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LOOKING AHEAD: THE CLASS OF 2026, SET TO SHAPE TOMORROW

Kevin Stuart, Esq.: Advancing Pinkerton's Culture of Giving

By Julia Mitchell, Director of Communications & Marketing '98

When Kevin Stuart was first approached about joining the Pinkerton Academy Board of Trustees, it was another trustee's reflection that stayed with him. Mark Wright told him that, outside of his family, his work on the Board had been the most meaningful thing he'd done. That endorsement helped Kevin say yes.

"That helped me think this would be a meaningful endeavor," Kevin recalls.

Since joining the Board in 2022, Kevin has served on the Buildings & Grounds and Finance committees and has chaired the Advancement Committee for nearly his entire tenure. For Kevin, it is important to note that advancement is not simply about raising money.

"Advancement is more than just fundraising, although that's one of its goals," he says. "It's to advance Pinkerton Academy in all its facets, and so advance it in the public eye, and advance it internally, and with students, and staff, and faculty, and administrators, but also to work on trying to build a culture of giving and giving back to Pinkerton."

That culture is especially important because so many alumni and families have deep, positive associations with



Kevin Stuart, Esq.

their experiences at Pinkerton. The advancement work is about harnessing those memories and that gratitude to sustain Pinkerton's mission over time.

As chair of the Advancement Committee, Kevin has watched a relatively new department "grow and expand" its reach. He appreciates the way the team is working to connect with alumni and community members who "have fond memories of Pinkerton" and "learned a lot from their experiences and their educators here," and then offering them clear ways to give back.

Professionally, Kevin brings more than 26 years of experience as an attorney and 15 years as managing partner at Bernard & Merrill, PLLC, which works primarily with insurance companies and large employers. His legal practice centers on assessing risk and advising organizations on how best to manage it, work that translates directly to his responsibilities as a trustee.

"Part of my job is assessing risk and giving advice on how to assess risk and address it, and that's certainly something that the Board of Trustees looks at frequently. Pretty much everything we do is always assessing the risks."

In addition to his expertise in risk, Kevin's leadership role at his firm has prepared him to think about long-term strategy, organizational culture, and the people who drive an institution.

When he reflects on how Pinkerton has changed during his time on the Board, Kevin notes that the school's core identity has remained remarkably steady. The most significant shifts he has seen are in technology and how the school responds to rapid change.

He credits Pinkerton for being proactive in crafting policies and practices to help students and educators navigate evolving tools, including AI, in thoughtful ways. The recently constructed Social Studies Center stands out as a visible change driven by Pinkerton's focus on meeting the needs of all students.

"We do really have fantastic facilities, and the options that students have here and their families is pretty well unmatched in the state," he says. "It's nice to hear a parent say their student was kind of struggling in middle school, and then they come here, and they really start to thrive."

Kevin's connection to Pinkerton is also personal. His wife, Anne (McPhillips), is an alumna from the Class of 1990 and the youngest of six siblings, all of whom graduated from Pinkerton. Their family history has helped Kevin keep a focus on the principle that guides his work.

"In the end, it's the people that matter . . . a connection with a teacher or mentor, that's what people remember, years later."



Kevin and his wife Anne on a recent trip to the Camino de Santiago.

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A LETTER *from the* HEAD OF SCHOOL

Dear Pinkerton Academy Community,

As the 2025–2026 academic year draws to a close, I am filled with pride as I reflect on the incredible journey, achievements, and community spirit that have defined this past year. Our campus has been alive with energy, and our students have once again demonstrated a dedicated commitment to excellence in all their endeavors.

Our students continue to thrive in the classroom, showcasing the intellectual curiosity and dedication that define the Astro spirit. This spring, we proudly celebrated the induction of many of our hard-working students into various honor societies, recognizing their academic distinctions and leadership.

Beyond the classroom, the arts have truly shone. Our Stockbridge Theatre stage came alive with spectacular student talent, anchored by an unforgettable performance of the production *Chicago*. Combined with a series of art shows and inspiring instrumental and choral concerts, our visual and performing arts programs continue to highlight the diverse creative depth within our student body.

On the athletic fields and courts, our student-athletes competed with outstanding grit, determination, and sportsmanship. It was a thrilling spring season for PA athletics, highlighted by incredible team and individual achievements. Our student-athletes excelled, winning state titles while also displaying sportsmanship throughout their time competing.

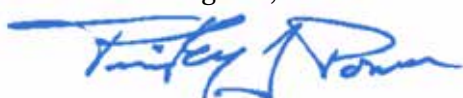
If you have visited campus recently, you have undoubtedly noticed the incredible progress of our physical landscape. The new Social Studies Center with the landscaping around it has helped to transform that area of campus. Our buildings & grounds crew has done an excellent job all year and the campus looked beautiful for graduation. This work ensures that Pinkerton Academy continues to offer a premier, modern learning environment for our students, faculty, and visitors.

Our successes are only made possible through the steadfast dedication of our extended community. This past May, our annual Day of Giving proved to be an overwhelming success. Thanks to the collective generosity of our community, we exceeded our goal of 475 donors. These vital contributions directly empower us to fund innovative programming, support our world-class faculty, and maintain the margin of excellence that defines a Pinkerton education. We are profoundly grateful for your belief in our mission.

Our alumni are the living legacy of Pinkerton Academy, and it has been a true joy reconnecting with so many of you on campus and at regional events this year. As we head into the summer months, I invite you to stay engaged and join us for our upcoming alumni gatherings. Be sure to check out our website and social media as additional information about events is posted.

Thank you for your unwavering support, your passion, and your dedication to Pinkerton Academy. I wish you and your loved ones a safe, relaxing, and joyful summer.

Warm Regards,



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



FROM PINKERTON TO THE PRESSROOM: MELANIE HITCHCOCK '92 AT THE *UNION LEADER*'S HELM

By Julia Mitchell, Dir. Communications & Marketing '98

When Melanie Hitchcock '92 first picked up part-time copy desk shifts at the *New Hampshire Union Leader* in 2008, it was a practical decision. She had just been laid off from the *Nashua Telegraph*, and the work helped fill the gap while she looked for full-time employment.

Today, she's the Editor in Chief, leading New Hampshire's largest daily newspaper through a critical moment for local news and reshaping what the *Union Leader* stands for.

"There's always going to be a place for really good journalists, and we need them," she said. "You've got to love it. It's got to be passion, because you're not going to get rich."

Her managing editor, fellow Pinkerton alumnus Dave Pierce '91, has watched her lead in two different newsrooms.

"Melanie Hitchcock is the best journalist in New Hampshire. Hands down," he said. "I've had the pleasure of working with her at both *The Telegraph* in Nashua and the *New Hampshire Union Leader*. I am constantly amazed by her news judgment, her sense of fairness and her commitment to community journalism."

In her role, Melanie has sought to bring the perception of the *Union Leader* back to a place of balance. At a recent Board of Trustees meeting, she heard feedback that told her the shift is working.

"They said, 'We like what you're doing, Melanie. It's finally down the middle,'" she recalled. "It's always supposed to be, but if you've lived here a long time, you already have in your head what the *Union Leader* is."

Melanie's approach as a leader is rooted in a career spent doing almost every job in a newsroom.

After Pinkerton, Melanie went on to earn an Associate's Degree in Business Administration and then a Bachelor's in Communications from UNH Manchester. She began in small-town weekly papers, driving long miles for modest pay to cover boards, budgets and community events. From there, she moved through roles as copy editor, page designer and managing editor at regional dailies.

Her layoff from *The Nashua Telegraph* in 2008 sharpened her determination.

"After I got laid off in '08, I was like, 'I have to know everything,'" she said. "I need to be the most vital person in a newsroom so nobody can lay me off."

That survival tactic eventually became a philosophy: the editor in chief should understand how reporting, editing, design, digital and advertising all fit together if the newspaper is going to survive.

One of her most formative jobs was as editor of *Parenting New Hampshire*, a regional magazine she led for

more than a decade. When she arrived, she found much of the content to be generic and uninspiring.

"It was just filler copy," she said. "The same old things you could get anywhere else. I'm

like, 'Where's New Hampshire in the *Parenting New Hampshire*?'"

She refocused the magazine on New Hampshire families and issues, extended coverage through the teenage years and took on topics like ADHD, autism, and adolescent mental health that parents weren't seeing elsewhere. She also helped build out a website, newsletters and events, pairing meaningful coverage with sustainable revenue.

That experience now shapes her work at the *Union Leader*. She is clear that editorial independence and financial reality are not enemies but factors to be balanced. With this balance in mind, Melanie does not believe that print journalism is dead.

"News is not dead. Print is not dead," she said. "If you combine all our readership, we have more people reading the *Union Leader* than ever before, and more people are consuming news than ever before."

The challenge, she argues, is that the industry was slow to adapt. Her task now is to make that adaptation feasible at the *Union Leader*: produce print reporting that still rewards subscribers with solid, local coverage, and cultivate a digital presence that is timely and responsive.

For current Pinkerton students thinking about journalism or communications, Melanie offers both encouragement and a reality check.

"Everybody thinks they go from here to there, and they forget there are all these steps in between," she said. "There's a lot of entitlement... people who think they should have my job after two months. You've got to earn it. You've got to put in your time, but if you love it, there's still a place for you in this work."



Melanie Hitchcock '92

FROM DERRY TO NYC: DR. ALISON REICHARD'S PATH IN VETERINARY MEDICINE

By Julia Mitchell, Dir. Communications & Marketing '98

From veterinary exam rooms in Manhattan's West Village, Dr. Alison Reichard '08 can draw a straight line connecting her time at Pinkerton Academy and her career in veterinary medicine. As a small animal veterinarian in New York City, her days are filled with surgeries, dentistry, and general health care for dogs and cats, but the foundation that supports her through those long days began years earlier in her time at Pinkerton.

"One of the things I really appreciated about Pinkerton is how many different kinds of opportunities there are to find your niche," she says. "I think I was probably the only person I knew in college who had taken an animal science class in high school."

That course, combined with a strong AP schedule, helped her build both scientific depth and communication skills.

"I was able to focus on the science classes I wanted to take, but also get a solid foundation in English," she notes. "Having been able to take so many AP classes, I actually ended up graduating college a semester early." She credits her English teachers—especially Ms. Parenti, Ms. DeCosta, Mr. Veitenheimer, and Mr. Gaucher—with sharpening her writing, and science teachers like Mr. Breda and Mrs. Granger with pushing her into the kind of hands-on lab work she would later see again in college and veterinary school. Latin with Mr. Olkovikas was another favorite. After Pinkerton, Alison attended Cornell University, majoring in Animal Science in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences. She completed her degree in three and a half years, stayed in Ithaca to work in a continuing care community's medical department, then returned to Cornell for four years of veterinary medical school. A small animal rotating internship in New Jersey followed, with about half of her time spent in the emergency room. "I started my very first rotation on overnight emergency," she recalls. "You get paid very little and work 100 hours a week, but it definitely made me a better doctor. It was nice to finally apply the skill set I'd been building for so many years." When the internship ended, finances and friendships drew her to New York City. She worked first in Brooklyn, then at a Manhattan practice, and ultimately joined a former colleague's clinic in the West Village, where she remains today caring for the city's dogs and cats. Some of Alison's most important skills began forming while she was still at Pinkerton, working at Windham Animal Hospital under Pinkerton Academy Trustee Dr. Timothy Butterfield. "As a 16 or 17 year-old, I was being asked to answer phones and speak in a professional manner to clients," she says. "That's a skill I've honed over 20 years." Serving as a mentor, Dr. Butterfield took developing her career skill set seriously. "He would call and sometimes be a fake client on the phone and then correct me," she remembers. "I was



Dr. Alison Reichard '08

a bit afraid of him for a long time, but we eventually developed a mutual respect." Years later, he traveled to Ithaca to whitecoat her on stage at her veterinary school ceremony. "That was really special," she recalls. Her experience in the Animal Science program at Pinkerton and her job at Windham Animal Hospital also gave her a technical edge. "Drawing blood, restraining pets safely and properly, those are skills I learned while I was still in high school," she says. "I was ahead of many of my peers in vet school in terms of those types of technical skills." For current Pinkerton students, Alison offers both reassurance and challenge.

"It's okay if you don't know what you want to do. I



Meredith (Underwood) Levesque, Tricia (Dunn) Cunniff, Liz Wing, and Alison Reichard at their senior corn roast in 2007.

Faculty Play

This year's Faculty Play was *Haphazardly Ever After*. All ticket sales for the two performances went towards senior scholarships. Can you pick out any alumni in the group?



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED

DR. ALISON REICHARD '08

think I was rare in that I did," she says. "If you're not sure, don't pigeonhole yourself. Take an art class even if you're a science person. You have a unique opportunity at Pinkerton to take such a diversity of classes." She also urges students to value the time they have with their classmates. "Right now, you live in the same town or the same general area as your friends," she reflects. "As you get older, friends move far away, and it's much harder to see them regularly. Embrace that time." Pinkerton, she says, remains a place she feels deeply connected to. "I always felt like the teachers, and even the administration, really cared about the students and believed in the mission of the school," she says. "It's what has kept me involved in the alumni community. I feel like I got a kind of private school education, but funded publicly. I was very, very fortunate."



The four have remained close through the years—at Alison's rehearsal dinner in 2024.



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FROM PINKERTON TO DEADPROOF: DANTE MARINO'S UNLIKELY PATH TO PIZZA AND THE FOOD NETWORK

By Julia Mitchell, Director of Communications & Marketing '98

When he graduated from Pinkerton Academy in 2007, Dante Marino pictured himself in a classroom, not behind a pizza oven. He went on to study General Education at Southern New Hampshire University and did his student teaching at Auburn Village School. It didn't take long to see the realities of teaching weren't the right long term fit. Stepping away from teaching became Dante's first major career pivot.

"I thought teaching might be it," he recalls, "but pretty quickly I realized I wasn't the right person for that room every single day. I loved the kids, but I knew I'd burn out if I stayed."

He moved into roles that blended people skills and problem solving. After bartending at Margaritas, Dante joined Apple, where he benefitted from the company's leadership training. Later, at a small tech firm and then a larger shop, he started to feel the weight of corporate realities with little opportunity to grow and a feeling of anonymity. The loss of his father only emphasized the need for something more.

"That was a real gut check," he says. "Between losing my dad and feeling like a ghost at work, I realized if I didn't change something, nothing was going to change for me."

Inspired to do something different, Dante built his own opportunity. With his photographer brother, Vincent '09, he launched Ethos and Able Creative, a small studio helping local restaurants with branding and social media. One client project included a full brand project built around a concept and a name the client didn't love: DeadProof Pizza. The meaning behind the name came from a forgotten batch of over-proofed sourdough that baked up into a delicious pizza crust.

Dante and his partners, Vincent and a friend, Matt, kept the name and the attitude of the company and turned it into a pop up pizza concept: a tent, a couple of small ovens, and a friends and family night that quickly grew into festival invites and a loyal following.

As DeadProof expanded into a trailer operation, Dante sold his house to keep the business going and got help along the way from the Raymond Economic Development Center and the owner of Bonfire Bar in Manchester, who offered space and support. A burst pipe at the bar led to a winter home at what was once Clam Haven.

That move has led to an even broader following in Derry with long lines even on cold nights. Recently, DeadProof attracted the attention of a recruiter for the Food Network. Dante and a few of his crew participated in Season 19 of The Great Food Truck Race. The season premieres on July 26th.

Through the unexpected turns on his path, Dante says he has learned about himself and has this advice for others.

"I've learned it's okay if your path doesn't look like anyone else's," Dante says. "This isn't what I thought I'd be doing when I was in high school. But none of the experiences that got me here were wasted. I believe I'm where I'm supposed to be and doing what I'm supposed to do."

Tune into the Food Network on July 26th to see how DeadProof does in The Great Food Truck Race and follow them on social media at



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Senior Reflections: CALI LOCKWOOD

As I sit next to the graduating class of 2026, I think back to my eighth grade graduation among just 58 students. Coming from a small school, the thought of attending Pinkerton Academy was very exciting for me. Before I even stepped on campus as a freshman, I was already getting a glimpse of what Pinkerton would be like through



summer league and captains' practices. I had high aspirations of making the girls soccer team; as I met new teammates and friends from different schools, my excitement only grew. Looking back now, those captains were welcoming, encouraging and kind. They set the example for the type of leader I hoped to become one day.

Once I arrived at Pinkerton, I quickly found my place within the business program. My mom and I spent more time than I would like to admit looking through the course catalog, searching for every business class that would fit into my schedule. Looking back, that decision shaped much of my high school experience. I am proud of my involvement in the Career and Technical Education (CTE) program.

I was honored to be asked to be a CTE ambassador and act as one of the business representatives. One of the opportunities I am most proud of is being able to speak with incoming freshmen from sending schools and answering questions about the program. This allowed me to share an experience that has such a positive impact on my own life. Through the CTE program, I also became involved with Campus Corner, our school store. This year I had the honor to be picked as the manager. The leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills I developed through that role gave me valuable real world experiences and prepared me for future opportunities. Throughout my four years in the program, I found my love for marketing and will continue my education at the University of New Hampshire, pursuing marketing and professional sales.

Academically, I always tried to make the most out of my time at Pinkerton by challenging myself and striving to do my best. I have been a proud member of the National Honor Society, as well as several other honor societies throughout my time here. More importantly, I am grateful for the resources Pinkerton has to offer and the teachers that consistently went out of their way to support and encourage me. Their guidance helped me grow not only as a student but also as a person. Because of their support and the opportunities Pinkerton provided, I am proud to graduate in the top 7% of my class.

Outside of the classroom, I was lucky enough to serve as

an executive board member for the Leadership Council of Athletics (LCA). Being a part of LCA allowed me to contribute to school spirit and the involvement within our school community. It showed me how much of an impact student leaders can have on something bigger than themselves. One thing I have learned during my time at Pinkerton is that there is truly something for everyone. Whether through athletics, clubs, performing arts, academics, or CTE programs, there are countless opportunities to get involved. Not only do these opportunities offer you something to get involved in, but it also helps you find your people.

One of my favorite Pinkerton memories was participating in Mack Plaque all four years. As someone whose mom attended Pinkerton and whose dad attended Londonderry, Mack Plaque was always a major event in our household. As a freshman, being able to experience that rivalry firsthand felt incredibly special. Convincing my dad to say, "We bleed red and white, every day and every night" wasn't always easy, but after four consecutive victories over Londonderry, that phrase became much easier for him to say. Over time, he became a little more Astro himself.

Sports have always played a significant role in my life, and I was honored to serve as captain of both the girls soccer and lacrosse teams this year. When I was elected as captain I knew I wanted to be just as welcoming, kind and encouraging as those captains were to me my freshman year. These experiences taught me valuable lessons about teamwork, communication, and leadership. I learned that every person is motivated differently and that being a leader means adapting, listening, and supporting others. One of the highlights of my high school career was winning a state championship with my soccer team. Celebrating that achievement alongside my teammates after years of hard work, dedication and commitment was an unforgettable experience and a memory I will cherish forever. I am proud to have worn number 15 on both fields, but even more than that, I am grateful for the memories, lessons and lifelong friendships that Pinkerton athletics has given me.

As I reflect on my time at Pinkerton, I think about how big this campus felt when I first arrived as a freshman. Four years later, that same place feels like home. Pinkerton has given me opportunities I never imagined, introduced me to lifelong friends, and helped me discover a passion that will shape my future. It challenges me to step out of my comfort zone, become a leader, and grow into the person I am today.

I will miss Friday night lights, spirit weeks and pep rallies, and the everyday moments that made Pinkerton special. At the same time, I am excited for the future and for the next generation of Astros who will create memories of their own. I look forward to watching my sister continue to make the most of her Pinkerton experience as an upcoming junior and seeing my brother begin his journey here in the years ahead.

It is true what they say: these four years fly by. While I am excited for what comes next, I will always be grateful for the experiences, opportunities and people that made Pinkerton feel like home. ***No matter where my life takes me, once an Astro, always an Astro.***

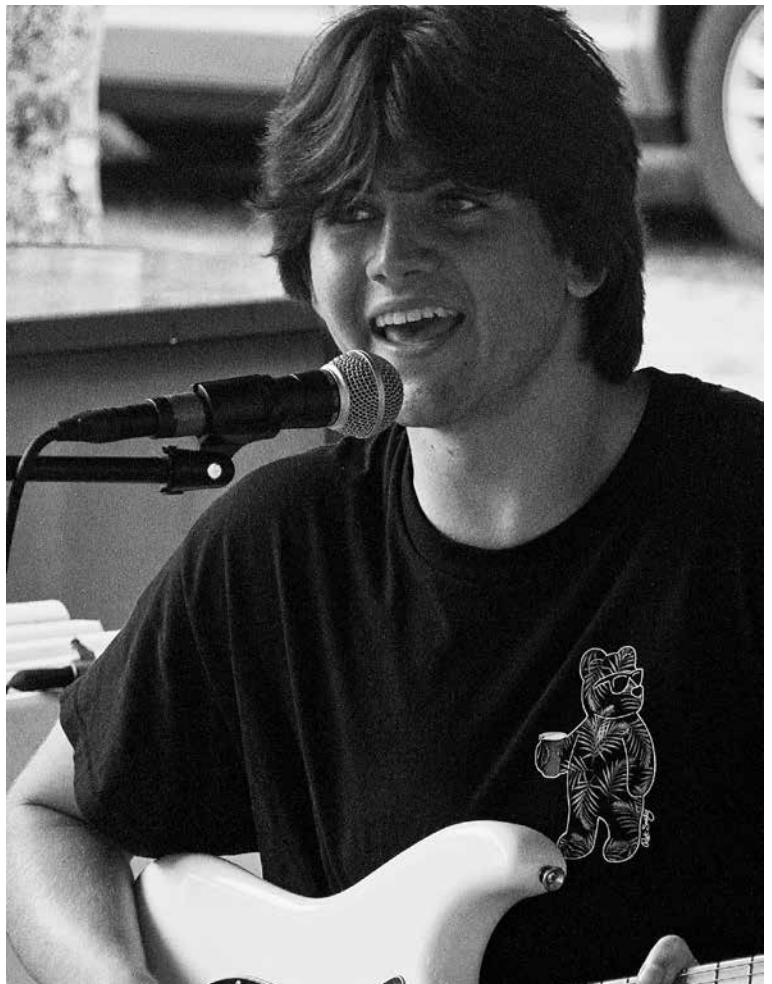
Senior Reflections: DECLAN COLLINS

Looking back at my four years at Pinkerton Academy, my experience was about so much more than just school. Of course, classes took up a lot of my time. Pinkerton offered me the opportunity to challenge myself with advanced courses, but it also offered the opportunity to try things I might not have been able to at other schools. On top of all the standard high school classes, I was able to take forensics science, computer programming, and “Guitar for Everyone”—not your usual high school courses. Taking the guitar class with my sister made it extra memorable.

As much time was put into academics, a lot of my experience at Pinkerton has been shaped by things outside of the classroom. I joined the track team my freshman and sophomore year. While I didn’t continue it the following years, I instead decided to help student-coach track at my old middle school, Gilbert H. Hood, hopefully influencing future Astros. I also enjoyed participating in some of the many clubs Pinkerton offers to students. With NHS and Key club, I got to participate in projects and service events that gave back to the Pinkerton community. I joined FBLA as a senior, partly to spend time with some of my closest friends but ended up learning quite a lot about business. I also had the chance to take two memorable school trips to NYC in my freshman year, one with the Latin program and the other with the Music Department. Not every high school kid gets to explore the classics archives at Columbia or to take part in a music clinic at UCONN on their way into the city for a Broadway show.

While all these experiences have been meaningful, my biggest focus through all the years has been music. Music has been a part of my life since I started playing guitar back in second grade. I had played in bands in middle school, both with friends and in school, but I hadn’t taken it all too seriously. I signed up for concert band freshman year which gave me a chance to meet the other Pinkerton musicians. It was late into freshman year when I got asked by a friend to join the school’s jazz combo. It was intimidating at first as I had never played jazz guitar before, but I quickly began loving it and our combo played at the Clark Terry jazz festival. This cemented my decision to audition for the Jazz Ensemble and enroll in the music theory course for the following year.

From that point on, I accepted every music opportunity possible at school and independently, playing and learning as much as I could. I played in the pit orchestra for three school musicals, conducted by Mr. Adams. I played solo as well as with rock bands, ska bands and big bands outside school and am very proud to be a Pizzastock musician. One of my bands played for the Pinkerton faculty cookout the last three years. Between Jazz Ensemble and Jazz combo there were many shows lined up each year, and for that I am very grateful. In addition to concerts, we performed at Pinkerton Hall of Fame inductions,
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theater events, freshman orientations, the unveiling of the Shepard painting and for the new social studies building opening. (I wear my Mastro’s Astros shirt with pride, Mr. Mastromarino.) With the guidance of both Mr. Boccia with the Jazz Band and Theory classes, along with Mr. Nelson leading the Jazz Combo, I started to feel like I could make a career out of music.



It was around the start of senior year when I decided that I will be going to school for Jazz Guitar, and it was at this time I started the process of auditioning into these schools. Second semester of senior year, I was able to pick up an independent study with Mr. Boccia where I was able to spend a block out of each school day practicing for the upcoming auditions. With all this practice and preparation, I was accepted to and will be

attending the University of North Texas majoring in Jazz Studies. *The experiences that Pinkerton offered and my experiences performing throughout these four years have helped me determine what I want to pursue in life after high school.*

Senior Reflections: SAM PEARSON

Looking back on my time at Pinkerton, I realized so much has changed in my life for the better. With high school came many struggles, but many more blessings than I can count to take with me for the rest of my life.

One of the things that has helped me grow through the past four years was the art department at Pinkerton. I have been an artist since I was a kid, coloring and creating with anything I could. My freshman year I took an intro to art class. It was just a class that most people take to get the credit, but for me it was much more important. There, I met Mr. Gonzalez who showed me that drawing realism was a lot easier than it seemed.

I had an immediate connection to the art room, and I returned the following year in a drawing and painting course. My teacher saw my passion for fine arts and helped me grow my skills personally so that I could paint beautiful pictures. Junior and senior years, I was in higher level and AP art classes, with painting as my main specialty. Since I started painting, I have been involved in many shows and competitions such as our school's yearly art displays, scholastic art awards, and congressional art competitions. I'm proud to have had so many opportunities and have appreciated all the support I have gotten. I have even sold many pieces and learned that following what I love can earn me real money. I never thought I would be a painter, and I am now going off to college to study art education and painting.



Pinkerton Players is another organization that has been an important part of my time at Pinkerton. I joined freshman year, and my first play was *Clue*. I was so afraid at first of the size of the Stockbridge Theatre and how many other club members were older and more confident than I was. Even with my small role and one scene in the play, it was a great experience where



I met awesome people who made me want to continue acting. I've been involved in so many plays, musicals, and events over the past four years where I was able to connect and express myself with wonderful friends who have so much talent. I was also an officer for the Pinkerton Players for 2 years, dedicating time and ideas to running the club so dear to me. To add it all up, I was a part of 12 Pinkerton Players productions total, and I will forever hold the feeling of being on stage so close to my heart.

I joined choir junior year, and I honestly wish I had started much sooner. The only reason I didn't was because I thought I would be too busy and wanted to try other things during the beginning of high school.

But when I joined choir, I felt an overwhelming sense of community and love within the class. Also being in Chamber Choir the past 2 years, has helped me find all of my best friends in the universe.

I have no clue what I would do without them, and I'm so grateful music connects us all to make amazing art. The sound of our voices and instruments on stage during concerts, in the chorus room, or singing in echoing staircases makes me feel so safe and comfortable with that group of people. Chamber choir has done so much for me, and I will carry on the friendships that it has given to me.

I'm the end, my experiences at Pinkerton have brought me so much peace and helped me find my community, family, and myself. ***I have become a much more open and happy person, and spaces in the arts building have really felt like home to me. I am forever grateful for my time at Pinkerton and will continue to make art for as long as I live.***

Pinkerton Players “Razzle Dazzle ‘Em” with

By Clare Mitchell '27

This spring, the Pinkerton Players traveled back in time to the Roaring 20s with their production of *Chicago*. Directed by English teacher Mr. MacNeill, the cast of 34 dedicated students began rehearsals in January, working with music director Mr. Nelson and choreographer Ms. Gillin to put on an impressive performance on all fronts. The cast rehearsed 3-4 days a week after school, dedicating themselves to the show to ensure its success.

The hard work of the cast would have been for nothing if it weren't for the equally hardworking stage crew. Run by Mr. Lemire, the crew built the set, gathered props, and worked backstage to help the show run smoothly. The crew consistently builds impressive sets for productions, and this show was no exception. The multi-tiered platforms, on-stage lighting fixtures, and light-up *Chicago* sign prove how diligently the crew of students worked for this production.

One of the highlights of the Pinkerton Players' musicals is the live pit orchestra. The group of student musicians and professional instrumentalists sacrifice time from their weekends to rehearse under the direction of Mr. Adams. This production presented a unique challenge for the pit orchestra: being onstage the entire time. The pit is used to being in the area under the stage, out of sight from the audience. This year, they were onstage in audience view, forcing them to play into the atmosphere of the show. While this was a different and potentially challenging experience for the musicians, it also provided many opportunities for cast members to interact with the pit during the show, really tying the whole production together.

Overall, the production was a huge success. The Pinkerton Players sold over a thousand tickets across the three shows, making this one of their most profitable productions. Beyond the money, however, is the experience for the performers. This show allowed cast members to create their own characters, finding little moments onstage to express themselves. Tech week, while a stressful time for all involved, also allows cast, crew, and pit members to spend time together and bond over their collaborative effort. *Chicago* was a successful show for all involved, and the Pinkerton Players are excited for their next productions! 🍷

CHICAGO





CONGRATULATIONS!

Math teacher Christa Powers named New Hampshire Teacher of the Year

On the very last day of classes ahead of exams, the Pinkerton Academy community celebrated more than just the coming summer break. That morning, the New Hampshire Department of Education came to campus to announce that Christa Powers, math teacher at Pinkerton Academy, is New Hampshire's 2027 Teacher of the Year.

Christa emerged as the winner after a selection process that started with 124 nominees. Joined by her family, colleagues, and a few of her students, she learned the news at a surprise celebration that included a parade through campus as students and staff cheered.

"Christa is a truly deserving recipient of this honor," said Pinkerton Academy Head of School, Dr. Timothy J. Powers. "Her dedication to students and passion for teaching make a lasting impact in the classroom and beyond."

In the math department, Christa teaches a variety of courses and levels, meeting the needs of all learners. Her work to implement the Technical Mathematics Course for Career and Technical Education has truly been transformative for students.

Dr. Jennifer Resmini, Dean of Faculty, emphasized how Christa's influence extends far beyond her individual classroom walls.

"Christa being named 2027 Teacher of the Year represents how one individual can impact so many facets of education," said Dr. Resmini. "Not only is she an engaging and effective educator in both the math and CTE classrooms, but her mentorship and coaching of her colleagues, along with her dedication to developing an authentic co-teaching model in both content spaces, is prevalent on Pinkerton's campus."

Dr. Resmini added that Christa has been a cornerstone of professional growth at the

academy. "Christa has mentored numerous educators, some new to the field, and has been an active educator apprentice mentor, helping many teachers who are on the path of becoming educators to be successful in their journey through courses and on-the-job learning. She plays a prominent role of attracting and retaining educators in our field."

Jenny Walker, Associate Dean of Academics of Math, also praised Christa for her unique ability to inspire confidence in her students while pioneering new educational pathways.

"Christa Powers is a remarkable educator, celebrated for her thoughtful, kind, and inspiring approach to teaching," she said. "As the 2027 New



Hampshire Teacher of the Year, she exemplifies dedication and has made a positive impact on the field of education. By cultivating an environment grounded in motivation and self-efficacy, she empowers learners to engage in collaborative problem-solving and creative exploration."

She noted that this innovative spirit has fundamentally shifted how students view the discipline. "As an innovator, Christa integrated mathematics into Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses, making math accessible and practical for



Christa Powers and her parents.



Students showed their love for Mrs. Powers on the parade route.

a diverse student body. Her leadership continues to have a widespread and positive influence on both students and adults.”

CTE Director Jen Haskins highlighted how this cross-disciplinary collaboration sets a gold standard for modern education.

“Christa Powers is the kind of educator every school hopes to have,” she said. “What sets Christa apart is her willingness to step outside the traditional classroom and collaborate across disciplines to enhance student learning. She is an incredible partner to our Career and Technical Education Department. Her impact extends



The parade through campus brought smiles to everyone.

far beyond her own classroom, influencing colleagues, strengthening curriculum, and inspiring students to achieve more than they thought possible.”

She continued, “I can think of no one more deserving of the honor of being named the 2027 New Hampshire Teacher of the Year. Christa represents the very best of our profession, and we are fortunate to have her as a member of the Pinkerton Academy community.”

The sentiment is echoed by those who work alongside her every day in the classroom. Nathan Phillips ’06, a colleague and co-teacher who has worked closely with Christa for the last three years, spoke to her profound impact on the school’s daily culture.

“Over that time, she has been an amazing colleague and co-teacher. I have truly enjoyed working together,” he said. “She is always positive and that positivity spreads like wildfire. I am constantly



A festively decorated golf cart led the procession.

inspired by her abilities to help all kinds of learners and I am truly blessed to be able to work with her. She is one of the most selfless and humble people I have ever met and I am so happy that she has been selected as the 2027 NH Teacher of the Year!”

Overwhelmed by the campus-wide celebration, Crista expressed deep appreciation for her support systems and shared her vision for the future of math education.

“I am so grateful for this honor and for my family both at home and at school,” she said. “The support that has been extended to me has been nothing short of incredible. I am truly blessed to be surrounded by such wonderful educators and am proud to represent Pinkerton on this journey.”

Looking forward to her platform as the state’s top educator, Christa is eager to champion innovative instruction on a larger scale. “I hope to continue to learn from other educators and support schools with co-teaching and embedding mathematics curriculum within CTE and other programs. I want students to learn math where they are excited!”

As the New Hampshire Teacher of the Year, Christa will now serve as an ambassador for the state’s teaching profession and will represent New Hampshire in the National Teacher of the Year program.



So proud! Christa’s two youngest children hugged Mom when she got the news.



SENIOR



Awards



TREASURES FROM THE ARCHIVES

MAJOR JOHN PINKERTON'S CANE, CA. 1816: SARAH FRANCES BRADFORD'S GRADUATION GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING

BY MARK A. MASTROMARINO, PH.D., SCHOOL HISTORIAN (CLASS OF 1979)

Permit me to return to a subject mentioned in passing in the article on Pinkerton Hall traditions in last year's issue of this magazine (Eve Klok and Mark A. Mastromarino, "Beyond the Bell . . .," *Pinkerton Alumnus* [Spring/Summer 2025], 23). I refer to the use as the Academy's graduation marshal's baton since 1916 the same cane that had assisted founder Major John Pinkerton on his last walk on this Earth a century earlier. Not only is it graduation time again, but recent events have obliged me to reexamine this significant treasure from the school archives.



Figure 1. The pre-restored "Pinkerton graduation cane" owned and used by founder Major John Pinkerton before his death in 1816. Photo by the author.

Major John Pinkerton and His Cane

Eighty-year-old Major John Pinkerton wrote in his final will on December 12, 1815, that he was "far advanced in years but of sound and disposing mind and memory, blessed be almighty God." In disposing of his estate, he gave one quarter of it "unto the Trustees of the Pinkerton Academy in Londonderry upon the same terms and conditions as are expressed in the bond of said Trustees to me relative to my late donation to them of the sum of three thousand Dollars." His executors—lawyers John Bell, Peter Patterson, and John Porter—determined the cash value of that fourth when they settled Pinkerton's estate after the death of the "old-time merchant" on May 1, 1816. The will also granted his "beloved [second] wife Mary [Tufts Pinkerton]" "such articles of household furniture that I may leave at my decease as she may choose and select for herself." As I have yet to find an inventory of those household possessions, I cannot state that Pinkerton's three-foot-long plain wooden cane with the ivory handle was selected by Mary, or if her husband had disposed of it, and of others that he probably owned, before his death. Nor have I found Mary's will, to see if the ninety-four-year-old woman similarly passed the cane on as a family heirloom at her death in February 1844.

If only the Pinkerton men and women had treated canes with the same self-awareness as national figures of America's founding generation.

Whereas swords had long been presented as funerary gifts by military officers, canes carried similar symbolic weight for nonmilitary gentlemen, commemorating veneration and dignity instead of courage and martial prowess. (I assume Major John had hefted a sword as an officer in the Revolutionary War; I wonder what might have happened to it?) For example, in his will Benjamin Franklin left George Washington, "my friend & the friend of Mankind," a "fine" walking stick carved from crab apple wood with a golden Liberty Cap head, writing, "If it were a sceptre, he has merited it, & would become it." Washington received "with pleasing sensations and a grateful heart" this legacy "as a token of remembrance and a mark of friendship" ("Henry Hill to Washington, May 7, 1790," and note 1, Founders Online, National Archives, <https://founders.archives.gov/documents/Washington/05-05-02-0248>. [Original source: *The Papers of George Washington, Presidential Series*, vol. 5, 16 January 1790–30 June 1790, ed. Dorothy Twohig, Mark A. Mastromarino, and Jack D. Warren. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1996, pp. 388–390]).

Fortunately, at least one woman recognized Major John Pinkerton's cane as a particularly resonant symbol for Pinkerton Academy. Just as this modest piece of turned and finished wood had borne the weight of the former Revolutionary War officer, elderly tavern keeper, successful merchant and money lender, and generous philanthropist; and just as it kept him moving forward through his twilight years; thus did Major John Pinkerton himself help create, prop up, and support the educational institution that bears his name 210 years after his death.

Sarah Francis Bradford and Her Gift

The woman who saved the Major's cane and granted it a new life as the Commencement baton was Sarah Frances Bradford (June 9, 1849–April 2, 1932). She was the second of eight children of Thomas S. Bradford (1815–1876) and Emily Merrill Bradford (1818–1904) and grew up in a house owned by John Pinkerton in the late 1770s on the north side of the road that now bears his name. The house was purchased by her grandfather Andrew Bradford with ninety-four acres in 1833 and remained the Bradford family farmstead until 1909, when it was purchased by the H. P. Hood Company and eventually torn down. Sarah lived there still in 1906 and harvested

and sold apples from its orchard. In 1886, her brother Henry had built the house across the street on family property that still stands at 18 Pinkerton Street (Harriet Chase Newell, *Houses of Derry Village, N.H.: An Informal Story* [Littleton, N.H., 1951], 118–19; *Derry News*, August 10, 1906).

Why was Sarah devoted enough to Pinkerton Academy that she would donate such a valuable relic to it? She could have been an alumna, but I have yet to find documentation to prove that and can rely only on circumstantial evidence: she lived so close to the school, and her siblings attended Pinkerton. After the trustees had voted to close Pinkerton's Female Department in 1821, girls could no longer officially enroll here, but some superior female students were permitted to take classes. Especially privileged were those attending the Adams Female Academy on East Derry Hill, which shared several trustees with Pinkerton's board. As an adult, Sarah was a committed nurse, and must have earlier attended college or a nursing school, which would have required a secondary school education for admission.

If she were not an actual daughter of our alma mater, perhaps she merely had a sentimental attachment to the institution that had eased her siblings into their successful careers. At least two sisters and two brothers—Josephine, Franklin Pierce, Lucy Ann, and Henry Andrew Bradford—were Pinkerton students from the 1850s to the 1870s. Frank inherited the family homestead and was listed as a farmer in the 1880 Federal Census. Henry was a clerk in one of the shoe factories in West Derry and in 1886 built a house (currently numbered 18 Pinkerton Street) across the street from that of his brother and mother. And Josephine was a teacher. Sadly, she died on March 19, 1932, while her sister Sarah was on her deathbed at the Elliot Hospital in Manchester (*Pinkerton Academy Catalogues*, 1858, 1859, 1870, 1871; *Derry News*, April 8, 1932). The only non-family bequest in Sarah's will of September 18, 1926, was twenty-five dollars to the Christian Science Society of Derry.



Figure 2. Andrew Bradford of Pelham purchased from the heirs of John Pinkerton in 1833 what became the Bradford Homestead on the south side of what is now Pinkerton Street, Derry. Photo from Newell, *Houses of Derry Village*, 118.

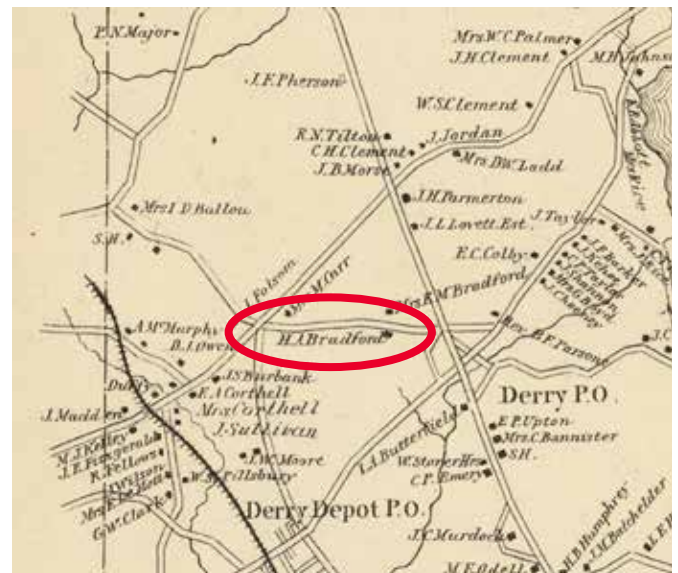


Figure 3. Pinkerton Street in 1892, showing the Bradford homestead on the north side and Henry Bradford's new house on the south side. From D. H. Hurd & Company's *Atlas of Rockingham County* (Boston, 1892).

Sarah left nothing to Pinkerton Academy at her death, probably because she had already consigned her greatest gift to the school eleven years earlier. On a particularly special day for Pinkerton, September 7, 1915, during the Academy's Centennial Celebration of the First Day of Classes, the *Derry News* of September 10, 1915, reported:

The post prandial exercises were opened by the president of the day the Rev. Mr. Haskins. He held up to view of all present an unpretentious looking cane that was owned by Major John Pinkerton, one of the founders of the academy and used in the last walk that he ever took in life. This had for years been the property of Miss Sarah Bradford of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bradford, and she in turn desired to present it to the academy with the understanding that it should ever after be used by the marshal of the graduating class on commencement days. The cane is of mahogany with a large ivory head.

The presentation of her gift, in the telling and apparently also in the reality, was overshadowed by the "most noteworthy event" that followed it, the offering by Robert Lincoln O'Brien (PA Class of 1887, and soon-to-be trustee) of his gift to the school of the oil portrait of former principal George Washington Bingham, which took up two long paragraphs in the newspaper. The article does not state that Sarah was present on the occasion; if she had been, surely she would have spoken, and provided further details of her possession of the cane and her motivation for giving it to the school. It is difficult to prove a negative, but the fact that she did not sign the centennial register, while her brother Henry did,

suggests at least that Sarah was not in attendance. (She did still live in Derry as a homeowner, at 88 East Broadway. To show that no good deed goes unpunished, three months after she gifted the cane to the school, on December 18, three large skunks took up residence under her piazza and refused to leave, until finally disappearing in a drain beside the road [*Derry News*, December 24, 1915]).

How did she come by the cane? I can only speculate.

It is unlikely (but possible?) that she had found it in the old house or barn that had earlier belonged to John Pinkerton. It is more likely that she had acquired it from her father or mother, maybe even as bequests (as the cane “had for years been the property” of Sarah, it is entirely possible that she might have inherited it from her father in 1876 or her mother in 1904 (“for years” seems to point more to the former). The Bradfords had been neighbors of John Porter, treasurer of the Pinkerton Board of Trustees from 1814 to 1842 and its president from 1850 until his death in 1857. Porter’s house, built in 1809 (currently No. 6), was the next one down Pinkerton Street from her family’s farm. Porter was a friend of Major John Pinkerton and one of the executors of his estate. The Major could have given the cane to Porter, as a mark of his esteem. In turn, before his own death, Porter might have passed it on to his friend and neighbor, Thomas Bradford, who had paid years of tuition to the school that had educated his children. Or he could have himself bestowed it on Thomas’s twelve-year-old daughter before his death (note well the “possible”s, “seems,” “more likely,” “maybe,” “could have”s, and “might have”s of this paragraph).

I do not know when Sarah Bradford’s wish was first fulfilled. I would assume that the John Pinkerton cane was first used by the marshal of the day at the very next graduation, held on June 23, 1916. The *Derry News* reported on June 27 that the marshal was Frederick L. Torrey, the president of the graduating class, but it did not mention that he carried the newly acquired Pinkerton cane (thus, the tradition of having the president of the junior class as graduation marshal was a later development—at least by 1939, when we have a photograph of Junior Class President Foster Ball leading the procession; see figure 4).

Restoring the Cane

After being used, no matter how carefully, at every(?) Pinkerton graduation for the last 109 years, the ancient heirloom was showing its age in 2025. Perhaps Miss Bradford had more confidence than was merited in the student marshals’ reverential treatment over the years. Were all cane bearers as responsible as Foster Ball? Hearsay evidence has one of them in the 1990s accidentally hitting a hard object—perhaps a fellow student’s head—when cavalierly swinging it



Figure 4. Junior class president Foster Ball (Class of 1940) carefully bearing the bestreamered Pinkerton cane at the 1939 graduation. From Pinkerton Critic, 1964, 4).

about; perhaps the skull proved harder than the 200-year old ivory handle, which was cracked at some point in its history.) To inspire the proper respect for the object and prevent such future occurrences, I have provided current and future marshals with a written history of the object and its significance as well as a guide to caring for it. Limiting the cane’s use only to the actual graduation ceremony, as discussed below, is another preservation strategy.

The keepers of the cane also contributed to its degradation over the years. The ivory handle was inexpertly over-repaired with a large flathead screw, which probably aggravated its cracking. The accompanying close-up photo shows other curatorial faux pas: The cheap red and white streamers (dating at least to 1939) were attached with a black adhesive tape that damaged the surface of the ivory with a sticky residue, and a clear cellophane tape, also acidic, was used to strengthen the attachment of the metal ferrule to the wooden cane. It also resulted in damaging the cane’s finish. The cane clearly required professional attention.

And I found just the man to undertake the restoration project: Richard Leiter, owner of Revive Furniture in Derry. You might recognize him as the expert who restored the faces of Pinkerton Hall’s tower clocks last summer. He



Figure 5. The cracked and taped cane handle before conservation treatment. Photo by the author.

removed and repaired the cane's ivory handle before properly reattaching it, leaving the damage visible as physical documentation of the history of the piece. He also removed the tapes and cleaned the affected metal, wooden, and ivory surfaces. We found a less destructive way to reattach new silk streamers, with a silicone O-ring. And he lightly polished the entire cane, to protect the wood and bring out its natural beauty, as well as all the metal pieces. In addition, Richard constructed an exhibit-worthy new case for the cane out of tempered glass and the vibrant exotic wood known as padauk, which almost glows crimson. The case bears an engraved brass plate, produced by Crown Trophy of Hooksett. The elegant script reads, "Major John Pinkerton Cane / ca. 1816 / Given by Sarah Frances Bradford / September 7, 1915." I acknowledge Richard's good work and also want to thank publicly those who contributed to the Archives and Historic Preservation designation of the Pinkerton Fund during this year's Annual Day of Giving, especially the anonymous donor who requested that their gift be specifically used for the restoration of the cane (an act worthy of Sarah Frances Bradford herself).



Figure 6. The restored cane before the attachment of the new streamers, in its new case. Photo by the author.

A New and Improved Cane for Graduation 2026

When I returned the Pinkerton cane and its new case into the capable and careful hands of its custodian, Associate Head of School Michael Perez, on April 24, I had the pleasure of meeting the Junior Class President Julia Caruso. As I explained the significance of the cane to her (sparing her many of the details related above), I was pleased that she was impressed with her responsibility as marshal of the day and appreciated becoming a part of Pinkerton's history, as her own recent family history is closely tied to Pinkerton's: her mother Heidi Leuchte and her Aunt Amy were both members of the famous Class of 1998 ("famous" according to PA's Director of Communications and Marketing Julia [Parodi]

Mitchell, PA Class of 1998); her brother Anthony graduated last year; and her brother James was in cap and gown this June, taking directions (by way of the cane) from his little sister. Oh, and their younger sister, Julia, will be graduating next year.



Figure 7. Celebrating the return of the restored Pinkerton cane to Pinkerton Hall on April 24, 2026, were (from left to right): Head of School Dr. Timothy Powers, Historian Dr. Mark Mastromarino, President of the Junior Class Julia Caruso, and Associate Head of School Michael Perez. Photo by Julia Mitchell.

At that meeting, I was able to improve on the system that Head of School Dr. Timothy Powers and Mr. Perez had previously devised to limit the negative impact on the cane of its annual June outings. John Pinkerton's cane is reserved only for the actual graduation ceremony, with an alternate being substituted at graduation practices. In the past, a yardstick or lacrosse stick has been used during those practices (why not a field hockey stick, I wonder?). This year, however, thanks to the generosity of a good friend and an Honorary Alumnus of Pinkerton Academy, I have been able to provide a more realistic stand-in: a near duplicate and apparent contemporary of the Pinkerton cane that had most likely belonged to Benjamin Pike Chase (1762–1852) of Auburn, N.H. The similar length, heft, balance, and streamers will prepare graduation marshals to wield a cane during practices without causing the original undue stress and potential injury.



Figure 8. A near duplicate and contemporary cane likely owned by Benjamin Pike Chase (1762–1852) of Auburn, N.H. A generous anonymous donor recently gave it to the school specifically for use at graduation practices. Photo by the author.

But Wait, There's More!

While poking around the "Sports" cabinet up here in "Pinkerton's Attic" in the Old Academy Building, I



Figure 9. The newly (re?)discovered polished bamboo commencement marshal's baton, ca. 1880s–1910s. Photo by the author.

discovered another artifact related to the Pinkerton cane story. But first to set the scene: after I had picked up the restored cane from Mr. Leiter, I informed Dr. Powers that the faded and stained red and white streamers were removed but that I hadn't yet attached the new silk ones I had purchased. When he asked if the streamers were historically accurate and actually necessary, I told him I would check on the former.

Unfortunately,

the earliest evidence of a bestreamered cane was the 1939 black-and-white photo in figure 4 above. I was preparing to base my argument on that and the grounds of practicality (visibility). But then I found the item photographed in figure 9, which I might have seen before, but previously had no contextual knowledge to force its retention in my porous memory.

The thirty-six-inch-long piece of polished bamboo tapers from three-quarters to one-half inch, too thin to bear the weight of a person, so it is not a cane (and we're not at Hogwarts, so it's not a Harry Potter super-wand). It looks to be of late-nineteenth- or early-twentieth-century handiwork. The top end has a small metal cap and the bottom is also metal tipped (I cannot tell what kind of metal). The frayed red ribbon and two small remains of a white one immediately informed me that I was looking at the pre-1916 baton of the marshal of Commencement ceremonies, which were first held at Pinkerton around the 1880s (the first graduations were held in the 1860s but consisted of only a handful of graduates). Dr. Powers graciously conceded my point that the streamers should be retained on the Pinkerton cane. And he further suggested that the baton should be used by the marshal at Senior Awards night, starting a new tradition. The remains of the original red and white silk streamers have been removed and preserved in the archives where this object was discovered and identified in April 2026,

and I replaced them with new silk streamers.

Ah, Pinkerton. The Old and the New.

Coda

Permit me a final indulgence, Dear Reader. I close with a photo of my 1979 classmate, Junior Class President Melanie Gulden, who served as marshal of the day and wielded the Pinkerton cane at my brother's graduation in 1978. I was so proud of the positive way she represented our class, which you can see in her face. I share this photo to help perpetuate the memory of a young woman who left us far too soon. Rest in Peace, Melanie. Your classmates will never forget your pride and smiles that inspired the same in us as we processed through the four years of our lives at Pinkerton Academy.



Figure 10. The Commencement Marshal of the June 1978 graduation: Melanie Gulden, Class of 1979. Pinkerton Academy Alumni Newsletter, July 1978, 1.

UPCOMING REUNIONS

Class of 1956

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

11:30am - 1:30pm

Pinkerton Academy, Astro Café
(Derry, NH)



Class of 1961

Tuesday, July, 14, 2026

11:30am

The Coach Stop Restaurant and Tavern
(Londonderry, NH)



Class of 1971

Saturday, September 12, 2026

6:00 - 10:00pm

Holy Grail
(Epping, NH)



Class of 1986

Saturday, September 12, 2026

6:00 - 10:00pm

Oscar Barn Venue
(Hooksett, NH)

Class of 2006

Saturday, August 22, 2026

5:00 - 8:00pm

McINTYRE Ski Area
(Manchester, NH)



Class of 2011

Saturday, July 18, 2026

3:00pm

Tuscan Village Pavilion Area
(Salem, NH)



Class of 2016

Saturday, July 18, 2026

4:00 - 8:00pm 3S Artspace
(Portsmouth, NH)

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Culinary Program Wins State Competition

By Lilliana Cunha '26

On March 3rd at the Grappone Conference Center, in Concord, NH, Pinkerton Academy Culinary students competed in the NH ProStart State Invitational, working in both the culinary and management categories. They ultimately won both categories for the first time in Pinkerton history and went on to compete in the ProStart National Invitational in Washington, D.C. in April.

The competition is a challenging one, requiring students to collaborate on various aspects of the culinary business.

"Students start by researching and developing a three-course menu composed of an appetizer, entree, and dessert," said culinary teacher, Chef Keith Desjardin. "The team of five students must take into consideration that they only have one hour to prepare two portions of each course using only two portable butane burners."

Additionally, on the management side, Desjardin explained, "Students must then create a theme and outline their concept, develop a floor plan, specify and generate



Members of the Pinkerton Culinary Team

examples of their decor, perform a SWOT analysis, generate an organizational chart, compose a menu, create and cost recipes, and make and photograph up to four of their menu items."

After receiving a first-place title in both categories, Desjardin reflected on the moment.

"I couldn't have been more proud of this group of kids," said Desjardin. "They have all been working so hard preparing since the beginning

of December, and the schools they were competing against were all performing on incredibly high levels. It was great to see these students recognized for all of the hard work they put into preparing for states and the feedback they received from all of the judges."

Students who competed on the culinary team include Laya Brown, Sophia DeAngelo, Megan Delinas, Kiley Hewey, and Presley Nettles; the management team was made up of Gabriella Strabone and Mollie Wheale.

The program was further recognized as Chef Desjardin was recently awarded the NH ProStart Teacher of the Year Award.

Pinkerton Students Recognized at Congressional Art Competition



Lora Kotlyarsky '26 and Sam Pearson '26 received honorable mentions in the Congressional Art Competition hosted by Congressman Chris Pappas. Both were students in Mr. Gonzalez's AP Studio Art class.

Top Ten Seniors 2026

Congratulations to the top ten students from the Class of 2026!

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| 1) Arav Mahajan | 6) Jack Welch |
| 2) Boris Hadjiev | 7) Brooke Benz |
| 3) Yianni Kalampalikis | 8) Alexander Foti |
| 4) Olof Holmes | 9) Sophia Cahoon |
| 5) Rebecca King | 10) Alyssa Camell |



(front, left to right) Rebecca King, Yianni Kalampalikis, Arav Mahajan, Boris Hadjiev, Olof Holmes; (back left to right) Alyssa Camell, Alexander Foti, Jack Welch, Brooke Benz, Sophia Cahoon

Apprenticeship Program provides employees with career growth opportunities

By Julia Mitchell, Director of Communications & Marketing '98

In just three years, Pinkerton's apprenticeship program is quietly transforming careers by opening a pathway to teaching for staff who might not have had the chance to pursue a traditional college route. The apprenticeship model is built around practical, job-embedded experience. Apprentices complete coursework while using their existing roles as paraeducators at Pinkerton to fulfill observation hours and field requirements.

Candice Low, a longtime paraeducator who had spent years focused on raising a family, is the first to complete the program. She describes the experience as the moment she finally did something for herself. With her father's encouragement and strong support from her husband, she enrolled in courses online, starting at Manchester Community College to earn her Associate's degree and then transferring to New England College for a B.A. in Special Education. The program is



Candice Low recently completed the apprenticeship program.

structured so that participants can work full time while completing their degrees, with options to move at an accelerated pace or to stretch the coursework out over a longer period.

Candice finished her Bachelor's in three intensive years. Her hours in the classroom counted toward the observations she needed, and the school designated a weekly block on Wednesdays for apprentices to meet with mentors, complete homework, or observe other classes. She worked under three different mentors and completed student teaching all while maintaining her income and benefits. Pinkerton coordinated schedules so she could remain in her assigned classrooms and still meet her student teaching obligations.

"All the people I've worked with have been really supportive and really amazing... I wouldn't have been able to do it if I didn't have the constant encouragement that the people gave me here."

This fall, Candice is stepping into a new role as a case coordinator, looking forward to having a consistent group of students she can support more deeply. Her journey illustrates the program's impact: it not only elevates individual staff members into certified teaching and support roles but also strengthens the school community by investing in people who already know its students, culture, and needs.

Julia Caruso '27 named Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Player of the Year

Gatorade announced in early June that Pinkerton's Julia Caruso '27 is the 2025-26 Gatorade New Hampshire Softball 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 excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Caruso as New Hampshire's best high school softball player.



Beyond her standout performance on the softball mound, Julia is president of her class and a member of the Leadership Council of Athletics. A member of the World Language Honor Society, she maintains an A average in her classes and is involved in Astrothon, an overnight fundraiser for Boston Children's Hospital.

Julia has made a verbal commitment to play softball at Penn State University where her mother, Heidi (Leuchte) '98, played field hockey, and her father, Jordan, played football.



PAST ALUMNI EVENTS



Alumni from 1963-2022 met at Zipps Sports Grill in Scottsdale, Arizona for a night of connecting and sharing PA stories and memories.



The 41st Annual Florida Reunion was a chilly afternoon (for Florida weather)! Alumni and family enjoyed catching up with one another, lunch, and raffling off PA items!



Alumni gathered in Fort Myers, Florida at 2 Meatballs in the Kitchen to catch up with one another, share stories of Pinkerton, and enjoy appetizers and pizza!



Alumni met at Game Changer Sports Bar & Grill in January for appetizers, corn hole and a social.



John Giust '85 hosted an alumni event in San Diego, California where alumni met for a few hours and shared stories.



Alumni gathered at Robert Lange's '99 Gallery in Charleston, South Carolina for an evening of connecting and re-connecting, admiring art work and sharing PA stories.



Alumni gathered at Suffolk Punch Brewing in Huntersville, North Carolina to catch up with one another, share memories of PA and enjoy food and drink together!



Alumni met at Doppio Zero in San Carlos, California for dinner while catching up with alumni in the area.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!

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CLASSNEWS

SPRING/SUMMER 2026

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.

–1948–

Lorraine Evelyn Marquis Routhier, PA Class of 1948. A vibrant part of Pinkerton History is now gone. Lorraine Marquis Routhier passed away peacefully at her home in Derry on February 1, just shy of her 96th birthday. Lorraine was a lifelong resident of Derry and graduated from PA in 1948. She participated in many activities while attending PA, cheerleading being her favorite and she became Head Cheerleader her Senior Year. She was the Vice President of her Senior Class. Lorraine continued to be active in her life after graduation. She was President of the Junior Woman's Club of New Hampshire, she worked at the polls for many years, worked as a Legal Secretary, and was an Alumni Correspondent into her 90s. If you were to ask Lorraine what her greatest accomplishment was she would tell you it was her four children! She was a great mother, wife, sister, and friend. This amazing woman lived a long and wonderful life. She will be remembered for her kind words and beautiful smile...



Lorraine and her squad

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–1951–

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–1952–

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Paul Pillsbury and his wife recently passed their Pennsylvania Driver's tests (AARP). A PLUS.

Genevieve Stannard Rowell took a bit of a tumble, broke a bone, but is doing fine after a LOT of PT.

My surgery experience was to have a "rogue" lymph node lump removed, it was the size of a "date." Post surgery, feeling fine. My youngest grandson has just made the Dean's list at Messiah University again, one

more year to go. Sports Broadcasting is his major; I have had the pleasure of watching him on TV "calling the games!" Spring in PA has arrived, weeping cherry trees, lilac bushes and those lovely southern magnolias (even though they are a bit messy). Happy summer to all.

– *Arlene*

–1953–

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Janet: I am writing this on a beautiful day in May. Azaleas, daffodils and flowering trees are in bloom. This array of colors makes it easy to forget the winter we had. May 1st brings back memories of may baskets that we would make and put on someone's porch steps and run. They would have to figure out "who dun it." Only our age group would remember this tradition. Also, may flowers were in bloom. I never found any in the woods, but I do remember a lady on the Chester Rd. selling them. I called **Bob Morrison** the day after the Boston Marathon and asked him where he finished in the race. He said "still at the starting line." Maybe next year. I called **Gloria Abbott Klein** and asked her to tell me something good. And she did. Gloria visited classmate **Laurel Rand Browne**, who is in the memory unit in Saco, Maine and Laurel remembered her. Gloria felt good about that. Gloria also attended her grandson's wedding in Kennebunkport, Maine. She spent three nights there and had a lot of fun.

Telly: Howdy '53ers. Another winter passes by. The world kept turning and I saw the other side of the moon. Exciting! Mid March of this year at my eye doctor an older man and I were talking about old times and how we would enjoy getting somethings back. Ie; pick up the phone and hear, "number please." I'd say "120R" to call home. We laughed at today's phone where you punch a code and talk to each other face to face. The following morning I could not find my wallet. Since I travel very little I checked with my eye doctor. Did you find a wallet here yesterday? Answer, no. Back to my car. Now what? Oh yeh, I have a tracer in my wallet and one in the glove box. Daughter's idea. I called Laurie in Colebrook, 210 miles north, who activated the tracers which indicated they were closer to one another. Looked around. No wallet. Drive home to relocate and see if the wallet was with the car. Impossible that it was! I had looked. The tracers proved the wallet was in the car. OK! I thanked Laurie and reached to the dash board to unplug my cellphone and felt a pull at my waist. What the heck! The wallet was in my hip pocket. What a dummy, stupid, and I swore. Laurie said, go easy dad, calm down, it's ok. Don't have a heart attack, forget it! Forget what, I said. I heard goodbye dad, love you. Soo, the old days were great and easy going, but today the technology has to be admired.

Let us know what is going on in your part of town. We would love to hear from you. Bob, Telly, and I wish you the very best. Stay well, do the best you can, and always think good thoughts.

**-1954-
CORRESPONDENT NEEDED**

**-1955-
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Hello, Classmates-friends, My life has changed over the last 6 months. I sold my home and have moved into independent living here in Londonderry at Connect 55. After many pro's and con's, it was the best solution for me, and I now realize I am home. This is a lovely place with many benefits to take advantage of. They offer crafts, games, movies etc. Plenty of things to keep you as busy as you want to be. Now I have 62 years of junk and stuff to get rid of, it will take me years before everything is where it needs to be. With that said, I apologize I have not yet found all of my reunion stuff. If you have any updates you would like to have included in the next Alumnus Magazine please send it to me at above address. This should also include recent updates you have sent to me that are still missing. We had a very small class reunion last year. I attached a photo. It was planned very quickly, and apologies for the short notice.

I did get a call from **Bob Zanes** yesterday. He is planning a trip here in the fall. When the date is set, we will reach out. To help us get current with all of our classmates, can you all please send me your current addresses, phone numbers and emails to make future correspondence easier.

I just had a phone call from **Bob Jones**. He wanted us (his friends and classmates) to know of the passing of his wife, Carole. It was in Dec. of 2025. He also had more to tell us. His son Chris has also passed on Jan. 2025. Bob, himself, is having health problems! Our deepest condolences go out to him and his family. I believe he would appreciate hearing from you. Just hearing and talking to friends from the good old days would really help him heal. I have his phone number (321) 412-3212.

Please stay happy, healthy! Whenever you are in the area, please don't hesitate to stop by, you know, my door is always open to you. Remember!! EVERYDAY IS A GIFT! As always, your friend & classmate, **Pauline**



Class of 1955 Reunion

-1956-

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Hi Everyone:

On Jan. 19th I fell cleaning snow off my car, 6 weeks in rehab and 2 months in All American assisted living in Londonderry. **Beverly Newcomb O'Donnell** has been a resident there for two years. **Beverly Benway Hamer '54** recently became a resident. Will be back home June 1st. **Bob Bettez** passed away recently. He was my best man at my wedding in 1965. **Bob, Richie Cowette** and I played golf many times at Hoodcroft CC. Bob was President for a few years. I sure miss playing golf. Madeline Clark had a recent fall. Has an appointment soon with a Surgeon. Want to express our condolences to **Bill Kelley** and **Lois Kelley Bond** for the passing of their brother Bob Kelley. Long time resident of Londonderry. Below is a message from our President John:

Dear Classmates,

We are happy to hear of Ed's recovery from a very serious winter accident. As usual, he is leaving a little space in our Class notes for my comments. If you don't know already, the Pinkerton Class of 1956 will be celebrating our 70th reunion on Wednesday, September 23 beginning at 11:30am. The place will be our on-campus Astro Café where we had a mini reunion in 2023. We are fortunate that once again Chef Keith Desjardin will be in charge of our culinary delights. Bob Dabrowski is sending out invitations along with a response card where you can select your lunch from a delicious array of choices. The best part is that Ed, as our class treasurer, is making all this good stuff FREE of charge!

As in 2023, parking places will be reserved for us at the Cafe. We will also take a class photo before lunch. This apparently is an historic event! Meagan Sojka, Alumni Relations Coordinator, tells me that ours will be the first 70th reunion she knows about. See you on September 23rd! – **John**

Looking forward to our reunion, **Ed**

-1957-

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I spoke to **George Tsetsilas** the other day. He said that he and **Nancy (Gilbert) Ek** have been talking about a reunion next year. This would be our 70th-year reunion. George thought it would be good to have the reunion on June 7, 2027 exactly 70 years since we graduated. It sounds good to me. What do you think of the idea? Is this a good reunion date for you? Should we have a luncheon or a dinner? We have lost too many classmates... It would be good to see the people who are left. Please email me your thoughts or contact George Tsetsilas or Nancy Gilbert Ek directly.

On another note, I have been continuing to play pickleball and recently competed in the US Open in Naples, Florida in Singles, Men's Doubles and Mixed Doubles (Did not medal..... sad face). One of my granddaughters announced she is pregnant. I'm looking forward to being a great grandfather. Looking to hear from you, **Robert (Barry) Burbank**

-1958-

Wayne Ross

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Wayne, good morning! Glad to hear you are doing well. Happy to say the same here. Norma is still involved in real estate somewhat. She left the brokerage she was a member of and is helping a friend with her brokerage because she is having physical problems. It's only the 2 of them and Nora's son. Still stay pretty busy. We stopped going back to Oregon about 12 years ago and haven't been east since the last class reunion I attended. We got lucky 20 years ago. Her partner at that time took us to Cabo San Lucas to a place called Club Cascadas de Baja. The architect wanted to build a Mexican jungle village made up of many different villas and we are right on the beach. It's gorgeous. Not a time share, it's what's called a fixed week, fixed villa resort. We bought a villa the first week we were there and now own 6, 2 in May, 2 in September and 2 in December. We now own the resort as the architect passed away and his wife turned over the resort to all of the owners in 2018. Needless to say we love it and have no desire to travel anywhere else. Well, stay well and please say hello to any classmates you might run into. Looks like our Red Sox may be in contention this year. Cross our fingers. - **Greg**

Skating Through Time - Was it my thought to plow the snow off the pond? I don't know. But somehow that's what I did. How many of you remember the pond at Ross's Corner where it presently sits the Derry Police Station? Knowing my father harvested ice off the pond for the Ross Corner Dairy milk business, it seemed a natural progression for a 12 year old tractor-driving farm boy to clear the ice for skating too. Someone taught me to plow the snow in an oval to create a hockey rink. That rink became an after school attraction. **Scott Patnaude '58** would pick one team and I would pick the other with however many skaters were present. I remember at Thanksgiving time the ice was always safe and snow had not arrived. The climate in the 50's caused ideal conditions for skating. Bon-fires were built at night and my father would occasionally send me with chocolate milk from the dairy for everyone. A boys hockey program didn't begin at Pinkerton until 2000-2001. How we would have loved one in the 1950's. I retired my skates in 2023. Next generation, our son, Donny, picked up where I left off. He went through the Concord Hockey Programs, starting at four years old with the Mites, then up through all the age brackets, excelling. We traveled thousands of miles hitting about every rink in New England. Next generation, our grandson, Callum, is now the premier Ross skater. He is going to outdo his father and grandfather. Through the recommendation of several hockey coaches, he is on the Top Gun team within the Eastern Hockey Federation. He has the farm boy toughness of the Rosses and he skates the fastest. In January, we watched him skate in Boston Garden before the Bruins-Flames game. I know he's only nine, but his future looks bright. Tell us about your grandchildren and any other news you would like to share. Sincerely, **Wayne Ross**



Wayne, son Donny and grandson Callum Ross



*Callum Ross #94 in black jersey facing off at the spoke B
Boston Garden January 8, 2026*

-1959-

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Hello again all PA 1959 Classmates, spouses and PA friends. First and foremost news regarding our classmates. **Jeanne Buzzell (Sohn)** writes, my family and myself will be having our annual reunion in North Conway this July. Also some good news, Jean Ryan (Broes) is in remission from her Lymphoma Cancer treatments. On a more somber note, our thoughts and prayers go out to **Margaret (Moser) Olsen** on the recent loss of her son Gary. I also heard from **Jon Potter** who also is being treated for Lymphoma Cancer and is still receiving treatment. John remains positive. I'm sure all those who winter in New England and other cold regions of the continent are awaiting the milder spring weather. This past winter in Florida, a few of our 1959 classmates and spouses; **Norma & Joe Plaza, Robert & Yolande**

Klein, Claudette Mastromarino and her daughter Robin were able to attend the 41st Florida PA Reunion held at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor, Florida. Although the weather was quite cool and windy we all had a great time. Norma and I spend the fall and winter months in Florida and generally have visits from my daughter **Hannah Cassell '94** in late March, and our Grandson Griffin Cassell during the Easter Season Holy days. However, Griffin who plays soccer on 3 different NH teams was injured on March 28, while playing soccer in Lynnfield, MA. He received a fractured jaw and had surgery at Boston's Children's Hospital on Tuesday, March 31. On his recent Pediatrician visit on April 8th we learned he was cleared to return to school (Bishop Guertin) and may start eating solid foods in about six weeks. We are hoping he can still visit us for a week during School vacation in late April. My granddaughter **Emma Plaza '23** attends Regis College and will be graduating in May as a Dental Hygienist. Emma has plans to complete her Bachelor's degree in Italy shortly thereafter.

Ray Vercoe: Hello to all our classmates, families and friends. This past winter was like an old fashioned New Hampshire winter in Midcoast Maine with tons of snow, wind and a cold winter. Currently, spring is slow in coming to Maine, with temps trying hard to get out of the 40's. At least we have been free from any major floods, fires and tornadoes. I turn 85 on April 30th, which seems to be a milestone. I am very blessed to have made it. The memories of Pinkerton are always in my thoughts. Thanks to **Roger Beliveau, Joe Plaza** and others keeping us informed and up-to-date on PA news and news on our fellow classmates. Fair to say, times have really changed since our graduation in 1959, from transistor radios to the latest AI, and everything in between. Wishing the best to all, and we pray our country will persevere for another 250 years—our Constitution matters! Have a good Summer everyone. Thank you Ray, and a Happy 85th Birthday.

On April 12 **Jackie (Keith) Hepworth** writes: we just returned from our Amazon River cruise and aside from airport issues on both ends, had an amazing time. Too much to document here, but the Amazon was surprising and much different than we envisioned..... and very much brown! We were fully prepared with bug spray and anti malaria meds, but saw nary a mosquito. Kenny is in the process of developing a documentary with photos and narrative as he does with all our trips. He will share with anyone interested, although it may be TMI! Also, our upcoming family vacation in May is in Barbados at a 5 bedroom oceanfront air bnb. We will be there May 9 through May 16. We are hoping it lives up to its great reviews. Thanks for the updates Jackie on your recent Amazon Cruise and your family trip to Barbados.

Thelma (Eaton) Furr: For only the 2nd or 3rd time in 30 years I was unable to get back East in 2025. When I do go back East, I stay with my daughter Lynn, who lives in Auburn, NH. In 2025, Lynn had surgery on a brain aneurysm- 5 days later she had a stroke. She is recovering very well from that. Also this year, she had a hole in her heart repaired, and a mass removed from her chest, thyroid problems with followups required. As for me, I found out that I had Multiple Sclerosis worse than originally thought. I have Myelomalic Secondary to MS. That is the MS active in my spinal cord. My Neurologist who was trying to prove I did not have MS

told me: your pain and fatigue will get worse. There is no treatment. He never made another appointment for me. I could not stand the electric shock type pain I was having so I decided to find a pain center. I ended up with the Center for Pain Management in Lafayette, IN. On my first visit, the doctor added Gabapentin to my medication and within days my pain was relieved. Since then I have had a spinal stimulator placed in my back. It works wonders with the pain. I still have the various problems MS carries with it. I still got to visit my son and his wife in Casper, Wyoming in both April and November of 2025. On my way to Casper in November, I had a stopover in Omaha to visit my grandson who is in the Air Force. He was previously stationed in Alaska for several years. My granddaughter who is stationed in Spain with the Navy has been spending a lot of time in either the Persian Gulf or the Eastern Mediterranean. To all PA 59 classmates, families and friends have a wonderful summer.

Thank you Thelma for keeping us up to date with your MS and your family's current status.

I would like to thank all of our classmates who contributed to keeping us informed of all that is happening in their current and active lives. I feel quite fortunate and privileged to be carrying on the works of our beloved and long time past class correspondent, **Richard (Dick) West**. In closing, I'm writing this update to the PA Alumnus while recently being diagnosed with Pneu-monia on May 19. However, after a couple weeks of rest and antibiotics I'm slowly recovering and looking forward to keeping you all informed for a few more years; the Good Lord willing. To all stay healthy, keep active and feel free to keep me updated on any info re you, friends and family members. Yours Truly, **Joe**

—1960—

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Classmates, Hope this finds everything good with you and your family. Time to submit an article for the Alumnus Newsletter, and not much to report. We just returned home from Florida, and good to be home sweet home! My husband, George and I left New Hampshire in October in our motor home, and spent 4 months in Bonita Springs, FL. The place we winter at, has a lot of activities and things to do all the time. I love the community there, card games, exercise classes, water aerobics, golf, and classes on everything. We left April 1st and took our time heading home. We spent a week in Montgomery, AL, and did a Civil Rights Tour that began in Selma, AL. Led by Martin Luther King, Jr., they crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge for a 5 day march, 54 miles, that ended on the steps of the state capitol in Montgomery, Alabama. This was on our "Bucket List" to retrace the steps where history was made to earn the right for black Americans to vote. We all remember this in the early 60's and the effect it had on our country. We visited Rosa Parks Museum, and Hank Williams Museum. So much to see and do in Montgomery and Birmingham.

I'm sad to let you know that we lost one of our classmates, **Chuckie Nordin** passed away very recently.

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We send condolences to Chuckie family and friends.

We're blessed to reach the "big 80's" in life, and sad to lose our lifelong friends and classmates. Take a minute of your time and give us a call or text to let us know how you're doing, family updates, we'd love to hear from you. Let Natalie or me know, and we'll put it in the next Pinkerton column. Until next time, take care, and keep in touch! Warm thoughts and wishes – **Gail Merrill**

Hello Classmates, It's that time again. I have not heard from many of you so I don't have much to talk about. I would like to send my condolences to **Rena Butterfield Bourassa** and her family on the passing of her Sister, Darryl. My heart goes out to them. The only other thing I have is that I am happy to see Gail having such a historical trip home. It's almost like being there with her. I'm sorry this is short this time, but other than trying to stay healthy I haven't done much. At least I wake up on the right side of the grass. I know it's going to be a good day no matter what. Please let us know that you are all doing well no matter what. Our class is getting smaller and it's nice to know who's still with us. Have a fantastic summer. Until next time, I am pleased to remain one of your Class Co-Correspondents, **Natalie Shripsa Fuller**

–1961–

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I have been spending a lot of time in Londonderry, where my children live. My husband and I are looking into constructing an addition to my daughter's home. My son lives next door, it would be wonderful! I chatted with **Joan Lavoie Desclos**. She is doing fine. I also chatted with **Tim Pierce** in Iowa, he lives in the country and "is still working on stuff on the hilltop overlooking the valley," I am having difficulty reaching classmates. I suggest classmates contact your reps to make it easier for us to keep these articles coming! – **Joan**

–1962–

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Hello Class of 1962! Please note my change of address and phone number. Our home of 45 years is literally collapsing around us and we've had to move. Unfortunately, we're no closer now to the major reconstruction we want to do than we were a year ago.... Aimee keeps designing smaller and smaller and prices keep going up and up! As usual, I have heard from no one, so I can only hope that means you are all doing well. Have a great summer – stay safe, be happy. – **Sue**

–1963–

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Sadly, we have lost three more of our classmates this past year....

William J. Therriault – passed away in North Fort Myers, FL on December 29, 2025. Bill was married to Patricia for 44 years. They lived in Londonderry for 30 years and then retired to North Fort Myers, FL in 2010. Bill had his own accounting practice for 37 years. Bill and his wife traveled extensively all over the country and Canada.

Stan "Buzzy" Follansbee – passed away on October 18, 2025 following a brief illness. He passed at home surrounded by his loving family. Stan was a lifelong resident of Londonderry. He served his country in the US Airforce and worked for over 20 years as a sales associate with the NH State Liquor Commission in Londonderry. Stan "the man" enjoyed playing golf, loved nature and was an avid reader. He was happiest spending time with his grandchildren, taking photos and enjoying the occasional sweet treat.

Linda (Pelletier) Greenwood – passed away on October 24, 2025. Linda & Gary were married for 56 years. Linda earned her B.S. in Education from UNH and taught mathematics at Salem HS, Exeter HS, and ultimately at Pinkerton Academy in Derry, where she earned tenure and inspired generations of students. Always committed to growth in her profession, Linda re-turned to UNH to earn her Master's degree in Mathematics in 1994. She later became Chair of the Mathematics Department at Pinkerton Academy. In recognition of her dedication and life-long contributions to the school, she was inducted into the Pinkerton Academy Hall of Fame in 2006. Linda lived a full and creative life. A talented and passionate quilter, she was an active member of the Littleton Quilt Guild, the Sew-Flakes, and the Sew Far North Quilts of Valor group. Through Quilts of Valor, she lovingly crafted quilts for veterans.

Linda also served her community as treasurer of the Dalton Ridge Runners Snowmobile Club and for the Town of Dalton. A lifelong snowmobiler, she and Gary shared countless miles of adventure together. Their love of travel brought them to Ecuador, Germany, England, Mexico, Alaska, the Dominican Republic, many U.S. National Parks, and most recently, a memorable cruise down the Mississippi River.

Gary Greenwood and **Roger Cummings** have been busy establishing the Linda Greenwood Award, honoring Linda for her skill and dedication to teaching math at PA. Thanks to all of our classmates who have contributed. The initial \$1,000 award was made to a senior, chosen by the Math Department, at this year's (2026) graduation. They are still working to collect funds to make this an endowed award to be given in perpetuity. Other class members who were in the PA Hall of Fame should also be acknowledged. The most amazing family has to be the Newcomb's. Please see the write up in the PA Fall/Winter 2020 Magazine.

Roger Cummings – On a more personal note, my wife

and I traveled with our whole family to the Galapagos in March. Lots of water activities to tire out my grandchildren. This summer we'll be back to our house in Truro on the Cape.

Richard Fink - The last time we sent you an update was 2024. We are living in East Tennessee near the mountains and still have our miniature horses, miniature donkeys -- have added 4 pygmy goats and 1 Nigerian Dwarf. The dwarf is unique because he is black and has a white heart on his side. Jane & I have 2 sons close by to help when we needed. We don't really travel except to all the old age Dr. appointments (lol).

Elaine (Chase) Heinrich - We are still enjoying the beautiful FL weather but will be heading back to NH in June. I continue to enjoy good health and the ability to be a "snowbird." After a very cold February I was able to get back to walking, golfing and enjoying the social life that FL has to offer. I have seen lots of family this winter which is always a great blessing. The family is growing and my oldest granddaughter Haley Ayles married Eric Reardon (both PA graduates) in a lovely Oceanside ceremony last September. The "Grands" are mostly in their 20's now except for Lilah 17 and Charlotte 11. I was very sad to hear about the recent passing of our classmates **Stan Follansbee** and **Linda Pelletier**. Wally and I continue to enjoy family & friends, north and south.

Brent Woodward - Hello and the best to all who may be reading this issue of the *Alumnus*. Like so many we are grateful to see the 2026 winter in the rear-view window. We have seeds/plants of all kinds in the ground that will eventually look and taste good. As has been the ritual for decades, preparation for boat launch in June is in full swing. Boating from southeast Connecticut is some of the best, due to the proximity of many islands, such as Block and Martha's Vineyard. Trips to New York are also always on the summer agenda. On the downside, and I won't venture into the politics of it, is the price of gas on the water. It is generally 25 per-cent more than the land-based supply. To get a break from the record-breaking snow falls of this winter, we took a trip to Mexico to a couple of ports south of Cancun. I was not a big fan of traveling south of the border but to my surprise it was a stress-free vacation. Yes, there is a fairly constant reminder, of their problems, with the armed police riding in the back of pickups. By contrast we are planning a trip to Greece in October to sail the Ionian Islands. We do this in a spacious catamaran with good boating friends.

There are no members of this class that can claim to be middle age including myself. Having said that, it was not a mid-life crisis that I recently bought a 64-year-old 1962 Corvette that I planned to buy years ago but just never pulled the trigger for reasons we all know about. I was asked by a good friend what I was going to do with it? My reply - was look at it... Sure! The oldest of our four grandkids is now a teenager and the youngest is four. I note this as we are celebrating our 56th wedding anniversary this year and most people by this time have

great grandchildren. Maybe next time.

Bill Meroff - Mary (Flanders) and I still live on the coast of NC, close to two of our 9 grands. Two of our boys live in NC, and the third lives in Maine. Our other 7 grands are scattered from SC to Texas. We are in good health and enjoy walking and boating. I'm still an avid disc golf player and several men from our church play as well. We'll leave in early June to spend the summer at our place at Starboard Cove, Maine...way up there in Washington County. We're right on the water there where we enjoy boating and visits to our son's restaurant, West Branch Farms.

Lance Keith - has been living in Missoula, Montana since 2018. His son Tyler is a smoke jumper also living in Missoula. Last month Tyler went east to participate in the Boston Marathon. He was in the first wave and with a time of 2 hours and 48 minutes, finished in the top 9% of registered runners. Heartbreak Hill was not a challenge for him as he runs marathons in Montana that sometimes include running up and down mountain trails.

Lana (True) Stevens - I traveled back to NH for our 60th class reunion. It was wonderful to reconnect with classmates and see people I hadn't seen in many years. The reunion brought back so many great memories. A special thank-you goes to Cheryl (Myette) Soly and Bill Newcomb, who did an outstanding job organizing the reunion. I am still living in The Villages, FL and enjoying the good life. My golfing days have been temporarily suspended due to rotator cuff surgery, but I expect to be back in "full swing" by this fall.

It was a little chilly this winter—at times I thought I was still in New Hampshire (minus the snow)! I continue to stay busy with volunteering and traveling. This year, a group of friends and I will be taking a trip along historic Route 66, beginning in Chicago and ending at the Santa Monica Pier in Los Angeles, as part of the celebration of Route 66's 100th anniversary. The fun doesn't stop there. Later in the year, I'll be traveling to Branson to enjoy some great music and live shows, attending a wedding in Pennsylvania, making a few quick trips back to New Hampshire, and who knows what other adventures may come my way. - **Lana (True) Stevens**, Colossal Class of '65

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Hi 66ers, As we write this we are just 19 days from our 60th Class Reunion. We are looking forward to seeing all those who are planning to join us at Fodey's in Derry. Our celebration will take place exactly 60 years from the day we all walked down the Senior Steps at Pinkerton Academy and on into the future. Who knew then that this group of young people would man-age to stay in touch and be able to come together to share adventures, achievements, goals met, losses, and some sad stories

all these years later. All in all, it has been a wonderful life. We hope to have pictures of those who were able to attend in the next *Alumnus* but for more pics please check in on our face book page "The Terrific Class of 66 and Friends" on Facebook. We promise to post as many pictures as we can. And to those of you who were not able to make it please know we will miss you but you are in our hearts.

Sadly, we will have two more empty seats at the reunion this year as we recently lost **Jim Guinesso** and **Dan Ellingwood**.

Jim passed away at the age of 77 on September 17th surrounded by family. Jim attended Auburn Village School and graduated from PA. He leaves a huge hole in the hearts of his family and friends, who were always entertained by his stories and hilarious sense of humor. He truly brought life to the party and his spirit will live on in every laugh, every shared memory, and every quiet moment of joy. Jim had a wide range of interests that reflected his thoughtful and playful spirit. He loved a good game of cribbage, working on crossword puzzles, embracing his Italian heritage, traveling, and above all, spending time with his family. He was a man of habit and loyalty; when he found a restaurant or business he liked, he remained a faithful customer for life. He was equally loyal to his dogs, even if he initially claimed he didn't want another one. Without fail, they'd end up sleeping in his bed the very first night-usually after sneaking a snack from under the dinner table. From a young age, Jim had an inquisitive mind and an appreciation for detail, qualities that would later define his lifelong passion for coins and stamps. In 1973, driven by his entrepreneurial spirit and love for collecting, Jim opened Derry Coin and Stamp, a business he proudly owned and operated for over 50 years. He became a respected figure in the community, known as a pillar of the coin and stamp world, earning admiration for his honesty, expertise, and enduring relationships with clients and fellow collectors alike. Those who knew Jim will remember him as kind-hearted, generous, witty, honest, and fiercely loyal. He had an unmatched sense of humor, a love for storytelling, and a gift for making everyone feel welcome. He was determined to provide for his family and give them the life they deserved, a goal he fulfilled with pride and devotion. His legacy lives on in the values he passed down and the memories he created with those lucky enough to know him. Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Norma Guinesso; his sons, Andrew and his wife Carolyn of Auburn, and James and his wife Erica of Auburn; his daughters, Shawna Daley of Concord and Debbie Phillips and her husband Scott of Weare. He was a proud grandfather to Andy and his wife Shara (and their daughter Bea), Tony, Addam, Danny, Ally, Skye, Paul, Kim, PJ, Stephanie, Dylan and Josh, each of whom brought joy and pride into his life.

Danny was 78 when he passed away surrounded by his loving family on Wednesday January 7, 2026, following a period of declining health. Danny had resided in Manchester for the past 15 years, formerly living in Bristol, NH. He proudly served his country in the US Army during Vietnam. He started his postal career at the Derry Post Office and retired as the Post Master at the Bristol, NH Post Office. He is survived by his two sons, Jason Ellingwood and his wife Terri of Spring Hill, FL;

Eric Ellingwood and his significant other Cyndi Williams of Raymond NH; his significant Brenda Leighton; Dan's grandchildren, Freddy and Cole Ellingwood; his three brothers, Jack Ellingwood and wife Brenda of Salem, MA, James Ellingwood of TX, and Bill Kendall and wife Doris of FL; former wife and lifelong friend, Barb Ellingwood of Derry NH as well as many nieces, nephews and extended family. He was predeceased by his sister-in-law, Brenda Ellingwood in July of 2025. Dan had many lifelong friends, most of which were part of his graduating class at Pinkerton, the Terrific Class of 1966. These friends and their youthful antics are what shaped him and his sense of humor. He never lost sight of these great memories and loved to share his stories. Dan lived a life defined by devotion to his sons and grandsons. They were his brightest light in his life. Each and every Thursday night he would sit with Eric and, as he would put it "solve all the worlds problems", no one listened to their solutions, so ritually they met the next Thursday to try again. Thursday night get togethers went on for 40 plus years. He would reminisce about the many trips they had taken when Eric and Jason were young, and all the trouble that surely followed them on their adventures. Dan instilled his love of classic cars, especially his Mustang, in his sons which has been passed to his grandsons. He is remembered for his listening ears and much sought after advice on life. His kindhearted nature was genuine, yet he still had room left to be cynical. Burial will be at a later date in the NH State Veteran's Cemetery, Boscawen, NH.

Rest in Peace, dear friends, we will meet you all at the "Grand Reunion". Please be sure to check out our class page on Facebook.. TERRIFIC CLASS OF 1966 & FRIENDS for all the photos and shared memories of our 60th!! Keep in touch and let us know when you are in the area.. We'd love to see you. Take good care.... **Vicky and Barb**

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Bill Vayens: The weather in Florida is getting stranger every year; colder winters, hotter summers, stronger hurricanes. But the '68 grads who also live in The Villages near me, **Charlene Buffum Hartman, Nancy Power** and **Joel McKay** are managing ok.

Our international grad, **Bert Deivert**, reports from Sweden. As I have done for years, I travel to Thailand as often as I can since the first time in the year 2000. I have been there 14 times and already have booked my flights in the Fall to be there from October to December. I stay for 2 months at a time and play music with friends, both Thai and "farang"- foreigners- that live there. I was in Chiang Mai playing with some great musicians in

January to March 2026 in different bands at club venues, private parties, and festivals. I also take long walks around the old city in Chiang Mai during the day. Lovely spot with an old moat around it. Spending the spring and summer in Sweden now at home in Karlstad. We also visited our daughter's home on the island of Gotland in the Hanseatic city of Visby. It is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The church ruins are from the 1200's and a wall is still standing around the city, built in stages from the 1200's to the 1300's to protect from invaders. It is like walking in a museum when in-side the ring-walled area. Our daughter and grandson live about 200 yards outside the wall. The fiddle festivals start now in Sweden, and the first big one is our local Ransäter Spelmansstämma next week. My fiddler wife Eva and I will be off to play there with other folk musicians, jam-ming and playing for folk dance. I am both a folk and blues musician! Cheers from Karlstad.



Bert Deivert

Rita Martel LaBella: With all the nice deep snow this winter, there was not much road surface to run on, so I tried snowshoeing. Actually I went out a few times with a running partner who knows a lot about snowshoeing, so I got confident enough to try a 1.55 mile race thru the apple orchards at Gould Hill Apple Farm in Hopkinton, NH. It was so clear, you could see Mt. Washington's snowy peak from the top of the hill. Won my age group and got a lovely bag of Granola for my effort. It was a beautiful (but COLD!) Sunday morning in February. Currently, I am signed up for the CARS Series here in Concord as well as other races around the area.

That's about it from the Class of 1968. If you aren't on



Rita Martel LaBella

our email list or need a link to our Face-book 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 the next *Alumnus*. And finally – as of this writing, only two years until our 60th reunion. Until then! – **Bill**

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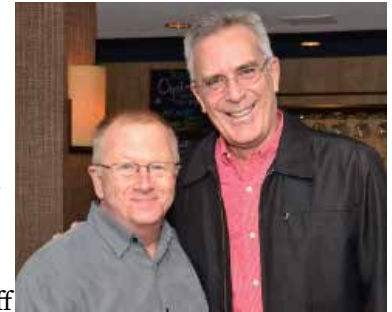
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While always trying to begin on a positive note, I must report sad

news. **Cliff Blake**, one of our volunteers in organizing both the 50th and 55th reunions passed away due to complications from ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He accomplished much in his life as witnessed here in his obituary: Cliff



Bill Cote and Cliff Blake

Blake, 73, of Dover, died March 16, 2026. He was the voice of New Hampshire PBS since 1991. He was the voice viewers heard when he'd remind them: "You're watching viewer-supported Channel 11," or "Welcome to the NHPTV Spring Auction, or "Tonight at nine on New Hampshire PBS." He started as a camera operator while still a student at UNH in 1971 when Channel 11 broadcast from the basement of the Memorial Union Building. He worked as an audio booth announcer and at the auction until 1976. He was program director at local radio stations including WFTQ in Worcester and WAAF, WROR and WZLX in Boston. He was manager and program director at WOKQ in Dover. He continued to volunteer at Channel 11 as a volunteer. He was also a record executive for Warner Bros. and Sony Music and retired in 2019, then joined New Hampshire PBS as fundraising and special events manager, retiring from that position in 2021. He was a Dover Library trustee and member of the Dover Arts Commission and the Dover Doers.

Cliff was so personable and willing to help in any way possible. May he be at peace. I wish there was more to report but alas.

Classmates – please send any information about your Happenings! – **Bill Cote**

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Hello fellow classmates. I guess I was bored over the

long, cold, snowy winter so after a little thought I bought a 1200 ft. condo on the 16th floor of the Metropolitan Building at 1 Nassau street in January. I bought it as an investment, but primarily because I have never lived in a city, and I plan on going to many Red Sox, Celtic and Bruin's games, as well as plays and concerts. I did have fun furnishing the place. It is a corner unit with wall to floor windows so I have a magnificent view of the city and the medevac helicopters that land on the roof at Tufts Medical Center, which is next door. I was fortunate to get parking and 24 hr concierge service, which I discovered is hard to find in Boston, but my sons wanted me to be safe. I did manage to fit in a 10 day Celebrity Cruise of the Greek Isles and Turkey with my neighbor in April. We visited Athens, Kavala, Thessalonaki, Rhodes, Cyprus, Ephesus, Santorini, and Mykonos. It was awesome to see sites that were from the 1st-3rd century BC. In May Ivan's 2 daughters from California, and grandson Gus visited and we all went to a Red Sox game. It was very cold that night and the Red Sox lost, but Sam (who is a sports and music agent), was able to get us phenomenal seats which we thoroughly enjoyed. In March, **Lisa Samara Ross, Debbi Saunders Tremblay, Susan Tewksbury Madden, Robin Kazanjian and myself** spent 2 days at Nordic Village in Jackson NH. Lisa was able to get us a huge 3 bedroom condo with 2 kitchens and 2 living rooms. Needless to say we had a blast. In May, **Paula Hatfield Hamblett, Lisa Samara Ross, Susan Tewksbury Madden, Robin Kazanjian, Gerylyn Wilson Hartman, Michelle Caldwell Dennett and myself** had dinner at the LaBelle Americus restaurant in Derry and then went to the Comedy Show. There were 3 female comedians, that were great, and we laughed the whole night.

On a more somber note **Leslie Crabb Arling's** brother **Craig Arling '94** passed away May 11, 2026 at the young age of 50. Craig attended Pinkerton his Senior year and then graduated from Bryant University where he earned his bachelor's degree in Accounting. He was a devoted husband to his wife MaryLuz and a loving father to his 2 sons Ryden and Trennon. Leslie wrote that Craig had a generous heart, was always willing to help others, had a wonderful sense of humor and had an ability to talk to anyone.

Classmates, please, please send me some news on what is going on in your life. Also, take time to look at our Facebook page, the **Pinkerton Academy Class of 1971 Alumni where our 55th reunion information at the Holy Grail Restaurant on Sat. Sept. 12 from 6pm-10pm** is listed. There will be music and seating inside and outside (weather permitting). We have 14 signed up to go and we want more!

-1972-

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Hello Everyone, I was happy to hear from several of our classmates;

Scott Webster sent an observation that best summarizes the class status: "...in 2026...most of the Class of 1972 will be turning 72! Weird bit of info...". Thank you, Scott, and if you think about our class colors, silver and blue – it is spot on!

Margaret Smith Davis – “reporting in; on this side of

the grass. I run a non-profit boutique thrift store, so I'm up to my eyeballs in work and alligators all of the time.”

Paul Dupois – said He celebrated a birthday in May and is still living the good life now in Daytona Beach. Sadly, Paul's wife of 22 years passed last year – on behalf of your classmates, our sincere condolences go out to you.

William Dupere tells us, “... like Paul, I am still alive and kicking. I retired from the Auburn Police Dept. in 2018 as well as from Manchester Water Works where I was a patrolman for 22 years. How ironic that I patrolled Lake Massabesic keeping swimmers and campers out, when back in high school I may have hung out at the lake a few times! The area around the lake is great for hiking and biking if people have never been. Now I spend my free (retired) time vol-unteering at our local food pantry, trying to help those who need some help”.

Thank you, Bill, for your public service and your generosity.

Jennifer Johnson Vesey writes “... we moved to Daytona Beach into the condo that we purchased 12 years ago. We still plan to spend summers in NH camping in our RV. Additional-ly, we took a trip to Costa Rica in March (2025). Did a walking tour of Manuel Antonio Na-tional Park and saw so many different and beautiful animals, insects and plants! The tour ends at the beach, so we got to take a dip in the pacific, too! We also toured a coffee plantation and learned so much about the growing and production of the beans and got to try some brewed coffee, too. Costa Rica is beautiful and the people are lovely, warm and so friendly. And because I am a foodie I learned how to make “gallo pinto” which is a dish made with rice and black beans and is generally served with breakfast. We really enjoyed our trip and plan to go back sometime and explore some more. I hope everyone is doing well and having some adven-tures, too! Love to all, **Jen (Ralphie)**.”

For those classmates on the class FB page, you will see from her photos that she stills spread cheer wherever she goes.

Steve and Chris Dupere wrote that both Steve and **Marc Mayberry** were in the army and Steve is now retired and lives in Tucson Arizona as well as his old friend, Marc.

Karen Cann wrote to say “...wrapped up fall in Alaska by taking a small boat cruise up the Inside Passage. It was a great trip filled with good food, kayaking, hiking the beach and even a night viewing the Northern Lights. I often forget how amazing it is to pay tourist in your own state”.

This is a great observation – I have been in the Derry area for a while and wonder if I could see it through a new perspective instead of reflecting on where did “the good ole days” go.

Nancy (Pingree) Sullivan wrote in to say “...she was sorry to miss the last class reunion as I ended up with Covid. My husband and I have been traveling every year to Europe for the last 10 years. We have especially enjoyed the 3 Viking River cruises we have been on. Taking an-other in July from Prague to Paris. We spend the winter in Englewood Fl. Have lived in Man-chester since 1990. I volunteer with the Granite

State Ambassadors, a great organization. I primarily volunteer at the Manchester airport but do other events around the state as well."

Rick Driscoll is always busy and when I asked what he was doing lately, he said he is still

Working. Currently, as CEO of Rams Manufacturing, providing warehouse automation solutions in some of the largest companies in the world. Built a new home in Hampstead, NH in 2023. Is the president of the New England fusion group, an amateur radio Ham Radio Club. Received his national weather service certification diploma. This achievement makes him part of a group of only 20% out of 3M ham radio operators worldwide. He is also working towards an "Advanced Extra" Ham Radio license, the highest of 3 certifications you can achieve in federal communications. Rick said he is proud of the hard work and it is fun. If you are interested in connecting/communicating with others the NEFG is open to ALL licensed amateurs. www.nefg.us Lastly, Rick is always excited to talk about his family. He truly feels blessed. Check out the class FB page, he shares pictures and praise and shares updates of his family including the newest member, his granddaughter, Genevieve.

Wayne MacDonald wrote to say "... I will be running for a fourth term in the New Hampshire House of Representatives. It has been an honor to serve and I hope to continue." Check out FB for more info.

This winter I contacted NH Audubon regarding a strange olive colored bird, hanging around on the deck. They were excited to see our photos and identified it as an Ovenbird (*Seiurus aurocapilla*), a common, groundforaging warbler – this one missed the call to migrate to the Caribbean.

And lastly, just a musing... it's June 2nd, and it seems we won't be turning off the heat anytime soon. Brr. I can't remember a spring this cold.

Sincere thanks to each of you for taking the time to update your classmates. I, for one, enjoy hearing about your journey and life's perspective. There are several ways to reconnect: Pinkerton Academy Class of 1972 FB Or DeCamp72@comcast.net – **Lorraine**

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Our class may have one of the highest number of classmates married to classmates. At the very least we have quite a few and they have stood the test of time. That is why when one person in the marriage passes away it compounds the sadness. Our class lost **Cynthia (Cyndi) DeYoung Mitchell** in March of this year. Cyndi was a bright smile in the halls of PA and later on in the lives of her family and friends and most definitely in the life of her loved and loving husband and our fellow classmate **Eric Mitchell**. Cindi and Eric were a team in so many ways. They raised two children and were blessed with six grandchildren bringing with them all pride and joy. One way Cindi expressed her love was through her crocheted keepsakes. For many years Cindi

and Eric teamed up to compete in the world of BBQ. I spent a little time talking with them at their Yabba Dabba Que site at the Merrimack Brewfest at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery. I enjoyed some great bites and they were both happy to share their enthusiasm for grilling on the Big Green Egg. They "traveled the country competing and building friendships within the barbecue community. Together they achieved the distinction of Grand Champions, a testament to their dedication, teamwork, and love of the craft." Eric and Cindi co-authored the cookbook *Operation BBQ: 200 Smokin' Recipes from Grand Champions*. I am proud to own a copy. We extend sincere condolences to Eric and their family.

Robert "Bob" Manning: Never Too Late to Begin: Discovering Watercolor at 70. There's something about turning 70 that invites reflection—but it can also spark new beginnings. For me, that beginning came not in a classroom or studio, but aboard a cruise ship sailing from Boston to Quebec. The voyage itself was inspirational, and I took lots of photos. Each morning brought a new horizon: rocky coastlines, sleepy harbors, and the slow drift of fishing boats against a quiet sea. At sea, and during our daily shore excursions, I found myself taking lots of photos. By the time we reached the St. Lawrence River, I was ready for some relaxation. With not much to do on a day at sea, I decided to take a watercolor class with no painting experience and no real idea what I was doing. At the first class, I was tentative—a simple child-like landscape, more suggestion than detail. The next day I did a simple background wash with a floating jelly fish, again rather child-like. But watercolor, I discovered, has a forgiving nature. It doesn't demand perfection; it invites exploration. I caught the bug! That's when it struck me: starting something new at this stage of life isn't just possible—it's deeply rewarding. There's freedom in being a beginner again, in letting go of expectations and simply enjoying the process. I invested in some paints, brushes, and watercolor paper. I painted lots of Christmas and Hanukkah cards, sending the originals to close friends and family. A couple of them I had multiple copies printed and sent those to the rest on my list. I've done a few pet portraits and several attempts to copy famous art works that came out better than I expected. Apparently, I have some artistic talent that I never realized. Our class correspondent, **Vickie**, asked me to write up my painting story and wondered if others had stories of hobbies they'd always meant to try. Watercolor painting is particularly well suited for this kind of late-life discovery. It's portable, relatively inexpensive, and doesn't require a dedicated space. A small kit, a cup of water, and a willingness to experiment are all you need. More importantly, it encourages mindfulness—something many of us appreciate more as the years go by. Of course, painting isn't the only door waiting to be opened. Many hobbies are surprisingly accessible and enjoyable to start later in life. Photography, for instance, pairs beautifully with travel and everyday walks, offering a fresh perspective on familiar surroundings. Gardening, whether in a backyard or a few pots on a patio, provides both physical activity and a sense of nurturing growth. Writing—be it jour-

naling, memoir, or even short stories—can help capture memories and insights worth sharing. For something social, joining a local club—book groups, walking clubs, or even beginner art classes—can bring both learning and connection. What all these pursuits share is accessibility. They don't require you to be an expert, only to be curious. And perhaps that's the real lesson from my watercolor journey: it's not about mastery, but about engagement. It's about saying yes to something new, even if it feels unfamiliar. Looking back on that cruise, I brought home more than a handful of imperfect paintings. I brought home a renewed sense of possibility. At 70, there are still blank pages—waiting, inviting, and ready to be filled. So, if there's something you've been meaning to try, consider this your gentle nudge. It's never too late to begin.

Thanks Bob... does anyone else have a story to tell because we would love hearing from you! Enjoy a wonderful summer. – **Vickie Buckley Chase**

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Since our 50th class reunion, life has been wonderfully full with family, travel, and new memories. We welcomed another Great-Grandbaby this year! Ryleigh arrived on July 25th and is a happy, smiley, “cute-as-a-button” little chunk. She has already found her voice—and yes, the gene pool is very honest! My first Great-Grandbaby, Wyatt, turned three in November and is an extremely independent thinker who keeps his parents on their toes. My oldest grandchild, George (aka GP), was married in October in a beautiful ceremony in Hooksett. Jordyn is such a welcome addition and breath of fresh air to the family. Travel-wise, March brought a one-week road trip through the Southeast/Central East, visiting family and friends, including a lovely evening catching up with **Wynette** by the harbor. In October, **Trixie** and I surprised their son Keith with a 40th birthday trip to Iceland—his first “adventure” trip with “the Twins”. Exploring the Snæfellsnes Peninsula was magical. Walking behind waterfalls, hiking to the tops of them, or simply rounding a corner in a valley and—BAM—another magnificent waterfall to behold. Hiking along the cliffs and looking out over the ocean was breathtaking. Iceland truly is a magical place. Keith, Trixie, and I thoroughly enjoyed every moment. Creating moments and etching them into our minds with people you love... WINNING! December found me in New Hampshire celebrating Andy's 70th birthday, officially welcoming the “turning 70” crowd. We capped off the year with a Holly Jolly Christmas Light Walk with the whole family—grands, spouses, great-grands—in a brisk 7-degree evening. Cold, but full of smiles and love. Looking forward to creating even more memories in 2026—70 is right around the corner for many of us!

– **Trudy Pingree**

The year started with the first of two trips to Hawaii with **Peter '75** and **Pattie Ann Robarge '74 O'Connell** in December 2024 where they renewed their wedding vows on the a beautiful Maui beach. The following

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month we did a “family” trip to the Gulf Coast here in Texas with **Brian '74** and **Kathy '79 Fowler** — but the year and travel with the Fowlers was just beginning! We embarked on two European excursions with Brian and Kathy, including Kalamata Greece in April, and Poland (Krakow, Gdansk, Sopot, etc.) in September. So much fun! We did Maui again with all four friends — Pete, Pattie Ann, Brian and Kathy in October just because (pictured).



Hawaii with friends

In between all of this **Sharon Ford Wrobel '74** and I had a 50th wedding anniversary celebration July 3rd here in Texas that was a bash for the ages. Many people flew or drove in for the vow renewal and reception including **Lee Corti '74** and his wife Beth who came in from Minnesota, Patti Ann and Peter O'Connell from Arkansas, and Brian and Kathy Fowler of course, from NH. We were very surprised and delighted also to see **Dawn Stockbridge Epstein '76** and her husband Arny who jet-setted in from Rockport, MA to North Texas for the festivities! In addition to the live band there were about 10 “local” Texas friends from all over. And it's still not over.

We just finished a delightful visit with **Jon Cockey '74** and his beautiful wife Marie who stayed with us here in Dallas for several days on their way home from a month in Thailand!

Sharon and I are continuing to be a bad influence on our classmates and friends (and all of our bank accounts) in 2026. **Brian Fowler** and **Leo Wrobel** are both turning 70 in January 2026, Leo on the 27th, and Brian (Leo's MUCH older friend) three weeks earlier on January 4. Brian's youthful, beautiful and most vivacious bride turned 65 on the 16th. Well, with three milestone birthdays this month there was only one answer, another trip. We all leave for the Sunshine Coast in Australia this Sunday for another adventure. This will be the first time in our lives we get to celebrate our birthdays in the summertime.

Sharon, not to be left out, has a birthday March 21 which of course means another trip to Maui, this time with a couple of our Texas friends. We are twisting arms with others who are on the fence about going with us to make it another part as well. We will see how that shapes up. Contact us for specifics if you have interest sharon@b4ci.com

So... if you have wondered about the whereabouts of many of our classmates, they have pretty much been here, with little or no supervision. We are s blessed to be



The Class of 1976 held their 50th Class Reunion on May 14, 2026 at Birch Woods Vineyards in Derry, NH.

part of a class that stays together and more often than not says 'yes!' at any opportunity to get together and have fun - as evidenced by the 100+ people at our 50th reunion! Sharon and I have a house that's sized for seven kids and we rattle around in it these days so come see us, plenty of guest space, and we will leave the lights on for you. – **Leo and Sharon Wrobel**

The class of 74 sends our deepest sympathies to Farmer Phil's entire family in the loss of our dear classmate **Phil Ferdinando**. Such an incredible pillar of the community and such a great friend to all. We were blessed to be able to spend quality time with him at our 50th class reunion in October. Life is precious and we all must embrace each and every moment.

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Ellen Schmidt Shaw: I have been travelling with our trailer and we are stopped now near Flagstaff, AZ and now I have an opportunity to catch up. If it's too late to meet the publication date, I sure understand.

Lori Miller Larsen and I had a lovely time together in Alaska in August. Lori flew up from Minnesota for a week. Ellen's 2 children and 4 grandchildren live in Anchorage, and she and husband Dave were spending the summer with the family and in their old stomping grounds. We did a bit of hiking and beach walking in Seward. The sunset was brilliant from Anchorage, where the backdrop of Mt. Susitna was glowing across Cook Inlet. Old friends find they are different, yet the same in many ways, after years of only the occasional letter, phone call, or text. It was a very satisfying time together. Why not reach out to that friend from our Pinkerton years and see what happens? I'm guessing you will be glad you did. I'm looking forward to our 50th (Egads!) reunion.

Elaine Donovan Allen: I attended our 50th Reunion at Birch Wood Vineyard in Derry. Bill Grubbs did a great job organizing this event. I enjoyed catching up with so many classmates that I have not seen in years.

Rick Metts: Great night reconnecting with classmates.

The memories and stories were brought to life again by those in the room. Our best to all as we continue this journey of life.

Robin Anderson

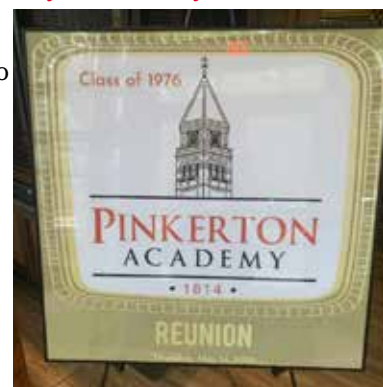
Simard: So much fun seeing so many classmates again and catching up at our 50th reunion. It was interesting hearing the stories people remembered; the others involved didn't remember it happening. We all remember different things from childhood.

Please remember to update your contact information with the Alumni Office. And let me know your new personal email address after you retire so I can reach out when collecting stories to share.

Special Thanks to **Bill Grubbs:** Everyone was so impressed with the reunion that Bill put to-gether; it was amazing. He outshone us all with his party planning skills. He took donations to help offset costs, but besides the hard financial cost of the night, he spent countless hours reaching out to gather contacts and creating a welcoming event for all who could attend. Reach out to Bill if you want to donate to offset his expenses

Elaine Donovan Allen created a Facebook group for our class. Please follow: Pinkerton Academy Class of 1976

Robin Anderson Simard: As for me, I enjoyed a quiet April weekend in Provincetown, MA. A place I had heard of forever, but had never been. The trip was so pleasant that I cannot wait to go back in September. In June, I have a cruise to Alaska out of Seattle planned for two of my children and my daughter-in-law. We will be traveling with good friends, so we are all looking forward to a great adventure. I enjoy having my son visit for a couple of months and the nice spring weather. I keep busy working for the Rockingham Ballroom, my small business, and taking OLLI courses at UNH-M. Planning on starting a tap dance class in September. Seems like I run out of time to do



everything daily. Be well and share your news with me.

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Hello friends. I hope this newsletter finds you all happy & healthy. Let me start by sending condolences to all suffering the loss of a loved one. Such a difficult part of life that we really are never fully prepared for. May all our memories carry us through.

What a LONG winter we had. I think January was the longest year of my life! LOL! And then May flew by. But hey, now we get to look forward to the black flies, mosquitos & lest we for-get, ticks! My granddaughter had a tick start to embed in her, but luckily my daughter removed it! If I'm not mistaken, **Chris Montes** can educate us all on Lyme Disease as he is a huge advocate on the subject.

Haven't seen too many people over the winter. It was far too cold to go anywhere. Miss having a Bazooka Joe show to go to, they are on a little hiatus. Although, Paul Alix, Marcia Dalrymple's husband, who is a part of Bazooka Joe will be doing some solo gigs. Great musician! As well as **Bryon Murphy's** wife Nicole Knox Murphy. She is an absolute joy to listen to & sing along with at her solo shows!

Some of us are living vicariously through **Mike & Donna Lynch** as they travel the country & world. The sites they've shared are breathtaking! And lest we forget, **Cindy Hawkins Baldwin** & her travels. Thank you both for showing us the world!

I recently was a guest at the 50th reunion for the Class of 1976. What a wonderful time & venue! I saw so many familiar faces and was thrilled to see so many friends. You all look fabulous!

So, their class reunion got me thinking...our 50th is in a couple of years. It's never too late to start planning. Does anyone have any ideas? Such as where & when? Give it some thought and let either Sue or myself know. After seeing what the class of 1976 did...it's worth the time to start planning now.

Having said that, now is the time to update your information. You can do so by emailing mchase@pinkertonacademy.org

If you're looking to purchase a paver you can contact the alumni office @ msojka@pinkertonacademy.org As of this writing the cutoff date has passed, but you can submit for the spring 2027.

There are a few upcoming events I'd like to share.

Annual Golf Tournament is Sept. 18, 2026 @ Passaconaway Country Club from 12-6 It's always a great event!

Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony is Sept. 24, 2026 5:30-8 @ The Stockbridge Theatre

Annual Craft Fair is Oct. 17, 2026 which is always a big

hit & you can always find alumni there, either shopping or as a crafter.

Did you know you can rent the Stockbridge Theatre for more information you can contact Alyssa Gillin @ 603-437-5200 ext 5122

You can also schedule a tour of the campus, did you know there are 24 buildings...just reach out to the Admissions office at admissions@pinkertonacademy.org or call 603-437-5200 ext 1265.

One thing you should really check out is the PA Course Catalog...it's amazing what these kids have to choose from. I wish we had these great opportunities when we were @ PA.

Enjoy your summer all! Share some news in the fall! In friendship, **Jo-Ann**

Happy Spring/Summer classmates, here is the following news that I have:

Condolences to **Andy Bettez** along with his wife Becky and their family on the passing of Andy's father, Bob Bettez.

Condolences to **Janice (LaMontagne) Savastano** and her family on the passing of her brother **David** (the class of 1975) who passed on Sept. 8, 2025. Janice lost her mother Sara Vaccarini, the next day on Sept. 9, 2025.

Condolences to **Cheryl (Wright)** and her family on the passing of her mother, Charlotte Wright on February 28, 2026.

Condolences to **Shelly Gingras** on the passing of her mother, Constance Gingras.

Condolences to **Laurie (Avery) Paolini** on the passing of her mother, Dorothy and her sister in law Karen Avery.

Condolences go to **Stan Olshefski** and his family on the passing of his father, Richard who passed on January 18, 2026.

Also, I have a classmate that is looking for **Susan Hall (79)?** Please DM if you know any info on her. Another Pinkerton classmate **Diane Labbe**...Thank you

Congratulations to **Joe Gallien** on his recent retirement on May 29, 2026.

I would love to report on happy news...please reach out. Enjoy your summer!! - **Susan**

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Class of 1980! Here we are again! I bet more of you are retiring or thinking of retiring. Good for you! (I have a few more years in me, I think). I think more of you are becoming grandparents (**Kellie Lord** has 3 under the age of 3 now, yikes, but she loves every minute of being a nana!) Many are transitioning parents into senior living arrangements and selling the childhood home (my mother sold the Hampstead

lake house and moved in with my sister, Diane and her husband, Leo. I am thankful every day that they have made such a welcoming, safe, and happy home for our mother, Joyce).

I have some sad news to share about our dear friend, Tuna. Yup, another one of our classmates has passed away. **Andrew "Tuna" LeClair** passed away in January. The Class of 1980 sends our condolences to his wife and four boys. I was so glad that Tuna came to the football game before our 35th reunion. I must admit that I did not recognize him with that big beard, but he radiated pride when speaking about his wife and boys. Gosh, we all have a Tuna story. I cannot wait for our next reunion so we can raise a glass and celebrate his life! We miss you, big guy! (Thank you, **Carol Sousa**, for letting me know. I shared his obituary on our Pinkerton Academy Class of 1980 Facebook page right away so classmates could attend or leave messages for his family).

I had a few classmates reach out to me to let me know that they would LOVE to connect more often. **Bob Chapman** lives in the Virginia area but comes back to the area to visit and wonders if we would be willing to get "the gang" back together when he is in town. **David Lynch** expressed a similar interest in having folks get together. So, I had an idea (since planning such spontaneous events is tough). Could we use our Facebook page to post "get-together spontaneous events" that are happening? I do not think we should limit where these events happen (hint, hint to our Florida classmates!). Many of us are retired or retiring soon so why couldn't we take a weekend trip? A week's trip? I know folks have spots in sunny locations and the winters are LONG here in NH. Anyway, I am up for trying it and willing to HOST an early OCTOBER event at my house in Lebanon NH to get the ball rolling OR if there is somebody closer to Derry that wants to host a fall event, which could also work. More to come on our Facebook page about a location but we cannot waste any more time together. We have lots to catch up on!

Be sure to update your information with the Pinkerton Alumni office so you get the *Alumnus* and be sure to join the Pinkerton Academy Class of 1980 Facebook page, so you do not miss out.

If you stop by the PA campus, check out the new gazebo and look for the "Class of 1980 Rowdies" paver that the class bought. It's just a wonderful way to recognize our contribution to the project while thinking of all the other ways we left our mark there.

As always, if you have news to share, please reach out to me or Janet. Hope to see you all soon, **Ellen Gadoury Dijkman Dulkes**

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Susan Stackpole Wallace: Hi, class of 1982!! I wanted to send an update to give Karen some-thing to post. Gotta represent. I live in Lancaster County PA for half the year

and Madison County Montana the other half. I retired in April last year from 30 years in technical marketing at IBM and Kyndryl. It was a wonderful career. But I am loving retirement! My husband John retired 2 years ago. He was a biology professor at Millersville University for 25 years. We have two sons Harrison 29 and Max 27. We love spending time with them! I am a three time Ovarian cancer survivor and honestly feel so lucky to be alive and feeling good. I am taking a paddle-board class now and started Pilates. Loving the opportunity to do things that weren't possible while working. I am a mental health advocate and serve on the board of Mental Health America in Lancaster, PA. My mom, two sisters and brother all live in NH, MA. I visited in February and a bunch of us went axe throwing at Wicked Axe in Haverhill. It was a blast! I highly rec-ommend it. I hope you all are doing well. I have such fond memories of Pinkerton and the friends and teachers I met. All the best, **Susan**

It was so great to run into **Denise Cummings** last week at the Rowley Market Basket. We immediately recognized each other which is kind of amazing and had a wonderful catch-up in the grocery line! Of course, the first thing I asked was whether she lived nearby. She had been cross-country skiing at nearby Appleton Farm in Ipswich and now lives in North Andover. - **Karen**

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Hello Class of 1983!! The last few months have been busy and I apologize that I did not gather updates for this *Alumnus*! I try to keep the class updated on what I can. I will do better for the next *Alumnus*. Sadly we lost a few more classmates. **Evelyn Hastings Wright**—sadly she lost her husband on 12/1/2025 and passed away herself on 12/9/2025. On 2/25/2026 we lost **Gary Moser**. Thoughts and prayers to all their loved ones both family and friends. As always if you are on FB and not part of our class page—please find us Pinkerton Class of 83—we would love to have more classmates on the page. I hope that everyone enjoys their summer! My best always, **Patty Salter Brault**

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Ralph Pickard: Hello everyone that I knew from the classes of 1983, 84 and 85. I want to let everyone know what has been going on with me and that I am no longer missing in action (MIA). After the past 40-plus years of working for the Department of Defense, I have decided

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I will be taking time off and stepping back from work to enjoy even more of what is around all of us. Over the years, I have had the opportunity to travel the country and around the world. I have witnessed many things and experienced different cultures during all my travels. In between work, travel, friends and most importantly my wife, I wrote three books and over 25 Cold War espionage articles related to two different spy organizations from Eastern Europe with more articles coming out in the future. I wish the best for everyone and continue to remember those who passed away before us. For those who want to learn more about what I wrote over the past 20-years the link provides more background, <https://stasidecorations.wordpress.com>. Thanks, and take care – **Ralph Pickard**

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Mary McPhillips Menendez

I am saddened to announce that **Joe Perreault** passed away on 5/7/26. Joe attended our last two reunions - 35th & 40th. I am glad to have had the chance to see him and meet his wife, Deb who also passed recently after our fall reunion. <https://www.brewittfuneralhome.com/obituaries/Joseph-Alan-Perreault?obId=48342669>



Recently, a classmate reached out to me on Facebook to let me know that we lost **AnnMarie Gattinella Dudley**. Sadly, she passed away 7 years ago and I could not find her obituary.

To honor the memory of our classmates who are no longer with us: We ordered a stone paver to donate to

Pinkerton Academy's Alumni Association. The paver will be placed behind Pinkerton Hall with the inscription.

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– **Michelle Chabot Burkhardt**

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Can you believe it's been 40 years since we walked down the senior steps? In honor of this milestone reunion, we have planned a 1986 party like no other. Complete with signature drinks, good food, DJ playlist by Jack Gattinella,

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and of course good company!

Join us on September 12 from 6 p.m. To 10 p.m. at the Oscar Barn Venue, 191 West River Road, Hooksett, NH. Register by August 1, 2026 for a discounted ticket price of \$45 per person and a chance to be entered into a drawing for a "mint" raffle prize!

The price after August 1 is \$55 per person. You can Venmo your payment to @Pinkerton1986 or mail a check to Anne Massa to 82 Frost Rd. Derry, NH 03038. We'd love to see you! In the meantime, if you are on Facebook, please join our page: Pinkerton Academy Class of 1986. Start looking through your old photos and upload them to the site. Many thanks to our reunion committee: **Michelle Beliveau Palucci, Tracy Campbell Lannan, Karen Hirst Hazard, and Bonnie Gorman**. Any questions, feel free to reach out to myself or Moe. See you on September 12! Cheers, **Anne** and **Moe**

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Hedi Sheehan

Hello Class of '87! I hope everyone here in the Northeast made it through what I heard was a very cold, long winter and you all are enjoying some much needed vitamin D.

I wanted to take a moment on behalf of the Class and personally, to thank **Leslie Marcy Pendergast** for all her contributions to the Class over the past, dare I say it, 40 years. She has played a vital role both here in the Alumnus and in planning all our reunions, as well as many other Class related endeavors. She has decided to step away from the Alumnus responsibilities but has graciously offered to still help us with reunions. Thank you Leslie for all you have done for us!

Heidi Leigh Sheehan has kindly offered to assist me with the Alumnus going forward so, go-ing forward, please feel free to share any news you have with her too.

Speaking of 40 years...yes it's almost that time again. Our 40th reunion will be next year. If anyone would like to volunteer to help with planning, please reach out to me directly. Also, if you have any thoughts or suggestions on a venue/activity, please share that as well.

On to news – or the lack thereof I guess since we have not received any new information (come on '87 – I know someone out there has something they would like to share with the Class)! In the meantime, I guess it's time for another chapter in the life of **Eric Dupere** (sorry but this is what you get if you won't share). Back in Florida, it was another nice, warm winter, at least after a very slow and cold Jan start. Yes, I know it was not New Hampshire cold but it sure as heck was Florida cold – at least until early February anyway! Once again, I had a blast hanging out with the locals and visitors. There were many fun days spent golfing, boating, beaching, playing cornhole, listening to live music and taking in the Pat/Bucs game with a large contingent from the Northeast. People I got to catch up with over the winter included **Sean Winton '85, Dave Lagree '86, Gregg Gaetz '85, Kris Gaetz '90, Steve LaGree '83, Karen LaGree '79, Sue LaGree '84** – all of whom are local – as well as all the old friends that came down to visit like **Lisa Richard, Sue Foucher '85, Kevin Lagree '86, Eric LaFleur, Kim Kamie-niecki Bromley '86, Steve Castle '86, Bill Lee '86, Dave White '88, Andrew White '89, Branden Tsetsilas '89, John Shinault '88,**

Kevin O'Brien '86, Jeff Buffum '88, Christina Dubois '95, Peter Beane '88. I also got my first taste of The Villages when **Jeff Buffum** invited me over to stay at his folks and play some golf. It was an amazing Village for sure! Actually, it's more like a massive city powered by golf carts and pickleball.

Lastly, I had a great trip back from Florida this year. **Mike Cookson '85** flew down and we rented a car and had an adventurous road trip home. Stops included Savannah, Hilton Head, Pinehurst, Richmond, Baltimore to visit **Lisa Richard**, and finally Mohegan Sun. Nothing like a well-planned golf/gambling trip to bridge the gap between Dunedin and Portland!

Well that's about it on my end. Hope to see some of you this Summer/Fall. Cheers, **Eric**

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I would like to congratulate all of the graduating sons/daughters/grandchildren of the Class of '88; I hope everyone enjoyed their graduation memories, the videos were very nice.

Signups for the 34th Annual Golf Tournament <https://www.pinkertonacademy.org/alumni/upcoming-events/?y=0&type=year&id=454963/34th-annual-alumni-golf-tournament>

I hope everyone is having a great 2026, please keep in touch!

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Hello Pinkerton Academy Class of 2011,
Join us on Saturday, July 18, at the Tucson Village Pavilion Area (Salem, NH) at 3:00, as we reconnect, catch up, and celebrate 15 years since graduation!

Rain or shine, we'll be there! Please help spread the word, and let us know if you'll be joining us. We hope to see everyone there! To help us get a headcount, please RSVP through our Evite.

Evite RSVP: <https://evite.me/ryZacuu5SG>

Join our private Facebook Page for details - Pinkerton Academy Class of 2011 Reunion Information. We can't wait to celebrate with the Class of 2011! - **Kristy**

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Class of 2016 Reunion

Date: Saturday, July 18th, 2026

Time: 4-8pm

**Place: 3S Artspace in Portsmouth, NH
(319 Vaughan Street Portsmouth, NH 03801)**

Cost: \$28.52 (\$25 ticket + \$3.52 website fee)

We're thrilled to announce our 10-Year Reunion—a night to reconnect, reminisce, and cele-brate. Expect dinner, drinks, music, and activities/games while enjoying great company and beautiful summer weather. Stay tuned for all announcements and updates, as we get closer to the big day. Below are helpful links, including how to buy your ticket!

- ◆ [Purchase Tickets](#)
- ◆ [Class of 2016 Facebook Page](#)
- ◆ [Update Your Contact Info with Pinkerton Academy](#)

Since this is our 10 year reunion, we thought it would be fun to get some favorite memories from the class.

A Decade Since Graduation, A Lifetime of Memories:

Going to class in the Chapel because I love the historic feel of the building. I miss the sound of those creaky wooden floorboards and how the sun would shine through the windows in the morning. - **Kristin Morrison**

Going to prom and being in band - **Nina Malone**

Judging my now husband who downloaded and played Pokemon Showdown in our video pro-duction class

- **Morgan Prittie**

Laughing at inside jokes with my friends at lunch in the senior cafe and going outside to play hacky sack

- **Logan Morrison**

Being in clubs like Class Office and DECA that expanded my horizons and built lifelong friendships

- **Alan Mendonca**

Building the large 2016 numbers for prom in the rain

- **CJ LaCreta**

To be added to our distribution list, please email paaistros16@gmail.com. Very best, **Alan**

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Wishing all of our alumni a safe and fun filled summer season with joy, relaxation, and new opportunities. Best wishes to the entire alumni community, and thank you for your continued connection and support.

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The 2nd Annual Comedy Show was a great success! The evening was filled with laughter, good friends, and tremendous support for Pinkerton Academy. Thank you to everyone who attended sponsored, and helped make the event such a memorable night.

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IN MEMORIAM

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



Jean R. (Mackinnon) Marlow '47 – 4/5/2026
Robert E. Kelley '48 – 6/2/2026
Lorraine E. (Marquis) Routhier '48 – 2/1/2026
Walter Novak '50 – 1/5/2026
Joann D. Davis '52 – 9/29/2023
Robert C. Bettez '56 – 5/4/2026
John T. Colman '61 – 2/6/2026
Stephen Glod '61 – 4/10/2026
June B. (Bailey) Habicht '61 – 4/20/2026
Judith C. (Lundquist) Miller '61 – 4/10/2026
George Levesque '62 – 2/12/2026
Marilyn R. (Towle) Banks '62 – 8/25/2025
Patricia E. (King) Hauser '62 – 4/20/2026
Nancy (Emerson) Zwearcan '63 – 4/1/2026
Kathleen M. (Matarozzo) Leaman '63 – 11/10/2024
Stanley E. "Buzzy" Follansbee, Jr. '65 – 10/18/2025
William J. Therriault '65 – 12/29/2025
Daniel G. Ellingwood '66 – 1/7/2026
Faye (Emerson) Tinkham '67 – 11/21/2025

Cliff M. Blake '70 – 3/16/2026
Joseph Tomaselli '70 – 4/3/2026
Timothy L. Swan, Sr. '72 – 1/31/2026
Cynthia A. (De Young) Mitchell '73 – 3/9/2026
Philip J. Ferdinando '74 – 1/16/2026
Jane (Roberts) Rogers '75 – 5/25/2026
Boydd Piper '76 – 2/19/2026
Kim M. (Chapdelaine) Lesure '78 – 3/12/2026
Kimberly A. (Campbell) Walker '79 – 5/10/2026
Robert Danielson '79 – 1/25/2026
Andrew Leclair – 1/7/2026
Ronald Cicco '82 – 12/28/2025
Joseph A. Perreault '85 – 5/7/2026
Scott E. Balke '87 – 12/17/2025
Craig M. Arling '94 – 5/11/2026
Justin R. Dombroski '07 – 12/7/2025
Shannon M. Kelleher '08 – 4/15/2026
Danae R. Collica '09 – 4/8/2026

FRIENDS OF PINKERTON ACADEMY



Eric J. Carpenter – 3/4/2026 • Stephen MacDonald – 4/7/2026 • Nancy H. Cuerton – 12/28/2025

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 EVENTS

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

upcoming
alumni events



Alumni Adventure to Portland, Maine

Saturday, August 1, 2026

Various activities throughout the day
(First event begins at 9:30am)



5k Astro Run

Saturday, August 8, 2026 • 9:00AM

Pinkerton Academy Campus



34th Annual Alumni Golf Tournament

Friday, September 18, 2026 • Noon

Passaconaway Country Club



Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Thursday, September 24, 2026 • 5:30PM

Pinkerton Academy, Stockbridge Theatre
and Lobby



NYC Regional Event

Thursday, October 8, 2026 • 7:00PM

Osteria Cotta



33rd Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

(Hosted by the Alumni Association)

Saturday, October 17, 2026

9:00AM – 3:00PM

Pinkerton Academy, Hackler Gymnasium



Daytona Beach, FL Regional Event

Friday, October 23, 2026

4:30 - 7:00PM

Ford's Garage



The Villages Regional Event

Sunday, October 25, 2026

1:30 – 4:00PM

Saddlebrook Recreation Center

Alumni **GAMES & MEETS**

Field Hockey Game

Thursday, August 20, 2026

Multipurpose Turf Field

5:30PM



Girls Volleyball Game

Friday, August 21, 2026

Hackler Gymnasium

6:00PM



Boys & Girls Cross Country Meet

Thursday, August 27, 2026

6:00PM



Alumni and current students helped clean up the Memorial Garden to prepare for June's Graduation. Weeding, raking, and painting the picnic tables were the projects completed.



Boys Track & Field

Astros add 8 titles to their

Championship Legacy

The winter and spring sports seasons saw the Astros bring home a combined 8 state titles.

The Astros took home titles in gymnastics, spirit, boys basketball, and boys track in the winter season, and the spring season brought titles in boys track and field, girls track and field, and boys lacrosse.



Girls Track & Field



Boys Lacrosse



Gymnastics



Boys Track



Spirit



Boys Basketball



The Photography of Sofia Roubian '27

Sofia Roubian '27 has an eye for the right angles. As an editor for the yearbook and a member of the Independent Study in Communications, Roubian's perspective and photography skills are shaping how Pinkerton shares its story.







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Congratulations to the Class of 2026!



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