology teacher Jen Newitt, the semester-long course also featured Dr. Neil Smith as Chief Medical Consultant (who provided the case studies and medical guidance), along with physician and alum Dr. Peter Stein ’79, who led a panel of medical practitioners who visited the class and provided feedback. The panel included:

- **Dr. Lawrence Lind** – urogynecology, alumni parent
- **Dr. Andrew Menzin ’81** – gynecologic oncology, alumni parent, trustee
- **Dr. Colleen McCally ’98** – anesthesiology
- **Erika Sklar ’12** – cardiothoracic surgery nurse practitioner

Solutions in Medicine is a rigorous class that tests the creative, critical thinking, and collaborative mettle of each group of students.



Dr. Neil Smith Zooms in from Cleveland, OH to hear this week’s findings from each group and provide more clues.

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"It's remarkable that they can be given this," pointed out Dr. Stein about the course's innovative pedagogical approach. "It's such a different world where they can take these clues, go online, and come up with the diagnosis," he adds.

Alumna and nurse practitioner Erika Sklar agrees. "I'm impressed with how comfortable they were with all the tests and using medical terms," she said. "Familiarizing themselves with any of this information at their age will benefit them, and I can't imagine having a course like this at this age at Friends."

Returning to the patient case, Group 3 is poring over a urinalysis lab and considering the patient's sodium and creatinine levels. "What diagnoses can you rule out?" asks Dr. Smith. "It's not Alzheimer's, typhoid fever, or diabetes," remarks one student, who then explained they ordered additional tests to investigate a bacterial infection or legionnaires.

"We ran a CT scan of the abdomen and pelvis and the chest scan revealed a white circle near the lung. We also ordered a CT of his brain because of his headache," reported another student. After receiving a positive test for palisading granuloma, Group 3 ordered an ANCA test. Final diagnosis? Wegener's granulomatosis with a treatment of prednisone, plasma exchange, and five other supplementary medications. "Correct diagnosis," shared Dr. Smith. "The way you dissected the lab values was outstanding, and you kept looking further and further," he added.

The course, conceived by Assistant Head of School Jen Halliday, is a first for Newitt as well. "It's been very different and fun," she said. "I've not led a course where I don't have to consider content delivery. A big piece of the course is how to develop those teamwork and collaborative skills, and my role is to guide them toward solving as a group – not to give them the answers," she added.

Senior Chemir Mathewson was drawn to the course because of his desire to pursue medicine in college. "Giving us the chance to talk with real-life professionals was one of the best things the school could have done for us," praised Chemir.

Dr. Stein echoes the parallels to current medicine, which emphasizes initiative, communication, and innovation. "A lot of medical teaching is based on case studies," he said. "So this is very sophisticated and at an appropriate level."



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Above, Science Department Head Jen Newitt helps guide students in their medical research and understanding. She adds, "many of the students now say that when they go to the doctor they will look at things differently."

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So much of this course is self-taught. It's interesting to see where education is now. When I was a student, a teacher would come up and lecture. Now the kids do so much independently.

– Dr. Peter Stein '79

Above, senior Charlotte Chen and her teammates present their findings and field research to the presiding physicians and ultimately find out if they solved the real medical mystery by delivering the correct diagnosis.

Left, Dr. Lawrence Lind, a Friends Academy alumni parent, who specializes in urogynecology, and orthopedist Dr. Peter Stein '79 helped to team-teach this new course for Upper schoolers.



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UPPER SCHOOL

CURRENT SCIENCE

In her first meeting with her AP biology students following the winter holiday break, Upper School Science Department Head Jen Newitt presented her class with the latest COVID-19 omicron data, specifically, how the variant is affecting South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the U.S. The students also analyzed anecdotal evidence from Dr. Craig Spencer, an emergency medicine physician and the Director of Global Health in Emergency Medicine at New York-Presbyterian/Columbia University Irving Medical Center.

Before examining the science behind COVID-19 antibody tests, Mrs. Newitt asked her students to summarize what they had previously learned regarding the difference between an antigen and an antibody. "Antigens are evil," senior Jack Jervis said. "They come into your body, and they are the bad guys. The antibodies



Upper School Science Department Head and biology teacher Jen Newitt folded in data from this winter's omicron surge into her AP biology class.

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are created by B cells. They surround and mark antigens to prevent further infection."

Mrs. Newitt has taught biology at Friends Academy for more than 35 years and is an active member of the National Association of Biology Teachers. She completed training with its leadership academy, which was designed to help participants

use the practices of science in helping students learn big ideas and unifying concepts of biology. Last fall, she presented at the organization's annual professional development conference on how COVID-19 can be used to anchor concepts and science practices in AP biology.

– Andres Lopez



Upper School students in Leanne Loizides crime fiction English class took their curriculum to heart as they conceived and acted out their own murder mystery. Students practiced close reading and analysis of different language devices in their interactive exercise.

INQUIRY UNMASKED

Friends Academy students in Upper School English teacher Leanne Loizides' twelfth-grade crime fiction class studied Agatha Christie's first novel, *The Mysterious Affair at Styles*, from the Golden Age of Detective Fiction after World War I. As an interactive learning experience, the class acted out its own murder mystery. "This is a rigorous, literature-based course," Loizides said. "They are doing close reading, analysis of language devices, and then looking at the

novels themselves as a zeitgeist – how these particular novels reflect the preoccupations and concerns of society in their time." Loizides' immersive murder mystery lesson is also an example of learning through inquiry and dialogue.

"This was student-constructed learning," Loizides said. "The more you are involved and the more you are enjoying it, the more you learn from it."

– Andres Lopez



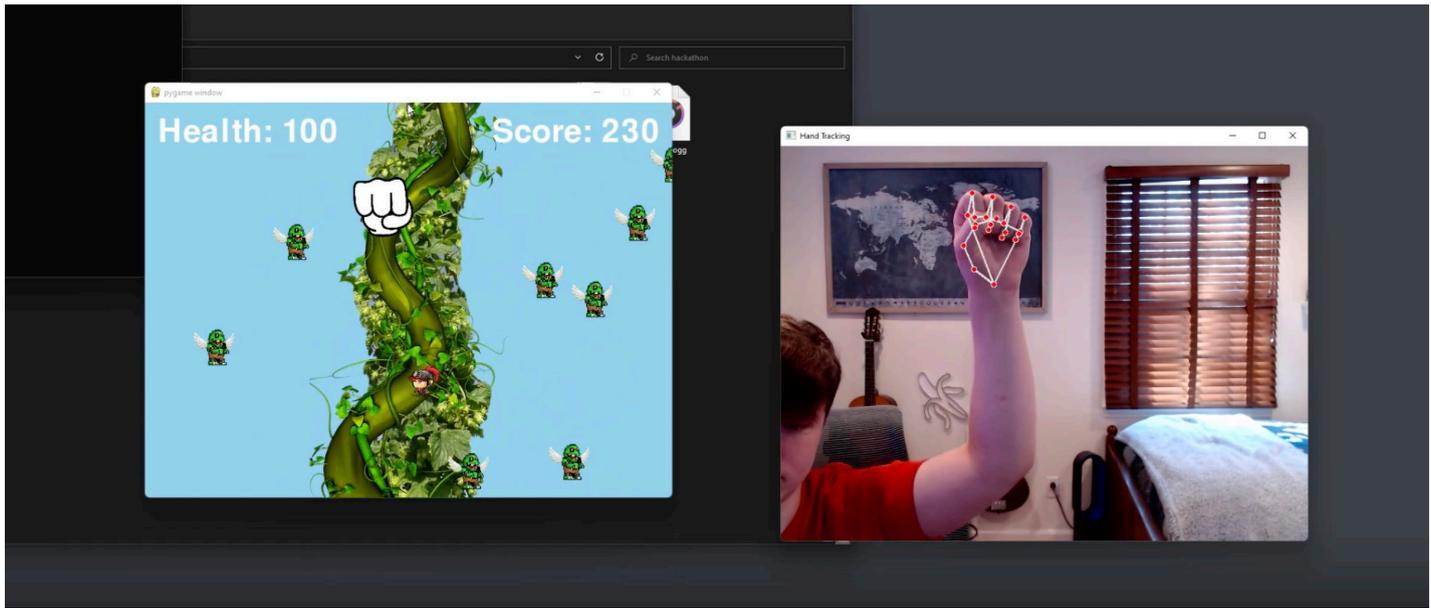
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Using the coding language Python and a movement-triggered camera, senior Gavin Sanders created a virtual component to his team's hackathon entry.

UPPER SCHOOL

COMP SCI STUDENTS HACK THEIR WAY TO TOP SPOT

Friends Academy had three teams of ninth through twelfth graders compete against 10 other schools in the Columbia Prep Hackathon at Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School. This is the first year that the student-run event took place and the competitors are hoping to make it an annual event.

The hackathon challenge was to create a video game based on a story (i.e. kids' book, fairy tale, etc). Friends Academy students chose *Harry Potter*, "Jack and the Beanstalk," and a murder mystery text-based decision/role-playing game with different outcomes.

Many of the participants are in AP classes and used what they have

learned and modified it. One student is doing an independent study with Upper School computer science teacher Patricia Castillo; he had experimented with Python and a camera to recognize movement.

When asked about the competition, Castillo said, "I thought they did amazing; they stepped it up, showed their creativity, and were able to enjoy the time they had even though there was a lot of pressure. No matter the situation, they were always thinking of what else they could have accomplished. They motivated each other, and I was very proud of them. Some of my students want to repeat this again!"

The Friends Academy team of Ethan Labelson '22, Gavin Sanders '23, and Daniel Duke '24 received Best Overall recognition for their hand-and-body tracking-focused Jack and the Beanstalk game.

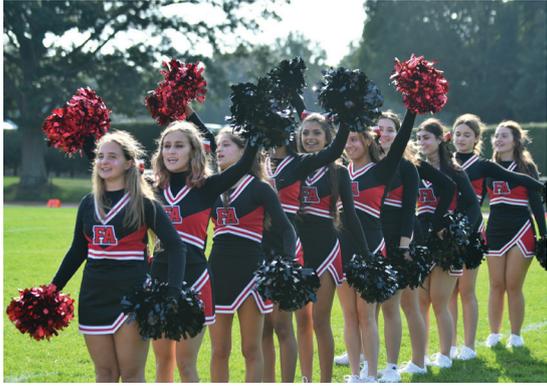
"Attending a Quaker school definitely added to the experience," said Ethan. "Learning how to effectively work with one another and communicate... The testimony of community really emphasizes that. While I don't plan to go on to do game development, I do want to pursue computer science. The hackathon has given me experience on how to problem-solve quickly while working with others."

– Margaret Pegno and Andrea Miller

THE RETURN OF FALL FAIR!

This fall, our entire community returned to campus to celebrate in person one of our school's most cherished traditions – Fall Fair. New food trucks and the return of our rides provided a backdrop to a host of events: from the ribbon-cutting ceremony for FA's new turf field, to honoring those incredible NYS Boys and Girls Soccer champions, to our annual community Brian J. Hom Memorial Run, and of course, flying the FA flag in support of all our sports teams at Homecoming.





Clockwise: Head of School Andrea Kelly presides over the formal opening of FA's new turf field; a fan-favorite, Pharaoh's Fury returns! Our football team in action as FA cheerleaders rev up the crowd; FA parents and students joined in the annual Brian J. Hom Memorial Run/Walk; hoisting the ceremonial FA flag, which is passed from student to student each year; the 10-year anniversary of the state championship wins of the Girls and Boys Varsity Soccer teams.

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FALL REUNIONS

-50th Reunion-

1971

What a treat! We were able to welcome back the great Class of 1971 to campus in person for their 50th reunion. Below, a few scenes from their events, including Peter Darbee's talk and life lessons for Upper School students.

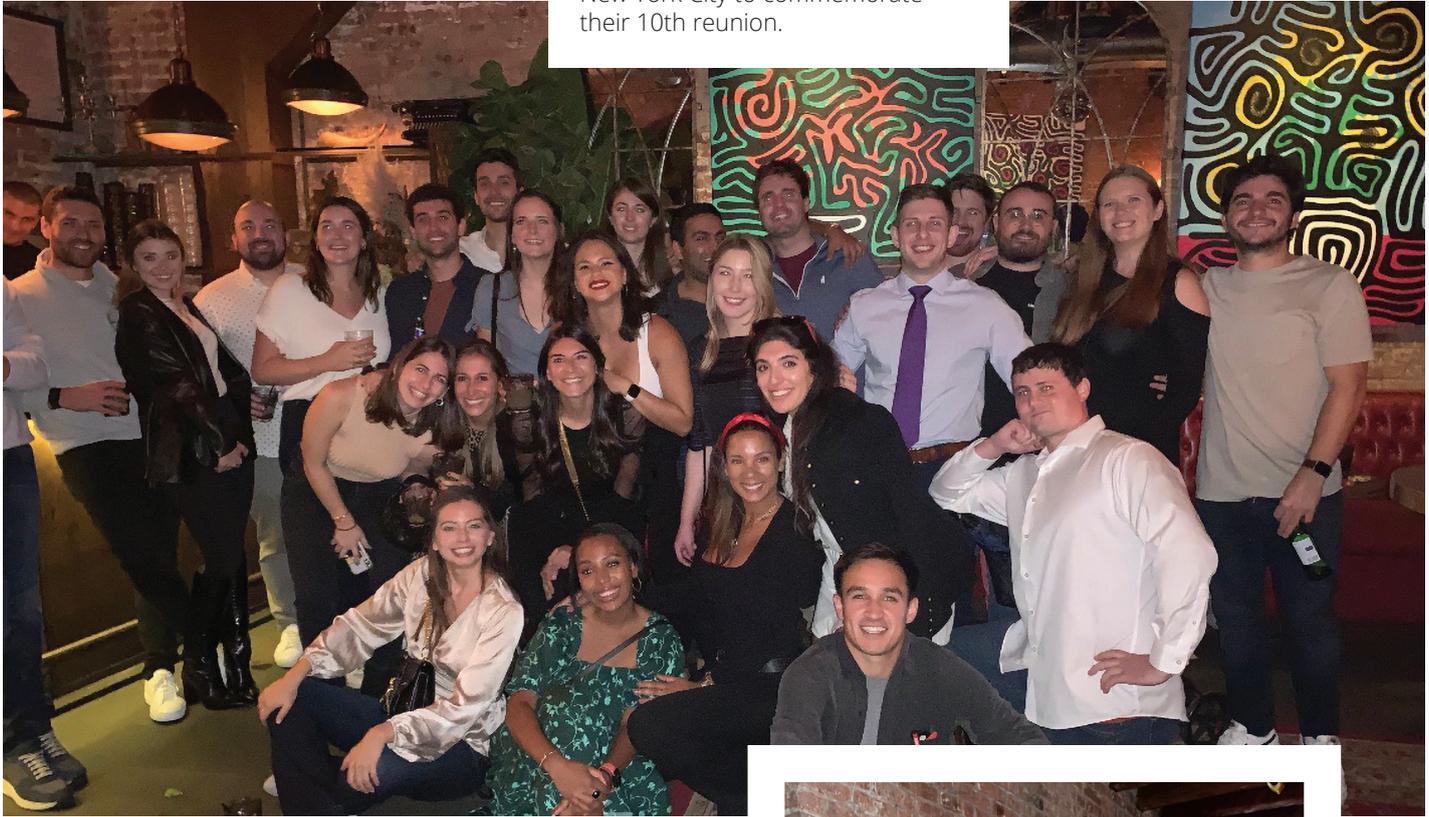


Clockwise: Reconnecting lasted until evening under the alumni tent; members of the Class of 1971; Peter Darbee shared his life story and messages for Upper School students and met up with former Athletic Director Marty Jacobson and classmate Chris Gatty.

-10th Reunion-

2011

Has it been a decade already?! The Class of 2011 held a gathering in New York City to commemorate their 10th reunion.

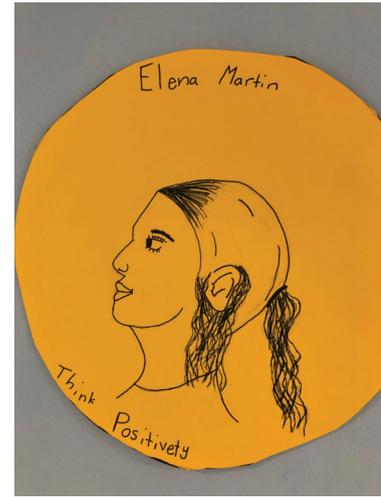


SOUNDS OF THE SEASON!

On ukulele and xylophone, with bucket drums and handbells, Lower schoolers treated their families (and our FA community!) to an outside holiday concert on the final day before break. Directed by Laura Backley, Linxuan Zhang, and Nikara Warren.



This December, Lower School students from first to fourth grade gathered on the steps of the KW Library to bring cheer, song, and at some points – sign language – during their holiday concert. Kindergarten performed at our Lunar New Year celebration. Students sang holiday favorites like, “Jingle Bell Rock” and “Up on the housetop” to cultural variations such as “Jyoti Dai” and “African Noel.”



Fifth-grade students sketched self-portraits and added their personal aspiration to create The Wishing Wall coins. Students were inspired to give back internally after flooding damaged the floors and walls.

5TH-GRADE WISHES

Unexpected storms brought flooding and wrought destruction to many parts of the Friends Academy campus this fall, including the ground floor of the Middle School building – home to 5th grade. Undeterred, new visual arts teacher Ariana Elmayan turned a tragedy into a teaching opportunity and more.

Assisted by student artists, Elmayan transformed the walls into The Wishing Wall. Stretching 26 feet by 6 feet,, the mural features the artistic talents of the entire fifth-grade student body. On the coins, students wrote their aspirations for the future, along with self-portrait sketches. An incredible undertaking and what's more, the mural will be changing with each season.



ARIANA ELMAYA/FRIENDS ACADEMY

WHO ARE WE NOW?

Twenty-one months later, where are we?... Who are we?... Who are we Now? These essential questions guided director Andrew Geha and a small student cast as they examined our journey and the lessons we have learned since the COVID-19 pandemic began in this fall's Upper School immersive production of "Who Are We Now?"

"We had wanted to experiment with immersive theater for years," said Mr. Geha, "but could never find the right project or approach. Over the summer of 2021, I saw a show that took a structure we used at The Artist's Institute and applied it to storytelling.

By Andrea Miller P '22, '27
Director of Strategic Communications



Senior Lucy Schoeffel prepares for her four-minute act, "Mousetrap," which considers the hundreds of emotional and physical mousetraps the pandemic has forced us to step around.

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Director Andrew Geha inspects the Reflection Room, which was adorned floor to ceiling with mirrors. Participants were asked to reflect on what they had felt was important before the pandemic and compare it to what they felt was important now.

The show was inspirational, profoundly impactful, and helped me see a way into creating this style of work with students."

Limited by COVID-19 restrictions, Mr. Geha allowed format to guide function, and creativity blossomed.

After a series of workshops full of discussions, writing exercises, brainstorming, and improvisation, Mr. Geha put together a series of four-minute stand-alone acts that explored loss, perspective, emotional conflict, resolution, and hope. "The students and I walked into the room with a starting prompt: *In February of 2020, I was.... Now, I am....* Over the course of weeks," Mr. Geha said, "we threw hundreds of ideas onto the table. We figured out which ideas had

legs and – most importantly – which were feasible for us to transform into an experience for our audience.

Technical director Michael Grant and scenic artist Tye Burris helped transform the Dolan Center stage into six mini-performance spaces separated by black curtains, shielding each act from the other.

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We were humbled by and grateful for the profound ways the audience engaged with the production.



Above, senior Angelina Miller strums and sings "Rivers and Roads" as the student ensemble closes out a performance.

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Director Andrew Geha, who co-wrote pieces for the immersive production with three students, talks with the students about the final scene.



Junior Chris Kontos plays the somber, yet poignant "Rivers and Roads" at the close of one of their performances.

Following a pre-show gathering in the Dance Space, audience members joined the actors on stage, sitting in small groups of five, moving in unison every four minutes to the next act on their left.

Sensory elements brought storytelling to life. In one act, two medical doctors from different ends of history – one modern and one adorned with a bird-like plague mask, consider the history and impact of generations of pandemics. "The conversation between the doctors turned surprisingly resonant. The similarities of human behavior during the bubonic plague to the many cholera outbreaks to now was shocking," remarked Mr. Geha. At the close of the act, audience members were also encouraged to wash their hands at a foot-pumped sink with lavender-scented soap.

Because of audience limitations, the show ran over six different productions and all actors shifted between two different acts. Where an audience member started was randomly chosen and impacted the narrative for that performance in a sort of *Choose Your Own Adventure* way. "It was fascinating to hear audience members' different take-aways based on their different starting and end points," Mr. Geha shared. In one scene, the actors invite the audience to look back at the news events that played out over COVID-19, startling in number, and asking

how they processed the daily onslaught of events. Another act juxtaposes the longing to be safe against the urgency to move on. In a monologue, another actor points out the mousetraps – literal and metaphorical – that have stymied her for 21 months, but ends with a possibility for hope as she passes out small positive affirmations to each in her audience. Finally, three students share real-life stories of personal loss and invite the audience to write the names on a Remembering Tree of people they might have lost over the last 21 months.

"Through the devising period," added Mr. Geha, "the cast and I were processing the many different dimensions of our experiences through 2020 and 2021, and trying to understand how those experiences impact our present moment. Our goal was to give our audience the same opportunity. From the notes written on the Remembering Tree to the conversations and emails after the show, we were humbled by and grateful for the profound ways the audience engaged with the production."



Senior Jamie Merrill questions the permanence of the pandemic in the four-minute act, "The Wall."

2021-22 FALL SPORTS

PHOTOS BY JOSHUA SUKOFF '22

This season we celebrated a welcome return of regular-season competition and outside spectators who cheered on Friends Academy fall sports teams from the sidelines with renewed Quaker spirit! New Director of Athletics Diana Parente launched several new initiatives, including an Upper School Student Athletic Leadership Council and compelling new social media channels devoted to FA Athletics. #RollQuakers!



GIRLS SOCCER

 Conference Champions



10-0-2

Record

50

Goals Scored

16

Goals Against

1ST

In Conference

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: GAIL BAKER

- SAMANTHA AMRITT
- DANIELLE DAVIS
- SOPHIA DIAZ
- CAROLINE DINEEN
- FIONA DOUGHERTY
- DAFNA JAKUBIAK
- JULIA LUBLINER
- NICOLE MAZUR
- MAYA MOREY
- ALEXA MOSCHETTO
- LILY ONORATO
- MADISON O'SULLIVAN
- ALEX POLL
- ARIANNA QUAN-SOON-VICTOR
- ELLE RUSSELL
- OLIVIA SCHWAB
- EMMA SEIDNER
- ALISON STEIN



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52

GOALS SAVED



10

YEAR ANNIVERSARY
OF STATE CHAMP WIN



5

GRADUATING SENIORS

COACH OF THE YEAR

GAIL BAKER

DEFENDER OF THE YEAR

MADISON O'SULLIVAN

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

MADISON O'SULLIVAN

ALL-COUNTY

DANIELLE DAVIS
CAROLINE DINEEN HONORABLE MENTION
MAYA MOREY HONORABLE MENTION

ALL-CONFERENCE

ARIANNA QUAN-SOON-VICTOR
SOPHIA DIAZ
ALEXA MOSCHETTO

BOYS SOCCER



6-8-1

Record

18

Goals Scored

31

Goals Against

4TH

In Conference

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: EDGAR POSADA

- DANIEL BASKIND
- JACKSON BRIELMANN
- HARRISON BRUDERMAN
- WILLIAM BYSTROM
- JORDI CAMPOVERDE
- JOSHUA CHEN
- CHRISTOPHER CLINTON
- MARCO DERLLY
- JONAS EDGAROV
- MICHAEL FIECHTER
- VINCENZO FODERA
- JULIAN GOOD
- BRODY GORDON
- JACOB HERMAN
- THOMAS KENNY
- DYLAN LEON
- CHARLES LIZZA
- JARED LOGIN
- BENJAMIN MARTIN
- CHEMIR MATHEWSON
- ANGEL MONDOZA
- LOGAN MOTT
- JOSEPH ONORATO
- JOHN O'SULLIVAN
- THEO TSAMTSIOURIS



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11

GRADUATING SENIORS



3

OF 3 GAMES WON ON THE TURF FIELD



1

GAME UNDER THE LIGHTS

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

JOSEPH ONORATO

ALL-COUNTY

LOGAN MOTT
JORDI CAMPOVERDE, HONORABLE MENTION

ALL-CONFERENCE

MARCO DERLLY
JOHN O'SULLIVAN
DYLAN LEON

FIELD HOCKEY



7-4

Record

13

Goals Scored

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: CHRISTINE BOTTI

- DYLAN BEYER
- JOY BIONDI
- GRACE BROOK
- HEIDI BROWN
- DAKOTA BRUDERMAN
- MARY GRAHN
- INDIA HARRIS
- ANASTASIA KAZANAS
- LILLIAN LEE
- DAPHNE LIZZA
- ADRIANA LLOVES
- CHLOE MORGAN
- SENULI PEIRIS
- DIANE QIU
- CECILIA SAAD
- SERENA SAAD
- CHARLOTTE SEMLIES
- GRACE SKOLNICK
- NATALIA TAUTER



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4

GRADUATING SENIORS



2ND

IN CONFERENCE

UNsung HERO

CHLOE MORGAN

ALL-COUNTY

HEIDI BROWN
DYLAN BEYER
CHARLOTTE SEMLIES, HONORABLE MENTION

ALL-CONFERENCE

ADDISON WEIGHT

ALL-LEAGUE

ADRIANA LLOVES

EXCEPTIONAL SENIOR

ANASTASIA KAZANAS

CROSS COUNTRY



6-8-1

Record

3RD

In the County

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: LOUISA GARRY

- OLIVIA CARDEN
- DIJAYE CARPENTER
- DAVID CHEN
- OLIVIA COMO
- ABIGAIL FRAZER
- AISLINN FRAZER
- AARON LABELSON
- ETHAN LABELSON
- RAYMOND LI
- RICHARD LI
- QUINN MCLAUGHLIN
- MALACHI POLSON
- NYAH THOMAS
- CHARLOTTE YANKE
- DELIA ZHONG
- RICHARD ZHU



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EIGHTH GRADERS



GRADUATING SENIORS



SETS OF SIBLINGS

ALL-STATE

AISLINN FRAZER

ALL-COUNTY

OLIVIA COMO
ABIGAIL FRAZER
CHARLOTTE YANKE

ALL-CONFERENCE

OLIVIA CARDEN
NYAH THOMAS
DIJAYE CARPENTER
ETHAN LABELSON

GIRLS TENNIS



7-11

Record

1ST

Nassau County

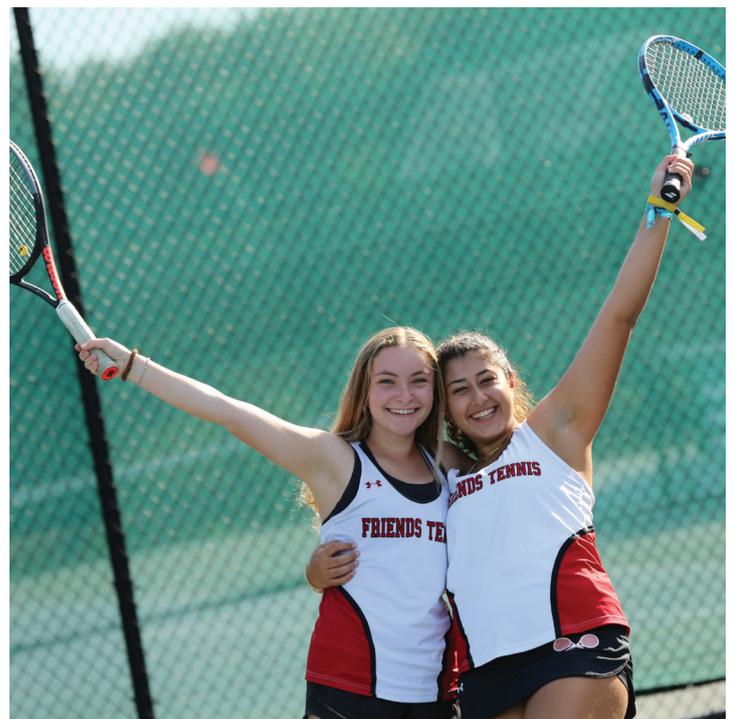
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Small School
State Championship

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: OWEN KASSIMIR

- YARA BENDARY
- CHARLOTTE CHEN
- SKYLAR COHEN
- SARAH EL-GAMAL
- ALEXANDRA FODERA
- EMMA GILBERT
- KATE JUHEL
- CHRISSI LAGOIANNIS
- TEAH LOGIN
- MIA MARSHALL
- NAVYA MURTHY
- ERICA NA
- RACHEL NA
- MARIELLE OLIVERI
- TAYLOR OVERSTROM
- ELYA RAK
- NEHA SARWAL
- AERIN SATOVSKY
- ISABELLA SHA
- ANASTASIA STRATAKIS
- EVA SUN
- SYDNEY WURTZEL
- JULIA YABLANS
- AVA ZUCKERBROT



PHOTOS BY OWEN KASSIMIR

 8
GRADUATING
SENIORS

 4TH
IN NEW YORK STATE
CHAMPIONSHIP –
ISABELLA SHA

SECTION VIII WINNER

ISABELLA SHA

ALL-STATE

ISABELLA SHA

ALL-COUNTY

ISABELLA SHA

ALL-CONFERENCE

SKYLAR COHEN

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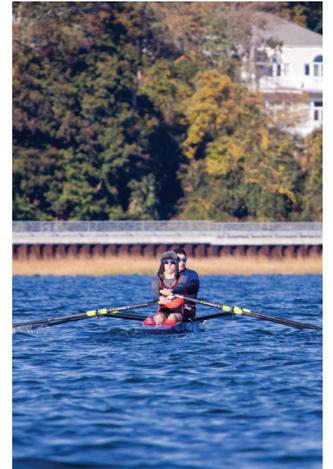
2,000
Squats

50
Miles Ran

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: SARA BALDVINS

- CHARLOTTE ADAMO
- BRETT BEAMAN
- SHAWN BEAMAN
- JAMESON CLARKE
- TERENCE COOKE
- CAROLINE COSTAGLIOLA
- HENRY DAVISON
- JOHN ELEOTERIO
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- GRAHAM SEMLIES
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- SANYA SINGH
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- ANDREW WANG
- KEONI WANG
- SAMUEL WEN
- STEVEN ZU



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8

GRADUATING SENIORS



25

ROWERS - THE MOST EVER

FOOTBALL



186

Rushing Yards

133

Passing Yards

THE TEAM

HEAD COACH: KEN RICE

BRETT COHEN
MYLES COOPER-BOYCE
QUINN DOUGHERTY
GIANLUCA GRELLA
JACK JERVIS
SEAN JOHNSON
TRISTAN OHRSTROM
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BRADLEY WILLIAMS



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4

GRADUATING
SENIORS



5

STARTER
SOPHOMORES

ALL-CONFERENCE

CJ WILLIAMS

SCHOLAR ATHLETE

ZACH SHALLAT

UNSUNG HERO

JACK JERVIS

COLLEAGUE MILESTONES

Coach **Gail Baker** reached many significant milestones this year including:



Gail Baker

Coach of the Year for Girls Varsity Soccer 2021, Conference Championship and undefeated season 2021, completed her 30th year of teaching and coaching at FA and celebrated the 10-year reunion with the State Championship Girls Soccer team of 2011.

Quaker-in-Residence and diversity, equity, inclusion, and justice consultant



Jen Cort

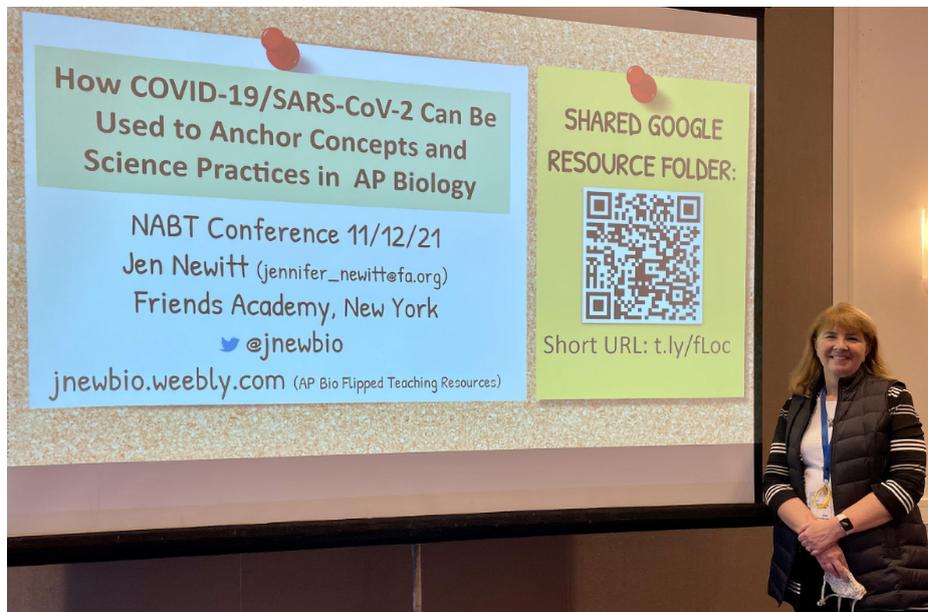
Jen Cort published her first book, *Help Us Begin*. In her book, Jen presents a series of mindsets and strategies for educators and parents designed to best support all students as they are confronted with challenging topics.

World Languages & Culture Department Head **Polly Duke** has been President of the New York Metropolitan American Association of Teachers of French since 2015. She received the Best Chapter Administrator of the Year award for her work over the course of 2020-21. Despite the many challenges of the pandemic, Polly found the greatest silver lining to be an increase in access and inclusivity.



Polly Duke

Her chapter's three conferences were free and available virtually to French teachers anywhere in the world. Consequently, she had audience members from California, Colorado, and Canada. Her first conference, presented in collaboration with the Columbia University Maison Française and Columbia University Department of French and Romance Philology, addressed the pedagogical silver linings of virtual learning: *Les pépites au fond*



Upper School biology teacher/Science Department Head **Jen Newitt** joined current events with science at the National Association of Biology Teachers Conference.

du tamis: ce qu'on retiendra de notre expérience de l'enseignement du français au temps de la COVID-19.

Her second nationally viewed conference was a cultural dive into ways of introducing art into the French classroom: *Quand l'art fait dire et écrire: Analyse de chefs-d'œuvre énigmatiques en cours de FLE*. Her chapter's third nationally presented series ended in late March with AATF NY-Metro's annual NYU conference, this year focusing on DEIJ: *Giving Voice to the Voiceless: Discussions Around Social Justice in the Classroom*. Finally, her chapter's annual Distribution des Prix in June was both virtual and perhaps the most successful ever. It highlighted videos created by winning students at each level of the National French Contest and felt more intimate and student-focused to everyone involved. In addition to her work with the AATF, Polly serves as Co-Clerk of Westbury Quaker Meeting and is an At-Large Member of the Ministry and Counsel Committee of New York Yearly Meeting.

She participated in the annual Friends General Conference for a week in June 2021 and New York Spring and Summer

Sessions in April and July 2021. She also co-wrote the 2021 State of Society Reports for Westbury Monthly Meeting and for New York Yearly Meeting. Finally, Polly serves as Assistant Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Westbury Friends School.

Assistant Head of School **Jen Halliday**



Jen Halliday



Lauren Foley

and former school psychologist **Lauren Foley** were co-authors, along with Dr. Amy Chapman and Dr. Lisa Miller (Columbia University), in an article "Relational spirituality in K-12 education: a multi-case study" that has been published by the *International Journal of Children's Spirituality*. Relational spirituality describes ways in which people are connected to each other on a deeply spiritual level. The article presents a qualitative case study of three schools that shows how relational

spirituality impacts education. At each of these schools, relational spirituality is a central driver of the school's mission and purpose. Relational spirituality is life-changing for students at these schools; they were seen, known, and valued for themselves and built meaningful relationships with faculty and staff. Through these relationships, students are able to transcend diverse challenging circumstances and flourish.

Upper School history teacher **Allen Louissaint** is still in awe of the Class of 2021's Yearbook dedication in his name in



Allen Louissaint

June 2021. The Class of 2021 is a generational group because of their genuine hearts and concern for others, leadership in the community, and their comradery. Allen is humbled by their act and honored that they will forever share this special connection.

Upper School Science Department head **Jen Newitt** presented at the National Association of Biology Teachers (NABT)



Jen Newitt

Conference in Atlanta this November (see photo on previous page): *How COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2 Can Be Used to Anchor Concepts and Science Practices in AP Biology*. Concepts of gene expression, protein structure, gene technology, cell receptors and signaling, viral life cycles, phylogeny, and natural selection are made accessible and engaging through modeling and study of COVID-19/SARS-CoV-2.

NEW!

Flip to page 52 to see our new section, "Tammy's Corner," featuring spotlights on new colleagues.

Upper School Spanish teacher **Edgar Posada** was the recipient of the Fahey



Edgar Posada

Master Teacher Award for 2021 and said that he was "floored by this recognition by Friends Academy." He also had the pleasure to celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the Boys repeat NYS Championship with returning alumni, Coach Lindner, and Coach Gonzales at Fall Fair this year.

After a year of study, fourth grade teacher **Kim Soscie** received a graduate certificate from Harvard Graduate

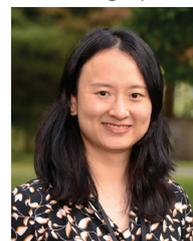


Kim Soscie

School of Education (HGSE) in August. The Certificate in School Management and Leadership (CSML), a multi-course certificate program for PreK-12 school leaders, is an innovative collaboration between the HGSE and Harvard Business School. Bridging the fields of business and education, CSML integrates expertise in managing teams and organizations with best practices in educational leadership, to provide school leaders with frameworks, skills, and

knowledge to effectively lead and drive change improvement in schools.

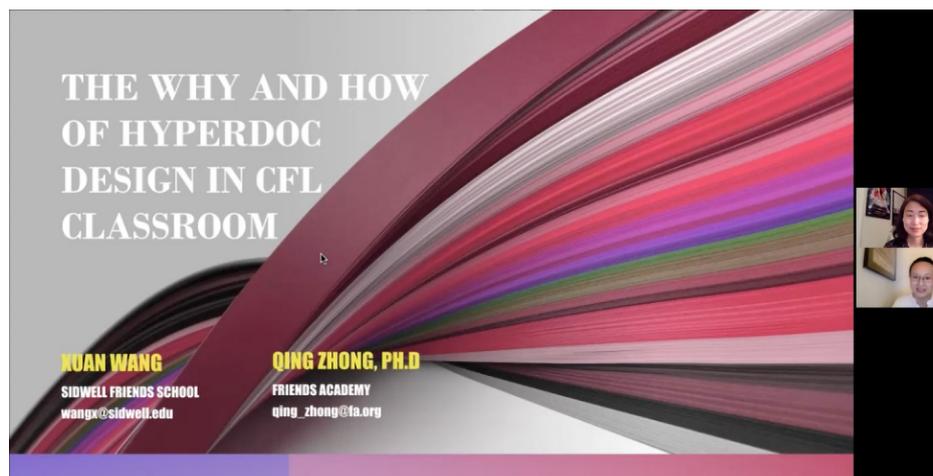
Qing Zhong, Ph.D., Upper School Chinese teacher presented at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL) Annual Convention. Dr. Zhong's presentation at the 2021



Qing Zhong

ACTFL Convention is *The Why and How of HyperDoc Design in CFL Classroom*. As the lead presenter, Dr. Zhong and her co-presenter Xuan Wang from Sidwell Friends School introduced an innovative lesson

planning process named HyperDoc. HyperDoc provides access for students to all content and learning in one organized digital space. It is not yet widely applied in Chinese classrooms but worth promoting. Dr. Zhong's presentation focuses on the rationale and key design elements of HyperDoc, as well as the implementation of HyperDoc in a sample unit design – the Chinese high-speed railway system. The unit aims at expanding and deepening students' view on China's economic developments and societal changes under the impact of one of the biggest infrastructure projects taking place in China today.



Upper School Chinese teacher Qing Zhong presented with her colleague from Sidwell Friends on a new unit designed to deepen students' understanding of China's developments and societal changes.

TAMMY'S CORNER

In my new role as Dean of Faculty Mentoring, I have the unique opportunity to work with all of our new colleagues. I find this particularly rewarding as I realize that amid this new group of faculty and staff members, it is quite possible that some of these colleagues may decide to make Friends Academy their permanent home and become long-standing members who will help to create an even better community and richer culture.

Thus, in this very midst, there are legacies in the making! I also have the honor of connecting our veteran faculty members with our new colleagues and using their expertise to help guide our new faculty – and me. I am thoroughly enjoying this role as we have an amazing faculty who truly care about education and they immensely care about our students. I am thrilled that I can support and work with all of the faculty and, hopefully, I am filling a much-needed position as a liaison, cheerleader, and advocate. Please enjoy getting to know a little bit about our newest colleagues:



Tammy Clark
Dean of Faculty Mentoring

Veronica Guevara
Middle School Spanish Teacher

Veronica joins Friends Academy with a breadth of teaching experience in languages and culture, including spending seven years as a K-8 Spanish teacher at the Friends School of Minnesota. On being here at FA, she said it “feels like I’m coming home,” noting the beauty and simplicity of the Meeting House while also being



Veronica Guevara

able to hold the intention of our Quaker values anywhere. Veronica has been a presenter at the American Council for Teaching Foreign Language and has served as a trip leader and organizer with students to Costa Rica, Spain and Cuba. Her greatest joy is helping students to broaden their perspectives through language and culture learning.

FUN FACT! *Veronica is a big fan of bioluminescence.*

Kristyn Dorfman
Lower School and Middle School Librarian

Kristyn loves working in libraries and has worked with every population from babies to high school seniors. She loves working with students to instill a love of books and reading. She has written for the magazine *School Library Journal* since 2013. She has also moderated several author panels and



Kristyn Dorfman

various festivals and events. Kristyn’s favorite Friends Academy community service project was before winter break when Community Groups brought socks and candies to wrap up for Bronx-based nonprofit Part of the Solution (POTS). She said, “it is always so nice to see the students meet in cross-divisional groups as they learn from each other and gain different perspectives. It was so nice to see them figure out how to wrap gifts, some more successfully than others, and to give to the greater community. It was wonderful to see almost the whole school community working together on the same task, sharing materials, and sharing space.”

FUN FACT! *Kristyn used to be a seasonal park ranger for the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation and was a volunteer EMT throughout college.*

Callum Ewen
Physical Education Teacher

Callum joins Friends Academy after coaching varsity football, winter track, and JV baseball at Locust Valley, and serving as Director of Oyster Bay’s Recreation Program at Teddy Roosevelt Beach. This spring he is looking forward to graduating from SUNY Brockport with his master’s in health education with summa cum laude honors. He is



Callum Ewen

proud of being able to coach at FA, more specifically, having a 4-1-1 record with the boys seventh-grade basketball team in his first year coaching basketball.

FUN FACT! *Callum grew up playing the violin and when he was in fifth grade he played in a concert at the Tilles Center.*



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

PETER STEIN '79, P '17, '20, '23

Dear Fellow Alumni,

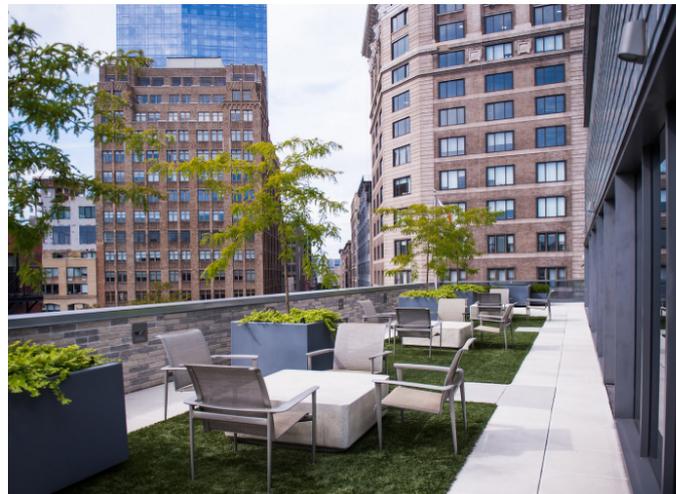


Peter Stein '79
Alumni Board President

I hope that you and your families are well, and that along with us at Friends Academy, you are heading into this spring with renewed optimism and hope for the future. Once again, this year our resilience has been tested and our entire FA community has risen to the challenge.

I had firsthand experience working with students this past fall in our first-ever Solutions in Medicine course, which brought in doctors from various disciplines to teach students to work through real medical cases and present their findings. I found our students to be thoughtful, critical thinkers, unafraid to challenge themselves and each other. I look forward to the continuation of this new course, along with additional new offerings at Friends Academy, such as courses on entrepreneurship and financial literacy.

I am happy to announce that we will have a chance to bring our alumni community together once again. **SAVE THE DATE:** Thursday, June 2nd, we will come together at our NYC Alumni Reunion at God's Love We Deliver (glwd.org). Join us at their beautiful NYC rooftop and connect with friends old and new. I look forward to seeing you soon!



On Thursday, June 2, we are back in person! Join us for the NYC Alumni Reunion at God's Love We Deliver beautiful NYC rooftop.



Reconnect with Friends Academy classmates and faculty at this year's NYC reunion!

BAFA

BIPOC ALUMNI OF FRIENDS ACADEMY



ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE BIPOC ALUMNI COMMUNITY?

BAFA aims to develop an inter-generational network created for BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, People of Color) students and alumni within the wider Friends Academy community to cultivate belonging, celebrate cultural differences, empower others to be culturally competent, and ensure equity for all. Email co-clerk **Jessica Rizzi** at jessica.marie.rizzi@gmail.com to join!

– BAFA Co-Clerks Maceda Alemu '09, Jessica Marie Rizzi '09, and Keyonne Session '13

POAA

PARENTS OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



DID YOUR CHILD GRADUATE FROM FA?

Then you are a member of the POAA, and we would love to invite you to join us for upcoming events as we work to stay connected as FA alumni parents. Email Co-Clerk **Maggie Johansen** at maggiejohansen83@gmail.com to join!

– POAA Co-Clerks Maggie Johansen P '08, '10, '13; Lauren Menzin P '13, '16;
and Donna Gerzof P '09, '12

ALUMNI ON CAMPUS *(Virtually!)*

Alumni continue to play a vital role in the day-to-day life of Friends Academy students. Here are just a few ways in which alumni have shared their expertise, experience, and sound advice with our students this fall and winter.



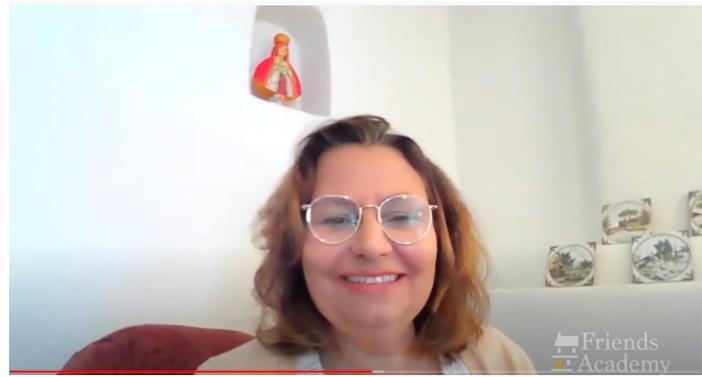
Dr. Lynda Asadourian '09 is a pediatric dentist who returned to Friends Academy to conduct oral health presentations to Playgroup, Pre-K, Kindergarten, and first-grade classrooms over Zoom. Following graduation from Friends Academy, Lynda attended Columbia University School of Dental Medicine and is now the Chief Dental Officer at Dental365, working out of Little Smiles of Port Washington office.



J.P. Morgan Analyst and Friends Academy alumna **Samantha Podell '16 (top left)** hosted a virtual information session on J.P. Morgan private banking and how to land a job opportunity in the private bank with the Long Island team in their summer analyst or full-time analyst program.



Friends Academy parent and elder law expert **Ann-Margaret Carrozza**



Friends Academy alumna **Francesca M. Banci '84** of LAPIS Planning & Wealth Advisory Group

Friends Academy parent and elder law expert **Ann-Margaret Carrozza** P '20, '24 and Friends Academy alumna **Francesca M. Banci '84** of LAPIS Planning & Wealth Advisory Group, a private wealth advisory practice of Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC, hosted an interactive webinar to help our community learn ways to leave behind a lasting, meaningful legacy and protect their assets.



Alumni **Jennifer Keogh '16**, **Leila Baadarani '18**, and **Riya Subbaiah '21** joined FA seniors to share about their college experiences and offer advice.

Friends Academy alumni participated in a **virtual trivia night**, in lieu of our in-person annual NYC reception.



ANDY MENZIN '81

THE VERY DEFINITION OF FA

By Hayley Kucich '03

Dr. Andrew Menzin was to be the subject of my next Meeting House alumni profile. I was excited! The name Menzin was synonymous with Friends Academy, as I have known quite a few of them over the years – I work with Lauren on the Alumni Board, and several kids have been in school with my siblings over the years. But I didn't know much about Lauren's husband, Dr. Andrew Menzin. I couldn't wait to learn about him! And did I learn about the true Dr. Menzin very quickly.

Put aside all of his academic and medical accomplishments, the accolades, titles, etc., I didn't expect to get to know him on such a personal level. He is a genuinely kind and caring person at the core. Amidst my writing of this profile for him over the winter holidays, the Omicron variant was spreading rapidly. It was a time of great celebration, but also extreme paranoia and concern with the spread of this newest variant. My uncle, a former NYPD detective of 25 years and a 9/11 rescue worker who walked away in the weeks after the 9/11 attacks with many severe health issues that would stay with him until this day, developed COVID-19.

He couldn't get into a hospital, as the hospital waiting rooms were



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overflowing, the emergency rooms were turning away patients, and his health was dwindling. In a panic, I wanted to help and didn't know where to turn. "Wait, Dr. Menzin is a doctor, maybe he could help me?" I asked myself. I contacted Dr. Menzin and explained my uncle's situation, and mind you, Dr. Menzin had never met me in person, nor had we been speaking for long, but immediately he said to have my uncle call him and they would figure out the best plan of action. My heart instantly filled with hope and I said to myself, "This is the FA connection at work. Once connected by FA, always connected by FA." Dr. Menzin is a product of the FA journey, and there is no better person to represent FA.

Here is his story.

While at Friends Academy, Andy Menzin '81 explored an array of interests – from soccer, golf, and tennis to debate, acting, and stage crew.

Dr. Menzin, or Andy, grew up in Hicksville, the youngest of three boys. His father, Julius “Bud” Menzin, was a dentist in a small office attached to their home, and his mother, Frances Scheiner Menzin, was a teacher and an artist. He began at Friends Academy after being a student at the Westbury Friends School – from early childhood classes through third grade (which was as far as the school went back then). Several of the students then moved on to Friends Academy in 1972 (Donna Cooper, Roberta Cohen, and Andy were at Friends from fourth through twelfth grade).

Andy explains that, “FA was a continuation of what was already six years of a Quaker education. I wouldn’t say I have much perspective on it because it’s all I have known. I knew it was different from the experiences of my friends in the neighborhood where I lived, but I didn’t really grasp how that difference manifested itself. I remember feeling safe, happy, supported, and challenged. I recall the feeling that others held expectations of us – in behavior, in effort, in appearance. I think these helped me forge the expectations I would develop for myself. So many teachers were inspirations in a plethora of ways, each having their own impact on me: Mr. Erickson, Mr. Hornstein, Mr. Haulenbeek, Mr. Philander, Mr. Fickenshire, Mrs. Vuillet, Ms. Hoyt, Doc Richardson, Doc Sullivan, Ms. Swain, Ms. Parmalee, Mr. Stango, Mr. Seibert, Mr. Chubb, Mr. Pellegrino, Mr. Jacobson, Mr. Withington and so many others.”

Andy spent a lot of time after school in sports (soccer, golf, and tennis) and played on a soccer travel team in Hicksville. He played quite a bit of golf and tennis outside of school with his family, which are cherished memories. The other important thread for him during those years was the theater. He recalls being a part of all of the productions throughout Middle and Upper School, in a large measure because of the inclusiveness, support, and inspiration of Mr. Jordan Hornstein. Andy spent most of those shows on the stage crew, but Mr. Hornstein helped ensure that his involvement grew through his high school years. With his encouragement, Andy took the leap of acting in a small part in the last play of his senior year (*The Streets of New York*). After that, he wished he had jumped into “the acting thing” earlier. Other activities included choir, where Andy recalls “being a near silent member way over on the side, hopefully out of view... and earshot” and debate, specifically, extemporaneous speaking, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

Andy explains that “when I have described my own experience at FA (aided by the great benefit of time and reflection), it is distilled into the comment that ‘Friends was a great place to grow up.’”

“That is very much at the heart of why Lauren and I always hoped that if we returned to Long Island with children, we would try and



Lauren Putter and Andy Menzin at their graduation from Friends Academy in 1981.



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share FA with our kids,” said Andy. He continued on to college at Brown, where he studied anthropology, focusing on New England archaeology and medical anthropology. In addition to his concentration, the pre-medical requirements kept his schedule pretty full. Andy played a bit of intramural soccer, volunteered at Hillel, was a tour guide, and spent quite a bit of time on research related to the Narragansett burial ground, where he had a chance to work during the summer after his sophomore year.

Following college, Andy went on to attend medical school at NYU. He welcomed the chance to experience NYC, which helped him to grow and expand his world view. He spent as much time as he could in Bellevue Hospital, which he described as “a magical place with an incredible legacy of care to a remarkably diverse group of patients.” Andy adds, “I had hoped to do internal medicine like my older brothers, but I then realized well into my fourth year that I wanted a different path.”

At his Match Day party held at the Automat in NYC, Andy was united not only with his future profession but also with a marriage proposal – after nine years of dating. Andy’s next stop was in Philadelphia at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania, where he did his residency in OBGYN.

“Lauren and I got married in May of 1990, at the end of my internship,” Andy said. “We were all amazed I stayed awake the whole day! We stayed on for two more years for my fellowship in gynecologic oncology at



After serving on the Board at Westbury Friends, where Andy attended until third grade, he joined the Friends Academy Board of Trustees and has served as Secretary for a number of years.

Penn.”

After the six years in Philadelphia, Lauren and Andy returned to Long Island (with a three-month old Sydney in tow) and he joined the staff at North Shore University Hospital. Now more than 26 years later, Andy feels that he has had the opportunity to see the institution grow into what it is now known as – Northwell Health. “I feel very fortunate for the opportunities I’ve had at the hospital, as part of Hofstra, and elsewhere. It’s been a very rewarding and enriching journey. I have been blessed throughout my educational journey to have incredible mentors and heroes at every level. These are the figures that helped shape me and are role models whom I think of often. I carry the inspiration of figures like Mr. Erickson at Friends or Dr. Mikuta at Penn with me each and every day,” shared Andy.

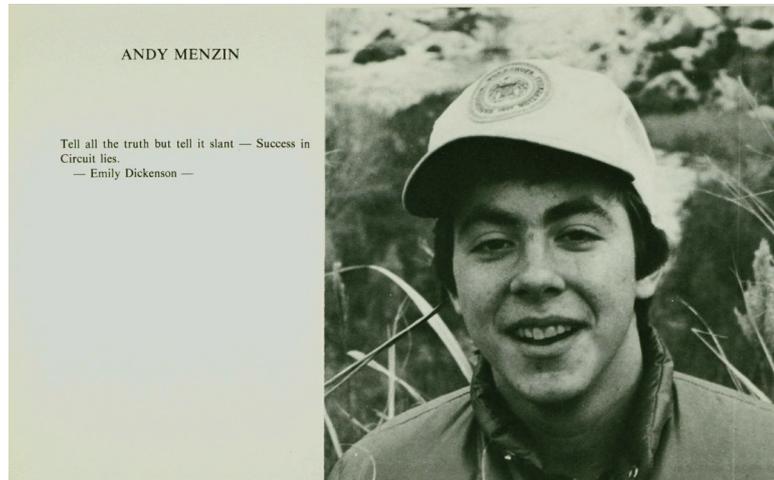
Andy explained how in the end he and Lauren never really left Friends Academy. During periodic hiatuses when life redirected them to other locales, they have been fortunate to see many folks from the past and the present.

Their family roster also includes: daughter Sydney ’13 and son Marcus ’16, all of their nieces and nephews (Jason Menzin, Jaclyn Ryan, Lyndsey Menzin, Jennifer Ryan, Jon Menzin, Sam Menzin), his brother-in-law (Joseph Putter), and their great nieces (Ella and Audrey Woods, sixth grade daughters of Jen Ryan Woods, and the 12th and 13th members of the family to attend FA) – now in 6th grade – three generations in all!

After serving as a trustee at Westbury Friends, Andy joined the Board at FA in 2012 and has been the Secretary of the Board for a number of years. He is also a member of the Matinecock Meeting. Andy explains, “Having spent my life in Quaker education, I would say that Friends is at the core of who I am. Through the people I spent time with and the experiences we shared, Friends has become a key part of my identity. I certainly recognize that how I see my time at Friends is altered by the lens of time, but, it is something for which I am very, very thankful.

“As we move on in years and reflect back on how we arrived at the place we find ourselves, these chances to consider the steps along the way are cherished moments. They make you appreciate your good fortune, the joy you’ve been lucky to have, the sadness that has come your way and that others have eased, and that it all hasn’t been too bad with hopefully more to come.”

Final fun fact! Andy said, “Lauren was my prom date in 1981. Marcus and Elizabeth Gambino ’18 went to the prom in 2016 and are still going strong – no pressure!...”



Andy Menzin's senior page in the 1981 Lamp Yearbook.

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In her role as rear admiral, Aisha Mix '91 advises the Surgeon General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

AISHA PALMER MIX '91

BECOMING REAR ADMIRAL MIX

By Laura Schoeffel P '17, '20, '22

To say Aisha Palmer Mix's story is extraordinary is an understatement. Today she is one of the highest-ranking U.S. Public Health Service officers in the nation, advising the Surgeon General and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on matters of utmost importance to our nation's healthcare. And, closest to her heart, she is responsible for the well-being

and deployment of about 1,300 active duty nurses.

Speaking to RADM Mix is an exercise in humility. She has done so much to serve communities at home and abroad that you can't help but wonder how she has also managed to raise four amazing daughters. The answer seems to include heavy doses of grit and determination, intelligence and hard



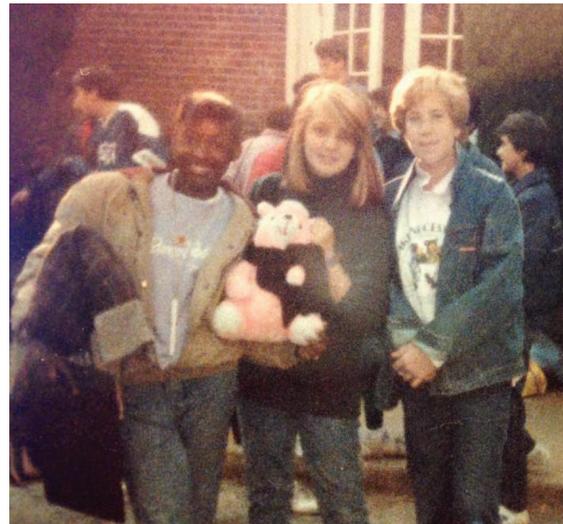
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work, but also a strong family network that seems to begin and end with her mother. "If fortitude were a person, my mother would be it," said Aisha.

Aisha was already a trailblazer while at Friends Academy. As a founding member of the Diversity Committee, she learned to work within the system to make change. "We met some resistance," she said, but she and her friends persisted with the help of then-faculty member, Sidney Bridges, presenting the first ever diversity assembly to the FA Upper School.

Transferring to Friends in second grade was life-changing in many ways: "It was a top-notch education," said Aisha, "but there was a complete and stark difference between being at Friends and being at home. I became two different people who could function in two different environments. For a child, it was a huge challenge." She recalls being the only Black girl throughout most of her years at the school. By the time she entered high school, Aisha had become adept at code-switching: "I already had a lot of friends," she recalled, "but now there were more students of color, more people that were familiar to me, even kids from my own community." She discovered that she was "able to float between groups... almost a translator and interpreter between groups," a skill that she says has served her well in her professional life. In tenth grade, Aisha gave birth to her eldest daughter. Rather than allow the reactions of others to get her down, she focused on excelling as a varsity athlete and, with her studies, graduated at the top of her class. How did she persevere? "My mom was there for me," she said. "Without family support I could never have made it to where I am today."

Aisha had goals – she would attend a HBCU, and she would become a pediatrician. Her visit to Hampton University changed her mind about the latter. "They asked me if I knew the difference between medicine and nursing," she said, and recalls being told that medicine focuses on the condition or illness, while a nurse focuses on the person. "I knew then what I wanted to do," Aisha said. While her mother was the primary caregiver for her two young daughters, Aisha completed her Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in nursing from Hampton University. And after working as a nurse for nine years, she decided to pursue her Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins University, before completing her



AISHA K. PALMER

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Aisha Palmer first came to Friends Academy in second grade. The only Black girl throughout most of her years until Upper School, she discovered that she was able to "float between a groups... almost a translator and interpreter between groups."

Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Case Western Reserve University. Throughout this period, she also worked as a home health nurse, labor and delivery nurse, case manager, public health nurse, and educator.

In 2006, after 11 years working as a registered nurse, Aisha was commissioned into the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS). It was the perfect fit for all her talents and interests. "I joined the Public Health Service because it embodies exactly what I was looking for in terms of serving nurses and communities," Aisha said. Her work took her into communities around the U.S., responding to the aftermath of hurricanes and outbreaks of disease. She worked to support nurses across the country, and sought to improve access to healthcare for underserved populations. She was also sent abroad



Aisha and friends at Friends Academy

to help other nations. One such deployment occurred in 2014. When the scale of an Ebola outbreak in West Africa was making headlines around the world, Aisha was packing her bags and trying to figure out arrangements

for her younger daughters still living at home. She was heading right into the heart of the crisis in Monrovia, Liberia, where the Army Corps of Engineers had built a rough-and-ready facility for her team of 60 to set up an Ebola treatment unit. It was a harrowing experience, one that Aisha says she would not have traded for the world. "It was absolutely life-changing on so many levels," Aisha said. "That was the first time I had been away from my kids for so long. I thought, what will that look like, what will I need to put in place for them? On a professional level, it opened my eyes to all of the capabilities of the Public Health Service, and what we were capable of. We walked into an unknown situation; none of us had ever cared for a patient with Ebola. We had to figure out different



Aisha Mix in her second-grade classroom group photo.

standards of care than we were used to." It was two months before she was back home with her girls, but she learned something about them, too. "What was interesting to see was that they were perfectly fine," Aisha said. "My older girls took care of my younger girls, and my mother came for a time."

In some ways, the Ebola experience prepared Aisha for what was coming down the road toward her. Shortly after she was promoted to her current position as Chief Nurse in 2019, Covid hit. "There was a bit of *deja vu*," said Aisha. "It was different, but similar." She was also forced to re-evaluate how she and her team would do the job. She couldn't engage with PHS nurses across the country the way she had wanted to. She had to do it through the lens of a camera.



After two years of COVID-19, she is proud of what the PHS has accomplished on the ground, but worries about the well-being of nurses across the country who have been at the forefront of care. "One of the biggest points I make is that it is not enough to focus on whether a nurse is unhappy or unsafe," said Aisha. "We need to understand why and create environments where nurses can flourish. The first step is to listen to the nurses – include the nurses in the solution."

When asked to describe a typical day in her job, Aisha laughs, but is kind enough to try to answer. The question seems increasingly absurd as Aisha gently explains that "no day is the same." In her role she can be found reviewing data and preparing briefs, being pulled into policy discussions at the highest levels of government. Her work is impacted by every health crisis and disaster in the United States, and she stays focused on how nurses can respond and engage. How does she keep it all in perspective? "I joined the Public Health Service for exactly this reason," Aisha said. "The opportunity to engage in all of those things is what is important to me."

With her own life experiences as a guide, Aisha says she feels the importance of "honoring the women who went before us, while providing examples for the women who come behind us, of what they can do." Indeed. When we spoke with her, Aisha was planning a return to Friends Academy. With everything else on her plate, she was looking forward to participating in a special mentorship program with the students in The New F Word (FA's feminist club), Black Student Alliance, Medicine as a Career, and with the group she helped found, the Diversity Committee. "I'm excited to see what they are up to 30 years on."

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FREDRIK CHIEN '07

THE FUTURE IS NOW

By Laura Schoeffel P '17, '20, '22

After 7½ years at SpaceX, Fredrik Chien admits he was a little burnt out. In making the enormous leap from spacecraft propulsion to kitchen robotics, he felt a pull toward projects that meet the moment we are in now. “The company wanted to 10x their production rate,” Fredrik said. “I thought: I want to do that!” Founded just five years ago, Miso Robotics is a dynamic startup with the potential to revolutionize the fast-food industry. In one of the most successful crowdfunding stories in history, the founders initially raised more than \$40 million with over 12,000 individual investors.

Now, a surging demand for robots in the fast-food kitchens of America is all about efficiency and pandemic-related labor shortages. With businesses so short-staffed they have to close or cut back hours, Miso’s mission – to provide reliable automation for the industry’s more monotonous jobs – seems more palatable. Thankfully, Fredrik reassures us that robots will not be presiding over our fine dining experiences anytime soon. But a tectonic shift in the fast-food industry is happening. “I guess the future is



coming whether we are ready or not," he said.

Fredrik joined Friends Academy in the sixth grade, following his sisters Yasmine '97 and Florence '99. Describing his child self as "a bit of a troublemaker," he reveals a latent talent for tinkering. "I liked to pull things apart, put them back together, solder, set off smoke bombs," said Fredrik. "Things were always burning around me," he laughed.

With a curiosity rarely satiated, Fredrik recalls feeling an immediate difference when he encountered the Friends' faculty. "I'd ask science-related questions, and the teachers seemed genuinely interested. They'd go out of their way to answer." He fondly recalls Mr. Drew's sixth-grade electrical project as a pivotal moment. "I also loved SLUDGE with Mrs. Collier," he said. "I want those recipes!" Fredrik is emphatic, mentioning that he recently revived the water-bottle rocket project while trying to demonstrate Newton's third law for his young niece and nephew.

While naturally gravitating toward math and sciences in high school, some of the moments that really captured Fredrik's imagination occurred outside the classroom: like the time his lacrosse coach, Mr. Quackenbush, explained the physics behind torque while using a leg press machine; or in stagecraft, when Mr. Grant taught him how to use various hand tools. "I deeply appreciate the education I had," Fredrik said. "In retrospect, I see that I got this amazing exposure to so many different things at Friends." It is not surprising that Fredrik felt an expectation to pursue engineering in college. He chose Rochester Institute of Technology, in part because they gave him the best financial package, but he was also interested in their robust co-op program.

Just one week into computer engineering, he jumped to mechanical. "It was the environment I needed," he said. "And I wanted to work on big machines." While the first two years were really tough, Fredrik adjusted. "I started to really put in the effort and then I really got into it." He completed the five-year program in six years, taking advantage of the paid internships. He worked at SPX Industrial Mixing Equipment and New York Air Brake, and while these were hardly glamorous jobs, they were instructive. In the end, the biggest lesson he learned? "I didn't want to work there. It was too slow, too old fashioned."

Fredrik returned to Long Island to regroup, with the ultimate goal of packing up his car and moving to California by July 2014, no matter what. He applied to various internships, and he pulled his car apart. When he got the call that he landed the SpaceX internship, it seemed like a dream come true. The only problem was they wanted him there by mid-June; he



Fredrik and his fellow interns at SpaceX

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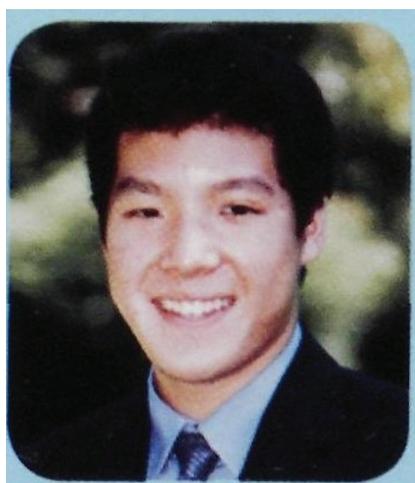
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had just two weeks to piece his car back together and drive across the country. His parents were supportive, if a little doubtful about their son colonizing space.

Whether or not his parents' skepticism was motivating is unclear, but Fredrik's six-month internship turned into a full-time job. "It was wild. There weren't many of us in the [Manufacturing Engineering] department. If you walked around the facility you could fix anything you wanted." Free-range at SpaceX meant no cubicles, onboarding as



Fredrik in 2007

fast as possible, and working an average of 60 hours a week. "And that's a light week," Fredrik said. "I would be working on 3 or 4 big projects, but then we would be asked to relocate factories, build it from the ground up: layout, wiring, everything."

Fredrik found himself building factories to outfit rockets, like Falcon 9, and the Dragon capsule. He held five different positions while at the company, rotating through departments. "I worked in the tube shop, building tubes around the main tube, which is the rocket." For a time, he was testing

the component parts on engines because when you are dealing with enormous rockets, you apparently do not want to fire the engines up before you gain confidence in the components. "It's kind of expensive if something goes wrong," he said. The timelines were fast, and there was a lot of pressure, and yet, it was a creative space that pushed boundaries. "You could make mistakes – everyone did – because we were doing things nobody had ever done before," Fredrik said. There was a "let's just keep going attitude" that everyone embraced.

When asked what his proudest achievement from those years might be, Fredrik deadpans: "In my last role, I was responsible for the waste management system, which is a euphemism for space toilet. I'd like to be remembered for that – that design flew in space for the first time on NASA's Crew-3 mission."

Fredrik's work life seems futuristic, for sure, but what does he envision for his own future? He enjoys his outside of work activities that get him into nature, like mountain biking, rock climbing, canyoneering. Maybe one day he'd like to work in outdoor education. One thing seems pretty clear, whatever it is, it will be intense.



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Peggy Egan Alley published a touching memoir called *Grit: Growing Up with a Broken Brain* in late 2019. Now she has written *Sunrise on Mannahatta*, a novel but factual account of the earliest days of New Netherland. Her son Steve, who used to live in Minnesota, has just married and moved to North Carolina. They seem very happy. His new wife has three children so Peggy is finally a grandmother! She makes a point of staying fit and taking exercise classes during the week plus yoga on Saturdays. **Mary Foster Anderson** had a delicious Thanksgiving when a group she belongs to called the Supper Club arranged a catered turkey dinner. **Herb Cares** stopped doing surgery on brains and spines as of 2018, but still sees office patients for Massachusetts General Hospital Neurosurgery Service. He has no social media accounts, but still maintains www.hlcares.com. **Naomi Johnson Dempsey** and **Clark Denslow** visited Naomi's daughter Carol, and husband, Brad for their daughter Olivia's high school graduation in May. Olivia is now at University of Delaware. They also enjoyed their first group Thanksgiving dinner with Clark's family in Madison, CT, and otherwise pretty much stayed at home. **Steffie Giardino Dobrinin** regrets to report the death of her husband, Maurice, on Aug. 6 2020. She continues to live in Palm Beach

Gardens, FL, where she and Maurice have accumulated many friends over their years of wintering there. She will be going north to visit family for Christmas. The first week of April 2022, she will be visiting a grandson and family, who now live in St. Germain-en-Laye in the western suburbs of Paris, and hopes to visit with **Anne de Contades D'Ornano** while there. **John** and Susan **Galbraith** prioritize frequent family gatherings. Their recent Thanksgiving gathering with one branch of the family will soon be followed by Christmas with a different branch. **Art Geoffrion** is sad to report that his wife, Helen, of 58 years passed away in April after some years of decline. Their two daughters and five grandchildren are split between Colorado and near San Diego, while Art continues to live in Santa Monica, but they all get together for the major holidays. His brother's family has long lived in Tennessee, and his remaining first cousins are near Austin and Orlando, so getting everyone together is regrettably difficult in this age of COVID-19. He enjoys excellent health, which he attributes to an insanely healthy diet and regular exercise. If you haven't seen it yet, drop him a line at ageoffri@ucla.edu for a transcript of our well-attended 65th Zoom reunion in October, 2020; there is a lot more personal news there. **Joan Konvalinka Hawkins** and **George '54** hosted 18 people for Thanksgiving, including their grandson Alex who brought some friends. **Emily Hawkins** is finishing her law degree at William and Mary, and **Jack Hawkins** is making computer chips in Essex, VT. **Connie** and **Mike Hellman** enjoyed hosting four children, 10 grandchildren, and one guest for Thanksgiving dinner. **Michael Volow** finally retired in July 2021. Now he and Becci are looking at 40 years of accumulated stuff, an experience most of the rest of us have shared.

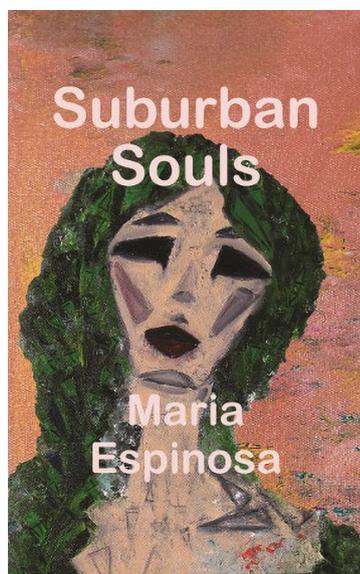
Our last class column was submitted at the end of January 2019. Since then, some of our numbers have passed away. We are saddened to report that **George Cadwell** died on Aug. 21, 2019, **Jean Claude Aubourg** on Jan. 1, 2020, **Connie Bryson** on March 22, 2020, of sepsis after heart surgery,

Allan Munro on March 25, 2020, Jim Graham on Oct. 8, 2020, Fil Graff on Oct. 21, 2020 of pneumonia, and Pete Klinge on Feb. 3, 2022.

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Maria Espinosa writes, I'm excited about my novel, *Suburban Souls*, published by Tailwinds Press. "Against the vibrant and liberated backdrop of 1970's San Francisco, a husband and wife – both Holocaust survivors, indelibly marked by their experiences – endure an increasingly turbulent marriage. Their discord leaves its mark on their teenage daughter." Congratulations, Maria!



Congratulations to Maria Espinosa on her latest novel!

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We are saddened to share that **Charles Jameson** passed away. Please read Charles' memoriam on page 91. Dr. **Bob Pickles** is still involved with his free clinic. He enjoys hunting and spends lots of time shoveling snow in his northern climate. **Wendy Stone** lives in Scottsdale, AZ, and is an avid golfer (13 handicap) after many years of tennis. Physical fitness has always been a big part of her life, and she works with a trainer three times a week. Wendy has been married for 30 years to her third and, she promises, her last, husband. "Wendy Bird" sends her love to all. **Jim Sykes** will be traveling to California to visit his son and family. He tries to break away for Bermuda trips. **Tom Carter** is now living on the West Coast near his family. He states, "In addition to trying to learn grandfathering, I've been involved in trying to keep my former Peace Corps volunteer group, Friends of India, going." Tom suggests an in-person reunion while we are still ambulatory.

Judy Reeve sends her best to the class and wrote an obituary on **John Froehlich**, which is included in this issue. **David Seeler** – I am still working full time at my business – The Bayberry in Amagansett. COVID-19 has certainly restricted my events, but my business has done well. Many of my clients have improved their properties so that they can enjoy "life at home." No travel for the last year, but I look forward to the opera in England in June. Please remember to give to Friends Academy Annual Giving. It's our way to say "Thanks for a great education." – The Seal

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Since a glitch, which those of us who have been published understand, resulted in the last class notes not making it into print, here they are with some words added at the end.

Our 60th class reunion was an interesting event. Virtual, it may have lacked intimacy and the ability for tête-à-tête but was a success, proving that, despite self-protestations, we are not Luddites. The preliminary search added several more to the missing list. I even tried something called letters, in envelopes, with stamps. Did learn that both **Fred Kuffler** and Dr. **Andy Dott** claim to have retired, but they added, "Sorta." (Andy did volunteer work in Haiti, Guatemala, and Cambodia.) **Francis Edmunds** hinted he may have news soon; I expect to hear he's been elected margate of some Deutsches Fürstentum. Her Honor **Susan Stein Danoff's** mother passed away. That wonderful woman was mother to three FA grads: **Susan, Julie '58**, and **Nina '62**. Dr. **Mike Samuels** has been a doc with people, shamanism and book writing, with 22 published books. (I knew of his best-selling *The Well Baby Book*, but did not associate it with Mike.) Married to a French woman, he currently lives on the Greek island of Tinos. I hinted our New Englanders, **Louis Licht, Anne Wadsworth Moody**, and **Theo Smythe Page**, should get together. Anne lost her husband last May and, despite cranky knees, is studying classical ballet and producing local theater. Theo wrote, "I'm living in Burbank, CA, four blocks from my son and his wife, who do production work for movies and TV, and their two children. My daughter and her husband and two children live in Panama, in a small town on the Canal, where she studies bats for the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, and her husband edits and writes science textbooks. Toby, my husband, an Alzheimer's patient, is in a board and care home close by but, because of COVID-19, I can only look at him through the window in his bedroom. It's a tough time. We have an old farmhouse in New Hampshire where the family spends parts of every summer except, of course, this one. I continue to paint furniture (www.

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theopage.com), and had planned on a pop-up exhibition with a fellow artist. It was set to open March 15th – the very day most of LA closed down because of the virus. We’re rescheduling for next March – with fingers crossed.”

Bob Hadden is living on a boat in coastal Oregon. A resident in Old Virginny, **Beth Cocks Cobham** is still working with beagles as an official with a title I had to look up. Although I have not talked with her, I learned that **Debbie Wells Dye** lost her husband in December. **Leigh Spencer Sorensen** was to be in Spain at the time of the reunion. **John Heller** retired after 42 years with Ford or Ford-related companies. “Now I am studying Spanish, playing lots of tennis, and spending time with my grandchildren.” **John Trauth** sent, “My wife Astrid and I continue to live in Sausalito. I still work in the affordable housing space. Homelessness is a big problem in California, and COVID-19 has made it worse. I have been working on a big project to help reduce the incidence of homelessness in Orange County, CA. There are 7,000 homeless people in the county. A trust has been set up to attack the problem aggressively, an approach that has great public and private support. The goal is to get everyone off the street by 2025 using a combination of various housing options, from shelters, counseling, supportive housing with services, affordable units, and placement in addition to an aggressive prevention strategy. I am optimistic that we can accomplish the goal.” **Dave Howe** checked in but did not add any news. Wife and self did a January cruise along the coast of Norway – not as cold and snowy as I’d hoped, but we did see Aurora Borealis (our prom theme, remember?).

Update: **John Trauth** now has an online seminar based on his book, *Your Retirement, Your Way*. **Geoff Wharton** was named a trustee of Claremont Graduate University, continues on the Board of Directors, and is Chair of the Facilities Committee of the Los Angeles Opera, and co-president of Temple Emanuel. **Fred Kuffler** is still trying to help the shipowners of the world. “Remember that 90% of everything moves by water” and is reading the

Greek Classics, (in translation) with a group under the tutelage of a classics professor from a local university. He added, “I’m still flying for fun; I’ll stop when I can no longer climb into the cockpits of antique planes or glides.

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Gary Licht: We are still living by a lake in New Jersey where we hope to stay until... I have been building a sailboat for the last few years and playing golf (really badly) and generally enjoying being a bum. Like most of our generation we are fully vaccinated but are still holding off traveling and eating out and other fun things. **Randi Reeve Filoon:** After nearly 20 years of living in Sun Valley, ID as our home base most of the year, we are returning East and will be settling in between the Boston area and our family home on Cape Cod. Our move will take place in April. We felt it was time to return to our roots, leaving behind many wonderful friends in Idaho but returning to a lot of family and friends in the Northeast. We’ll see if we go on two long planned and awaited trips this winter and spring (to Mexico in February and then Scandinavia and the Baltic in May) due to the latest mutation of the Coronavirus! Who knows? One thing COVID-19 and its ever-changing rules has taught me is to be flexible. Do what you can do, don’t count on anything you plan, and go with the flow as best you can. Be creative and fill in the spaces! **Tom Wenger:** What am I up to? Most of my life, I’ve tried to avoid cliches, but when I answer during a pandemic – at age 76 – that no news is good news, it feels accurate, specific, and even revelatory. I simply am enjoying life. I like reading about

classmates, so I suppose it is only fair to respond to your request for an update. I trained in cardiology at Duke and am still living here in Durham, NC, many years later. I suppose it is fair to say that I am retired. For the last 25 years, my main source of income was consulting, mostly to the pharmaceutical industry. But my wife died seven years ago, leaving me in sole charge of a then 6-year-old daughter (just turned 13 this month), so I only consult if a company seeks me out – and most everyone who used me as a consultant has retired. I loved my work, but I also love being a parent, and it is a more pressing priority. I have a son and daughter in their late 40s (city planner/consultant and physical therapy professor), so raising a child again is more relaxing than the first two times. I am still playing soccer and also like riding my bike – it is my main form of transportation. For some reason, my brother and sister, **John ‘59** and **Jane ‘62** (of course), agreed, agreed that I should get the MG-TD, so when you eventually get to Durham I can offer you a ride. John, Jane, and the MG are all doing well even though all of us have over 650,000 miles on our odometers. Any other classmates coming through Durham, NC, are also invited for a town tour in the MG. **Andy:** Gail and I are still holed up in the other Durham (NH). We managed two trips this past year, one, in fact, to the other Durham, where our daughter works in the trauma ward at Duke, and the other to Santa Fe, NM, where we spent a week with our son, Gabe. Also I’ve had a fourth book of poetry accepted, although, because of a publisher’s backlog it won’t appear until spring 2023.

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Hello all: I guess we've all survived COVID-19 thus far – let's keep up the good work! Just got my booster today, so I feel I've done all I can at the moment. Well, life in Vermont continues to be great, although I do get away and head for warmer weather upon occasion. When I have time, I spend my days involved with the local life: Meals on Wheels, the food bank, and visiting my four grandchildren who range in age from 17 to 4 (however, that involves traveling from Brooklyn to Buckhead to San Francisco.) I didn't hear from many of you this time, but here's what I've gotten so far. **Lois:** Greetings from Naples, FL! I visited the Friends campus in September. It is truly unrecognizable and such a dramatic improvement over the campus we loved so much many years ago. How lucky today's students are! My activities over the last 30 years have been on boards, both corporate and not-for-profits. When I started down this path, I was the youngest board member in

the room. Now I am beginning to age off boards. Can we be that old? Just as COVID hit, I became Chair of the cultural center in Naples, called Artis-Naples. We have two performance halls, a Philharmonic orchestra, an art museum, a film festival, an educational program that reaches every child in the public school system in a "normal" year, a broad lifelong learning program, and much more. This has been one of the most interesting and challenging experiences in my career. There were no playbooks, no one to learn from. We were truly on our own. Believe it or not, we carefully and safely opened the museum in August 2020 and started small group musical performances in the fall. We "discovered" an outdoor garden that could seat over 150 people and streamed music outdoors. Between the creativity of the management team and the generosity of the Naples community, it turned out to be an amazingly good year and so personally rewarding. If you are ever in the neighborhood, it's a fun place to visit. Stay well, Lois.

Toby writes: It has been quite some time since I've checked in, but I'm alive and well and enjoying my retirement in Spring Hill, FL, which is about an hour north of Tampa. My wife, Helen, and I live in a 3,500-home retirement community called Timber Pines, which has three beautiful golf courses, a brand-new 12-court pickleball complex that has lights for night play, a tennis complex, and a \$3 million wellness center under construction that will have a really nice fitness center. I noticed in one of your notes in *The Meeting House* that you play a lot of golf and pickleball, and that's pretty much what I do, along with traveling and writing. My second book, *The 1960s in Sports: A Decade of Change*, was published in 2020 and covers all sports, as well as the many significant "real-world" events of the decade we were at Friends. I'm also treasurer of our homeowners' association, which takes up a fair amount of time. Helen and I moved here from the Boston area five years ago, and although I miss skiing, I don't miss the winters. We have three children and three grandchildren living in San Diego, and we visit them several

times a year. The only classmate that I've really stayed in touch with is **Jim March**, but I enjoy reading about what everyone else is up to, so I hope you get a good response. I hope that you and Bryan have a nice Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas. All the best, Toby (Miles to everyone but close friends and family.) **Brad** writes: Congratulations to all you 1971 college grads on your 50th. Thinking back: For the first three months, we could only have girls in our rooms on weekends and only if there was a tie over the top of the door. Some of my classmates actually wore beanies. And I missed Friends dearly. Positive test rates now under 3% in Florida after hitting 12%+ in August. So last week, we visited friends in Boston and drove up to New Hampshire to enjoy autumn leaves, mountains, and a dinner with brother **Spencer '69** and the New England Lovettes. And international borders are opening, so we are cautiously planning a Christmas-New Year trip to either Jordan or the Himalayan foothills. If it's the latter, we'll be sure to visit our software project in Mumbai on the way. Be well all! **Peter:** Well, I'm in a different place again! I've moved to Nashville since I retired to be close to my son and grandson, Beau. It's quite different from Santa Barbara, but in many ways, it reminds me of Long Island. It has all four seasons. I was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease two years ago, which has definitely altered my lifestyle. For all my friends, I have a very nice guest room and would love to see you if you're coming to the Nashville area. Lots to do here. Love to you all, Peter. **Ned:** Things are well out here in Colorado. I stay in touch with **Bill Wicker** and **Peter Lyman** and try to catch up with **Nancy Vitriol** between her travels. It's November 27, and we are waiting on a good dump in the high country for skiing and water. The areas that make snow have limited open terrain. Denver has yet to have its first real freeze. And if anyone is looking for a new read, I just finished *This Tender Land* and enjoyed it. I look back on my FA years and remember a culture of kindness and respect. No one knew everybody, yet there was harmony. And in these us-against-them times, I remember that culture

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fondly and thankfully. Ned Maher 303-506-1608 **Fernando Moreno (aka Chico, Cholo, Fred, Berti) '67** writes: Emma and I retired to Oak Ridge, TN, from Connecticut and moved into our new house in January 2021. We love it here. We have three seasons and moderate winter temperatures with no real snow, but if we want cold over the winter and snow, we can head up to Gatlinburg and the Smoky Mountains for snow fun. We will be joining the Oak Ridge Sportsman Club in 2022 so that we can go to the ranges there and continue to hone our skills, and we may take up a little archery there as well. **Peter Lyman**, our classmate, moved to Nashville from San Diego shortly after we moved here, and he will be visiting with us in early January 2022. I will send some pictures of us together from my man cave and hopefully it will get into *The Meeting House*. Gotta say, moving was an adventure during COVID. As always, CONTINUE TO GO FORWARD!!! All the best to all. AKA Chico/ Cholo /Fred/ Berti. From **Doug Simes**: Sarah and I have been living in St. Louis since June of 2019, and our new home is treating us very well. I'm really glad that I hadn't left town before our 50th. And I'm still saddened by those of us we've lost. We celebrated our first wedding anniversary in October (we'd been together since 1994, so it was about time to make it official). Rabbi Susan Talve, a notable social activist in the area, officiated. We were married outdoors on the grounds of the Central Reform Congregation just over the fence from the residence of the notorious, gun-brandishing McCloskeys. Since the fall of 2019, I've had a drawing or two in over a dozen juried exhibitions in St. Louis and beyond. A sanguine pencil portrait in the 36th annual exhibition at Art St. Louis last year received an award of excellence from the curator at the Kemper Art Museum at Washington University. I've taught Zoom classes in anatomy, gesture drawing, and linear perspective for the St. Louis Artists' Guild. Currently, a solo exhibition that I've called *The Act of Drawing* is installed at the Parish Gallery in the gallery district of the Central West End. Twenty-seven of my drawings are on view. The title is a quote from

one of my architecture professors at Pratt. The show opened October 22 with a well-attended reception (I sold a drawing, so expenses are covered) and will continue through December 18, 2021. Some of the work in the show can be seen on my Instagram account, @dwsimes. A luxury condominium project, 40 Bleecker, that was designed by Rawlings Architects, my last firm in New York City, was recently completed. It features a decorative bronze window screen at the residential lobby entrance on Bleecker Street that was initiated by my design sketches. It's nice to have had an impact on the streetscape of such a storied byway as Bleecker. The webpage archinect.com/DouglasSimes offers photos and some narrative about the design process. Unfortunately, my presence on social media has been limited since a hacker locked me out of my Facebook account on January 6 (of all days). About a month later, my activity on Instagram was restricted. So, if you haven't seen me around, that's why. I've missed interacting with you all. Sarah reactivated her Actors Equity membership and was cast in a production of *Looking for Normal* that was scheduled for last summer until COVID scotched it. One area director has dubbed her the Marian Seldes of St. Louis. Stay safe and well everyone, and keep in touch.

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Thanks for all who wrote in. It's wonderful to hear from our classmates. The sudden, accidental death last year of **Lesley Graham** – our beloved class rep for 51 years! – still looms large in our minds and conversations. **Lesley** meant so much to us – individually and collectively. As **Jim Evans** said, she will be remembered as the “Best of the Friendly Class.” There has been an outpouring of support for **Greg Tarone's** idea of creating a memorial to Lesley on campus, specifically a

tennis pavilion. Thanks to **Greg** for agreeing to shepherd this project and to **Willy Merriken** for coordinating the fundraising. Let us know how we can help! **Greg** is hoping for a Fall Fair/Gideon Luncheon at our 55th reunion in mid-October 2023 for the dedication.” Stay tuned. **Willy** is still enjoying full-time work at his financial planning practice, not yet ready to retire. He and Louise have three children, all married, all with kids totaling up to nine grandkids ages 15-3. “We can now field a baseball team!!” he writes. Two of their children live close by, so they get to see them often. Like everyone else these past 20 months, they have stayed close to home with one exception: this spring after getting their second COVID shots, he and Louise took a one-week old-fashioned “driving road trip” to South Carolina and Florida to visit three national parks – Congaree, Everglades, and Biscayne. He is hoping to travel abroad in 2022. Fingers crossed! It was great to hear from **Cliff Dasco** who “wishes much happiness to the class of '68.” Cliff and Sheri have decamped to Spruce Island, off the coast of Maine. They had been spending more time there, “but the pandemic's endorsement of working remotely and the acceptance of telemedicine sealed the deal. We sold our house in Houston a year ago but keep an apartment there for when we go back for work or to see the grands in Galveston and Dallas. Sheri is now on the faculty at the University of Texas School of Public Health teaching health law. This, in addition to her law practice. Here, it is very rural with four distinct seasons. We have a greenhouse, and the apple trees were nothing short of bountiful. In addition to maintaining my research and clinical work at Baylor in Houston, I have joined the staff of a free clinic in Rockland, ME, the closest metropolis (pop. 7,178). Working to build that facility to increase its range of services and address some issues of rural poverty has become quite consuming.” **Lisbeth Theisen** is living in the mountains of South Carolina with her husband, Pete, and a multitude of animals (five dogs, seven cats, and two parrots). Lis “is really into cooking” and taking long walks with the dogs on her property. She



Steve Tilde '68 checked in on classmate Johnny Malcolm in his neck of the woods.



Johnny Malcolm '68 took classmate Steve Tilden on an "LBJ-style" tour of Vermont.

and Pete play music together every day – jazz with Lis on flute and Pete on saxophone. She hopes everyone is healthy and safe. **Lolly Brandt** and Art welcomed a third grandchild in July, but "sadly he lives far away... in Montana. We took a month this summer to drive there and back, stopping to see friends, relatives, parks and other sites." Lolly's other grandchildren live only four miles away in Concord, MA. Congratulations to **Peggy Springsted**

Weiner whose truly beautiful watercolor painting, *Desert Delight* was accepted into the juried December show at the San Diego Watercolor Society! You can see the painting online at sdws.org or on Peggy's Facebook page. **Steve Tilden** was laid off at the onset of COVID, due to project restructuring, "and immediately took to life in the small pond, writing, being a househusband, and playing a little golf." Recently, however, he was rehired

for two days a week to help finish up at LaGuardia, "resuming the things that were fun without having to assume the frustrations. I feel I'm getting to have the best of both worlds." Steve also filled me in on his "man-venture" to New England: "I had time catching up with **Bob Piro** and his wife, Mary, and got the grand tour of his horse farm. His large facility is mostly self-sufficient for its hay and its electrical power, drawn from long banks of roof-mounted solar panels, which also juice up his Tesla, carbon-free. Bob keeps very fit and active by both overseeing and enjoying this latest enterprise. He welcomes visitors and has quite a story to tell about the ventures that led him to his little piece of heaven." Steve also checked in on **Johnny Malcolm**, who was recovering from some recent knee surgery: "We sat talking casually on the porch, then joined by Sue as the last of a passing shower dripped from the roof edge and low, gray clouds broke bright green on the neatly cropped hay, bounced red from his barn, and shined rust, orange, and amber over the near hills. The spirit of Vermont had opened up its autumnal splendor for us and further coaxed our conversations. Eventually, John decided he felt good enough to drive around and check on his fields – 'LBJ style' as he calls it. We ended up on the far edge of a field, looking out over the breathtaking vista that is used for the background on the Cabot logo. John has a calm, positive attitude toward his recovery, which he also brings to his work on the Pawlet Select Board."

Thanks so much to Steve for these stories and photos, and for his stories about Long Island and his Thanksgiving haikus on our listserv. Keep them coming, Steve!

As for me, I'm nearly fully retired. During COVID, I was lucky to escape to Cape Cod during part of the summers where I was joined at different times for long stretches with my two children and three grandchildren. It was crazy with people on work Zooms in different parts of the house, between lake swims and excursions to the nearby beaches. My big news is that my husband, Peter

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Franchot, is running to be Governor of Maryland. The primary is in June so ... we'll see. Happy healthy holidays to the class of '68! Stay safe, peeps! In memory of Lesley, I raise a glass of Chardonnay to all!

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While we may not have realized at the time how lucky we were to have our 50th reunion before COVID hit, many of us are now thankful for that wonderful in-person get-together and the opportunity to reconnect with classmates. I, for one, can attest to that since the Reunion Committee has stayed in touch, recognizing there is comfort in familiarity. Moreover, I'm especially appreciative of **Deanie Melniker's** and **Judith Javelly's** jump-starting my recent move to Florida (see below).

It appears that some among us had some health challenges because of COVID. **Jane Organist Karuschkat** (Raw Chef Jane) was totally out of commission for July, August, and September, putting a damper on harvesting the garden that's so central to her very existence as a raw vegan chef. Now, feeling better, she's about to have surgery to remove her ovaries. Let's hope 2022 treats Jane more kindly. On the brighter side, Jane's still lecturing, teaching, catering, and making raw vegan meals. She's back in her position as Executive Chef at AWAREmed, a holistic healing center that has a beautiful raw vegan food café in the facility. Jane also has a new book, *Jane's Daily Thoughts*, with her witticisms, sayings, and affirmations. She says there's something in it for everyone and it's the kind of book that you can pick up and read any page at any time. Check it out on Amazon. Her first book, *It's Not Just Salad*, is still selling quite well, and she has the makings for the next volume. **Charles Cedil** writes that he had a lot of COVID

infections in his family but, thankfully, no serious illness or death. He's been the CFO at zenColor Corporation for the last three years, and they have now completed development of their software tech, based on their patented IP. zenColor's products will transform e-commerce and data analytics, enabling the creation of very powerful social shopping networks. Charles says it's time to license, so they're beginning the process of getting meetings with the decision makers at Adobe, Amazon, Google, Apple, Microsoft, etc. He notes, it's very difficult to break into the "club" but is confident they can do it.

Peter Dupont is still in Burlingame, CA, thankfully near the airport, since his three daughters and six grandchildren are scattered from Bend, OR, to Boston and Darien, CT. Happily, Peter looked forward to getting everyone together in NYC over the Christmas holidays. Otherwise, his golf and tennis performance continues its mismatch with his expectations...ugh. Over Labor Day and through September 2021, **Candy Barr** had a solo show in Maine at the Small Point Club with 30 oil paintings done en plein air in Phippsburg, next to Popham Beach outside of Bath. Every year, for the past thirty, she's been going there on a two-week art retreat, renting the same waterfront home. Per Candy, there isn't a much better place to be than walking or painting on a deserted beach. To see Candy's work, check out CandyBarrArtist.com. Interestingly, Candy noted that her interest in painting started with Mrs. Giles' weekly art class in Lower School, "putting on our smocks and standing in front of the row of easels." Anyone else remember those classes?

Daniel "Chip" Dayton writes that over the past five decades, he's been a professional rock music photographer. From Aerosmith to ZZ Top (and all points in between) Chip's been behind the lens. Most notably, he's been one of the Kiss rock band's premier photographers for the past 46 years and is looking ahead to the End of the Road for the final show ever in 2022. Kelly and **Tony Pastor** have finally settled into the two homes, no more

winters in CT lifestyle, splitting their time between Kula, Maui, HI, from April to November. and Stuart, FL, from November to April. They'd love to hear from classmates who might be in the area. **Peggy Pinto Ramler** has stayed in touch with **Jack Merriken**, trading family news. Peggy belongs to a senior group that takes daily trips and is about to head off to the newly opened Academy Museum of Motion Pictures in LA. On view will be actual Oscar statues, Dorothy's red slippers, and the last model of the *Jaws* shark hanging artfully from a very high ceiling! Finally, pending any further COVID outbreaks, she'll be heading off to the South Pacific on a cruise in March that was two years in the planning and has been canceled once already. **Rick Wicker** writes with news of a very eventful year, with some good and some not-so-good news. First, for the good news, his oldest daughter and her husband adopted two great kids, a girl and a boy, siblings aged 6 and 7, making Rick a grandpa to four. And, his youngest daughter gets married on December 4. On the not-so-good side, over July 4th weekend, while emptying water bottles from his broken-down refrigerator, Rick fell and tore his rotator cuff. The ensuing surgery came with a six-month recovery. Then, in early November, quite by accident, he received a stage 4 lung cancer diagnosis. The prognosis and treatment plan are TBD, but Rick's upbeat personality keeps him confident that he'll be the victor. He finally plans to retire in March 2022.

As some of you know, Bob and I moved to Alexandria, VA, just as Maryland and Virginia went into COVID lockdown. Shortly thereafter, Bob died unexpectedly, so I muddled through the rest of 2020 and the winter of 2021 with no particular reason to be there. As I emerged from my COVID coma earlier this year, I decided there was no reason to endure the cold weather, so I bought a condo in Palm Beach where there's ample opportunity to play croquet and generally enjoy what the warmer weather has to offer. As an added bonus, my son, Taylor, moved to Delray Beach last year for a job in private equity. At the risk of really turning into my parents, I'm

thinking of selling the townhouse in Alexandria and spending the summers in Westhampton Beach. As such, I'm open to visitors in either location.

From **Mike O'Meara**: You all still look simply mahveloose!! Just as I remember you looking 52 years ago. I've adjusted my last name. I've added several medical issues so that I can compete well with any elder other during social occasions. I retired in 2015 after a career as an RN with the Department of Veterans Affairs in Seattle. I'm content and comfortably single x3. No kids; as I declared it to be a major part of my life-plan back in 1967. I'm located off of North America but have not yet secured a flight on the Mother Ship. To stay awake, alert, and oriented to person, place, thing, and the entity:

- I have stored 13,000+ songs that play (A-Z). I don't sing as much as before because of local noise ordinances.
- I read while listening to the music.
- I get into the sunlight and move around to stay healthyish.
- I've attended over 110 live performances of musicians, comedians/comediennes, and dramatic entertainers. (Also seen a few presidents as well as Bobby Kennedy at Friends Academy!)
- I'm a very mentally and emotionally active armchair sportsman, loving all levels of baseball, (American) football, and the final minute of any close basketball game.

In short, I've had a decent run for someone whose diabetes convinced my doctors and parents that I wouldn't live long enough to graduate from college. Instead, with the help of the entity (it doesn't like the use of caps), I've fractured the actuarial tables and had a whole lot of fun doing it. I hope that you all are as healthy as possible. Take care!! Mike

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Scott Neilson and I met up on the banks of the fabled Youghiogheny River in September 2021. We spent an afternoon hiking and the evening talking around a campfire. As we had not seen each other since June 1971, there was a great deal to discuss. Scott is as puckish as ever; there was much laughter among the more serious accountings and insights. He has done well in the corporate world and splits his time between Doylestown, PA – near his three daughters and six grandchildren – and Belgium, where resides “the love of my life.” The 50th reunion of the Class of 1971 was held a month later on October 16 in conjunction with the Fall Fair and other class reunions and alumni events. About 16 classmates attended. From **Peter Darbee**: “The luncheon the school put on was very nice, and School Head Andrea Kelly attended. The cocktail party under the tent at 4:00 pm was ok. The music was a little loud and inhibited some conversation. The dinner at the Roslyn Social had good food and service. Another group invaded part of our space because of the heavy rain outside; they were quite loud but in very glamorous dress! The most important part of the reunion was seeing and catching up with old friends. All and all, it was the conversation with old, dear friends that made the weekend a success.” **Bill Vitriol**: “It was big fun. A full day for sure – great weather (until right at the end), a representative crowd, and lots of laughs.” **Marcia Wierda Halpern** was there: “I personally had a great time at the reunion. Not only was it fun to reconnect with old friends but also to see what fine people everyone turned out to be. I have to credit our time at FA for a lot of that! Quaker Meeting was a real highlight for me. The campus is so changed, but sitting in the Meeting House was exactly as I remember it, including the fact that my stomach was growling like it did every time we went to Meeting during high school. I guess some things never change. Friends Academy has a special place in my heart, and I'm so happy that I finally got to enjoy time with some of you once again.” **John Hutchins**, who was in our class, Kindergarten through eighth grade, was back at the old

school: “My mother was in the Class of 1948, and my grandmother was Class of 1912. My sisters and brother also went to FA with me. So as a family, we have a long history with FA. I went to Hamilton with **Marcia** and **Betsy Wood Bigler**. I played soccer with Marcia's husband, Phil Halpern. I really enjoyed reconnecting with **Nesa Hassanein**, **CeCe Levy**, and **Bill Vitriol**, with whom I started in Kindergarten. My thought about the campus is that FA figured out how to add buildings with no new acreage (except for the athletic field gift); it's pretty jammed, but seems to work. Enjoyed meeting Andrea Kelly. Annals of Scholarship: **Jeffrey Haydu**, who recently retired as Professor of Sociology at the University of California San Diego, is the author of four books. **Elliot Jurist**, with the City University of New York in the fields of philosophy and psychology, has published two well-received tomes. For more, look up the Friends Academy Class of 1971 group on Facebook. **David Copithorne**, living in California, is the latest to join.

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2022 heralds in a very special year for our class, as we will celebrate our 50th class reunion. The sentiments have long been expressed: it went so fast. It seems like a cliché, the 50th... are we really that old, followed by a sigh of realization. Well, all I can offer is carpe diem. It will be the perfect opportunity to renew old friendships, reminisce about adolescence, and share memories. **Jim Kane** has graciously offered to chair the reunion committee, and welcomes others to join him to determine location, dates, accommodations, etc. Committee updates will be provided via email and our class Facebook page.

Matthew Stevenson writes: I am on a train – well many trains – from Geneva to Amsterdam where, if the plan holds,

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I shall catch the night boat Newcastle and more trains to Hadrian's Wall, Liverpool, and London. Yes, I could fly in 75 minutes, but I would miss the bridge at Remagen, Penny Lane, and the William Gladstone Library. Connie's view of these escapades? "Include me out," but once in a while, I persuade a grown kid to tag along, at least for a few sideshows. For the rest, as Roger Erickson would understand and tease me, I am Willy Loman... with a folding bicycle, "riding on a smile and a shoeshine," but in this instance without dinner as the meandering train is three hours late. **Jonathan Rapp** writes that he retired just about two years ago and planned on lots of transatlantic travel but COVID got in the way! Still waiting for Toni to retire (fingers crossed for May 2022). Nevertheless, I love it! It had been my goal to retire since 1976 and was a miserable failure at it until 2020! We're lucky to have 10 acres. Across the road from us is an 800-acre park where we hike 3-4 miles daily. Toni works four days a week buying and selling antique and estate jewelry while I attend to our property - there's always a tree down, invasive species to eradicate, pond maintenance, and boy, does the grass grow with our ever-increasing rainfall! I also volunteer as a monitor of conservancy properties in our township to ensure adherence to conservation easements. But my favorite volunteer work is being the weekly van driver delivering donated food to various food banks in Bucks County and, at least once a month, packaging and loading fresh produce into trunks or backseats of neighbors less fortunate than us. Really nice to have the time and energy to finally give back! Have to admit, though, that I'm really looking forward to Toni retiring and a whole summer at our lakefront camp in Maine along with tons of travel! Hope we can see everyone at some 50th reunion celebration! **Gina Finch Williams:** "Mike and I welcomed our fourth grandchild and love being grandparents, enjoying every minute spent with our family. These kids sure do keep us busy and young at heart! We love dividing our time between home in Dover, MA, and long summers in Chatham, MA, boating, golfing, walking, biking, and spending a lot

of our time on the beaches of Cape Cod! Looking forward to a new year and hoping it brings with it much improvement in the COVID numbers."

Jeffrey Jordan: "I am mostly retired after having practiced law in Washington, D.C., for the past 42 years. I now live on a 19th-century farm in the Shenandoah Valley, where my wife and I keep six horses and a British sports car. We have two sons (both married) and a daughter. We have two grandsons, ages 7 and 4. We are looking forward to traveling to visit children and grandchildren and also just to visit places we have not been (as long as we can find a horse sitter).

Jim Kane writes: All is good here in Maine with the extended family, but sadly, I was unable to spend time with **Jon Rapp** (and Toni) at their Maine lakeside camp this past summer. Our hobby farm with pigs, sheep, ducks and hens was in full swing this year (our 12th as farmers). The sheep and pigs are now a lot less work as they are now in our freezer. Most meals are 80%+ Kane farm-raised meat, eggs and garden veggies. My mom (age 96) is in an assisted living facility very near my sister Maureen outside Lancaster, PA, and often asks about our FA friends. We are truly very lucky and thankful. As for me, **Karen Spero Albers**, I am happy to report that COVID did little to impact our camping trips, as there was no better way to be socially distanced from people while still enjoying nature and its splendor. When we aren't camping, John and I enjoy kayaking on the Columbia River and relaxing poolside with our fur babies, Ajax and Hans. Retirement is good, life is better! Stay well - Stay safe - Stay connected on the FA Class of '72 Facebook page. - Karen Spero Albers

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On a whim, I drove down from Connecticut to the Fall Fair this past October, and had a lovely day. The

Class of '71 was there celebrating their 50th, and we are only two years away from ours! It was great to hear from all of you. Many of us have retired, but some are still working, even through COVID.

Clay Trauernicht reports: I did a "COVID pivot" and returned to Denver, CO. My firm, Winged Foot Media, sells advertising sponsorships for programming/content producers seeking aligned relationships with their TV and advanced media viewership. Crazy business model - but moved because remote work afforded an opportunity. I ran into **Billy Morris** out here - he is well and like me, has kids all off in different parts of the country. As I am sending you this, it is 75 degrees on December 21! I played golf this afternoon, and am heading to Breckenridge on Saturday for the first snowboard turns! Climate change - to our entire class of '73 - let's take a united stand to do something about it! And health and peace of mind, to all.

Elaine Gould is still working full time, and just became Chair of Radiology at Stony Brook University Renaissance School of Medicine. She is enjoying the challenges (sometimes) and is still splitting her time between Oyster Bay and East Marion on Long Island and Block Island, RI. From **Susan Nappa Cocks:** We just moved to Bluffton, SC for a new life adventure. We are both still working and love what we do. The Low Country is just beautiful with a perfect climate. We plan to spend part of our summer up north. **Cliff Gardner** wrote from Berkeley, CA: I am still enjoying criminal defense work. My practice continues to be largely homicide defense, and a great deal of death-penalty defense, and I have had some fascinating cases in the past few years. Juls (my wife) says I should write a book, but of course the attorney-client privilege prevents that. We spend time up at our cabin near Fallen Leaf Lake, one of the prettiest lakes in the Tahoe basin. If anyone is in the area, we're happy to host! **Jim Robinson** is inching toward retirement: Traci and I continue to love living in Dallas while I make baby steps toward trading work time for painting and guitar. Our son Bond and his wife, Kristina, expect

a son in March, a reminder of why people move to where the kids are. Bond is a Navy pilot in San Diego with plans to be done in a couple of years and head this way. We sure hope that happens. **Jeff Leach** has written to me a couple of times this past year. After a more serious hospital stay, he also had a knee replacement. (I suspect we may have a few other classmates in the bionic body parts club!) He is now retired and had this update: I am with my son volunteering at Habitat for Humanity in Elgin, IL, building furniture for the ReStore that will be sold inexpensively to families that need help. We get donated boxes of furniture with no instructions and parts missing. I have bins of parts, screws, and bolts. My wife says I always look the happiest when helping the less fortunate. Friends taught me that the word *possible* is in the word *impossible*, and that changed my life. I graduated from Friends with a lifelong commitment to help others. From **Chris Rising Turner**: My husband and I stayed pretty close to home (Salisbury, VT) like many of us, I am sure. I did travel to help my mother on Long Island every other month. This will be her first year in a long, long time staying in Brightwaters through the winter. While she will miss going to Florida, the trip is too arduous for a 96 year old. Life continues to be guided by COVID. We feel fortunate to live where we do and have a small group of friends in our "bubble." Soon enough we will be getting outside with snowshoes, Nordic skates, or cross-country skis. Stay well, Class of '73. Here is hoping 2022 will break free from COVID-19!

Barbara Boyle Weaner writes: I am still living on our farm in rural West Virginia, but retired from full-time work as a family nurse practitioner. I have a small private practice where I enjoy doing patient consultations two days a week, with home visits or urgent visits on other days. For the last year, I have been studying auricular acupuncture and am really happy integrating it into my practice. Spending more time with my husband and animals and our kids has been a joy. Our oldest daughter, Fern, just had her first baby in August, a delightful COVID-19 surprise. We

broke out of total isolation after a year of not seeing folks and started making some cautious trips to Fern and her family in Delaware and Caleb and his family in Pennsylvania. Our son, Kyle, and his wife, Kiki, have a home on our farm, and we work closely together. I am still going to South Carolina every 4-6 weeks to help care for my father, who lives near my sister Liz. My mom died last May. I have been having fun weaving, spinning, dyeing, knitting, and quilting when the outside work and play allows. I went to New York for the first time in many, many years to attend **John Shipman's** memorial service in August. **Nick Seamon, Hank Reusch,** and **Bill Dudgeon** were also there. It was really nice to meet John's lovely wife, Donna; his daughter, Nicole; and his son, Matthew, and to catch up with old friends, including his brothers. As for me, **Jan Klocke O'Sullivan**, I've been driving around singing to a digital version of the a cappella choir album we made senior year. We sounded great! I remember all the words (but not all the notes)! Being on campus always brings back so many fond memories, and I can't wait to see you all there in 2023!

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Tina Rose Erardi writes: I hope everyone made it through 2020 in good health and with as little loss as possible among family and friends. 2021 has been a slow climb back, but I'm grateful to live in a city where people rose to the occasion and, for the most part, did the right things to move forward. I'm also grateful we could get away safely to our lake house in the Adirondacks when things were looking pretty bleak. I must say, a pandemic reveals more

about what you don't need in life than what you do. For me, it was my kids, who were both a plane ride away at the time. It was torture! One still is (daughter, Kat, 32, is the Art Director for Target at their headquarters in MN), but at least the other (Nick, 36, a tech project manager at Boston Dynamics... yes, the company with the cute robotic dog) is now just a drive away. Lots of FA friends are still in the area, so Greg and I see Tilde, **Vicki (Chesler)** and **Matt Kovner, Daphne (Riker)** and **Kevin Hagan** frequently in the city and, before COVID, we all had several annual trips with **Pam (Walker) McNamara, Allison (Bannister) Benabdallah,** and honorary alum Lynn Chamberlain Adams. When we can pin them down, we also love seeing **Peter** and **Denise Flint**. Old friends really are the best. Always glad to read that so many of you are doing so well. Stay safe!

Pam Walker McNamara writes: We are so thankful for good health and wonderful family and friends, especially our FA '75 friends, in these challenging times! Our grandson, Cody, keeps teaching us how grandchildren are such amazing, precious gifts.



Pam Walker McNamara's grandson, Cody, with their puppy, Watson.

I continue to work in mobile patient engagement and with the American Kidney Fund (AKF). The 37 million Americans living with kidney disease have been hit hard by the pandemic.

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AKF's focus to support patients and impact health inequities is more important than ever. The values we learned at Friends keep me grounded – thank you, FA – as does staying close to our special 1975 friends: Tilde, Vicki, Daphne, Tina, Allison, and Lynn!

Terry and Cathy Chermak: Let's see... 2021. We've had an eventful year despite pandemic restrictions. Terry and I haven't done as much traveling as we'd hoped, but we were fortunate to spend the summer in Montauk. If you're on the east end during the summer, please let us know; we'd love to see you! Recently, we welcomed a new granddaughter, Star, to our family! Jennifer, Terry's middle daughter, had a baby on November 1. Now, we have three adorable grandchildren: two boys and one girl! It's really fun being with them. Vanessa is enjoying her freshman year at Tufts, and it's wonderful to visit her in Boston! I touched base with **Penelope** to see if we could connect when we're in Boston, as her daughter, Augusta, lives in Cambridge. We'll try to make that happen someday. I hadn't been on Long Island in the fall in several years. It's amazing how beautiful it is! I drove in to Locust Valley to see FA but didn't have time to call to set up a visit. Hopefully, we will have our reunion and all will be able to attend. It seems we'll be in New York a lot more now, and we'd love to get together! Enjoy!

Doug Mallory writes: Life is linear (except for religion and politics)! Staying fit is part of the program. My nephew got married, which is splendid; everyone's so smart. Yet another trip to Alaska got me a few miles of hiking



Doug Mallory on a recent cruise, with masks, but fun just the same!



Doug Mallory: "This was taken at my nephew's wedding - I'm in there someplace!"



Doug Mallory at the finish of the Rocky Run 5k a couple of weeks ago.

(still loving that sweat). I spent a couple of days on the Appalachian Trail with another nephew, OMG, three years ago. Life is volatile, always and every time. Spent some time bushwhacking woodland Pennsylvania with his mother. Got to work on my anger! My

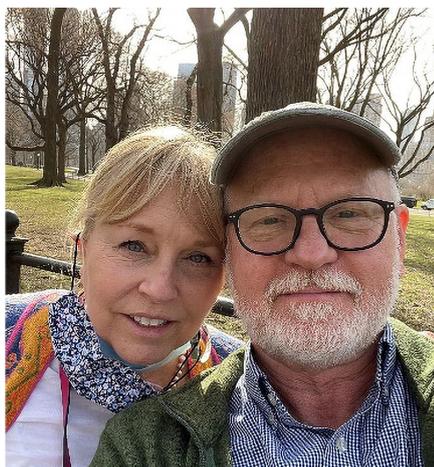
godchild had her year in Israel canceled with the lockdown, so instead she's working in a lab. There's no central theme to all that, but I'm having fun.

Robert Holterman: My daughter Leigh Ann just got engaged in August; otherwise, Tari and I are still carrying on in the COVID healthcare world. Best wishes to all my FA friends clicking over to Medicare age this year. Stay well.

Kevin Hertzwig: Hello All, Email request, Facebook request, Messenger request, Ok, Ok, Ok, Tilde I will write something, for our class notes (I am truly smiling). Forty-six years later, and you can still make me smile. My Dear Friend, Tilde. Thank you for who you are and what you do! It has been one heck of a year! Still the owner of Visiting Angels Home Care in beautiful Savannah, GA. It's a little chilly here today 12/2/21 at 73 degrees :) I am very proud of what we do for our clients every day, which is enabling them to stay in their homes for as long as possible. I am also very proud to be able to employ over 40 caring women (can you say drama?), who do a tremendous job at what they do! I do stress to my employees that all I ask is that they wake up in the morning and do the very best they can. Every

day is a new day. I love what I do, and not many people can say that about their occupation. It has come with a dark side, COVID-19, variances, etc., and unemployment payments to individuals for not working. For 10 years before COVID-19. I had maybe four or five no-call, no-shows to job interviews. Since COVID-19 the figure is well over 100. My major competition to acquire employees has been the U.S. Government. The Germans tried competing with the U.S. Government during World War II and they didn't do very well. But yet I am open for business and doing well and very proud of my team. Again one heck of a year! There is not a week that goes by in my life that I do not think about our times at Friends Academy. Miss y'all, as they say down here. Best for last: Visiting Angels was voted Best Home Health Agency in Savannah for 2021. WAY TO GO, TEAM!

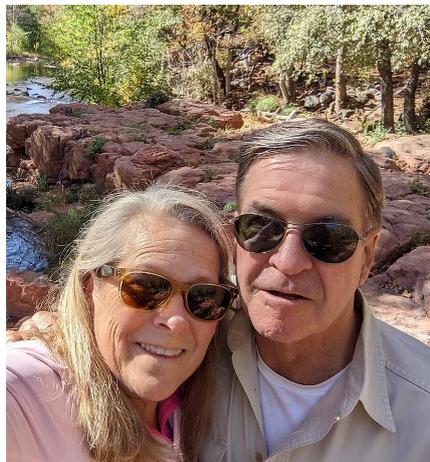
Kurt Olander: Greetings everyone. 2021 was a better year for many of us, yet there is so much suffering and pain going on. News from the Olanders: My wife and I moved to Pine Bush, NY – in the Lower Catskills near New Paltz. Our house has 10 acres and a pond. Some of the land is federally protected wetlands. We love it and feel full of adventure. Each of our four kids moved this year, to Yonkers, East Brunswick, Westbrookville, and Oaxaca, Mexico (from Dakar, Senegal). We are happy that seven of our eight grandchildren went back to school this year full time.



Kurt Olander and his wife

The other one is just four, and is just biding his time for his chance. Wish for the best in the coming year for the Class of 1975. Sending warm thoughts.

Daphne Riker Hagan: Hi everybody, Kevin and I have become bicoastal, still living in Cold Spring Harbor and now spending half of our time out West in La Jolla, near our daughter, Jenny, and husband, Adam, who live in San Diego. Kevin's dad (Pops) just turned 91 and is doing well. Sadly, my dad passed away last year at age 88. I am so thankful this year for family, good friends, outdoor activities, and the COVID vaccine. Our only travel has been our amazing cross-country drive to San Diego via Denver where we got to spend time with our son, Kyle, and wife, Macy.



Daphne and Kevin Hagan in Sedona on their road trip to San Diego.

Vicki Chesler: Hi everyone, how are you all doing? I met up with **Pam Walker McNamara** several times over the past summer, including a waterfront lunch at the Boathouse Restaurant in North Tiverton, RI. It was also so much fun seeing **Peter Flint** when we were boating in Massachusetts over the summer, and I also got the chance to see him again for dinner in Philly this fall (we forgot to take pictures!).

Robin Beckhard: 2021 has been a "Circle of Life" year for us. My dad was diagnosed with esophageal cancer in January and passed away on Aug. 31



Vicki Chesler and Pam Walker McNamara in North Tiverton, RI

at the age of 88, two weeks after he and my mom celebrated their 66th wedding anniversary. Friends and family have showered us with support and love, and I'm grateful that my part-time work as a mediator gives me flexibility to spend time with my mom. The August arrival of our third grandchild and first granddaughter, Clementine (dba "Tiny"), has provided a welcome affirmation of life, as has the engagement of Bryan's daughter Christina. Let's hear it for babies and weddings! And we're looking forward to taking our postponed honeymoon to Belize in late February. How about a NYC reunion in the new year?



Robin Beckhard's three grandchildren, Kermit, Teddy, and newborn Clementine.

Allison Bannister Benabdallah: There have been a number of exciting events that have happened for our family this past year. First, we welcomed our third grandson, Cyrus, to the world. He is the first child for our second-oldest, Justin, and his fiancé, Annabelle, who live in Washington, D.C. After living abroad for the past five years, our son, Adam, and his wife, Sara, and two

1975-1985



Dinner in NYC at CATCH in October having dinner with Vicki Chesler, Tina Rose Erardi, Tilde Mariani Giacché, and Daphne Riker Hagan.

children, Jackson and Oliver, returned to the states and are back living in D.C. as well. Our daughter, Hannah, continues to enjoy working and living in NYC. I decided to retire a little earlier than planned so that I can focus on my health and family. This gift of so much time with our children and grandchildren has brought me so much joy. Finally, after living in the same house for 38 years in Natick, MA, my husband and I have decided to move to a new area of Massachusetts to be closer to the water. By the time this issue is published, we will be in our new home in South Dartmouth, MA. We are very excited to be living only a couple of miles from my dear friend **Pam (Walker) McNamara** and her husband, George. Life is good!

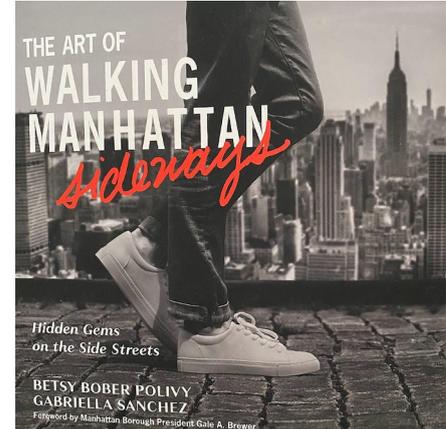
Tilde Mariani Giacché: Hi everybody, it's so great to hear from so many of you all! I always respect and appreciate that lots of friends from our class are still in touch with me but don't necessarily like to have their updates published. No worries at all, I'm just happy and honored to still be a small part of your lives. I would have to say that what I've looked forward to the most is getting back to my afterschool



Tilde Mariani Giacché's new puppy, Falco, and cat, Oliver, have become fast friends and love hanging out together!

program and seeing my co-workers and kids in person FINALLY! Masks are still on, of course, but at least we get to enjoy each other's company every day – makes all the difference in the world. My kids are still working mostly from home and can go into their offices once in a while if they choose to. Our latest little addition is my new little puppy,, Falco – he is a sweetheart, and we love him to death!

I just had breakfast with **Betsy Bober Polivy** last week – she is simply amazing (and super modest) and has just published her second book. She has worked tirelessly in her efforts to spotlight small businesses in



Betsy Bober Polivy's new book (her second) just dropped!

Manhattan, and the book is thoroughly enjoyable and so appropriate for the times we're facing now.

I wasn't able to organize any kind of gathering during the pandemic, but I'm really looking forward to putting something together in the new year – stay tuned! Big hugs to you all, your loving (and sometimes annoying) pal, Tilde

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Tina Rose Erardi, Vicki Chesler and Tilde Mariani Giacché last spring having dinner at this yummy Greek restaurant in the Gramercy Park area.

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Rob Blechman writes: Living in Mill Valley, CA, with family. Looking forward to some world travel again soon.



Tilde Mariani Giacché at lunch with Vicki Chesler, Pam Walker McNamara, and their hubbies, George and Matt, in the Meatpacking District.

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From **Elizabeth Siris Winchester:**
Jenn Judson Olson and **Colleen Doyle Moran**, along with good friend **Alana Teutonico Brock '94** did something together pretty mighty – the women, who were athletes at Friends, completed the Mighty Montauk Half



Photos from the Mighty Montauk Half Ironman with Jenn Judson Olson, Colleen Doyle Moran and Alana Teutonico Brock '94

Ironman – rumor has it, they came in 2nd and 3rd in their age categories!

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Kelly Reid Walsh has been appointed Inaugural Head of Middle School at Chapel Hill-Chauncy Hall School (her

The Distinguished Alumni Award

Each year, Friends Academy presents the Distinguished Alumni Award to someone who has their life speak. It is our hope that the recipient's life will serve as an inspiration for others. Please consider nominating a fellow alum for this honor. Submit his or her name to the alumni office at alumni@fa.org or call 516-465-1796.

Recent Recipients

2021: Andy Menzin '81 A lifelong champion for Friends Academy,



Andy serves on the Friends Academy Board of Trustees, and has over 32 years of experience in the medical field, currently serving as the Chief of Gynecologic Oncology, Central Region, at Northwell Health.



2020: Peter Stein '79 A longtime leader of FA Alumni as President of the Alumni Board, Peter travels yearly to perform volunteer surgeries in underserved communities.



2019: Michele Pistone '82 A life dedicated to service, Michele discovered a new area of law that led to a life of compassion and action for refugee rights.



2018: Bill Wicker '67 An avid athlete throughout his Friends career, Bill credits the coaching wisdom he received

at FA central to changing the course of his life.



2017: Todd Jacobson '93 Senior Vice President for Social Responsibility for the NBA, Todd used

the power of sport to bring people together and change lives.



2016: Lawrence Corash '61 Deeply affected by the 1980s HIV epidemic, Larry devotes his career to developing a technology to prevent transfusion-transmitted infections.

current school in Waltham, MA). This new division will open to students in the fall of 2023.

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Sisters Olivia Dreizen Howell '03 (left) and Genevieve Dreizen '05 (right) founded Fresh Starts Registry. Erin Dwyer Photography

Olivia Dreizen and her sister, **Genevieve '05** were featured in the *New York Post* highlighting their new company, Fresh Starts Registry. <https://nypost.com/2022/01/19/people-are-making-divorce-registries-after-splitting-up/>

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Wedding of Priya Yadlapalli, at the Ritz Carlton of Lake Oconee in Georgia. Pictured from left to right (front) is Jeff Giocondi, Jason Sugarman, Hunter Gambino, Lauren Russo, Alison Browne, Hannah Duane, Julia Sher, Ali DeFrancesch, Colin Youngwall, and Wyatt Linder. Back row is JD Dietrich and Jason Jo. All Class of 2009!

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Katrina Garry moved to San Francisco, CA to be the Deputy Title IX Coordinator at the University of San Francisco. She is also finishing up her master's in education at University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Education – expecting to graduate May 2022. **Rosie Mangiarotti** recently launched her startup, Perkies. Perkies creates innovative women's undergarments. Rosie was featured in Forbes in September and is working on expanding her line! **Ryan Dobrin** made his Broadway debut this fall as an Associate Director on *Diana: The Musical*. **Tolulope Ojo** started her journey in getting her master's degree in biotechnology and entrepreneurship from the NYU Tandon School of Engineering.

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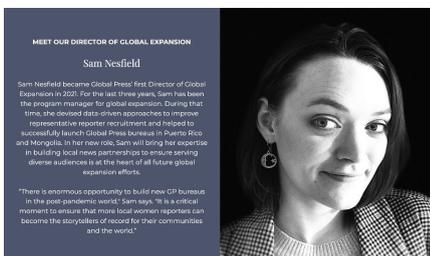
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Samantha Nesfield '10 has recently been promoted. Congratulations!

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2015-2021...



At the wedding of Samantha Statfeld '13 and Evan Goldstein: Andrew Feinstein '13, Greg Rosenthal '13, Hayley Schanback '13, Jack Statfeld '15, Frank Zecca '84, Samantha Statfeld '13, Brian Statfeld '84, Henry Statfeld '20, Hannah Walcoe '13

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Cyrus Holder '15 was named NEC Player of the Week at Duquesne University.

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Duquesne wide receiver **Cyrus Holder** garnered Northeast Conference (NEC) Co-Offensive Player of the Week recognition with teammate defensive back Leandro DeBrito (RI/Shea/Monroe College) after their performances in the Dukes' 35-17 victory over LIU. Holder finished with seven receptions for a career-high 211 yards and two touchdowns in the victory for Duquesne. With the Dukes trailing 7-0, Holder hauled in a 75-yard touchdown reception to tie the game at seven-all. Then in the 2nd quarter, Holder caught a 60-yard touchdown pass to give Duquesne the lead for good. The senior wide receiver added a pair of long receptions in the 4th quarter of 30 and 31 yards.



Brooke Gardner '15 plays Kourtney in 2021's BET production Soul Santa.

2016



Members of the Class of 2021 gathered with their alumni parents for a graduation photo and included, from left, Ruth Fortunoff Cooper '84 and Charlie Cooper '21; Evan Cagner '91 and Jordyn Cagner '21; Janeen Renaghan Stellato '90 and Luke Stellato '21; Scott Benjamin '79 and Marisa Benjamin '21; Dawn Federico Kallman '84 and Samantha Kallman '21; Rita White Afzelius '80 and Eric Afzelius '21; Nicole Tsakanikas Skolnick '91 and Dylan Skolnick '21; Kim Spina Jennings '88 and Luke Jennings '21; Robert Lawrence '85 and Billy Lawrence '21; Jed Morey '90 and Ava Morey '21; and Kim Fahey Brown '88 and Emily Brown '21.

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2021

Liz Schwab has been awarded the Stamps Scholarship and is attending Boston College with plans to study communication. Selected from over 320,000 applications, the 16th class of Stamps Scholars was chosen via rigorous processes by their universities and colleges for their academic excellence, leadership experience, dedication to service, and exceptional character. For these students, the total value of their Stamps Scholarships will be worth approximately \$36.4 million, with each attending one of 37 partner universities across the U.S. and the U.K.

In honor of those we lost this year...

Warren Titus '44

Warren Titus Jr., 94, of Greenport, NY died after a brief illness on Aug. 14, 2021. He was born in Brooklyn on June 28, 1927, and lived in Glen Cove. He relocated to Peconic Landing, a retirement community in Greenport, NY. Warren attended Friends Academy and The Greenvale School and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1945. Warren graduated from Harvard College in 1949, then entered University of Virginia School of Law and graduated in 1952. His legal career included partnership at Payne, Wood and Littlejohn and Counsel at Farrell Fritz until his retirement in 2010. Warren was pleased to have lived with his family on Long Island his entire life. Warren celebrated a 67-year marriage to his wife, Valentine. He had three children, Warren III, Katherine, and David (Mary Carolyn); four grandchildren Alexander, Elizabeth, James, and Carolyn Hall, and two great grandchildren, Ruth and Warren. Warren's community interests were varied. He was a Trustee of Friends Academy, President of C. W. Post Library Association and a Trustee of The Caumsett Foundation. He was elected Village Justice of the Incorporated Village of Lloyd Harbor. While at Peconic Landing, Warren was Chair of the Resident Finance Committee and was a leader in the Current Events Lifetime Learning class. Warren was a member of First Presbyterian Church Southold and sang in the choir. Warren's love of the outdoors led to numerous camping trips with his young family. He also enjoyed 35 years of boating on Arcturus, his Dyer 29, with family and friends. A highlight of his seven-year residence at Peconic Landing was his 90th birthday celebration attended by 36 members of his extended family.



Jim Stockton '50

Jim Stockton, Graphic Designer, Art Director, Artist, and Illustrator, passed away peacefully at home in San Francisco at the age of 88. The son of commercial artist Don Stockton, and Mary Stockton, Jim was born and raised in San Francisco, attending high school at the Friends Academy in New York, followed by college at Stanford University (B.A. in art, 1954). At Stanford, he was Art Director of the Chaparral, a member of the Hammer & Coffin Society, and the SAE fraternity, and coxswain on crew when his team was the first to beat Cal in 19 years. His connection to Stanford was lifelong. He started and chaired the Stanford Conference on Design, was a core faculty member of the Stanford publishing course, and also a member of the Stanford Buck/Cardinal Club and the Founding Grant Society.

Jim's connection to graphic design was an integral part of his life, even in the Navy post-college, where he served as cartoonist, illustrator and designer for the *Stars and Stripes*, stationed in Tokyo. As Principal Designer of James Stockton Associates, he specialized in book design, his many clients including Houghton Mifflin, Harper & Row, The New York Graphic Society, Ortho Books, Chronicle Books, the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and Stanford University Alumni Association. Professionally he also served on the board of directors of the American Institute of Graphic Arts.

Jim loved all the arts and was a devoted San Francisco Symphony patron and early member of the Symphony Pierre Monteux Society.

During his career, Jim traveled extensively worldwide, exploring new cultures, food, and wine. In 1965, he became a proud owner of

the one of the last classic 356 Porsche coupes, in Stuttgart, Germany, after which he toured Europe for several months before shipping it home. It played a significant role in his life, as he enjoyed driving it for almost 50 years, especially up Highway 1 on California's North Coast. On one of his early road trips, he discovered the new community of The Sea Ranch, ultimately settling on a spectacular ocean-front property, in Anchor Bay, north of the neighboring town of Gualala. He began building a home in 1972, which grew over the years into a magical property – a true reflection of the great sense of style shared by Jim and his wife, Karen. With Jim and Karen as consummate hosts, the home it has been a setting for legendary parties and weekend retreats, cementing lifelong friendships and cherished memories, replete with barking seals off the shoreline and great food and wine. This special home was Jim's favorite place to be. Jim's buoyant personality, his kindness, wit and generosity endeared him to a legion of close friends. A man of vast interests, he was the initiator, the magnet that brought them all together. Jim was not just the life of the party, he *was* the party, everyone's cherished friend.

He is survived by his wife, Karen Tucker, partner in life and professionally for 43 years.



Peter Klinge '55



Shirley Sanders Warrick '59

Shirley Sanders Warrick, born Sept. 19, 1941, in Glen Cove, NY, passed peacefully into the arms of her Savior on March 17, 2021, at home surrounded by her loving family. She was a graduate of Emory University, Decatur, GA, with a bachelor's in sociology and education. She was a member of the Phi Mu Sorority where she made lifelong friends. Upon graduation, she took time off to become a wife and mother of three until she felt the call to become a nurse (probably because of "the 3"). She graduated from the University of Hawaii with her B.S. in nursing and worked in a variety of nursing and education programs in Hawaii until moving to Memphis in 1976. She became a school nurse and decided to further her education and enrolled in Memphis State University to pursue a master's in curriculum and instruction development. Upon completion, she went to work developing curriculum for the UTMG Anesthesia dept. She trained and supervised anesthesia residents and was instrumental in setting up the "Bunny Room" at LeBonheur to help parents and kids know what to expect before surgery. She also worked at UT Bowld, Old Baptist Hospital, and Baptist East where she developed and managed the Doctor Call Center until her retirement. She retired to the country in Brighton, TN, where she could collect horses, dogs and cats to her heart's content. She shared her love of horses and riding by setting up Legacy Farms Horseback Riding Camp for Kids.

Shirley leaves behind her loving husband of 58 years, Tom P. Warrick Sr.; her three children, Tom P. (Janice) Warrick Jr., Wesley S. Warrick, and Melissa G. (Rusty) Morrow; four grandchildren, Chris (Lilly) Warrick, Alanna W. (John) Carrier, Jesse P. Morrow, and Shea G. Morrow, and three great grandchildren, Emersyn and Luca (Alanna and John) and Noah (Chris and Lilly). She was preceded in death by her parents, Revere G. and Janet H. Sanders, and a brother, Roger O. Sanders.



John Froehlich '59

For almost 20 winters in Tucson, Ken and I looked forward to spending time with John Froehlich and his partner, Carol Bell. But that was in "The Before." John introduced me to the wilds and the magic of the Sonoran Desert. In the first year – on the back of his motorcycle – he took me riding up the steep, winding road of 9,000-foot Mount Lemmon! John yelling at me... "Judy, you've got to lean INTO the curves, NOT OUT!" He truly was the original "Desert Warrior," as he called himself. After two COVID years of staying home in New Hampshire, our plan is to return to Tucson in January. I already miss him, his laughter, his mystical spirit, his sending me random bits of poetry. But, John and his love of adventure and the sacredness of the earth live on in all who knew him. Certainly, me.

I send my best to you, and cherish the lifelong gift of grounding that FA gave us.

– Obituary by Judy Reeve '59



Charles G. Jameson '59

Charles G. Jameson, beloved father, grandfather and husband, passed away surrounded by his wife and dog on Feb. 15, 2022, in Leesburg, VA. He was 80 years of age. Born in New York City on Dec. 26, 1941, Charles was the only child of Henry Beecher

Jameson and Letitia Graham Jameson. He was married to the love of his life, Dana Banker Jameson, on Jan. 19, 1974. He is survived by his wife; his daughter, Jean Jameson Ahlberg; and grandchildren, John William (Jack) Ahlberg, Ryan Jameson Ahlberg, Matthew Steven Ahlberg, and Emma Jameson Ahlberg.

Charles grew up on Long Island, in Syosset, NY. He graduated from Friends Academy in 1959. Having begun his college education at Cornell University, he changed majors to chemistry and graduated from Adelphi University. He pursued a master's in nuclear chemistry at Princeton University and briefly worked at Brookhaven National Laboratory. Charles joined the United States Navy for the Vietnam War. He was an officer in the Navy, with the rank of Lieutenant at discharge. After leaving the Navy, Charles moved to northern Virginia to look for employment.

After briefly going back on active duty as a reservist, Charles joined the United States federal government, in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency. He met his wife, Dana, in the Pentagon. Charles worked both in private industry and for the government and retired as Corporate Director of Import and Export Management for Northrop Grumman Corporation.

Charles was a Presbyterian elder and sang for several years in the church choir. He had a variety of interests, including model trains, a 1957 Chevy, 1950's rock 'n' roll music, writing and playing music on both the piano and guitar, target shooting, and astronomy. Although it was never published, Charles also wrote a novel.



Jennifer Schoonmaker Anderson '61

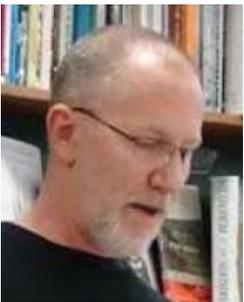


Richard Springsteen Jr. '65



Honora G. Bertelsen '66

Honora G. Bertelsen, 73, of Somerset, NJ, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 19, 2021 with her family at her side after a battle with cancer. She is survived by her son, Will, and her husband, Jeffrey.



David Hlavsa '79

For over 30 years, from 1989 to 2020, David was the head of Saint Martin's Theatre Arts Department. Over the years, he directed over 40 plays, working with students across all programs.

In addition to theater, he taught courses in literature, religious studies, education, business leadership, women's and gender studies,

economics, and sociology. He served as Faculty President twice, in 1998-99 and again in 2006-07. In 2006, he received the Monks of Saint Martin's Outstanding Teaching Award. In fall 2021, David embarked on a new role at Saint Martin's, this time as a graduate student in the Master of Arts in counseling (MAC) program.

A colleague shared, "David was a celebrated author and director, and he was a strong voice of faculty governance for many years. He was a gifted classroom instructor who impacted the lives and minds of hundreds of students. His colleagues and the campus community were made richer by having encountered him and his works."

Family, friends, and loved ones are devastated and shattered at the completely unexpected passing of David Hlavsa.



Wayne Anderson '81

Wayne Anderson of Cortlandt Manor, NY, a former summer resident of Mattituck, died of cancer Oct. 4, 2021. He was 58.

Mr. Anderson was a graduate of Friends Academy and Lehigh University. He is survived by his mother, Shirley Anderson of Mattituck; his wife, Clare Starrs; his son, Eric; and his siblings, Brian, Glenn, Dean and Dr. Arlene Harrington. Memorial donations may be made to North Shore Animal League to help with the adoption of senior dogs.



Blanche Keefe Schmidt

Former Math teacher

Blanche E. Schmidt, 99, of Shady, NY, died Feb. 12, 2022, at the Golden Hill Nursing Home in Kingston. Blanche taught at Friends Academy for 41 years, specializing in Math. She was born Dec. 3, 1922, in Woodstock, daughter of Herbert Keefe and Beatrice Howland, and raised by her adoptive parents Robert F. and Charlotte Reynolds.

She was a native and lifelong area resident who was a member of the Shady United Methodist Church, and active with the King's Daughters of the UMC. Blanche was a graduate of Houghton College, and earned her master's in education at Syracuse College. She enjoyed extensive traveling experiences, and was known to have a green thumb in her vegetable and flower gardens. Blanche is recalled as being a strong, independent, and loyal individual who valued a sense of community.



Alan R. Craig

Former Lower School Principal, Middle School Principal, Director of Development, and Associate Head of School

Alan R. Craig, 85, of Moorestown, NJ, formerly of Philadelphia, PA, and Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away, March 15, 2021, surrounded by his loving family.

Alan grew up in Montreal, Canada, and was a graduate of McGill University where he earned a master's in educational administration. A natural and gifted educator, his professional journey took him and his family to the United States in 1972 where he became an administrator at Friends Academy.

In his time here at Friends, Alan was the Lower School Principal from 1972-76 and the Middle School Principal from 1975-82 (concurrently). He then moved into the Director of Development position from 1982-90 and finished his career here as Associate Head of School for his last year, 1989-90. Alan was a terrific administrator who loved kids and cared deeply for his faculty and FA families. He and his wife, Mary, who served as our Director of Admissions, sent their two sons, Ian '86 and David '86, to Friends as well. He had a gregarious personality with a great sense of humor that always put things in perspective. He was someone you could easily go to for advice for almost anything. In his time here he had a significant impact on the growth of the school, our community, and the education that was provided to our students. In 1991, Alan went on to become the Head of School at Moorestown Friends. He was an amazing father and husband, a loving grandfather, and a gifted educator who was beloved by students, parents and colleagues alike.



Milton James Walters

Former Trustee and parent

Milton James Walters passed away July 15, 2021, after a brief illness. Born May 21, 1942, "Milt" was the middle son of Frances and James Walters.

A 1964 graduate of Hamilton College, Milt majored in psychology and then joined the training program at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company. In 1965, he joined A.G. Becker, launching his lifelong career as an investment banker. There for 19 years, he helped transform Becker into a premier investment bank. In

1984, he joined Smith Barney where he started the Financial Institutions Group, and in 1988, he saw the light and started his own firm, Tri-River Capital.

Milt loved his causes – Hamilton College and The Lyme Land Conservation Trust, and he served on the boards of Hamilton, Friends Academy, Sun Health Care, Fredericks of Hollywood, Sabra Health Care REIT, and Lyme Land Trust.

Raised in Merrick, Milt met Caroline Houck in high school. One year his junior, Carrie later became his wife of 58 years. Over his career he had many titles, but his favorite was "grandpa" always happiest with one or more of his eight grandchildren.

Survived by his wife and three children, Melissa '82 (and Bob Black), Greg '84 (and Torrance York), and Tim '88 (and Wendy Geehreg); and his younger brother, Larry (and Donna); and predeceased by his older brother, Tom.

Friends and family will miss his quick smile and gracious greetings. In lieu of flowers, donations in Milt's memory can be made to the Lyme Land Conservation Trust Endowment Fund.

Robert G. Cressey

Former math teacher, coach, and Upper School Principal

Bob Cressey, 89, died in Brunswick, ME on Dec. 10, 2021. He is survived by wife, Jackie; sons, David '71 (Greene County, PA) and Brian '73 (Orange County, CA); and grandson, Austin.

For 11 school years, 1967-1978, he was an integral part of the Friends Academy community, serving at various times as Athletic Director, track and football coach, and Upper School Principal, in addition to teaching math. He was the originator of the modular schedule in 1970 and worked closely with Headmaster Ted Withington.

In all, Mr. Cressey was an educator for 47 years, the final 26 at Belmont Hill School in Belmont, MA. Known for his patient, approachable, and helpful manner, he was a hard-working model of the indispensable "School Man."

Bob was a sports enthusiast and a loyal fan. An active man, he completed the New York City Marathon several times. At age 68, he hiked solo the 1,000-mile southern half of the Appalachian Trail.



Georgette Trott

Former PE teacher

Physical education teacher and Field Hockey coach Georgette Trott recently passed away. Georgette taught and coached for several years at Friends Academy from 2000-07 and was mother to sons and FA alumni Joshua '03 and Sheamus '05.



Michael Mattia

Former music teacher

Former Friends Academy Music Director and teacher Michael Mattia unexpectedly passed away on Dec. 29. Mike Mattia was a cherished long-time member of the Friends Academy community as a teacher, colleague, and alumni parent to son, Michael Jr. from the Class of 2002. Mike was the Head of our Music Department for 15 years. During that time, he built the Friends Academy band program, and worked with fellow music teachers to build a jazz, strings, and choir program at Friends Academy. Mike was instrumental in the inspiration and development of the Dolan Center. He was one of the original faculty who helped to conceive our summer program, The Artist's Institute, and regularly performed a prominent role directing the pit band in FA's all-school musicals. In more recent years, Mike also served as an instructor in the music conservatory program. On behalf of all the alumni, students, and colleagues whose lives Mike touched, please join us in holding the Mattia family in the Light.

The Friends Academy Admissions Office mourns the loss of:

Joanna Kim

Associate Director of Admission

Joanna was born on January 7, 1981 in Queens, NY to Jimmy and Irene Hsu. She lived her early years in Taipei and Hong Kong before moving to NJ at the age of 6. Joanna received her BA in Education at NYU and a Masters in Education at Adelphi University. She began her career as a teacher in NYC then transitioned to work in school administration. Joanna had two stints in the Admission Office at Friends Academy. After a short time in the city, Joanna returned to Friends Academy in 2015, assuming the Associate Director of Admission position. Joanna teamed up with Nina Waechter, Liz Holmes, and



Doreen Heyman to shepherd and support countless students and families through the admission process.

On September 1, 2007, she married Ray Kim, currently a policeman serving in the Nassau County Police Department. Together they have 2 beautiful daughters, Rachel, age 9, and Julianna, age 4. Joanna was a devoted mother and loving wife, two roles that she cherished above all. Her devotion to

children and family was not limited to her own. Her capacity to care for and love extended to her nieces and nephews as well as the children of all her friends. Joanna also had a broad definition of family. She organized and planned all celebrations with great detail and thought and always included those in her extended family.

Joanna is survived by her husband, Ray, her daughters, Rachel and Julianna, her parents, Jimmy and Irene, and her sister, Christina. Everyone who knew Joanna appreciated her professionalism, dedication to building an equitable admissions process at Friends Academy, and her boundless love for her family. Joanna will be remembered and missed deeply.

Elizabeth G. Holmes

Associate Director of Admission

Elizabeth Holmes, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, colleague and friend, passed away on July 2, 2021 after a brief illness at the age of 63. She will be remembered by family and friends for her warmth, selflessness and genuine care for those around her. After growing up in New Jersey and Ohio, Liz attended Colgate University and majored in Art History. Fluent in French, she spent a semester in Dijon and cultivated a lifelong interest in French art, cooking and culture.

After graduating, she moved to New York City, where she met John P. Holmes, Jr.

The couple married in 1981 and enjoyed many happy years of marriage, recently celebrating their 40th anniversary on June 13. The couple moved to Shelter Island full time in 1985, where Liz worked and volunteered in leadership roles for many organizations in the area, including Holmes General Store & Ice Cream shop in the Heights, the Shelter Island Presbyterian Church Youth School, and the PTA at Hampton Day School.



In more recent years, Liz served as our Friends Academy Associate Director of Admissions at, where her two sons, Christopher '03 and Russell '09, attended high school. She was a cherished friend and one of the school's greatest cheerleaders in her 12 years here. She will be sorely missed.

In addition to her roles in the community, Liz's passions extended to the arts, where she was accomplished in painting and drawing. A lifelong learner and lover of literature, she could often be found in the shade of a tree in her backyard with one of her favorite books.

Above all, Liz was a truly inspirational figure in the lives of those close to her through her caring and kindness. As a wife, she was endlessly thoughtful in her partnership. As a mother and grandmother, she set an example by always putting others before herself. Her immense love for family is a gift that will be treasured by all for many years to come.



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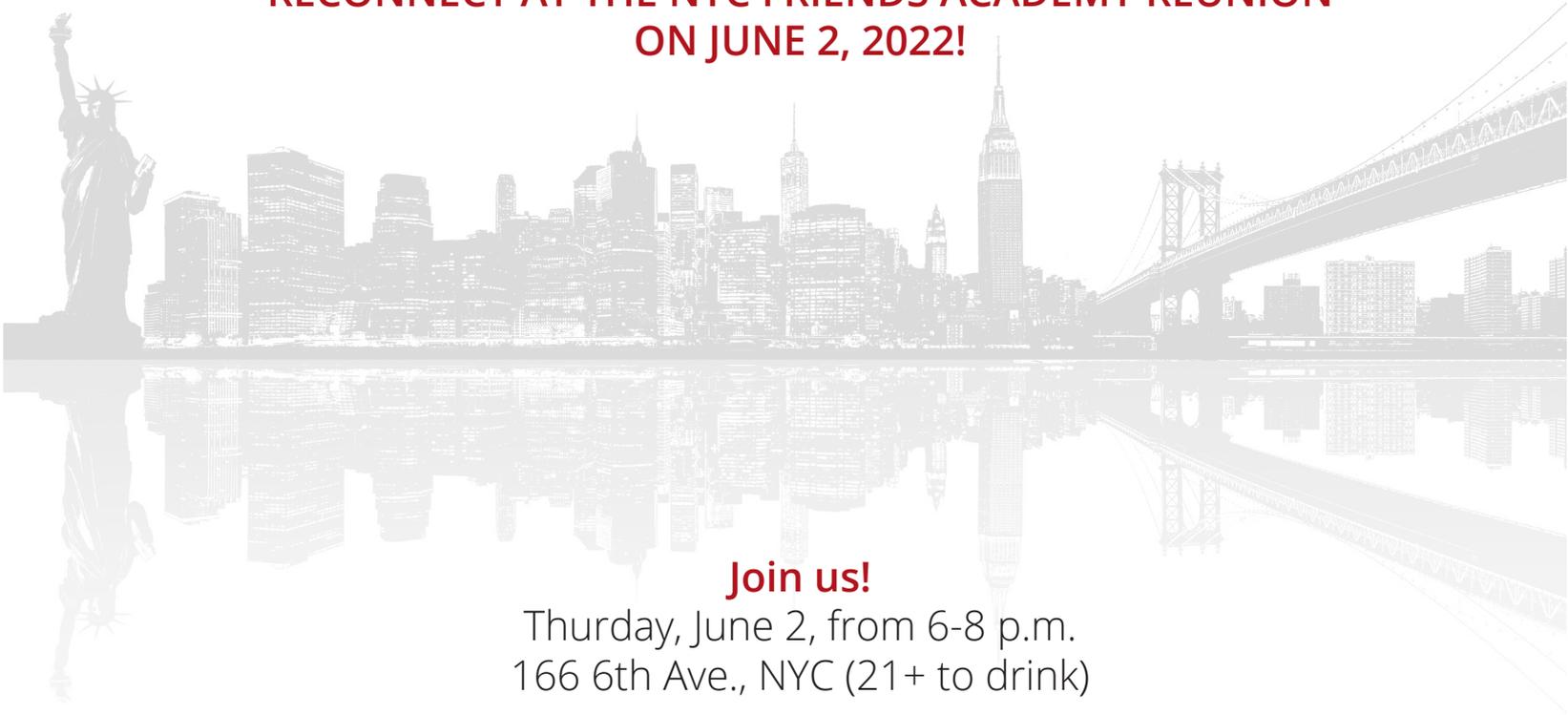


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