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BOARD SPOTLIGHT

DR. SANDRA TRUEBE

By Julia Mitchell



Dr. Sandra Truebe

A dedicated pediatrician with over two decades of experience, Dr. Sandra Truebe brings a unique blend of clinical insight, curiosity, and deep care to the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees. Representing Candia, Truebe joined the Board in 2018

because student well-being, especially mental health and sleep, is top of mind for her as a physician. Her professional life centers around the health of children and adolescents, so when the opportunity to serve on the Board came, she accepted.

“I wanted to learn more about the school’s operations and offer a voice when it came to topics like sleep and mental health,” Truebe says. “As a pediatrician, these issues are front and center in my daily work.”

Truebe has been practicing at Elliott Pediatrics in Manchester since 2003. She completed her undergraduate studies at Georgetown University, earned her medical degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and completed her pediatric residency through a combined residency program at Children’s Hospital and Boston Medical Center.

Though her work as a physician keeps her calendar full, she finds value in her role on the Board because it fits her values and allows her to give back to the community. She praises the passionate but respectful dialogue that takes place during Board meetings. The diverse range of voices, she believes, is key to making thoughtful, inclusive decisions that benefit the student body.

“There’s such a variety of perspectives, and everyone brings something meaningful to the table,” she says.

In her time on the Board, she has served on multiple committees: Education, Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Advancement, and most

recently, the Start Time Committee. As someone who speaks daily with teens and their families about wellness, Truebe has a special investment in the conversation around school start times.

“There’s strong data around how sleep affects adolescent mental health, academic performance, and overall functioning,” she explains. “It’s a complex issue, and something I care deeply about.”

For Truebe, serving on the Pinkerton Board has been an opportunity not just to give, but to learn.

“It has been an incredible honor and experience to serve on the Board. I’ve really learned a lot about how complex running a school is, and I have great admiration for my fellow Board members and for Tim Powers, and then for certainly the faculty and staff.

“It’s been very touching to see how vested people are in trying to make this the best experience possible for the students, and to help students with different interests and different strengths find their path.”

For Truebe, this caring commitment is what makes Pinkerton special.

“I have many opportunities to talk to people with connections to Pinkerton, whether it’s students who attend or people who work there, and consistently it’s clear to me how much the people there care. There is truly something for everyone, and when there are students who are struggling, there are individuals trying to find how best to help them. The students, the faculty, the staff, the Board—everyone genuinely cares.”

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Diploma in hand, Amelia Collard's face shines with pure joy, celebrating her well-earned accomplishment and the endless possibilities ahead.
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A LETTER *from the* HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Pinkerton Academy Community,

As the academic year comes to an end, it is great to reflect on the remarkable achievements and community spirit that have defined this semester.

Our students have once again demonstrated their dedication to excellence in their pursuits. The spring semester was filled with impressive academic accomplishments, culminating in a series of events celebrating their hard work. We proudly recognized students inducted into honor societies, a testament to their commitment to excellence in and out of the classroom. The stage of our Stockbridge Theatre came alive with the spectacular production of *All Shook Up*, in addition to a variety of inspiring instrumental and choral concerts that showcased the incredible artistic talents of our students.

Our athletic fields and courts have been busy with the competitive spirit of our Astros. We are incredibly proud of all our student-athletes for their sportsmanship and dedication. The boys' track team won the state title as did our girls tennis doubles team, while the softball and boys' lacrosse teams took runner-up honors. Our boys' volleyball team also had a fantastic season, making a strong showing in the state tournament, and our baseball and girls lacrosse teams fought hard to reach the semifinals. At the NH D1 State Championships, our track and field athletes earned several individual victories and impressive relay placements, demonstrating their exceptional talent and hard work.

Phase 2 of our campus construction project is nearing completion. The enhanced green spaces and additional parking will complement the new Social Studies Center, enriching our campus environment for students, faculty, and visitors alike. These improvements are a direct result of the community's steadfast support for a learning environment that is second to none.

Speaking of support, our annual Day of Giving in May was an overwhelming success. Thanks to the generosity of 414 donors, we raised an incredible \$51,686. These contributions are vital in empowering us to continue providing an exceptional educational experience, fostering innovative programs, and supporting our outstanding faculty. Your belief in our mission makes a tangible difference every single day.

It has been a joy to connect with many of you on campus and at various events this spring. We look forward to seeing many more of you at our upcoming alumni gatherings, including our summer campus visits in July and August, the 33rd Annual Alumni Golf Tournament in September, and our regional events in Florida and Texas this fall. These occasions are wonderful opportunities to reconnect with old friends and share in the enduring spirit of the Pinkerton community.

As we look toward the 2025-2026 academic year, we are filled with optimism and excitement for what lies ahead. I wish you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer.

Warm Regards,



Dr. Timothy J. Powers, *Head of School*
Pinkerton Academy



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

RICK '76 AND SUE (SKINNER) METTS '75

By Julia Mitchell

If you have seen Rick and Sue Metts lately, it's likely been as they are hard at work in their food truck, handing out warm plates, sharing laughs, and catching up with customers like old friends.

Their teamwork seems seamless, their upbeat energy contagious. But their story is one of hard work, second chances, and a shared belief in showing up—together.

Rick and Sue's journey began at Pinkerton Academy their freshman and sophomore years.

"We actually met at my freshman reception," Rick recalls. "Her sister was dating my best friend, and he introduced us. I wasn't love-struck at first sight."

"He was making a really nasty face at me!" Sue laughs. "I thought, 'Okay, that's rude.'"

But by the end of the night, Rick had asked her to dance, and that, as he says, was the beginning. The two were involved in different activities at Pinkerton: Rick played football and lacrosse; Sue participated in the Future Teachers of America and the bowling club, which she captained her senior year. Despite a few breakups, they always found their way back to each other.

"The last time I broke up with her was the day before she started college," Rick admits. "I still have the letter she wrote that got us back together in a green flowered envelope."

Married young, Rick and Sue spent their early years juggling work, school, and raising a growing family. Sue earned her Associate's Degree from what was then New Hampshire College, and they lived in married student housing while Rick attended Plymouth State. Sue worked at the Plymouth superintendent's office, and Rick worked after class at a local sub shop all while raising a newborn. Their oldest daughter Jamie was born Rick's freshman year.

"My first paycheck of the month covered everything but cable," Sue explains. "Cable was \$7 so that we didn't have to just watch channel 8."

Rick initially planned on becoming a physical education teacher and was student teaching when their second daughter, Becky, was born in March of 1980. As he was considering applying for teaching positions, the operator of the Derry McDonald's contacted him. He was putting together a new management team, and he wanted Rick to be the



Sue and Rick Metts

assistant manager. Rick's professional life took an impactful turn when he accepted the job.

For five years he worked as assistant manager and eventually manager, earning manager of the year in his time at the Derry store. He then became store manager at the McDonald's in Billerica, MA, but that store was ultimately closed in corporate restructuring.

Instead of being discouraged, they took on a new opportunity. In 1986, they bought Clam Haven in Derry in partnership with Rick Ferrin.

"It was always my dream to own my own place," Rick says. "We met with the real estate agent while I was still at McDonald's in Billerica. Then everything went wrong there, and they offered me a different job. I said, 'I'll be leaving. I bought my own restaurant.'"

Rick and Sue bought Clam Haven in 1986, launching their first season in 1987. What began as a leap of faith turned into a 33-year run, driven by a family effort of hard work and long hours. They shared ownership with Ferrin for 18 years before buying him out and owning it outright for another 15 years.

"All the girls worked there from the time they were 10 or 11," Rick says. "When Becky and Jamie got older, they helped manage the place. Even the grandkids came to work."

While Sue managed several physicians' practices in Manchester and Derry over the years, she also helped support Rick's work at Clam Haven, helping with payroll and running countless errands to get restaurant supplies. After 33 years of hard

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RICK '76 AND SUE (SKINNER) METTS '75

work, they began talking about an exit strategy.

"I could barely walk when I got home," Rick admits. "It was hard to find help. I'd go in at 8:30, get home around 10:30 or 11. And even on my day off, I'd run in to make batter."

"The last couple years, I ended up as the day lady," Sue adds. "I had left my job to be there."

They wanted to quietly put the business on the market. After leasing it for a year, they finalized a sale in December 2020. Not quite ready to fully retire, they bought a food truck in the fall of 2021 and started a new venture.

Though it's not the same long hours they did at Clam Haven, they explain that it's still a grind, and the physical toll has led them to the decision to sell the truck.

"You don't just jump in a truck and start cooking," Rick explains. "It's the prep and the cleanup. The long days of serving."

After 5 very successful seasons, they will close out their run with the food truck in December, but it is unlikely the two will really slow down.

Rick and Sue have always been active in the Derry Community. Rick was a member and chair of the Derry School Board, and Sue served on the PTA when their girls were in school. Sue has no doubt that Rick will stay busy in retirement as he currently serves on the Conservation Commission, the Salvation Army advisory board, and has been a part of the Derry Village Rotary Club since 1991 with



over 30 years volunteering at the "Very Derry Holiday Parade" with many Rotary Club friends.

Their retirement plans involve more down time. Rick plans on golfing more; Sue will spend more time by the pool and with the children and grandchildren. They have planned adventures to complete off their "bucket list," both in the U.S. and abroad.

With four daughters who also graduated from Pinkerton, Rick and Sue both recognize the opportunities Pinkerton provides for success. The advice they share for current Pinkerton students is to work hard in your own way and know the value of education.

"My dad always believed in hard work and education," Sue says. "You always see the benefits of hard work."

"Do your homework. Keep your head up," Rick adds. "If the best you can is the best you can, then that should be enough."

Rick and Sue will celebrate 50 years of marriage on December 11, 2026. They are celebrating by taking the family on a destination celebration over the Thanksgiving holiday. 🍷



KATHLEEN (DAVIS) GARRISH '80

On any given weekday, you might find Kathie Garrish on the sidelines of a game, in the Hackler Gymnasium subbing in a PE class, or chatting with students in the hallway.

By Julia Mitchell

Even in retirement, she seems to be everywhere at Pinkerton, and her pride as an Astro still runs deep.

Garrish spent 38 years working as a social worker, and when she retired, she was looking for something to do that wasn't full-time and didn't involve working weekends or holidays. She tried subbing before she officially retired, and thought it would be a good fit.

"I thought, 'This is doable,'" she recalls. I didn't realize it would be a full-time job for almost two years!"

Some long-term absences in the Physical Education department have led to Garrish becoming a regular fixture in the gym. She's also found herself in classrooms all across campus, but long before she started subbing, Garrish had proven herself as a coach on several Pinkerton sidelines.

For 28 years she's been coaching field hockey, basketball, and softball. She also runs the clock at a number of sporting events. In many ways, Garrish has given her heart and soul to the school that helped shape her.

In her time as a student, Garrish played field hockey and basketball. She also served as athletic director Mr. Royce's first student assistant.

"I was really lucky to be involved in a lot when I was a student," she says. "That's where it started. I loved jumping in and trying new things."

Garrish encourages students to get involved as she did. She sees student engagement as crucial for personal and academic growth.

"I always tell students: Don't just do one thing. There's so much to do at Pinkerton! Try out for the team, join the club, audition for the play. You never know what will click."

For Garrish, these experiences lead to a sense of belonging that helps students to feel like part of the



Kathleen (Davis) Garrish '80



Coach Garrish and Ayyree Hamilton '26

community.

"It's not about being the best at something," she says. "It's about showing up and being part of something bigger than yourself."

Beyond the classrooms and sidelines, Kathleen's Pinkerton pride remains strong. Her own children, Nicole and Erin, also attended Pinkerton, and she loved watching them grow and find their own paths. She serves on the Alumni Association Board and participates in events like the annual craft fair and alumni golf tournament.

"What makes Pinkerton special is the people," she says. "Teachers who absolutely love what they do and go above and beyond for students. They make this a place where kids feel supported and safe."





Through her Lens: Sofia Roubian '27 Captures Graduation's Unforgettable Moments

Sofia Roubian has discovered a passion for photography and an eye for catching special moments. A member of the Class of 2027, Roubian has been part of the *Critic* yearbook staff since her freshman year and works as an independent study student in the Communications department.



SENIOR *Awards Night*



NH Homeland Security & Emergency Management (NH HSEM) visited PA, sending alumni to conduct a School Security Assessment.



Taylor (TJ) Johnson (2012) and Kevin Partington (1983) worked with the PA administration and School Marshall to assess the access control, surveillance, and emergency alerting that is in place at the school. PA is taking great steps to keep the students and staff safe. TJ and Kevin both went into the US Marine Corps after graduating from PA. TJ came to HSEM after 12 years in private security and Kevin is retired from 29 years with the Concord Police Department.

Faculty Play

This year's Faculty Play was *Romeo and Juliet* Winifred Taylor. All ticket sales for the two performances go towards senior scholarships. Can you pick out any alumni in the group?



Senior Reflections: THOMAS HOSEY IV

Four years ago this August I vividly remember sitting in the Stockbridge Theatre next to my best friends. Dr. Powers was welcoming us to our home for the next four years and the statement that he repeated is how these four years will fly by. Those words lingered in my head throughout my time at Pinkerton and proved to be more than an understatement.



Academics have always been my biggest priority. Pinkerton has given me a chance to blossom into a student who is willing to always go the extra mile. Between late night study sessions and last-minute revisions for big essays, I have worked until I could not push any more. I have taken many classes that have shaped me into the person I am today. For example, AP Physics 1, a class that I was nowhere near interested in before entering those doors. I had heard stories about the infamous Mr. Gundrum before I entered the room; however, nothing could prepare me for his comedy-based lectures (performances). Despite physics being a weaker subject area for me, I looked forward to his class because of the community he had built inside the classroom. That small sample size of 20 kids perfectly depicts the community that is built at Pinkerton at Friday Night Football games, Homecoming, and even the Pep Rally, the community has helped me become the best I can be.

Another class that shaped me was English with Ms. Buskey, better known as just “Busk.” I have always had a passion for baseball, the deep statistics that involve the game and why front offices behave as they do. Argumentation Through a Sports Lens allowed me to fully encapsulate this love. Writing, which sometimes seems more of a job than an assignment, began to become more fun for me and allowed me to bloom. Furthermore, connections with some of my previous teachers, like Biology with Mr. Adams, Honors Chemistry with Ms.

Stone, AP Government and Politics with Mrs. Maloney, and Algebra 2 with Torro have built me up to who I am today. In the fall, I will be attending Bryant University with a major in Finance, a 3+3 program with Villanova University, with the intention of studying law at Villanova after my time at Bryant.

Now, reflecting back on months before my junior year where I was looking to get involved into more extracurricular activities. I joined a club called DECA, which the first thing I learned was that not every organization’s name has an acronym. This club built my friend group, taught me how to shake someone’s hand and problem solve with my teammate, Ronan Connors. Due to the help of Ms. Snair and Mr. Ramos, I grew into attending the 2024 International Career Development Conference. Although I did not perform as well as I hoped, I knew that the following year was going to be different. With the support of my mother and father, I attended the 2025 conference in Orlando with high hopes. My partner Ronan and I achieved something that has never been done in Pinkerton history– we won third place in the WORLD for Business Law and Ethics Team Decision Making. The privilege of attending these conferences helped grow my confidence and make me into a better leader.

Summer 2024, I attended Boys State and discovered a new passion of mine, interacting with people in elected positions within our State. Here, I also learned how to market myself to an audience and get people to vote for me for our government’s positions. I always knew I wanted to be a lawyer, however this time at Boys State made me realize how I wanted to proceed further with that goal. Now, I have a goal of being Attorney General for the State. This goal will allow me to continue to drive myself and be the absolute best I can be. This newly founded love got me to help start and grow the first edition of Pinkerton Academy’s YMCA Youth in Government Club. This club allowed me to understand how our government works at the State House. I took

the role as Supreme Court Lawyer and argued the Constitutionality and Unconstitutionality of bills that we wrote. I know with the help of Mr. Smith, Mrs. Maloney, and Mr. Lecuyer this club will continue to grow and make an impact on students for years to come.

Finally, I want to wrap this up by acknowledging how important every single step was at The Academy. From clubs to the classroom, and one season of Basketball my Freshman year, these essential puzzle pieces helped construct who I am today. As the second Thomas Girard Hosey to graduate Pinkerton, thank you Dad, I hope my footprint will always be left just as every alumni before myself was. I want to leave you with a quote from Mr. Gundrum, “the Academy truly does make you whole, once an Astro, always an Astro.”



Senior Reflections: HANNAH LISAUSKAS



I was born into a family of generational Astros. From my grandfather graduating Pinkerton in 1948, to my parents creating their own legacy here, and growing up in the stands of Memorial Field watching my brother, Jake, and sister, Lauren play, I was born to be an Astro. But, it was not until I stepped on campus that I truly realized what a special

place Pinkerton was.

As an incoming freshman, I was excited to finally come to Pinkerton and make my own legacy. Right from the start I worked to involve myself in the many things that interested me, seeking to make an impact on the Pinkerton community. Within the first two weeks of my freshman year I was elected President of my class. As Class President the past four years, alongside my incredible officers, I had the opportunity to plan various traditional events for my class, such as Sophomore Semi, Junior Prom, Senior Sunrise & Sunset, Senior Cornroast, and got to plan spirit weeks - all with the goal of making a truly unforgettable experience for the Class of 2025. As president I was committed to being a role model for my peers, exemplifying leadership, dedication, a hard work ethic, and most importantly fun. I hope that my legacy as the 2025 Class President left an everlasting impact on my peers during their time here at Pinkerton.

Academically, I looked to challenge myself in every course I took at Pinkerton. I wanted to be pushed to my full potential as academic success was so important to me. My highest priority was always my education, looking to excel in all of my classes whether it be AP Calculus, AP Literature with Mr. Faulkner, Chemistry, or the business courses I took. After all of the long hours of studying, late nights of homework, and going out of my way for extra help opportunities, I successfully finished in the top 3% of my class - which was extremely rewarding. Through taking a variety of business classes through Pinkerton's incredible CTE program, I was also able to find my love for accounting, which I will be studying at the University of Notre Dame. Pinkerton does such an amazing job on preparing their students for the future and giving students an opportunity for real world experience in the field they are planning to pursue.

Although academics was a high priority for me during high school, my most rewarding experiences lies within Pinkerton Athletics. I started out my career trying out for field hockey in August of my freshman year. I was able to immediately create lifelong relationships before I even stepped foot on campus. The Pinkerton Field Hockey program is like no other as the coaches create a supportive, exciting, and hardworking environment - making the team feel like family. From starting out on JV, and making Varsity my sophomore year, I had worked my way up to being a varsity captain my senior year. Although I may not have been the most skilled player on the

field, I always looked to make a welcoming and fun environment for my teammates through being a leader. I was fortunate enough to have the 'Lisauskas Spirit Award' named after me in the Fall of 2024, for this enthusiasm and support I spread to my teammates, which was such an honor. I was truly blessed to be a part of and make an impact on the Pinkerton Field Hockey Program.

The far most rewarding experience I had during my years at Pinkerton was getting to play for the Lacrosse Program. It was a real privilege to wear the number 16, and Pinkerton across my chest for four years, while playing a sport I have loved since I was a little girl. Right off the bat as a Freshman, my coach, Katie Bourque, immediately had so much trust and confidence in my game, and wanted me to succeed.

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Senior Reflections:

AYZLEE MANGAN



Select Choir that meets on Mondays after school. Wind Ensemble was a place where everyone wanted to be there, and created the best music and sound by being a strong group together, and that's what made it so rewarding. Playing alongside others who took music seriously helped me improve immensely. Select Choir gave me the chance to dig into more complex vocal work and perform with a group that held itself to a high standard. The confidence and literacy provided by our programs allowed me to make it into the New Hampshire Classical All-State Festival my first time auditioning my senior year, and it was one of the best musical opportunities I've been privileged with. Both groups became really important to me; not just because of the music, but because of the people.

Senior year was a turning point. I was chosen as drum major for our marching band, which was a huge honor and responsibility. Conducting was only part of it. Being drum major meant setting the tone for the group, making sure things ran smoothly, and stepping up as a leader. It was one of the most challenging roles I took on, but the most meaningful. It allowed me to unlock the self-assured knowledge that I didn't have to shape myself into this role, but I stayed true to myself and worked hard for it.

That same year, I had the opportunity to sing the national anthem solo at graduation. It felt like a full-circle moment; ending my time at Pinkerton with a performance that reflected everything I had worked for. I wasn't just a student finishing school, I was someone who had spent four years building something real through music, through the opportunities that the Fine Arts program has provided me with.

What I appreciated most about Pinkerton's fine arts program was the freedom to take ownership of my experience. I wasn't just following a set path. I was making intentional choices about where I wanted to go and what I wanted to put my energy into. The program gave me space to grow, try new things, and take on leadership roles, all while doing what I love.

Through the arts, I learned more than music theory or how to sing in tune. I learned how to commit to something, how to work with others, and how to lead. I built confidence not just in my ability to perform, but in my ability to take initiative and follow through.

As I move on and become part of the alumni community, I know how much of who I am today came from the time I spent in Pinkerton's music program. It wasn't always easy, there were long rehearsals, difficult pieces, and tough moments, but it was always worth it. Music gave me direction, community, and a sense of purpose.

Pinkerton's fine arts program helped me find a path that felt like mine. And I'm leaving with more than just memories. I'm leaving with experience, skills, and a real sense of who I want to be moving forward. 🏡



Reflecting on my time at Pinkerton Academy, one thing stands out: the impact of the arts on my experience. Music wasn't just a class or an extracurricular—it became the core of how I shaped my path through high school.

When I first got to Pinkerton, I knew music was something I enjoyed and part of who I was, but I didn't expect it to become such a big part of who I was specifically at Pinkerton. I started my freshman year

off with Academy Singers since I knew I needed to keep chorus in my life. However, after years of band, I decided to take Intro to Music Theory (a class that doesn't even exist anymore!), and met Mr. Boccia. Not only was he an incredible teacher, but one who cared enough to push me forward and back into the direction of band. By the Summer, I was signed back up for band camp. By the end of my four years at Pinkerton, I got to conduct our half-time show. These foundational classes helped me build a strong base in performance and collaboration. These weren't just classes to fill a schedule; they were places where I felt grounded.

As I got more involved, I started making choices that pushed me further. I signed up for every music theory class, allowing me to take AP my senior year. It was one of the more challenging classes I took, but it made a big difference in how I approached music as a whole. I auditioned for Wind Ensemble and made it into our

Pinkerton Players get *All Shook Up*



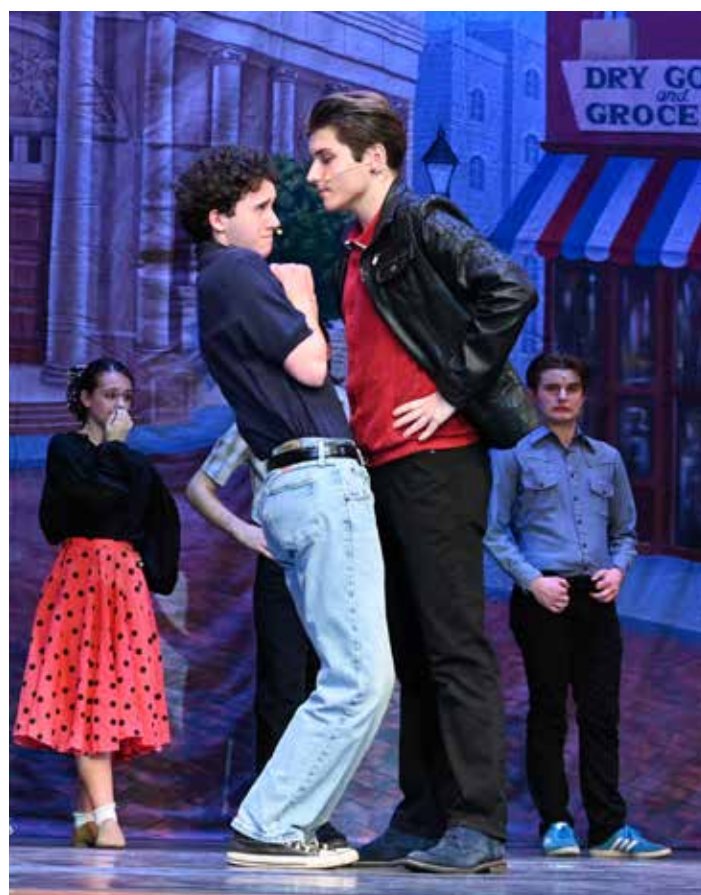
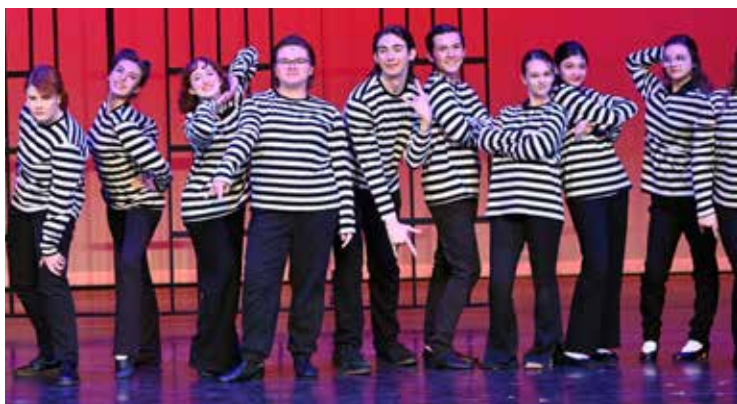
By Clare Mitchell '27

This March, Pinkerton students took a ride back to 1955 for their production of *All Shook Up!* Featuring the music of the late Elvis Presley, the show was a high-energy performance that had audience members singing along by the end. With a large cast, dedicated crew, and talented team of instrumentalists in the pit, many students were involved, enjoying the process. Thanks to the hard work of director Mr. David MacNeill, music director Mr. Alex Hunton, choreographer Ms. Alyssa Gillin, and pit conductor Mr. Michael Adams, the show was a great success.

With a rehearsal process lasting a bit longer than two months, students were hard at work from early January to mid-March. Rehearsals were held after school 4 days a

week. The dedication of the students was clearly shown when show day finally came around. Over the span of three shows, hundreds of audience members were wowed by the hard work and dedication of the students and the directorial team.

Behind the scenes, the student stage crew was hard at work building sets, coordinating props, and keeping the show running smoothly. The crew was run by Mr. Robert Lemire and student stage manager Arcus Adams, '25. In addition to the crew, band students gave up their Sunday mornings rehearsing to be in the pit. They worked alongside adult instrumentalists to give the actors the best possible sound. All in all, the hard work resulted in a memorable show for everyone. 🍷





HiSET & P.A.C.E.

Graduations



Alternative Paths to Success

This year 4 students participated in the winter P.A.C.E. graduation and 8 students completed their HiSET program at the Upper Room, graduating in June. P.A.C.E. will hold another graduation ceremony in August.



Congratulations to these 2025 graduates!





Astro Boys Track Teams Dominate; Girls Take Home Tennis Doubles Championship



The winter and spring sports seasons saw several teams go deep into postseason competition, but it was the boys track team who proved

to be the best in both the indoor and outdoor seasons. This spring also saw Mia Rivard '25 and Amelia Coyle '25 take home the girls doubles tennis title.



Student-athlete Brooke Benz recognized for *Sportsmanship*

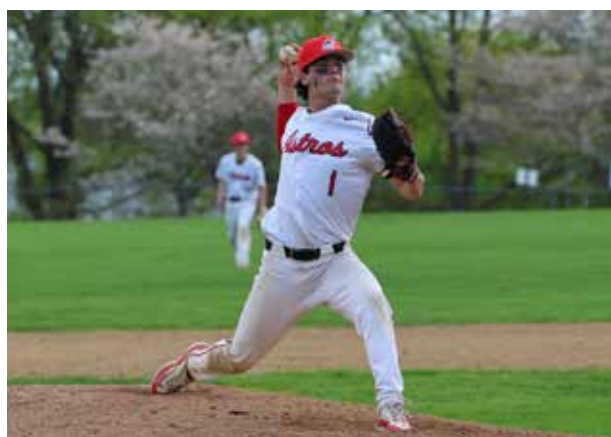
Girls basketball player Brooke Benz '26 was selected to receive the John Burke sportsmanship award from the NH Basketball Officials Association. The honor, given to a junior male and female athlete, recognizes someone who exemplifies sportsmanship, integrity, and dependability on and off the court.

Congratulations Brooke!

Leo Boucher '25 named NH 2025 Baseball Gatorade Player of the Year

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Boucher as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. He will continue to play baseball for Penn State University in the fall.

Photo credit: S. Roubian '27





Apollo!

Our newest therapy dog, Apollo has been working alongside Associate Dean of Students Colin Walker '88 in the junior office. Luna and Lucy are thrilled to have him join the team!



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I came in immediately making an impact for the team, and created chemistry on and off the field with all of my teammates. They took me under their wing, and supported me through my entire time in the program. In my final year of playing, I broke the all-time points record of 338, previously held by Megan O'Reilly (1999-2002), finishing my career with 394 points.

This was an incredible honor for me, as I grew up watching the amazing players come through the program, and to be considered one of the greats among them was truly surreal. Yet at the end of the day, my greatest memories did not consist of statistics, but rather the moments and celebrations shared with my teammates. Whether it was doing my pre-game handshake with my best friend, jumping up and down after a goal, jamming out to our pregame warmup playlist, or hysterically laughing at our many inside jokes, my memories created

with this program will be cherished forever. To play the game, and to be a part of the team, was truly the greatest honor.

Through all of my involvement, I embraced, and fell in love with the Pinkerton Academy culture—living all of my experiences here to the fullest. My spirit only grew stronger over time as you may have found me being the loudest, most (arguably) obnoxious fan in the stands at a Friday night football game, or joyfully welcoming the Class of 2025 back to campus each year at orientation, or maybe being MC, getting the crowd excited on Pep Rally day, a day that feels like Christmas morning, or proudly waving the Astro Machine flag at games. As my time at Pinkerton has come to an end, I truly hope that my love for Pinkerton Academy was able to spread to those around me, leaving them with an unforgettable high school experience. As for me, I am proud to now be a Pinkerton Academy Alumni—an Astro forever. 🐶

BEYOND THE BELL: PEALING BACK LAYERS OF PINKERTON HALL TRADITION

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Pinkerton traditions reverberate from the past like the ringing of a bell, and hopefully will continue to peal into the future as long as Pinkerton is an Academy. We can learn much about the school's history by examining some of those traditions, as they ECHO, echo, echo through history to the present (note that distortion sometimes occurs). Although the Old Academy Building is Pinkerton's first and oldest schoolhouse (whose bell, by the way, has recently been restored and reinstalled), Pinkerton Hall (with its bigger and more sonorous original bell) is a better site to study school tradition. The sources, particularly visual images and student accounts from 1815 to 1887 when the OAB was Pinkerton Academy, just do not exist to support such a study. Also, the OAB fulfilled new functions after its move in 1885, disrupting existing or longstanding traditions. But John Morrison Pinkerton's chief legacy—called Academy Hall, the Pinkerton Building, and now Pinkerton Hall—from 1887 to 1959 served as the Academy's main building. It and the student traditions developed in and around it have appeared in numerous surviving primary sources, including local newspapers; photographs, student and alumni publications and official documents in the school archives; and interviews with alumni and former Pinkerton administrators. As restoration work on the building will intensify this summer, now seems an appropriate time to consider its traditions.

Anthropologists and sociologists consider tradition and ritual as symbolic action that builds and maintains shared community through group participation. Drawn to the positive social interaction, succeeding generations perpetuate the event, creating vertical as well as horizontal connections, and strengthening cohesion between succeeding alumni classes and cohesiveness between individuals and amongst groups of participants. With repetition over time, a tradition gains a life of its own. The best traditions become long-lived vessels of values such as unity, superiority, and memorialization. And as living entities, they can evolve, or die natural deaths (or even be killed off).

Traditions that do survive tend to do so because, as complexes of symbolic action with multiple layers and various features, they can shift with the times,

reemphasizing other aspects as their original needs change and meanings fade. In addition, in his book *In Small Things Forgotten* (1977), James Deetz described three levels of purpose of symbols and traditions: technomic functions, addressing practical needs; socio-technic functions, uniting individuals around appreciation of artistry or aesthetics; and ideo-technic functions, in which rituals connect participants to ideas or purposes greater than themselves and their immediate societies, such as connecting with deities or personifications of national myths and innate ideology. Thus, rich layers of symbolism and meaning, not always transparent or understood by later participants, often sustain traditions, at Pinkerton and in the wider world. An examination of traditions associated with Pinkerton Hall's Chapel, its front steps and entryway, and its belltower and bell helps us to better understand the school's heritage and history.

Founded in 1814, Pinkerton Academy enjoyed a rebirth in 1881, when John Morrison Pinkerton, the president of its Board of Trustees and the nephew and son of the founders, left his entire estate to the school, stipulating that \$30,000 to \$50,000 of the total \$200,000+ legacy be designated as a building fund. Once accumulating interest had pushed the amount above the lower figure, the trustees appointed a building committee. Its first decision was to remove the original schoolhouse from the campus's most prominent spot, which was accomplished in September 1885. The trustees then approved the design submitted by architect Lambert Packard of Vermont and contracted with J. E. Giddings & Son of Portsmouth to construct a new edifice atop Gregg Hill in honor of their former colleague. The building was completed by July 17, 1887, at a total cost of \$49,300 (\$8,100 over budget, but under the \$50,000 maximum allowed). Amidst celebrations by the alumni, the Pinkerton community, and the public, it was dedicated on July 27, when its keys were presented to new headmaster George W. Bingham.

Bingham welcomed his new students on the first day of the fall term on September 5, 1887. Did they appreciate the masterpiece of Richardsonian Romanesque architecture that surrounded them? The style, popularized by Henry H. Richardson

whose 1877 Trinity Church in Boston and several academic buildings at Harvard in Cambridge, Mass., set a new direction for public architecture. Features included large towers and round turrets, as well as expanses of brick wall



Pinkerton Hall, as completed in 1887. Photo courtesy of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association Archives



John Morrison Pinkerton, February 6, 1818–February 6, 1881. Frontispiece to S. E. Herrick, Discourse Commemorative of John M. Pinkerton, . . . (Boston, 1881)

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interrupted by arched windows. Typical materials were tiled or slate roofs; detailed carved stonework of red sandstone, brownstone, and granite; and cast terracotta ornamentation. Packard's new Pinkerton building distributed these features and more upon a simple and practical layout consisting of two main floors and a basement. A large assembly room on the second floor stood above the main central hallway on the first. A strikingly tall square tower soared above both at the front of the building, flanked by two symmetrical rounded turrets (Is it only coincidence that the tower and turrets resemble a rocket ship with twin boosters, and that America's first astronaut spent four years as a student in the building from 1936 through 1940, definitely doing more than just taking up space?).

Beneath the tower and a deep round-arched main entryway extended broad granite steps, which became the main stage for numerous traditions.

From 1887 to 1962, Pinkerton Hall served as the school's administrative center and main academic building, but its functions shifted as new buildings were added to campus. The library moved from the first floor in 1959 when the Saltmarsh Library was opened. Academy Hall or the Chapel, the assembly room on the second floor, lost its preeminence as a venue for plays and other events when the Shepard Auditorium was opened in 1962–63. Today, relatively few students enter the building to attend classes in its remaining classroom spaces or to sit in study halls. As the building became less the focus of student life and activities, it grew in symbolic significance, a role fostered by the decisions of the trustees and their architect in 1885. Its location on high ground at the forefront of the Old Campus commands attention and admiration. Visitors can learn of Pinkerton's traditions of athletic prowess by viewing old photographs of championship teams currently lining the first-floor hallways and of general excellence by reading Hall of Fame plaques also there. And the iconic Pinkerton Tower, the tallest building on campus and in the town of Derry, has come to symbolize the permanence and prominence of Pinkerton Academy. The tower has loaned its name to various student publications over the years. It serves as a logo on the school's official letterhead and business cards and appears on numerous online profiles of the school, including Pinkerton's website and various social media accounts. As an icon and symbol, Pinkerton Hall has maintained a presence in the hearts and minds of the Pinkerton community.



Pinkerton Hall floor plans. Courtesy of Rolfe Voltaire

First Case Study: The Chapel

One of Pinkerton Hall's most significant features was the building's actual Hall, the grand assembly room that became known as the Chapel (the building's first chapel had been located on the first floor). Originally known as Academy Hall, the large open space was spanned by an impressive vaulted ceiling with exposed wooden ribs and hanging decorative beams supported by graceful wall brackets. These elaborate details almost did not survive a controversy involving the building's construction. John Morrison Pinkerton's estate executor, Trustee Nathan B. Prescott, was a member of the building committee who signed the contract with the builder. He later expressed his dissatisfaction chiefly because he did not believe the building could be erected for under \$50,000, the upper amount specified in Pinkerton's will. He resigned from the committee and went so far as to cut out his signature from the contract. He went even further. Since a special meeting of the entire Board of Trustees could not be immediately convened to consider his reasoning, Prescott had a bill of injunction served on the building committee, the Academy's treasurer, and the builder, restraining them from further work or disbursing any further outlays of money. To appease Prescott, who remained on the Board, the trustees voted for several cost-cutting measures, including dispensing with the architectural embellishments of the original ceiling design of the assembly room. Only after Judge Lewis N. Clark disallowed the bill of injunction, however, ruling that the fiduciary powers of the trustees permitted the use of other funds to enlarge the bequest, did Giddings have his work crews recommence the construction work, and the full Board rescinded its earlier vote on the cost-cutting measures.

Many students may have viewed that restored ceiling over the years as they looked heavenward during the daily religious exercises that were traditionally held in the Chapel (hence the name), apparently into the 1960s. We have discovered no evidence dating the origins of such exercises, but they most likely predated Pinkerton Hall, in which "Chapel exercises are held daily," according to the 1906 school catalogue (p. 7), which included Bible readings and hymn singing.

Although the Academy originated as a nonsectarian institution, it was founded, according to its 1814 Act of Incorporation, "for the purpose of promoting piety [reverence for God or devout fulfillment of religious obligations] and virtue, and for the education of youth in the Liberal Arts and Sciences." In 1895, eighty-one years later and eight years after the opening of Pinkerton Hall, headmaster George W. Bingham wrote, "Quite as important as scholarship, in the thought of the founders and of those in charge to-day, is the development of Christian character. The school is non-sectarian, but the



Undated photograph of the Chapel, from a glass-plate negative made by Edmund Angell, ca. 1887. Courtesy of the Derry Museum of History

Bible is in daily use and its principles are unhesitatingly taught.”

Also telling, of the fifty-nine trustees who served on the Board in its first century, almost half of them (twenty-seven, or 46 percent) were ministers of the gospel. The last one apparently was Reverend Albert George Cornwell, pastor from 1946 to 1963 of the Central Congregational Church, long considered “Pinkerton’s church.” He was a member of the school’s Board of Trustees from 1947 to 1967 and served as its secretary from 1949 to 1963. It is probable that his departure merely coincided with the end of Chapel exercises and was not a cause of it. The fact that lettermen and letter women were designated to keep order during Chapel services at least by 1960 suggests that students in that turbulent decade might have begun to passively resist the constraints of those exercises, and the administration sought an acceptable form of student self-policing before ending the tradition altogether. It is also possible that the campus expansion, with two new buildings being added in the late 1950s and early 1960s, was partly responsible, anticipating the even greater increase in the size of the student body that was to occur in the 1970s. The ending of Chapel exercises because the space had become too small also conceded that actively promoting piety would no longer be part of the mission of the 150-year-old Academy.

Even before then, however, the Chapel was a multipurpose space. It was the venue for numerous events such as lectures, modern plays abridged and directed by Robert Frost, and special exhibits like displays of student agricultural products and artwork. It hosted school celebrations of anniversaries like the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. More somber occasions also occurred in the Chapel, such as the dedication of Pinkerton’s World War Two service flag in December 1944, recognizing those sons and daughters who served and died in the armed forces. Special occasions were also held here, such as the entire student body’s watching on a television wheeled in for that purpose Alan Shepard’s Mercury-Redstone 3 *Freedom 7* flight as the first American in space on Friday, May, 5, 1961, from 9:34 to 9:49 a.m. Other, more routine, Chapel activities that included acting, music, and dancing, eventually persisted into tradition. Choir and piano concerts were held here. An official Chapel Choir was formed in 1955 with advanced Glee Club members, and was accompanied by the Chapel Pianist group (first mentioned in the 1962 *Critic*). It became tradition for the choir to practice in the Chapel and to perform during Chapel services, a tradition that died out with the religious exercises.

We shall see that many of the most significant Pinkerton Hall traditions revolved around the senior class, particularly graduation traditions, but the Chapel was essentially a common area where the entire school community could come together to undertake unifying traditions. Even so, some Chapel traditions “belonged” to other classes, such as the freshman reception and the Junior Prom. Although our research has not yet uncovered exactly when the Junior Prom was first regularized as *the* annual social event for third-year students, it was probably sometime in the early 1900s (at least by the 1930s). We do, however, know when the last Prom was held in the Chapel: 1963. In 1964 the event was

moved to the gymnasium in the Grinnell School, as the Chapel floors were deemed too unstable for crowds. Was it because students were dancing to the more vigorous and increasingly popular Rock ‘n’ Roll music? When Prom returned to campus in 1965, it was held in the new Shepard Gymnasium, until moved to off-campus venues in the 1970s. This is one Pinkerton Hall tradition that continues outside of its original site, as the Class of 2026 recently held its successful Prom in the Hackler Gym. A grand time was had by all.

Second Case Study: The Front Steps and the Memorial Plaques

As with the Chapel, other Pinkerton Hall architectural features became highly symbolic sites replete with multiple traditions. In addition to arguably being the most imposing façade in all of Derry, the building’s impressive front entryway is one of those sites. At the base of the emblematic clocktower, Packard designed nine granite steps leading up to the door sill of the deeply recessed main entrance below a semi-circular arch of light-colored rusticated Connecticut sandstone (except the arch’s keystone, which is of red sandstone). The lower curve of the arch is decorated with a carved rope pattern, and a carved egg and dart pattern graces the arch’s upper curve. Each end of the arch rests on carved acanthus leaves capitals above rusticated light-colored quoin insets. Above today’s double modern replacement steel and glass security doors is a granite capstone on which is carved in capital letters, “1814 PINKERTON ACADEMY 1887.” A large diamond-paned stained-glass transom surmounts the doors, on each side of which are recessed alcoves, in which matching windows used to be set. The Pinkerton Hall main entrance with its solid steps is probably the most photographed spot on campus. This is so not necessarily because of its undeniable grandeur but because of the traditions that have taken place there since 1887.

The Pinkerton Hall front steps for many years symbolized the boundary between the school and the town. Anthropologists recognize the significance of such liminal spaces, which are often contested sites. With the support of

Pinkerton officialdom, the seniors of yesteryear successfully claimed the stairs as their own (the steps have shifted and settled after 138 years of heavy usage and will need to be reset as part of the building’s restoration—a massive undertaking; maybe every living senior who has ever walked on them would be interested in contributing a single dollar toward their restoration?). We are not sure of exactly when the complex of traditions involving the Senior Steps originated, probably at least by the early 1900s. And they most likely occurred



The main entrance to Pinkerton Hall including the Senior Steps, 2000. Photo courtesy of Rolfe Voltaire

as an extension of group graduation photos being shot there beginning in the late 1800s. The location became the exclusive domain of the senior class at least by 1940, according to a freshman handbook of that year cited in an article on Pinkerton traditions by Derry Town Historian Richard Holmes (*Derry News*, January 4, 2006, p. 8). For three or four decades, only seniors and faculty, staff, and administrators were allowed to use the stairs. Apparently, the powers-that-be tacitly approved the seniors' punishing underclass trespassers caught on the forbidden territory.

Before Pinkerton became a kinder, gentler community, numerous traditions of asserting senior dominance were practiced, and accepted by non-seniors (who anticipated the day when they would be on top). These ranged from acts of "good-natured" humiliation by freshmen being forced to wear outlandish clothes on Initiation Day and baby bonnets or silly headgear at the Freshmen Reception; to more humiliating acts, such as the smallest boy at the Freshmen Reception being paraded around the Chapel and later the Shepard Auditorium in a baby carriage or wheelbarrow; to the downright hazing of freshman boys by dunking their heads in the toilets in the basement of the Old Academy Building. These all had a gender dimension and were as much assertions of masculinity as of seniority.

Non-senior girls, however, shared the same punishment as boys if they were caught on the Senior Steps: they were provided a bucket of water and a scrub brush or toothbrush with which they were to clean the granite stairway during their study period (perhaps this also had a gender dimension, as cleaning was "women's work" even as the entrenched domestic sphere ideology was being eroded by feminism and the women's liberation movement). This tradition existed for at least four decades, and was still practiced from 1975 to 1979. Several members of the Class of 1979 washed those steps as underclasswomen: Tameka (Tammy) Gallien in 1976, and Caroline Cowette, ca. 1977-78: "I was driving with Mr Grube in driver's ed class . . . He dropped me off in front of the senior steps and without thinking I ran up them . . . I got bagged." The *Derry News* published a photo of Freshman Jeannie Donnelly with her toothbrush and bucket on May 1, 1975 (p. 23).

Not everyone got "bagged," however, demonstrating the unfairness of the system. Some students simply slipped through when the coast was clear. Headmaster Brad Ek told the *Derry News* on September 8, 1993 (p. 2) that because only 250 students attended when he was a student in the late 1950s everyone knew who was a senior and who wasn't. Later, however, with the increasing student population, an underclassman exuding confidence could more easily have hidden his true identity. And some others who did get caught exploited friendships or other connections with seniors to evade punishment, which inconsistency could have been used by school officials as a reason for halting the tradition. In 1993, school historian Olive Abbott reported that "it's been a long time" since she'd seen an underclassman cleaning the steps with a toothbrush (ibid.) According to Assistant Headmaster Charles Varney, responsible for student discipline at the time, by the 1980s this tradition was, "looked at as kind of hazing" and "didn't promote the right attitude that we wanted" (Eve Klok, telephone

interview, April 2, 2025). Richard Holmes also quoted Varney in the *Derry News*, January 4, 2006 (p. 8), "that the school's policy in the modern era is 'no harassment and intimidation.'"

The consensus of a dozen or so alumni who discussed the matter on the Alumni Association's Facebook page in July 2024 was that the death of this tradition, which they attributed chiefly to administrators' fears of litigation in an increasingly litigious society, was unfortunate. The administration's reasserting its authority over the campus's dramaturgical and ritual actions was a brave and necessary move. Did students resist it at the time? We do not know, but looking back with nostalgia, former students apparently did not appreciate the decision.

A less controversial tradition that grew out of the Senior Steps around the 1950s (see the *Derry News and Salem Enterprise*, April 12, 1960, p. 2) is that of Senior Privs (short for Privileges). It survived and thrived and is still enjoyed today as the Academy Plan (although its expansion from exclusively seniors to also include juniors eliminated the exclusivity that made manifest senior superiority, an important meaning of the original tradition). Seniors had been permitted to enjoy previous privileges in Pinkerton Hall. Room 6 had become their special space, which was passed from one "generation" to the next. The first four rows during Chapel exercises had been reserved for them, and that class's banner was hung most prominently from the ceiling. The new tradition of Senior Privs provided exclusive flexibility in seniors' individual class schedules. During the fourth and final quarter of the school year, qualifying seniors were allowed to spend their study halls out of doors on campus, enjoying the warm spring weather. Many would simply hang out with friends on the Senior Steps. Senior Privs was eventually expanded to other times of the school year (*Pinkerton Critic*, 1957, p.4; *Derry News*, September 18, 2014, p. 6).

Senior Privs shows that the best school traditions are a collaborative effort between administrators and students. Throughout its history, students had to buy into it by meeting requirements set by those in power. Some of these included parental consent, payment of class dues, maintaining passing grades, and carrying a minimal number of course credits necessary for graduating. Eligible seniors got the actual benefit of enjoying sociability with their friends before the imminent divergence of life paths, as well as the psychic reward of being respected as responsible young men and women. The administrators gained appreciation for providing reasonable accommodation to students' comfort and social needs, and appreciation is a soft form of power. The facts that these were and are "privileges" (and not rights) that could be taken away from individual students for infractions, or that the entire tradition could be done away with if abused (or for no reason at all), remind us that traditions can often be considered as a power relationship, even, or especially, those originating collaboratively.

There is one other tradition associated with the entranceway to Pinkerton Hall worth considering. Continuing up the decommissioned Senior Steps, one will find on each side of the vestibule a bas relief



Senior Privileges on the Senior Steps, 1961. The Pinkerton Critic, 1961, p. 4

bronze plaque memorializing the Academy's founding Pinkertons as well as John Morrison Pinkerton. These were not part of Packard's original design. Trustee John Carroll Chase in 1903 proposed a monument in the sixteen-year-old building to honor John, James, and John Morrison Pinkerton, and, relying on his influential connections, commissioned one of America's greatest sculptors, Daniel Chester French, to design and cast the pieces in his New York studio. The two tablets, each measuring twenty-six by thirty inches, cost a total of \$575. Chase also persuaded Dr. Charles Eliot, president of Harvard University, to compose the plaques' inscription. The plaque on the west side includes the names and dates of the two Pinkerton brothers, described as "old time country merchants of Londonderry whose far-sighted beneficence in 1814 made this institution possible." The plaque on the opposite wall bears the image, name, and dates of John Morrison Pinkerton, along with the inscription, "A native of Londonderry, alumnus of Yale and lawyer in Boston whose generous bequest in 1881



The Daniel Chester French Pinkerton memorial plaques, pre-installation, 1906. Photo courtesy of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association Archives

strengthened the good works begun here by his uncle and father."

We have been unable to find evidence of exactly when and how the tradition originated of rubbing John Morrison Pinkerton's nose for success on an impending exam. It was not mentioned in the *Critic* yearbooks until 1952, but was undoubtedly occurring earlier. Statue

rubbing for luck is old and universal, according to Sophie Fendel in "Statue Rubbing: The Ritual of Touch," in the July 25, 2024 issue of *Sculpture Network Magazine* (<https://sculpture-network.org/en/magazine>). She posited that it might have possible class dimensions, as allowing for a more direct and democratic process of experiencing art out-of-doors by those who could not afford museum admissions. The tactile stimulation is highly symbolic, and the results satisfying, if ultimately destructive over time (hundreds of years) because of acidic residues on people's fingers (especially those who are sweating over exams).

Noses are especially popular, as seen by Abraham Lincoln's shiny nose on his 1874 bronze head in front of his tomb in Springfield, Illinois, and Daniel Boone's burnished proboscis at his first gravesite in Missouri. The latter is a bronze bas relief like John Morrison Pinkerton's, on which a nose is naturally the most protuberant and reachable part. Another particular example, however, resonates more closely with Pinkerton's tradition. If one walks up the stairs of the main entrance of Rickover Hall at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. (ignoring protocol, as well as the sign on the side of the building clearly stating, "Authorized Personnel Only"), one will see a shiny-nosed bronze bust of Admiral Hyman G. Rickover, the "Father of the Nuclear Navy" who died in 1986. Senior midshipmen preparing to take final exams in nuclear engineering have rubbed it for good luck, apparently starting soon after its installation (<https://www.roadsideamerica.com/tip/589>). Note: a direct connection between the Annapolis and Derry traditions through Pinkerton's most famous midshipman, Alan B. Shepard (Class of 1940) cannot possibly exist, as the dates just don't work out. It is merely evidence that natural, organic traditions from the bottom up arise from deep impulses and basic human nature.

Third Case Study: The Belltower and the Bell

Today, the approach to Pinkerton Hall follows the semicircular upper loop (which historically was lined with maple trees, giving the site a distinctly collegiate ambiance). Its proud tower draws the eye upward with its impressive height of 128 feet, making it visible even from miles away on Ryan's Hill to the south. As one draws closer to the building, construction details come into focus. Today, Pinkerton Hall is flanked by the Shepard Building and the Saltmarsh Library, but before 1959 it stood alone on the summit of Gregg Hill and appeared even more prominent. It was the tallest building in Derry in 1887 but kept losing and regaining that title as



Undated photo of students partaking of the John Morrison Pinkerton nose-rubbing tradition, ca. 1960s. Courtesy of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association Archives

successive taller Odd Fellows buildings downtown kept rising before falling in fire and ruination, the last time in 1963. The Pinkerton Tower with its detailed decorative brickwork has since reigned supreme (see *Derry News*, January 8, 2009, p. 3). At its apex a banner weathervane sits atop a pyramidal roof of light-red tiles trimmed and capped with green oxidized copper fixtures. Each of the tower's four sides has a clock running off of the same mechanism, with clocks and machinery purchased from the George M. Stevens Company of Boston for a sum of \$375. The hands are functional and (mostly) keep time today, thanks to long-time maintenance performed by Philip D'Avanza, who was its primary caretaker in 2011, and Darrell Quinn of Chester, N.H., who assists Pinkerton staff today (see <http://www.derryinklink.com/2011/03/these-guys-have-lot-of-time-in-their.html>).

The clocktower is also a belltower, as beneath its roof and protected from the elements is the 1,530-pound Pinkerton bell, purchased by the trustees for \$300 from McShane Foundry of Baltimore and installed in the tower upon its completion. By the late 1880s, bells had evolved after two centuries in New England serving in New Hampshire first in Portsmouth meetinghouses, which combined religious and governmental functions. They called people to regular sessions and special occasions, to alert them to news, or to signal emergencies. As other mass communication strategies were developed, bell traditions in New Hampshire and across the Western world by the late nineteenth century began to center more around socio-technic and ideo-technic functions than technomic ones. They still rang out as practical emergency warning systems for danger, but also tolled for death, celebration, and status. School bells had their own specific functions (for Pinkerton's first and second school bells, installed consecutively in the Old Academy Building, see Mastromarino, "Architectural Origins of Pinkerton Academy. A History of the Old Academy Building, Part 3: The Move, 1885 [with Bells and Fishes]," *Pinkerton Alumnus*, Fall/Winter 2022, pp. 19–20).

Pinkerton Academy embraced its new tower bell in Pinkerton Hall that introduced new traditions, or, more accurately, continued old traditions with a new instrument. It rang every morning to start the school day, much like the recordings played over intercoms today but with much more charm (*Pinkerton Critic*, 1964, p. 4), and it marked the hours of the day and night, as did that in the Central Congregational Church's tower two blocks away on Crescent Street. That the two bells were not completely synchronized added to the charm. When newcomer to town Suzanne Trotter requested that both bells be turned off so her son could nap in peace, the trustee's protected the traditional ringing of its bell by firmly refusing to accommodate her. The Pinkerton Tower bell continued to provide reliable comfort and predictability to the school community and nearby Derry Village neighborhoods (see *Derry News*, June 19, 2001, and September 21, 2001, p. 3). Furthermore, the bell traditionally played a major role in recognizing "any momentous occasion," as former headmaster Ivah Hackler told the *Derry News* on December 4, 1980 (p. 92), such as special Pinkerton celebrations and anniversaries. These included ringing in the school's hundredth anniversary of the first day of classes, celebrated in 1915, accompanied by the Old Academy Building bell, and the 185th anniversary of the

same occasion, in which it soloed (see *Derry News*, September 10, 1915, and December 8, 2000, p. 9).

Joyous peals also rang out for special historic events that touched Pinkerton directly. In May 1961 and again in January–February 1971, the Pinkerton Hall bell honored Alan Shepard's first space flight and his later Apollo 14 moon landing (*Derry News*, December 4, 1980, p. 92, and February 11, 1971, p. 1). As faculty members and students pressed close to watch the historic 1961 *Freedom 7* broadcast on the small black-and-white TV inside Pinkerton Hall's most iconic space (where Alan himself once sat), high above them the ringing bell fortified communal feelings and attitudes, forging a common bond between numerous individuals. It signified shared relief in Alan's surviving the mission and unifying pride in the historic success of a favorite alumnus. Even more broadly, it was a common expression of patriotic fervor in students properly indoctrinated into the American civic or civil religion as the nation attempted to catch up to the godless communists of the Soviet Union in the Cold War–inspired Space Race. The Pinkerton Hall bell also sounded during the American Bicentennial in July of 1976, when it rang at 2:00 p.m. for two minutes to celebrate American patriotism (*Derry News*, July 1, 1976, p. 1). Let freedom ring!

Graduation

Because separate traditions often exist in the aggregate, interacting synergistically, many can only be understood by studying them in toto. A prime example of a connected collection of artifacts, actions, and attitudes comprising a complex of traditions is the annual graduation ceremony and related activities, which grew as a tapestry of interwoven traditions, each significant to the history of Pinkerton Academy and its graduates. And Pinkerton Hall originally was their prime site.

We will conclude our study of Pinkerton Hall traditions by examining how the separate graduation traditions evolved individually, then either persisted, were adapted, or died beyond the building. (Theoretically, it should be useful that both coauthors themselves personally experienced PA graduation traditions forty-six years apart, in 1979 and 2025—during which graduating class size climbed from over 400 to over 600 students, driving changing traditions as well as locations, from the lawn in front of Pinkerton Hall, to the Verizon Center in Manchester, to Memorial Field, with rain days held in Hackler Gym. But one of us suffers from a different kind of senioritis, and almost a century worth of earlier graduations preceded that of 1979, which would also need to be considered historically).



Undated photo of the Pinkerton Tower Bell, ca. 2000. Courtesy of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association Archives

Let us use the present as our vantage point (and not just because we see the commencement of 1979 through a glass darkly). The most recent graduation exercises were held on June 13, 2025, on Memorial Field in what had been a mix of wooded acreage and pasturage in private hands across the Londonderry Turnpike in 1887 when Pinkerton Hall was built. Preceding the main event, an entire series of traditional events had built up over the years, validating the senior experience: Senior Sunrise; the Senior Corn Roast; distribution of *The Critic* yearbooks and their signing; Senior Spirit week; and the final bittersweet graduation week that included the Senior Banquet, Senior Sunset, the Senior Cookout, and Senior Awards Night. One must not forget about informal traditions, such as taking photos with friends on the Senior Steps.

The year of senior traditions culminates in the two-and-a-half-hour graduation ceremony (The fact that it was preceded by four long rehearsals speaks to its importance.) Neither the ritualistic dress, which harks back at least to medieval universities, and the traditional processional and recessional music, which derives from Sir Edward Elgar's 1901 *Pomp and Circumstance* March No. 1, are original to Pinkerton Academy. Graduation outerwear consists of tasseled caps (mortarboards) with stoles and gowns, all guaranteeing uniformity of appearance. Beneath those, school-appropriate dress pants, collared shirts, and skirts or dresses were required to be worn—with no jeans allowed (Presumably, these requirements are self-policed, unless blatantly disobeyed). One concession is made to individuality: caps can be decorated.

The graduation ceremony is a battery of rituals uniting the Pinkerton community in a meaningful mix of uniformity and individuality. Graduation commences with a recording of the Pinkerton Tower bell ringing the trustees, administrators, and faculty members onto the field and to their seats. Next the graduates march into the stadium to *Pomp and Circumstance*. In order to guarantee uniformity of gait, they are led by the marshal of the day, traditionally the class president of the juniors, keeping time with his staff to ensure the consistent cadence of the marching and signaling for all the graduates to rise or be seated at the same time. Since 1916, a particular artifact has been traditionally used in this part of the ceremony. On September 7, 1915, during the centennial observation of the first day of classes, Sarah Frances Bradford gifted to the school, in front of an audience in the Chapel in Pinkerton Hall, an old mahogany cane with an ivory handle. She specifically requested that it be used by the marshal at graduation (*Derry News*, September 10, 1915). Originally belonging to the school's founder, Major John Pinkerton, who died in 1816, the cane has become one of Pinkerton Academy's most sacred relics.

Next, the associate head of school serving as master of ceremonies welcomes participants and audience members and initiates the graduation ceremony with the National Anthem and posting of the colors. Speeches follow—by the three graduates with the highest grades, the president of the Board of Trustees, and the head of school—as well as introductions of each speaker. The most significant aspect of the graduation ceremony, however, which takes up the bulk of its time, is the President of the Board of Trustees personally awarding every single

diploma (with one notable exception in 2025: Another member of the Board was graciously allowed to hand her daughter's diploma to her).

Not necessarily like funerals, which are more for the main participant's friends and family members in attendance, the graduation ritual is essentially for the graduates themselves, and personalizes as efficiently as possible the recognition of a significant individual accomplishment of a young person's life with a ritual handshake (again, the importance of tactility) and presentation of an official memento, the diploma, while each graduate silently recites the incantation to themselves, "Shake with the right, take with the left" (at least that is what the elder of the coauthors remembers murmuring to himself). Even hard-headed administrators referred officially to this particular point of the ritual as "the magical moment" ("Can I approach the stage to take a picture when my graduate's name is called?" in Graduation FAQs, <https://www.pinkertonacademy.org/portals/students/senior-info/end-of-year>). Graduates walk across the stage to receive the magical talisman of the diploma, opening up a window of marvelous possibilities to the young adults who now hold their future in their own hands. After all graduates have been so endowed, the senior class advisors introduce the final speaker, the senior class president, who announces what the traditional senior class gift to the Academy will be (banners on light posts in 2025) and gives the order for the final graduation rituals to be enacted: individuals jointly shift the tassels from the right to the left of their mortarboards and toss their caps in the air. Survivors of the plummeting projectiles are permitted to rejoin the people that helped carry them to that moment.

Modern administrations of Pinkerton Academy deserve recognition for their continued and deliberate efforts to incorporate many original traditions dating from the Pinkerton Hall graduations into more recent ones, demonstrating not only the importance of school tradition in general but how and why traditions change. Recall the Pinkerton Tower bell. One of its annually repeated traditions occurred at graduation, when it tolled the number of years that Pinkerton Academy had been in operation while graduates processed to and through the building and down the Senior Steps, to take their seats on the front lawn (for example, see *Derry News*, June 19, 2002, p. 25). The bell therefore served as a bookend to students' Pinkerton experience, since in its early years it marked the hours of the day, and in 1934 was broadcast over the intercom on Orientation Day (*Derry News*, September 3, 1993, p. 2). Because its sound has long represented both an ending and a beginning, celebrating the achievements of those who graduate and their future possibilities, it is gratifying that after 2009, when increased class size made it physically impossible for ceremonies to be held within hearing of its chimes, administration appreciated the pride and excitement of its symbolic charms enough to use technology to incorporate the Pinkerton Tower bell in succeeding graduations (see, for instance, *Derry News*, September 18, 2014, p. 6).

The spirit of other Pinkerton Hall traditions has survived in different forms. The Senior Steps, which were once an explicit symbol of exclusive Seniority, has given its adjective to other campus locations, but

without the enforced exclusivity. The Senior Caf[eteria] has an outdoor patio where lunches can be eaten during pleasant fall and spring days, just as Senior Privileges had been enjoyed on the Senior Steps, and all the senior class banners from 1925 on hang from the cafeteria's ceiling. Class Day activities, which originated in 1877, were held on and overflowed the Senior Steps beginning in 1888. Seniors celebrated with Class Tree orations and the reading of the Class Will, the Class History, and the Class Prophecy, which were traditionally published in the June Commencement issue of *The Pinkerton Critic* magazine, forerunner to the yearbook, which first appeared in 1956 (see *Critic*, March 1938, p. 13). One other Senior Steps graduation tradition was the taking of individual and group photographs of seniors in their graduation attire. Individuals and friends' groups continue to take such photos today, but by the 1960s, class size forced full class photos off the steps, first onto the lawn, and then into the athletic fields, using another technological innovation, drones (see *Derry News*, September 24, 1987, p. 1; and *Critic*, 1956, 1977). In the process of change, rows of shoulder-to-shoulder graduates shifted to seniors standing in the shape of the number of their class year, and the shots were taken before graduation week.

One of the most poignant traditions associated with the Senior Steps was the major part it played in graduations before 2010. Graduates would walk across part of the campus, enter Pinkerton Hall through one of the side doors, and process down the Senior Steps to *Pomp and Circumstance* before taking their seats on the lawn. Some might quickly step out of line to rub John Morrison Pinkerton's nose on his plaque. Descending that significant stairway symbolized leaving their Pinkerton home for the wide world, and was more emotionally moving because it was both forward and backward looking at the same time, as the entire complex of graduation rituals essentially is. Before Pinkerton Hall was built, graduation exercises were held in Central Congregational Church. Increasing class size forced graduation in 2010 to be moved from the Pinkerton Hall lawn to Memorial Field. The following year it was moved to the Verizon Center in Manchester, which became the SNHU Arena in 2016, where Pinkerton graduations continued for the next three years, along with those of other local high schools. After an online event in 2020 because of COVID, graduation returned to the old home field in 2021, where it continues to be held today. During the era of SNHU graduations to the present, the administration provided and provides a large backdrop photograph of the Senior Steps in front of which graduating seniors could have their photos taken, for tradition's sake.

Conclusions

Students find themselves at Pinkerton Academy, a special place, according to the 2025 graduation speech of senior class president Hannah Lissauskas. And a

major reason for that specialness is Pinkerton traditions. We hope that this examination of some of those traditions, those associated with Pinkerton's flagship building opened in 1887, has not only inspired greater appreciation for them, but has provided information on how and why traditions develop, and what such instances of heritage can teach about actual history. The best traditions are living events of inclusiveness, which various members of the school community cooperate to create and maintain, but not necessarily as equal partners. Over the years, invested participants adapt and accommodate traditions to realities, but if traditions cease to serve the greater good, they die, either naturally or not. The most effective traditions consist of various rituals interacting synergistically to foster inclusivity and communal pride; the worst ones sacrifice individuals' psychic well-being by excluding groups or enforcing punishments. Historically, Pinkerton has seen both the good and the bad. The best traditions operate as well-oiled machines with many moving parts, all working toward the goal of providing participants and spectators with a rich, emotional life experience.

Or as the Class of 2025's valedictorian so eloquently told her classmates, Pinkerton traditions like graduation "allow us to reflect on the past and encourage celebration of unknown futures fast approaching." They lead "us along a well-beaten path toward today. As the sun rose at Senior Sunrise, and finally fell below the horizon at Senior Sunset, the theme of these traditions became clear: Each ending must occur to make way for new beginnings." Traditions are "the way we joyously recognize our accomplishments and communities, as well as memorialize past events."

The Old and the New has been THE Pinkerton tradition ever since the new Pinkerton Hall joined the Old Academy Building on Gregg Hill in Derry Village in 1887.



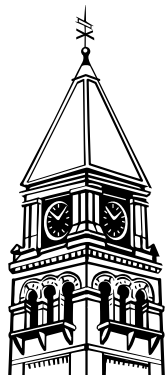
Undated photo of graduation on the lawn, ca. 1980s–90s. Courtesy of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association Archives



The Class of 2025's group photo. By Mark Lawrence for the 2025 Critic



Undated postcard, "Old and New Pinkerton Academy, Derry, N. H.," ca. 1906–7. Courtesy of the Pinkerton Academy Alumni Association Archives



4TH ANNUAL PINKERTON ACADEMY

OUR DAY OF GIVING

Pinkerton held our 4th Annual Day of Giving on May 7th. This is a day when we ask alumni, parents, and community members to come together to support the incredible education that Pinkerton provides. Donations raised on our Day of Giving go directly to support educational programs and initiatives beyond what tuition covers.

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this yearly event. Our goal this year was to secure 330 donors in 24 hours. Not only did we meet this goal, we exceeded it! **Nearly 370 supporters, including alumni, students, parents, friends of Pinkerton, faculty and staff came out in support of our Day of Giving. Additionally, our students joined us in our efforts and together we raised over \$51,000!**

Because of your generosity, we are able to support our students and expand on our educational offerings through Pinkerton's Greatest Need Fund, the Families in Need Program, as well as many of our student clubs, athletic teams, and departments.

This year, we incorporated several new initiatives to highlight campus needs and encourage giving. One of these new initiatives was our Class Challenges. The Class Challenges were supported by two of our

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alums, **Greg Pepper '90** and **Ehsan Farkhondeh '00**. These classes were challenged to donate to the Day of Giving this year in honor and celebration of their class reunions. Additionally, a special challenge was developed for the Class of 2025. In recognition of their first donation to Pinkerton, seniors who donated received a special red and white recognition cord that they wore at graduation. They were also entered into a raffle for several prizes, including reserved seating or parking at graduation for their families.

Department challenges were also held throughout the day and featured a specific school department each hour. Donations given towards a department went to support a specific need in which they were raising money for. A special thank you to our sponsors, who through their generosity provided matching gifts to the departments that participated in the challenge!

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Congratulations to the Class of 2025!







We celebrated the 40th Annual Alumni Florida Reunion on Sunday, February 23, 2025 at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor. Alumni caught up with one another, had lunch and cake, and heard what is happening at Pinkerton Academy.



◀ *A group of alumni and friends gathered at the Stockbridge Theatre Lobby before Symphony NH performed Hollywood Hits. The group had appetizers while catching up with one another. The group photo includes the symphony conductor.*

Alumni gathered at Robert Lange '99 Art Gallery in Charleston, South Carolina on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Alumni caught up with one another while looking at the incredible art work displayed.



◀ *Dr. Powers, our Head of School, met with alumni in Del Mar, California to connect with alumni on the west coast.*

PAST ALUMNI EVENTS



The Institutional Advancement Office held its first ever Comedy Night, Laugh for Pinkerton, on Thursday, January 30, 2025 at the Puritan Backroom Restaurant in Manchester, NH. This event raised funds for the Pinkerton Fund – Greatest Needs. The event had food and drink, three comedians and raffles.



Alumni took a narrated boat tour of the historical monuments in Washington, DC and later had drinks at Mr. Smiths in Georgetown.

CLASSNEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2025

The *Class News* section is made possible through contributions by our class correspondents and other alumni. We rely on the integrity of these individuals in submitting contributions that are both accurate and considerate of others who might be mentioned in them. Any opinions expressed are those of the individuals and not of Pinkerton Academy.

–1937–

Ruth (Spear) Wells, 105 years young, was born on August 28, 1919, in Derry, NH. A 1937 graduate of Pinkerton Academy in Derry, NH, she is their oldest living alumni. Mrs. Wells attended the University of New Hampshire and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Education in 1941. Soon after earning her degree, she started her own kindergarten, known as “Ruth Wells Kindergarten”, which she owned and operated for over 20 years until her retirement. Mrs. Wells was happily married to John Wells, Sr., for over 40 years until his passing in 1991. They had two children, Polly (Wells) Tewksbury '67 and John Wells, Jr. Their family grew by five children and 11 great grandchildren. Following her retirement in 1976, Mrs. Wells moved to Barefoot Bay, FL with her husband John. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels and the Sebastian, FL Kindergarten. She also worked for the Public Library in Barefoot Bay. In her spare time, Mrs. Wells enjoyed watching Wheel of Fortune. Her family tried to convince her to be a contestant on the show because she knew most of the answers. Mrs. Wells moved back to NH in 2017 to live with her daughter, Polly. In 2019 she moved to the Merrimack County Nursing Home, where she resides today. Her family visits her frequently and says she has lived a very healthy and blessed life.” Ruth was just honored to receive the “Boston Post Cane Award” on February 27. Boston Post Cane Award honors a town’s oldest resident with a gold-tipped cane.



Ruth (Spear) Wells

–1945–

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–1949–

Just a quick note to inform you that classmate **Patricia Rose Putnam Iafrate** passed away on November 23, 2024. Condolences to her family.

–1950–

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–1951–

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–1952–

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And so dear classmates, sad news. **Carolyn (Hodgdon) Cassidy** passed just a few days after her 90th birthday in February. Carol lived in Derry all of her life. We will always remember her passion for basketball, and her natural leadership. Carol was a warm, kind person to all. She served on the PA Alumni Association Executive Board, and was a member of the Episcopal Church. After graduation, her love for basketball led her to play for the “Derry Pinups” during the late 50’s. She was a great fan of Boston sports teams, especially Tom Brady of the Patriots. Her other interests included, gardening, knitting and music. She was loved by her family, especially grandchildren. Her last few years were spent at Birchwood; and as we chatted and exchanged notes, I sensed she was very content living there. She was such a gracious person, I am sure she made many friends at Birchwood. As for me, I too, have had the 90th celebration! Since January, I have become a resident of Traditions of Hershey. My studio apartment is just right for me. Lots of new friends and activities. (Have even met some New Englanders and shared stories). – *Arlene*

Hello again, classmates of 1952! In the winter issue of the *Alumnus*, I had written how I was planning a trip to the Grand Canyon with three family members. In this issue I am writing, plus sending along pictures of the fabulous, breathtaking marvelous canyon! (There is not enough ‘adjectives’ to describe this gem on nature)! Nature is certainly the most precious ‘entity’ on earth! Standing and looking across and down into the canyon – totally amazing! I took two pictures, said goodnight to my family and went to bed! I was thoroughly exhausted! The ‘girls’ went for a walk and then to the café for coffee, to be young again! But at 90 plus I am not doing too badly! We had to be up by 3:00am – put our suitcases in the car and drove to the airport, we flew out from Provident, RI. They live in Newport, RI an hour highway drive, then to the airport where we soon boarded the plane. American Airlines – jumbo jet with three seats on each side of the plane (as some you may know) and the plane was full, where is everyone going? It is 4:00 am and it is probably this way five days a week (on business) and possibly on weekends – American’s do travel. We flew to either North or South Carolina – sorry and had a three hour wait. We got something to eat and never left the terminals (terminals are towns of their own). Finally we arrived in Phoenix where Nanci had rented a car when she ordered our tickets and had a four hour drive to the Grand Canyon Hotel. The canyon was directly across from the hotel, an amazing, beautiful, rusty area and scenery. We live in a fabulous country. We met up with my two granddaughters (sisters) in Phoenix, one from Maine and one from Alaska and it was so good to see and be with them again. The next day we took a helicopter ride, thanks to Nanci, down into the Grand Canyon, an unbelievable ride and sight to see. At first the pilot flew us up and above and all around the canyon, then landed some distance from the edge. He drove slowly near the edge, about 20 feet

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Fran and Nanci with the Grand Canyon behind us.



Early Sunrise of the Grand Canyon



The fabulous miles of Red Rock

or so, then gunned the engine and flew down so fast into the canyon. We all screamed as it looked and felt like we were going to crash at the bottom of the canyon. Very scary! I was sitting in the front and I reached over and lightly slapped his knee saying "I bet you do this to all your passengers and get the same reaction!" He just looked at me and smiled. The ride down into the canyon was just unbelievably breathtaking. We flew very close to the bottom, flying slowly all around, up and down the gorgeous and colorful Grand Canyon. I took lots of pictures of another unforgettable and memorable ride and sight. It was a super, super great trip, one that we all will cherish! Either way, to and from the Grand Canyon, you have to drive thru Sedona, a beautiful town/scenery, plus another town (forget name) someone at the Grand Canyon had told Nanci. After Sedona through Red Rock and not the town we had gone thru, it was a beautiful scenic route and it certainly was! Everywhere we looked, all we saw was this unusual but fabulous magnificent red rock, mountains, hills, even next to the road we were traveling on, it was everywhere and just incredible and amazing to see! And only in that area. If it wasn't for that stranger we would never have known, driven thru and enjoyed seeing glorious Red Rock! Nature is amazing! Arizona is certainly a unique, different and unusual and beautiful state. Who knows it! It's wonderful to travel and get educated at the same time! As I told my family, if I had the money I would visit every state in the union (excluding those I've already seen). I'm sure they are all wondrous as we live in a magical world and country and I am so glad I finally got to see the Grand Canyon – the majestic Grand Canyon and other magical and amazing areas in Arizona. It was truly a dream come true! I hope all of you are doing well, staying healthy and active and we have more of the same good years ahead of us! Blessings to all – *Fran (Baker) Bramhall*

–1953–

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Howdy '53ers. We are now in or approaching our 10th decade! 90 years of age. We are getting older. Condolences sent to **Ray Bergeron** for the passing of his brother **Richard "Dick/Dickie Bergeron"** on August 26, 2024, PA '56. **Bob Morrison** and I both knew Dick very well having spent many visits at the Bergeron home on Jefferson St. Dick and his Spacetown Auto Body Show as well as his "help anyone" way of life likely leaves

many people with memories. One of Mine? Walking from my home on Fordway to Ray and Dick's home, my hound dog often followed me and became good friends with Dick. Eventually my dog Pal inherited Dick and his home. Occasionally Pal would pay me a visit. Dick's TLC. One of Bob's memories? Bob, Ray and Dickie hunted near by a wooded area for fun, practice and deer. A crow was hit and fluttered to the ground. Dick found it with a wounded wing. It went to the Bergeron cellar where Dickie removed the BB and brought it back to health. Another animal friend per Dick? TLC that stayed with him for quite some time. Rest in Peace "Tiger."

Great memories for the three of you! Thanks for sharing. And our memories keep us going at this point in time. I have some wonderful memories too. Some had to do with classmate **Christine (Tina) Niarchos Tingley**. Tina passed away May 5, 2024. Tina was in an orphanage until her grandfather adopted her and brought her home to Derry to live with her Aunt Jenny on Wall St. Tina was full of life and I was fortunate to have her as a close friend. Condolences to her family.

Another memory comes to mind that had to do with my sister, **Patricia Rose Putnam Iafrate**, who passed away on November 23, 2024. Pat moved to California but I did get to visit her. I miss our phone calls.

Classmates, I hope that you have good memories to keep you going. And if you would like to share some, we would welcome that. Sitting here in late April enjoying the warm temperatures, I cannot believe how quickly the leaves and flowering shrubs have blossomed! Spring and summer are coming. In the meantime have a wonderful summer and fall, and that good things to our way. Take care and think good thoughts. – **Bob, Telly and Janet**

–1954–

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–1955–

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Hello fellow classmates, Hope all is well with all of you. I am sorry that I missed our last news information. First my computer was not operating and I had a lot of stuff going on, and I completely forgot! I haven't heard from many of you!

I got a call from **Anne LaPorte Giles** - She and George have decided to down size. They are planning on selling their home and move into assisted living. Which is happening to many of us! We wish them all the best!

I have also been talking to **Barbara Ross Corson**. She has had a few problems herself, and her husband, Loey has also had an operation recently and is on the mend. We all wish Loey a quick recovery!!

I next spoke with **Patricia Fling Henderson** who is doing fine. She just had a family reunion with all her children there in Florida with her. A great time was had by all.

I got a nice phone call from **Anita Gross Miller** in January. She is doing fine. She doesn't drive much anymore but she is still going to the Y to swim. She is still doing some pottery. You go girl!!

Claradell Gard Anderson and **Fred Anderson** are back in NH from FL and are doing fine, in fact they are in favor of a 70th Reunion. Speaking of 70th reunion, we are trying to decide if enough of you would plan to attend. We would love if each of you would reply as to whether you would BE attending or even NOT planning to. Please let us know as soon as you receive the *Alumnus*, then we could figure what is best to do. We could plan something in August or beginning of September. Who knows if this might be our last reunion or not. Besides, if we haven't heard from you in a long time please, please reach out to us, we really miss you! Well, classmates (friends) that's it for now. Hope I didn't miss anyone! This saying to truer than ever! **REMEMBER! EVERY DAY IS A GIFT!** Your friend and classmate, *Pauline*

-1956-

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Hi everyone: We have lost two classmates **David Morse** and **Sandra Thibeault O'Brien**. Charles Ross, husband of Louise Jensen Ross and Shirley Warren Nesmith, Sister to **Priscilla Warren Taylor** passed away. George Campbell III, husband of Tracy Goyette Campbell, daughter of **John Goyette** passed away unexpectedly. Our condolences. It is sad to have start off my column this way.

I recently talked to **Beverly Newcomb O'Donnell** who has moved to assisted living at All American in Londonderry NH.

I am writing this one week before my deadline of May 23rd in hopes of receiving some news from classmates to no avail. Still hoping to get surprised someday.

I can always count on **John Goyette** to pass on some of his thoughts: One of my favorite Pinkerton memories is of our own Teen Town Dances. They were held on Saturday nights upstairs in the Adams Building. Since the hall was also used as a theater, we cleared all the chairs and used the floor for dancing. At the top of the stairs we had a little desk where we charged 25 cents for admission. We asked our parents to serve as chaperones. Each week I drove up to Ted Herbert's music store in Manchester. We used the 25 cent admissions to purchase all the latest recordings. By the 1950's we were then playing smaller 45 RPM records. Do you remember names like The Coasters, the Platters and Shirelles? We had Bill Haley and the Comets. One of my personal favorites was the Four Aces rendition of *Three Coins in the Fountain*. It was a terrific dance tune. Then along came Elvis with *Blue Suede Shoes*, and *Hound Dog*. We had many good dancers, both in our class and others. One of the

best was Marlene Gallien. Compared to today's times, those days seem like incredibly wonderful moments in our lives. If you, our classmates, have memories to share, please send them to Ed.

I wish I had more to report. Still waiting for classmate news. - *Ed*

-1957-

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Time for class notes again. This past November, I went on a Pinkerton Cruise around New York City and got to meet several Pinkerton Alumni. I met **Santhe Tssetsilas**, daughter of **George Tssetsilas**, on the cruise, a lovely young woman. I really enjoyed talking to her. I also spent a fair amount of time talking to **Samantha Brown** who is famous for her travel videos. I did not make the connection until I was driving home. My wife and I really enjoyed her travel shows. Later, I talked with George Tssetsilas on the phone. I told him about meeting his daughter and how impressed I was with her. He said he and family are doing fine. I had planned to compete at Pinkerton at the NH Senior Pickleball this summer but, I am finding it difficult to get a partner. I am planning to compete this summer in Des Moines, Iowa at the Senior Pickleball Nationals in Singles, Doubles, and Mixed Doubles (and I have Partners). I am deeply saddened to hear of **Jane Ross Kageleiry's** passing in April. Jane was not only in my class but was a good friend. I have known her since grammar school. In fact she lived in a duplex that I also lived in, I have always thought her as one of my best friends, a great person. I am still hoping for news from all of you. PLEASE tell me about what you, your kids, your grandchildren are doing. We are all waiting to hear from you. - *Robert (Barry) Burbank*

-1958-

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Bruce Wilder: "Hey Wayne, here's a little something: I was honored and privileged to be a panelist-presenter at a Global Summit on Constitutionalism at the University of Texas at Austin Law School March 20-22, 2025. My topic was How to Amend the Constitution, a paper on how we can change the way we amend our practically unamendable U.S. Constitution. This Summit was attended by 300 people from 64 countries."

More about Bruce: Bruce's Dad was our family physician as he was too many of the families in Derry in the 40's and 50's. Bruce and I fabricated a water turbine to power a small DC generator for Physics Class. We also took our father's cars to the 28 Bypass and drag raced. No traffic then. Knowing Bruce would be attending Tufts University instead of his senior year at Pinkerton, to celebrate, **Brad Ek**, **Ken Hepworth**, **Bruce** and I hiked the Dry River Trail in Crawford Notch, then we stayed at a relative's camp where we waterskied at night. (Not recommended). In the late 1970's, I needed special tires in Indiana. Kenny, Brad and I hopped in my pickup and stopped for an overnight at Bruce's on our way. Bruce gave us a tour of Pittsburg and treated us to a ride on an inclined rail viewing the joining 3 rivers; Monongahela, Allegheny, and Ohio. We can feel honored and privileged

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The panel on Constitutional Amendment Design and Theory, (left to right) Dr. Bruce Wilder - President, Interprofessional Systems (New Orleans, Louisiana), Cristina Fasone - Professor of Comparative Law at LUISS University (Rome), Yaniv Roznail - Professor at Reichamn University (Israel), Harry Radzyner- Law School (Israel) and Chairman Olof Wilske - Professor at Uppsala University (Sweden).

to have a classmate and friend so adept; Neurosurgeon, Attorney, Musician, Writer, and other endeavors. At the age we have reached, he continues to contribute to society.

On other note: I received a call from **Edith Kezer Moody '57** informing me classmate **Bob Boulter** had passed November 26, 2024 at the Exeter Hospital after a brave battle with Leukemia. Edith dated Bob in the years past. Edith's husband, Murray had passed June 9, 2024. Sadly, on April 6, 2025 my cousin, **Jane Ross Kageliery '57** passed. They will be missed. Sincerely, **Wayne Ross**

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Joe Plaza

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Hello all PA 59 classmates, PA alumni and friends. Norma and I will be returning from Florida soon after a windy Florida winter. After our return to NH in mid-May, we are scheduled for a June cruise to Alaska byway of the inward passage route. Thank you, Jackie and Ray for your recent responses.

Jackie Hepworth: Dear Joe, We are currently on vacation in North Carolina visiting our daughter **Sherry Hepworth Aramini '82** and son-in-law **Wayne Aramini '81**. Last **March Kenny '58** and I took an 11 Day Oceania Cruise to the 6 Caribbean Islands of: Antigua, St. Lucia, Barbados, Grenada, Dominica and St. Barts. We are looking forward to a "Polar Bear" expedition in Churchill Manitoba, Canada in the fall with our family. We are doing well and hope all our classmates are feeling well and are in good health.

Ray Vercoe: Following graduation several classmates got together and talked about what was to come next? Somehow, the phrase came up "Go West young men, go West". **Don Carey** came out and suggested - "Let's go to Alaska, it's a great place with lots of opportunity. Don had already been to Alaska, right after our 1959 PA graduation. We thought it would be an adventure and exciting. As it turned out, **Bob Hilliard, Don Carey**, and I left for Alaska in the spring of 1960 in my powder blue

Chevrolet. We crossed the country by way of Canada and the United States, visiting many places along the way. We traveled over a thousand miles of dusty dirt roads to White Horse in the Yukon, then on to Juneau, Alaska. We stayed in Juneau looking for work. Don got a job on a Glacier Expedition, Bob worked in Elfin Cove at a fish dock, and I worked in Pelican at a cold storage plant stacking fish. All of us went our separate ways until we saw each other back in New Hampshire about a year later. We all survived, and had a great experience with many stories to tell. Thank you Ray, I can remember several stories told over the years of that trip.

Classmates, keep all those e-mails and texts coming. Wishing all good health and a wonderful summer. - **Joe**

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Well, It's that time again. It's column time!! A lot has been going on as we are planning a **65th Class Reunion on September 20th**. Thinking of a buffet but still have the light bulbs on with ideas. The Committee includes: **Yolande Ruel Klein, Gail Waterhouse Merrill, Norma Hatch Jenkinson, Robert (Broes) Plocharczyk, Bruce Misiaszek, Ronnie Yanuszewski**, and myself.

The Alumni Center sent out a mass email with some info and a request to RSVP to my address so we would have an estimate of how many are interested in attending. We have around 20 including the Committee so far. We have been making phone calls, but a lot of classmates are either not answering random phone numbers or the numbers are non-working. We are really trying very hard to get this working. My deadline for the column is May 23rd, but the *Alumnus* doesn't come out until July. Timing is of the essence, so PLEASE let us know how you stand.

I haven't talked to you since before Christmas so here goes. I received cards from several classmates and some had some very nice notes on them.

Wayne Hatch: "Dear Gail and Natalie, It is so nice to get a card from you every Christmas. You are one of the very few connections I have to Derry. Kris and I are about to leave on a 2-week cruise in the Caribbean. Looking forward to it but not to the flight across Country to get started."

Steve Moore: "Dear Natalie & Gail, Thanks very much for your card for Christmas 2024. It's become a nice tradition. My best achievement for 224 has been cataract surgery. I can now drive at night again. Life changing!"

Donna Watts Eckles: "Hi! I'm doing well at Pleasant View Retirement. I did change apartments from a studio to a one bedroom. It gives me enough room to have a place for painting. I keep busy with my painting, embroidery and reading. I get my exercise walking "Dorothy". She is a little Terry/Chacahua mix. She is very good at getting me out of my chair."

Albert Lake: "Natalie & Gail, Thanks for keeping us in a connection with Pinkerton - Our children and grandchildren went there!"

Got a card from **Stephanie Chase:** "Merry Christmas

and a Happy New Year. Just wanted to let you know. **Ken** passed away December 21, 2013.” Our condolences go out to you and your family. Thank you for letting us know. It is the only way that we find out how many are still with us.

I received a very nice long letter from **Andrea Swift**. It was a 2-year update of their family. I will try to scan it and attach it to the bottom of the column. David is in a memory care facility only 15 minutes from home. Other cards came from **Gail Waterhouse Merrill, Patty Warren, Bob Plocharczyk, Ronnie Yanuszewski, Yvette Morrisette Prindville, Judy Zirpolo Ross, Rena Butterfield Bourassa, Alex Tsetsilas, and Anita Peracchi Gallien**. If I missed anyone, I apologize for it. It is so nice to hear from you and let us know what is going on. Even if it is illnesses as we are still the only Class of '60. I seem to be having a lot to trouble typing today. Thank God for spell check.

I may have some updates on other classmates, but want to check out if it is okay to put it in. Until the next time, I am your Class Co-Correspondent

- **Natalie Shripsa Fuller**

Class of 1960 Hello classmates, Our Class Reunion Committee has been active preparing for 65th Class Reunion. We have much enthusiasm about this, we didn't have our 60th because of Covid at that time. We're all connected deeply by our high school years. If you're "on the fence" on making a decision whether to attend or not, I encourage you to come and spend an afternoon together. It has been fun talking and sharing thoughts, concerns and decisions with Yolande, Natalie, and the committee. It's a good perk seeing and being with the "kids" we grew up with.

Yolande Ruel Klein: "The Class Reunion will take place on September 20. It will be held at Fody's Tavern from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. The price to be determined. The restaurant address is 187 1/2 Rockingham Road, Derry, NH 03038. Also known as Ryan's Hill. There will be a buffet style dinner. Hope you will attend to greet your classmates." Reunion Committee: **Natalie Shripsa Fuller, Gail Waterhouse Merrill, Robert Broes, Plocharczyk, Yolande Ruel Klein**. You will be notified later on with price and any new information. As you're reading this, would you send your current address, phone number, and email information to Natalie, myself or Yolande so we can contact you. Preferably your email address, if you have one. This keeps our costs down. Enjoy your summer, your family and friends and do drop a note to Natalie or I to let our classmates know what is going on in your lives. - **Gail Merrill**

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Hello, Classmates!! As the class member who is lucky to have an "excuse" to contact our classmates and share the updates I have the following information:

I chat with **Joan Desclos** who has been a great help in keeping in touch, etc. Joan is "doing okay", although she hasn't heard from many classmates lately.

I chatted with **Sandy Hanson Heerman** who lives in Sarasota, FL. She reports she still travels in this country (not overseas) and has lots of children to see.

Eleanor Hull Kimball, who reports her life is a little boring, but she is happy and visits with **Linda Dustin Soucy**.

I still reside in Northfield, NH with my husband Lee. I visit with my children in Londonderry, regularly. I miss the class lunches we used to have. I belong to a book group in Tilton, so I have monthly books to read, which helps keep my brain "somewhat" active. I invite my classmates to send me info they would like to include in the next issues.

- **Joan Eaton Tessier**



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Received a brief email from **Will Anderson** because he saw his name in my last column. I emailed him back and asked for a bit more information which he graciously responded with: "More info. Been living at the same location in Sandown since September of 1969, with my wife Sue (Suzanne). Had a house built on the lot in 1976. I still have a 1940 Ford Coupe that I bought in Louisiana in October of 1964. 60 years last October. Seems to stay on the back burner. Sometimes it falls off the stove. Also have a 1955 Chevy 2 door hard top. My wife has a 1955 Chevy pickup. I have two restored Farmall tractors. On another note, I recently found out that my grandfather went to PA. I knew my father did '38, I did '62 and my granddaughter did '22 and grandson '24. Lately I've been involved with farmstock tractor pulling. Sometimes with **Neil Emerson**. Tractors seem to be my hobby, as I have had more than 20, but not all at the same time. Now that I'm on the shady side of 35, I'm starting to downsize. It's not working very well so far. That's about all for now." - **Will**

I lost my beloved "Babe" in March - we hadn't been able to get her diabetes under control, and she went into renal failure. The right thing was to let her go. I miss her terribly but have decided to wait until all the planned construction is complete before thinking about getting another cat. Things are finally beginning to change within the Williams household. I have been diligently trying to downsize - I've even given away part of my very large collection of cat figurines!! A company came in and removed a lot of trees and invasives from both along the (785 foot) drive and front and back yards. We're still waiting on the property survey - he will be bringing in an environmental scientist because of the wetlands, and then we will do a new - and needed - septic system. We have paid the contractor/designer his retainer, and the kids will be putting their home in VA on the market 28 May - their realtor expects it will go fast. We expect they will be moving in with us by mid-July. Emerson (youngest grand) has committed to UNH for the fall, and Cadence (oldest grand) will be in her third year at VA Tech. I am tying up books that will go, and we are beginning to winnow through the hundreds of DVDs - we have Disney's going back to the '50s - I bet most of you have never even heard of!! It's hard to pick and choose, but - like the books - there's no way we can keep them all. Haven't heard anything from any of you other than the note from Will, so must hope that all is well with you all. Take care - I really wish someone would write! - **Sue**

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Hello everyone. Unfortunately we have lost some more of our old friends. **Neil Banks** and **Kathy Fillis Dunbeck** each passed away in January. In better news, I received the following notes:

Judy Mannarini: Well I am leaving New Mexico and moving to Oregon as of the end of Dec. My apartment building got sold and the new owners apparently plan to do a complete remodel. A friend there has been after me to move for years and I guess fate has intervened and said "this is the time." Of course after 34 years in one place the change and clearing out of "stuff" takes a while and it will be a 4-5 day road trip with a cat who has never traveled except to vet appointments. I'm looking forward to having 4 seasons again though I understand all seasons have rain. Boy will it be different seeing green everywhere instead of brown and actually wear heavy clothes to stay warm. I hope has a great year in 2025 and friends can keep in touch through Facebook or email me at judymannarini@yahoo.com. - **Judy**

Janet Davis Brown: Jan (Davis) Brown finally retired from her work as a psychotherapist and Chair of Behavioral Health at Foundation Medical Partners in Nashua at age 73. She and her husband, Ken, who retired from his law practice a year earlier, are savoring their fifty-seven years of marriage and the ease of retirement. They are frequently in contact with their son and daughter-in-law who live in Milford and their daughter, and son-in-law, who live in Hollis. They delight in having two grandchildren - Nyah and Eben, who are both high school athletes and scholars. Nyah, age 18, is headed to Wagner College on Long Island in August where she was recruited to play Division I field hockey and received a whopper academic scholarship. Eben, age 15, is a sophomore in high school and a star on both the track and football teams while consistently earning high academic honors. He also operates a successful car-detailing business during the summer. They and their parents, uncle, and aunt are frequent (and beloved) visitors to Jan and Ken's home in Hollis and are all fierce contestants in the whole family's on-going competition of Uno No Mercy. Both Jan and her husband are devoted gardeners - she manages their multiple flower gardens, he tends the production of a variety of veggies, and they love the peace provided by the pond and acres of woodlands around their home. Jan also continues her love of psychoanalytic theory by serving as the chair of the thesis committee of the Assisi Institute, the International Society of Archetypal Pattern Analysts active in forty countries around the world. "Life has been good to us" she says. "We're so fortunate in so many ways, particularly in regard to the closeness of our family, good health, and meaningful work. I hope that everyone else in the Class of 1964 has been so blessed" - **Jan**

Cathie Smith Keenan: Not much news here in Vermont, with the exception of volunteer teaching English to young women in Kabul, Afghanistan, my Peace Corps country. It's quite fun and the girls engaged, because their education is banned. They all want to leave to pursue further education but there is limited hope for that in the near future. Thank you so much for organizing all our responses. If anyone is planning a trip to Vermont this summer or fall, please get in touch. - **Cathie**

Joanna Myette Wentworth: Ten years ago I visited **Doni Cooke Logan** in Lady Lakes, Florida and found

out **Mary Lou Sheedy Tomkiewicz** lived there too. We share the same birthday and have stayed connected. We both are artsy/crafty, on the same page politically and she introduced me to Poutine. We used to go to lunch when she came back to Derry to visit her son. Now I'm very happy that she has moved back to the Derry/Londonderry area and we have more opportunity to get together. Also, kudos to **Sharon Manning Ryan** for all the historical posts about Derry to Facebook! - Jo

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Greetings Colossal Class of '65

THE PAST - Information I missed in 2020 - I received a letter from Lynn Taylor, **Bill Taylor's** sister Bill passed away unexpectedly in August of 2020. At the time of his death, he was living in Tomball, TX. When Bill retired, he and his wife, Marcia, moved from CA to TX to be close to their son and daughter-in-law.

THE PRESENT - **Diana (Rohling) Steger**: I live in Elm Grove, WI. I'm retired, a widow and have one daughter of my own. My partner and I had 8 grandchildren together. The reason I kept informed on Pinkerton was that they were my best years of school. My stepfather was an Engineer at Sanders and we moved to Arizona at the end of my junior year. Since then, I've visited Pinkerton twice when I went back to Massachusetts to see relatives. Have lost connection since then from old classmates which happens over years. I have great memories from my school years at Hood and Pinkerton.

Donna (Gallien) McCarthy: I am sending along our new address: 375 Harris Hill Rd. #355, Williamsville, NY 14221. As we get older, being near family is so important. Our daughter Nora, with her family, live fifteen minutes away. So long Maine! My husband Jack suffers from dementia and last August I had a stroke. I'm recovering nicely except for the tiredness that lingers. Nora has been my support system through it all. On a brighter note, Jack and I celebrated our 50th anniversary last week. Our son Jack, his wife Rocio and three-year-old son Connor are visiting from Spain. There's nothing like having the whole family together. Sandy Hall and are still close. We share lots of memories and laughs. Wishing you and all our classmates a bright and cheery 2025!

Bill Meroff: Mary and I continue to live on the coast of North Carolina, close to one of our 3 sons and 2 grandchildren. In fact, we just returned from a week-long trip to Iceland and Barcelona with the two grandsons. This trip followed a 3-week trip to South Africa with friends a month ago. Our other 2 sons and 7 grandchildren live in various states and over the years each of them had their week-long trip to a country of choice in Europe. Our gift to our grandchildren when they turned 16. We still enjoy boating, walking and I'm big into disc golf.

Carol (Cadieux) True: Well fellow classmates. We had a fantastic March. Our son Jared came and spent a

week with us. The highlight being second row seats for the Bee Gees live tribute band. We all had a wonderful time. It finally warmed up enough to go to Wild Bills' airboat ride, and we saw lots of gators. Then March rolled along with a lot of birthday celebrations. Then the New Hampshire True - Bailey cousins arrived for their annual visit. What a blast. We had pizza and game night at Lana's house. Lots of imbibing and laughter. Then we got a 6-seater golf cart and designed it to look like an old-fashioned beer pub. Of course, it was named the O'COUSINS' PUB. Lana had a keg made up for the front seat, and the sides were designed to look like stools at a pub. Gary looked very dapper in his green bowler hat, and I had a festive bar wench costume. All the cousins had their own personal take on costuming. WELL, we won first place. What a lot of fun! Looking forward to coming up with a novel idea for Cousins' Week next year! April continued along the same vein with very chilly weather, celebrating more birthdays, as an excuse to party and dine out. May has us expecting more company from NH. Thank goodness the temps have improved, so more pool time is expected. Many of us felt like we were back in NH this winter, as the temps were so cold. Hoping to get to NH in July/August to visit our son Jared, and daughter Kim and 8 grandkids. Hope you are all in good health and enjoying your best life.

Linda (Guinan) Laine: I've been retired since June 2016 and loving every minute of it. Haven't done anything special with my time off just enjoying not having to get up every day and go to work - the thought kills me. I'm enjoying the heck out of my five granddaughters ranging from 4 to 18. My first granddaughter will be graduating from high school this year - like they say, where did the time go? I'm living in Hampton, New Hampshire now and also loving it here. Just a couple miles to the beach that I don't frequent as much as I'd like but now that it's getting warm, maybe I'll do more. That's pretty much all about me, not real exciting but I'm very happy and content.

Gayle (Emerson) Gagnon: I don't really have much going on right now. Ron and I spent six weeks in Florida and I still would rather be in New Hampshire. The only event that we have coming up is that one of our granddaughters is getting married in August, she will be the first out of our five granddaughters. Yes, we have all girls.

Roger Cummings: My wife and I have had a few international trips over the past 8 months - to London, Majorca and St. Kitts. In addition, I made it back to New Hampshire in February to do some skiing at King Pine with my daughters and their children. Cross country skiing for me & alpine skiing for everyone else. We continue to live in Greensboro, NC where the temperature this Spring has been wonderful and the pollen has been terrible. Our vacation house on Cape Cod keeps us busy. We'll get our Volvo station wagon up for the summer season. Our long stay there will be from the end of July until September. It's hard to believe that it's been 60 years since graduation.

Linda (True) Torre & Phil Torre: We enjoyed nice warm weather in Arizona. It is always good to be back east. In March I traveled to Florida to meet up with our cousins and family: **Gary True '63, Lana (True) Stevens '65, Carol (Cadieux) True '65, SherryAnn (Torre) Williams '85, Joanne (Bailey) Littlefield, Donna (Bailey) Vergara '77, Lisa (Garcia) Cardoza '86** and Sandra Creeth. As you can see, we have a mini-class reunion each year. While Linda was in Florida, Phil had **George Kingsbury '64** and **John Wood '64** out for a visit where they enjoyed playing golf just about every day. Then March my sister Lana and our cousin Sandra came to Arizona. We traveled to Page, AZ and stayed a few days. We toured Antelope Canyon on the Navajo Reservation. They have beautiful sandstone caves (well worth the trip to this area) and then we also took a float boat down the Colorado river below Lake Powell. It has been a good year.

Bill Therriault: Just another year older. I am still working from home preparing taxes and do accounting work for my NFL football player Rashan Gary among others. It helps keep the brain box working. Wish I had more news for you. We have been down in SW Florida for the past 15 years. However, my wife is getting sick of the hurricanes. We will be returning this summer to look for a home back in NH. Otherwise, the status quo.

Jim Sutton: I am writing this update on a cool spring morning, the day after Easter. Our oldest 2 grandchildren are in college, one a Junior at St. Lawrence University New York and one a Freshman at Syracuse University, where our daughter Jen's family gathered for Easter. Our other daughter Ursula, her husband and 3 children were here yesterday where we did our usual walk around the pond and had dinner. Vicky continues tutoring students and I continue to be involved in land trust activities here in Andover and in Greensboro, VT. We're looking forward to a week at Chico Spring, Montana and Yellowstone in May. We enjoyed an evening with my favorite teacher Alan Saulnier and his wife, Madeline this past winter. I always enjoy hearing what other class members are doing.

Judi Griffin: I am finally retired now for two years. My husband and I, after being married for 55 years, have four children all girls. We have eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. We live in New Hampshire right now nine months of the year and 3 months in Edgewater, FL in our second home.

Jim Bolton: My wife Ellen and I have been living here in Portsmouth in the same house for 47 years. I retired from Irving Oil in 2011, and Ellen retired as a school nurse a couple of years before. Between Ellen's trips to Israel and my travels in the military, and the 2 million miles I drove commercially, we are both about "travelled-out", although I suspect it wouldn't take a lot of arm-twisting to get Ellen to pack the suitcase once again! My objective in retiring was to keep on doing the same things I enjoyed, just more of the same. To that end I ride my recumbent bike about 3000 miles a year, and over the years our backyard garden has grown to eighteen 4x10 raised beds, which produces a surprising amount of vegetables, enough so that we spend a couple days every week in August canning what we've

grown. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 60th.

Eileen Brown: Ed and I are doing well. We are living in Deltona, FL. Hope you are doing well too. Maybe we will see you in the fall.

Ken Corrigan: Still in Michigan. I wish that I'd stayed in NH, but I had a good job at Michigan State University. I repaired cameras and all types of electronic and AV equipment. I still repair cameras at home since young people have gone back to film! Been retired for 16 years now. Where do the years go? Will we be having a 60 year reunion this year? It would be nice to go "home" again and see what has changed. I finally got the VA to recognize health problems related to agent orange exposure. I am at 70 percent now and am working on an increase.

Elaine (Chase) Heinrich: We are enjoying winters in Stuart, FL. I still play golf twice a week, enjoy Mahjongg, walking and an occasional bocci game. We feel so lucky to enjoy the milder winter months here although it has been unusually cool and windy this year. We will be making the drive home about the middle of June and will stop and visit our oldest son, Eric in Brunswick, GA for a couple of days before we continue north. Our daughter Jennifer and son-in-law Billy, moved to Port St Lucy, FL about 2 years ago which is only 1/2 hour away so it is great to have family so close. We have an in-law apartment in Sandown, NH, with our son Wally and daughter-in-law Courtney and our two youngest granddaughters, Lilah 16 and Charlotte 10. This seems to be the family gathering place so we feel very lucky to be there for all the activities. We have a "BIG" event happening on Sept 7th of this year. Our oldest granddaughter **Haley** will be getting married to **Eric Reardon**, both PA graduates, and we are so happy to officially welcome him into our family. We have four other amazing "grands" Eric 25, working in Boston, Taylor 23, working in Orlando, Mina 22 working in Manchester and Carter 21 working in Londonderry. I like to call them the "sensational 7"!

Pete Davenport: Thank you for your nice note! I am doing OK, save for a bit of a struggle with what a couple of doctors think may be a touch of Parkinson disease. However, no matter what the infirmity may be, it has not stopped me from taking long walks, during which I ruminate on the state of the planet we live on. I wish I could report to all my Pinkerton classmates a strong note of optimism about the future! I hope all the members of the PA class of '65 are doing well, are enjoying life, and I send fond greetings to you all!

Lana (True) Stevens: What a wonderful year I had traveling, not only within Florida but out to Arizona, North & South Carolina, Texas, Maryland, back to New Hampshire and this week I am off for a few weeks in Europe visiting, England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. One special highlight of the year was visiting with Graydon Stull while I was in New Hampshire this spring. As we reminisced about our days at Pinkerton, it struck me just how long our friendship has lasted. Graydon moved to Hampstead in third grade, and we quickly

developed a strong bond that has endured through the years. He's now living in Buxton, Maine, keeping busy with his friends, neighbors, and his passion for baking bread. His daughter Jenna and his grandchildren also live nearby, which makes it even more special for him.

This year, I had the incredible honor of participating in two inspiring worldwide events that celebrate inclusion, community, and joy across borders. First, I was part of Tim Tebow's "Night to Shine," a magical prom night experience for people with special needs, hosted simultaneously in over 1,000 U.S. cities and 80 countries around the globe. Each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom and is truly treated like royalty, with an evening full of joy, dancing, and love. Later in the year, I joined Michael Jackson's "Thrill the World", a global dance movement where participants from 264 U.S. cities and 33 countries come together to perform the iconic "Thriller" dance at the exact same time.

THE FUTURE – SAVE THE DATE:

Join us for one of the Florida reunions on Sunday, October 26th at the Saddlebrook Recreation Center (2980 Saddlebrook Lane) in The Villages.

The time is from 1:30 to 4:00 pm.

The Alumni office will be sending out more information later in the year.

60th CLASS REUNION – this event is being planned by:

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Where: Fody's Tavern Restaurant

Date: Thursday, August 14th

If you haven't already RSVP'd to Cheryl or Bill, please reach out to one of them as soon as possible so they can provide the restaurant with an accurate headcount. We're looking forward to seeing everyone there!

- Lana Stevens - Colossal Class of '65

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Hey Everyone, Short and sweet this month. Life caught up to both of us. We did want you to know though that we are still planning on an early sixtieth Class Reunion to be held over the weekend of October 10th of this year. That is the long Columbus Day weekend. If you have been following along on the Class of 66 Facebook page you are aware a majority decided to shoot for doing the reunion this year instead of next! Details will be posted on our FB page, TERRIFIC CLASS OF 1966 & FRIENDS, and also will be going out in the mail some time during the summer. Hope you all pencil that weekend in. So gather your memories and remember to bring them with you to share. Would love to see you. - Barb and Vicky

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I have some sad news to share. We have lost another 2 classmates. **David Hilliard** passed away on Feb 26th unexpectedly. David's wife Kristen called me to let me know he had passed. David and his family lived in Virginia. David is survived by his wife Kristen and 4 children, 11 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. David also has a brother, Richard Hilliard, a sister Betty Bernier of Derry. David's ex-wife **Judy Kata**, who is the mother of his children is also a member of our class. Judy resides in a nursing home in Manchester. Our condolences go out to David's family.

We also lost **Darrell (Locke) Schmitt**. Darrell passed away peacefully, surrounded by her loving family at her home in Derry on March 1st. Darrell spent a number of years working as an assembler for Smith Corona Darrell. She was known for her strong work ethic, and her contagious sarcastic personality. Darrell is survived by her granddaughter, Krissie Cross, her siblings, Linda Larsen and her husband Jack, Roberta Weber, Jeanne Kimball and her husband Russell, and Peter Locke and his wife Michelle, as well as nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents and her husband Jim, Darrell was predeceased by her daughter, Sandi Cross. Our condolences go out to Darrell's family.

Kathy (Magee) Hall and her husband Jimmy celebrated their 54th wedding anniversary on May 1st. Congratulations!

My mother, **Ruth Wells** who is now 105 years old (106 in August) was just honored to receive the "Boston Post Cane Award" on February 27. Boston Post Cane Award honors a town's oldest resident with a gold-tipped cane. I am so very fortunate to still have my mom at this age. She is the oldest living alumni at Pinkerton. She resides at the Merrimack County Nursing Home in Boscawen, NH for the past 6 years. That's all my news for now. Please write if you have any class news. Have a great summer everyone. Take care, your correspondent

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Bill Vayens: It's been a quiet winter here in Florida. I swear the temperatures are getting milder and milder here every year (and hotter and hotter in the summer!). This was the first winter in The Villages where we didn't get below freezing. On a personal note, my husband Bob and I celebrated our 40th anniversary in October and his 80th birthday. We were joined by good friends here in The Villages along with '68 classmate **Nancy Powers**.

Eric Orff: has become our class celebrity, in part because of his book, "What's Wild: A Half Century of Wisdom from the Woods and Rivers of New England". You can find Eric's book on Amazon. In April he was

a panelist for NHPR's 3rd Annual By Degrees Climate Summit. If you're on Facebook, be sure to follow Eric's adventures there.

Owen Smith: reports that he still enjoys hiking around California these days looking at rare plant populations.

Bert Deivert: continues to perform in Europe and by the time this is published will have appeared at "Blues Monday" in May in Stockholm.

AD ASTRA: Since my last report, I've learned of the passing of three of the class of '68: **Jeff Orchard, Ray Leblanc** and **Gary Whiting**. "Remember, I will still be here as long as you hold me in your memory."



Jeff Orchard, Ray Leblanc and Gary Whiting

That's about it from the Class of 1968. If you aren't on our email list or need a link to our Facebook page, drop me a note at my email address above. And don't hesitate to drop me a note about what's going on in your life for next fall's Alumnus. And finally – as of this writing, a little over 1,100 days until our 60th reunion. Until then!
- **Bill**

-1969-

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Class of '69, Greetings Classmates!! Already experiencing summer weather up here in Maine. Which means heat on in the car in the morning and air on in the afternoon. Condolences go out to **Ken Clement**, who lost his brother, **Dana Clement '70** in November 2024, and his brother **Gary Clement '66** in January 2025. We have lost a few classmates. **Judy Chase Kilham** notified me of **Michael Clayton** passing. They had become good friends. Sorry for your loss, Judy and the families that will also miss him. We also lost **Ralph Graveline**. I have no other information for him. Sorry for the loss for the family. Got a phone call from Donna Wright. Her ex-husband has passed away, **Conrad Lebel**. Condolences to the family. He was living in Florida. She currently lives in Tennessee. She is recovering from a broken wrist, but other than that, she is doing well. She has 2 children and 3 grandchildren. I'd like to hear from others, on this subject: I have 6 grandchildren and recently added 2 great grandchildren!! I know that **Marcia Miller** has me beat!! We had about 200 classmates. My email is listed!! Be well, all!! - **Dusty Trombley**

-1970-

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Hey, Class of '70, SAVE THE DATE! Why you ask? Well, it is our 55th year since graduation and since our 50th reunion, much has likely changed for us. A few months ago, the 50th reunion planning committee consisting

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of **Mary (Giguere) Stuck, Sally (Daily) Evans, Cliff Blake, Cynthia (Coviello) Cote** and me suggested that we have a low-key 55th reunion. In considering numerous venues, we chose the Portsmouth area (time and location to be announced), as the city is incredibly vibrant with many activities of your choosing. We've chosen **Saturday, September 20th** for our get together. It will likely be at a restaurant with food ordering yet to be determined. Portsmouth has been selected by many prestigious magazines as one of the finest cities in New England. Perhaps you'd like to plan a few days around our meeting? With over 200 restaurants (75 right in the city), sleeping accommodations from hotels, B&B's to Air B&B's and various activities — classmates will not be disappointed. In order for this to be successful, we need to know if you're attending by July 1st! Please respond either directly to me at my email address above, via paiclassof1970@gmail.com or join our Facebook page: Pinkerton Academy Class of 1970. You may also check the Pinkerton Academy website, www.pinkertonacademy.org as we will post the location and times on all social media. We look forward to hearing from you and to see you in September (remember that song?) - **Bill Cote**

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Hello Classmates, I am still waiting for spring to arrive. It probably will go straight to summer. The weather is making me miss my ole Florida sunshine. By the time you read this I will have had a left hip replacement on May 29th. Boy is it tough getting old. But it was really limiting my pickleball and golf, and those are 2 sports I do not want to give up. I did manage a Celebrity Cruise with my friend Celine to the Caribbean in January. Unfortunately I came down with the flu and pneumonia while on the cruise, so I was quarantined for 2 days! It was still a great time. **Debbie Saunders Tremblay**, myself and my friend Celine went to the LaBelle Winery Mardi Gras dinner on Feb. 1st in Derry. Great music and food!

Michelle Caldwell Dennett has arrived at her summer home in Dover, NH. On May 15th, she, Barry Brearley and I went to Castaways in Dover, NH to see and hear Barry's son Dana Brearley play and sing his music.

I received an e-mail from **Roy Normandeau**, summarizing his amazing trip across the country. "In late October of 2024, I headed out for my third year of RV travel. I started in New Hampshire and headed south to Punta Gorda, Florida. After staying there the months of November and December, I then headed towards Texas. I made several stops along the way and eventually arrived at Galveston Beach Texas where I stayed several weeks. I absolutely love the Texas coast. There were several sites where I could drive right onto the beach with my motorhome and spend the night. I enjoyed waking up in the morning to a sunrise over the gulf and listening to the seagulls and waves.

From there, I continued upward through New Mexico to Quartzsite, Arizona where a huge RV event is held annually. This includes thousands of rivers, hundreds of vendors and huge displays for the RV industry. It is very much like a state fair. While in Yuma, I made frequent trips into Mexico and visited local businesses there. Other Arizona stays included Lake Havasu, Wickenburg, Phoenix and Sedona. As temperatures started climbing, I started northward into Utah visiting National Parks at Bryce, Zion, and Valley of Fire. My next plan is to go Provo, Utah home of BYU, and visit Salt Lake City. Next stop will be Idaho and then to the Oregon Coast. In early June I plan to return to New England for the summer months and see family and old friends."

On a more somber note, we lost another classmate since our last *Alumnus*. Anne Corti Dore, her husband Rod Dire and their daughter Lisana Alexander were killed in a tragic car accident on Nov. 24, 2024 on the I-93 Interstate Exit 2 off ramp on Salem, NH. For an unknown reason their car left the roadway and struck a culvert. An investigation into the cause of the crash was ongoing, but no updates that I have heard of. - *Sherry*

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Michael and **Carol Pelletier** wrote to say both are doing fine. "We are spending time watching our younger 6 grandchildren doing their activities. A lot of them! We have a granddaughter that is a College Freshmen at the University of Southern Maine, a grandson that is a Freshmen at Tewksbury HS, a granddaughter who is a Freshmen at Pinkerton, a granddaughter that is in 8th Grade at Hood School in Derry, a grandson that is in 6th grade at Chester Academy, and finally a grandson that is in the 6th grade at Londonderry Middle school. I just completed my 44th year working at the scorer's table for the Girls & Boys Basketball Games, where I currently do the announcing. I have also been doing the clock for the football games for about the same time. Currently we are getting our camper ready for the season, as well as Carol's Garden.

Deb (Torrey) and **Tim Patterson** wrote to say that they have both retired. - Tim from Bellitates

Lumber in Pembroke, NH, and Deb from Osborne's Farm & Garden (formerly Agway) in Concord,

Hooksett & Belmont. Deb is still adjusting but Tim is busier than ever. They oversee their Senior

Saint ministry at their church, Epsom Bible Church in Epsom. He is also the bass player for their worship team each Sunday. July will find them spending two weeks at Word of Life Ranch in Pottersville, NY where Tim will be speaking to campers ages 6-10. He will be Chief Straight Arrow sharing Bible stories as well as Indian lore/stories. Deb will spend the afternoons at their Craft Barn teaching the campers Indian beadwork. They will also be at a new camp the first week in August. Deb shared that they will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on July 12th spending a few days in Jackson, NH in between our weeks at camp. In June they plan to spend a week in

Maryland visiting their youngest son Scott & wife Carissa and their tribe of 4. Their oldest son Chad & wife Brandy live in Manchester with their 6yr old son. Deb's mom just turned 95 and resides at the Epsom Healthcare Center. They keep telling her that she is going to outlive us all.

Congratulations to you both on your 50th wedding anniversary!

Wayne MacDonald wrote to tell us that he is retired now after leaving his position as a senior fraud investigator for the NH Department of Health and Human Services. He is keeping busy. He is in his third term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives, representing Londonderry. Additionally, he is active in the First Presbyterian Church of Manchester, as an elder and is also serving in a second term as the Chairman of the House Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee.

Rick McCallum wrote to say, (in part) as for myself, like many others, I am now retired. I spend half the year in Lenox, MA (summer/fall) and then off to a bit warmer climate for the winter.

Karen Cann, wrote to tell us ... "I fully retired on April 1, 2024, or so I thought. Within 2 months I began a small LLC for correctional consulting and expert witness work. The cases have been consistent and keeps me busy. In the bit of free time I have, I am part of a documentary on human centered correctional leadership ("Freedom for All," in production by Human First Productions) and involved in supporting criminal justice reform and behavioral health policy. I am looking forward to summer and rolling my motorcycle out of the garage! I am trying my hand as a "Southern Gardener" but being challenged with the weather swinging between summer, winter, spring, winter, all in one week. I hope I am entertaining my neighbors by putting "googly eyes" on the sheets I am using to protect my tender plants from the frost..."

I think I would like to be a neighbor, at least her frost covers are entertaining!

As for what your correspondent has been up to: we visited family and friends in NC. We went later in March and thought we would escape the NH weather... while there we experienced ice, hail and two tornado watches/warnings. Admittedly the weather was not all like NH Springs, we had the opportunity to explore different areas and our travels led us to Garner, NC to sit and enjoy live Bluegrass at "Lorraine's Coffee House & Music." It was destiny. Ok, so it really was the name that drew us in.... but the live music was great. We toured the Battleship North Carolina which is now in a museum dock across from downtown Wilmington, NC. We had family members that were in the Navy and it was a treat to be able to compare the posted sailors' stories to their personal experiences about life on board a battleship. For those interested in Navy history it is a worthwhile visit; self-guided, lots of walking and you need to be able to go up and down the internal ladders to reach various decks. You might even be able to witness a ghostly experience in the Sick Bay area. The web page provides all the details at: <https://battleshipnc.com> It is hard to believe that this April marks my fourth-year line dancing at the Derry Recreation Center...I am forever grateful to **Dee (Dalton) Breton '71** for the introduction to the classes. It has been a lot of fun and I see other PA Alum there as well.

Thank you to everyone who had a chance to contribute

to this edition of the *Alumnus*. If you missed this deadline, drop me a note for our next issue. Have a wonderful Summer. - Lorraine DeCampo Peterson
— **Lorraine DeCampo Peterson**

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Hello from Sunny, South Carolina!! I hope you get some sunshine one of these days because I hear New England is just rain every weekend and more this coming weekend! I wanted to send along just a little bit of news before the deadline. First of all, I would love to mention in our column that the South Carolina Pinkerton alumni reunion was fantastic! Getting to see fellow alumni and chatting was just wonderful and **Rob Lang's** studio was simply Incredible! If anyone is in Charleston, be sure to visit his studio because the art work is gorgeous!! Thank you to Rob for hosting this event. This news is not such happy news as we, the Class of 1974 have lost another classmate. **Fran Mahoney** had just attended our reunion in October and we are so glad we had the chance to catch up with him. We are so saddened to hear of his recent passing and we send our deepest sympathies to Cindy and his entire family. I hope everyone has a safe and enjoyable summer. Please send along any updates and news for the next alumni edition. Always, *Wynette*

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Class of 1976 - 50th Reunion: Save the date!
Birch Wood Vineyards
199 Rockingham Rd, Derry, NH
Thursday, May 14, 2026

Someone has stepped up to initiate this event. More details will come as they put it together. They asked that I send out a "Save the Date" so those of you who have been asking have something to look forward to, and those who travel have a destination time frame.

Alumnus Magazine: Past issues are found on the Pinkerton Academy website. If you prefer to read the magazine online rather than getting a hard copy, email Mary at mchase@pinkertonacademy.org.

Robin Anderson Simard: I had a couple of reunion inquiries, and a thank you note from someone. No news was shared this time by classmates. If you want to share any stories, email me at simard.robin@comcast.net. - *Robin Simard*

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Welcome to Club 65! Hard to believe most of us are 65 this year...some are actually turning 66 this year! As of this writing, it's Memorial Day weekend. A wonderful time to gather & reflect. Many classmates have served or are serving, so I personally thank you. Although, thank you never seems enough, I am grateful for your service & the freedom it brings. Thank you is all I have! Condolences to any & all who lost a loved one this year. It's always difficult, but know you're in someone's thoughts & prayers. I reconnected with so many classmates this year & not just from our class. I met up with **Verna Vincent Johnson '77** & we caught up over coffee. She hasn't changed a bit, just so sweet!

Went with **Sandy Price Eaton** & her husband Brian to hear her brother **Steve's '77** band (Souled Out Show Band) at the Derryfield. Great night of music & laughs.

Also from the Class of 1977, we met up with **Beth Ehr Gott Galperin**, her husband Steven (GREAT guy) at Pipe Dreams Brewery. Also, there were, **Tom Etheridge '77**, his wife LeeAnn Corey Etheridge & Marcia Dalrymple Alix where we all said goodbye to Pipe Dreams & to hear the great music of Bazooka Joe! One last note from the Class of 1977, congratulations to my brother **Kevin** on the birth of his second grandchild, another beautiful girl!

Spent a couple of hours with **Bryon Murphy** at the Pizza Man while his lovely wife Nicole sang for the crowd. She's just awesome! Bryon, you're a lucky man!

I got to spend some time with Laurie Wells before I headed to Florida. Spent my time with **Joe & Sharon Grabowski, Tammy Gallien '79** & my sister **Karen '81**. Their place is so relaxing & peaceful. Sharon & I spent a lot of time watching the dolphins & manatees from her dock. Such a thrill. Sharon & I said that next time I go, I bring Laurie Wells with me!

I received a couple of notes from classmates that they said I could share.

Darren Hamer: Jo-Ann and Susan, 46 years captured succinctly since I am not one to talk about myself. After Pinkerton I served 4 yrs in the USN as a field medic at Camp Pendleton, CA and loved every minute of it. Following the Navy, I earned an aerospace engineering degree from San Diego State and began at General Dynamics working on propulsion systems design for the Atlas family of rockets. In 1994 I moved to Colorado when our rocket program was purchased by Lockheed Martin. After 36 years in total of launching the Atlas with primarily US military satellites, I retired in May 2024. And remain in CO to this day. My wife Laurie and I have been spending our retirement traveling, hiking, golfing and skiing. Finally, while I did a horrific job at staying in touch with NH classmates the last 46+ years,

I am hopeful that good health and fortune has blessed them all. Keep up your good work for the *Alumnus*, the stories/updates are enjoyable. If permissible, please include my email (darrenbhamer@gmail.com) in the event someone desires to reach out. Note: other than LinkedIn, I am not on any of the myriad social media platforms out of fear that my big mouth would say something regrettable and embarrass family, friends and myself. Thanks, *Darren*.

Kathy LeClair: Dear Jo-Ann, It has been wonderful reconnecting recently after so many years! Here are a few of my life's highlights to share with our classmates so here goes! The summer after graduation I spent the month of July with my family traveling around the country on the proverbial road trip! It is a memory none of us will forget. My parents saved for years for us to be able to accomplish this lifelong dream. Once home the conversations started "have you found a job yet" as college was not in my future! I applied for small jobs and one day I was hired as a teller in downtown Manchester at a small bank. Showing up for work my first day at the wrong bank, I finally was pointed to the right one down the street never realizing that I had found my chosen career! I worked my way from teller to Branch Manager then was asked to go into Wealth Management as a Private Banker. Now I have started a Private Banking division at a community bank in New Hampshire after working in MA for close to 25 years. Currently I am Sr. Vice President Director of Private Banking at Ledyard Bank. For 46 years I have been blessed with a career that I could never have imagined as a shy young girl at Pinkerton. When I am not "banking" I started getting involved with local musical theater in the late 1980's. I have had so much fun performing in over 40 musicals in Manchester & Nashua mostly. One show at the Palace Theater many years ago a little unknown actor named Adam Sandler also shared the stage in *West Side Story* with me! Favorite Role? Has to be Nellie in *South Pacific*, whoever thought I'd be the lead in a musical one day as I sat in chorus with Mr. Tardiff! I still live in Chester, and it is such an honor to keep in touch with so many of my original Chester School friends along with my dear Pinkerton friends. I always look forward to receiving the *Alumnus* magazine as it's a great way to connect & see what other classmates are up to. Happy Summer to all, *Kathy LeClair*

There is now a place for "Class Pavers". It's located in the quad, (up by where the portables used to be). & will be in numerical order by class. If you'd like to donate you can reach out to me or the Alumni Office. The price is \$150.00. This is separate from the memorial garden which is located by the gazebo.

Make sure you check out the website for upcoming events. There are regional events that may be of interest to those who no longer live in the area.

September 19th is the Annual Golf Tournament,
always a great time!

September 25th is Hall of Fame Inductions.

Homecoming is September 26th (Mack Plaque).

Make sure to stop by the Alumni tent at any home game to update your information.

October 18th is the annual Craft Fair.

It's a great event & always lots of alumni crafters & visitors.

On a final note, I hope everyone has a great summer! Hope to catch up with you soon. Enjoy! *Jo-Ann*

Condolences go to **Lauren (Chase) Stuck** on the passing of her beloved husband, Randy. Randy had been ill for a length of time.

Condolences go to **Linda (Nault) Godin** on the passing of her beloved husband, George.

Condolences go to **Cindy (Wallace) Doyle** on the passing of her beloved mother, Barbara.

Condolences go to **Joe Trocha** on the passing of his beloved father, Josef.

Condolences go to **Dana Cassidy** on the passing of his beloved mother, Carolyn.

Condolences go to **Karen Reis** on the passing of her beloved mother, Mary.

Condolences go to **Marion (Sabella) Scichilone** on the passing of her beloved father, Joseph.

Congratulations to **Mark Krikorian** and the Washington Spirits for a great season. Unfortunately they lost to the Orlando pride in the championship game.

Congratulations go to Coach O'Reilly becoming NH's winning coach.

Have a great summer, *Sue*

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Hi Classmates, Not sure when this next *Alumnus* is going to print but all the plans are ready for our **45th Class reunion on June 12, 2025, at the Westbrook Inn!**
- *Ellen and Tommy Demers!*

-1981-

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Hello Fellow '81 Alumni, Thank you for your emails and updates. Keep sending and I will compile the information for the *Alumnus*.

Rene Schwartz: After 30 years of residence in Waterville Valley I bought a house in Plymouth with my girlfriend, Kayla. Same job - General Manager of White Mountain Athletic Club, Inc. Life is a steady ebb and flow of tourism and recreation here in the white mountains and I'm really enjoying traveling with my family to various places around the country. Vacationed in Grand Teton (ran a half marathon race) and Yellowstone last year and plan on something more mellow on a beach in April. I have three grown children and all doing well. I am thankful they are healthy and employed.

My parents are still in Manchester and I am down south weekly to check on things with them. Any '81 alumni are welcome to stop in and say hello at the White Mountain Athletic Club. - **Rene & Kayla**

Stacey (Aiello) Hilston:

I recently returned to my job after 8 months when I had a 13 hour surgery with 4 surgeons at Lahey Hospital, it was my 5th surgery for my genetic disease FAP. I was diagnosed with J-Pouch/small bowel cancer. Did 2 rounds preventative chemotherapy and was hospitalized a total of 72 days since 6/12/2024. My hubby Ed wanted me to retire, but I love my job, 41 years now in the Nuclear Medicine PET/CT profession. Our son Gregory and his wife Erica had their 1st baby Isaac on 7/2/2024. Our daughter Samantha will receive her PHD in Chemistry next year a NorthEastern. My hubby Ed is still self-employed in Merrimack as a Financial Advisor Balanced Wealth.



Stacey and her husband Ed

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HELLO CLASS OF 83!! I hope that this *Alumnus* finds you and your family healthy and happy and I hope you are enjoying your summer. This tax season was busy as always. Looking forward to some down time and fun this summer and slowly reducing our business size over the next few years!! I did get some updates from a couple of classmates.

Jeanne Maloney Martin: Last summer my husband and I bought a small mountain in Maine and made a camp there. It's about three hours from home so we try to get up there as often as possible. It's a beautiful place and just what we needed to get away from everyday life once in a while. It has old logging roads so there is plenty of exploration and hiking to do. I've also been working out frequently with Lisa Kelley. We are training for retirement!

Timothy O'Brien: He has been back in the US for close to a year travelling and visiting family and raising support for himself and the English Club. He has driven over 30,000 miles. He left on May 20th to go back to Vietnam for 3 years. He said if anyone would like to know more about the work he is a part of he can be reached at godlvutoo@gmail.com

Lisa Steadman Benson: I have my third grandchild! Lily Mae was born in New Zealand welcomed by her big brother Logan (4) she just turned 1 in March. Daddy is **Josh Howard '10**. I went to NZ in September 2024 for my second time. Beautiful country! Can't wait to go back. My oldest grandson (7) lives in Nottingham NH, with his

mom and dad, **Dan Howard '06**. He has been with the NH Army National Guard 20 years in July. My daughter **Jessica (Howard) Suchomski '11** is moving to Augusta, GA with her husband. He starts Residency as an Internist with the Medical College of GA. Between my husband Geoff and I we have 11 grands with another one on the way. We keep busy at home in Hampstead. I work from home for BAE Systems in Nashua. Counting down to retirement.

I just want to throw it out there that I am totally amazed by our classmate **Karen Flynn**. Karen is a nurse at the Univ. of CA San Diego. She has been a nurse for many years. That alone is amazing—she like many other classmates who are nurses work every day to take care of people. What also amazes me about her as well is her drive. Karen just ran her 12th Boston Marathon. While I don't even like driving 26.2 miles Karen has ran 88 lifetime marathons and 216 lifetime half marathons as well as many smaller runs. She is truly amazing.

Our class is hitting a milestone this year—most of us are turning 60 (or already have)!! (yes, some will still be 59 and some are 61). The reunion committee has decided to have a **Class of 83-60th Birthday Bash. It will be on Saturday, September 13th at Fodys in Derry. You can get more information and/or purchase tickets on the following link.**

<http://pinkerton83.weebly.com/class-of-83-60th-birthday-bash.html>. I can also mail or email an invitation if you would prefer. Either send me a message on FB or email me at the email address above! Looking forward to seeing many of you at the 60th Birthday Bash!! Thanks to **Ron Caswell, Sharon Castle Coviello, Cyndy Cummings Hastings, Kathleen McCarthy Boucher, Mimi Schwartz Martineau & Lisa Seely Zaeder** for helping to organize the party! As always if someone you know is on FB but not in our Pinkerton Class of 83 FB page, please invite them by clicking the Invite button near the top right or message me and I can add them. Thank you and again Happy Summer! - **Patty Salter Brault**

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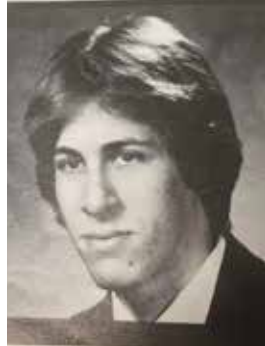
It is TIME!! Can you believe it has been 40 years since we walked down those Pinkerton steps?

**40th Reunion Details:
September 27, 2025; 6:00-10:00pm
Oscar Barn Wedding Venue
191 W. River Road
Hooksett, NH 03106**

Cost \$50.00 -**Checks or Venmo. Contact me via email for any information. See our Pinkerton 85 Group FB page for updates.

On March 21, 2025, our classmate, **John McNally** passed away. He resided in Windham and operated "Big John's" moving business in the area.

John, along with our other classmates who have left us too early, will be honored at our reunion.



John McNally

We recently received a post from **John Giust** - Hey Pinkertons and **Michelle Chabot Burkhardt** - this is crazy but here it goes. First, Pinkerton scheduled an alumni meet up here in San Diego on March 25, 2025 (in Del Mar nearby). Second, they actually invited me! Third, I did indeed attend and met the "Head of School" Dr. Timothy J. Powers. There were about 10 of us from different classes 1967 to 2017 I think. It was loud and hard to understand everyone but very fun! Lots of Boston accents that I have not heard since watching Ray Donovan and Reacher Season 3. Bad venue so I volunteered to have it at my place in the future if it ever happens again (?) and if I am re-invited. Funny thing is that he did have knowledge of some events way back in our time. Go figure. Also and very weirdly, they didn't ask for money. Epic corporate fail. I did not think to mentally prep my Pinkerton history, but as soon as I name dropped Rich Lisauskas it was all good. And I am not making this up - we met again a few days later at the San Diego Airport at 4:30 AM as he was flying back to NH and I was taking my family to Miami for a cruise on vacation??!! He was the person in front of me at the super long baggage check line.

There are many ways to give back to our Alma-mater. For example, as a group, we can purchase a bench engraved: 1985 Alumni - "You Got to Like It!" Look for more information in the future on our FB page and an email after the reunion. God Bless, **Michelle Chabot Burkhardt 1985**

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Hello Class of '87! I hope this edition finds you all doing well and enjoying some nice weather. At the time of this writing we are enjoying a Nor'Easter! 40 mph and sideways rain...good times. It's this weather

that reminds me why I officially joined the denizens of sunshine seekers and became a snowbird in 2021 when my sister Jessica and I bought a house in Dunedin, FL. I am no longer a fan of doing my Banana Splits routine in the driveway (some of you will get that one), frozen nostrils, scraping ice off my windshield and the chill in my bones. I have succumbed to the desire to feel vitamin D all year long — though I haven't felt it in the 2 weeks, and counting, since I've returned!

I did have a brief encounter with winter in March when I flew out to Park City, UT to visit **Robert DeVoe '85**. Mother Nature was overly kind to us that week and blessed us with temps in the low 40's. We spent 2 great days skiing Park City and Deer Valley. It was my first trip skiing out west and, even though it had been over 10 years since I had last skied, it came back quick and I only fell once — which I'm blaming on the dillweed who ran over the back of my skis. Robert and his lovely wife Monica have built a beautiful home there right on the mountain and I had a wonderful visit catching up with them and their amazing little girl, Arya, who at only 6 years old is a better skier than I am and apparently a far superior Wi bowler! I was hoping to get to see her skate, but it was so warm the rink was closed that day. Maybe next year. Thank you for making my first western ski trip so amazing!

From Park City I caught a short flight down to Tucson, AZ where I met up with **Jeff Buffum '88** and 14 of his friends for a golf trip. The courses were excellent and we all had a great time. I also learned the hard way why you don't retrieve a golf ball that goes into the cacti area - I won't make that mistake again!

Back in Florida, in was another nice, warm winter (after a slow Jan start) and I had fun hanging out with the locals down there, including **Sean Winton '85, Dave Lagree '86, Gregg Gaetz '85, Kris Gaetz '90, Steve LaGree '83, Karen LaGree '79**, as well as all the old friends that came down to visit like **Lisa Richard, Sue Foucher '85, Kevin Lagree '88, Eric LaFleur, Kim Kamieniecki Bromley '86, Steve Castle '86, Bill Lee '86, Dave White '88, Jeff Buffum '88, Christina Dubois '95, Anthony DeSimone '88**. Steve and Kevin also own homes in Dunedin. It's great to have PA South in that area and there were many fun days spent golfing, boating, beaching, playing cornhole and listening to live music. As I look out my window at the pond where my lawn once was I'm missing it already!

In other news, we recently received a note from **James Fiske**: "I received a BS in Math and MS in Theological Studies. I'm not a pastor. I just have a website to share my Christian faith, while I have done preaching in both the US and Kosovo. I've been living in VA for 35 years now. I have worked full time for ECS, an engineering firm in Charlottesville for the past 5 years. I enjoy reading the PA updates, thanks for all you do. Hello to everyone — James"

Thank you for that note James. I'm sure there are other classmates that have some news they would like to share so please email us anytime and we would be more than happy to print it. It would be great to have something else to print here, in addition to the life and times of Eric Dupere and condolences. Speaking of which, we lost a dear friend and classmate on November 11th, 2024 when **Jill Clift DeCesare** passed away. Her obituary can be found here: <https://www.carrierfuneralhome.com/obituary/jill-decesare>

On behalf of the Class I would like to extend our condolences to Jill's family and friends. Another sweet soul taken way too young. That's all for now. Have a great Summer and send us some news! – Cheers, **Eric**

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I'd like to give an update on **Tracey Zysk** and her progress and positive outlook. Tracey's shoes have been very hard to fill she is a great communicator and so full of heart and energy. That is why I wanted to say kudos and wish everything positive, Tracey you really are concentrating on you and your loving Axel and harmony in your field. Your positivity really shows, and we are all pushing for your recovery in strengths and bounds. Please keep us all posted with your heartfelt posts and updates, we are all here for you.

Congratulations to coach **Jay Delanoy** on his outstanding year coaching for Rivier University this past Spring for the Men's Lacrosse Team, your commitment means a lot to the team! #Brotherhood

Congratulations to **Michael DiResto** on his new position as the Director of the Reilly Center for Media & Public Affairs at LSU.

Colin & Martha Walker invited a new grandchild Daisy and a new puppy Apollo - Congratulations on your growing family.

Amy Francis Jones is booking her Airbnb in Bradenton, Florida after her renovations and recovery from two massive hurricanes, check out her property and explore Anna Maria beaches and her beautiful home.

Tristen Dixey is a travel advisor with an expertise in Disney Destinations and Universal Parks and Resorts; her services are free check out her travel page <https://www.facebook.com/tristendiseytravelmation>

Congratulations to the Class of 2025 - we look forward to hearing about all of your successes.

Our 33rd Annual Pinkerton Academy Alumni Golf Tournament Friday, September 19th 12pm-6pm at Passaconaway Country Club. Our Class has shown tremendous support for this event let's keep it going. In conclusion congratulations to all of your accomplishments in the past year and please keep me informed going forward of anything you would like me to share with the class. Thank you Astros! - **Cheryl (Dunne) Vincent**

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Our fellow '89er, **Dan Stowers**, brought the community together this spring for a powerful and patriotic event—the *1st Annual Derry Veterans Ruck March*, held on Saturday, May 3rd, 2025, at the Derry VFW Post 1617. Dan, a proud Pinkerton alum and U.S. veteran,



organized the 5K walk/run/ruck as a way to raise funds for vital programs supported by the Derry VFW and American Legion. These programs include Memorial Day flags at veteran gravesites, Wreaths Across America, scholarships for Pinkerton graduates, holiday baskets for veterans in nursing homes, and more. The turnout was phenomenal. Hundreds of participants—veterans, families, friends, and community members—came out to walk, march, and run along the scenic Rail Trail, proudly carrying American flags and showing their support. The weather was sunny and perfect for the event. “A big thank you to all of the Veterans, Sponsors, and Spectators that made the 1st Annual Derry Veterans Ruck March an overwhelming success,” said Dan. “Not only did we raise money for important programs, but we had hundreds of people having healthy, patriotic fun. Looking forward to next year already.” Several Pinkerton Academy alumni joined in, catching up while walking for a good cause. Dan’s dedication to service, both in uniform and in the community, was on full display, and we’re proud to see the Class of ’89 leading the charge.

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Hi everyone! I didn’t receive any information to include but thought I would pass along what has been posted on our class Facebook page for any of you not on that platform. I am saddened to pass along the news of the passing of *Heather Gardiner McKallagat* on April 15, 2025. So many loving and happy memories from classmates were expressed on Facebook regarding Heather.

Other news is from **Joel Shulkin** who just launched his 4th medical thriller, *Spontaneous Remission*. Release date was May 13, 2025, check it out!

As always! I’m happy to pass along any information you want to share, just let me know. - **Alison**

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Pinkerton Academy Class of ’95 – 30th Reunion!

It’s not just a reunion... it’s a time machine back to some of the best years of our lives. Can you believe it’s been 30 years since we last strolled the halls of Pinkerton Academy — trading notes, cheering at games, skipping study hall (you know who you are)? It’s time to rewind the clock, reunite with classmates, share come laughs, swap stories, celebrate the good old days and the lives we’ve lived since, and make new memories with old friends.

Save the Date:

Saturday, September 27, 2025

6 PM – Midnight

DoubleTree by Hilton

700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH 03101

Staying the Night? We’ve reserved a block of rooms at a discounted group rate. To book your room: Call the hotel directly at (603) 625-1000 and mention “*Pinkerton 1995 Class Reunion*.” Use room block code: 920 (that’s a zero, not an O). Room rate for our event is \$189 a night (reg price is \$279) that rate is good for any night Friday thru Sunday. Or book online at: <https://group.doubletree.com/592yln>

The room block will be released at 12:01 AM on Thursday, September 4, 2025, so book early! (We’ll send a reminder email one week prior.)

Tickets: Tickets will be available for purchase starting in late June 2025. For updates and the ticket link, be sure to join our private Facebook group:

www.facebook.com/groups/paiclassof95/

What’s in Store:

- Passed hors d’oeuvres
- DJ & dancing
- Photo booth fun
- Class surprises
- And the best part — reconnecting with your fellow classmates!

Whether you’ve stayed close or it’s been decades since you last caught up, this night is for all of us. Let’s celebrate where we came from and the people who were there with us.

Stay Connected: Facebook Group:

www.facebook.com/groups/paiclassof95/

Prefer email updates?

Reach out to: PAClassOf95@gmail.com

We’ll make sure you have all the details, ticket links, and event updates as they’re released.

Want to stay on our email list or RSVP interest now?

Fill out our quick Google Form: <https://forms.gle/gjAfhV9M5NuZqZdH8>

Let’s make this more than a night out — let’s make it unforgettable. Let’s go Astros!

We can’t wait to see you there, The Pinkerton Academy Class of ’95 Reunion Committee

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Hey Class of 2000! It's been way too long especially since we missed our 20th during covid!!

Please join us at the Barnyard Venue on Saturday, August 16 from 5:00-9:00 pm. Please see below for Eventbrite details:

"Pinkerton Class of 2000 - 25th High School Reunion"

Live music, a photo booth, great food, outdoor games, mementos to take home with you, bar and nostalgia!

Get your tickets now while they last!

Can't wait to see you all! - *Holly Spellman*

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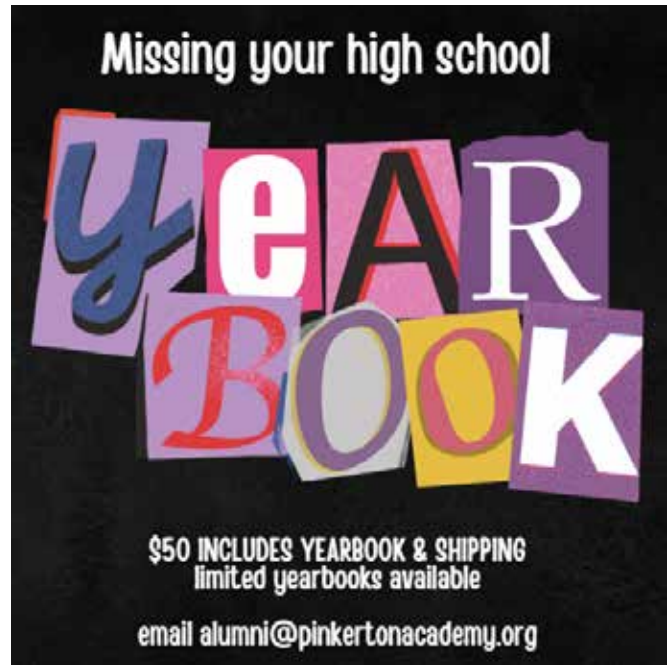
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IN MEMORIAM

We celebrate the lives of Pinkerton Alumni and Friends. Below are recent updates from our Astro community.



Gladys (Kelley) Murphy '39 – 12/13/2024
Vera M. (Wingate) Hunkins '46 – 4/16/2025
Patricia R. (Putnam) Iafrate '49 – 11/23/2024
John J. Joyce '50 – 6/9/2025
Carolyn (Hodgdon) Cassidy '52 – 2/25/2025
Harriet I. (Boulette) Lemery '54 – 12/31/2024
Dennis A. Boles '55 – 11/14/2024
Sandra L. (Thibeault) O'Brien '56 – 1/3/2025
Jane (Ross) Kageleiry '57 – 4/6/2025
Robert A. Boulter '58 – 11/26/2024
Roland A. Rioux '58 – 5/2/2021
Elizabeth "Betty" F. (Scruton) Noddin '59 – 1/6/2025
Kenneth R. Chase Jr. '60 – 12/21/2023
Neil A. Banks '64 – 1/30/2025
William A. "Bill" Ryan, Jr. '65 – 3/10/2025
Gary G. Clement '66 – 1/23/2025
Gary J. (Hoisington) Indiana '67 – 10/30/2024
Darrell E. (Locke) Schmitt '67 – 3/1/2025
Raymond P. LeBlanc '68 – 1/28/2025

Michael P. Clayton '69 – 1/28/2025
Warren William "Bill" Hall '69 – 11/20/2024
Dana L. Clement '70 – 11/21/2024
Jean E. (Clark) Sharpe '71 – 1/8/2025
Anne J. (Corti) Dore '71 – 11/24/2024
Richard C. Trombley '73 – 2/9/2025
Francis J. Mahoney III '74 – 4/1/2025
Donna M. (Zecha) Stuck '74 – 1/10/2025
William A. Gallien '76 – 12/29/2024
Richard LeBlanc '78 – 6/16/2025
Paul Bailey '83 – 12/16/2024
Amelia Cole '83 – 4/30/2024
John D. McNally '85 – 3/21/2025
Kerry R. Hughes '86 – 5/18/2025
Jill (Clift) DeCesare '87 – 11/11/2024
Heather L. (Gardiner) McKallagat '90 – 4/15/2025
Ann Britton '92 – 1/21/2025
Patrick M. Maynard '93 – 2/25/2025
Raymond S. Korzeb '05 – 8/28/2024

FRIENDS OF PINKERTON ACADEMY



Peter Melanson – 3/7/2025 • Robert Benoit – 3/16/2025

In Memoriam: We rely on friends and family to send us obituaries (especially for alumni who live outside of New Hampshire). Please contact Meagan Sojka at msojka@pinkertonacademy.org.

If you would like to make a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one, please contact Mary Chase at mchase@pinkertonacademy.org.

Marriages and Future Astros: If you have a marriage or family update to share, please contact your class correspondent for inclusion in the next *Alumnus* magazine.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1960

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Fody's Tavern (Derry, NH)
12:00 - 4:00PM

Class of 1965

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Fody's Tavern (Derry, NH)
1:00PM

Class of 1966

Weekend of October 10th, 2025

Class of 1970

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Portsmouth, NH

Class of 1975

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Fody's Tavern (Derry, NH)
2:00 - 6:00PM

Class of 1985

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Oscar Barn Wedding Venue (Hooksett, NH)
6:00 - 10:00PM

Class of 1995

Saturday, September 27, 2025

DoubleTree by Hilton (Manchester, NH)
6:00PM - Midnight

Class of 2000

Saturday, August 16, 2025

The Barnyard Venue (Candia, NH)
5:00 - 9:00PM

Class of 2005

Friday, July 18, 2025

Rex Theater (Manchester, NH)
6:00 - 10:00PM

Class of 2009

Saturday, November 22, 2025

Zorvino Vineyard (Sandown, NH)
6:30 - 10:30PM

Class of 2015

Saturday, September 13, 2025

Game Changer Sports Bar and Grill
(Londonderry, NH)
6:00 - 9:00PM



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to check out pinkertonacademy.org/alumnievents or scan the QR code for more information and to register!



July Campus Visit **Thursday, July 10, 2025**

11:00AM



August Campus Visit **Thursday, August 7, 2025**

11:00AM



33rd Annual Pinkerton Alumni Golf Tournament **Friday, September 19, 2025**

Passaconaway Country Club

Noon



Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony **Thursday, September 25, 2025**

Pinkerton Academy, Stockbridge Theatre Lobby

5:30PM



Mack Plaque Football Game **Friday, September 26, 2025**

Pinkerton Academy, Memorial Field

7:00PM



NYC Regional Event **Thursday, October 16, 2025**

More details coming!



32nd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair **Saturday, October 18, 2025**

Pinkerton Academy, Hackler Gymnasium

9:00AM – 3:00PM



Jacksonville, FL Regional Event **Saturday, October 25, 2025**

Orange Blossoms

11:00AM

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The Villages, FL Regional Event **Sunday, October 26, 2025**

Saddlebrook Recreation Center

1:30 – 4:00PM



Dallas, TX Regional Event **Wednesday, November 19, 2025**

Frankie's Downtown

6:30PM



New Braunfels, TX Regional Event **Thursday, November 20, 2025**

Gristmill River Restaurant and Bar

6:30PM



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