

Up First

This image of the Comet NEOWISE was taken from campus in July by Donald Slater, instructor in history and social science. About three miles in diameter, the comet was first discovered by NASA in March and won't be seen again for nearly 6,800 years.







IN EVERYTHING WE DO, NON SIBI

Resilience and hope. As Andover and our nation face unprecedented public health and racial justice challenges, I remain inspired by resilience and hope, seeing examples of both displayed on campus during these difficult times.

First, the pandemic: We are recreating campus life and learning within a whole new set of public health parameters. Our students are as resilient as ever, perhaps more so than many of us adults. Although we have enacted new protocols to protect our community, not even COVID-19 could diminish the excitement of a new academic year.

Drumline and school co-presidents Salvador Gomez '21 and Megan Cui '21 helped us open the first All-School Meeting. The Blue Keys and Gunga lined the sidewalks to welcome new students. The decibel level of their cheers, I am told, matched any previous year—even while wearing face masks!

Faculty spent a good portion of the summer dedicated to professional development and reimagining ways to deliver course content. This fall's synchronous model is providing an interactive experience whether a student is living in Bishop, Paul Revere, Shanghai, or Boston.

Faculty and students are making the most of this pandemic-induced reality, but we all acknowledge it is far from ideal. The Andover experience is best delivered in person, and we look forward to the time when that is once again possible.

Faculty, staff, and students living or working on campus are being tested for the virus regularly. We continue to rely on compliance with public health practices, including masking, sanitizing, and social distancing. We are invoking *non sibi* in everything we do, placing community wellness ahead of personal routines and preferences.

At the same time we are battling a pandemic, our nation is grappling with a deep racial reckoning. We are compelled to think about our past—especially the legacy of slavery and intentionally created racial inequality—to consider how those legacies are manifest in our present and to finally create a different path forward.

For Andover's part in this crucial work, the Board of Trustees has formed Andover's Anti-Racism Task Force (see story on page 10). With wide representation from campus, alumni, and parent communities, the task force will build upon a foundation of equity and inclusion initiatives—many born from the 2014 Strategic Plan and some in place prior to that.

We will think even more deeply about systemic racism and act with greater empathy and intentionality. At the heart of this work is creating a community in which every member has voice and agency.

There is still much work ahead to address these often interconnected challenges of systemic racism and the pandemic, and we will not always agree on the best way forward. I see our disagreements as evidence of an engaged, intellectual community and leading us toward stronger solutions.

With these efforts, I believe there will come a time when we can reflect and objectively assess how we have done.

My ultimate hope is that our resilience will have carried us further than we thought possible. And we will see ourselves having emerged as a more intentional, more humane community, proud of what we have accomplished together.

> Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P'24 *Head of School*

Andover

Andover magazine reinforces the special connection alumni have with Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy. Through thought-provoking stories, contemporary design, and inspiring profiles of alumni, students, and faculty, we aim to highlight the school's enduring values, recognize our unique history, and celebrate the rich diversity of our community.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

We did it! Despite the many road-blocks—the lack of in-person collaboration, the pervading stress of the pandemic, repeated trips to Staples for print-outs—we stayed on task. I am so proud to introduce this first redesigned issue of *Andover* magazine.

When this process began in summer 2019, I never would have imagined we'd spend eight months—the majority of the redesign—working remotely with limited access to campus. Not the ideal circumstances under which to work creatively and effectively. And yet, here we are.

The redesign is the culmination of input from numerous alumni and colleagues. The content selected and the organization of stories and images all stem from a newly created mission statement (at left), which drew heavily from two alumni surveys and feedback from the magazine's advisory board.

The result is a thoughtfully reorganized publication that includes new entry points for alumni stories, historical information, and news about students and faculty. We retained the best of the old—lots of alumni information, some beloved sections like "Class Notes" and "From the Archives"—and infused them with a dynamic design along with new editorial departments such as "Then & Now," "At Issue," and a few others we will introduce in future issues.

Enjoy! And, as always, please share your thoughts with me.

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I love speaking with Andover alumni. Regardless of when they graduated, there's an instant camaraderie and shared sense of place during such an important time in our lives.

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I'm passionate about preservation.

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Nearly 20 alumni, spanning all decades, wrote to us with tales of their favorite teachers, life lessons imparted, and fond memories that have stood the test of time. We've selected a few to print here; other submissions can be found at andover.edu/magazine.

'ademoiselle Baratte was a huge influence on my life. She was a proponent of learning French through learning the culture. She was one of the Abbot teachers who made the trip up the hill to Phillips Academy, to the delight of the gentlemen. There was an air of mystery about Mlle. Baratte, particularly about living through World War II. One of my favorite memories was introducing her to my father, who had served in France during the war. I could barely follow the conversation as they chatted in French, recalling this and that. Such a lovely lady. -NOREEN MARKLEY '73

I had the pleasure of taking Mandarin with Dr. Yuan Han all four years at PA. I'm an African American female who arrived at Andover via Washington, D.C., public schools with no background in Asian languages whatsoever. Both family and friends thought I was insane for picking Mandarin, and after I received a



Taken by Abbot Academy photography teacher Wendy Snyder MacNeil, this photo shows MIle. Baratte from the back, looking at photos of herself.

60 percent on my first quiz, I also began seriously doubting the wisdom in that decision

Dr. Han scheduled a time to speak with me, and I was certain that he would encourage me to switch to a different

language. When I sat down with him, he didn't try to dissuade me from taking Mandarin. He didn't go over the material that I got wrong on the quiz. Instead, he simply asked how I was adjusting to Andover and if there was anything he could do to help ease my transition. He told me that my issue was self-doubt and a lack of confidence, not a failure to grasp the material. He said, "You made it here for a reason. All the teachers know that, and you should never forget it!"

I went on to do study abroad programs in China; in college I received a minor in Chinese and today in my law practice I handle many of my firm's U.S.-China litigation matters. Over 20 years have passed since I graduated, and I still hear Dr. Han's voice in my head when imposter syndrome or insecurities set in. "You made it here for a reason...never forget it!" Dr. Han has no idea how those simple words—and all the support he offered during my time at Andover—has impacted my life.

-SHEVON BENGSTON ROCKETT '99

By telling this then-skinny Southern kid from Beaufort, South Carolina, that he should stay on a hill in Massachusetts despite his homesickness, the late, great Jean St. Pierre, teacher at Abbot and later at PA, not only taught me competence from 1987 to 1988, she also made me feel competent enough to remain and thrive on that very same hill.

-G. HAMLIN O'KELLEY III '90



Matt Lisa

Math Lisa was my upper year teacher. Math was never an easy subject for me, particularly in high school, and Mr. Lisa spent many conference periods helping me that year. Having a teacher who was so invested in my success helped me find a voice to be not only a better student, but also a better advocate for my academic needs, a critical lesson for me that built the foundation I needed to succeed in graduate school.

—GENEVIEVE KANDLER '04

Algebra was the bane of my existence when I was 13; it paralyzed me, made me doubt myself. My advisor, Josh Miner, stepped into the void and changed my life. He recognized that there was more in me than I had ever thought possible. "Uncle Josh" helped me to understand that my young brain, through no fault of my own, was not yet wired for abstract thinking and that only by doing word

problem after word problem, by "pushing the pencil," he'd say, would I turn the corner and begin the process of mastering the abstractions. "This terrible weakness, this seeming inadequacy you feel," he had written in a note of encouragement after I'd failed another algebra test, resonates to this day. "This represents your greatest opportunity. Now, push the pencil!" He meant, practice, practice, practice. Do the work. Spend the time. Make the sacrifices. I took this advice to heart; I wouldn't have lasted at Andover without it.

-CHRISTOPHER ROKOUS '80

Mr. McQuilken was one of my teachers at Andover (1967-1968). I remember a kind remark he made on my way out of class one day. It had to do with yet another vicious nosebleed; he asked if I worried a lot.

I'd had nosebleeds as long as I could remember. In my freshman year at college, mid-shave, a.m. bleed (hardly a normal time), his words came to mind. I remember looking in the mirror and telling myself, "I don't care if I flunk out of this school, I'm not going to do it worrying." Interestingly, that was my last nose bleed.

Two things struck me. The first, on a basic level, that the mind is very powerful relative to the body. More importantly, I've come to see that worry is a lack of faith. Rather, God simply isn't big enough—a tenet to which I don't sub-

scribe. The application of this knowledge has allowed great things for me and my family.

—PETER G. HAWKINS '69



Kelly Wise

The most important teacher I had at Andover was Kelly Wise, whose *Novel & Drama* seminar (1971-1972) was the class that taught me—finally—how to read, how to write, and how to think. I owe so much to that special class, to Kelly, and to the other students who took it with me for exploring the literary art deeply and passionately.

-DAVID SCHWARTZ '72

1 Andover magazine welcomes letters to the editor related to Phillips Academy and Abbot Academy. Please email magazine@andover.edu for further information

"The best committees bring together different types of members with diverse viewpoints and experiences and encourage relationships that then lead to new thinking and approaches long after the committee has completed its work."

RAYNARD S. KINGTON, MD, PHD, P'24, Andover's 16th head of school, extols the virtues of the humble committee in the essay "Protest, Vote, and Join that Committee" published in *Diverse Issues in Higher Education*.



"The Garden of Eaton is looking great!"

—paul.murphy88 via Instagram

The beautiful campus garden is maintained by mathematics, statistics, and computer science instructor Shawn Fulford. Many alumni have helped take care of the garden through the years, including Ramphis Medina '19, who designed and built a new stone border this past summer.

"I remember fondly
Mr. Maynard, my math
teacher during lower
and upper years. If we
had a 'Teaching Hall of
Honor', I would happily
nominate him!"

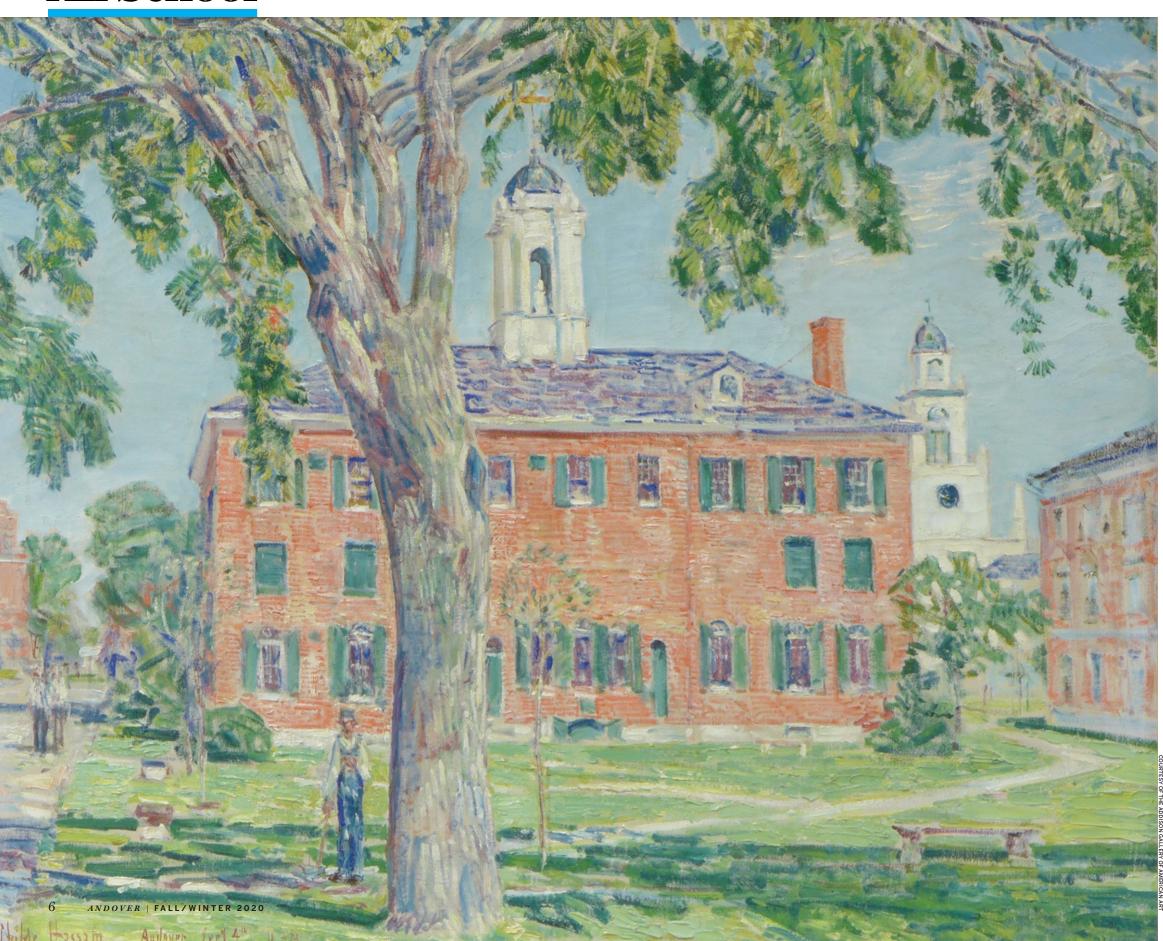
SAGAR PARIKH '75

the BIG question

Send us your answers (250 words maximum, please) and we will consider them for publication in the next issue. Email magazine@andover.edu or send to airish@andover.edu.

What woman has had the most impact on Phillips Academy and/or Abbot Academy?

All School



BACK TO CLASS

American impressionist Childe Hassam visited Andover in September 1930 at the invitation of Thomas Cochran, Class of 1890. Hassam completed this painting of Pearson Hall, along with several other Andover scenes. Considered a preeminent American impressionist, Hassam was born in Dorchester, Mass., and is known for his approach to color and light.

"We are fortunate to own this painting along with a drawing and etching that depict Andover's campus," says Gordon Wilkins, Robert M. Walker Associate Curator of American Art at the Addison Gallery of American Art. The Addison owns 47 examples of Hassam's work across media, but there is one important painting the gallery does not have.

Building the Art Museum depicts the construction of the Addison. "The painting has not been publicly displayed for more than 80 years," Wilkins explains, "and its current whereabouts are unknown, even to the experts in charge of the Childe Hassam catalogue raisonné."

Childe Hassam (1859–1935)

Pearson Hall, Andover, Massachusetts, 1930
Oil on canvas

Addison Gallery of American Art, gift of Dorothy K. Coleman, 1999.6

All School



Frequent COVID-19 testing was a key factor in the Academy's ability to closely monitor community health. Adults were tested weekly and students two-and-three times per week

SIGN OF THE TIMES

ndover's 243rd year began unlike any other, with a focus on community health and rigorous new protocols to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

The staged approach to school opening brought students back to campus in cohorts. By the end of October, classes and activities were being delivered in a variety of modes-remote, hybrid, and some in person. All students living and learning on campus experienced a transformed setting. Signs featuring a masked Gunga with a 6-foot arm span urged students to keep their distance: "It's the Big Blue thing to do." Tents hosted classes, meals, athletics, and dance and theatre rehearsals.

Over the summer, faculty devoted themselves to professional development specific to online teaching. Many lessons were learned this past spring and, as a result, the fall term included more synchronous teaching and additional communication to parents from the Academy and student advisors.

In addition to evaluating testing data and following state and federal health guidelines, PA continued to consult with its own Public Health Advisory Panel, which included a group of physicians and scientists associated with Harvard Medical School, Harvard's T.H. Chan School of Public Health, and Boston Children's Hospital.



(Mass.) Swim Club, but the self-described "geeky" middle schooler cared little about the pool's social scene. He was more interested in the old graveyard next door.

"I remember wading through chesthigh grass and being totally enthralled by the old stones," says Slater, an instructor in history and social science.

That fascination—coupled with his expertise in archaeology and historyfueled Slater's desire to initiate a course that explores the iconography and cultural meaning of old New England graveyards.

Skulls, Angels, and Hour Glasses is a collaboration with the North Andover Ground and learn about the history and craftsmanship of stone cutting and the religious beliefs of the Puritans in the late 1600s and early 1700s. Students catalog each stone and provide detailed information including the type of stone, inscription, and location. Their reports are then entered into a database, which Slater hopes will eventually be used by future researchers and genealogists.

"The more data we gather the better," Slater says. While the site has been studied before, PA students have provided new high-resolution photography, 3D scanning of each stone, and information collected from ground-penetrating radar, Momento mori-Remember (your) death This Latin inscription is commonly found in

New England graveyards and was one of the many ways that craftsmen and stone masons incorporated mortuary art onto gravestones in the 17th and 18th centuries. Instructor Donald Slater explains that the stones themselves, both a headstone and a footstone, served as the ends of a "bed" for eternal sleep. Prior to that time, graves were extremely simple, often identified only by a wooden marker or a plain

which helps to identify unmarked graves.

Planned again for spring 2021, the course has been a source of joy and interest for Slater who says it's the favorite class he's ever taught. "It's been so rewarding for the students and for me; I'm passionate about preservation."

1 To learn more, watch the video "New England" Gravestones" on PA's YouTube channel.

the BUZZ

Lisa Spiegel '76 has a "challah-vuh" good time making bread. The "enthusiastic Jewish mom" has been baking challah each Friday for Shabbat for the past 20 vears and recently shared her skills with a group of PA alums online. Spiegel's challahmaking has turned into an art form, with loaves made to look like a balloon bouquet, the American flag, and even a butterfly!



Ever since the mass shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School, Chana Sacks '03 has dedicated her career to addressing gun violence as a public health issue. An internist at Massachusetts General Hospital, Sacks co-founded the Mass General Gun Violence Prevention Coalition and is co-director of the MGH Center for Gun Violence Prevention. In recognition of her work, Sacks was named a Manifest Boston Change-Maker this past March.



Thanks to Jesse Barbour '56, the Andover archives now has a rare record by the 1953–1954 PA swing band Aces. According to Barbour, Aces was the first school-sponsored swing band, given the green light by Headmaster John Kemper. "Playing in the Aces was the high point of my years at Andover," says Barbour who is pictured at far right



In the new limited series podcast California City, host Emily Israel Guerin '04 tells the story of money, power, and deception in a small town in the Moiave Desert. Guerin is a senior reporter at KPCC, southern California public radio. She previously worked for Prairie Public Radio in North Dakota.

CHARGED AND ENGAGED:

ANTI-RACISM TASK FORCE GETS TO WORK

he Board of Trustees has created a new task force to provide direction to trustees and senior administrators to understand and address inequities faced by Black, Indigenous, and other people of color at Andover. Andover's Anti-Racism Task Force will identify new systems and structures of practice and accountability that will transform our community—including the school's four outreach programs—into one that delivers on the Academy's promise to be diverse, equitable, and inclusive for all.

"For Andover's part in this crucial work, with open minds, the task force will build upon a foundation of equity and inclusion initiatives," says Head of School Raynard S. Kington MD, PhD, P'24. "We will think even more deeply and directly about systemic racism and act with greater empathy and purpose in our work. At the heart of this effort is creating a community in which every member is valued and has voice and agency."

Inspired by its founding charge to educate "youth from every quarter," the Academy has pursued the recruitment and retention of a diverse student body, established a need-blind admission policy, and cemented "Equity and Inclusion" as a pillar of its strategic plan and academic program. The Board of Trustees has long established and empowered a committee on equity and inclusion, yet it recognizes that Andover can and must do more to enhance its efforts.

Concentrating on key themes of cultural inclusion, structural systems, and community connection, the task force will address a range of areas, including:

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Anti-Racism Task Force

- Examine the admission, retention, engagement, achievement, health, and wellness of Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC) students
- Explore the recruitment, hiring, retention, and promotion of BIPOC employees
- Analyze the appointment, engagement, and retention of alumni leaders and trustees

Institutional Systems, Policies, and Practices

- Assess and refine all current organizational systems to integrate better diversity and inclusion practices and perspectives to drive equity and excellence
- In advancement, examine how we communicate, engage with, and fundraise from alumni, parents, and friends to ensure the most inclusive processes and experiences, and to increase the effectiveness of our outcomes
- Understand and evaluate how we manage vendor/supplier diversity and relationships

Climate, Culture, and Experiences

- Assess and strategize improvements for BIPOC student experiences in academic life, residential life, discipline, "Empathy, Balance & Inclusion" courses, and Office of Community and Multicultural Development programming
- Evaluate and recommend improvements for BIPOC employee experiences in onboarding, management relations, complaint procedures, talent development, and accountability systems and practices

Cultural Competency Skill Development

 Develop and integrate skills to promote antibias, anti-racism, courageous conversations, generative feedback, and cultural responsiveness in student and employee populations

A SOUL COMING INTO ITSELF

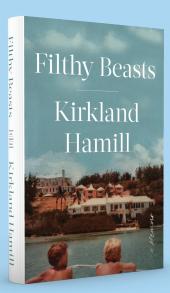
BY CAROLINE LANGSTON JARBOE'86

irkland Hamill '86's voice was brimming with enthusiasm when I caught up with him in July, fresh off receiving the fantastic *New York Times* review of his memoir, *Filthy Beasts*. "His Mother Was Neglectful, Drunk, and Absolutely Riveting to Him" read the headline. But the excitement in his voice had less to do with reaching the apex of literary recognition than with the joy that, finally, he was the author of his own story—and that audiences were eager to listen.

"It's hitting pretty big in Bermuda!" he said referring to the island home where he'd spent much of his childhood, and the backdrop for some of the book's most troubling scenes of his mother's decline and his adolescent confusion.

The book's success is a confirmation long in coming. The second of three sons, Hamill had spent decades trying to live within his family's cloud of competing narratives, and the book is Hamill's testament to disentangling them: He recounts his childhood in the lush atmosphere of his father's wealthy New York family, in which his young, beautiful mother—a middle-class Bermuda native—always felt like an interloper. In an environment circumscribed by the rituals of sport, alcohol, casual racism, and clubby sociability, Hamill is conscious of being unlike either of his rough-and-tumble brothers. He feels ungainly and uncomprehending. The eponymous title was his mother's nickname for them.

In succession, the family loses its fortune, his parents' marriage falls apart, and Hamill's mother decides to return to Bermuda. Within all of this dislocation, Hamill comes to function as a middle-child archetype: he assumes the roles of "responsible" son, his mother's confidante, and observer of family secrets.



Hamill gets a reprieve and an opportunity for self-preservation—when he has the opportunity to attend Andover as an upper. Phillips Academy is only a minor focus of the book, but his portrayal of '80s dorm life saturated by others' ever-present Grateful Dead music is spot on (at least for this fellow member of the Class of 1986!).

In the end, the joy of *Filthy Beasts* is in witnessing a soul coming into itself. His growth is a delight to observe.

• To read Jarboe's full essay, visit andover.edu/magazine. To be considered for "Bookshelf", please send a brief summary of your book and a high-resolution image of the book cover to magazine@andover.edu.



Already a Butterfly: A Meditation Story

BY JULIA ALVAREZ '67
Henry Holt and Company

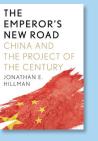
In Already a Butterfly, an inspirational picture book, Mari the young butterfly is constantly flitting from flower to flower, practicing poses and planning her to-do list. She's the busiest butterfly around, but Mari doesn't know if she's happy. After learning mindfulness and reflection, Mari finds peace and self-confidence.



Blue Sandbar Moon

BY CHRIS AGEE '74
The Irish Pages Press

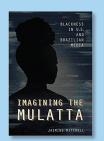
A decade after *Next to Nothing*, Agee's achingly powerful collection of poems in memory of his daughter Miriam, *Blue Sandbar Moon* explores the emotional and spiritual landscape of a life sustained in "the aftermath of aftermath." Consisting mainly of 174 untitled, interconnected short poems, the collection evolves, blending the pulse of poetry and the heft of prose.



The Emperor's New Road: China and the Project of the Century BY JONATHAN E. HILLMAN '05

Yale University Press

An authority on China's Belt and Road Initiative, Hillman reveals the risks involved if China succeeds in this massive infrastructure project, expected to impact more than 130 countries. Beijing states that it is promoting global development, but Washington warns that China is charting a path to global dominance.



Imagining the Mulatta: Blackness in U.S. and Brazilian Media BY JASMINE MITCHELL '99

University of Illinois Press

Mitchell, who recently presented on "Fearing and Desiring of Black Women" for an Andover alumni event, investigates race and mixed-race women in Brazil and the United States. Her book explores how the image of the mulatta in pop culture leads to anti-Blackness and white supremacy.



Language in the Trump Era: Scandals and Emergencies

BY JANET MCINTOSH '87 and NORMA MENDOZA-DENTON Cambridge University Press

Providing examples of the 45th president's language, this book illuminates how Trump's linguistic style powers his political base and simultaneously alarms a global audience. McIntosh and Mendoza-Denton argue that Trump's language has widened divisions along lines of class, gender, race, and international relations.

All School

THREE'S A CHARM

fter winning first prize in the junior string division of the prestigious 47th Annual Fischoff National Chamber Music Competition this past spring, The Phillips Trio most definitely did not take the summer off. The young musicians—Evan Tsai, cello; Ariel Wang, piano; and Luke Henderson, violin—spent countless hours collaborating virtually and practicing.

"Being at home has been somewhat of a blessing in disguise," Henderson says. "It has given me the uninterrupted time I need to prepare."

And it paid off. The trio—all Class of 2021—was accepted into the selective New England Conservatory Chamber Music Intensive Performance Seminar, which began in August. As for their senior year, the musicians look forward to being back on campus again—when it is safe—and performing together as a group.

Chamber music is so named because it has traditionally been performed by a group that could fit in a palace chamber or a large room.

Inspired by cellist Yo-Yo Ma P'01, '04, Ariel Wang '21 launched her own "SongsofComfort" Facebook page (@arielwangsmusic) this summer.

Interested in hearing some of Andover's student musicians? Log onto andover.edu/arts and scroll down to the "Listen to Our Musicians" box.



Evan Tsai, Ariel Wang, and Luke Henderson



ca. 1950 This image of the Abbot Academy mailroom, located in Draper Hall, shows off the era-defining saddle shoes and long skirts worn by most high school girls at the time.

Abbot alumna
Jane Christie '58
recalls that students
could get mail any
time they wanted,
most often right
after lunch.

"I think many of us would say the most exciting letters we ever received were college acceptance letters. We all clustered at the boxes to share in the joy and disappointment for several days."

2012 The modern day Phillips Academy mailroom looks remarkably the same—minus the fabulous wallpaper! Located in the lower level of George Washington Hall, the mailroom is a hub of activity during free periods, when students gather to check their mail and relax in the adjacent student lounge.



the BUZZ

What else to do in quarantine but build a replica of Sam Phil? At least that was **Amy Appleton '79**'s idea. Following her "creative muse," Appleton's DIY Sam Phil is made of old cigar boxes, wood scraps, pearls, beads, wire, and other assorted media. On to the Bell Tower!



Congratulations to **Desmond Butler '91**, who recently joined the *Washington Post* investigative team reporting on climate and the environment. Previously with the Associated Press for 15 years, Butler will now "focus on holding companies and governments accountable for actions related to climate change."

Leading with

Meet Phillips Academy's 16th Head of School, Dr. Raynard S. Kington, MD, PhD, P'24. As social injustice, COVID-19, and racial inequality darken the dawn of a new decade, Kington shifts focus to shine a light on solutions. BY RITA SAVARD







Raynard S. Kington, Andover's 16th head of school, in the backyard of Phelps House with his husband, Peter T. Daniolos, and their sons, Emerson '24 (far left) and Basil, and the family dog, Ares.

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PIVOT.

It might be the most ubiquitous word of 2020, if you don't count *unprecedented*. Dr. Raynard S. Kington officially began as Andover's 16th head of school on July 1, but the COVID-19 pandemic pressed him into service months earlier with rigorous planning for school reopening in the fall.

No stranger to leading a school through crisis, Kington, who was finishing up his 10th year as president of Grinnell College, made the tough call to cancel all in-person classes in March at the Iowa school when COVID-19 hit. What followed was an even more pressing question from parents and educators about the future of in-person classes: When considering how to balance the potential for serious health risks, what do you do?

"Several parents called me up and said, 'Can you advise us?'" Kington recalled. "Should they stay home, do a gap year, go remote? As a parent, I understand this is a question you wrestle with. The safety and well-being of our children always comes first. I told parents that I would be reluctant to just put everything on hold indefinitely. It made me think a lot about starting this position at Andover.

"We cannot choose our time, but we can choose how we deal with what is in front of us, what is here now. During this pandemic, the human connection has never been more important. This is an extremely challenging time, but it is also a time for finding new and creative ways to operate."

Kington's experience leading Grinnell through the early stages of the pandemic, and his former work as a physician specializing in research and public policy on the intersection of health and social factors, helped him hit the ground running.

Engaging with colleagues, trustees, and public health officials while still in Iowa, Kington plugged into the Andover community to assess the school's unique needs and collaborate on a plan to protect students, faculty, and staff.

Under the expert guidance of PA's medical director, Dr. Amy Patel, protocols and guidelines were set in motion. Among them, an ambitious weekly

testing regimen was implemented to keep the community safe as Andover executed a phased reopening in September. And faculty, Kington added, rose to the challenge of learning entirely new ways of teaching, including hybrid, remote, and in-person approaches.

Through it all—the trainings and workshops, the collaborative sessions with colleagues and students, a life-altering pandemic, a combative election season, and nationwide racial unrest—Andover has emphasized the phrase "students first."

"There have been bumps in the road, as expected," Kington noted. "The biggest challenge is always uncertainty, where you cannot predict what will happen in a week or month from now. But our community health and safety measures are working well, and we are helping each other settle into new habits of remote learning and engagement."

no part of my education could I have predicted this moment," Kington said to an audience of students, faculty, and staff in Cochran Chapel last December. This was his first visit to campus after being named head of school.

Kington's atypical career path or, as he points out, "the unforeseen meandering and unexpected opportunities," is what makes life interesting. And all of it prepared him for his time at Andover.

Born and raised in Baltimore, Kington, one of five children, credits his schoolteacher mother, Mildred, and his physician father, Garfield, with giving him one of his greatest gifts: "An unshakable belief that I could choose my own path."

His parents also believed that education is essential, inviting truth, possibility, and freedom.

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RAYNARD S. KINGTON Head of School "I heard this story often growing up," Kington recalled. "Education was the thing that allowed our family to go from slavery to middle class in one generation."

Andover's first African American and openly gay head of school holds an MBA, an MD, and a PhD. His CV includes leading one of the largest studies on the health of the U.S. population at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, serving as interim director of the National Institutes of Health as well as NIH deputy director, and serving as president of a renowned liberal arts college.

Revealing a piece of his family's history that day in Cochran Chapel, Kington shared an old photograph, which has been on display in his office since his first job out of college. The photo from the late 1800s, of his great-great-grandmother, her husband, and three children, brought his parents' passion for education to life and gave it meaning.

He remembers as a kid, his family driving from Baltimore to his maternal grandparents' home in a close-knit community outside the small town of De Kalb, Texas. The community was founded by freed slaves following the Civil War. The property



FAMILY MATTERS

On a warm October morning, the campus is bursting with fall color and Peter Daniolos has a tail-wagging

6-month-old German Shepherd named Ares in tow.

"I've met so many wonderful people on campus just by taking the dog for walks every day," says Daniolos, a nationally recognized child and adolescent psychiatrist, and the new head of school's husband.

Between life in a pandemic, moving across country, and getting acclimated to the Andover community, Daniolos has a perennially cheerful disposition, which earns him lifelong friends wherever he goes. The running family joke: He'll stop for directions and get invited to a stranger's house for dinner.

"I have a deep appreciation for people's personal stories," he says. "Why else are we here if not to connect with one other?"

His own family's story is the classic American dream. His parents, Vasiliki and Demetrios Daniolos, were both raised on small Greek islands before meeting at medical school in Athens. They were the first Greek family to settle in Bismarck, North Dakota, making the front page of the local daily news. His father became a beloved physician in the community. His mother, now a widow, still happily resides in the home where Daniolos and his sister, Athena, were raised.

An adjunct faculty member at the University of Iowa Children's Hospital, where he founded the Gender Evaluation Program, Daniolos met Kington while both were living and working in Washington, D.C., around 2001. They had a lot in common—physician fathers who emigrated from small island communities, deep philosophical interests, and a love of travel. The couple married in 2008, in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

"Parenthood," he says when talking about their two sons, Emerson '24 and Basil, "is the single best thing that has ever happened to me."

Daniolos—who also served on the advisory board for the Grinnell College Museum of Art and on a prestigious scholarship committee to advance women—is looking forward to the next chapter of his family's life on the East Coast.

As a new Andover parent, he recently joined a regional event that featured Kington as the speaker, when a question came his way. Daniolos was asked what experiences have stood out as quintessential New England. "People have been so generous with their recommendations. I love outdoor beauty, and the view of Boston from the top of Holt Hill is just magnificent," he said. "And Crane Beach is one of the most beautiful in the country. It's like Jamaica and Greece right there."

Strolling the campus with a keen architectural eye, he also has a special affinity for the Gropius-designed dorms of Pine Knoll.

Making personal connections and living with eyes wide open are daily fuel for Daniolos's optimism.

"I am touched by the outpouring of support from everyone here," he says, while sweeping up a basket of freshly picked hydrangeas outside the front door of Phelps House—one of many welcome gifts the family has received. "It has really made us feel at home." was acquired through an act of atonement from a slave master, who is also an ancestor—Kington's biological great-great-great-grandfather. At the end of slavery, he had fought with the Confederacy in Texas, and when the war was over he took one of his plantations and divided it among his slaves, providing a free title to land that helped shape his mother's family legacy as they forged a strong and independent Black community in the Deep South.

On one of his childhood visits to Texas, Kington and his siblings found a burlap sack filled with family photos tucked away in his grandmother's closet. They dumped it on the floor and picked their way through the collage. One in particular caught his attention. He didn't like it.

"Everyone looked rather grim," Kington explained. But over time, the image has become a daily reminder that, "I am where I am because huge numbers of other people sacrificed."

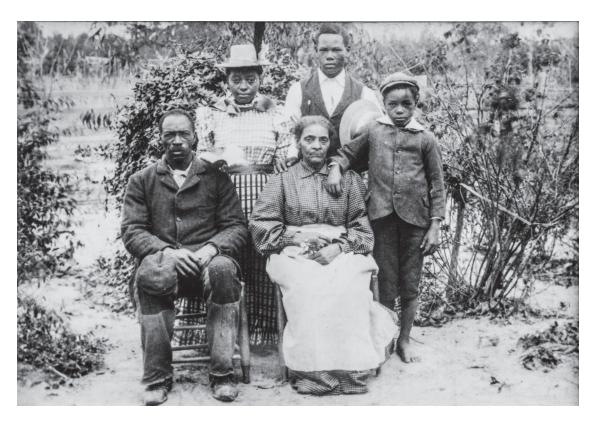
The photo shows Kington's great-great-grand-mother with a sprig of flowers in her hand, her two boys leaning closely into her. Their father's well-worn pants are neatly patched at the knees. And the daughter holds an open book—a nod to the power of education and a signal that the family was literate following a time when it was against the law to teach slaves to read.

"That animated book and small bunch of flowers now mean everything to me," Kington said. "They symbolize that the family survived the horror of that brutal and dehumanizing system of oppression—a system fueled by greed—and that they survived that system of enslavement with their minds and hearts intact.

"This was also a time of extraordinary uncertainty, when a new system of racial oppression was evolving. And yet, my ancestors had the ability to both prepare for the future by embracing knowledge and to live in the blessing of the moment—to appreciate the beauty in their everyday lives."

Focusing his attention back to the crowd in Cochran Chapel, Kington said, "Knowledge can be hard and painful as often as it is reassuring and hopeful. And the need to balance knowledge with an appreciation of the mystery of the beauty in the human experience, even in the midst of difficulty and challenge, helps us progress as a community. I hope my time at Andover will be infused with those thoughts and that all of you will help me in shaping the future of everyone who is a part of the story of this special institution."

Joining the crowd in extended applause were Kington's husband, Peter T. Daniolos, MD, a pro-



Kington's life's work has been inspired and strengthened by the perseverance of his ancestors. This photo of his great-great grandmother and her family, taken in the late 1800s, has been proudly displayed in Kington's office since his first job out of college.

fessor of child and adolescent psychiatry, and their two sons, Emerson, 14, and Basil, 11

That was the world pre-pandemic. Months later, Kington has had to deviate from his pre-defined path. Plans have evolved. Schedules have shifted and strained under professional and family demands. Still, Kington's optimism rises above the chaos.

In September, during Convocation, Kington reminded faculty that their work is essential for a vibrant future.

"I believe there is a rethinking that can occur at these difficult times that helps us see what we might not otherwise see," he said, "a rethinking that helps us scrape away the superficial and focus on the essential parts underneath."

ON a bright and balmy September morning, Kington was still unpacking and settling into the family's new home at Phelps House. But his most treasured objects—scores of family photos and a dizzying assortment of books—had been carefully pulled from boxes and arranged in their places.

They offer a glimpse of what matters to the man who cherishes them. He's a voracious reader.

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Classics. Biographies. History. The neatly stacked rows of books from floor to ceiling are more than collections of words printed on paper. They are friends and companions that impart knowledge and teach empathy and understanding. They are part of home.

"Whenever Raynard is faced with a challenge, he reads widely and looks for guidance widely," said Angela Voos, who worked alongside Kington for nine years at Grinnell and served as his chief of staff and vice president for strategic planning.

"He looks for information, narratives, and history to help guide what his next steps are. It's like being hooked up to an encyclopedia and a news channel. He bathes in what he can know—reading everything he can get his hands on and talking to people. One of his marked characteristics is his openness to hearing all perspectives. He has an amazing talent for bringing everyone to the table and making them feel heard. Regardless of how tough the problem is before you, he creates a safe space of trust to work through it and find solutions."

Kington's unwavering commitment to helping others behind the scenes and his mindfulness of the most vulnerable, Voos added, make him an extraordinary leader in the best and worst of times.

"We had one winter that was so very cold—even for Iowa—and we have students on campus who deliver mail," she recalls. "Raynard saw there was one student that needed boots. He made sure the student got them. The student never knew where the boots came from. Raynard just does things like that. He has a strong moral compass and brings out the best in those around him, leading by example."

At age 16, Kington entered a combined under-

graduate-medical school program at the University of Michigan. The program allowed him to earn a Bachelor of Science degree when he was 19 and his medical degree when he was just 21 years old. He completed his residency in internal medicine at Michael Reese Medical Center in Chicago and was appointed a Robert Wood Johnson Clinical Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania. While there, he completed his MBA and PhD with a concentration in health policy and economics at The Wharton School.

As the coursework and the experience of caring for patients during his residency drew him deeper into his craft, Kington discovered the meaningful ways in which he could make a difference in people's lives, especially in helping underrepresented groups like people of color and the LGBTQ+ community.

In addition to directing one of the CDC's largest studies on the health of the American people, Kington has helped amplify often-quieted voices, writing articles about public health policy, access, and the effects of race, gender, and ethnic disparities.

In an interview with *The Phillipian*, Kington confided that in the not too distant past, it would have been unthinkable for someone like him to be leading an institution like Andover, deeply rooted in its ties to the founders of this country—the very same people "who denied the rights and humanness of who I am."

"I hope it shows how communities, and countries, and institutions—even when they start off with closed doors in many ways—can change, evolve, respond, and get better," he said.

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AMY FALLS '82 President, Board of Trustees more opportunities than they thought about before—that's the best thing that can happen about acknowledging my identity."

Arguably, there has never been a more challenging time to lead an academic institution. The Board of Trustees was drawn to both Kington's unique professional experience and his personal character. But his work ethic under pressure has proven to the board that Kington is committed to addressing complex issues by immersing himself in the community, collaborating, and creating solutions.

"Raynard is a dynamic leader and a profoundly thoughtful colleague devoted to his community and the well-being of students, faculty, and staff," said Amy Falls '82, P'19, '21, president of the Board of Trustees. "No one could have imagined our 16th head of school beginning his tenure under such extraordinary circumstances. We are fortunate to have Raynard's compelling set of professional skills, his reverence for young people, and personal moral compass guiding Andover forward."

TIME in a pandemic takes on new fluid forms. Throughout this period, we have all had to pause and refocus to find meaning. For Kington, cooking is an artform and a stress reliever, and the kitchen is where he enjoys seeing people come together to build meaningful experiences.

"During the extended time at home, I learned to cook two things I had always been too intimidated to try: yeast dinner rolls and BBQ spareribs," said Kington, whose extensive collection of cookbooks and kitchen gadgets would make any foodie gush.

At the end of a busy work day, Kington shifts the focus back to his husband, Peter, and their two sons. Emerson is a junior at Andover and Basil attends Doherty Middle School. "These moments are so important. They're for slowing down and remembering joy, because the most memorable experiences we have with food are the people."

That sense of community and working together is the main ingredient Kington envisions for his future at Andover.

Cue to the first day of classes. Even in a virtual world, the broad smile stretching across Kington's face cut straight through fences. Andover's new head of school had good reason to feel proud. He was addressing students at the start of a new school year for the first time since officially taking over the Academy's leadership on July 1.

The first day may have come without handshakes or high fives, but it was filled with hope.

"You are the heart of this community, the energy and spirit fueling our mission to educate youth from every quarter," said Kington, welcoming more than 1,000 students back to a virtual campus from their laptops.

"We are about to begin one of the most distinctive years in the history of this institution—a time that I suspect we will speak of for many years to come. We will get through this together, and I have absolute faith that when we look back on this experience, we will realize that we have emerged as a stronger, even more committed, and humane community." ♦

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Fun facts about Andover's 16th head of school.

What is one thing about you that might surprise people? I have, relatively late in life, developed a taste for opera (CDs only. I am not a big fan of the live performances, strange as that may sound!)—it's the ideal music for an afternoon of cooking.

What is the best advice you ever received? Never mistake a clear vision for a short distance.

Who is your personal hero? It's a toss-up between Septima Clark and James Baldwin. Clark for her tenacity and commitment and creative problem-solving. She was an African American schoolteacher who set up a network of citizenship schools to educate African American adults in the Deep South about the rights and responsibilities of citizenship during the era of the civil rights movement. And Baldwin for his incredible intellect and fearlessness in speaking truth to power in his art and in person.

What is your favorite food? Close call between Southern African American and Indian—northern or southern!

Best advice for someone who has hit a creative wall? Give yourself breathing room to think—by stopping thinking. Put down the task for a day, go for a walk, listen to your favorite CD, go shopping. Come back and try again.

Read more about Kington at andover.edu/magazine



Preserving Truth in an Age of Disinformation

WE LIVE IN A TIME OF POLITICAL FURY and deepening cultural divides. In the era of 24/7 digital news, when anyone can immediately publish and reach a worldwide audience, the line between fact and fiction is increasingly blurred.

A group of powerful people intentionally planned the COVID-19 outbreak. Dark-clad thugs on planes are traveling around the U.S. intent on inciting unrest. Millions of mail-in ballots will be printed and sent in by foreign countries to rig the presidential election. Bizarre conspiracy theories such as these are just a few examples of "fake news," which has sprouted and grown to tremendous proportions online this year.

Misinformation, spin, lies, and deceit have, of course, been around forever. But in the dig-

BY RITA SAVARD

ital universe, a unique marriage between social media algorithms, advertising systems, the motivation of quick cash, and a hyper-partisan U.S. government has had dangerous real-life consequences.

From U.S. elections to the COVID-19 pandemic and the Black Lives Matter movement, alumni journalists and policy strategists say that navigating, identifying, and seeing through disinformation in a bewildering media environment relies heavily now on how much we, the social media users—along with big tech companies, public education systems, lawmakers, and credible news organizations—nurture and develop media literacy so that we can consume news with a critical eye.



OME DAYS IT FEELS LIKE DEMOCRACY IS DROWNING IN

fake news," says Dan Schwerin '00, a political strategist who co-founded Evergreen Strategy Group, which provides speechwriting, strategic advice, and communication services to companies facing diverse and complex policy challenges. Schwerin was also Hillary Clinton's chief speech writer during her 2016 presidential bid and the principal collaborator on Clinton's two best-selling memoirs, *Hard Choices* (2014) and *What Happened* (2017).

Politics can be a painful business. For Schwerin, 2016 was an especially hard-hitting example of how far disinformation can go to inspire real-world violence.

"Certainly, we knew that during a campaign there would be misinformation," he says. "There had been misinformation and lies told about Hillary Clinton for 30 years, but the moment that fake news became a starkly real problem for me wasn't until a few weeks after the election."

In early November 2016, when Clinton campaign manager John Podesta's email was hacked and the messages were published on WikiLeaks, one of the emails (according to the *New York Times*) was between Podesta and James Alefantis, the owner of D.C. pizzeria Comet Ping Pong. The message discussed Alefantis hosting a possible fundraiser for Clinton.

Users of the website 4Chan began speculating about the links between Comet Ping Pong and the Democratic Party, with one particularly dark conjecture bubbling to the surface: the pizzeria is the headquarters of a child-trafficking ring led by Clinton and Podesta.

As outrageous as it sounds, the conspiracy theory took root on far-right conservative websites and misinformation was kicked around 4Chan until someone posted a long document with "evidence" to a now-banned alt-right section of Reddit just days before the U.S. election. The alt right is a fringe group of far-right extremists—comprising white supremacists and racists—who share their views and various forms of propaganda online.

On December 4, 2016, Edgar Maddison Welch, a father of two from Salisbury, North Carolina, took it upon himself to police a rumor he believed to be true. After reading online that Clinton was allegedly abducting children for human trafficking through the D.C. pizzeria, the then–28-year-old Welch—purportedly on a rescue mission—armed himself with an AR-15 semiautomatic rifle, a .38 handgun, and a folding knife and drove a few hundred miles north to Comet Ping Pong, a 120-seat kid-friendly pizza place with ping pong tables and craft rooms.

"I knew the restaurant well," Schwerin adds. "It

wasn't far from my house and was a place where I ate many times."

Welch didn't find any captive children at the pizzeria. When he made his way into the kitchen and shot open a locked door, he discovered only cooking supplies. Despite the rumors on 4Chan and far-right news outlets like *Info-Wars*, the pizzeria had no basement.

"When he got there and realized that there was no basement, that should have been the tip-off that he had been duped," Schwerin says. The incident, now widely known as "Pizzagate," remains a vivid example of how fast falsehoods can spread, how some people are quick to believe them, and how they can lead to dangerous consequences.

"If you track that conspiracy theory and the kinds of outlets that promoted it, and how it led to real-world violence—that, for me, was a real shock," Schwerin adds.

"FALSEHOOD FLIES, AND THE TRUTH COMES LIMPING

after it," wrote satirist Jonathan Swift. Fast-forward to more than three centuries later when social media platforms are the primary vehicle for delivering information to millions at a pace that's difficult to manage and monitor.

"We exist in a world of extreme polarization, and efforts to educate people about how to use digital media well and savvily is a very tough assignment—because even when presented with evidence and hard facts, some minds can't be changed because they simply don't want to," says Alexander Stille '74, author, journalist, and professor of international journalism at Columbia Journalism School. "But some room for optimism does lie in the behavior of private companies."

In 2017, dictionary.com added a definition for the term fake news. The entry reads: "false news stories, often of a sensational nature, created to be widely shared online for the purpose of generating ad revenue via web traffic or discrediting a public figure, political movement, company, etc."

Several data-based studies in recent years show that false news travels farther, deeper, and faster than true stories on social media, and by a substantial margin.

To learn more about how and why false news spreads, researchers at MIT tracked roughly 126,000 Twitter "cascades" (unbroken retweet chains of news stories) that were tweeted more than 4.5 million times by about 3 million people, from 2006 to 2017. Politics comprised the biggest news category, with about 45,000 cascades, followed by urban legends, business, terrorism, science, enter-

tainment, and natural disasters. The spread of false stories was more pronounced for political news than for any other category.

But while social media giants—including Twitter, Facebook, and Google—are publicly announcing ways to combat fake news, they are simultaneously benefiting from associated ad revenue tied to falsehoods that go viral.

Soraya Chemaly '84, an award-winning author, activist, and executive director of The Representation Project (a nonprofit harnessing film to create a world free of limiting stereotypes), says fake news isn't just dangerous because it distorts public understanding, but—as in the case of Pizzagate—it also "is frequently implicated in targeted online harassment and threats."

The co-author of the investigative journalism article "The Risk Makers—Viral hate, election interference, and hacked accounts: inside the tech industry's decades-long failure to reckon with risk," Chemaly points out that when tackling issues of fake news, media often center around the nature of the truth, the responsibilities of social media companies to the public good, and the question of why people believe outrageous and unverified claims. But very little gets said about a critical factor in the spread of fake news and harassment—that they are powerful drivers of profit.

"Engagement, not content—good or bad, true or false—is what generates internet revenues and profit," Chemaly says. "Our posting, sharing, commenting, liking, and tweeting produces behavioral and demographic data that is then packaged and sold, repackaged and sold."

This business model played out in more than 3,500 Facebook ads placed by the Kremlin-linked Internet Research Agency (IRA) around the 2016 election, which targeted conservatives and liberals alike

FEAR AND ANGER DRIVES CLICKS. ON FEBRUARY 16, 2018.

Special Counsel Robert S. Mueller III indicted 13 Russian individuals and three Russian organizations for engaging in operations to interfere with the U.S. political and electoral process, including the 2016 presidential election. This was a significant step toward exposing a social media campaign and holding those responsible accountable for the attack. The indictment spells out in exhaustive detail the breadth and systematic nature of the conspiracy, dating back to 2014, as well as the multiple ways in which Russian actors misused online platforms to carry out clandestine operations.

Throughout the indictment, Mueller lays out

important facts about the activities of the IRA—a troll farm in St. Petersburg, Russia, that flooded Facebook with fake content in the run-up to the 2016 election. According to U.S. government documents, the IRA created fake news personas on social media and set up fake pages and posts using targeted advertising to "sow discord" among U.S. residents.

Users flipping through their feeds that fall faced a minefield of incendiary ads, pitting Blacks against police, Southern whites against immigrants, gun owners against Obama supporters, and



Free speech is vital to democracy,

but when misinformation is fiercely pushed, defended, and sold as truth, democracy is at risk.

ALEXANDER STILLE '74
Columbia Journalism School

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the LGBTQ+ community against the conservative right—all coming from the same source thousands of miles away.

"Until the business model is directly dealt with, until the mechanisms that implicate fake news and disinformation are considered—until we demonetize disinformation to ensure that fake news cannot make money from ads—nothing is going to get solved," Chemaly says.

AS A RESULT OF RACIAL INJUSTICES. AMERICANS HAVE

taken to the streets across the country this year to let their voices be heard. The Black Lives Matter movement—which became a hashtag in summer 2013 when Oakland, California, labor organizer Alicia Garza responded on her Facebook page to the acquittal of George Zimmerman, the man who gunned down 17-year-old Trayvon Martin, an

There should definitely be responsibility for the tech companies



to have consequences for what they're publishing, but we, as users of the tech, have to have a new level of self-awareness. We play a significant part in training the system, so it's not just what we do in the moment that matters, but how we are shaping the system as a whole."

NICK THOMPSON '93 WIRED magazine

unarmed Black high school student—has mounted some of the most potent civil rights activism since the '60s.

Any large social movement is shaped by the technology available in the moment. Today's anti-racism outcry, along with the COVID-19 pandemic, has been ripe for online trolls and others seeking to exploit tensions.

George Bundy Smith Jr. '83, a veteran journalist and news anchor for WKOW ABC in Madison, Wisconsin, was on the ground covering protests when they began at the end of May.

"From what I observed, the protests drew hundreds of people from all different races and lots of young people," Smith recalls. "It was encouraging to see that kind of unity in a predominately peaceful way. There are civil society organizations working to build positive movements for the long haul, but they also have to work to counter misinformation on the issues they care about."

The protests in Madison, he adds, were not immune to vandals. While the majority of protests were peaceful, over the course of a few nights businesses had windows broken and some were looted. White people and people of color were responsible for the destruction of property. But during the summer, a barrage of fictional narratives, from missing person accounts to acts of violence—even a false claim that a news organization used a clip from the movie *World War Z* to illustrate chaos in the streets—flooded social media platforms.

Online disinformation campaigns stating that protests were being inflamed by Antifa (an anti-fascist action and left-wing political movement) quickly traveled up the chain from imposter Twitter accounts to the right-wing media ecosystem calling for an armed response. This fake news, coupled with widespread racism, is believed to be why armed groups of white vigilantes are taking to the streets in different cities and towns.

In September, FBI Director Christopher Wray '85 warned the House Committee on Homeland Security that when disinformation mobilizes, it endangers the public. "Racially motivated violent extremism," mostly from white supremacist groups, Wray says, has made up a majority of domestic terrorism threats this year.

"I want to be optimistic about change," Smith says, "but it's difficult when we are dealing with the same issues that were there when I was a kid—police violence and accountability."

Smith, who is Black, says he has been pulled over by police 20-plus times throughout his life.

"I have a routine now," he says. "Interior lights on, ignition off, I put my keys on the dashboard, I've got my driver's license ready so I don't have to reach for anything, hands on the steering wheel, windows down—I do it every time and although I haven't had a really unpleasant traffic stop, I definitely think I've been pulled over for questionable reasons.

"I have Black Andover friends—lawyers, brokers, professional hard-working citizens—who have also had these experiences. Dealing with this issue still, in 2020, is disturbing," says Smith. "I like to think we're at a turning point now, but there is clearly much work ahead."

Cutting through the noise of fake news and halftruths, public pressure, Smith adds, has played a significant role in prompting officials to take action.

"The initial press release from the Minneapolis Police Department was vague and made no mention of an officer kneeling on George Floyd's neck," Smith says. "Fortunately, there was a video that told a more complete story. In Kenosha, when Jacob Blake was shot seven times, there was no mention of that in the initial press release. A viral video, however, forced officials to release more information. What if, in these instances, there was no video? Would we have ever learned the truth?

"Transparency is a big deal," says Smith, "and you have to hold officials accountable, whether it's the police or the president."

HE FOLLOWING SENTENCE IS NOT FAKE NEWS: Media literacy works, and it will make

Media literacy works, and it will make consumers smarter and more discerning when it comes to following and detecting credible news sources—but it will take a united front.

"Whenever you have a transformative technology, there are going to be people who use it in unexpected ways," says Nick Thompson '93, editor in chief of *WIRED* magazine, which focuses on how emerging technologies affect culture, the economy, and politics. "In the beginning, I think the creators of [social platforms] were looking at all the ways in which the tech could bring people together and not really thinking about how a computer code could be used against democracy. There was a lack of appreciation for the dark side."

The Facebook algorithm, for example, is how Facebook decides which posts users see and in what order every time they check their newsfeeds. In January 2018, Facebook co-founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced newsfeed changes that prioritize "posts that spark conversations and meaningful interactions." The algorithm was set to prioritize posts that earned a lot of high-value engagement.

A year later, a study conducted by the Nieman Foundation for Journalism at Harvard found that while engagement had increased, the algorithm changes also increased divisiveness and outrage, as it tended to promote posts that got people riled up. Simultaneously, the algorithm ended up rewarding fringe content (aka fake news) from unreliable sources that knew how to game the system.

While the Facebook algorithm will probably always be a work in progress, Thompson believes that "if Facebook could wave a magic wand and get rid of fake news, it absolutely would."

"The reputation of damage to the platform outweighs the benefit of any revenue they're bringing in," he says. "But it's a complex fix, because while social media companies have to take responsibility at the developmental level, we have to remember the algorithm is also responding to what we are clicking on every day—our actions determine where the algorithm leads us. "There should definitely be responsibility for the tech companies to have consequences for what they're publishing, but we, as users of the tech, have to have a new level of self-awareness," says Thompson. "We play a significant part in training the system, so it's not just what we do in the moment that matters, but how we are shaping the system as a whole."

This past summer, Twitter began adding fact-checking labels to tweets, including some originating from President Trump. It also suspended thousands of accounts associated with QAnon, a once far-right fringe group that went mainstream through social networking. QAnon's sprawling internet conspiracy theory operates under the belief that the world is run by a cabal of Satanworshipping pedophiles who are plotting against Trump while operating a global child sex-trafficking ring—a story many believe gained momentum after the Pizzagate conspiracy.

In early October, Facebook followed Twitter's lead and announced that it would ban all QAnon accounts from its platforms, labeling it a "militarized social movement." On the heels of that decision, Facebook also banned content about Holocaust denial.

In the past, Zuckerberg said that he would not censor content from politicians and other leading figures for truthfulness. But in an October 12 Facebook post, Zuckerberg said his thinking had "evolved" because of data showing an increase in anti-Semitic violence.

In the end, says journalism professor Stille, the battle against fake news will require a united front that includes social media users, government, industry, and journalists.

"As a journalist who has worked within the constraints of American libel law, one of the things that is strange to me is there are clear rules that you cannot publish things that are false and you cannot publish with reckless disregard or malice yet, unfortunately, on social media those same standards aren't applied.

"Free speech is vital to democracy but when misinformation is fiercely pushed, defended, and sold as truth, democracy is at risk. Somebody has to exercise some degree of control and responsibility or we're just looking at a Hobbesian war against all information." •

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A light-bulb moment inspires lifelong career

What Nancy (Porosky) Harris Frohlich '67 discovered during her first year at Abbot Academy built the foundation of a nearly 50-year career.

BY NANCY HITCHCOCK

bbot changed my life," says Nancy Harris Frohlich. "It inspired me to take a leap." When Frohlich was in middle school, living in a small, homogeneous town north of Boston, she knew she needed something different. Frohlich wanted to be part of a more diverse community and she wanted learning that was more than memorizing facts. She felt compelled to apply to an independent school even though she would be the first in her family to do so. When she entered Abbot Academy as a 10th-grader, she was immediately struck by how the teaching connected common themes and experiences.

"That was when the light bulb went on for me," she says. "Having a context for learning impacted what I do in schools now and the kinds of teaching I've done all my life."

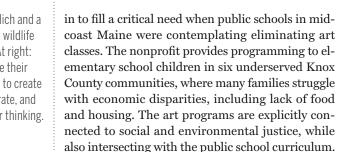
As an educator, Frohlich has applied this learning framework in many different ways. She has been a classroom teacher, a curriculum specialist, and a head of school. After retiring and moving to Rockport, Maine, Frohlich embarked on a new venture that would tie together all of these experiences.

Founded in 2012, Leaps of Imagination stepped

more than 800 children with an

Leaps of Imagination has provided

student at a wildlife sanctuary. At right: students use their art, collaborate, and



Frohlich first learned about the concept of connected learning from her Abbot English instructor. "Miss Way influenced me tremendously," she says. "Our program that first year connected themes from Doctor Faustus, Moby Dick, and The Old Man and the Sea, which led to intense discussions of big ideas."

At Leaps of Imagination, Frohlich has implemented connected learning by involving teams of local mentor artists who lead field trips and help inspire children to create.

"Big ideas are what make all of the activity experiences and readings have deeper meaning,



Above: Frohlich and a imagination to create expand their thinking.

because everything is interrelated," says Frohlich. "Each learning experience builds on what has come

One of Frohlich's favorite programs, "Working Across Communities," enables children to study insects, collaborate with kids from other towns, learn about nature and social justice, and tie it all into art.

Susan Beebe, one of the six artists who teaches the program with Frohlich, says, "Nancy inspires the children to imagine ideas for making the Earth a healthier world. We adult mentors were amazed to hear some of their profound thoughts. For example, one boy said, 'Clean water for everyone on Earth.' With their partners, the children drew what that healthy world looks like, with clean blue seas and green continents. It was a glorious day!"

Just as she has been inspired by connected learning, Frohlich hopes the children in her program will continue to make important connections and have a positive impact on the future.

"Students have to step into their own power," says Frohlich, "and that's what Abbot gave me the opportunity to do-to learn differently and to see that learning really engages kids' minds." *



WHY I VOLUNTEER: ANTHONY KIM '21

f someone had asked Anthony Kim to take part in a 3D printing class when he was in elementary school, he would have been thrilled.

A senior from Acton, Mass., Kim is enthusiastic about all things tech. He's co-captain of the robotics team and founder of Eve Tech, a student-run club that explores advanced engineering and design projects. He's also committed to Andover's non sibi motto. Working with PA's Office of Community Engagement since his junior year, Kim assists elementary school-age children from the Lawrence, Mass., Youth Development Organization through after-school programming on the PA campus. Last year, he developed a new class teaching kids how to use 3D printers in The Nest makerspace.

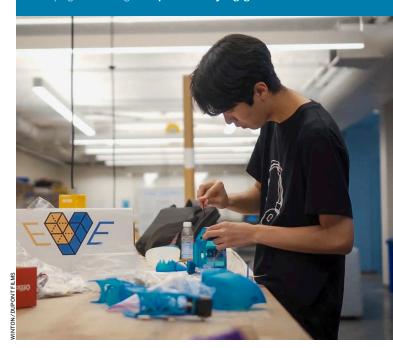
"Anthony is super thoughtful and really understands what we are trying to do with our program," says Monique Cueto-Potts, director of community engagement. Now in its 40th year, community engagement involves nearly 400 Andover students who volunteer with and manage 30 weekly programs each academic year.

Although COVID-19 put a pause on most on-campus programs this fall, community engagement found a variety of creative ways to continue. Adjusting to a virtual platform, Kim's class focused on helping kids better understand and refine their 3D design process. And he's working out the details to have their physical models printed on campus and safely delivered to them at home

"I've become more conscious of and deliberate about my choice to participate in community engagement," Kim says. "I want to help foster the students' sense of agency so they can think more independently and deeply.

-ALLYSON IRISH

i FOLLOW Andover's community engagement



opportunity to develop a passion for the environment and art, while also building self-confidence and courage.

Making Government Work

And Having Fun Doing It

Listening to Octavia Abell and Kyleigh Russ talk about their startup Govern for America (GFA), it's hard not to get excited.

"There's language on our website that says, 'Join the movement. Be part of the next generation who sees government as an avenue for meaningful change...' That's what we truly believe," says Abell.

The GFA "movement" officially began in 2018, one year after Abell and Russ reconnected via LinkedIn. At the time, Russ was a fifth-grade teacher in Boston and Abell was working in the Rhode Island Office of Innovation.

"I probably would not have reached out to Octavia if it were not for the Andover connection. Andover does such an amazing job of building a sense of community and shared values that, years after graduating, there was still a clear bond."

KYLEIGH RUSS '10

Though they came from different parts of the public sector, they both recognized the ability of government to solve big problems at scale and in a way that no other entity can do. Based on their career experiences, they also identified the need for a stronger pipeline of diverse, next-generation government workers. So they decided to build one.

Abell, GFA's CEO, wanted to address



OCTAVIA ABELL '10 & KYLEIGH RUSS '10

the lack of diversity. "I started to notice in my own job that I was often the only woman in the room and the only person under age 30. I really started to think a lot about this idea of proximity and how to build inclusive systems."

COO Russ recognized similar problems, from a different perspective. Teaching at a charter school, Russ saw firsthand how policy decisions and government programs impacted underrepresented communities, which often did not have a voice in the process. "I would routinely see decisions about policies and programs being made by those without the lived experience or understanding of the people who would be directly impacted by the decisions," she says.

GFA's multipronged approach is centered around a two-year fellowship program. The GFA fellows are placed into a cohort and provided with training, beginning with an intensive summer institute. Fellows receive leadership and skills training, as well as mentoring opportunities. They are then matched with a government agency looking for young talent. The first cohort just completed their first year; GFA launched a second cohort in June and began recruiting for the third in September.

So far, response to the program has been positive. The first 26 fellows have been placed in full-time state government jobs in five states, and the program has received media attention, most notably from the *Washington Post*, which featured GFA in a July 2018 story. Abell and Russ were also recently named to the *Forbes* "30 Under 30" list.

"The reason Kyleigh and I launched this organization is because we believe that government can be a powerful instrument of change," Abell says. "We want government to work better for everyone in this country and to more effectively and equitably serve everyone."
—ALLYSON IRISH

"There is a tremendous amount of power and hope that comes when members of a community organize themselves to pursue a shared vision. Fundamentally, when people are leaning into their best selves and into these loving shared spaces we create together, it stimulates their sense of fairness and justice and makes them believe in their own power to influence change."

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READ MORE about Simmons's work to address issues of social and environmental justice at www.andover.edu/magazine.





SPORTS, AND SO MUCH MORE

RISHI JALAN '09

hen Rishi Jalan arrived at Andover as a Davis Scholar in 2008, he had dreams of attending an Ivy League university. A nationally ranked squash player in India, Jalan knew he could compete athletically, but he needed to improve academically.

Entering Andover as a postgraduate, Jalan was overwhelmed at first. Then, right before college applications were due, he received a low mark on an English paper. Jalan freaked out. He tried to plead his case, but his English instructor Flavia Vidal told him pointedly that he needed to work harder. However, she never left him to flounder. "She was with me every step of the way," he says.

His hard work paid off. Jalan was admitted to Cornell University and recruited for their men's squash team. Little did he know that his academic struggles would lead to a future career.

Three and a half years ago, he founded The Big Red Group (BRG) in New Delhi. The company helps top Asian student-athletes navigate the U.S. college admissions and recruitment process. He's worked with students from India, Singapore, China, and the Philippines and across various sports including squash, tennis, golf, and swimming. Recently, BRG added entrepreneurship workshops, bringing in professors and mentors from around the world.

"It really began with Andover," he says. "There were a lot of things I struggled with at Andover, but ultimately it made me realize how important it is to have skills like critical thinking and writing."

-CHRISTINE YU'94

A-GAME "I think a lot of it goes back to stuff we learned at Andover. 'Don't just sit on your butt and do nothing.' We were kind of taught that at school. Keep pushing, keep finding ways to do things better." -MATT HYDE '92 BY ALLEN LESSELS ANDOVER | FALL/WINTER 2020

Inside Baseball

ajor League Baseball played a season like no other this year, and three Andover alums were front and center for a baseball summer that almost wasn't.

"It's undeniably the most unique baseball season ever played," says Seattle Mariners interim hitting coach Hugh Quattlebaum '96, whose older brother Gus '93 is the Boston Red Sox vice president for professional scouting.

Each Major League team played just 60 games, instead of the usual 162, in a season that started on July 23, nearly four months later than originally scheduled. No fans were allowed in any stadium. MLB, along with other professional sports, also postponed games in a show of support for Black athletes and social justice. More games were later postponed due to unhealthy air quality from West Coast forest fires.

Like all other sports, MLB came to an abrupt halt in mid-March, with the start of the season just two weeks away. "Our world was rocked." Gus says. "We were rushed out of Fort Meyers to get home as quickly as possible."

The normal world of scouting and baseball development is one of sitting in ballparks day after day, watching players throw and hit and run, and then writing reports to assess talent. This summer though, the Quattlebaum brothers and Matt Hyde '92, Northeast scout for the New York Yankees, spent a lot of time in home offices analyzing video and conducting Zoom meetings to rank and project future draft picks.

"It was just a bizarre set of circumstances," Gus says.

But baseball's new world order had its silver linings. Families went for walks. Hyde and his son, Willy, took up fishing. Brox Quattlebaum, 7, helped his dad, Hugh, make a video of hitting tips. Gus got to spend far more time than usual at home with his wife and three daughters.

Professionally, Zoom meetings gave evaluators the ability to zero in on a player's makeup. Members of the coaching, personnel, and scouting depart-

Three alums & MLB pros take us **BEHIND THE CLUBHOUSE DOORS**

ments were able to jump in on calls and chat with prospective draft picks. And some of these changes may stick.

"I think we'll be able to utilize some of the tools we had to implement during this time as a part of our new routine," says Hyde, who played three seasons of Big Blue baseball with Gus and who has driven up to 40,000 miles some years. "Now we can hop onto a Zoom call with a kid in Buffalo instead of driving 11 hours to get there."

But nothing can take the place of human interaction.

"What we've been doing these last few months will never replace being out there in the field," Gus says. "It's a human game, always has been. One place where scouts are most impactful is with the nuance they can provide to the analysis of a player. That's hard to do when you're stuck at home."

Perhaps never has the human side of baseball been more on public display than when athletes responded en masse to the social justice movement this year.

The Mariners, who have more Black players than any other MLB team, voted to not play against the San Diego Padres on August 27. It was one of several games across professional sports postponed in solidarity after the latest incident involving the police shooting of a Black man.

"There was a lot of real, raw emotion and it increases the empathy level you have for teammates," Hugh says. "I have tons of respect for how our team handled it." ♦

KNOWLEDGE & GOODNESS: THE ANDOVER CAMPAIGN

Of Art and Archaeology

Campaign Priorities Drive Vision for the Future

No other secondary school in America has a world-class art museum *and* a globally respected archaeology institute right on their campus. But the fact that Andover is home to both isn't the focal point. What's more impressive is how thoughtfully each is woven into the fabric of the student learning experience.

More than 70 Phillips Academy courses each year—from biology and computer science to English and American history—partner with these resources, adding unparalleled depth to academic inquiries old and new.

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Because of this extraordinary integration, the Addison Gallery of American Art and the Peabody Institute of Archaeology are both *Knowledge & Goodness* campaign priorities. And while alumni from 1938 to 2020 have rallied to support Andover's museums since campaign launch, the fundraising needs for both remain urgent and ongoing.

Advancing the Addison

The Addison asks the fundamental question "What is America?" and delves into the multifaceted answers in its exhi-

bitions and in the daily explorations that occur in the Museum Learning Center.

These shows draw from the Addison's 23,000-plus objects as well as from institutions such as the National Gallery of Art and the Peggy Guggenheim Collection. They receive accolades from the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and *ARTnews*.

It's a tremendous undertaking for a teaching museum, and the Addison must significantly strengthen its exhibition, acquisition, and conservation funds. For instance, in order to more

JOHN HURLEY

fully express the American narrative, special attention is being paid to acquire more works by Asian American, Black, Indigenous, Latinx, LGBTQ+, women, and other artists of historically underrepresented communities. Similarly, exhibitions such as 2019's *Harlem: In Situ* examine the confluence of American art and culture through distinctive and revealing lenses.

For donors like Louis Wiley Jr. '63, supporting such priorities is deeply personal. "For my 50th Reunion, I started donating in memory of my classmate, Paul Monette, whose memoir *Becoming a Man* includes a chapter on his PA experience," says Wiley. "Donating to help the Addison collect works with an LGBTQ+ sensibility has been tremendously satisfying because they reflect a universality that speaks to our common humanity."

Gifts to educational programming will also prove critical to the Addison's mission. The museum traditionally hosts more than 2,500 PA student visits each year, while welcoming an equal number of local preK-12 learners as well. Andover alumni, parents, and friends help make both possible. And sustained funding will ensure that the museum's head of education, a position to be endowed during the campaign, can continue to tailor programs and learning opportunities to the needs of each class—and even to the individual learner.

Promoting the Peabody

The Robert S. Peabody Institute of Archaeology continues to be a national leader in its own right, and campaign funding remains just as crucial.

The institute's collection spans the Americas, and students typically make daily use of its holdings during class, free time, and work-study opportunities. Many of today's donors experienced the Peabody through faculty like Donald Slater, who teaches history and social science, and Thayer Zaeder '83, widely known for his ceramics courses. Their interdisciplinary perspectives embody



the very best of the Peabody's collaborations—often uniting discourses on archaeology, anthropology, race, and culture.

 $Director, Robert\,S.\,Peabody\,Institute\,of\,Archaeology$

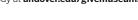
Loyal supporter Heather Lucas '88, P'13, puts it this way: "By giving students access to a respectful, multidisciplinary, in-depth education in the history and culture of Native American peoples—past, present, and future—the Peabody helps build an understanding of a complex web of relationships and responsibilities. Furthermore, the institute acts as a model to encourage other museums to reconsider practices based in colonialism in the interest of building better relationships with Native communities."

Many don't realize the Peabody is in the vanguard when it comes to the repatriation of ancestral belongings with active consultations ongoing with 18 Indigenous Nations in nine states and leadership at regional and national conferences.

In fact, the preservation of the Peabody's collection remains one of its top fundraising priorities. New standards of storage would provide increased safeguards for any items in the process of repatriation and ensure all irreplaceable artifacts are protected for future generations of students and scholars.

"Our ability to introduce climate-controlled storage will be transformative for our collections," says Peabody Director Ryan Wheeler. "And just as with the Addison, every gift to the Peabody is greatly valued and directly benefits teaching and learning." *

i Please support the Addison and Peabody at andover.edu/givemuseums.



What does diversity mean in Hollywood?

BY PETER SAJI '96

started my career as a diversity hire. I'm not yet proud of that, but at least it stopped being a source of shame. Too often, we use the word "diversity" as shorthand for a sort of charity we toss at minorities assumed to be less qualified than their melanin-challenged counterparts¹.

Years ago, I dealt with that sting whilst lunching with a talentless schmuck who wanted my help getting into the business. He couldn't write a joke to save his mother's life, but he could fix his mouth to insinuate how my origin story gave my career a string of asterisks. I would've leapt over the table to feed him his own teeth had I not so desperately wanted to date his homegirl².

For the record, he and I both got friend-zoned. In this dude's mind, I had been given an unfair advantage; however, what he failed to realize was that his connections had given him access to me-a working writer-producer.

Andover has influence in a lot of places, but Hollywood isn't one of them. I knew zero people when I first got here, so I had absolutely no idea how to secure a writer's assistant job-the "traditional" path to a career in television. In fact, it took 20 years, three Emmy nominations, creating my own show and writing episodes of Black-ish that ABC president Jonnie Davis described as being "some of the most evocative and important" for me to finally be able to suggest how to get a writer's assistant job.

Okay, maybe that humblebrag shows I'm still ashamed of being a diversity hire.

I could write an entire book explaining writers' room politics, so I'll just say this: it's a complicated place. On my first day of work-first day of work-a co-worker told a joke whose punchline was the n-word. Seriously. Without any training or experience, I was thrown into a pit with some of the most

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So while diversity initiatives are supremely important, I also think they could better embody a non sibi standard. I hate myself for typing that, but it's true. If we truly care about the greater good, then we all need to be educated to accept our privilege and understand how we benefit from it. And since these initiatives are designed to compensate for centuries of systemic racism, they should also offer candidates resources further through their careers. Too often, beneficiaries are left to suffer severe human resources violations in silence.

Once we're able to stop seeing these programs as liberal quotas and start seeing them as opportunities for talented people with limited access to create products that allow different segments of the population to be seen, then maybe "diversity" can become a source of pride for all of us. \$

An award-winning writer and producer, Peter Saji recently signed a multiyear deal with ABC Signature. His credits include the TV shows Black-ish and Mixed-ish.

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AND BABY MAKES THREE

Kaitlin Ainsworth '03 and Phil Caruso '03 welcomed their daughter, Rowan, on April 13 in New York City.

1 As if I'm one to talk about anyone being melanin-challenged. 2 Amber, this was long before I met you; please don't stab me.

STAY CONNECTED

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Like many class secretaries, I don't get much input from living classmates...but there is a steady drumbeat from those who have left us. Here are my memories of four good friends.

I played basketball for two years with Hal Upjohn at Andover. He was captain our senior year and our star. I was playing manager and barely sixth man. For the next four years we competed against each other in seven Harvard-Yale contests. I remember many outstanding moments with Hal, but the one that sticks is the last play of our college careers. Yale had a one-point lead; Arky Bramhall intercepted a Yale pass at midcourt and had a clear path to the basket for the winning lay-up. From the far right corner came a blur in blue and at the very last second Hal flew by Arky and picked his pocket. After military service, he got religion and graduated from Harvard Medical School, and then on to a brilliant career at Upjohn where he helped shepherd Orinase, Provest, and Depo-Provera to market. After Upjohn, he created one of the first HMOs, then became VP of Allergan, then VP of Syntex. He was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Hal could find the positive in any situation. COVID got him.

Elliot "Duke" Curtis was easy to love, but he too was competitive. You may remember we had never beaten Exeter in lacrosse. Our senior year Duke did it (with a little help from our friends). After Army service, he went to Williams and then Eaglebrook School in Deerfield, MA, as a teacher/coach. His first paying job at GE set the stage for a career in consulting at Harbridge House in Boston. He kept his youthful appearance and attitude until COVID got him at 91.

 $\label{eq:Bill Currier} \textbf{Bill Currier} \ \text{sat next to me at Chapel and All-School Meetings (memories of Claude Moore}$

Fuess and G. Grenville Benedict). We also attended Harvard and Harvard Business School. Bill was an undefeated wrestler at both Andover and Harvard, and later a skiing, swimming, and baseball coach. A newspaper article described him as, "One of those unquenchable souls who gets tired of doing the same thing every day." He took this characteristic to seven smaller companies which he turned around and sold, and then to the state of Massachusetts, where he was known as "Mr. Fixit" for rescuing firms in distress. Bill had five kids, seven grandchildren, and was "Uncle Bill" to a plethora of family and extended family. COVID got him on April 23.

George Meeks was a Canadian and a salesman. We loved him, and his personality took him around the world making friends wherever he went. After Amherst, he went to Harvard Business School in the same class I did, starting a job in Vancouver, and then several years with Wheels Whitney, an Andover basketball captain. His big break came when he was asked to start an international department leading to 25 years of travel to Europe, the U.K., Australia, and the Far East. An even bigger break was the purchase of a home in the wine country of Sonoma Valley, and he became a vintner. George had an active family life with five kids, 10 grandkids, and five great-grandkids... he was loved, respected, and is greatly missed. Congestive heart failure and COVID got him.

Our life expectancy at birth was about 50, at graduation about 60, and at our 50th Reunion about 70. If you're still with me...cherish these extra years. If I'm about to see you again...you had a good run. Cliff

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This is being written in an anxious time that few of us could have envisioned. My hope is that four months from now when you read these notes the skies will have lightened.

My roommate and dearest friend **Gene Young** died this past February. Her death was noted in the *In Memoriam* section. **Nancy**

Richmond Rierson and I are succeeding her as co-class secretaries. We would love to hear from you our dear and ever dearer classmates. What and how are you doing?

From Naples, FL, Jane Jackson Parks sends a thumbnail sketch of a busy and happy life. Her husband Ben, a successful lawyer, died more than 10 years ago after 57 years of a happy and exciting marriage. They had three sons with whom they enjoyed traveling, and visiting approximately 150 countries. Jane was a real estate broker with her own company. Highlights of her volunteer life include being the conservation chairman of the Florida Junior Women's Club, during which she promoted "Save the Fakahatchee," resulting in it becoming a Florida Strand Preserve State Park with over 80,000 acres. Another was becoming president of the Naples Community Hospital Auxiliary with 1,700 members. She is now retired and living independently in a retirement community, Moorings Park, in Naples. She closes by saying she enjoys good health and many happy memories of Abbot.

Pat Hammond Foot wrote that she is still "recuperating" from a left hip operation performed three years ago and several times since. She bravely turned up with her husband, Ted, at our last Reunion. She was looking forward to their annual visit to Little Deer Isle in Maine. Her son Peter joins them for part of their time on the island. She kindly sent on a recent copy of her husband's *Princeton Weekly*, which contained an article on the unsealing of Princeton's cache of letters from T.S. Eliot to our own Emily Hale.

Jackie Kay Schlosser still lives in the "big" house in Larchmont. Like most of us she is in "lockdown" and misses her volunteer work.

Nancy Nalle Ulrich is in quarantine in Bryn Mawr, PA, but manages to escape to the grocery store. Nancy was on Miss Tucker's corridor, as were Bean and I in our senior midyear. Being on the first floor of Draper, our room made for a convenient coat room for anyone on her way to lunch.

From Springfield, VA, Marcy Grimshaw Bivens emails that she and her retired U.S. Navy husband Art have been living in the Greenspring Retirement Community. Art, as I remember, was the commander of a nuclear submarine. He isn't quite totally retired as he writes the Class News for the U.S. Naval Academy Class of 1953. I think that being class secretary deserves to be mentioned as an achievement of great merit. Marcy says the community is perfect for them as they are near their children. Although they are in quarantine, they talk to them often. Marcy and Art have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

In speaking on the phone recently to **Chica Tavares Angulo**, she read me part of a letter written to her by her niece, poet and writer, Julia Alvarez '67. It was a letter of sympathy and remembrance written to Chica because of her great friendship with Gene Young. Julia recounted that as a young woman untutored in the ways of the publishing world, she had been received with great kindness by Gene and given encouragement and a private tour of her publishing house. She has tried to emulate Gene in her dealings with neophyte writers.

Toddy Cookman Martel called today from her forever home in Fitchburg, MA. She reported that her husband, Gerry, died a year ago, but she has stayed on in her home and is still very much involved in the community. Her daughter, Nadine '72, commutes from her home in Pittsfield, VT, to visit her mother and to perform her duties as vice president of the Fitchburg Art Museum. Toddy has been involved with the museum for always and is still a board member.

My co-secretary, Nancy Rierson, moves about during the year. Her home base is a retirement community in Pittsburgh. She winters in Arizona and summers on a part of her family's farm in Jaffrey, NH. She is active in two garden clubs where she helps to document gardens for the Smithsonian and she enters photographs in garden club shows. She also paints small landscapes in oil on canvas and can still play nine holes of golf.

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We have a lovely June day in Andover this morning. All is green, and there is a light warm breeze under clear skies. Reunion Weekend would have begun tonight with scores of graduates on campus admiring the new indoor track, squash courts, and function facility and wondering what the athletic building that will replace the Cage will look like. We are perhaps past all that. Many of us remain in shock locked in a pattern of confined living, simply happy to have survived to this point. New words fill our vocabulary: coronavirus, Zoom. We strain to put together the direction to resolve issues that challenge our nation and the strength and will to correct our governance. Throughout these terrible months we have sought a modicum of rationality.

We received a note from **Peter Flemming** on the passing of **Amory Sommaripa**: "Once again, thank you so much for keeping track of us as one by one we shuffle off this mortal soil. Amory and **Bob Harding** and I were put together in Thayer Hall (Middle) freshman

year at Harvard. Although afterwards each of us migrated to different upper-class 'Houses,' Amory somehow kept in touch with me all these years since. Every Christmas he had a tradition of telephoning a list of his friends rather than writing and posting a Christmas card: a lovely experience. His boys went to Penn Charter in Philadelphia, and when my daughter Elizabeth began teaching there, and then our granddaughter Anne became a K-12 student there, Amory had something else in common. Although, like Harding, Amory put in a few years in the C.I.A. after college, what he had always really wanted, he accomplished: obtaining his MD from the University of Virginiathus enabling a life of service. Other than at a Reunion now and then, the only time we got together was in, of all places, Palm Springs, CA. One of his sons lived there, and one winter our and his visits coincided. Amory was always 'of good cheer,' and I will treasure the memories." Even though we have no knowledge of the

loss of anyone in '48 to COVID-19, time continues to take its toll. Andrew Lorant passed away in North Andover on February 22, 2020, after a long decline. He leaves his wife Cherie, three daughters, and two grandchildren, one PA'04. Andy did life the hard way. He was the only child of parents who left Germany under duress just before WWII. His father was a political writer, and his mother a ballet dancer of venerable heritage. His father was an outspoken opponent of Hitler and had already been imprisoned for his writing. His mother somehow managed the father's release and when they had an opportunity, the family left for London where his mother had a sister. The father chose not to remain in London and immigrated to the U.S. with Andy. They lived in Stockbridge, MA, where the father wrote, remarried, and had another son. Andy was away at military school until he entered Andover. Andy wrote, "My recollections of four years at Andover: They were bittersweet. The bitter was the divisiveness and discrimination that set the haves apart from the have-nots, which manifested in many ways. The former distinguished by the ever-present blue Oxford cloth button downs, black string ties, penny loafers, herringbone jackets, and gray flannels. I was on the other side. A no fit." Andy took sick upper year and was forced to return home. He was told when he returned to the Hill in the fall that he would have to repeat his year. He rebelled, eventually resigned against the counsel of his father and hitchhiked to N.Y.C. to make his fortune. Andy found his start in the mailroom of General Motors Acceptance Corporation. From there it was like the script of a Mickey Rooney movie where the hero rises to head his own advertising firm, and a successful one at that-the Creative Source in Boston

He had a family and was married twice until he found Cherie. He had reached his stride by then. He lived in Andover many of those years, but it was close to our 50th Reunion when I heard he lived in town and I accidentally ran into him while shopping downtown. We began a friendship, had lunch, talked about PA, his career, and his recent funding of the Lorant Fellowship for Most Earnest Endeavor. The fellowship provides an upper middler, without consideration of scholastic achievement, the funds for an enriching and entertaining summer trip overseas. I could easily understand the popularity of the fellowship with the student body, but I was truly impressed by the praise of the fellowship offered by Barbara Chase and then John Palfrey. I went to see Andy in long-term care shortly before I left for Sarasota, but on departure I didn't offer my usual, "See you in a few weeks." He had made it clear that he was giving up.

Andy was a driven man and his foresight, diligence, and intelligence made him an amazing individual

 $\label{lem:James Joseph Carroll} \ died \ April \ 25, 2020, in \\ Hartford. \ We have used our allot ment of words \\ and will remember \ Jim in the next issue.$

Stay well.

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2020 will be remembered as the COVID-19 year. It was to have been an Olympic Games year. In a spring conversation with Jim McLane, he recalled that he and the other 1948 Olympic swimmers flew from N.Y.C. to London in a DC-4. Other U.S. Olympians came by an ocean liner, which did not have a pool. Seeing the war damage in London was unsettling, but swimming in 50-degree water because of fuel shortages was a greater concern—but he won three Olympic medals that year. Carl Shaifer, a retired executive of a Philadelphia corporate catalogue printer, reminded me that Dana Eastham, captain of Andover and Brown wrestling teams, was the '52 U.S.A. Olympic alternate in his weight class in Greco-Roman wrestling. Bruce Wallace, Bass Wallace, and I, wearing collegiate sweat suits, convinced a '52 Helsinki swimmer's entrance guard to let us in. We sat poolside and watched Jim McLane qualify for the 1500 meter final. Regrettably, no gold this time. Bruce recalls that we did see an Olympic record set, which still stands to this day! Czech runner, Emil Zatopek, won gold in the marathon, 5,000, and 10,000-meter races. Track fans should also know that Bill Torrey, who died

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earlier this year, contributed funds a few years back for Andover's Snyder Athletic Center. It has a Class of 1949 alcove, thanks to Bill.

Two classmates who attended our 70th Reunion in 2019, are East Coast residents at opposite ends of the coast. **Ben Potter**, a retired OBGYN, lives in Kittery, ME. He is now pursuing a new career as a lobster fisherman with license, boat, traps, buoys, etc. Visiting classmates can acquire fresh one and a half pounders—at market price of course. At the southern end of the East Coast, Louis "Bo" Polk resides in Palm Beach, FL. Football co-captain Bo spoke eloquently at the 2019 Induction Ceremony into the Andover Athletic Hall of Honor of the 1948 Football Team for its undefeated season. The glory may be fading, but beating Yale freshmen 20-14; Harvard freshmen 13-7; four other teams each by more than 26 points with only two opponent touchdowns being scored; and then beating Exeter 28-7 merits full honor and then some.

Anthony "Tony" Robinson, a retired SUNY English professor, resides in New Paltz, NY. He is industriously writing his ninth novel. Novel number eight is titled, Father of the Man, and is fascinating reading. It contains some of Tony's remembrances of his days at Andover. He writes and lives in a rambling prewar home— Civil War. Edward Packard and his wife, Sara. have been living in Durango, CO, for over 10 years. Edward hikes the Colorado mountains and is also an author of books. His most recent one was It's A Miracle It Wasn't Worse -Growing up in the 1930s and 1940s. That's a title that should send a few of us to Barnes & Noble or Amazon. Paul Brodeur, former New Yorker magazine staff writer, is also a distinguished writer and author. One of his 14 books was made into a movie, Stuntman, with Peter O'Toole. In a phone call Paul recalled his days at Andover as a faculty dining hall waiter; a varsity hockey team player; and catching muskrats at Rabbit Pond, skinning them, and then hanging the pelts out to dry on Housemaster Bill Brown's wife's laundry line. Those were the days, my friends.

This fall is full of election news. **Dave Brown** has been elected vice president of Princeton's Class of 1953 for over 20 years. He handles Reunions, class campus gatherings, and provides expert function planning knowledge. However, he is better known regionally as chair of the Princeton Festival, now in its 17th year with an audience of about 6,000, and has received great reviews for its performances of opera, musical theater, jazz, chamber and world music, dance and piano competition. Dave's wife Jean helps in these undertakings.

In closing my first column, I want to extend many thanks on behalf of the class to Jim

McLane for his years as class secretary. He reported diligently on PA49, which was and is an outstanding, talented, committed, giving, and loyal crew.

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As respite for Class Secretary **Eric Wentworth**, **Dick Suisman** and **Ken McDonald** continue as corresponding secretaries for this issue of *Andover*.

While disappointed that the pandemic scuttled our 70th Reunion this June, we now plan, with **Paul Kopperi**'s continued inspired leadership, an extraordinary and unprecedented 71st Reunion at Andover in June 2021.

We all join in condolences to the families of these seven classmates:

Dr. Lloyd M. Aiello of Cambridge, MA, died on December 30, 2019. A good student and formidable lacrosse player at Andover, Lloyd went on to a Harvard BA degree, and after Naval service, a degree from Boston University School of Medicine. Joining Harvard's Joslin Diabetes Center in 1962, Lloyd and his father-in-law, Dr. William P. Beetham in 1967 pioneered the use of laser photocoagulation to treat diabetic retinopathy, then the most common cause of adult blindness in the U.S. In the next 20 years, Lloyd helped lead the clinical trials that proved the effectiveness of photocoagulation, which for almost 50 years has remained the standard of care for diabetic retinopathy. For this and his other contributions to research and clinical care, Lloyd received a host of awards as a recognized world authority on diabetic eve disease. Lloyd leaves his wife, Nancy Jane Beetham Aiello, a son, and a daughter.

Robert D. Howerton of Decatur, GA, died on May 28, 2019. Arriving at PA as a lower, Bob was a member of the outing club and *Cum Laude*. After a BS at Swarthmore he worked five years at GE, where he helped design nuclear submarines for Admiral Rickover. After four colorful years with an oil company in Venezuela, Bob earned a PhD in electrical engineering at Georgia Tech. While teaching at Morris Brown College he formed his own company, Apertec, which achieved some significant successes in

the new world of integrated circuits and microcomputers. Bob's wife, Nena, predeceased him.

Dr. **Thomas R. Hunt Jr.** died in Kansas City on July 7, 2019. Although as a one-year senior Tom found Andover challenging, he attended Brown University for two years before transferring to the University of Kansas, where he graduated and completed his medical degree and neurosurgical residency. An Air Force veteran, Tom was an avid aviator who loved to fly his own plane. His son, Dr. Thomas Hunt III, and four grandchildren survive him.

Stephen James Joyce died on January 23, 2020, at his home on Île de Ré, off the west coast of France. Section B of the February 8, 2020, New York Times had the headline, "Stephen Joyce, 87, Fierce Protector of Grandfather's Literary Legacy, Dies." Steve, James Joyce's last surviving direct descendant, lived as a young boy with his grandfather in Switzerland. At Andover for four years, Steve played varsity soccer and wrote a 1948 essay about his grandfather titled, "The Man Whom I Loved and Respected Most in This World." Not long after graduating from Harvard, Steve joined the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) for a career as an international civil servant. His lifelong refusal to allow scholars access to his grandfather's papers became legendary.

Lee H. Kozol of Boston, MA, died on April 24, 2020, a victim of COVID-19. After Andover, Lee graduated from Harvard, and in 1957 from Harvard Law School where he was an editor of the Harvard Law Review. After clerking for the Hon. William H. Hastie, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Lee joined his father and brother, Joel, at the Boston law firm of Friedman & Atherton, where he rose to senior managing partner. In 1963, as chief of the Civil Rights and Liberties section under Attorney General Edward Brooke, he oversaw such cases as the implementation of the Supreme Court's decision that prayer in public schools is unconstitutional. Returning to private practice in 1965, Lee and his brother represented the New England Patriots for a number of years. Lee leaves his wife, Gail, and three daughters.

Edward "Ned" S. Rowland of South Hamilton, MA, died on March 11, 2020. At Andover, Ned was president of the stage crew, which mounted a memorable production of *Henry IV*. After Brown University, Army service, and a year teaching at a Colorado school, Ned began a Boston investment career of over 60 years. Ned sailed summers on Cape Cod, where he was a former commodore of both the Wianno Yacht Club and the Cruising Club of America. From 1971, Ned was a member, and later chairman, of Pingree School's board of trustees. He leaves his wife Susie, and two children.

Caleb R. Woodhouse of Little Compton, RI, died on January 28, 2020. After Andover and Brown University, Caleb served as a naval officer until 1957. In 1963 he took a PhD in medieval history from University of California, Berkeley, and in Denmark from 1964 to 1968, taught school, studied singing, and married his first wife. After five years of U.S. college teaching, Caleb found more satisfaction at St. Mark's School and Worcester Academy, where for 20 years he taught history, coached tennis, and served as department head. Caleb had a fine singing voice and a prodigious memory for long poems. He leaves his wife Alesandra, a son, and a daughter.

To close with some good news, **Leigh Quinn** sent us a Sarasota *Herald Tribune* feature article with a long, lively, and heartening account of **Andy Hall's** winning bout with COVID-19 last March in Sarasota, FL.

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We've survived three months of quarantine. By the time you receive this copy of *Andover* magazine may the pandemic be finally winding down; hopefully, you all are safe and healthy! It has been such a sad and frightening time and so very different from our carefree days over the years.

I wrote to all of you who have email addresses listed with Andover and included those addresses with hand-scratched notes to everybody else. To my great delight, I actually received several replies:

Connie Hall DeNault: "Dana and I are fine, staying home in Marblehead and in touch with our friends via Internet and telephone. Our community is coping well; only one person has been infected with the virus. Several restaurants offer takeout service and our supermarket is open, so we are able to get food. Toilet paper has been rationed. Our family, spread out between Florida, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and California, are all OK. Please let our classmates know that we are thinking of them during this crisis."

Lydia Eccles Page: "I have discovered the most delicious book. Charlie Mackesy has written a classic: *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*. Nonfiction! It is gloriously affirmative, simple and sophisticated, fantastical and philosophical: Mole says, 'one of our greatest freedoms is how we react to things.' The horse says, 'asking for help isn't giving up, it's refusing to give up.' And again, the horse, who is this unlikely quartet's guide and ours as well, '...you're

important and you are loved, and you bring to this world things no one else can.' Every page has bits that are memorable. The pictures, ink sketches, and splashes of watercolor are superb. Mackesy is a sublime artist. Get it! It's the best thing you can do for yourself and for those around you. Blessings."

Nancy Mercer Welch: "We are okay, get takeout or deliveries from restaurants, have canned soups and beans and a full freezer. I walk, ride my bike at night, use exercise videotapes to keep my muscles strong so I can return to ballroom dancing; just hope we don't lose dance studios from financial losses being unable to offer student lessons. I'm weeding and tossing stuff and am happy waking up each morning with no symptoms!"

Joanna (née Jo Anne Smith) Betts lives in a small town in southeastern Pennsylvania. "We run an online and flea market business selling antiques, collectibles, and other interesting stuff. Check our website, Ponyshed@comcast. net. Once we'd sold our stuff from former spouses and extra family things, we began buying at live auctions and from customers at our booth. David is an engineer and musician (mandolin, cello, and most strings), so we buy and sell vintage and antique instruments. Fortunately, we live (with three cats) in an old Victorian double house with a carriage house and pony shed, with lots of room for storage. Before the virus, we traveled to Nashville monthly and Brimfield, MA, occasionally, to buy and sell. My specialties are old hats, costume jewelry, oil paintings, and books-great fun! Miss it now, though meals are better and the gardens less weedy."

Susanne Batchelder Dearborn is retired but still working occasionally as a social worker at Mass General. I had no idea she was in Boston, so close when I was working at Dana Farber. I regret the get-togethers we never had! We have since discussed our upcoming 70th Reunion next June, so I offered to pick her up in Boston. I should have room for a couple more if you need a ride!

Sue says, "I've had issues due to a fractured hip, so have avoided the virus by staying homebound; I'm grateful to have my precious goddaughter with me during this period. She stayed here while getting her master's degree; then her part-time job shut down. So, we keep each other company."

Sue has been in touch with Connie and they hope to get together when this is over.

Susan Kimball Sugar is weathering the quarantine pretty well, walking around the neighborhood with hubby Peter and doing quite a bit of gardening, producing a beautiful yard with lots of color. "No tennis these days," she says, "but we had visited family in New York, New Hampshire, Vermont, and on the Cape. We

enjoy small car trips and love going to Boston for the Symphony."

Emails to Nancy Bentley Ridings, Jill Dickson Dillon, Penny Whittall Hoadley, Madeleine Kimberly Miles, Felicia Drury Kliment, and Dino Colburn Rice all bounced. I reached Nancy's husband, David, who says they're staying outside of Syracuse, NY, for the duration of the virus, but are fine. Jill emailed me saying she's okay and busy working hard to move Florida voters to vote by mail. No word from the others—anybody have updates?

Oro Valley, AZ, is battling a horrible wild-fire in our rugged mountains. Winds constantly shift, making the fires jump from peak to peak. Four hundred Hotshot firefighters working 24/7; DC-10's dropping retardant; helicopters dumping huge buckets of water. We are only six miles away but safe; however, folks have evacuated the small town on the mountaintop finally rebuilt after a devastating fire in 2003. It's a cool summer place and winter ski resort, also housing an observatory.

Do come to Reunion—it might be our last chance to renew old friendships and see the '50 alums who missed Reunion this year!

I love hearing from you gals—Keep it up!
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1950's Reunion was scrubbed. They will also be back in 2021. I've asked Bill Duffy and Dick Kapelson to coordinate with 50's committee, chaired by Paul Kopperl, on the events that will be held jointly. Ozzie Ayscue, Norm Allenby, Bob Jackson, Don Falvey '52, and Bob Keith '52 have volunteered to help. Tony Thompson will be putting together our Reunion book.

Sadly, I forwarded obituaries for **Dick Sanderson** and **Sewell Hayes**. Dick and Sewell left their indelible marks, Dick in cardiothoracic surgery, and Sewell as an ordained minister serving in the Methodist church.

As the notes went to press, Ashby Kendall Raine Jr. and John Hopkins Denison have left us.

Pete Spruance writes that he will always remember "Stretch" Hayes not only as a skilled saxophone player, but also for his genuine kindness and generosity. His skills were also evident on the basketball court.

John Scheiwe's life took many turns. He and his wife are now heavy TV streamers in the Texas Hill Country. Thirty years ago, John retired as CEO of an international telecommunications company on Long Island, and purchased a horse farm near Middleburg, VA.

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He and his German wife received two subsidized, two-month (1996 and 1997) stays in St. Petersburg, Russia, to provide guidance to Nienschanz, a small computer company, which led to an American startup, Context. They were unsuccessful in attracting venture capital and eventually conditionally sold the technology.

Undaunted, John began to write geopolitical thrillers, wasting a year trying to find a compatible agent. Thereafter he published his first book, and over the years published four more books in the Augie Bauer series. He is now an informal commentator to the *New York Post*. He quotes French poet Francois Rabelais's final words, "I go to seek a Great Perhaps." John's response, "A rather fitting concluding observation to life."

By the time you read this column, **Ed Nef**'s book, *Our Golden Age Kaleidoscope*, will have been released. The book is the collection of 13 individual reminiscences focusing on post WWII through the mid 1970s.

Billy Lee and I each wrote a chapter—mine, "Taking Stock," and Billy's is titled, "A Retired Architect's Dedication to World Friendship." The galleys are complete and the manuscript is in the hands of the publisher. Great fun being a part of Ed's project.

February 5, Tony Thompson ventured west from his home in Little Compton, RI, to join me for lunch at the Griswold Inn in Essex, CT. We had not seen each other in 68 years. From the moment we sat down, and for the better of three hours, the catch-up never ceased. What a treat! Though Tony was only at Andover his lower year, the connection with Andover runs deep in his family. He returned home to help his father during a career change. Tony volunteered to help with our 70th.

Memorial Day is a time to remember classmates **Ted Crowther**, **Fred Weicker**, and **Smith Davis**. Teddy died on a training flight in North Carolina, Fred died during flight operations off the carrier *Franklin D. Roosevelt*, and Smitty died in air combat in Korea.

Tom Regan's son Tim '79 responded to the football picture of Bob Cuthbertson, Dick Steadman and me with Joe Crehore '52 in the spring 2020 magazine. He thanked Nat Reed and me for setting up the scholarship fund in Tom's name, commenting on how much his dad appreciated the annual letter from the recipients. On a sad note, Joe Crehore, my brother Ken '52's roommate, died in France in 1962 when his F-86 fighter jet crashed during a mission to provide support to NATO forces during the Berlin Crisis.

John "Jocko" **Denison** helped a number of classmates endure the lengthy recent sequestration by providing links to hilarious videos starting March 25. Leading off with a parody

of Simon and Garfunkel's "Homeward Bound," followed by "The Virus Mask" and "Staying in Shape," featuring a portly chap screwing down an opener and downing a glass of Merlot. Thanks, Jocko! He also unearthed a *Wall Street Journal* ad announcing the promotion of four block traders to VP at FS Smithers & Co. I was one. In the same issue, dated 9/26/1972, Reynolds Securities, Inc. advertised his promotion to second VP, municipal bonds. In my case it proved that titles sometimes aren't what they're cracked up to be. Smithers was the second of three firms that I worked for in a row that went belly up! I was briefly a senior VP at Dominick & Dominick.

Joan Lasley, wife of **Jerry Laslow**, sent a great list of Paraprosdokians to ponder. We've been in touch by phone recently. She sounds great.

Bill and JoAnne Duffy recently moved into a retirement community, sold their house, and have been in total lock down since they moved in. Dick Kapelson is still in Florida. Bob Doran just returned to Chestnut Hill, MA, from Florida. Jim Doak and I spoke recently by phone. We are going to get together as soon as conditions permit.

Daughter Jenny is working from home for Xylem, Corp. Son Graham is also working from home for Oracle, Corp. Their house is a busy place. Paulette works for Sotheby's, here in Essex, CT, four grandchildren are home schooling, one in college, two in prep school, and one in high school: Graham Jr., Bradley, Tory, and Duncan. Dorothy and I are happily persevering.

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How amazing that there's not a single death to report since the last bulletin.

I had a pleasant email exchange with Nancy Dupont, wife of our non-graduate classmate J. C. Dupont. She reports, "He finished school at St. Martin's Episcopal School in New Orleans (where he was in the Athletic Hall of Fame for football). J.C. had a stroke in November 2018. He was on life-support and in grave condition for a few days. But he recovered! I'm so thankful because I thought I was going to lose him."

Thanks to **Ray Foote** and **George Rockwood** for answering the special request to support this year's seniors, who will be missing the usual Commencement celebrations.

Steve White reports that he and Clare "moved from Holden/Worcester, MA, to Brunswick, ME, into a retirement community named Thornton Oaks. For 11 years I taught

courses at a senior college called WISE. This was after I retired after teaching 47 years at Bancroft School in Worcester. We shall spend the summer in South Bristol, ME, walking, boating, reading, resting, and remembering youthful days at Andover."

Stew Sanders writes, "I enjoy being retired; yesterday I sat in the middle of my canoe while our daughter and grandson paddled on a nearby pond, two of us go again today. I leave the canoe on a rack there. I do a few more chores and some cooking as my wife Nancy suffers illness. Melissa and her children came from Tucson to help out, and she does some of her work by phone from here. Her husband will us join her later in the summer. Our son and his wife have two kids and live near. A grandson has started playing the violin, and we play some together. Nancy and I sang in a glee club. The chamber orchestra I play with has not met during the virus. A neighbor and I walk up and down two hills each morning. I help people in the community find birds; I appreciate them—the plants, insects and chipmunks—and nurture my sense

And **Jim Li** writes, "Nothing new here except for self-quarantine at home in São Paulo, Brazil, since early February. Coronavirus is surely going to claim many more lives in this country. Lots of sentiment here that our president should be replaced. It seems that your President Trump has earned the same response in the U.S. Unfortunately, your country is now so different from the golden years that I spent at Andover, Amherst, and HBS. Best wishes to my classmates!"

Paul Jameson is still active and reports, "I'm trying to help reopen a historic path in Concord that has been recently blocked by several landowners who object to the public walking on the edge of their property. I view this as welloff people using their privilege to block the less well off from taking a nature walk. I am still able to bike around Concord and nearby towns and it is a real pleasure. I've even gotten inured to being regularly passed by younger riders. While biking in Carlisle I happened upon **Duane Johnstone** while he was walking near his house. I also had a brief telephone contact with Bruce Finnie. My wife and I miss sitting with our 5-year-old granddaughter two afternoons a week while my older son taught at a school down the street. Seeing them only on Zoom isn't much of a substitute. We have to telephone our younger son, a psychologist treating veterans at a VA hospital in Roanoke, VA. Earlier in life he chose Exeter over Andover because he preferred the Harkness discussion style of class. I shed a few tears then but I did understand his thinking."

in the spring magazine, the startling events in our country. It's also worth pointing out the numerous bulletin articles describing the range of choices available to today's graduates—beyond the usual professions such as business, clergy, education, law, and medicine available to us. Are there other viewpoints? Comments would be welcome.

Congratulations to the editors who foresaw,

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Before the coronavirus arrived on our doorstep I had a happy visit with **Anne Oliver Jackson** and her sister Peggy, whom Anne was visiting here in Concord, MA, having traveled down from Maine by train. Then came the quarantine and here are some of the ways we responded to it.

Nancy Bailey Riegel, writing from Arizona (where she noted that the temperature was in the triple digits), says, "I have been playing tennis at 7:30 a.m., which is not too bad. Reading books, Zooming with family and friends...and doing yoga on my iPad with my daughters. Not all bad!" I should say not!

Audrey Taylor MacLean writes that she and her husband Bob have hunkered down at home in Texas, where they walk their dog and "go shopping once a week during senior hours. I've been going through all our family photo albums, taking out pictures to send to the children.... I've also had fun reading some of the girls' books before sending them off to my 12-yearold granddaughter. I reread Little Women and now almost finished The Secret Garden, which was one of my favorites. Yesterday I spent glued to the TV watching Downton Abbey. Audie, you inspire me to get off my duff! (I too love Downton Abbey!) Ann Kennedy Irish writes, "Dave and I got lucky enough to fit in an eight day stay at Manasota Key, FL, the first week in March. All four of our children were there and we overlapped just in time to beat the quarantine. Once home in Michigan we have abided by the rules that are now easing: we wear masks whenever we are out at the grocery/drugstore. We are lucky enough to live in a part of the state that has had limited COVID-19 impact." Ann also said that Gwyneth Walker, who Ann believed was Class of '64 at Abbot, came to hear several choral pieces she had written being performed by Ann's choral group several years ago. "It was lovely to meet her," writes Ann.

Bunty Benedict Ferguson, as far as the quarantine is concerned, is "definitely NOT loving it.

We have done way too many jigsaw puzzles and read too many trashy books. Other than that, we are faring well. The good news is that our tennis courts have partially reopened for limited doubles play. It feels good, but also as if I had never played before. John and I made a major change in our lives at the end of last summer by selling our Cazenovia, NY, abode and moving full time to Vero Beach, FL. I must say it is probably the best place to be at this time." Connie Weldon **LeMaitre** says, "I wish I had exciting news for the column but nothing new. Still in Lexington, MA, [Connie's son and daughter-in-law invited her to leave her condo to stay with them during the lockdown] so I have two rooms over the garage and try to help out with chores. Today we walked the dogs (King Charles Spaniels who are adorable and I get to walk them three or four times a day) around the Lexington Green." Connie, Ellen Smith, and I are looking forward to the day when the three of us can once again discuss matters over lunch.

Meanwhile, life here at home has been very quiet since the day the coronavirus, aka COVID-19, pressed the pause button on the world. I occasionally talk out loud to myself and of course to my cat Chloe, and I talk back to the TV, an exercise that I find very therapeutic. However, with no end of the quarantine in sight, there is always the possibility of breathing a bit of fresh air just outside the kitchen door. Once outside, my main activity, also therapeutic, is to whack weeds in the front yard with a small sickle. Or just sit and watch the birds, squirrels, and chipmunks dining on sunflower seeds. The joy for me has been discovering these wonderful creatures have 'animal-alities,' although I haven't yet figured out whether the birds talk to the squirrels, or whether the chipmunks talk to the birds. I like to think they do.

I want to apologize for an error I made in the last bulletin. The name of **Eva Stern Breckenridge**'s late husband was Alan.

I hope these notes find all of you safe and well.

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Thanks to the initiative and leadership of **Ray Lamontagne**, we had an informal Reunion on Zoom in May. In addition to Ray, myself, and Meghan deMacedo of the Academy, whose help was indispensable, participants included the following:

Dick Kain, Bob Pelletreau, Joe Mesics, George Bixby, Bruce Rosborough, Pete Roe, Dave Patterson, Don Shapiro, Ken Sharp, Fred Guggenheim, Pierre Duvoisin, Warren Clein, Ron Bland, Neal Robinson, Bill Wiegand, Mike

Kohler, Bill Kaufmann, Mike Glazerman, Zeus Stevens, Bill Ridgway, and Fred Fenton.

It was only my second use of Zoom and, aside from my electronic ignorance, was very enjoyable. Ray and I are thinking of doing it again in the fall.

In Memoriam: We lost **Leon Setti** in November 2019. He was an architect and musician. I found photographs of several of his projects on the Internet. We share our condolences with his loved ones.

I have been advised that Frank (Franklin) Stanley died in Rome in the fall of 2019, as well. Our condolences to his loved ones and friends.

Finally, keep those cards, letters, emails and texts coming. LOL

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Having moved my law office April 1, 2020, from Bridgeport to Southport, CT, where our firm was born in 1992, there has been some considerable dislocation in addition to that caused by COVID-19. Thankfully, **Ken MacWilliams** keeps the flame going for our class with his directing the Class of 1954 "Virtual Continuing Reunion" (VCR) in which there are currently almost 90 subscribers, including a few widows of deceased classmates. If you are not signed up for this exchange I encourage you to contact Ken at macwilliams@kenmacwilliams.com and sign up.

In our graduating class in 1954 there were 273 classmates, and while I am no statistician, I should think that the fact that 65% of us are still ticking confirms that we were solid stock in 1954 and today.

After a nice posting on the VCR about his life after Andover—in response to an invitation by Ken to all of us how or lives have been affected by the coronavirus—I had a nice follow up note from **Fred Pearson**. He was only with us for one year on an exchange program from England. He lives in Mallorca, 700 ft. above sea level, overlooking the Mediterranean. He and his Paul Revere roommate, **Park Weaver**, celebrate birthdays with telephone calls; **Bob** and Betsy **Cole** have visited him and Clare, as has

After graduation, he and **Stan Hunting** and **Hugh Mainelli** drove around the U.S. in a car lent by Stan's father; the trip started in Stan's

hometown of Rochester, NY. There Stan's mother let it be known that "my grandmother (living in Rochester) gave Mrs. Hunting as a wedding gift a still-life painting by my great aunt, her sister, which she then showed me still hanging on her wall. What an extraordinary coincidence." 66 years ago.

The magazine permits only a brief mention of deceased classmates in the necrology section.

There have been reported to me five deaths since the last Class Notes.

Donald Greene died May 2, 2019. He was a lifelong outdoorsman, having climbed all of the Colorado Rocky Mountain peaks over 14,000 high, and later when he and his family moved back to the Adirondacks region, all of the Adirondack Mountains many times. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn.

Bill Berkowitz died January 7, 2020, after a long and distinguished career as a professor at the Graduate Center at CUNY. His wife, Nancy, predeceased him.

Chuck Oberhauser died April 5, 2020, after a long career in engineering. He is survived by his wife, Mary-Ellen.

Bob Cole, of Westwood, MA, and Little Compton, RI, died June 11, 2020. Bob had a long and successful career in banking and capital management. He is survived by his wife of 59 years. Betsy.

Richard Koerting died April 17, 2020, in Elkhart, IN, his lifelong hometown. He had a long engineering career and was a lifelong Elkhart Rotarian. His wife of 58 years, Gretchen, survives him.

If any classmate wishes to be connected to the survivors of these classmates please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please send news of your activities, travels, visits with classmates (physical and electronic)—we know moving around has its limits for many of us these days, not only because of COVID-19.

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2020 is a year we will not forget. Sheltering, social distancing, hand washing for 20 seconds, sanitizers, and masks are all new expressions for us elderly. I heard from Elizabeth Parker Powell, who reports, "We are incarcerated in our apartment with, fortunately, windows on three sides with views of trees and sky. March trip with Babson Global Advisory Board to El Salvador and Panama was cancelled. Hoping to make Nantucket for three weeks the end of June."

Mollie Lupe Lasater reports from Fort Worth that she will have three Lasater grandchildren and one great niece at Andover. She is staying home, plays Canasta, does physical therapy for three cervical fusions, reads, does Liberty puzzles, and walks the dog on the golf course. I love her comment: "Everyone's true hair color is emerging and home pedicures don't look the same."

Judith Warren McCormack: "I volunteer for the Abbot Oral History project. A senior from the Academy conducted the interview. My head was swimming with memories: racing Miss Friskin up the stairs in Draper, raking leaves on the Maple Walk, Saturday night recitals in Davis Hall, the Bazaar, chapel every morning, the choir waking everyone up the day of Christmas vacation with carols by candlelight. Then the interview began with questions from how did we deal with gender identification, what about ethnicity, and how did world events affect our education at the time? I was hoping to share 'life at Abbot during the 50s.' Instead I was asked to compare the 50s with today. My conclusion is that we had a pretty magical time at Abbot. The food was good, we learned scheduling, we made lifelong friends, received an excellent education and the benefits of a daily walk. Unless I lived in a bubble, we had a very good adolescence."

I asked **Marjorie Orr Stein** what they have been doing since COVID-19? "I can only tell you that Paul and I are reading the books that have been sitting on our bedside tables for ages and watching a lot of British mysteries, i.e. Midsomer Murders and Foyle's War. Thanks to Zoom we are catching up with family once a week. Our granddaughter lives and works in Charleston, SC, but was told to do her work at home. She drove back to Philadelphia to work from her parents' home so she doesn't have to cook. Another one is working on her doctorate in geophysics at MIT. She left there and is at the Cape, where she and six others are having a great time. A third is a senior at Yale writing a thesis at home and mourning the lack of graduation ceremonies. The fourth granddaughter never got to start her job with an architect in N.Y.C., so is back with parents in Connecticut. Carol Kelton Ryland helps me keep my sanity with emails and phone calls. My best to all the Abbot Class of '56.'

Jane Tatman Walker sent me this email. "Frank and I are stuck in our Florida home.

It is a nice place to be stuck but we were supposed to be back in Indianapolis the end of April. Instead we are busy with normal house stuff, cleaning curtains and upholstery while ordering delicious dinners from our closed University Park Country Club via Instacart deliveries. Morning walks, reading, working on family history, phone visits with friends and Zoom with family, our church's streamed services. I am grateful for my blessings."

Deborah Holbrook Winthrop is quarantined in Vero Beach, FL. "Battling the governor, who is opting to give access to all beaches. As is, we have people and kids crashing our unmanned gates just to get into our association and invade our small secluded beach and have bonfires. A crow flew into my secret garden ringed with hedges and lovely flowers and proceeded to dunk a raw chicken part into my fountain for his dinner. Of course, he scared away my pair of cardinals. Playing bridge, watching video series. Be safe and well!"

Carol Kelton Ryland talked to Susan Wickham Maire and had lots of chats about how important her Abbot memories are. Susie and Jon have been in Savanah, GA, for the winter. Cemmy's son Thane and family are in London...he and wife Connie have been working from home since March 1 when they returned from their house in Italy. Grandson Bridger is working for National Health Service; daughter Kelton is home from boarding school and is the chief cook and bottle washer. The cat is not quarantined. Our son, Kyle, in California, has been quarantined with his family since mid-March when the government shut down the state. Grandson Connor, due to graduate from Duke May 10, is not happy his graduation is online. Granddaughter Claire is finishing classes online at Duke and worried about her junior year in Florence. We are here, at Essex Meadows, in lockdown mode. No resident may leave the campus and we are to stay in our apartments, wear masks, with all food service delivered. We have a garden to keep us busy.

Be well!

So sorry to announce the death of **Ellen Welles Linn** on February 16, 2019.

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"The Class of 1956 Speakers Fund, Why History Matters." And there you have it—the official, full name of the annual lecture established and endowed by **Jim Taylor** to honor classmates.

Unfortunately, the second in the series was cancelled by the coronavirus pandemic. Jim assures us that the new tradition will continue next spring ad infinitum.

Gar Lasater's progeny are keeping PA in business! By last count, this fall's enrollment includes three of Gar's grandchildren and one grandniece! As for Gar, he continues to move his artistic ball further downfield by creating a 44-foot-long, 22-panel, 18-foot by 24-foot mural. He also reports on the well-being of classmates **John McBride**, **Don Erdman, Tam Scott**, and **Oscar Tang**, as well as himself. In a burst of reflection, Gar observes that among such generations as the Greatest, the Silent, the Boomer, the Millennial, Generation X, etc., he deems the PA Class of '56 as a member of "the Luckiest Generation." What nice coinage.

Ted Bartlett, who lived the bulk of his life in various Ohio towns (Cleveland Heights, Chagrin Falls, and Hiram), passed away last February in Venice, FL, where he had lived the last 13 years of his life. His wife, Molly, informs us that the Bartlett family (like Gar Lasater's) also supplied a profusion of PA students and graduates—a grandfather, a father, a cousin, two of the cousin's daughters, plus a step-daughter in one Summer Session. Specializing in philosophy, Ted made academia his stomping grounds at Cleveland State University for 30 years. He founded the bioethics program at Cleveland State University and the medical ethics group at Case Western Reserve University. In Hiram, he owned a farm, which he and Molly brought forth as the first farm in Ohio to have been certified as organic. His descendants include five children and 11 grandchildren. Not bad for a guy whom Molly says, "Always enjoyed living under the radar."

A friendly, chatty, and rare note arrived from **Dave Banta** to inform us that he is ensconced in retirement to the fullest: Florida (far from Tenafly, NJ), managing money for fun (instead of for a living), and indulging in golf (in place of board service). One contradiction, however, to his commitment to permanent vacation was his Class of '60 presidency at his alma mater, Williams College, which concluded last spring.

Guy "Robo" **Robinson** and his wife Elizabeth "Libba" Stribling are heavily engaged in support of the French Heritage Society, an American nonprofit organization that includes 10 chapters in the U.S. and one in France. The group's central mission, in turn, supports the preservation of French architecture. In 2019, the society raised nearly \$2.9 million for 17 restoration and cultural grants, including a major award to Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris. Libba is a member of the society's board of directors and Robo is co-chairman of its New York chapter. Google it!

Tom "Bags" **Bagnoli** reports that he alternates the playing of singles tennis a couple of times per week with bike riding. Those physical feats alone merit honorable mention in the annals of the Class of '56.

Following an academic career in northern California, Sterling "Doc" Bennett has spent the latter part of his life in Guanajuato, Mexico. There, he wrote and published a trilogy of historical fiction, stories which take place between the late 1880s and the early 1900s in Mexico. Praise for Doc's more recent Tales of Mexico and Other Places in the Mind, snuck into my mailbox via the following quote from a former VP and senior editor at Simon & Schuster: "Sterling Bennett is a beguiling and gifted writer, a virtuoso who intrigues and fascinates, like a poet whose work suggests more than can be fully grasped or absorbed in a single sitting, or a single reading." The book is a collage of short stories, also taking place in his now-adopted country.

Neil "Moose" McKamy passed away last March in Sarasota, FL. After graduating from Yale, he worked at the Royal Insurance Company for 30 years. He and Sue, his wife of 55 years, raised three daughters. His brother, Kent, Class of '54, survives him. In a touching form of camaraderie, Kent noted, "Neil's death affected me greatly.... We had discovered a new kind of brotherly kinship later in life.... I believe he'd want me to recommend to his classmates the last book he read, Where the Crawdads Sing, by Delia Owens."

Dick Johnston expired last winter after 23 years as an U.S. Naval intelligence officer. For seven years he brokered real estate, after which he supported himself as a private investor.

Last January we lost Roger Skillings, who shaped an extraordinary life, starting as a child with a cleft palate and ending in years of dementia. Between those bookends, New England was his turf. Born in Bath, ME, he graduated from Bowdoin College, where he generated a passion for reading and writing—but not for arithmetic. He spent most of his adult life in Provincetown where he helped to spawn writers, including himself, through the town's Fine Arts Work Center, where he found the kind of literary community he had dreamed of. Here, Roger authored eight books, mostly story collections. According to his obituary, "In school he would walk out of a test as soon as he was sure he had passed: he wanted to go back to his real work."

The Other Phil (Bowers)

Note: The Academy was saddened to learn of classmates Henry Cannon's and Tim Holland's passing, too late for publication in this issue, to be addressed in the next. Tim Holland served as Class Secretary for 50 years.

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With the outbreak of the pandemic, many of us fled to the countryside and in the quiet of confinement engaged in the kind of introspection for which there was no time in our normal lives.

"I am very, very aware of how fortunate we are," Alan Blanchard writes. "Income inequality and its disruptive effects come very quickly to my mind these days." Alan repaired to his Florida home at the outset of the pandemic. "Through this, and really all recent periods, relationships and values, formed or strongly nurtured at PA, have been critical." At PA Alan developed friendships with Arkie Koehl. his roommate, and the late Bill Sterling, and the three remained close. "The ability of these two wonderful friends to figure out when I was down and find ways to lovingly pick me up has been extraordinary." Alan's values include effort, excellence, honesty, love, and forgiveness. "This is the list by which I choose my friends and it's increasingly clear to me it's the list by which I evaluate political and public leaders."

Bob and Susan Darnton yielded to their children's urging and left Cambridge for the seaside tranquility of the Massachusetts coast. "Our generation certainly had it easy: prosperity and plenty of jobs," Bob muses. "I was plenty poor as a student in Andover, and here I am, cultivating my garden in Marion, MA. The beauty and quiet of it all make us feel isolated and rather guilty, as we follow the atrocities and protests in the rest of the country. Have we who came of age in the prosperous fifties done enough to improve the lot of the poor, especially the African American poor and the urban underclass?"

Tom and Kristin Bissinger spent three days in New York in February and somehow dodged the virus. Now, Tom writes, "I dislike that everyone is suspect, a potential infector, as I am to them." He's been painting watercolor postcards to send to friends, tending to his land, and brooding about the nation. "Black Lives Matter has to be spoken to, knelt with, supported by.... The status quo must go."

Fred and Stephanie Shuman quarantined in Montecito. They expect to stay in California till next June. Fred writes, "Quarantine has forced us to invest in being more outreaching and kinder. The overwhelming sadness we feel for our country and for those who will be citizens in the future hits us hard. It's easy to become depressed. But then, the booming voice of Josh Miner on Outward Bound trips rings in my ears: 'Get up! Help someone!'"

As they've done for years, **Ben Field** and his wife had planned to spend all of March in St. Barts, but as the island shut down and airlines canceled flights, they had to hustle home to Minneapolis after two weeks, soon to find their city under siege. "I am embarrassed about Minnesota being the catalyst for the widespread uprising that ensued," Ben writes, "and appalled at the needless destruction of property and livelihoods in our inner cities and the local governments' inability and unwillingness to deal with it, and depressed by the lunacy in Washington in response to these events."

The virus forced our class troubadour, Tom Terry, to disband his choral group. "Singing in confined spaces with powerful voices spewing aerosols is the perfect storm for infection," he explains. Instead he conducts flamenco jam sessions in his carport with his guitar quartet, and, "I am lucky to have a wife who is a fellow musician; we have enjoyed daily duets through the months of isolation." Tom has also been writing his memoirs. The son of diplomat, by the time he came to PA he had lived in more foreign capitals than most of us visit in a lifetime: Madrid, Rome, Beijing, Manila, Vienna. "It is unexpectedly revealing to revisit one's life," he says. In June he was past page 100, and going strong.

For some, like **Eric Myrvaagnes**, the COVID-19 lockdown proved fortuitous. For five years Eric was awaiting a suitable kidney for transplant, and on a Friday in early March the call came that one had become available. Surgery was performed that night. Since then he's been convalescing in the quiet of home confinement. He calls his recovery a "miracle."

Every year, **Alan** and Joan **Reische** like to fly off to an exotic destination, but given the uncertainties of the pandemic, "it may be a return for us to the national parks in the West." Like many of us, Alan misses in-person contacts, and after the urban violence in May, worries about the future. As he's winding down his law practice, he writes, "for the first time in my life, I fear for the country we're leaving to our children and our granddaughter."

One of **Ole Faergeman**'s sons had COVID-19 when the virus first hit. He fully recovered, and the rest of the family is doing just fine. From his native Denmark, Ole writes that "much has

been made of the calamities that have befallen America.... The Danish press cultivates the U.S.-China dispute about the origins of the virus.... But rather than trying to find culprits it would be wiser to think of COVID-19 as just one of the many emerging infectious diseases that are due to human activities. We should encourage young people at Andover and elsewhere to think about the systemic determinants of these and the several other problems we are leaving to them."

—Be well. G

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Betsy Gardner Riley and Gil spiced up their "shelter" after Gil fell on black ice, tearing tendons and requiring surgery. Physical therapy occupies much of their time. However, Betsy is leading two weekly Zoom meetings, one a bereavement group and the other, a Just Friends women's group. Her major busy project is a 24-foot by 28-foot counted cross-stitch map of the world, which includes typical objects, animals, and subjects of each country. Their family is scattered: Singapore, Australia, D.C., Seattle, Virginia, Maryland, and Maine. Every Saturday evening is a Zoom gathering "and that is the best therapy."

Mary Steketee MacDonald writes that nothing is happening here (in upstate New York). She was supposed to be in London now and then on a Viking cruise, both postponed until next year. She's walking local nature preserves and trails, socially distanced, of course.

Sandy and I have been hunkered down in rural New Jersey, but with plenty of space, a personal shopper (daughter No. 2), and with few needs or issues. Actually, life in hermit-dom isn't all bad, for the time being, that is! The yard has never been this tidy. Hope you all have fared well.

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Early this year, the West Coast contingent was trying to set up a March reunion in wine country. Alas, as with so many other activities this year, it floundered because of COVID-19. Locals Ted Bailey, Dave Stare, Phil Makanna, John Murphy, and Phil Woodward were inclined, and Gil Bamford and Sam Back would have shared

the "distance" award travelling from the East Coast. With a little prodding from your class secretary, they can reorganize this for 2021.

Murph says: "It's an 'open invitation.' All of you winter-wilted members of '58: Where do we have to be? Isn't this why we supposedly 'retired'? Plenty of golf, great fly fishing, and, of course, the weather and the wine stink and the scenery is pathetic."

I asked **Bill Stiles** to recall some of his Andover instructors. The rest of you try this, after a lag of almost 60 years! Bill starts modestly, "My memory is serving me: senior year with Dudley Fitts, we read *Hamlet*, Robert Browning's poems, *Gulliver's Travels, All the Kings Men*. There is more that I can't recollect." I mentioned I had Dudley Fitts as well. Bill continues, "I don't remember if you and I were in the same classroom together—it was in the lower level of Bulfinch so Fitts did not have to climb stairs."

"Other years with other instructors (Hawes, Regan, and Leavitt): Sinclair Lewis's *Main Street*, Ibsen's *Hedda Gabler*, Robert Frost's poems, Miller's *Death of a Salesman*, Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar*, *King Henry IV*, *Macbeth*; there is more but I can't recall." I'd say pretty good memory!

Bill continues, "Senior year with Floyd Humphries: various readings from a brown textbook with different excerpts from authors in French; and, we read Alphonse Daudet's Lettres de Mon Moulin."

Bill spoke to Marshall Cloyd. Marshall is now a fellow at the Bush School of Government and Public Service at Texas A&M. Marshall earned a bachelor's of science in civil engineering from SMU in 1964 and a master's in civil engineering from Stanford. He also attended Harvard Business School.

I followed up with Marshall; his daughter Catherine A. Cloyd, PA '95, went to Smith, Oxford, NYU Medical, and became chief resident at Bellevue. She is now an assistant professor at NYU Medical and attending at Columbia Presbyterian. On a lark, she wanted to experience the life of an ambulance driver and spent 12 hours going through New York City intersections at 90 miles an hour.

The class is saddened at five deaths. **Tony Scoville** died October 13, 2019, in Salisbury, CT. Tony spent much of his youth and early life nearby and was an avid hunter and fly-fisherman. Your secretary bumped into Tony 10 years ago at a fishing club near Salisbury—we were both surprised to find out we had been classmates at Andover—complicating our identification may be the physical changes taking place over the intervening 50 years. Tony graduated from Yale and held a master's degree in operations research from UPenn. In 1977, Tony moved to Washington, D.C., as a science

consultant to Congress, focusing on environmental problems, especially climate change.

Tony was ever the Renaissance man: he designed a Corbusier-style house listed on the National Register. He was an amateur composer, writing an extended piano work, "Passage." In the mid-1980s, on a whim, Tony learned to fly and piloted his single-engine plane twice from Washington to Colorado. Tony is survived by his wife, Helen, and his four children.

Dave Ross passed away in Santa Cruz on January 22, 2020, from pancreatic cancer. Dave grew up in Connecticut and, after Andover, graduated from Columbia and UC Berkeley. Initially, he taught literature at Sacramento State and the University of Hartford. He later earned a law degree at USC. Having participated in student protests at UC Berkeley in the 1960s, David pursued an interest in local community matters. He practiced family law for over 25 years in Santa Cruz. More recently, he volunteered locally for the ACLU. In retirement, David indulged his love for art, music, food, cooking, and world travel. He also enjoyed fishing in Monterey Bay and Costa Rica.

Thomas F. Behan passed away on April 22, 2020, from COVID-19. A lifelong resident of Haverhill, Tom graduated from Haverhill High School in 1957 serving as class president for four vears. He was a member of the 1955 Haverhill High Massachusetts state championship football team. He joined us for one PG year, playing varsity football and baseball. Your secretary knew and admired Tom, working with him in the dining halls. As the Pot Pourri reported, early in the football season, Tom was recognized mostly for defense. As the season wore on, he gained more time at quarterback, throwing for two TDs v. Mt. Hermon, scored himself and passed for another against Bowdoin, and passed for three TDs against Exeter. He almost brought us back against Deerfield with two long passes to Mark Woodbury covering 81 yards. Tom received a bachelor's degree in education from Springfield College, and two master's degrees from Indiana and UNH. Tom became a principal in the Haverhill school system. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Patricia M. (Costello) Behan.

At press time, just received the news that **Frank Hammond** and **Larry Lewis** have also passed away. More to follow.

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Inspired by a message from **Kitty Sides Flather**, I asked our classmates for their pandemic

experiences. Kitty had shared a friend's feelings upon seeing the USS *Constitution* leave Boston Harbor to be placed in dry dock: "The concept of dry docking offers a rich metaphor for me and might for you as well. Just as with this mighty ship, age and incessant usage can wear us down. If this is so what can we do about it? Well, maybe we can occasionally put ourselves into dry dock! Where we can create the time and healing activities that can repair, refurbish, and rest our body, mind, and spirit."

Elsie Kellogg Morse: "Fascinating trips have so often filled the bill for many of us without grandchildren to sing about, so without the punctuation of trips, it's hard to imagine classmates interested in reading about cleaning drawers and closets. This dry docking metaphor, however, solves the problem, filling our simple homing-in with meaning. Without this healing metaphor I should hang my head in shame that my greatest achievements of the spring seem to have been mastering the art of making sourdough bread and planning out a container garden down our front walk. Our pleasure in book group meetings on Zoom and evenings enjoying films, purely ephemeral events, is OK since it's all part of the healing balm of self-acceptance in dry dock."

Sandra "Sam" Moulton Burridge from Oxford, U.K.: "The metaphor of the dry dock has been very well received among my friends and family. In the *Times* of the same day was a big print headline of a well-known person screaming, "Enough! I want to feel alive." This, I thought was a very good follow up to the more positive view of being 'in dry dock,' at least for people who know what that means. Later I decided that part of being alive is to be productive and participating with our friends and family. Thanks very much for that. "

Ann Morris Stack: "For some happy reason I remain active in my community. Perhaps my year-old grandson Indiana "Indy" James Stack, the joy of riding my e-bike, working with brilliant women, and some success gives me the energy. Two months after the artist Monica Mayer's "El Tendedero/The Clothesline" was hung in the Indiana Statehouse and supporters called for action—the Indiana legislative council assigned a committee to study sexual consent. This milestone is the result of more than 75 statewide partner organizations, collecting over 1,500 personal statements about violence against women. After years of evading the fact that sex without consent is not a crime in my state, the Indiana legislature is listening to women and the conversation of how Indiana addresses violence against women has changed from avoidance to deliberation, Yeah!!!"

Ann Patch Hill: "In Idaho, COVID has not been the major demon it has been in some

more populous areas, but there are definite pockets of high cases. Our winter residence in Blaine County has had a very high incidence as there were likely many folks fleeing to second homes from highly impacted areas. That has slowed, but other parts of the state are still ramping up. We are currently in Custer County, a very sparsely populated area, with few cases. As we travel back and forth, we're reminded of the importance of following protocol, and we feel fortunate to be able to walk around outside, enjoying views of the beautiful mountains, breathing the clear air, and hoping to dodge the recurring earthquake aftershocks...always something."

Nona Porter: "Very selfish to say, but although a trip was interrupted, we have been fine during this sequester as we have many hobbies and projects. First of January, we had gone to England to 'shock' friends we would join on a sail around South America. They assumed we would join when the ship picked up American passengers in Florida. We told few people but the going-to-U.K.-part was immediately posted on Facebook: those English traveling companions knew within hours, and the prospect of the shock-fun of our joining in and returning to England rather gone. It was a marvelous trip, including five days up the Amazon to Manaus, Brazil, but as we approached Ft. Lauderdale to disembark with the other Americans, it became rather obvious that we, too, best 'jump ship,' so we shanghaied ourselves to Amtrak and back north.

We do worry about and pray for those who are ill, those who have tragically lost friends and relatives, and those who have been miserable."

Susan Goodwillie Stedman: "This brutal COVID-19 spring has been one of the loveliest of my life. My beloved friend of 57 years, who'd come from England in January for a winter visit, decided as the pandemic hit that he'd be much safer (not to mention happier and better fed) in the Maine woods. We are beyond grateful to have been able to take long walks in luminous Maine air, cook, then listen to music, read poetry and sustain the assault of the nightly news together through this turbulent time.

Still, our hearts break for the millions, especially so many people of color, whose lives have been cruelly upended, not only by disease and the loss of loved ones, but also by the devastating financial impact of a shuttered economy. As we're flummoxed by a mysterious viral scourge that is outwitting us all, we're also on fire, finally woke to the festering wound of racism that has burst open and torn our hearts.

I marvel as we come together in astonishingly Black/white/young/old/straight/gay gatherings, bonded in shared grief and hope. Perhaps, at last, we've reached a tipping point

from which we cannot turn away. I pray that our better angels will prove more potent than our demons as we struggle through this strange new landscape; that the world will be profoundly changed for the better when we emerge on the other side. Our only hope for collective redemption is a politics inspired by truth, collaboration, and love."

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Here are a few recent notes from COVID land! First, although the window and billboard signs during the COVID era have been disappointing, here's one you'll enjoy from a restaurant in West Philadelphia: "NOW SERVING FRIED CHICKEN SURVIVAL KIT: 1/2 fried chicken, 1/2 legendary mac and cheese, home-

A few weeks earlier, the same restaurant had a sign that read: "Come In! We're Open" about a foot away from another sign in the same window that read: "Sorry, We're Closed."

made dipping sauce, fountain soda, toilet paper

But our favorite was the sign at a park-cemetery we walk around a lot: "STAY SIX FEET APART, OR SIX FEET UNDER."

Many of you enjoyed **Quinn Rosefsky**'s watercolors, the streaming of the PA MMXX Commencement, and **Jerry Secundy**'s role in the recent book *The Last Negroes at Harvard*. Jerry and I were roommates at Harvard, and have kept up our friendship ever since.

John and Madeline **Charlton** have had front row seats to the drama that has been Hong Kong, and have shared their thoughts with a number of us over the past months.

Wade Ellis "had open heart surgery to replace a faulty aortic valve at the end of September. Great success!"

And **Bill Nordhaus** was awarded the Andover Alumni Award of Distinction last November; our classmate **Susie Stedman** got the same a few years ago.

Great article in the June 9 Wall Street Journal about the genesis—and history—of Jesse Colin Young's and the Youngbloods' classic "Come On People Now, Smile on Your Brother." Released in January 1967 on the Youngbloods' first album, Get Together, became a flower-power anthem in San Francisco during the city's Summer of Love. Nationally, the single sputtered, reaching only No. 62 on Billboard's pop chart. Two years later, when San Francisco's hippie movement became mainstream, the single was re-issued and hit No. 5. Who knew! Well, we all knew! And we knew him when he was Perry Miller!

An update from **Jim Bailey** who has had some health problems that keep him "...in Baton Rouge to be near a quality hospital complex. My apartment has spectacular views of the Mississippi. Other than my legs, which don't work, and some occasional heart issues, no complaints. My wife, Laura, still lives in our North Carolina home with our ageing Bouvier, Oscar. She visits one weekend a month, virus permitting. My youngest son is close to hand and his older brother is in D.C. All doing well. My politics remain Andover blue. Best to all."

Nancy and **Luke Fichthorn** "...are stuck in our house at John's Island in Vero Beach, FL, as our house in Darien is in the hot zone of Fairfield, CT. Vero, even though it has lots of us old folks, is practically COVID-free. I just attended my HBS 55th Reunion on Zoom. Travel time was short as all I had to do was walk to my office and turn on my computer and camera. It was very interesting. They had super presentations as a webcast and in the afternoon, they broke us up by sections where you joined in shared Zoom screens and got see and chat with old friends. The world sure has changed."

Bill Bell: "Being unsure about motels, my wife Barbara and I (plus our two golden retrievers) drove nonstop from Florida back home to Maine. 22 hours straight. Haven't done that since senior year Florida adventure with Pete Pochna and Tony Lynch." Yo, Bill—admit it! It's a lot easier when you have dogs that can drive!

Continuing the COVID sagas, Lex Rieffel has "...been self-isolating at the weekend cabin we built in 1993 on four acres at the foot of Blue Ridge Mountains. It's a 'little piece of paradise,' with all the modern amenities like Internet access. I happened to be in India when the pandemic was declared in early March and was lucky not to get marooned there. Most importantly, I've been working on my golf game at a nearby par-3 course so I can give Ralph Johanson and John Winfield a run for their money when it's safe to travel!"

And here's a note from Dan Reiff-also pertinent to the times we're living through, about his dad who was a professor at St. Lawrence University: "My father (having grown up in ethnically-diverse Brooklyn) knew all about ethnic stereotypes, and defended against them. One of his former students had a relevant insight. When, in one of his courses on the U.N. (an expert in international law and organizations, my father had been in the State Department 1944-46 and was involved in setting up the U.N.) he mentioned that Ralph Bunche was his boss, a student asked if it was different working for Bunche (knowing he was Black). My father's reply was, 'Yes, it was; he was always the smartest man in the room."

Finally, the biggest news is that Raynard Kington took over as Andover's 16th head of school in July. Looks like he'll be another in a long run of great PA heads of school! There is lots about him at Andover.edu.

Stay healthy!

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Dear Friends

Our 60th Reunion became a virtual Zoomunion because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our gathering was Friday, June 12, with 22 of our class participating. Attendees were Ada Panayotakou Touliatos calling in from Greece, Aida Sharabati Shawwaf calling in from Turkey; the rest of us "on board" were Ann Twitchell Brown, Brenda Walker Swords, Charlotte Palmer Moreno, Dorothy Tod, Lissa Dexter, Maggie Elsemore Sipple, Mary-Candace Smith Mize, Mary Feldblum, Millicent Bethune Cole, Olea Smith-Kaland, Hannah Jopling, Ruth Cox Crocker, Sally Barngrove, Sally Foote Hubby, Sara Jasper Cook, Sarah von der Heyde Richards, Susan Lothrop Koster, Wendy Bolton Rowland, Phyllis Ross Schless, Adrienne Davis Whitehead, and yours truly.

It was a jubilant time of discussion, first with AA and PA groups together, then a break out with our AA group only—many of us stayed through a three hour time period. The thrill of being able to communicate this way was permeable! We spoke of work involvements, adult education, involvements, grandchildren, families, individual accomplishments, new living situations, and some of the effects of the COVID-19.

In addition, we have heard from Phyllis Ross Schless, "Come see us in New York—the city will be so happy to open up, you'll hear the noise in Arizona!"

Maggie Elsemore Sipple writes, "I was thinking about my own answers to the questions of Abbot's impact and realize that as a 16-year-old from a tiny town in western Maine, I literally lapped up the wonderful opportunities to sing, act in plays, and exercise my organizational skills...having Sara Cook as my assigned roommate helped enormously as well. I don't know who decided to put us together, but I shall be ever grateful for the decision."

From **Lexa Crane** in Austin, TX, we hear of her family and new location. She had just sold her house as COVID-19 was announced. She has moved to Westminster Manor—a retirement home with many levels of services—with

her sisters, Beth, Lucy, and 'Juju' (Julie), Lexa is joined in health and contentment.

Jill Kohler and Lynne Furneaux Clark have both written on their sadness at the loss of our classmate, Joanie Hagerman Nicols, who passed away December 7, 2019. As mentioned previously in a former communication from me, Joanie was our class president, second year, and vice president of student government, fourth year. She went on from Abbot to married life with Geoff Nicols, mother of their three children, Hannah, Chris, and Parker, as well as fulfilling major accomplishments as a horsewoman, lover of animals, knitter, and close important friend to many. You can search for Joanie's obituary on vnews.com, published in December 2019.

Lynne Furneaux Clark also writes that she is involved with the samfund.org, a group that provides the needed funds for young cancer survivors: rent, babysitting, heat, tuition during treatment—what a wonderful endeavor, Lynne!

Cally Sherman Williams writes, vis a vis the pandemic, "someday when I can, I will go outside and hug the first person I see, then travel to see the kids and the grandkids! Love to all, Cally."

Facem Praetendit ardentem, "she holds aloft a burning torch": words inscribed on our yearbook cover! This courage and energy is what we need going through this pandemic time of uncertainty and fear!

Wishes and hope for each of you and your loved ones' health!

My best, Ginny

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On June 12, the very day that our 60th Reunion was to take place on the Hill, several classmates gathered together via Zoom to hold a simulacrum thereof. The event (planned by Nick Danforth, Wally Winter, Allen Ward, Bill Brown, Al Fox, and yours truly, along with Kassandra Infante of the PA alumni office) lasted three hours and was enjoyed by all. It began with seven presenters, five from our class and two counterparts from Abbot, all of whom have spent many years living abroad. They shared their reflections on what they had learned from their ex-pat experience, which gave them a perspective on life different from that of classmates who remained stateside.

From France, we heard from attorney **Frits Dulles**, who married a French woman and is teaching law to business school students.
We also had contributions from Italy (**David**

Olivetti) and from the U.K. (Karl Ziegler, Sheldon Leader, and David Edgerly). In a video, Barry McCaffrey reflected on his days at PA.

Each presenter had a few minutes on center stage and then, during a two-hour informal session, fielded questions and comments from classmates who had joined the meeting via Zoom. Among them were (in addition to the organizers) Charlie Hanson, Larry Butler, Dayton Datlowe, Jeremy Wood, John Doak, Joe "Tank" McChristian, Larry Gillis, Marty Quinn, Michael Scharf, Ned Leavitt, Tony Lee, Ward Wickwire, Perry French, Shian MacLean, Ben Koehler, David Kennedy, Carl Friedberg, John Bissell, Larry Lawrence, and Gerry Shea (who spends much of his time in Paris and is married to a French woman. He declined to be a presenter, modestly insisting that he had already been given more than his fair share of time in the Reunion limelight.)

Also presenting were Aida Sharabati Shawwaf (from Lebanon) and Susan Kostler (from the Bahamas), whose Abbot classmates Adrienne Whitehead and Virginia Agar helped plan the event.

In 2015, Howard Gillette published Class Divide: Yale '64 and the Conflicted Legacy of the Sixties, in which Nick Danforth and Brad Reynolds loom large with Gerry Shea, Tony Lee, and Wally Winter making cameo appearances. Most striking are the many pages devoted to Nick's longstanding efforts to promote feminist causes, most notably abortion rights. He played a key role in preparing the brief that helped persuade a majority of the Supreme Court to legalize abortion (in the case of Roe v. Wade). Though not a lawyer, he did research showing that state laws restricting abortion tended to discriminate against poor women and to make abortion unsafe and expensive, while failing to prevent most unlawful abortions. Later, Nick worked as a consultant for the U.N., Planned Parenthood, and USAID to promote women's rights.

On the other side of the ideological divide, Brad Reynolds—who was a lawyer—worked for the Justice Department during the Regan administration, opposing racial preferences in hiring, college admissions, and congressional redistricting.

Speaking of attorneys, **John Chambliss** was honored by colleagues at the Massachusetts Bar who named him a Super Lawyer for the seventh consecutive year.

It is my melancholy duty to report the deaths of **Peter Lee** and **Jonathan Hayes**. Peter died on May 31 in the Stanford University Hospital after a long battle with heart disease. David Kennedy remembers that Peter "was the first to greet me when I arrived as an upper in 1958, the beginning of a 61-year 'best friends' friendship

even as we mostly lived a continent apart on opposite coasts. We again roomed together at Princeton before he transferred to Stanford. Over the years, we and our families visited, traveled, and skied together." Peter was also friends with Ted Parker, acting as godfather to Ted's daughter. Peter received a master's degree from Rensselaer Polytech and served as a Naval officer in Vietnam as well as a Naval Reservist for thirty years, retiring as a captain. He held various line management positions at Bell Systems and AT&T, ultimately becoming their "executive compensation guru" (his term). He closed out his professional career with a brief stint with the University of California system and finally with Catholic Healthcare West.

Jonathan Hayes led an unusually colorful life. After graduating from Tufts, he joined the Air Force. During his 11 years with the service, he flew F-4 Phantom fighter-bombers and trained fighter pilots. In Vietnam, he conducted 356 combat missions, winning five Distinguished Flying Crosses and 22 Air Medals. He chronicled his wartime experience in No Lilies or Violets: Reminiscences of a Fighter Pilot (2011). Upon leaving the USAF, he received an MBA from Dartmouth and worked in the municipal bond field, winding up his professional career as manager of his own business in Scottle.

In addition to memoirs, Jonathan wrote his own obituary, describing himself as a "true Renaissance man, at various times a highly decorated fighter pilot, author, award-winning amateur wine maker, professional cook, knowledgeable amateur of medieval history, and opera supernumerary. He had climbed Mt. Fuji, run a marathon, ridden the Trans-Siberian railroad (the Russian Rossiya, not the luxury train) and the Venice-Simplon Orient Express, toured Lockheed Corporation's 'Skunk Works,' observed the transit of Venus, and seen a live platypus. A keen opera buff, he was for many years a season box holder in San Francisco and Seattle Operas and saw and heard all the great voices of his generation."

Requiescat in pace.

Michael Burlingame

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As I write this, I notice a plucky female cardinal at my bird feeder. Her bright red male buddy is perched on a nearby branch, loyal and protective. Very sweet. I've always been an avid bird watcher. So I'm really enjoying being out of the

city, as much as I love Portland. I'm enjoying all the benefits of rural living, as well as being in a college town, although sadly lacking energy, as all the students are home doing remote learning. The new normal! My three grandkids are healthy, doing well, and towering above me. They all got their dad's tallness genes. I'm still working with an editor on a children's book.

Sybil Smith writes: We are well, very lucky and thankful, but getting a bit "feral" from lack of sustained external contact. We do the usual things: walking in masks, gardening, reading, watching movies, phone and FaceTime, long distance group cooking projects, etc. Family is well. Jen, PA'89, is still in London, a superintendent minister of Wesley chapel and Leysian mission right in the city. And Andrew is in Los Angeles (consulting in use of online content in advertising, and doing occasional real estate fixes.) Clem, his daughter, is 11, and a great joy for us.

Ann Fahnestock Cody writes: "One amazing thing about the stay-at-home mandate of the coronavirus is that there is plenty of time to go through thousands of old pictures. Plus hundreds of old hand-written recipes, school books, class notes passed to each other during classes, old letters, etc. It is a trip, sometimes depressing, sometimes elating, down nostalgia lane.

I have so very many pictures from Abbot...the bagpipers, Draper, third floor abbey, lacrosse, field hockey, and so much more! And I even remember the names of all the gals! (I don't remember being such a saver).

Doctor's appointments are being rescheduled all month and skin cancer is the biggest surgical issue for me. (What was sun block anyway?) Don't know about the two to three months we usually spend in Madison, NH, summers/early fall due to lodging questions, change in immune systems, 1,500 miles from our Florida home, others' use of masks/distancing, plus the regular flu season. At least a lot of boxes, decades unopened, are being sorted.

I think the outcome of the virus will be a slew of forever changes! More use of technology, Zoom meetings, ordering on line, curbside pickups, face masks, working from home, tele-medicals, at home hobbies, reading, many different phases of our lives."

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Tom Evslin's blog, *Fractals of Change* ("nothing great has ever been accomplished without irrational exuberance") is interesting and sometimes provocative. In a winter entry, Tom speaks of buying a new car. He "chose a BMW 530xe with lots of safety gadgets like heads-up

display, adaptive cruise control, lane-keeping, blind-spot radar, and night vision, which I both like and find I need more as I age." Don't we all. However, the focus of this blog column was the wastefulness of rebates. Have a gander at blog. tomevslin.com.

Twitter sent me to listen to Tom be interviewed on Vermont's WDEV. The subject was reduction of CO2 by trees. Tom explained that trees sequester the CO2. The last time I heard the word "sequester," the speaker was G.G. Benedict, speaking about History 4 texts. Remember?

Those of us on **Jim Payne**'s mailing list received notice that our favorite drummer has opened the "School of Funk," which turns out to be an online course. You can watch the instructor explain our need for funk on YouTube: https://tinyurl.com/paynedrum. **Wells Walker** saw the video. "He looks and sounds like a blast from the past...all good news," emailed Wells. This is great stuff. Where are my skins?

Mike Bragg has donated an attractive painting of Bulfinch Hall by the artist Ralph Fanning to PA to be hung in the building of that name, my professional home for 36 years. Writes Mike: "I am well and still enjoying living in middle Tennessee. On March 5 I am flying to N.Y.C. for a two-day stay before flying to Spain for about two weeks visiting with Jon Charnas, first in Madrid for five days, before going to his home near Granada and then heading back to Madrid for my flight home."

Jim Rubin writes: "Last November, I was invited to Denver to give a couple of lectures at the museum. We had a wonderful dinner with Nancy and Tony Accetta, whom we used to see frequently during their years in New York. They told us they had seen you. We are also in close touch with Anne and Dennis Cross, who live a few blocks up East 86th Street from us. Right now, they are in Florida with their family."

Jim and Liliane were early survivors of COVID-19. They lost their sense of smell, but escaped any respiratory symptoms. Jim wrote, "During this time, we've also been in close touch with **Jim Sprague**, who has relayed us medical advice from his former colleagues, along with lots of jokes. Also with Leslie Stroh, who is living in upstate New York, and continues to philosophize."

Landon Carter writes: "In January, we headed to New Zealand for our yearly swap of winter for summer (with a magical stop in Fiji on the way.). And then, wham, COVID-19 made the world unrecognizable, our flights home were cancelled and we entered lockdown here. Now after nine weeks, the country is free of new cases, with only 21 deaths, and life is returning to a semblance of normal, with two-meter social distancing, no masks required." Nice, Bunky.

A terse but informative note from **Dan Perin**: "Laura and I live in Arizona. Forty years. Love it. We love this part of the country. Beautiful and spectacular. What do I do? Banking and painting."

Some members of our class have been on our class Zoom in the early summer. The first meeting included Accetta, Duncan Bremer, Bruce Conrad, Mark Foster, Fred Gass, Dick Glenn, King Harris, Ray Keeney, Dave Kirk, John Marks, Payne, Rubin, and Craig Whitney. It has been a blast to meet up with these faces after so many years.

We lost **Dave Murphy** in February. He was the staunchest of classmates, and was a great ambassador for the town of Andover.

Several times I have asked you, classmates, to send me a postcard. Someone finally did! **Jim Durston** sent an attractive Central Park scene, postmarked Greenville, SC. "This is the least I can do!" Jim wrote. Well, more than anyone else. Thanks, Jim.

Question: **Bayless Cobb**, have you finished your boat? Are you living on it? And is it true that **Denny Holahan** performed in a workshop production of *Kafka in China* at the Berkelev Rep?

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Wow, strange times—an insidious pandemic for the ages—with ripple effects for everyone, including lifestyles for old fogies like us even if, by the grace of God, we are lucky enough to avoid the virus. Say, how do you think you would have done at virtual learning when you were a teenager? I'd have leapt at it if it made Latin, chemistry, and geometry easier!

What if you had to teach during the coronavirus? **Vic Peppard**, Russian professor at the University of South Florida, reported, "I finished off the spring semester teaching online—a big leap for a techno-idiot like me but good training for the fall."

One casualty of the virus was the October 2020 58th Class Reunion set for New Mexico. As a placeholder, a Zoom reunion was being planned. But note that the in-person New Mexico Reunion is now scheduled for October 12–15, 2021.

Classmates could Zoom or FaceTime to keep in touch with family, one of them being **Jorge Gonzalez**, who had a very ambitious project: "A combination of events triggered my decision to write my father's biography and how his life has impacted me, so it really is also my autobiography."

One trigger, he says, is that PA reunions have made him more reflective of the past. The sale and clean out of a family home of almost 60 years was another trigger. Then the pandemic lockdown in Puerto Rico gave him the time to put everything together. "Internet programs like Ancestry and having family members available with time on their hands to discuss the past, via telephone and Zoom, continue to be valuable and tremendous fun." The book is close to 100 pages—Jorge calls it a work in progress because new information keeps emerging.

Dinny Adams reports joyful news: the birth of his first grandchild on Sept. 4, 2019. But more recently, "All three (Dinny's daughter, her partner, and the baby) had the virus in Brooklyn, while Nancy and I remain virus-free."

Retired Dr. **Ben White** said he didn't want to become a patient, so he stayed home. "I am working on a play script about a prominent couple in their youth. Trying to remember what youth feels like...

"Learning to cook lunch, and sometimes dinner. Sorting family papers, including my grandfather's drawings and doggerel. Giving medical advice to family and friends when asked. Identifying and removing ticks. Staying out of trouble."

Mike Davey, holed up in Venice, FL, reported, "Bought me a swimming tether and some anchor rope, all for less than \$50, and now able to get in a reasonable workout in my 8-yard pool."

Pete Ware kept fly fishing whenever he could, frequently FaceTimed younger family members, and expressed the hope that "this nation figures out how to decrease the hatred, economic inequality, and racism that plagues us now."

Steve Abbot was busying himself organizing Navy contemporaries for Joe Biden.

My wife Elizabeth and I (Charles) had to cancel a summer visit to Italy and England.

 $\label{eq:Alex Malozemoff} \mbox{ got in a trip to Egypt just in time to beat the lockdown.}$

Tim Carter made it to Germany early in the year but had to put off plans for going to the Czech Republic, and found that his social life improved while he had to stay close to home, meeting folks while on long walks with his dog near the Maine coast, and engaged in "6-foot-removed backyard cocktail gatherings." And, "I've grown closer to my garden...and to the creatures who either visit regularly or reside in it, like the tiny finch who has dug herself a

nest in one of my hanging plants and is currently expecting four chicks."

Bill Mann, who had to cancel an African trip, quipped, "Until February of this year, I had never heard of social distancing. Now my kids are lecturing me about it."

Many of us have retired, but **Ned Carleton** chugs along in San Diego as a strategic marketing consultant in the technology sector. He and wife Becky are near four of their nine grandchildren, who, Ned said, were ticked off about having to stay home during the pandemic with their moms and dads. "I keep telling them they are building character, which just proves that I have become my parents."

A new retiree is **Chris Nelson**, an international affairs expert who for 36 years published a daily newsletter. Some cruise plans fell through. A longtime Civil War buff, he'd also been looking forward to being a docent at the cottage where President Abraham Lincoln spent summers in what was a remote part of Washington, D.C. But those plans, as Chris put it, "also are virused...for now."

Tom Israel, whose main residence is in Manhattan, said he and his wife Barbara retreated to their digs in Katonah, northern Westchester, NY, though they also made it to Martha's Vineyard, where they have another home, for Memorial Day, and were planning to spend some time there over the summer.

Last word in this pandemic-themed dispatch goes to **Lee Gilbert** of north central Pennsylvania. By now, you must be familiar with his piloting escapades. He refers here to his wife and their two-seater 1951 Piper Super Cub:

"Becky and I are physically distancing in a physically distanced area. We occasionally fly nowhere, which is the new somewhere, looking down in an attempt to unmask areas of our community. Gardening, puzzles, reading, Zooming distant family, and going nowhere is our new normal."

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What didn't happen at the reunion:

I didn't bring my beloved. I didn't understand exactly why my best friend wouldn't attend. I didn't eat lobster. Somehow, I missed the group photo. I didn't paint my face in school colors. I didn't donate thousands of dollars. Didn't buy a tote bag, didn't dance till 2 a.m.

Also didn't mistake youthful mistakes for irrefutable proof of unworthiness. And didn't fail to step happily, and tenderly upon the sacred lawn. —Muriel DeStaffany Karr

Mary Jasper Walter reports that her good friend Muthoni Githungo Gitata, a dentist in Nairobi, is in good health. Muthoni says that in Nairobi, COVID-19 curfews are in place from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., and anyone caught outside is beaten and fined.

Wendy Joline Anderson sent a wonderful biography of her life after Abbot. "I used to be a social worker. I got a master's degree in social work from the University of Georgia. I also lived for four years in Mexico in an old house right on the beach. At that time, I was single and was living with 12 Pekingese dogs. With my second husband I showed and bred dogs. We were married for a long time. I've been married three times, the last time four years ago. I now live in a very large retirement community, the Villages, in Florida. I'm retired from selling real estate. Enough about me. Just wanted to say 'Hi' to all my old friends. Has anyone heard from Donna Youngblood?"

Rosemary Eustace writes from Mexico that she is very excited to reconnect with all of us. She says that the people of Mexico are suffering, and that she is doing what she can, as a practicing therapist, to counsel patients over the phone and on FaceTime.

Cheryl Krippendorf Kolbe emails that it is "nice to be back on the list! Wish I had been able to make it to the Reunion—such a blast! But that was when my daughter and baby granddaughter visited from England. Like many of you, I'm getting tired of the isolation living by myself presents its own unique challenges in these times. Really looking forward to Oregon opening recreational areas as I love hiking and kayaking."

Muriel DeStaffany Karr is writing poetry and working on a family genealogy. Her only outdoor experience since March 17 has been a drive-through appointment with her eye doctor who measured her eye pressure through her open car window!

Sharon Seeche Rich writes that she is very content sheltering in her "safe" hideout in Marblehead, MA. She FaceTimes with her family and sees more of her twin 7-year-old grand-daughters now than ever before.

Charlotte Witts Bright and her husband, David, are well in Australia where coronavirus restrictions are working well. They have been spending most of their time at their holiday house near Adelaide, surrounded by gum trees, birds, quiet country roads, and a feeling of life being suspended.

Margaret Brown Coakley loves having this new chain of connection, the videos and humor

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shared amongst our classmates. Margie and her family are doing similar things as the rest of us: Zoom with family, binge watching TV, trying to live in the now and wondering about the future.

Barbara Rugen will soon become a paralegal in order to help and support the rights of asylum seekers. She writes that, "It sounds as if we're all well, active, and as engaged with the world around us as ever. Mary Crane would be proud."

Paishy Meigs Bousel is delving into her passion of the last six years which is wilderness awareness and nature connection and is endeavoring to convert her Somatics/bodywork practice into a virtual business.

Cindy Sorensen adopted a 6-year-old greyhound in January. She was well treated and came to Cindy happy and affectionate. They take walks along the Charles River in Cambridge and have a good life together.

Meg Power bought a new townhouse last summer not far from her "big ol' house," and says that "someday soon" she might start to find time to unpack everything and fully move in.

Sue Burton writes that she hasn't done any of the projects she had in mind and wonders where all the time goes. Sue is still creating her watercolor paintings and loving her apartment at Grand Oaks.

Carolyn Holcombe Damp says, "My Nepalese colleagues write that the schools are closed and folks are sheltering in place there, too. I hope that my sister and I will be able to return next spring to continue our work in Koshidekha's rural school and in the libraries we created."

Susan Archer Vollmer writes "so wonderful to hear from so many. My 'to do' list is still very long. I have learned how to use my vacuum cleaner, but that wasn't on my list. My three book clubs are on Zoom, as well as my piano lessons, Pilates classes, and watercolor classes. I walk and ride my bike. All necessary to keep my mind and body moving."

A note to those of our classmates who are battling ill health for themselves or a loved one, please know that your old friends are here to help, encourage, love, comfort, and stand by you forever.

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Many thanks to those who responded to my email query. I am allocated 900 words; the responses I received totaled almost 4,200 words; edit I must. This column includes excerpts specifically addressing COVID-19. General news will be the meat of future columns.

I was delighted to hear from **Graham Bull**, **Colin Campbell**, **James Frenzel**, **Todd Lueders**,

Richard Mudge, Will Nettleship, Roger Ritvo, Harry Schwethelm, Barry Seaman, Dwight Stephens, Jon Turk, Jon Vipond, Don Way, and Brian Schaffhausen. Brian was only at the Academy for lower year; he and I were roommates. The last communication we had was as we departed Bancroft Hall in June, 1961.

Excerpts follow. Disclaimer: these were written in May; circumstances may be different now

Dwight Stephens: "I've been alone at home for three months now. I saw it coming and holed up right away. Home is a pretty good place for me to be holed up: a house on 10 acres of forest in the mountains of North Carolina...no streetlights, no houses, just Milky Way at night. I've been here for eight years, so my social-distancing skills were practiced, but the isolation is getting to me now. I'm weathering, but we all know the deep emotional stresses that are operating."

Jon Turk: "My wife, Nina and I live in the deep forest of western Montana, where self-isolation is the norm. So we are faring better than most, I believe. I am getting an early start for firewood gathering for next fall, and Nina is putting in a garden."

Jon Vipond: "We are literally about to leave our cozy Key West house for central Pennsylvania after being here since the first of the year.... [T]here has been a checkpoint down the Keys to keep out non-residents and non-essential others. My husband, Tim, who is 59 to my 75, has rightly insisted that I stay on the premises. I can bike and walk in our friendly funky neighborhood and drive the getaway car when he goes masked and gloved weekly to 'rob' the bank or grocer or the most essential liquor store."

Harry Schwethelm, visiting New Mexico: "Santa Fe local residents were wearing face masks while walking in the outdoors—not anything you would see in most parts of Texas. Elsewhere, there was evidence that the lockdown regime is beginning to fray at the edges. In Albuquerque, I called on an old client who had just come from a meeting of approximately 100 businessmen who are joining forces to hire counsel to sue the State of New Mexico for damages."

Jim Frenzel: "In Georgia, we were the first to open up. So far, so good. Our son, with his family in the Tokyo office of AWS, is enduring a third month of lockdown in their high-rise apartment with two young children, so we do not have things as badly as they do."

Don Way: "I am in Hawaii at our Big Island home, where coronavirus is almost non-existent. Hawaii has very strict regulations with a fine up to \$5,000 and up to one year in jail for violation. The police enforce the restrictions,

and some visitors are now behind bars. The economy is, of course, a wreck."

Will Nettleship: "Over the years, apart from when I have been away to build a public project, I have worked at home, so that is no different. But I have found that since we cannot visit friends, host guests, attend religious services, go to concerts or even eat at a restaurant, my time in the studio is intensified and I find myself giving what I am doing 'slow thought."

A recurring theme—grandchildren.

Todd Lueders: From Carmel, CA. "If we have to stay home, 'lucky to live where we do.' We have two kids with toddlers right down the road, our golf courses have reopened with restrictions, and the weather has been perfect for beach walking."

Barry Seaman: "We also had our first grandchild last September and have reveled in our ability to see her and watch her grow. That ability has been somewhat constrained this year by the lockdown. Though she and her parents live about a five-minute drive from us, her mother, our daughter, has been militantly enforcing social distancing, so we must adore her from at least six feet away. Also somewhat constrained by pandemic restrictions was our 50th wedding anniversary in late April. Absent COVID, it was going to be one hell of a party, but instead, we invited anyone who was there 50 years ago to join us on Zoom for a toast. It turned out to be great fun seeing all those faces in little Hollywood Squares on my laptop and reminiscing for an hour or so. And it was a lot cheaper than a party."

Richard Mudge: "Three of the grandchildren are in Westchester County, NY, so we are overly dependent on FaceTime and Zoom. My wife and I do see the three in Maryland—from the far side of the deck."

Finally, the sad coda that so often darkens these columns. I heard from Cathie Stevens that her husband **Dale Stevens** died on June 1 from a sudden heart attack. Cathie said that she will write to me; I will include more about Dale's recent life after I have heard from her.

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This will be a year to remember. Beginning in mid-March, most parts of the country were totally shut down. Many people are out of work, schools turned to online learning, and traveling has been nearly impossible. The only good thing is that (at least in Tennessee) we have had glorious weather. People have been working in

their yards and even growing more of their own food. Inside, people have been cleaning closets, baking (if they could find yeast...), doing jigsaw puzzles and learning how to Zoom with family and friends and even for meetings of clubs. It's still not the same as being with your family and friends. I'll share the news I've had from several of my dedicated participants.

Joan Harney Wiles is spending her COVID stay-at-home days completing photo projects, organizing her attic, reading more, walking twice a day and enjoying friends from afar. Her son, Christopher, who is a resident at UCONN, spent a couple of months designing and producing masks for healthcare workers in Connecticut and other parts of the country where there have been shortages. His design is "open source" and available to anyone anywhere in the world. In June he returns to seeing patients. She feels very fortunate to live near the beach and have some lovely state parks close to home. She hopes everyone is doing all right.

Kit Jones Prager had planned to be in Sicily the last two weeks of May. Instead they are visiting Italy vicariously through a puzzle their son gave her for Mother's Day. The picture is of Lake Cuomo.

She and Allan are two-house sheltering with their daughter Alice and her family (they are around the corner). Alice does her grocery shopping every Friday. Mara (10) and Cord (8) are happy the pool is finally warm enough to enjoy swimming.

Son Mark and fiancée Jessica were able to get a few vendors in place for their September 20 wedding in McKinney, TX. They had secured the venue and DJ in February. They are currently sheltering in Jessica's three-bedroom house in Ft. Worth after determining Mark's Oakland apartment was too small for two professionals working from home. They did a 24-hour, straight through drive. Jessica works in Santa Clara and Mark in Oakland during normal times. Jessica moved back to the Bay Area in October 2018 but kept her Ft. Worth house because her work takes her back there frequently.

Kit admits that she is getting bored not being allowed to go out and socialize. Her Thursday morning Tai Chi class is being conducted on Webcam and her yoga instructor introduced her to Yoga with Adriene, which she highly recommends.

Zoom conversations and meetings occupy a lot of time. And she and Allan are binge-watching *A French Village* (in French with English on Amazon Prime and MHz). She went through several boxes of photos, discarding most after whoever they pertained to had also had the opportunity to relive the memory. Alice and Mark indicated which one they wanted to keep (not

many). Her discard criteria was: beyond me is anyone interested in the picture? If no, then discard; if yes, send to that person. Next she's tackling slides, which is a much slower process.

Lucretia Bingham has made a COVID bubble with her daughter and her family so she's been working hard on helping with homeschooling. The first few weeks were hard but, as with exercise, after awhile it all seemed normal. Lots of walking, art projects, biking, beach-combing etc. In the in between times, working on an edit of a fourth novel and loving that one of her paintings was chosen for a show in N.Y.C. She may never travel in the same way again. Time will tell!

Gwyneth Walker is leading a mostly solitary life of a "stay-at-home" composer. Miraculously, there seems to be a real need for new music to elevate the soul and keep the spirit singing. And thus, the creative efforts are given.

As a footnote to this entry, I read the entry from Phillips '64 and found out why Frank Holland did not attend our 55th Reunion. He wrote, "I sing in a regional chorus and had a dress rehearsal and two concerts that weekend. One of the pieces we sang was composed by Gwyneth Walker, Abbot '64."

I hope that by the time this is published there will be better medications to deal with the COVID virus and that a vaccine will allow us to carry on normally again. In the meantime, stay safe and keep in touch with friends and family.

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E. Gerald Meyer, father of Terry Meyer, sent in this report, "suggesting a correction to the record" making him the last surviving father and WWII vet of PA'64! In his 101st year he set other records in the National Senior Olympics in the 50-100-200-400m races. He served in the Naval Research Lab during the war and is now retired as professor of chemistry at the University of Wyoming. Terry retired in 2010, after parlaying his math and physics undergrad degrees from the University of Wyoming and a PhD in applied math and statistics from Rutgers into a series of career moves ending in a successful tech startup, the sale of which launched his retirement in Raleigh, NC.

Steve Harker reflected, "My father served in the Army Air Force stationed at Walla Walla, WA, while uranium was enriched for atomic bombs at nearby Hanford. I was born in Walla Walla in November 1945. In 1993 I travelled to Seattle to participate in a thyroid gland study of people who had lived near Hanford. I never received any results of the study, but we left for Iowa in February 1946, and I am still alive."

Randy Hobler has identified 13 members of PA'64, including himself, who were Peace Corps volunteers after college: John Bemis, John Carr, Pat Cathcart, Bob Chessman, Bruce Edwards, Jack Garrity, Jeff Huvelle, Bob Marshall, Dave Mason, Herb Payne, Matt Roehrig, and Jim Torbert. Find more on their service and how to purchase Randy's 101 Arabian Tales: How We All Persevered in Peace Corps Libya, published to rave reviews, at our Archive Link: https://goo.gl/Cf6w6f. Notify me of other PA'64 who served.

Dave Mason observed, "Despite communication shortcomings with PA'64, I'm increasingly in contact with friends from my Peace Corps post in Nepal, now bearing smartphones, also with friends and adoptive families (three) in Russia. The Internet certainly makes quarantining more bearable!"

"Later than most," John Bemis admitted, "we have two grandkids, a grandson born to daughter Charlotte last December in Massachusetts and a granddaughter to son Taylor this March in Oregon." The four parents display a wide range of skills: physical therapy, welding, organic farming, and farm-to-table cookbook author and blogger, *Dishing Up the Dirt*. Watch out, Ina Garten! "They are all wonderful, but we've yet to be with our granddaughter except via Skype."

After his 11-year stay in France following his retirement from anesthesiology, **John Gage** has surfaced on the eastern end of Long Island, in Riverhead, where he lives with his wife Veronique. He wrote to discover the creator of the class phrase, "Not so nice, gross mother...," "in the spirit of cleaning up loose ends."

"When my son Wes ('05) was married October 2019," reported **Dick Howe**, "I gathered all nine Andover alums for a photo, including Wes' sister Becca '06 and Rev. Mike Ebner '70, who performed the ceremony."

Rich Bissell retired two years ago after a "great run," 20 years as executive director of the National Academy of Sciences, preceded by 30 at the World Bank, USAID, USIA, sundry think tanks, universities, and international organizations. He is now a senior consultant for the UN Development Programme. Since COVID-19 has ended related international travel, he has rejuvenated old talents through online games with nine grandchildren and honed new talents promoting forestry at home and abroad.

From Toronto, **Jonathan Guss** observed, "It's been a zany period to be alive. After careers in finance and health care, I've retired, yet continue to enjoy work on elected boards and consulting about public health initiatives. Last year

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Leslie and I had an enriching fellowship in the Advanced Leadership Initiative at Harvard.

"My first grandson arrived last month, a joy I can't share with our classmate, my Harvard roommate, **John Craford**, who died last year."

Eric and Daria Wallach stayed beyond winter at their home in Naples, FL, with COVID-19 challenges in N.Y.C. "Our important news is the January birth of another adorable grand-daughter. We regret the coronavirus has prevented us from seeing her except at birth." Both grandparents are hoping, "in the wake of the Minneapolis outrage, for compassionate leadership and a new era of Americans working together to achieve equality and prosperity for all."

Peter Smith reported, "I am aging in place here in Santa Fe. Working remotely as senior advisor to the President of the University of Maryland Global Campus still leaves time for memories. Mine include Jack Richards, Dick Howe, and Jeff Huvelle and all those days at the track. Out of the blue comes Pete Gerard singing 'Dark as a Dungeon' at Outward Bound the summer after graduation."

Steve Kroll, retired in D.C., where he worked as an attorney drafting Senate policies, reported he "visited Andover in 1988 to show my wife the campus. A chance meeting with Jack Richards was a highlight." He recently enjoyed Zooming with **Mike** and Pat **Cathcart**.

Following up on a tip from **Dewey Fulton** that **Tony Sapienza**'s New Bedford, MA, menswear manufacturing facility was making 53,000 masks for local frontline workers and vulnerable populations, Tony explained he had fully retired, "but has been informally involved in coordinating mask and gown manufacturing in the region." Tony's son's 1-year-old twins both developed COVID-19 from their nanny, then passed it on to the parents, who were ill for a month.

Jim Moody's death from cancer in Rochester, NY, on April 14, 2020, has taken away my closest friend from Andover.

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From **Katherine Staples**: "I have been reviewing and cataloging my textile collection. I brought back some 40 huipiles from Guatemala, fewer from Chiapas. I hope we can enjoy them at some point. They are all so beautiful and so astonishing: the endless variations of women's art...their stories and history too." I asked Katherine for a definition of

huipil. She responded, "A huipil (wee-Peel) is a traditional Mayan woman's blouse, usually woven on a backstrap loom. These blouses reflect each woman's village, but the colors and development of designs reflect each individual weaver's ideas. The motifs of huipiles often reflect Mayan pre-Columbian motifs and mythology. Amazing stuff!" As we further corresponded in June she wrote, "...in Austin grocery stores (where I shop) people wear masks, maintain 6-foot social distancing, and are courteous, cooperative, friendly, and even cheerful in dealings with one another. This I value and reciprocate. In other and rural parts of Texas, masks are considered a sign of liberal foolishness and a plot to prevent people from attending megachurches. On the other hand, even in Vidor, TX, home of the KKK, protests for racial justice (peaceful, already) have taken place. Can the country be changing in our time? We'll see. I spend time gardening, reading, and seeing friends (a very few at a time) at my garden table for drinks or dinner or breakfast and always for good visits." Katherine had planned to attend our Reunion, now scheduled for June of 2021.

From Ellen Huntington: "Dan Mahoney and I both lost our spouses within five days of each other though we had never met. Amazingly, however, we have both lived in this town for vears and have numerous friends in common. Mutual friends introduced us. Retired now, Dan was an international lawyer with the DuPont Company. We moved in together in October [2019], made the decision to get married in late winter, talked to our minister in mid-March, planned to go to the courthouse the next day to get the license, but that very day the Delaware courthouses all closed! Happily, six weeks into the shutdown, the courts decided to interview marriage license applicants on Zoom. We passed! Our license arrived in the mail. Our minister married us on our porch; one other couple served as our witnesses, all of us in face masks and standing six feet apart. I made our rings out of gold embroidery floss. A fly fisherman, Dan used his fly-tying tools to bind the embroidery threads together. Our cake came from the Acme! A wonderful, simple, stress-free, and tiny wedding!"

A group of us Abbot women who have been meeting occasionally were scheduled to spend a few days together after the Reunion in June. Since we were unable to make that connection, we have been visiting on Zoom. **Emily Davis**, who participates, recently moved from Pendleton, SC, to Seneca, SC. A few days after she moved, a strong tornado came through that whole area. She surrounded herself with pillows in a central closet, and said the tornado sounded like a train coming through the area. There was incredible damage, but luckily her

house survived, although Emily thinks it may have shifted a bit on its foundation. **Liz Eder McCulloch**, also part of this group, is working on getting her second novel published.

I reached out to several classmates (via phone and email), but got no replies. I always appreciate hearing from you—as otherwise, the space for Abbot 1965 will be empty. Now, more than ever, let's reach out to one another.

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As these words will be published some four months after they've been written, the level of uncertainty around the circumstances in which you, my classmates, will be reading them parallels the fragility of the assumptions I make as I compose. Will we have our annual class dinner? SampFest 6—this 21st century tradition began in 2015—is scheduled for November 5 at the Andover Inn. Here's hoping I'll see you there.

Meanwhile, our planning for the reset of our 55th Reunion-Ben Jerman has already recommended that we embrace reality, and call it our 56th—is underway, as is the delayed induction of the '65 lacrosse team into the PA Hall of Honor. Our Reunion planning committee—led by Ed and John Samp, and joined by John Fox, Paul Henry, Mac McCabe, Herb Ogden, John W.G. Phillips, Doug Pirnie, Rick Platt, and Don **Shepard**—was expected to have its first Zoom call in September. The laxers already had their initial conference chat in June, just a few days after the now-postponed awards ceremony would have been held; a turnout of 14 of the 25 surviving members included team captain Dan Warren, Randy Evans, Geoff Perry, Rob Arras, Ted McLean, Jon Mills, Stephen Allen, John Browning, Jim Munroe, and yours truly. As Class of '66 midfielder Andy Scott noted, "Who would have thought you'd have just one lawyer on a call like this...and two Episcopal ministers." Reverend Warren, Reverend Munroe, and teammates are planning a fall call too.

We have lost another classmate since the last Class Notes. Anthony Herrick Gibson—Tony to us and, as far as I know pretty much everyone else—passed away in early April in Wilton, CT, where he and wife Kathy retired after a career in sales (preceded by a few years as a schoolteacher) that had taken them from New England to Colorado, Oregon, the Big Sky Country and back to Connecticut. Tony, reported close friend Roger Valkenburgh, "succumbed over time to COPD, a heart condition, and finally a tumor in his liver." As recently as mid-February, Tony was participating in our Reunion planning,

casting his vote for a logoed baseball cap as the class costume.

One of the class' outstanding athletes, Tony was a key member of three varsity teams: football, hockey, and baseball. "As I recall," remembers Doug Pirnie, "he carried more sports gear (football, goalie, catcher) than anyone during his athletic career at PA." Later in life, when traveling through the Northeast as a representative of Weyerhaeuser, he found a new sports passion: windsurfing. "I got hooked on windsurfing on Long Island Sound and on select bodies of water while on the road," Tony recalled in his 50th Reunion essay. "A good time filler between 5 and 7 p.m."

"I remember Tony at our 50th," Roger added. "He came for just a day, in a wheelchair even then (he was anticipating a hip replacement), classmates pushing him along on our walk down Elm Arch, Tony with a big smile on his face."

In the Reunion class book, Tony had noted that he found plenty to do in retirement. "I amuse myself with low-key activities like refinishing antiques, patio gardening, and genealogical research...(and) we continue to live vicariously through our wonderful children," he wrote, then reflected, "A lot has happened since those taxing days on the Hill, and I am very thankful for what life has brought to me in friends, family, places visited, experiences, and a few lessons learned along the way."

Bits and Pieces: I don't have much sense at the moment of how we're coping with this new abnormal we're living through, but Richie and Peter Vanderwarker have shown one approach that's pretty inspiring. They've turned their basement into a jewelry factory, and are donating the proceeds to the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund. Peter reminded me that he's had a metalworking passion since PA. "You will probably remember that John Whisnant, Graeme Means and I all hung out in the metal shop downstairs in the art center," he said, trying unsuccessfully to jog my memory. "I guess it stuck." Peter Clapp, Nick Marble, Brian Haley, Michel Scheinmann, Stephen Allen, Ralph Swanson, Courtlandt Dixon, and Russell Laughead all responded to a spring Class Notes update with messages of good cheer and optimism in the face of the pandemic. Russell added the sweet news that daughter Laura had graduated from the University of Texas School of Journalism as her class valedictorian, and now works for a Lubbock television station. John Jameson writes, "I've just retired from 30-plus years as a pathologist at Natividad, the safety net hospital in Monterey County (Salinas), CA, and have retreated to my forest lair in the redwoods north of Santa Cruz, in Felton.

Possibly auspiciously for me and my wife, Patti, the 'COVID curve' is flattening in this area, as the epidemiologists say; so despite my qualifications as an elderly buzzard with a higher risk for morbidity and mortality, perhaps we will ride things out until herd immunity is established. Of course, we still have to worry about fire season, so there will be plenty of yard work with appropriate social distancing to be done!" **Peter Gangsei**'s rural retreat presented a mixed bag. "Last two years, bears have wiped out my hives, so no bees this year," he wrote to Ed Samp. "A storm last summer took down about 4000 trees so I have firewood for life." Hope you've all stayed safe and healthy.

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Greetings from a scorching June day, with complex issues dominating news cycles and far-ranging discussions. They include the local to global impact of coronavirus, a catalyst for amplified virtual communities, including Abbot '66 and interwoven connections that span years.

Although grounded in Abbot experiences, and in the same age bandwidth, we've scattered throughout the country. While navigating our own realities, 19 of us plus one came together to Zoom.

After Zoom and its wonderful face-to-face function, more classmates chimed in to comment. And yes—**Ruth Sisson Weiner** and I plan to integrate Zoom into our Abbot toolkit as connector beyond geographic boundaries. And yes—our 55th Reunion takes place next June 11-13, 2021. However, gathering now takes multiple forms, whether tucked together or reaching out across time zones.

During the June 16 Zoom, our group consisted of Ruth, me, Barbara Roediger Seiver, Barbara Timken, Bev Armsden Daniel, Lucy Crane Draper, Beth Humstone, Shelley Erwin, Debby Little Hertz, Drewry Hanes Nostitz, Ellen Ross Ebersole, Judy Mustille, Louise Shimmel, Judy Froeber Rizzo, Paula Cortes, Margy Ryder Kornblum, Bethe Moulton, Lucy Thomson, Lonnie Somers Stowe; and Val dePeyster.

We spanned the country: Shelley, California; "Louise" and Debby, Oregon; Lucy Crane and Ellen, New Mexico; Barb Roediger, Ohio; Bethe, Florida; Judy Froeber and Drewry, North Carolina; Lucy Thomson, Virginia (although on the Martha's Vineyard Ferry); Judy Mustille, Maryland; Timmie, Connecticut; Margy, Bev,

Ruth, Paula, Lonnie, Massachusetts; me, New Hampshire; Beth in next-door Vermont. And Val, where are you!?

The following comprises a mélange of some of the responses—your words, classmates!

"It was truly great to see many faces that I have not seen since 1966."

"SO good to put everyone's wonderful faces in my mind again—thanks, all!"

"Damn!! I totally forgot! So sorry to miss it—do hope we can try again!!"

"One of the few upsides of going au naturel during COVID-19—no need for root cover-ups!!"

"I love seeing this! It's hard to imagine all of us in our beautiful old lady faces, and not the way we were at 18. I hope to be able to make the next one, and I hope (even more?) to have had a post-lockdown haircut by then! I look like the Madwoman of Chaillot."

"That was a wonderful call. So great to hear how everyone is doing and become reacquainted. Hope we can do this often!"

"Oops! A lot going on here right now. Can we do this again in a few months? I admit I'm shy but it's been too long and I would love to participate in the future."

"Sorry to have missed the Zoom gathering. See you all sometime, in person or via Zoom...I can't wait for coronavirus to disappear."

"Hopefully by the time we have another call I'll be over the stress of building/moving to a new house and able to think clearly!"

"I try to 'dress' for Zoom, the way we did for Abbot dinners."

"Sending everyone love."

We Zoomed across lives and interests: voting rights and registration, civil rights, families planted in place or scattered, coronavirus travel strategies, raptors, real estate booms, wildfires, Navaho Indian reservations, therapeutic community impact, Abbot and reunion reminisces, relocations, election cyber security, risk assessments, and yes—hair! And what exactly is "retirement" and what does it look like, or not? A typical Abbot '66 grab bag.

As another outcome, Ms. Bethe Moulton tracked down Nancy Valentine. Thank you, Nancy, for the update. "I am alive and well, living in Pasadena, CA. I still work full-time as a real estate broker and no, I do not sing any more although I did sing professionally in Europe for 12 years but that was a long time ago!! How you can have classical music—and one of the joys of living in Los Angeles—is attending concerts at the Hollywood bowl in the L.A. Philharmonic. I have six grandchildren and as we all are, I'm approaching my 72nd birthday!!"

In closing, **Ellen Sobiloff Mark** recently sent an email from Santa Monica: "I was so touched and amazed to read through the most recent

Andover magazine. The overall look of the school student body is totally refreshing and a reassuring promise of a brighter future in these mostly dark times. It was thrilling to see the diversity! Looking at the names and rainbow of faces across the pages, I was very moved, perhaps by more than any other communication I've had from the school.

"I am so sad to learn that **Ann Gould Massoubre** died. She lived across the hall from me as a freshman. I just loved her unique and graceful approach to the world, her youthful sophistication that did not feel pretentious to me. I thought she was fascinating, exotic, and rather enjoyed being pretty much a loner. I had never met a witch (!) before but it didn't seem all that strange, any more than the rest of the totally new situation I was in as a 14-year-old girl in a boarding school. I wish we had become closer friends."

With thanks to the communiques and Zoomers, present and future: march on, '66.

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Gentlemen, I have some sad news to report about deaths of our classmates, but first some publishing news.

Ric Redman writes, "The Bones of Hilo, a murder mystery set in Hawaii and featuring a Native Hawaiian novice detective, will be published in 2021, provided Ric and the editor can resolve such thorny issues as omniscient observer limited vs. unlimited point of view. Hoyt Hilsman read the manuscript and immediately set to work writing a screenplay for an eight-episode TV series." Ric and Hoyt invite more Hollywood help from any classmates who can provide it!

Our classmate **Robby Browne** died last March from complications of the coronavirus. A few weeks later we lost **Chas Phillips**, an old childhood friend of mine from Montclair, NJ. Also, we lost **David Goldin**, who passed away in February (see below).

Regarding Robby, **Chris Moore** wrote, "Robby Browne was a blithe spirit that Evelyn Waugh might have invented. At Andover, I thought he was charmed, magical. And his doings since then show how charmed he was. One story: At Princeton, one of Robby's roommates filched some of his academic work and we hosted a well-attended reading in the living room. The thief read Robby's airy musings on various subjects in stentorian tones. It was clear that the author had a unique new take on settled scholarship and it was hilarious. Funnier, though, were his impassioned explanatory outbursts.

The whole afternoon was a Python-esque version of a PhD candidate's thesis defense. Robby was no naïf, but he had a wide-eyed view of the world—as if he was seeing all of it, and us, for the first time, and his delight was contagious. We wanted to see things his way. He had a gift for paying attention to people and an appetite for fun. Robby felt no need to be the smartest guy in the room, or the most successful person in the class, or the best friend. Why bother? We loved the graceful, gentle, joyous person that he was no matter what he did. If there's a heaven, it's a happier place these days."

Dilip Kapur writes, "When I arrived at Andover as a 16-year-old who had never been out of India, I looked with awe at all the 'cool' people who were popular and so comfortable at Andover. Robby and Jamie Wyper were the two who were always kind to this misfit foreigner, made me comfortable and even made sure I was taken care of during holidays when I had nowhere to go. I kept in touch with him at Princeton, always remembering the kindness he had always shown to me. Good bye, dear friend."

Guy Lawrence writes, "I knew Robby from Andover and Princeton, where we were both—along with other members of our class—members of the Cap & Gown Club. He was always upbeat and often the life of the party. I also knew him in N.Y.C. and out in the Hamptons where we had a number of friends and acquaintances in common. I remember well going to a fundraiser at his N.Y.C. apartment on Central Park West for John Kerry when he was running against George Bush for president. Along with his fame and fortune in the N.Y.C. real estate world, he also reached out and supported others in need. A real loss for his Andover pals, family, friends and many others."

Earl Maxon writes, "In remembering Robby, don't forget RobbyBrowne.com. Click on the film put together just before his death—it is awesome. What a life our friend led. His underlying cancer was multiple myeloma—the same cancer that killed **Doug Crichton**. He got a double whammy. The world lost a good one."

Earl McEvoy writes, "Our classmates may enjoy this video of Robby. I was in close contact with him during his last year: https://vimeo.com/371692945 password: rob1"

Robin Hogen writes, "Ray, so sad to lose Robby. He was a special member of our special class. During my first year at Andover (I came as a lower) Robby roomed with Spike Tolman (also deceased). Their room on the third floor of Adams North was always a hub of activity, with Spike spinning his great collection of 45s and Robby Browne providing the 'color commentary.' As everyone has mentioned, Robby always had a smile on his face and a kind word.

As you may know, we hope to raise \$50,000 in Robby's memory so the divers' hot tub adjacent to the Lynn Pool will bear his name. He was the one-meter and three-meter diving champion at the Gay Games in 1994. Of all the obits I have read on Robby, my favorite was this slideshow that was put up by the real estate agency he worked for in N.Y.C.: https://www.instagram.com/tv/B-3ZP5bBS67/?utm_source=ig_embed. It is worth watching all the way to the end (it is short and very sweet)."

Regarding David Goldin, **Doug Cassel** wrote, "I am sad to report that Dave passed away on February 5. In addition to being PA'66, he was also my classmate as a member of the inaugural class of Schoolboys Abroad (now School Year Abroad), co-sponsored by Andover, in Barcelona during 1964-65. Beloved by all 10 of the others in our group for his wit, camaraderie, and sense of adventure, Dave was a regular in our recent Reunions, until cancer brought about his passing at his home in Darien, GA, this February. Generous to the end, in 2017 he funded a liver transplant for one of our members—thanks for everything, Dave!"

Adios, amigos. Keep writing, emailing, and texting.

Cheers, Ray

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In these tumultuous times life has changed in ways we've never imagined. Beyond the toll COVID-19 has taken, the intensification of police violence toward Black Americans has provoked needed action countrywide. Much of what classmates wrote below came to us last spring and reflects an earlier moment in time. Knowing the women of '67, we are certain that every one of us is wrestling with how to make a difference in today's world.

Margery Goldman writes, "This time that I find inconvenient, while others deeply suffer, makes me more aware than ever of my privilege and of the need to right the devastating imbalances we have created in this country. It's all now revealed. I am holding my breath and doing my best to accelerate change. Like everyone else, I'm staying intimately close to home. When I venture out, it's mostly on long bike rides—critical when you live in a place like Boulder, where, despite the pandemic, you are taxed based on your percentage of body fat."

Susan Abby Shapiro says, "I'm hunkered down here in Asheville, NC, and grateful to be in a place where hiking is plentiful, and there are myriad projects to work on in and around our home. I've kept my fingers in the pie by tutoring a third grader through the Literacy Council here. And having joined the local library's book club, I really appreciate the selection of readings and our collective discussions."

Dorsey Green sends greetings from Seattle. Helping others from home, she writes, "My office is an apartment on our basement level, and I've been seeing clients via Zoom. Lots of Zoom! Although I was sure people would tire of therapy that way, I was wrong. I am actually busier than usual and glad to be able to see individuals and couples who want the support."

Likewise, **Roxy Wolfe** reports that her clients look to her for support. She finds that being out of doors has made all the difference. "How much I value our garden! What a refuge and a joy the beauty of the garden brings to me at this trying time. How grateful I am for my feet. Walking has always been a gift to me. With even quick, shorter walks, my mind works out all sorts of things I did not know were occupying space."

Barbara Barker is experiencing a life of adventure. "I've moved once more, possibly for the last time with my 98-year-old mother to Newport Beach, CA. I was blessed to have a healthy pandemic granddaughter last spring. My family is officially run by women from 0-98 years! Four sisters, four daughters, and now five granddaughters, most within an hour's drive." Before the pandemic Barb spent two months traveling, including time in Chile and on Easter Island. She continues to find ways to "work at helping people and environments."

In March **Linda Sullivan** learned that the lymphoma found in April 2019 via her mammogram had resolved. She felt "amazing relief." Although she is surviving the pandemic stay-athome situation comfortably, she writes, "The solitude over the first two months was daunting and challenging to the psyche at times." In mid-May she escaped to the Catskills for the company of ducks and chickens in the woods, "a normally socially distancing place."

Joy Wannop Bruce's frequent worldwide travels were cut short by the pandemic. She only saw grandchildren and children, via WhatsApp, for months. But, she writes, "Somehow, it's not quite the same." Her wish is that the Class of '67 stays safe, healthy, and patient. "Patience is a virtue, but I never thought it would take this amount of patience."

Pamela Jones writes, "We traveled to Singapore and Hong Kong as COVID-19 became widespread. Fearful of getting caught in a quarantine, we debated whether to go ahead.

We dodged a lot of bullets, enjoyed family, and returned home before the bottom fell out."

Louisa "Weezie" Huntington and her husband completed 12 jigsaw puzzles between March and May alone. She's since moved on to sorting photographs, hooking, sewing masks, cleaning closets, and the like. She's postponed travel plans and hopes to resume them when things calm down. Like all of us, she "misses the world."

One of the positives of recent times for **Priscilla Howes Harris** was that she and her husband have spent more time together. Coping with the pandemic by walking and reading, Priscilla has also been teaching yoga through Zoom. Pre-pandemic, she visited with Weezie and her husband, and last February her new knee allowed her to hike up a mountain in Costa Rica.

Catherine Hoover Petros and her husband remained in quarantine for months. They feel "lucky to hike some trails and see beautiful forests and vistas." Prior to the pandemic, they took a "fabulous trip to Africa, where they bounced around in jeeps, saw wonderful animals and many spectacular birds."

Since the lockdown began, Marjory Kaplan has been self-isolating with her husband, doing crossword puzzles, and reading. She's discovered the joys of Netflix and has even tried to make one recipe from the New York Times cooking app weekly. This was challenging when getting to the grocery store was a stretch. Every day she tries to run, walk, or bike. Walden Pond and ponds on the Cape have offered good swimming options!

In Maine, Nancy (Porosky) Harris Frohlich has been strategizing with small independent schools that face enrollment issues and are rethinking teaching and learning. As for Leaps of Imagination, with public school budgets diminishing, we are counting on foundations to fund programming as we continue to give children a voice through art.

We are counting our blessings and wishing everyone calm, focus, and gratitude for staying connected,

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With the COVID-19 crisis in full bloom as of this (mid-June) filing, the health and safety of classmates and their families remain uppermost in our thoughts. With that in mind, we polled a number of '67ers about how and where they had been self-quarantining.

From Michigan, **Derek Rainey**: "Being retired and living in the woods with my wife Katrina makes this isolation gig not so bad!" Visiting with their children and (10!) grandkids via yard meetings and "virtual hugs" was comforting as well, he added; also, cuddling with the couple's two dogs and three cats and, said Derek, "solo dancing to Motown on Pandora, my secret weapon to combat the COVID Blues." A tune familiar to all, no doubt.

From Lincoln, MA, **Steve McCarthy**: "Zoom cocktail parties, Zoom yoga (my first classes), and online art and music lessons," he weighed in. "Otherwise, socially isolating with the cat, Pound Sterling. We 'hang out' together. Both bachelors."

David Anderson and wife Nancy were holed up in Orinda, CA, and planning an August move to Denver. Dave was helping his former health care consulting firm stay solvent while serving on the board of a foundation advancing women's role in health care. He hopes to connect with Colorado-based classmates soon. "Until then, we'll keep searching for new video entertainment, enjoy weekly neighborhood gatherings (< 10 people, 6-feet apart), and Skype and Zoom with family and friends incessantly," he wrote.

Harvey Kelsey and wife Sue were sheltering in Humboldt County, CA, both working on geology-related projects. Beyond bike rides and hikes, "doing nothing heroic, simply trying to not get infected and not become a burden to the healthcare system," wrote Harvey, who issued a plea for classmates to help get out the vote in November. "Sorry to end on a political note," he penned, "but our nation (and our climate) is in crisis." Amen to that.

During a pre-pandemic stay in the Charleston, SC, area, I looked up **Peter Wertimer**, now retired from running a PR and marketing firm down there. Reuniting after 50-plus years was delightful, with Peter recounting some of his many solo cross-country RV trips plus tales from earlier years as a concert promoter and Columbia Records product manager. We hope to reconnect again next winter.

Geochemist Mark Logsdon checked in from Aptos, CA. "I have been in touch with Harvey Kelsey, Tom Sinclair, and David Van Wyck recently—[all] as engaging as ever. Had lunch with Joe O'Hern a couple of months ago (pre-pandemic) while he was out here visiting his daughter Julia (PA'01)." Mark continued, "You may know the thought from Marilynne Robinson's Gilead: '…To be useful was the best thing the old men ever hoped for themselves,

and to be aimless was their worst fear." True that, pal.

Stephen G. Brown was teaching part-time in a Tucson elementary school when the virus struck, ending the school year. "Tucson shut down early, so we have avoided the worst of the pandemic," he wrote. "Nevertheless, we grieve the suffering and deaths that Tucson is experiencing, which have disproportionately impacted Native and African American homes, low income neighborhoods, and nursing homes. I feel like I continue to live in a bubble of

privilege." Steve recently joined the board of a charter public high school, where he hopes to apply lessons drawn from former PA Headmaster Ted Sizer's influential writings.

Richard Weinberg and son Aaron enjoyed an Everglades fishing excursion led by Luis Menocal. Wrote Rich: "For the past few years Aaron has been tying specialty saltwater flies for Luis's Fly Shop (of Miami), but in mid-December we finally got to spend four days with the master himself, fishing for tarpon, eating Cuban food, and enjoying the gracious hospitality of Luis and his charming wife Lourdes. A memorable time!"

From fellow Rising Stormer Todd Cohen: "All is well in Raleigh, NC, where Elaine and I have adjusted to the coronavirus shutdown. We met nearly 40 years ago as reporters at the News & Observer here, and in April celebrated our 35th anniversary." His post-newspaper career finds him teaching composition at a small local college—online only for now—while the Storm continues to roll on. Members planned a summertime Zoom reunion bringing together Tony Thompson (Maine), Bob Cohan (Massachusetts), Charlie Rockwell (Vermont), and Tom Scheft and Rich Weinberg (North Carolina). The boys also have a freshly updated website: www.rising-storm.com. Check it out.

From Nicholas Deutsch, self-quarantining in Cambridge, MA, without husband Clinton Eubanks (temporarily stranded in North Carolina): "Only basic necessary errands (groceries, etc.) plus a daily walk of increasing duration, to make up for the closure of the YMCA, where I used to swim daily." Those activities plus backyard gardening helped fill his days, wrote Nick. Reflecting upon the first two decades of the AIDS epidemic, he added, has "in some way helped us grasp the seriousness of the current situation and be willing to alter our daily lives drastically."

Finally, **Steve Gardner** was "hunkered down with close friend Annie" in Naples, FL, during early 2020, "helping with virtual visits for people who do not need to physically come into the hospital or emergency room" at Mass General. Dr. Steve has been polishing his audiobook about Martha Vineyard's Camp Jabberwocky,

the country's first overnight camp for people with serious disabilities, where his late son Graham was a regular for many years and Steve still serves as camp physician—although not this summer. For the first time in 67 years, the camp's doors stayed closed. As Steve put it rather wistfully, "Social distancing is the polar opposite of everything that Jabberwocky represents."

Socially distant or huddled together, please stay safe and virus-free. And do be in touch.

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Edward Moulin wrote to throw some warm words in regards to the passing this year of teacher Josh Miner, who had a key influence on him in a critical life juncture.

"During Christmas vacation junior year, I had a bad skiing accident. A triple spiral fracture of my right tibia. I was flown back to Boston and delivered to the infirmary by ambulance. Dr. Clark put me in a bed and kept me there until late May.

My roommate for three weeks was Jock Miner, who had also broken a leg skiing. His dad, Josh came to visit every day. He also spent time with me. He learned from Dr. Clark that I was going to be there a lot longer than Jock. After Jock was discharged Josh continued to visit, every week until I finally got out. Each time he came he brought me his latest copy of *The Sporting News*, which in those days was a weekly. He'd stay a while and talk and a couple of times he called my parents to let them know how I was doing.

I can't begin to describe how grateful I have always felt. He, more than anyone at the school, helped keep my spirits up. More than once I was ready to quit. I felt that I'd fallen so far behind in school that I should just give up and go home.

He was a very kind and gentle man and he helped me through a very hard time. I did occasionally see him afterwards. Lower year I spent in rehab instead of gym. Mr. Peterson supervised me but Josh Miner actually set up the program. He also checked in periodically and made changes when necessary.

In the fall of 1968 I received a letter from Mr. Kemper telling me that I'd won the Sullivan Prize. It was the senior year improvement prize. Without hesitation I wrote a short note to

Mr. Miner. I had to thank him for keeping me going and staying at Andover. I reminded him how often he had told me not to worry and just stick with it. I don't remember what he said in reply but it doesn't really matter. He was very important to me at a very difficult time of real vulnerability. Just a wonderful man."

Doug Thompson received an emotional message from Sibylle Dausien-Konecky on the passing of revered classmate friend **Sean Konecky** on May 15 this year. "Please let the group know of this passing. He loved you all."

Our class has always interweaved music as a central part of our lives. Peter Quinlin brings it all back home: "Interesting mixing of cultures just now at the car wash. I got my 2006 Tundra washed today. It has much to recommend: retains its resale value; pulls the horse trailer reliably; and it has a cassette player that I use to play the last 10 cassettes from the 1970s that I can't throw out. The truck was sorely overdue for its quarterly wash. The dust was deep. It came out of the brushless wash tunnel and was parked in the finishing area. The guy washing the windows and cleaning the interior was Mexican or Guatemalan, about my age I think. He looked older, but he's been outdoors in the sun more than I have. He started on the dash and pushed a bunch of buttons doing a diligent iob and suddenly my old cassette tape of Greek folk music written by Theodorakis could be heard throughout the finishing area. He worked on and on taking longer than anyone else ever has. The truck looked terrific. When I came to claim it, he exclaimed, 'Música fantástica!"

Which triggered a few good thoughts from Dave Johanson: "Linda Ronstadt, the Stone Poneys and 'Different Drum': I still vividly recall Rod McNealy, strolling down the hall in Stimson one afternoon, belting out the line, 'Don't you pull those reins in on me!' I'll always be able to place that song exactly in time. And hey, the Youngbloods and 'Get Together': did you know that the band's leader, Jesse Colin Young, went to PA, Class of '59, then known as Perry Miller? He was expelled just before graduation, supposedly for playing his guitar during study hours. By our time PA must have changed the rules, or was more relaxed about enforcement, or a number of us would never have graduated. The soundtrack of our youth: that soundtrack still serves me very well to energize my home workouts (exercise bike and weight machine), as I regularly-and loudlyplay selections from my vast collection of CDs that go all the way back to music of the 60s."

Finally, **Bruce Hearey** woke from a deep 50-year sleep to bring up the defining album of our first year, the Apostles' *Hour of Prayer*, recalling the album cover artwork by future Pulitzer Prize winner Jeff MacNelly'65 for the

influential student band, featuring explosive singer Howie Stanback '65. Their showstopper song? "Watermelon Man." Not to be outdone, **Robert Freedman** sent in the songs' inventory from his actual copy. Side 1: "Out of Sight" (James Brown); "Jack the Ripper" (Link Wray); "You Really Got Me" (the Kinks); "Cathy" (original written by John Morgan and Bob Donaldson: "Cathy, baby what's wrong with you?"); "When You Walk In" (the Searchers).

Side 2: "Try Me" (James Brown); "Louie, Louie" (the Kingsman [sic]); "Walkin' the Dog" (Rufus Thomas); "Summertime" (arr. by Ralph Davis); "Shop Around" (the Miracles); and "What'd I Say" (Ray Charles). Band members: Howie Stanback, John Morgan, Bob Donaldson, Terry Thomas, Tom Buckman, Ralph Davis, Sandy Howe, all '65, and Kai Underwood '66 and Dave Ludden '66. Thanks, gents, for the guidance.

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Hopefully all of you and your families are safe and healthy!

Katrina Moulton Wollenberg writes: "Ah yes, where to start? It has been two months since I climbed the ladder and dusted off bookshelves that have not been touched since move-in date of 2001, polished the family sterling (not sure who I am hanging onto this for), purchased the first of several 1,500-piece puzzles and had my last haircut, manicure, and brow waxing. By the time this is printed I will be able to hang my head out the upper story window and offer it to some small child to climb, start carving my own puzzles, and may again need to dust off upper shelves. My son suggests this is a good time for inner reflection. I remind him that that would encompass too many years many of which I now cannot recall. Our Texas governor resisted sheltering in place but a very wise Dallas County ordered it beginning March 13. Our numbers still climb but most seem to abide rules by wearing masks and staying 6-feet apart. Since many of you know I spend much time with nonprofits in the development area it may not surprise you to learn that I was to launch a capital campaign for much needed repairs of our church on March 12! I blew the whistle and closed down the presentation to the congregation for safety reasons and the plans have remained dormant ever since. Determining when and how to launch such a project virtually presents challenges I have never faced. Over the past two months I have collected so many varieties

of disinfectant products I may open the latest version of the 'lemonade stand'-now 'disinfectant stand'-to earn extra income. My concern about this proposed business endeavor is that all my neighbors may have as many products as I have. Zoom communications help but do not satisfy the need to actually be in the presence of another human being. It just reminds me how special it was to have our Class Reunion and be together. Let's hope we can repeat without masks in 2024. My love of cooking helps and I find myself starting to think about dinner prep about 3 p.m. Strangely, I have not read so many books, but I did enthusiastically plant my garden with 1,200 annuals and 150 bags of mulch which now require some daily oversight. A 10-month- old cocker spaniel adds joy to our routine. I wish all of you physical and emotional well-being and send each of you a virtual hug." Madelon Curtis Harper states: "Well, as I'm

sure everyone is experiencing the same thing with all the COVID quarantining, I won't go into all that and call it news. We've all heard enough already.... Our lives have been turned upside down. We are still loving living here in Georgia and can hardly believe that it's been a year since we were back in Andover at the Reunion. Who would have thought that a year later we'd all be dealing with this? We are fortunate to live in a lovely, natural place. I've been spending lots of time outdoors (which I hear is good for the virus). Stephen (PA'69) and I are both fine and really don't know anyone who has had it, but we are being very careful and doing our protective protocols without resorting to fear tactics! I had to finish up the year teaching my ballet classes on Zoom, which was most unrewarding for both the dancers and me. I have been doing private lessons, which, at least, makes the one or two students in the studio feel like they are back in the environment that they love. The acting world has dried up for now, so I haven't had any auditions; the chorus group I was singing with ended also, as no performances or rehearsals are allowed. I swim a lot of laps, take a lot of walks, do yoga, hang at the doggie park with Gelsey, read, watch TV, talk on the phone, do social media, work in our garden plot, etc. I'm sure I've had it easier during the peak of the lockdown than many since I have no young kids or grandkids to not be able to visit, or to worry about. I was starting to make some headway with friendships at the community here where we live; I was playing Mahjong, which I loved, taking tours and starting to really explore Savannah and Georgia, getting auditions in Atlanta, etc. Then, it all ceased. Anyway, that's about all my news from the past three months. Not very much and not very interesting!!! I'm excited to hear what classmates have been doing since the Reunion. I miss you all and hope you are all staying safe dealing with the difficulties of all this."

From Jennifer Cecere: "Hope you are well and safe. Hunkered down in N.Y.C. dreaming of summer. Proud to announce that I have joined the board of Studio in a School, an arts organization that serves public schools and organizations. Years ago, I worked for Studio as a teaching artist and later also at the Guggenheim Museum. The catalogue for the double exhibition, Pattern, Crime & Decoration, in Europe last year is forthcoming. https://www.lespressesdureel.com/EN/ouvrage.php?id=7887&menu=0". Stay well!"

Looking forward to hearing from more of our classmates in the future!

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Thanks to **Sandra Urie** we had a Zoom Reunion on June 12! A lot of us were there and Sandy managed the *Brady Bunch* squares smoothly and called on all of us to speak about what we are doing and what is foremost on our minds.

First up was Pauline Cerf Alexander: Pauline lives in the woods in New Jersey and a bear comes to her front door! Hungry? I guess! Pauline's daughter Lizzie and her husband live in N.Y.C. and both work for private schools in the city—she as a college counselor and he as a high school history teacher. Pauline's son Will and his wife live in Somerville, MA, and both work for Education First in Cambridge. Edward lives in San Diego and works as a software programmer. In his spare time, he flies his gyroplane and his helicopter! "The latter scares me to death and I try to put it out of my mind," Pauline says. Her son John lives in Carlsbad, CA, with his wife Sarah, six-year-old daughter Elsie, and three-vear-old son Wiley. John owns two very successful restaurants in Carlsbad-Campfire and Jeune et Jolie.

Leslie Breed McLean lives on Lake Michigan with her significant other—between them have five children.

Elisabeth "Betty" **Huhn** joined us from her home office complete with a headset. She got married just two years ago and is working as a programmer "in retirement."

Sandy Lindgrove Pait lives in Tidewater, VA. She was a band director for 24 years and retired

in 2001. Her daughter and grandchildren live in Charleston, SC.

Pam Huttenburg worked at JPMorgan for many years and is now mostly retired except that she is involved with an angel investment firm, Golden Seeds. She has two daughters. Her eldest lives in Jersey City and works for the Criminal Justice Agency in N.Y.C. Her youngest lives in Manhattan and works in human resources for WW, formerly known as Weight Watchers.

Virginia Knapp Cargill is looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion in June! She is hoping to enjoy the summer in Nantucket for six weeks there, then travel to Japan and Sardinia in spring of '21—hoping COVID stays at bay.

Melanie Rosen Brooks joined us from New York, where she has lived for 40 years. COVID-19 has not altered her life much. She continues to work from home on a scholarship fund that she created. Her daughter moved out of the city in spring of 2019 to Yardley, PA.

Gay Luster Sawabini lives in Norwalk, CT. She is a realtor and is very busy with people moving out to Connecticut from Manhattan. Son Alex is in Boston, Polly works for a nonprofit and is a radical protestor. Her mom is in New Canaan, CT, and is 95 years old! Love that longevity!

Sondra Johnson Jenkins lives in Detroit. She is retired from a 20-year career in human resources and organizational development and continues in the field as a consultant. She has a second home in Port St. Lucie, FL. She is "living life on the full spectrum," active in a ministry helping people "at the margins," and spring cleaning—planting flowers, etc.

Penny Snelling Sullivan joined the call from her home in Pennsylvania with her longtime love James. New addition to her family is her grandson, Dace.

Maura Markley Pollak was on the call from her home in Tulsa, OK. She was setting out on a road trip to Ann Arbor, MI, to see her grandchildren, as she didn't feel good about flying during the pandemic. "Blessings during the pandemic: I became a community counselor, planted spring flowers, and am doing art work!"

Adelle Nicholson: "I'm a collector of refrigerator magnets: the Tetons inevitably trigger joy; the enchanting mother mallard with her ducklings at the Boston Public Garden embronze my Boston identity; the grandeur of Grand Central Station weaves moments of travel into a stunning visual poem; and the spider webs and wet moss of Spencer Mountain accompany me as I sally forth into the black rain of a 4 a.m. hike. Each experience is a rough stone that has been refined into a memorial gem, and, though my fridge door overflows, it yet beckons to more tokens of adventure. I've led a blessed life, indeed, with gratitude beyond measure."

Tamara Elliott Rogers recently retired from her role as VP of fund raising and alumni relations at Harvard and is living in Cambridge, MA, with her husband Tony. She is also a charter trustee for Andover.

Susan Johnston Peyton is happily retired and lives in St. James, NC, where she moved in 2010 after living in Groton, MA, for almost 30 years. She and her husband, Rob, will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary this year. Together they have three children. Su's stepson, Thomas, is a story producer working on reality TV shows such as *Swamp People*. Her youngest son, Geoffrey, has a career in robotics at Boston Dynamics. He and his wife, Julia, a lawyer, live in Arlington, MA. Su's daughter, Meredith, lives in Portland, OR, and has 7-year-old twin girls! All children are doing well!

Su is making the most of sheltering in place and started painting again. She recently joined a local artisans' group and her paintings and prints are now available at a local gallery. You might want to friend her on FB—"Su Peyton"—to see her amazing artwork!

Sandra Urie, thank you for keeping us together by Zoom and email and thank you and Lexi (Alexa Freeman) for all the heartfelt work you did to publish our 50th Reunion Yearbook!

I am very content with my life in southwest Florida, with the occasional visits from big old turtles, iguana families, and the beautiful Ibis pecking for food. I did teach a few yoga classes on Facebook Live and found it less than gratifying so although I continue to practice, I am letting all that go of teaching for now. My son Ben lives on the other side of the house. I don't see him much; I hear he works as a mechanic at Pep Boys about 50 hours per week!

I look forward to seeing you in June!

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"This is not my first plague."

The words came over the Zoom-ways on Saturday June 13. They hung in the ether as **Steve Pieters** paused. Then he went on to briefly, and calmly, describe to about 30 PA 1970 classmates his decades-long victory over HIV-AIDS (not to mention stage 4 lymphoma and Kaposi's sarcoma). By "decades-long," I mean since 1982. In 1984, doctors told him he had eight months to live. He's a grateful man.

We are amazed and grateful to hear him. Powerful stuff for a Reunion Weekend.

One wonders...if all of us had gathered on campus on June 11-14 for a much-anticipated 50th Reunion, how many might have had an opportunity to hear Steve tell his story? I'm not saying the two Zoom calls we did over Reunion Weekend could replace an actual flip-flops-onthe-ground get-together. But I am saying the virtual gathering of the group offered some memorable moments.

On Friday afternoon that weekend (4:30–6 p.m.), the following joined in: Rob Christie, David Cohen, John Deming, Guy Dempsey, Hank Eakland, Rod Goldstein, Frank Herron, Charlie King, Bernie Kreilinger, Rob MacIver, Freddie McIendon, John Michals, John Pynchon, Henry Riggs, Jim Rogers, Bill Roth, Steve Samuels, Rob Stearns, Bruce Stewart, Jim Stover, Peter Williams, Chuck Willand, and Paul Yeuell.

On Saturday morning (10:30 a.m. to noon), another crew dialed in, with some repeaters: Doug Adler, Ned Bentley, Chip Boynton, Andy Bralley, Rob Christie, David Cohen, John Deming, Alex Donner, Geof Follansbee, Rod Goldstein, Bernie Krielinger, Nick Leone, Rob MacIver, Fred McClendon, George McLellan, John Michaels, Steve Pieters, Henry Riggs, Jim Rogers, Don Rollings, Bill Roth, Elmer Rynne, Steve Samuels, Rich Samp, John Sibal, Rob Stearns, Rhys Townsend, Andy Wexler, and Pete Williams. (Of note: By the time you read this Peter's son Hudson will be well into his first year at the U.S. Naval Academy.)

Chuck Willand and Elmer Rynne were nice enough to join me on campus on Saturday, when we Zoomed from the front of the OWH Library.

During the Saturday session, Don Rollings took some time to read names of classmates who have died. Thirty-four, if you can believe it.

Classmates sat in a variety of locations. Jim Rogers was in car on the way to Travers City, Michigan. Rod Goldstein was in a car for a part of a call. (Don't tell his wife, Keith.) Bruce Stewart was in his boat off Melbourne, FL. Bernie Krielinger got our achtung! from Bavaria. Paul Yeuell, nurturer of heirloom tomatoes, was in his new digs in the Skagit Valley of northwest Washington. Ned Bentley used a shot of the 1970 graduation ceremony as his Zoom backdrop. Charlie King, a pro at online instruction at Case Western's medical school, had a "Zoom University" backdrop. Rob Christie changed the look of his mighty beard between Friday and Saturday. On Friday, it was ZZ Top-esque; on Saturday, a braided Nebuchadnezzar-esque.

Amid the chatter, the physicians—King, Wexler, McLendon, Bentley—held little back in their reminders of the dangers of COVID-19.

The signal was pretty good. The images were decent. The tiny name-labels were essential. Some classmates were smeared by shadows and

looked like they were in a witness-protection program. Others had IT help close at hand in the form of spouses or partners. Don Rollings's Exeter hat was quite legible. George McLellan's baseball hat was much more mysterious. I let out a big "aha" when he announced from Santa Fe, "I'm wearing a Trump hat." The whole time he spoke I had squinted at the screen wondering to myself, "Why is George wearing a hat that reads 'RUMP'?"

Some classmates simply could not get to a laptop at the right time.

In Germany, **Marc Emory** was on call for the imminent birth of a granddaughter. **Dave Short** was out of range, likely at sea.

Bill Hudson could not make it, but he eagerly passed on the news that A Most Beautiful Thing—the story of the country's first all-Black high school crew team—was to be released in select theaters this summer and available for pay-per-view. Bill is an executive producer (as are NBA vets Grant Hill and Dwyane Wade).

Earlier on the Friday of Reunion Weekend, five erstwhile *Phillipian* editors gathered for a more intimate Zoom call. They were Frank Herron (Winchester, MA), Dr. **George Mueller** (Boynton Beach, FL), Bill Roth (N.Y.C.), David Cohen (D.C.), **Mark Swanson** (Red Oak, Iowa), and Rich Samp (Arlington, VA). **Charlie Fliflet** (Aiken, SC) had a conflict. During the call, George was dressed in his scrubs. He had to cut it short because he was needed in an operating room.

I would have loved to have done the call from the basement of Evans Hall. But that location is now where some wanted to put us in 1969-70: six feet under.

I shared something that **Vijay Sikand** had sent me. This was his remarkable letter that *The Phillipian* printed on May 29, 1969. Vijay described a confrontation with police officers at the Coffee Mill. A server noticed Vijay's armband and announced, "We don't serve Communists!" The situation unraveled. Soon eight policemen were on hand. One threatened Vijay with an arrest. Vijay, who often had coffee on his mind, asked "On what grounds?"

The answer: "We'll run you hippies in. Don't worry; there's a lot of stuff we can cook up. Damn radicals trying to make trouble."

It's an old playbook, isn't it?

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As I write during the fourth month of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are all wondering

whether we'll be able to gather in person June 11-13, 2021 for our 50th Reunion. Fingers crossed! Maybe we'll discover that advances in a vaccine making this possible are partially due to the work of Dr. Joan Drucker, an infectious disease specialist, who writes that she "un-retired" to become medical director to her former employer, Linical Accelovance America (LAA). "The opportunity to work on potential treatments or vaccines for COVID-19 was too tempting to pass up!" Joan's career in the clinical development and biotech industry has positioned her perfectly for this moment, including: LAA vice president, medical strategy; global head, infectious diseases and vaccines Center of Excellence for IQVIA; chief medical officer for Accelovance, which consults with pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies; and chief medical officer for Trimeris, Inc. She served for 12 years at Burroughs Wellcome/GlaxoWellcome where she directed Phase I-IV antiviral and infectious diseases clinical research. No pressure, Joan... but we're counting on you!

Our belated sympathies go to **Caroline Kennedy McCarthy**, whose husband David F. McCarthy died of COVID. You can read his touching obituary at Legacy.com, searching under the "newspaper" tab, for the *Press & Sun-Bulletin* (Binghamton, NY). He sounds like he was quite a guy, Carol.

COVID has advanced the entrepreneurial plans of **Susan Pitts Dykstra**, who is launching a financial organizing service to help people create a 'Peace of Mind Planner' notebook with information for one's family in the case of disability or death. "I have had such a notebook for myself for a long time but the necessity was underscored when I almost died of sepsis in February 2020. While my husband would have survived me, he doesn't know where many things are because I handle most of the finances/home repairs, etc." Susan, I think this sounds like a great theme for a presentation at our 50th!

I'm sure we can all relate to artist **Tara Sartorius**, who writes that she has been "staring at the walls in disbelief while processing reports of bad news or difficult circumstances for so many in our country (and our world) right now." Busy in her studio, she is creating online and video/virtual interactive art experiences for teachers and young students.

Dr. **Sally Browning** spent much of last fall in Hanover, NH, attending to her stepmother's final months and subsequent executorial duties. She made time to walk with **Heide Kropp Riess**, "which was a perfect respite!" She also ran into Garret Mott PA'71. "I am grieving for life as we knew it, facing mortality, and feel guilty because others have it so much worse." Semi-retired, she is concerned about her colleagues at their radiology practice in the Pacific Northwest, which

furloughed 80% of their workforce. "My daughter in the film industry has been working from her L.A. studio apartment for months. My son is a physician assistant in the emergency room at the University of Iowa, and my daughter-in-law is a critical care nurse there, both on the COVID-19 front lines, so we worry."

Sue Dampier King-Irwin writes, "I retired a year ago after teaching chemistry for 36 years (at both high school and college levels). My husband Hank and I had some wonderful adventures during the first several months: a family reunion at Lake Tahoe in July, a European river cruise in September, trips to see our kids and grandkids in Washington, Texas, and Illinois in the winter, and a trip to Florida in March. Good thing we did all that when we did! We've been sheltered in place (in California) for the last three months like everyone else, so I've taken on some new responsibilities at church. These past months have been filled with Zoom meetings and Bible studies, recording science lessons and parts of worship for our Facebook Live service. We have already started planning our trip to come East next June, for a family reunion as well as our 50th Abbot Reunion! Sure hope to see many of you there!"

Jackie Tatelman in Black Mountain, NC, has joined Eric Whitacre's "Virtual Choir 6." As of mid-May "the virtual choir has 32,914 people from 134 countries. They have so far received 2,034 videos from 78 countries.... I wonder if any other Abbot '71 class members are a part of this."

Mary McCabe put on her old Abbot gym suit (it still fits?? you still have it?) in honor of a weekly zoom call with Sara Ingram and other members of the committee at Andover "working on all-things-Abbot." She recently talked with Mary Anna Sullivan, "which is always one of my favorite things." She writes, "I'm conducting virtual court sessions out of my living room in New Hampshire. I think I may be the only person to figure out that if you're slouching in your chair with your knees up and your laptop in your lap, you can make it so your head looks bigger than a pea."

As for me, I'm waiting for my Lionel Richie moment: "Well, my friends the time has come/ To raise the roof and have some fun/ Throw away the work to be done/Let the music play on/We're going to party, karamu/Fiesta, forever/Come on and sing along!"

See you at the 50th!

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So much news from so many with our 50th but a year away!

A large group reported they had either retired or were reducing work—though many had robust new commitments. Mike Propper has retired as a psychiatrist from the VA in Nashville after 23 years, but continues to freelance doing psychiatric and traumatic brain injury exams. **Austin Hart** wrapped up his legal career in Burlington, VT, and is tackling a "never got to" list. Rick McHarg is in Fairfax, VA, volunteering locally and welcoming twin grandchildren to the world. **Greg Bigwood** is in Oxford, MA, enjoying family and trying to stay in shape. **Tom** Chamberlin lived in Exeter, NH, for 36 years and is now near Portsmouth. He works with the local land trust and chases his grandkids around. Chris Gardella retired but did an acting turn in the Chilean short film, Overkill. A star is born? **Gregg Hamilton** is retired in Port Chester, NY, but with his leadership in many local causes he's busier than ever. **Doug Wolfe** and his wife are enjoying life in Morehead City, NC, where he's been since 1992. His involvement in Rotary has been his nod to non sibi. Seth Walworth retired after 40+ years in telecom/ Internet services and stays busy as board chair of a local community center. **Todd Moore** was forced to finish up his teaching career at RISD with a combination remote/distance/Zoom learning, which he described as "like taking a shower with your clothes on."

It is on a sad note that I note the passing of **George** "Gardy" **Loring** on July 7, 2019. Gardy was a pianist and a teacher. After PA, he studied at Harvard, the Eastman School of Music, and the New England Conservatory. He taught at St. Paul's, then Keene State for two decades. He had an active career as a piano soloist, performing throughout New England, the U.S., and across Europe.

Paul Sternberg is chief medical officer at Vanderbilt and led its COVID-19 Response Command Center. He also had experience during the AIDS epidemic. **David Sirkin** is the supervising psychiatrist at a California prison. As of this writing, COVID cases hadn't occurred at the prison.

John Moon's wife Tina survived a chilling bout with COVID-19. John works for Habitat for Humanity, continuing to find providing secure housing meaningful and rewarding. Both of Phil Kann's adult children had COVID and have recovered. He had wedding plans for July in Connecticut. Ted Mook and his wife were both very ill—Ted after returning to Wood River Junction, RI, from a cello concert in Pittsburgh. At last check, all were healthy. Steve Lawrence, hunkered down in Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, with his wife Helen, noted musical inspiration from Ted and from Heath Allen, who has been posting a series of his work on Facebook.

Bill Gardner was locked down in Ottawa, an epidemiologist working on COVID and non-COVID studies. He rued his location as compared to Ken Lacey, who was marooned in Mallorca. Ken reports that his children are working in Zambia and Iraq. Garret Mott is in northern Vermont, sitting tight, feeling fortunate, but sad his sailboat won't hit the water in Maine this year. Jim Bakker is in Provincetown, MA, where he has an art gallery but is conducting auctions, for now, online. Jim's a stalwart in the Provincetown community; he was previously executive director of the Pilgrim Monument there.

Others' lives were turned upside down by the pandemic. David Lipsey turned an onsite conference on digital asset management in San Francisco into a virtual one—and pulled it off. Arthur Just is in Fort Wayne, IN, teaching online and conducting meetings in his work with International Missions in his church (Latin America, the Caribbean, and Spain) via Zoom. Grover Burthey continues to run his family funeral home business in addition to practicing law. The funeral business has included COVID victims and he's conducted chapel services via Zoom.

Tom Bolles wrote, highlighting an Andover article commemorating the 1970 Earth Day activities, led by Jamey French. Jamey recalls the involvement of Carl Dines, Linc Smith, and Nils Finne. Tom by the way was sheltering in place, painting, and tending his garden. Nils reported that he and Tripp Royce and spouses had shared dinner this winter in Seattle, what he called a meeting of the PA'71 "Architects' Wing."

Thanks to **Ernie Adams** for writing, recalling us working together in ninth grade as "scholarship boys" picking up and sorting towels in the gym after sports. Said Ernie, "After the last half-century in a variety of locker rooms, I know that picking up towels is a job now covered by OSHA. But nobody did it as well as we did."

There are so many conversations to have at our 50th. Stan Livingston wrote about privilege and gratitude, a successful medical career in Madison, WI, and of his Parkinson's diagnosis. Alex Chessman reflected on his career in medicine, on the real heroes amongst us, and the challenges of life at Andover. **Jeff Garrity** highlighted his "Ten Year Walk About" that took him from PA to his professional career. Bill Cahill detailed a wide-ranging career and significant health challenges that have defined his attitude towards life. Ken Morris is a kidney transplant recipient whose data security company is breaking ground—he is "living life and loving challenging the status quo, something for which our class is known." Well said, Ken.

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Hello, everyone. I hope you all have survived the coronavirus physically and mentally. In Vegas, we are slowly creeping back to normal. It was surreal, almost post-apocalyptic to see no cars on the strip. I am still practicing criminal law. For the last three months, I've had video court appearances.

On my next birthday, I will be eligible for Social Security benefits. I know all of you folks are in the same boat. Am I ready to retire? No way! Am I ready to ride off into the sunset? Not moi! I will not go gently into the good night! I'm not advocating being cranky, sarcastic, and politically incorrect to everyone, but it works for me

Louis Tenenbaum sent me a great picture of Bijan Amini, Doug Richardson, and of course Louis skiing at their annual ski trip at Telluride, CO. Louis also has been sponsoring an initiative to change the paradigm of institutional racism and to preserve American democracy. Kudos. It's nice to know that people actually still care.

Sam Butler said that he and many others (like Sheridan Liu who was watching 24 episodes of *The Black Death* on Amazon) spent the last three months indoors in despair. Sam has been binge watching K-drama (I hope that before I finish this column I find out what that is) *When the Camelia Blooms*. (All I can think of is Prince Charles' post-Diana wife) My favorites are *Rake*, *Ozark*, and *Dead to Me*, a dark comedy starring Christina Applegate and Linda Cardellini.

Rocky Taylor wrote that he and Javier Baz and their wives sailed through the Drake Passage at the tip of South America and around Cape Horn. Tom Rawson writes, "I've been waiting out the pandemic at home on beautiful Orcas Island, WA." He's rekindled his interest in birdwatching. Through video, he is able to continue his work with Friends Committee on National Legislation advocating in Congress for criminal justice reform and environmental stewardship.

David Schwartz and his wife Susan have become avid birders during the lock down; they

try to get to Central Park at least once a day. Communing with birds is relaxing, they're beautiful and fascinating. Birding has kept them sane!

Jocko MacNelly our roving raconteur has taken his guitar stylings on the road performing with a mask that matches his guitar at nursing homes all over the country.

Bruce Poliquin is keeping busy as a guardian for his 90-year-old parents and staying politically active. All of us hope Poliquin, the peripatetic, perspicacious, politician will rise again from the ashes like the phoenix.

Bruce Bruckmann spent the last 40 years in private equity. He and his wife Laurie (his seventh grade sweetheart) recently moved from N.Y.C. to Naples, FL. They have four great kids, a grandson, and a famous dog. They recently bumped into Marcia McCabe '73 and Roland Schulz '74 in Naples. Alex de Cholnoky is alive and well in Stanford, CT. He sends everyone his prayers. Bill Pruden has been teaching and college counseling virtually but he doesn't like it as much (especially with three adult kids all living at home.) He is old school and likes the real thing—face to face, nose to nose, toes to toes—better.

Kevin and Louisa McCall have been together over 50 years. They have been living in Cambridge, MA, since 1986. They have three kids and four grandkids. Kevin has been working in a commercial real estate firm he started 23 years ago. Charles Hirschler attended an Earth Day at 50 conference at which Steve Voorhees made a keynote speech.

Buzz Bissinger is working on a book about football, the Marines, and the battle of Okinawa at the end of WWII. The battles continue. 'Til next time, Mace.

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This has certainly been a season of doom and gloom now brightened a bit with Zoom and bloom. Approaching four months post-knee replacement and prepping for my second knee replacement this summer, I feel I am emerging from a dark winter into spring in so many ways. The virus is still raging as the world opens up

and we are all learning a new normal. In addition, many classmates are having thoughtful discussions about persistent inequity and racism in our world and committing to better understanding and working to combat systemic injustices.

Victoria "Vicki" Wood DeBoest suggested we host class Zooms this spring and we've had dozens of classmates join in. How wonderful to see old friends and reconnect with classmates not seen for decades. A silver lining in trying times and a blessing to discuss world challenges with trusted friends.

On one Zoom, **Dorothy** "Dee Dee" **Dodson**McLaughlin launched a class book group.

Details are on our Abbot Rabbits Facebook

page. Join us!

Anne Spader Byerly, a Brearley School (NY) kindergarten teacher, emailed, "Finishing the school year in little boxes on a screen was certainly a strange situation. One of my proudest moments was on the last day when a student wrote in a 'book' for me: 'thank you for teaching me to protest and stand up for others.' If that's all I did this year, it was enough. I've been enjoying regular 'meetings' with '73 Rabbits, as well as a group of '74 Rabbits with Susan Clark. Now I'm at home in Marion, MA, sharing the space with siblings and children."

Nancy Kottke Walters, not seen since our 10th Reunion, writes: "I have been living in San Diego for 35 years. My husband and I moved here from the East Coast for a job, thinking that in five years we would move back to the Northeast, but really love it here. Our son and daughter and their families live in San Diego also, so we're here to stay. I stay busy running the visitor center shop at the Torrey Pines State Reserve. I am also a frequent public tour guide and children's program leader at the park. [During the pandemic shutdown] I've been keeping active hiking our local canyon with our dogs, and spending lots of time with home and garden projects.

I realize that few people are traveling nowadays, but if any classmates get down this way, I would love to reconnect!"

Molly Prescott Porter retired from health care company Kaiser Permanente in June 2018, after working in organizational communication for 28 years. She then taught business English to professionals from other countries before these classes were shut down by the pandemic in March. Molly is currently writing lots of postcards for various organizations to get people to register to vote by mail and to vote Democratic. She lives in Oakland with her husband Dare, a graphic designer and assemblage artist, and their son Max and his wife Dasom. Max earned his PhD in physics from UT Austin in 2019 and is doing a three-year quantum computing

postdoc. Molly's other son, Aaron Damon Porter, is an artist in New Orleans.

Congratulations to **Elizabeth** "Liz" **Coward Miller**, chairperson of the computer science department at Bunker Hill Community College, who was promoted to full professor with tenure!

Charlotte Hamlin, newly retired from UMASS Dartmouth's textile design and fiber arts program writes: "I am on day 14 of retirement. As I cleared out my office, I was surprised to realize that it had been my office for 19 years. With the customary and non-customary upheaval that is part of higher education, I hadn't really ever felt as though it was MY office but the accumulated piles of materials and equipment, demos and maquettes, student projects, and books made their weight and volume known. I imagine those that tell me I'll now be busier than ever are correct; there's so much to do. Long ignored house projects, a new garden, the secrets (and hipster science project) of sourdough (anyone need some robust starter from the Coast of Maine?), SO many books to read (by daylight!), friends to catch up with, and a studio to get back into. Bliss. Now about that sourdough."

With foreign travel curbed, recently retired N.Y.C.-based **Lori Goodman Seegers** executed on a long-held desire to have a country house to which she and her family could escape on weekends and during pandemics. She is now the very excited owner of a gorgeous lakeside home in Salisbury, CT. Congratulations!!

Edith "Edie" Wilson Fleming is enjoying time at home with husband Tony and N.Y.C.-based daughter Olivia who has been quarantining with her parents in Healdsburg, CA. Home improvements, bread baking and jewelry making, specifically chasing and repoussé, keep Edie busy and content despite her disappointment at not being able to attend a jewelry designing class in Florence this summer.

Catharine "Cathy" von Klemperer Utzschneider just finished her third book, *High Performance in Mid Life and Beyond*, featuring interviews with many of the women in Masters track and field.

Alison Polk teaches French, ASL, and math at Fusion Academy in Rockville, MD, having recently returned from nine years in Dubai, where she worked on education reform and teacher education.

Charlotte Mason heads the marketing department at Terry School of Business at University of Georgia, where she has taught since 2008

Inimitable Zoom scheduler Mary "Mimi" Kessler reports she is very busy and has never been happier, and she encourages all classmates to stop dyeing their hair as it is incredibly liberating!

As many of you know, we lost our classmate Louisa "Lula" Field in May. Her obituary and lyrical remembrances of her by Loraine Washburn and Amanda Cobb are on our class Facebook page. Godspeed Lula.

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Well, the world has certainly devolved to near chaos since the last time I was called upon to report. In March, we discovered that the world would likely never be the same again, and we looked all the way back to 1918 to see the worst that we might expect. Then we began to watch the country make the exact same mistakes. But enough of that! In every cloud there is a silver lining. As everyone in the world realized they would be isolating themselves for months on end, an enterprising tech company introduced Zoom. And magically, it was free and easy to use. Many of us spent hours on end on Zoom, for work. Corporations held board meetings. Courts conducted motion hearings. Musicians figured out how to use it for remote jams. Job interviews were conducted. Medical check-ups and wellness visits became a thing. The entire institution of education attempted to salvage a semester with it. And, because of a worldwide pandemic, "remote" will now become a way of life. Which brings me to the silver lining. Beginning in late March, a few classmates jumped into a Zoom room and vakked for an hour. A few weeks later, another. Then another, each week growing. Hosted by Will Schutte in San Francisco, the nucleus was the West Coast crowd: Greg Hatton joined from Carmel Valley, Craig Reynolds from Davis, Lawson Fisher from Portola Valley, Greg Hammer in Palo Alto. Casey Sheahan in Bozeman, MT, and Brooks Bloomfield from Park City, Utah. Mike Pierce rang in from Westchester County, NY (when he wasn't playing coronagolf). Dave Swanson from Red Oak, IO. Scott Clemson reported from Las Vegas. He recounted his harrowing encounter with COVID-19, and we have decided to call him the Class Swami. John McDonald buzzed in from his new home on Martha's Vineyard, and Dave Harsch from the Cape. Spending more time at home than he has in 35 years, Jim Hackett rang in from Wickford, RI, Bobby Wheeler from Newton, MA, and Walter Bukawyn, who's riding out some of this pandemic in Scituate, MA. We had Alan Cregg in Andover and Steve Rooney in Pelham, NY, and Ray Stecker up on the North Shore. Fritz Drury called in from Providence, and John Rogerson from Jacksonville, and Dave Downs from Westchester, NY. We covered a lot of ground on the conversations—I can suggest you imagine the Saturday picnic during Reunion Weekend (after the All-School Meeting), where we coalesce in a sort of free-form scrum of companionship, conviviality, and good will. As I write this, we are two days away from our next Zoom, and it will be a right rowdy time. We will hear from additional folks: Nunzi Sapuppo, Tom Sommerfield, Geoff Aronow, Roger Lawrence, Fred Jordan, Bill Robinson, and Bishop John **Taylor**. And it will be like Saturday morning Commons breakfast during Reunion. To close, we find ourselves in a time of daunting uncertainty. We literally don't know what life will be like next week, next month, next year. We anticipate the November election with knots in our stomachs, anxious about the outcome. We didn't expect to be looking at our retirement through this lens. But we will persevere, and we will prevail, in good measure because of the support and camaraderie of old friends and classmates.

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In preparing to write these notes I blasted an email to those of you whose addresses I have, asking you to weigh in on current events, with "no politics, please." These are some of the responses.

Eduardo Gonzalez was one of many who observed, "Tall order in this day and age to get opinions without being political!" Gordon Billheimer agreed: "Not sure how to address the issues without either getting political or being perceived as getting political. But until people can share their opinions without being fired, doxed, or crowd-shamed, there can be no honest discourse and political polarization will only deepen." Dave Zelon had gone there already: "The entire Joe Malone family spent Thanksgiving week with the Zelon family.... The combination of a liberal Democratic family (us!) and the conservative Republican Malones made for interesting dinnertime conversation. But I must say these discussions gave us all a better perspective of the other side!"

Banker **Bill Augerot** wrote from Charlotte, NC: "I've been tracking the leadership of former PA football captain and current City Councilman Braxton Winston '01, who initially made his name by reducing tensions four years ago during demonstrations over the killing of Keith Lamont Scott, in a similar all-too-familiar tragedy. [Winston] was successful last week in defunding the use of chemical agents by police to control crowds."

Ray Bowers has reconsidered his views on monuments to Civil War figures. He wrote: "The value of ridding those reminders of racism

and slavery is much, much greater than the 'historical value' of 'honoring the many who died.'" **Becky Park** observed: "It is an interesting time to be in Newark, NJ, which was devastated in 1967 by riots brought on by police brutality. While other U.S. cities have seen violent protests, Newark has remained calm (only peaceful demonstrations). Nevertheless, it is discouraging, to say the least, to see how little progress we as a country have made. I continue to believe that integration is the answer."

PA Charter Trustee Gary Lee wrote: "Racial events across the country have given me pause to reflect on the climate between races during our years on campus. As a Black kid who had grown up in segregated North Tulsa, Andover was my experience living in a white community. Being so close to people whose lives were culturally different from mine, was, at once, a frightening and exhilarating adventure. To be sure, I experienced many microaggressions and verbal assaults. But they were far outweighed by the efforts of so many-faculty, students, everyone—to get to know me and allow me to get to know them. The friendships I formed with kids of different backgrounds at PA remain some of my strongest bonds. Those years also planted the seed for my lifelong interest in helping forge diversity in communities and institutions. An interest in making the experience of people of color at Andover better is what inspires my work [at Andover]."

Dana Delany takes "great pride in telling people Andover is need-blind and that we have a new African American head of school who is bringing his husband and family with him. We do need to start living and working together at a young age." Robin Eason Panico acknowledged outgoing president Peter Currie for his time and work on the Andover board and its continuing commitment to need-blind admissions and increased involvement in the surrounding communities. She continued: "I believe that the path to a healthy, just, and egalitarian world is through diverse people working, living, and learning together.... Change is long and arduous. It will be worth it to everyone...to live in a country where we all feel safe and honored."

Rob Miller provided this insider's view: "I've spent most of my career working with or around police departments, the last 19 years as a consultant to cities with police problems, usually revealed by an ugly or scandalous incident. Obstacles to reforming a police department: poor recruiting, ineffective training, weak internal affairs investigations, intransigent unions, biased arbitration, zero tracking of fired cops, to name a few. Progress has occurred but it's been incremental and unevenly distributed. Now, the greatest thing has happened. The discussion has widened to millions of people. Sure, there

are lots of bold, romantic, impractical words, but there is also pragmatism and greater understanding of how the whole thorny mess works and can be changed. Importantly, I think there is a dawning realization among some traditionally conservative players in the justice system—prosecutors, police chiefs, union leaders—that the old assumptions about the purpose of policing are due for a deep reevaluation. This can be a great moment."

Finally, we received a stunning letter from one of our classmates who has never written to us before. Longtime readers of this column know I treasure first-timers and print as much as I can. This time, I sent the letter to the editorial side of this publication, which included a version in the front of the summer 2020 magazine. Here is a fragment:

"I say to my white classmates: Continue to use your white privilege to change the world for the better and *truly converse* with your heart with those who are not like you, racially, socially, or ethnically. Acknowledge our differences—that is what makes life interesting; and find the common ground—that is what makes us equal.... In love to my classmates, **Laree Allston**."

Laree-write us more often, please?

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The worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, which has changed life as we know it, unfortunately scotched (pun intended!) the celebration on the Hill in June of the 45th anniversary of the Andover and Abbot graduations of members of the Great Class of 1975. Although classmates were unable to gather on the Great Lawn, party in the Adams Hall tent, and dine in McKeen Hall in 2020, intrepid Reunion Planning Committee Chairman Phil Hueber—who puts the "social" in "social distancing"—and his dedicated team are working on a supersized event for June 2021 in conjunction with the Class of 1976. Even the Academy is excited about the unique opportunity to hold joint Reunions for the "0 and 5" and "1 and 6" classes: "We'll surely shatter total attendance records; we'll definitely

need more tents, and the campus will be buzzing with traditional class nostalgia combined with cross-class connections we've not seen before." Assuming the novel coronavirus crisis has

abated by mid-2021, please plan to return to PA next June 11-13 for fabulous festivities marking our Nifty-Ninth Reunion. As mentioned in my original promotional pitch last year, the weekend will provide a chance to relive shared experiences, reconnect with classmates, and discover many wonderful things about Andover today. Our headquarters tent in the West Quad will be well stocked (light to moderate drinking may preserve brain function in older age, according to a new study from the University of Georgia!) and the volunteers helping Phast Phil organize the event are reportedly lining up live music for one or both nights. (I saw Fleetwood Mac play a full concert at an investment conference at Lincoln Center in New York in 2019, so anything's possible!) Reunion Committee members include Joan Bozek from Lyme, CT.; Brian Burke from Foxboro, MA; Charlie Clark from Beverly, MA; and Felecia Elias from North Andover, assisted by social media maven Geoff Richards from Summit, NJ.

From West Chesterfield, NH, where his luxury bed and breakfast inn reopened in late June after being closed for more than three months due to the virus outbreak. Phil Hueber hosted a series of "Zoomtail" parties with the theme "where are you and what are you doing during this truly bizarre moment in history?" Virtual graduations were discussed by Frank Skokan, who still acts in community theater near his home in Bedminster, NJ, and Dana Halsted, a family therapist in Los Angeles. Frank recounted his daughter's online commencement at Pace University in New York, where she earned a BFA degree ("Her senior year dissolved without any good-byes."), and Dana talked about the college choice of her oldest son, who graduated from high school and will attend nearby UCLA ("The idea of choosing a school across the country seemed odd when virtual classes are a possibility for a year or two.") A slew of classmates logged in to the digital gatherings from around the world, including Frank Lavin in Singapore and Tony Nahas in Paris; and from across the nation, like Chip Campbell, who winters in Silverthorne, CO, a recreational paradise near Denver. Cathy Chapman reminisced about the Andover production of My Fair Lady (whose cast had its own Zoom event) and Brian Burke noted that his real estate photo business was restarting after the state's shutdown ended.

In response to my email plea about experiences while hunkered down, self-quarantined, or remotely located, **Margot Kent Timbel** responded, "Since March, my husband and I have broadcast 'Friends Yoga' on Zoom with

an average of 25 connections from around the country tuning in Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It has spawned an obscure DIY YouTube channel, caused me to develop new skills both in tech and teaching and connected us with **Sandy Smith MacArtney**, **Lisa Bennett Pierson**, and Trina Wellman '76. If you want to be invited, send a message to Margot (a.k.a. sailor80472) on Instagram or Facebook.

From Burlington, VT, Eben Gay reported no cabin fever: "We are enjoying our new city location where everything is within walking distance. The coronavirus shutdown emptied the streets, which felt rather post-apocalyptic. I am lucky enough to be doing R&D on augmented reality systems, which can be done remotely. Ironically, being forced to work at home has upped my productivity." Stephen Bache in Portland, OR, became a grandfather for the third time in June; his daughter Kathryn in San Francisco gave birth to a daughter, Iris Elizabeth Lotz, who joined siblings Theo (4) and Arden (2). "Since my work (investment management) is deemed essential, I keep trying to keep my clients calm," he wrote. And Charlie Clark became a first-time grandfather in May when his daughter Joanna welcomed a daughter, Lucy.

Paul Suslovic and Anne Wakefield Atkinson emailed from El Cerrito, CA, about quarantined life in the San Francisco Bay area: "Anne continues to work from home (as a registered investment advisor), as she has done since July 2017. Paul braves the food store, fish market, bakery, gas station, and Home Depot, and enjoys volunteering with the county Food Bank at their distribution events three or four times a week while waiting on building permit approvals for more house projects." Paul said he hiked in the Marin Headlands at the north end of the Golden Gate Bridge with Kate Rohrbach, who lives in nearby Sausalito.

Fellow class secretaries Mari Wellin King and Peter Wyman and I look forward to catching up with classmates at Andover next June. Until then, may the spread be stopped and the curve be flattened!

-Roger

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I am fitting these notes into an imaginary bottle and tossing them into the future from my

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Brooklyn COVID shelter on a sunny day in June. By the time you receive them, it is my fervent hope that you are all healthy in mind, heart, and body and that we are beginning to make plans to see each other IRL.

Maybe we will still want to hang out in our pajamas sipping "quarantinis" on Zoom. For me, that has been one of the silver linings of this strange hibernation. I have loved spending time in the screen grid with a number of PA friends as we shared, first our fears, and eventually as days passed, all that we are learning and doing in this strange new time and place.

Debora Weston weighed in recently from lockdown in London after reaching out to some of her old PA acting buddies. Picture two of these joyful cyber reunions with the separate casts of the 1975 Fantasticks tour to England and My Fair Lady. Assembled on screen with Debora were Jim Horowitz, Dan Malis, Al Cantor, **Patrice LeMelle**, and **Shipley Munson**, joined by David Briggs, Chris Kapetan, Cathy Chapman, Lisa MacFarlane, Dana Horowitz Halsted, Michael Spound, Frank Skokan, Susan Vernon (all '75), George Redman '74, Philip Balshi '77, and Christopher Randolf '77. "We exchanged potted histories of life's milestones and ways of coping with the new reality that faces the world." Student actors have turned into doctors, lawyers, leaders in industry, venture capitalists, advertising executives, heads of prominent boarding schools, university professors, actors, directors, writers, partners in business, choral leaders, sound editors, leaders in nonprofit companies, and therapists. "It was such a treat. Fingers crossed we are able to have a physical Reunion at Andover in 2021. It will be a cornucopia of fascinating people as we blend the years of '75 and '76 into a fine whisky of a Reunion."

I have also enjoyed several video visits with Debora, the latest including Sue Chira, Peggy Dolgenos, Ellen Greenfield Lewis, and Karin Genis. Sue is hunkering down and working from home in N.Y.C. as the editor of the Marshall Project, writing about the criminal justice system. Peggy dialed in from Santa Cruz, CA, where her Internet business counts as an essential service. Karin and David Dumais recently returned to Brooklyn from Lake George, where they escaped to care for an elderly parent. Both are busy working as virtual therapists, another essential service in my book.

Ellen, who had an early case of COVID-19, is in the fortunate position of being able to donate plasma in an experimental protocol program. Sue Chira's daughter, Eliza Shapiro, wrote eloquently about her own experience donating plasma in the *New York Times*, where she is a reporter covering N.Y.C. education.

Liza Parker moved to the Hudson Valley and started her new job as executive director of the

Fisher Center at Bard College just days before the school, and the rest of New York, stopped on a dime. Students and faculty all went home. But with one student play, Liza decided that the show must go on. Partnering with Theatre for a New Audience in N.Y.C., the Bard production of Caryl Churchill's *Mad Forest* became a tour de force of virtual programming. Liza arranged to send green screens, microphones, and props to the young actors in their family homes across the country. Using new techniques and sophisticated computer programming, along with seat-of-the-pants improvisation, the play was broadcast live on three occasions. I was fortunate enough to see it, and as a record of how artists adapt in times of crisis, this counts as a brilliant history-making example. Bravo, Liza!

Dan Malis has learned during increased time spent on home turf that Aaron Copeland's *Symphony No. 3* is the perfect accompaniment to mowing the grass. "The fanfare hits right when I finish the back lawn."

Tim Dempsey has been posting lovely black and white portraits that he took as a student at Andover. "I was rooting around in my 'archives' and came across dozens of glassine envelopes containing black and white negatives from Visual Studies, photo classes with Diz Bensley and Don Snyder, and of various and sundry extracurricular activities. I started publishing them online, and the response has been amazing. I'm looking into resurrecting the slide shows I made during upper and senior years to see if I can share them during our 'mega Reunion' in June 2021." Look for them on Tim's Facebook page. It is fun to read the comments as we try and identify all the faces captured inadvertently in the edges of the photos.

Naomi Rush Olsen is also posting photos on Facebook. These are of her glorious walks in Cambridge, MA, and Cape Cod. Maybe it is because I am at the three-month mark indoors in Brooklyn, but I have especially loved Naomi's celebration of nature and the beauty she finds in her perambulations.

I hope you all saw the impressive tribute to **Hope Barnes** on the Andover website. Hope is a Class of 2020 Andover Athletics Hall of Honor recipient. How we miss her.

 $\label{lem:charlie} \textbf{Charlie Suisman} \mbox{'s charming new book} \mbox{$Arnold$} \\ \textit{Falls} \mbox{ is available on Kindle and in paperback.}$

Ruben Alvero and I send our very best. May you all be safe and healthy, and may the challenges of these times leave us stronger, kinder, and closer in touch.

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Greetings from Mansfield, Texas, where I am sitting with my right foot in a bucket of water, treating an ankle that is swollen as the proximate result of running 10 kilometers six days per week. Who knows how long I can continue?

It is a pleasure to maintain regular con-

tact with Pete Ventre and Bob Muldoon, two of my best friends since day one of Junior Orientation. Pete lives in Cumberland, ME, with his wife, Liz, and their kids, Katie and Blaine, both home from school. Maine is an unlikely place to "go country," but Pete listens to country-western regularly, and we exchange the names of our favorite performers and songs. Bob lives in Boston, where he has biked, skied, and roller-bladed heavily lately. Condolences to Bob for the passing in January of his mom, a nurse at Isham Infirmary for untold years; she showed tremendous kindness when I staved at their home on two occasions. With Pete and Bob, I participated in a Zoom conference hosted by Dave Gutzke, attended also by Marty Koffman, Paul Wheeler, Buck Burnaman, Mike Cleary, Everett Hill, Gerry Harrington, Bob Mann, Cameron Warner, Jorge Virgili, Michael Solovay, Preston Wright, and Nick Gutfreund,

Sally Kemp Atkinson writes from San Francisco and Jean Kennedy from I know not from where; thus, all three of us Omahans from the Class of '77 are accounted for. Leisa Ling sends greetings from Ohio, as does Pat Costin from Portland, ME, and Hunt Richardson from northern Virginia. Ben Lloyd does not divulge his whereabouts, but reports that he played "way too much music" in college, when he should have been studying. So did I, but I do not regret it a bit.

Brian Loughman writes from Hoboken, NJ, that all is well, except that he had to cancel his annual May trip to check on the Colombian coffee crop. He still sees Andy McCarthy and his wife, Betsy, who are now grandparents, and Jim Wang and his wife, Andrea. Bill Cohan is in upstate New York, writing articles and working on a new book. Phil Balshi and Pam Scott live in Millwood, NY, which he dubs "Horselandia." Rachel Shub writes from Washington, D.C., that her attorney position with the Office of the United States Trade Representative included an enjoyable tour of duty in Geneva. Jay Goodman, Alex Magoun, Kathy Megura, John Chamberlain, Mark Pierce, Hank Eshelman, and Lisa McGovern send salutations from undisclosed locations. Virginia Chapman Belser and her husband, Andy, live in Tucson. Paul **Robertz**, whose passion for jazz, quirky humor, and the bizarre continue unabated, lives in Laurel, IL, with his wife, Linda.

Charles Elson sends greetings from the University of Delaware, as do Chelsea Congdon from Colorado, John Evans from Rhode Island, and David Paradis from the University of Colorado, where he teaches medieval history, specializing in the Black Death. Surprisingly relevant subject matter.

Pete Pezzelli writes from Rhode Island of the challenges and heartbreak of running a family-owned nursing home during the pandemic. I cannot imagine how difficult it must be. John Briggs writes from his observatory that his daughter, Anna, works as an EMT at the nearby Alamo Navajo Reservation.

From overseas, **Dunja Vehrenkamp** writes that she teaches math and science in her native Germany. Arthur Housianitis, retired from working in Greece as an electrical engineer for Raytheon, continues to live there with his wife. Abu Bin Zubair writes from Khirati Village, Bangladesh, that his father recently passed away. Please accept our condolences, Abu. If you have not seen the web site for the amazing MA Majid Science College, which Abu runs, I strongly recommend it. Jorge Virgili, who lives in Madrid, continues to collect Latin American avant-garde art. He and I communicate regularly, which has greatly enhanced my knowledge of this topic (which was almost nil). These overseas classmates write of the changes wrought by COVID-19, which are clearly more dramatic than whose we have witnessed here in the United States.

From my part, my wife, Rubi, and I are still in Texas. Our children, ages 32 and 35, are both married. Katie lives with her husband in Austin. Tito lives in a remote part of South Asia with his wife and preschool-age children; the pandemic forced the very painful cancellation of our planned trip to see them in April, as well as our planned return to Siguatepeque, Honduras, to teach ESL for a month. Proof that we do not control events so much as we might believe.

Please continue to write. Now that I have included the names of all who wrote, I hope next time to write at greater length about some of our classmates. Stay safe.

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Hi. Friends

By the time this issue is published, you will have heard the great news that one of our own, Dr. **Chris Leggett**, has been elected to the Board of Trustees at PA. Chris is a world-renowned leader in interventional cardiology and our school will benefit from his perspectives on health and ethics as he helps guide PA into the future.

His daughter, Alexandria, wrote on FB: "I was so moved and grateful to see firsthand the overflowing outpour of love, community, and excitement from his PA classmates; people of all ethnicities, races, backgrounds, socioeconomic statuses, religious affiliations, excited to support his candidacy and reminisce/celebrate friendships that have stood nearly a 50-year test of time."

It's no surprise that a guy with such a huge heart would devote his life to fixing the hearts of others. Next stop, U.S. Senate? We are ready when you are, Leggs, just sayin'....

Michael Cohen: "I have been seeking to educate myself on systemic racism with a college classmate since reconnecting at the 40th at Harvard. Theron Cook (an Exonian!) is a second career clergy, too. I'm planning to broadcast this dialogue to the Legacy Senior communities. Legacy has been successfully shielding its residents from COVID-19, but the community is weary after months of isolation."

Tony De La Rosa, after serving the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in their division that supports social justice and sustainable development activities in the U.S. and the world, is looking for the right fit to use his capabilities. He is waiting out the pandemic slowdown in L.A. Michael and Tony shared their experiences in faith-based organizations.

Michael caught up with **Steven Bakalar** and compared notes on parenting their 5- and 6-year-olds (the very belated fatherhood trajectory). While weathering the coronavirus pandemic in Palm Beach, Steven is prepping a series spinoff of *The Substitute* film franchise he produced and fundraising for Joe Biden. He's happy to hear from classmates even if they don't donate!

Rich Ward, after years of work building up ideas for sustainable energy at Shell and with the Obama Administration, has felt the ebb of support for this work with the change of each administration. Rich is now examining policies to promote carbon sequestration. The effects of humankind consuming our planet are very much on his mind, and have driven the spirit of much of his career. We are proud of you, Rich. Maybe others working on climate issues can connect and share perspectives.

Doug Batt writes from Beantown: "I'm doing OK given the crazy mess we're in. I'm now a musician in the Boston area, trying to wait out this scary situation (teaching law school classes now and then). Three kids, Sam (20, film student at Chapman University in L.A.), Alexander (22, undergrad at Boston University), and Nina (27, teaches high school and college in L.A.). Of course, I'm driving my wife Dominique crazy at home

I've been in touch with Peter Tobeason, Charlie Schueler, Lee Apgar, Shady Hartshorne and Matt Salinger—they're all doing well. Evidently, we have a '78 Facebook page, which means I have to get on that damn site after all.

Lastly, here's a link to some low-tech music I've been doing in the basement (just me and a vintage mic): https://soundcloud.com/douglasbatt."

Tim Power writes: "After working as a lawyer in New York, Moscow, and Houston, among other places, as of this writing I am locked down in northern Virginia just outside D.C., where I have lived for the past 20 years. Most recently, I was general counsel at Continental Building Products, until it was purchased by a larger multinational company. I am now looking at my next steps. In the meantime, I'm brushing up on my Spanish and went through my old books from Andover Spanish classes with Señora Judd and Señor Rubio. Like everybody else, I liked the old normal a lot more than the new normal."

The pandemic brought out the inner farmers in the class. **Ron Ryan** writes:

"This year, COVID-19 brought construction of several more garden beds, to which I added elaborate covers and a hound dog to keep critters out of 'Our Lady of the Immaculate Heirloom Vegetable Garden.' I recognize I've got nothing on our classmate and Brooklyn rooftop farmer **Kevin Sirois**, nor can I top beloved "Farmer **Joe" Tatelbaum's** green beans, but I try.)

"Our kids pivoted as sports and jobs evaporated into the thin Covina mist. Roland, 20, is training for his college baseball program at Alabama and working in his spare time from his apartment as a virtual Cutco knife salesman on Zoom. Daughter, Rachel, 22, who lost her

job as an adaptive ski instructor at Smugglers' Notch in Vermont spent a month in quarantine, and is now an alpine guide in McCarthy, AK. To quote Merry Price, 'So it goes!'"

Make sure you check out Ron's links to Class of '78 FB page to see Joe T's blockbuster miniseries, *Less Than a Minute on the Farm with Farmer Joe*. Joe looks fetching, no, downright hot, in his overalls. Cliffhanger of an ending....

As for me, I am in the home stretch of a master's at LSE. My older daughter's wedding was postponed this spring and my twins graduated from college on Zoom. The bright spot is that the 'maltuition' suffered from getting four kids through college in six years is over!

Lastly, to all our friends who have dedicated their careers to health and the struggle for justice and equality, you walk the walk of *non sibi*. Our class has so many people whose life mission is to make the world a better place. Stay well, friends.

XOXO, Corky

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Remember being a teenager sitting in *History 35*? Imagine what our children and their children will think when they read the histories of 2020. Some book somewhere will start with **Alexandra Purdy**'s observation "Well, there was this pandemic." Hoping **John Spokes** will have been right that "this seems like a huge opportunity for humanity." Meanwhile:

Catherine Tice left the New York Review last summer (after over three decades of devoted service), and moved to Cambridge, MA, last year. Catherine has reconnected with Jane Moncreiff and Susan Clark (who taught Greek and Latin at PA when we were all there). "It was a great decision, and I've been congratulating myself ever since. I am in the company of a querulous and overly fluffy Pomeranian who keeps life interesting in between Zoom encounters. My son, Gus Beirne, just moved back to N.Y.C. from Boca Raton, and very happily continues to work for Airspan Networks,

which is run by Eric Stonestrom, **Lucinda Pascale**'s husband."

Michael K. Crowell sends greetings from the lovely Dunham Reservoir in Grafton, NY, northeast of Albany, "my little spot of paradise amid the current madness. Any classmate presenting him or herself at this spot before summer's end will be treated to a beautiful view, a soothing dip, and a round of libation and reminiscing."

Steven Collins lives on the seacoast of Massachusetts in Scituate with a loyal black lab named Oakley. Steven celebrated his 60th birthday weekend last fall with Dave Hartzell and his family in the Philadelphia area. "They were the ultimate hosts! Dave brought me to the New England Patriots v. Philadelphia Eagles game. That was great! Thanks again, Dave!" Steven's oldest daughter and son live in Denver, and youngest daughter attends the University of Colorado-Boulder.

Down south, **Carlos Rodriguez** is hunkered down in Miami by the pool, with wife, both kids, two dogs and a backyard full of Florida wildlife. "Staying indoors a lot, as we are a hotspot. I will occasionally send up my drone to film the area, see what's up, catch a sunset or thunderstorm, take rides on the scooter or bike."

Robin Rosenberg is a federal judge in Florida, "where the COVID numbers are high...trying to manage the best we can through the Zoom platform." Her son, Adin McAuliffe, graduated from PA this spring, but lost his spring trimester and graduation on campus. "We are now navigating his start at Dartmouth with all of the COVID restrictions, and on top of that, Dartmouth just announced it eliminated the sport Adin was recruited for—lightweight rowing."

Hyla Flaks Crane is the executive director of the Marco Island Center for the Arts. "Marco Island is like paradise and I hope people will come visit when the COVID-19 nightmare ends."

Bill Schultz has been sheltering in Atlanta with daughter Rebecca '09, her husband Max, and 8-month-old grandson Benjamin (aspiring to PA'38). "Babysitting for him has been a definite silver lining. Also excited to be supporting Andover's (MS)² program. Otherwise, trying to do a mix of consulting and board work by Zoom."

Professional chef **Willie Cooper** of Sonoma has hung up his pans (?) and moved to Florida where his wife Kelly Dixon Cooper (Dartmouth '82) is a new senior VP at Chico's FSA, the women's clothing brand. "We found a great house with a boat dock in a quiet subdivision off the main drag...I can see boating and fishing and welcoming friends and family here in the future."

Whitney Blake reports, "I am living at 3,000 feet, in the Blue Ridge mountains, deciding what adventure awaits us for the winter. Maybe Padre Island.... I am now being called an 'extreme survivor' of breast cancer (15 years)."

For **John Vail**, "life in Tokyo is very tolerable, although still eerily quiet."

After a year living abroad in the Netherlands, **Bret Sewell** is back home in Atherton, CA. William, Georgia, and Charlotte will be logging in to tenth, eighth, and seventh grades this fall. Bret is running a search fund, looking for a small business to acquire and run in northern California—while skiing, mountain biking, and the like.

Alexandra Purdy is busy teaching EMS, responding to ambulance calls, therapeutic gardening, and dog walking. "How to engage and inspire future EMTs, medics, physician assistants, and doctors had dominated my recent life. I will admit that I have liked quarantining, locking down, getting in touch with my inner introvert and spending unexpected time with unlaunched family. But my heart is broken these days; I thought my country was something else, something better."

After 10 years living overseas with the Department of State, including assignments in Sierra Leone, Switzerland, Chad, and the Bahamas, **Douglas Sun** and his husband are returning to the Washington D.C. area. Doug will be doing research and writing at the Foreign Service Institute in Arlington, VA, "a definite and much-needed change from 10 years of being a political officer on the front lines."

Robert "RB" Stewart stayed at home with daughter Gaela PA '20. "It was deeply satisfying." Gaela is headed to Smith. He is planning to leave his job with the College of Engineering at Colorado State and is scheduled to begin a 100-day solo meditation retreat in September.

John Andrews writes, "We've been weathering the pandemic in the company of our 26-year-old son, Ellis. He moved to Chicago to do a software engineering boot camp, never imagining it would lead to him living with his parents 24/7. Me, I've ridden my bike about 1,000 miles indoors on a trainer since the beginning of April. To add insult to injury, this morning I actually got a flat tire doing it. How does that happen?" (I recall John fondly as one of the nicest, most normal kids I ever knew to score you-know-what on those SATs, and the fact that—all these years later—he is asking me how a flat tire happens, fills me with pride).

Fine words from **Guy Chirico** to end with: "Thank you to all my lifelong PA friends for their friendship, support, and inspiration. Stay healthy and spread the love."

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Dear Classmates,

Well one thing we know for sure is that the Class of 1980 is resilient. While we needed to postpone our 40th Reunion on campus to 2021 due to the pandemic, the indomitable **Murrey Nelson** was able to convene classmates via two Zoom calls. Although it didn't exactly substitute for a lazy afternoon reminiscing in front of Addison Gallery, it did offer comfort, laughter, and a reminder that during this uncertain time, the bond of our Andover experience is as strong as ever.

I was only able to join the first of the two calls, and what struck me most was how generous our classmates are of their time and talent. Many are doctors, teachers, writers, actors, and musicians—and more often than not, were inspired in some way to pursue their profession by a special teacher at Andover. Classmates who joined the call included: Murrey Nelson, Steve Kane, Chris Rokous, Dan Hajjar, Jane Shattuck, Jennifer Kimball, Pat Lynch, Mike Lee, Jamie Curtis, Duncan and Aimee MacFarlane, Kathleen LeMaitre, Doug Gollin, Chris Witt, Beth Bishop, Steve Ackroyd, Tod Randolph, Jon Dee, and Cassie Doykos.

I sheepishly admit that I was too busy enjoying everyone's company to take notes! Perhaps that is a sign that it is time for another classmate to think about taking over (at least from me).

I can share that Steve Ackroyd had the most visually appealing Zoom backdrop as he managed to connect from a boat in the Bay Area, while the rest of us were mostly hunkered down in our homes. Jane Shattuck and Dan Hajjar are both managing elder care, Jane with her aunt and Dan with his mom. Dan has recently retired from teaching and Jane continues on her path to complete her dissertation next spring.

I very much regret having missed the second Zoom call which included Murrey Nelson, Claire Wade, John Proverbs, Ilse de Veer, Rich Goldberg, Harry Bartlett, Jonathan Adelstein, Bonne (Wagner) Rawley, John Furse, T McKinley, Nick Shufro, and Allyn Burrows. From Shakespeare & Co newsletters, I do know that Allyn Burrows is still the executive director, and as with most performing arts, was forced to postpone his entire summer season leaving a

woeful cultural gap in the Berkshires. We look forward to the curtain rising again soon.

Nick Shufro is working in Washington, D.C. as the chief learning officer at the Federal Emergency Management Agency—helping think through strategies for communities to own and manage risk, such as extreme weather.

Lastly, other news came from Mark Roberge, who has retired from corporate life, and is now working as a part-time advisor for the U.S. Department of Treasury on foreign infrastructure finance matters. That sounds fascinating, Mark, and would love to learn more.

While everyone is experiencing the pandemic differently, I feel extremely fortunate to have unexpected family time with my son and husband. And thanks to **E. Paige Crowley**, I was inspired, like so many others, to read Tolstoy's *War and Peace*—although I had to buy three different translations before I settled on one I prefer. The joy of life is that there is always something new to savor even in this uncertain world. Be safe and well—and stay in touch!

-Amy and Jane

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Hello '81ers! Lots to report as we continue to stay mostly at home and interact virtually. Let's start with notes from one of your class secretaries, **Keith Sabin**: "I've remained in midtown Manhattan throughout the months of the pandemic, trying to keep pace with the wall-to-wall needs of existing and new psychotherapy clients—what one 9/11 survivor calls 'a harder, scarier time now.' Deprived of MLB, live theater, and the Chamber Music Society, the city's downtown country bars and uptown jazz boîtes, I'm still preparing for my first marathon, whenever and wherever that may be possible again, and working on a book about common behavioral responses to anxiety."

Katie Leede writes that she and Averill Powers '80 are "quarantining in N.Y.C. and have largely been enjoying this surreal, sometimes spooky and sad but often surprisingly beautiful and peaceful time in our otherwise industrious town. Like most everyone, we are learning to live and work on digital platforms. Cooking and—for me—eating too much, doing our best to stay healthy, fit, and sane and looking for opportunities to grow and shift amidst the challenges has occupied much of our waking hours. Also water coloring, journaling,

taking up Spanish then dropping it for French, old movies, new TV series (Normal People, Hilary, The Last Dance, etc.), online yoga, reading good books (!), Zoom cocktail parties (with '81 classmates!), and occasional meditating fill the rest of our 'schedules' and make for a fairly civilized existence under the circumstances. Pre-COVID, we had no complaints. Businesses were booming, kids were healthy, and I had just completed filming a short movie with my two children Lucia McGloin '17 and son Lionel McGloin. Now, much has shifted. One of my Swiss fabric mills has declared bankruptcy so I am pivoting potentially away from screenprinting abroad to digitally printing my fabrics right here in the U.S.A., with an eye towards carrying easy-to-get, stocked goods. I am experimenting with digital regional sales calls via Zoom, which are reaching-it appears-a larger audience and more efficiently. I am figuring out fun and effective ways to present design presentations virtually with our interior design clients and help them feel supported in their home goals. And people have a lot of new goals for their homes, turns out, as they are spending all their time hunkered down in them. I hope to be part of the conversation as to how homes might now evolve as our needs for them to share multiple purposes have changed. On a personal front, the kids are making all kind of changes during lockdown: one got engaged, one broke up with his girlfriend, another decided to move to L.A., another quit his job and wants to open a doggy cafe, and another walked away unscathed from a near fatal car crash...never a dull moment around these parts! Such is life. We are surfing the waves as they roll in and pray for calm seas soon."

Chris Richards reports, "A couple of recent Rabbit Pond Zoom reunions proved a wonderful silver lining to the COVID situation; joining in were Caroline Otto, Laura Whitman, Kitty Kennedy, Lizzy Longsworth, Cristina Rubio Suarez, Peter Anderson, Michael Marrus (honorary RP member), Sean Moore, David Parker, and Tim Richards (I got an email from our long-lost friend Monica Cornelissen, though she was unable to join us). All seemed well, and a number in the group expressed that these were their favorite Zoom calls of the spring!"

Finally, from **Stefanie Scheer Young**: "I hope you are all well; greetings from New York City. **Andrew** [Young] and I have been part of a growing group of '81 classmates that is gathering for Zoom cocktails at 5:15 p.m. Eastern time on Sundays.... It has been especially enlightening to hear from two classmates who are doctors working in New York City hospitals, **Jennifer Ellis** and **Catherine Monk**. It has also been a pleasure to share a number of Andover reminiscences and also some photographs from

our time on campus. I am in the final months of my term as an alumni trustee. It has been an honor and a joy to serve on the Andover board with an incredible group of people. I have really enjoyed various forms of engagement with the school in the years since we have graduated, and I'd be happy to talk with anyone who has interest in becoming more involved themselves. While we are all in the midst of challenging times, Andover could not be in more generous and thoughtful hands, the school is in phenomenal shape with a terrific leadership team. I love Andover dearly, more now than ever. I consider myself so lucky to be part of the great Class of 1981 and to have had the chance to meet so many more wonderful Phillips Academy students, alums, teachers, and administrators as well. Finis Origine Pendet!"

Lastly, we sadly note the passing of **John Flanagan Jr.** and **Don MacKenzie**. All of you should have received emails from us announcing their deaths (please also see the obituaries for John and Don in this edition's *In Memoriam* section). We welcome your reminiscences of both for the next edition of the Class Notes.

Here's hoping for a quick end to the pandemic. Wishing all of you and your loved ones good health. —Adam, Keith, and Randy

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These past few months have been profoundly challenging times—first the COVID-19 pandemic and the resulting healthcare and economic crisis, and the horrid killing of George Floyd and subsequent protests. Our hearts go out to those who have been impacted by these events. In particular, we want our Black classmates to know that we are hurting with you. We see you, we hear you, and we love you. We received notes from our classmates before the latter event, and thus the comments only refer to the pandemic.

Jane Pollard wrote that she has been in lockdown by herself in the U.K., and that Zoom and Houseparty have helped her feel that she's not really drinking alone, and is thankful for the home deliveries from her local wine merchant!

Edmund Hurley reports that for the past few years he's been playing informal ice hockey

games on the Harrison Rink at Andover Friday mornings. He's one of the older skaters but we are all kids on the ice. He invites local classmates to join him when the PA rinks reopen!

Bruce Barnhart has his three 20-somethings living with him, as do many of us during this pandemic, in Scituate, MA. His 86-year-old mother just moved in too. Bruce arranged a Zoom call for her with 20 of her college classmates and reported hilarious technology challenges and discussions about CBD and transgender grandkids. Some highlights: "My son is still working; he's an essential business. He delivers weed?" "He delivers weeds?!" Fifteen people: "WEED!" "Oh." Bruce recently connected with John Crespi, Nathaniel McIntosh, and Tom Tung from Class of '82, who report a lot pandemic home-brewing.

Paul Gormley loves life in South Florida, where he's been able to step out his backdoor and dive into his pool during quarantine. His daughter recently graduated from college and got a job in Andover, two miles from campus, but is currently in quarantine at home. Paul is teaching five courses remotely and has been recently promoted to full professor at Lynn University in Boca Raton.

Andrew Bakalar is in Madrid, the European epicenter of COVID-19. Andrew reports that the Spanish are very obedient to government regulations, and the health system's quite good.

Art Small reports that he recently tuned into a webinar on using data to manage financial risks of climate change. One of the speakers was some software guy named "Michael Tiemann." As he watched, something looked very familiar to him. He was about to start Googling, when the speaker made this particular halfsmirk, eye-twinkling facial expression, as if to say, "I'm serious—but I'm also playing." "Nah, I don't have to look him up."

Jeff Arle tells us he was stuck on a boat coming from the Antarctic near the end of March. He was coming back through Drake Passage hoping to avoid a hurricane-like front and 30foot waves when Argentina closed its ports. After an additional week at sea and backdoor negotiating with embassies, he managed to disembark in Uruguay. His wife put him in isolation for two more weeks as their two boys, home from N.Y.C. colleges, were past their quarantine. Jeff is associate professor of neurosurgery at Harvard Medical School, so he's had to go in to the hospital for emergency surgeries a few times. Unfortunately, he suffered the loss of his mother to COVID-19 as it ravaged her nursing home in Concord, MA.

Richard Conway, who lives in Miami, feels fortunate that the weather has been good, so he's been able to get outside and enjoy the scenery while still social distancing. He reports

that the reduction in boat traffic has resulted in more manatee sightings in the harbor and even a few appearances by the local crocodile.

Our very own Chef **Ming Tsai** provided free food to federal workers during the pandemic out of his fab Boston restaurant Blue Dragon. Ming also participated in a cook-a-thon to fundraise for an organization that helps families with kids who have cancer. Go, Ming!

David Fairman is in Lexington, MA, with older son home from Duke and younger son doing his special needs schooling virtually. David reports his organization's mediation and facilitation work has gone virtual, so now people seem just as comfortable arguing with each other on Zoom as they were face-to-face. David had Zoom hour with David Herrington and Mike Sokolov not too long ago. Before COVID hit, Nick Carter, Pierre Valette, and David had a great few days skiing together in Colorado.

Thank you, **Maria Elias**, for setting up Zoom Virtual Happy Hours for our class. She's looking for folks that can lead a fun Zoom meetup. She's still practicing law and swimming in South Carolina.

I moved to Miami in September after 32 years in Washington, D.C., and work out of the D.C. and Miami offices of my law firm. I spent much of the past three months working on importing millions of PPE, masks, ventilators, and COVID-19 tests into the U.S., including on a New England Patriots jet. I, too, have had my three daughters at home, and my 85-yearold dad. I had a great Zoom cocktail hour with Yalda Tehranian Uhls, who is doing her media and kids psychology thing and has a daughter home from Tulane and a son doing virtual high school; and with Jennifer Scheer, who is doing her interior design work in Wellesley, and housing her two college boys home from Northwestern and Gettysburg College. Stay well. Black Lives Matter.

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Isolated about 90 minutes out of New York, on the edge of the woods, with my wife and four kids, finding time for Rummy-o, Pictionary, and Scrabble, hikes, sails, swims, bird-watching and star-gazing through the telescope, it is easy to forget the toll that the pandemic and racial unrest have taken on the country. For us, the worst effects were the travesty that was elementary school virtual learning and being robbed of a live Andover graduation for my eldest daughter, Rebecca, '20. For others, the effects have

been far worse, often deadly, and we must do what we can for them.

I am pleased to say that I have received no reports of any of our classmates suffering serious health effects from the pandemic. People continue to live their lives and celebrate milestones. **Doug Neff**'s son Charles graduated from William and Mary and was accepted to Drexel Medical School. His daughter Lindsay took **Cori Field**'s women, gender and sexuality class at the University of Virginia this spring. Cori herself is sheltering in Charlottesville, VA, with two kids, including her son, an Andover student.

Fritz Reichenbach's oldest child, Amanda '14, was married this past December. The Reichenbachs are moving from Singapore to join Amanda and her husband in Potomac, MD, and would welcome any classmates willing to give Fritz the \$10 tour of D.C. Howard Miller has become a partner of StudioTJP.us, an architecture firm focused on residential and historic resources.

Writing from Los Angeles is Gina Poe, whose son Zach '20, graduated Andover this year and is heading to UCLA with a major in microbiology, immunology, and molecular genetics. Gina probably wins this class first: she FaceTimes with her 18-month-old granddaughter. Gina's course, neuroscience of bias and discrimination, which she teaches at UCLA, has taken on a life of its own in today's universe, and she has received incredible reviews. Her recommendations on the role of sleep in post-traumatic stress disorder have been implemented by many first responders, and her sleep research has gotten airtime on Netflix's The Mind Explained and PBS's February 26, 2020 Nova. She reports that Robyn Weisman, now back in L.A., is doing well.

Bob Butera, recently moved to Ocean City, NJ, and expects that the new online format for his yoga programs will remain the norm. His fifth book, about yoga as a total lifestyle for health of mind and body, will be out soon.

Rahul Sonnad writes from Los Angeles that the pandemic caused his employer to shut down—he had been working on Tesloop, a company focused on long distance transportation in Tesla vehicles. So he's off to Hawaii and then Bali to think about his next adventure. Indeed, it seems breaks are top of many people's minds: **John Floyd** is thinking about a family RV trip; John Harpole is "desperately in need" of any vacation; while Angela Lorenz has found that art has carried her through the spring, Ravin Jain, John Byrnes, and Duke Phan returned from a holiday at Yosemite with their families. Ravin practices neurology at UCLA and lives with his twin 5-year-old boys. John manages an artificial intelligence firm in the Bay area, while Duke is a neurologist practicing in Huntington Beach.

In these troubled times, keeping up with our friends and classmates is particularly important, and Angela Lorenz shows us the way. She has recently connected with Adam Simha '84, Liz Schenck Phillips, Kit Arrington, Thayer Tolles, Patrick McCormick, Tom Ullman, Celia Imrey '82, and Amy Kellogg, among others. Amy reports that she is riding out the storm in Florence, nourished by pasta and fun Zoom meetings with classmates.

Angela has been busy preparing for a virtual talk at the Rhode Island School of Design on the art she created during the lockdown. Though her May opening in Bologna was canceled, she deserves a big congratulations for the award she won last year at the Center For Book Arts. Angela notes that Thayer, American painting and sculpture curator at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, won a fellowship to write at the American Academy in Rome.

We are all adapting to the sheltering in place that has become the norm. Jason Bernhard and his wife moved up to Maine in March with two of his adult children, Adele '14 and Alex '19. His middle daughter, Helen, just graduated from the University of Denver, and is moving to Seattle. Susannah Hill is chilling in the San Francisco area with her husband Pat and son Andrew, while Laura DiMeo fled Manhattan for Cape Cod in March. She loves the "chill, beachy calm" and does not expect to return anytime soon. She's been in touch with Ted Silverman, who is moving to San Diego for a new job with Petco. Linda Shirley writes from New Hampshire that she has replaced canceled skiing and social events with jigsaw puzzles, movies, and the best garden of her life.

In San Francisco, Lisa Zuckerman Gamshad, senior vice president at CommonSpirit Health, one of the largest not-for-profit health systems in the United States, is sheltering with her two boys and husband. Zoom workouts, running, hiking, cooking, and baking take up much of her free time. She bumped into Blaise Zerega on the Dipsea Trail (he was biking, she hiking).

As many of you know, Nancy Trepanier Lang was on the Andover faculty for 22 years. After running a school in Jackson Hole, Nancy is currently the head of The New School in Northwest Arkansas. She has three children, ages 20, 17, and 14; her 17-year-old son attends Brooks School.

That's it for now. Keep safe!

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The cycle of spring will have faded in the rearview mirror by the time this reaches all of you. We had the usual brief warm spell in late May in Maine. But the June temperatures have turned predictably temperate. I cannot say the same for the general state of things. We thought long and hard when we sat down to strategize putting this set of notes together. We weren't quite sure how to approach it. It had been a confusing and challenging couple of months, a historic moment (if you'll forgive me) that had touched everyone. We knew that different parts of the country and different families had been affected quite differently by COVID-19. We wanted to offer an opportunity for everyone to gather together in a moment of empathy, to share and embrace the ways our everyday lives have marched on in the face of the pandemic. States were getting ready to haltingly reopen. We felt a responsibility to record the moment in whatever small way our stories could. The landscape has shifted dramatically in the few short weeks since.

The note we crafted to reach out to everyone would have looked very different if we wrote it today. We'd like to take the opportunity here to thank one classmate in particular for her reminder that we should keep the stories we live, ask, and tell centered on issues of diversity, equity, and inclusion, questions about what we can give back to our communities, and the broader goals of *non sibi* citizenship.

Jody Greene spent three months this past fall as the head monk at Tassajara, the oldest Zen training monastery outside of Japan. Upon her return, she was tasked with putting together a team to transition the entirety of the University of California Santa Cruz to remote instruction. She writes that she has found solace recently in the rhythm of the sea and surfing to stay healthy in body and mind.

Scott Crabtree says, "The world is literally on fire as I type this, but my family has lots to be grateful for here in Portland, OR. My work with Happy Brain Science has been seriously impacted by these crises. Mercifully, Boeing reached out and asked for extra virtual workshops this year, so I'm still getting opportunities to help out. While it's not a happy time, science

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can still help us find moments of being happier, which brings increased health, resilience, and other benefits we could all use right now."

Courtney Keppleman and her partner Dennis got married in their living room on the vernal equinox. They are expecting a son in July! She writes that she is ready to sow some wisdom and stability in the universe in whatever small way she can as a parent.

Sandy Chen writes that his company has been working hard to develop a nanoparticle ink that could be used to disinfect PPE, sports equipment, and clothing and keep them virus free.

Kristen Toscano Messina started a business sewing and selling organic cotton masks online (bringitmasks.com). With the movie industry shut down she and her husband Phil Messina '83 have bought an old Dodge van and are going on the road with their son Luca to follow the blue highways to points unknown.

Catherine Harris writes that she has retreated to her tomato beds after a marathon eight-week sprint unexpectedly teaching online. I would like to take a moment to thank Jody, Catherine, and everyone who took on the herculean task of bootstrapping their pedagogy and transitioning their curriculum on literally a moment's notice. I know the results weren't always what everyone might have hoped for. But let me say thank you as a parent for caring for all of those children, teenagers, and young adults who look to you for mentorship, guidance, confidence, community, and their emerging sense of self-reliance. Kristen and Catherine have also been out marching in protests with their teenaged sons. I am sure that they are not alone among us lending their voices to the global call for safer local communities free of the systemic institutional and economic biases that we recognize destroy lives every day.

On a more local note, we have gathered together as a class for a couple of Zoom calls,

including one most recently to celebrate the Andover seniors who wrapped up their spring semester and graduated in this odd and challenging time. There are too many people who have participated in the calls to mention everyone by name. It was wonderful to see you all and hear how you are hanging in there. Thanks to Henry Tilghman for taking the initiative to get the ball rolling. The highlight for me was getting to be a fly on the wall watching Joel Post shadow his son on a bike ride around town. Finally, Betsy Biern tells me that she and her Stowe House cohort recorded a graduation video message for the Class of 2020. Thank you to everyone who answered that call. I know the students appreciated it.

Please stay safe and be well. Bill, Adam, and Alex

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Our 35th Reunion Weekend will be remembered for the COVID-19 pandemic in the world. Thankfully, **Lisa Johnson** organized a Class Virtual Reunion Zoom call. Good news—we will have a Reunion Weekend June 11-13, 2021, with the Class of 1986! To host another Zoom chat, call the alumni office. The following people were on the call:

Chris McCarthy called from farthest away—Cambodia. Please write to him for the next Class Notes. Alan Himmer and I, Megan Carroll, postponed our April wedding in Cochran Chapel due to the pandemic. We hope to marry in September and will host a champagne toast for classmates at our Reunion.

Melissa Zell worked as an architect, lived in Grenoble for 10 years, then moved to Palo Alto, CA. Margot Mims lives in Marion, MA, and has a condo in Boston. Margot sees Nancy Shen, who has two children at Concord Academy. Cindy Taylor left Lawrenceville Academy in 2018 to teach at Boston University Academy. She has two children. Sarah Heard, a high school administrator, quarantined with her boyfriend of 10+ years when N.Y.C. closed down and she's happy that she now has someone to cook for her.

Whitney Stewart, a private chef, looks terrific and reports that she did yoga teacher training with Caroline Siderowf. Shirin Samiljan lives in Alameda, CA, and runs a natural food store in Noe Valley, San Francisco, with her husband, a butcher. We learned that years ago Shirin worked at Big Apple Circus for Katia's Horses a year before **Ed Yim** worked there in the marketing department! Sarah Tuck works with the San Diego Symphony. Alvin Wen has worked for Facebook for seven years. His daughter graduated from Brandeis (theatre major) and his son is starting at Johns Hopkins. Seth Brooks, an active Facebook commentator, Rhys Dekle with his cool jellyfish Zoom background, and Franchot Munson, were also on the Zoom call.

Carolyn James McDonough remembered performing *Macbeth* in Mr. Thorne's Shakespeare class at the Log Cabin. Cynthia James Matrullo commented, "Our class really followed our hearts, whether it was farming, furniture making, or creating art. We traveled the world for fun and for work. We need to teach our kids the open-mindedness and diversity that we learned at Andover."

Laura Obbard Brightman is a primary care physician at Cambridge Health Alliance in Massachusetts. Becca Derderian Daniels looks terrific (last year having battled cancer, now in remission) and is planning a trip to Portugal when the world reopens. She hopes that classmates will attend Reunion and not think that there will always be a "next time." She reminded us that it truly is a blessing to see old friends who still care about each other.

Ted McEnroe had a very cool Zoom back-ground—Samuel's Bar at the Andover Inn. During the would-be graduation weekend, he saw many seniors on campus who had returned to have their photos taken. Sean Wood, whose wife is Russian, called in from his kitchen without video until he was done making homemade garlic pesto. Speaking of food, Strother Purdy was sporting some serious muttonchops, grown during the pandemic, with long hair specially styled for the call by his girlfriend, Delilah!

Stephanie Sanchez has taken a break from political consulting to take care of her mother in Connecticut. She is boycotting social media and spends a lot of time in Boston. Tajlei Levis looked stunning and reports that her family inn, the Wilburton Inn in Manchester, VT, is open, but she and her husband have shifted to longer-term rentals. Pam Paresky taught online at University of Chicago this semester: psychology for democracy. She bought a *Handbook of Competence* online as a reference guide!

Ben Schwall—"If you're going to be marooned, Taiwan is the place to be!" His youngest of four (ages 5-12) Zoom-bombed the call. Harry Keates lives in Maine and Hopkinton, MA. Miguel Quinones spoke of his love and appreciation for PA and how it changed his life. Stu Macgruder's daughter graduated from Exeter this year. Alyson Yashar lives in Bergin County, NJ.

We missed you on the call and M.I.A.s: Jenny Greene, who lives in Marin County, CA, with two teenaged boys, works in payments product management at Wells Fargo, and coaches high school diving in her free time. Bill Parsons was spotted years ago at a bookstore cafe in D.C. Peter Stark loved Strother's debut novel/criticism, That Precious Ghost in Glass. John Kole has settled into his new home in Andover, a stone's throw from PA, with his wife and twin 5-year-olds! Carter Vincent is working on an institute in Cambridge, MA, that aims to instill humanitarian leadership qualities in undergraduates. He has a lovely 14-year-old daughter, Olivia. Natalie Kurylko we hear has four children and sadly lost her husband. Jonathan Linscott, originally from Maine, living in Arizona, reports this year as being only the second in 54 years where he hasn't set foot in New England. Kamyar Atabai works for Baryshnikov Arts Center in N.Y.C. Carolyn is looking for Liz Ozimek. Shirin is looking for Keiko Ueda and Alisa Savetamal. Margot is looking for Karim Karaman.

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I'm writing these notes on a day that's unseasonably cool for the Washington, D.C., region in summer. The doors are open and the breeze is lulling and fragrant. The streets of my old inner-ring suburb are deserted and nearly silent, like so many streets in so many places in the wake of the coronavirus shutdown. (Unless, of course, they're the streets that, instead, are alive with protest and ferment!) I'm sitting here in my nightgown with my coffee, wondering—hoping—what all might have changed by the time you read these notes in the fall.

For it has been a year of both reckoning and renewal: Just about everything that has happened this year feels as though a spade has been struck into hardened ground, turning over the earth to bring up what is fresh and new and alive. We're holding our breath to see what might shoot up next.

As the member of our class most prominent in chronicling the national scene, *New Yorker* writer **Susan Glasser** observed in May on Twitter, "2020 started out like 1974, then switched to some horrible combination of 1918 and 1929. Now: 1968. Ugh."

It's certainly felt like that. But there also those moments of connection and hope—on the quest for racial justice, in particular.

Truly, it is a moment for all kinds of listening. If you're not on the Class of '86 Facebook page (and is there anyone who is NOT on the [informal] Class of '86 Facebook page? I know we have some conscientious objectors) and you have not listened to Alex Wise's Sea Change Radio interview with Maurice "Mo" Plaines (most of us knew him as Cee), do go listen to their discussion about being African American at PA during the 80s, Mo's own growth and reflection, and the important work he's doing in mentoring young people.

https://www.cchange.net/2020/06/09/plaines/

Also doing really, really important work in this area is **Kelly Amis**, who founded a film production company ten years ago to make *TEACHED*, a series of short films that examine issues of race, education and equality, particularly in regard to Black boys. Kelly reports: "I'm currently working on a film shot last year in the Middle East, but given the current opportunity to deepen understanding of systemic racism in America, I'm also sharing and talking about the *TEACHED* film *Think of Calvin*, which is about an outrageous case of racial profiling. Anyone can screen this for free if interested."

I had the honor of seeing *Think of Calvin* when Kelly was a participant in *The Atlantic*'s first Race + Justice summit a few years ago—for which I raised foundation support to produce—and hearing Kelly's spot-on remarks.

Kelly also reports, "It has been great to stay connected with classmates on social media, and so fun to see Rachel Coppleson-Entwistle last year in London, and Sue Calder and Sara Corbett in Napa for a fun reunion weekend. Sue is an OB/GYN in Los Angeles and Sara (I think everyone knows?) a highly acclaimed writer.

Gabriele Hecken Bauman also reports on how this season of renewal has affected her: "Hi—I haven't submitted anything in probably 10 years! But in light of all the things happening, thought I would share. In the spirit of non sibi, I have been part of a mother-daughter charity group, called National Charity League. June 1, I became president of the local chapter here in Cary, N.C. I do this work outside my full time technology work at Pearson Education, which has its own fulfillment for supporting higher education."

Speaking of her volunteer work, Gabriele observes: "It brings full circle the *non sibi* mantra and instilling the values of community service, leadership, and cultural experiences in my own kids."

What are you doing? And how are you doing it? Whatever it is: Make it new.

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OK, let's get this out of the way. Nothing mixes well with a pandemic. Our Class Notes's 900 word count limit is no exception. With all of us at home I received two times the amount of submissions. Lots fell to the cutting floor. Please, if you were one of the kind souls to write in, excuse my drastic editing of what you wrote. I worked hard to keep the smiles in what you

wrote. Now, as **Travis Metz** is fond of saying, "Let's do this!"

Randall Kempner: "The prophesy has been fulfilled! I have moved home to Texas to hang out with Andy Bowman and Hod Eckel '88." (And run www.cgmf.org)

Oliver Ryan: "I am back in N.Y.C. running my business, Count.It, and rolling with the lows and sometime highs of N.Y.C. Rett Wallace and I share an office in Soho. In addition to running his own startup, Rett has become a star guest on financial news networks for his smart and often contrarian views on market events. True to his nature, his position on N.Y.C. in the midst of revolution and health crisis was bullish. Watching people cheer in the evenings, and improvise dinner parties on sidewalks, while jazz bands take to the streets, and artists decorate the plywood that has covered downtown, I agree."

Chuck Chung: "My book, MEMS Product Development, is out by the end of this year. It's the feel-good book of the decade."

Dale Mohammed: "Alive and well. Discovering my inner hermit and the Bronx."

Callie Hershey: "Stevens House had a Zoom mini reunion. Lista Lincoln, Artis (Tague) Montague, Cindy Greene, Liza Poinier, Cynthia Pierce, Caroline Goodson Parker '88, Liz (Kenny) Stein '88, Audrey Tague '88, Suzy Vinciguerra Rosen, and Delphine Morton attended. It was so much fun to catch up with friends. Seeing all of these awesome women was one of the many small silver linings that have come from this strange cloud passing over us."

Tom Powers: "After 20 years working as a youth mental health counselor I made decision to transition to something less stressful. Looking forward to combining my behavioral health experience with my newfound EMT skills."

Marty Valasek: "Still fondly reminiscing about my trip to Chicago five years back when I had a chance to chat with Bob Whelan. Although I spent just a year at Andover, made so many great memories, including with Bob and Angry Salad! I have bought myself an electronic drum set to perhaps backstop a reunion performance of the band!"

Emily Diehl: "I am still in Kentucky and do not have much exciting to report, which is probably good, considering the current situation. A shout out to Sharon Owyang, Caroline "Jeannie" Lee, Chrissy Smith, Debbie Palmer, Michelle Whipkey Edwards, Ian McCarthy, and Ian Davis, Al Tomaselli, Mike Cox, Brian Lamkin, Jon Pedicino, Adam Grasso '88, and all former teammates on the girls ice hockey team. And everyone else that I have forgotten, because I do a lot of that now."

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Monica Nordhaus: Is "surfing and working as an executive coach, helping leaders be the best that they can be and companies with diversity and inclusion efforts." (Check out her inspirational quote filled website at www.monicanordhaus.com)

Mimmo lasiello: "I published a new book, *The Girl Behind the Glass*. One of the benefits of being locked inside is that I can write." https://tinyurl.com/GirlBehindGlass

Chrissy Smith: "A nice break in learning how to use so many new digital resources (e.g., Zoom) was reading Emilio Iasiello's latest book, *The Girl Behind the Glass*. I hope everyone is handling the current world order well and wish you health, justice, and safety."

Maggie (Rokous) Towles: "I just launched a website for my seasonal store." (Check it out and see if you can find Maggie's kids! shopmagneticnorth.com.)

Charles Flather: "I never thought I'd be sitting next to Greg Shufro again in math class, but it happened on Parents' Weekend in the fall. Morse Hall, 8 a.m. sharp—he was on time, I had dubious excuses. (My daughter Brooke '22 and his son Bryce '22 are in the same class, both lowers). Also stay in touch with David Allen every year around Christmas."

Greg Shufro: Had to put up with Charlie in math class again. Ugh. (I made that up—DK). Real news: "I had an Adams North reunion with Todd Brussel, David Hayward, Gilbert Gimm and Torrence Boone in May. And my younger son Bryce '22 has been working with Lou Bernieri on alumni writing workshops attended by Mary Caulkins, Karl Kister, and Mark Timken."

Kristin duBay Horton: "Writing from Austin, TX. Quarantined with my middle child (Kate PA'22) who is bereaved by the school's closure, which cancelled *Les Mis* this spring and threatens *Rent* in the fall. I remember missing a day of classes for Hurricane Gloria (1985)."

Janet McIntosh: "Still hanging out at Brandeis as professor and chair of the anthropology department. I have a volume coming out soon called *Language in the Trump Era: Scandals and Emergencies.* We're using tools from linguistic anthropology to get under the surface of 45's tricks."

Nicholas Simon: Take a moment and check out his website. Incredible, and you can say you went to school with a producer on Spike Lee's recent movie. tinyurl.com/DA5BloodsNick That's cool.

Again, to all who wrote in, much love and thanks for your efforts and understanding on all the cuts I needed to make. Onward! —**Dave**

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My goodness, y'all! There is so much I could say in light of all that we have been through this year, but let me simply say that I hope that you and all of your loved ones are safe, healthy, and happy.

Here is what your classmates have been up to, largely in their own words:

Jim Dand: "Just watched a Zoom piano concert by my upper year roommate in Stearns East, Ulrich Murtfeld '87. Hadn't seen him since spring of '87 when he used to imagine he was Boris Becker and hit tennis balls against the wall of our common room while I was trying to annoy him by blasting Metallica on my boom box. Good times. Good to see we've both aged well. Other than that, I'm pretty much holed up in my basement on endless Webex conferences for work."

Tyrone Forman published an article in the June 10, 2020, edition of the Chicago Sun-Times titled, "When the lions have cameras, we finally get to see how our society devalues black lives." Here is the link to the article: https://chicago.suntimes.com/2020/6/10/21284400/ racial-injustice-racism-african-american-men-police-brutality-cpd-black-me n-george-floyd-chicago. According to the Chicago Sun-Times, Tyrone, a professor of African American studies and sociology at the University of Illinois at Chicago, is a nationally recognized expert on intergroup prejudice and discrimination, comparative race and ethnic relations, and survey research methods. Yes, he is all of those wonderful things, but to me, he will always be my second friend at Andover (after Andy Makuku) and my homie from "the Boogie Down."

Elee Kraljii Gardiner: "I earned an MFA in poetry from the Institute of American Indian Arts this spring. The anthology I edited, *Against Death: 35 Essays on Living*, was a finalist for the Montaigne Medal and the Eric Hoffer Grand Prize. In February, I was in

Seattle to read at Hugo House from my poetry book *Trauma Head*, and I stayed with **Roddy Scheer**. Roddy's popovers are phenomenal and he has a really sweet son! Roddy and I went out to breakfast with **Ty Alevizos** at his wife's restaurant, Vif. It is hands down the most interesting and delicious place in the Pacific Northwest. Roddy and Ty were really generous hosts, and it reminded me that the bond we all share as classmates is something durable, even if unspoken. I also had the fun of jumping on a Zoom birthday meeting for Wing Taylor '89 and seeing his classmates Pablo Mozo '89 and Henry Watkins '89 in celebration mode, too."

Elee forgot to add that she and I became *Buzzfeed* famous in April 2020! The Getty Museum in Los Angeles issued a challenge for people to recreate works of art with objects (and people) in their homes and share them. Elee took up the challenge wholeheartedly, soliciting requests from her friends as to which artworks she could recreate at home for them. I suggested Varnette Honeywood's *Greens for Money, Peas for Luck*, and Elee recreated it to perfection. As the *BuzzFeed* caption noted, "Honestly, I can barely tell the difference." You can see the original artwork and Elee's recreation here: https://www.buzzfeed.com/louisekhong/getty-museum-challenge-recreate-artwork

Ann Gerschefski: "I feel absolutely and completely awful for the Class of 2020 not getting to do the traditional on campus commencement. Black Lives Matter. Not all cops are bad. Wear a mask. Wash your hands. One of my lives, as a Broadway musician, has been shut down. My other life, as a real estate agent, has never been busier. Anyone who needs to buy or sell, no matter where, can contact me at Ann. Gerschefski@Raveis.com. Looking forward to attending Alumni Council ON CAMPUS in the fall."

Aisha Jorge Massengill: "I had the great fortune of celebrating my big 5-0 shortly before the world turned upside down as a result of 'the Rona.' Threw myself a big ole party where the Andover posse was in full effect. Here are the attendees by class, beginning with the greatest class of all: Terri Stroud, Monica Brown Andrews, Wayne Bethea '86, Evette Maranda Clarke, Jill Miller, Nick Sims, Erica Sills Gaines '89, Elisa Istueta '89, Nicole Lowery '89, Sherry Martin '89, Sheldon Royal '89, Angel Stanislaus '89, Sherita Gaskins-Tillett '90, Sanders Adu '90, and Willie Tate '90. The great Bobby Edwards, former associate director of admissions and former dean of community and multicultural development (CAMD), also came to party with "his kids." The highlight of the evening was a full performance of the classic New Edition song and video, "If it Isn't Love," by me, Terri, Erica, Angel, my sister Latisha, and friend Sandy. With folks coming from as far away as Arizona, California, D.C., and New York, it was just so humbling to know that our bond endures more than three (gasp) decades later."

On June 7, **Cricket Mikheev**'s daughter Isabel graduated in June as a member of the Andover MMXX. Speaking of Andover MMXX, I was honored to participate in the Alumni Voices section of the "Andover MMXX: Celebrating Our Seniors" virtual commencement event by way of a video message that welcomed the class into the alumni community and reminded them that, now and forever, it's #AndoverForLife.

Well, that is all for now, my dears. I am truly wishing you all the happiness and serenity your hearts can hold. Stay safe out there. Love you. Mean it.

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Updates on ~60 classmates below (!), so the word limit necessitated brevity, excising most family and pet mentions, and no intro. The more informative, more personal, and far chattier version of these notes is posted on our PA'89 Facebook page, or email me at orinherskowitz@gmail.com to get a copy as a PDF.

It seems that many of us are in academia and education: Emily Gordon does media relations at Yale while also writing poetry. Emily Muldoon Kathan is MIT Alumni Association's creative director. Gabe Wardell runs editorial content at Emory, and has brayely led our PA'89 Zoom calls! Allison Marino lives in Santa Cruz, picking up contract computer science research projects while teaching yoga. Betsy Wiedenmayer **Rogers** leads a mini MBA program in Tokyo. Elizabeth Symchych King teaches college geology in Jackson Hole, WY. She saw Alex Jacacci recently at a ski tournament for their kids. Seth (a.k.a. Friar Thomas Joseph) White is faculty at the Thomastic Institute in Rome, which teaches philosophy and theology. Kirsti Copeland is in student affairs at Stanford's Engineering School. Tommy Anderson manages nearly 14,000 students as superintendent of the New Bedford public school system. I

(**Orin Herskowitz**) am still at Columbia, helping early-stage scientific innovations (in life science, energy, advanced materials, cybersecurity, etc.) jump from the labs to the market as licenses to industry or new startup companies, and occasionally teaching as well. I've regularly seen **Eric Zinterhofer** (runs private equity firm Searchlight Capital in N.Y.C.), **Roberto Garcia** (architect at Perkins Eastman in N.Y.C.), **Rick Yanes**, **Dominic Rambaran**, and **Ben Shin**.

I was also blown away to realize how many friends have made their careers in the arts!

Charlotte Huang lives in L.A. and has written two young adult novels (For the Record and Going Geek), with an adult contemporary story coming next. Mirabelle Kirkland is opening an artist colony (https://www.laforgeduvallon.fr/) in France. Marjorie Dial is a ceramicist and is also opening an artist's colony (!) (https://www.township10.com/about), though in North Carolina. Tyler Merson founded woodworking studio Codfish Park Design, but will also be going back to college to become a high school STEM teacher. Janet Buttenwieser lives in Seattle and published her first book, Guts, in 2018. Marianna "Mair" Baer lives in Brooklyn and has written two books: Frost and The Inconceivable Life of Quinn. Josephine Cashman's nine-minute short film Incurable was selected for seven film festivals (vay!), all of which got paused by COVID (boo).

Christian Parker stepped down as chair of Columbia's graduate theatre program, and is "happily back teaching and helping students reinvent an entire professional field and art form that just evaporated." Speaking of which, Dominic Rambaran got cast in a commercial based solely on doing a one-take self-shot audition from his L.A. home on a 10-year-old digital camera.

Also, many lawyers: Marlene Laro founded the Potomac Law Group, "100+ lawyers in 18 states working remotely." (My office at Columbia is a grateful client.) She Zooms with Kate Donchi (Portland, OR), Christina Henry de Tessan (Portland, OR), Christina Weaver Vest (Boston), Mair Baer (Brooklyn), and Shellee Hendricks. Ben Shin is a cable industry lawyer in Connecticut. Eric Van De Water supplemented his career as a business litigator in Atlanta with a perfect midlife-crisis hobby of running marathons. He sees Adam Wolfe (also practicing law but in Florida) and Pete Juhas when he came to town. Rob Kinney runs a legal staffing and search firm in Austin. Cassandra (Pascarella) Berger, a former lawyer in N.Y.C., Zoomed recently with Allison Picott'88 (development in Boston), Christine Joseph-Haller (financial journalist in London), Emily Muldoon Kathan, Liz Symchych King, Katie Grimes Baird (marketing for Pepsi in Florida), Laura

Hsieh (art teacher), Jessica Sheridan Allen '88, Amy Morse Rogers (grade school teacher in Aspen, CO), Jenn Carr-Smith (advising start-ups in Chicago, living with husband and PA classmate Brian Smith), and Andrea Newell (living in San Francisco with husband and PA classmate Paul Howe).

Combining all three categories above, **Chase Madar** is an attorney, author, journalist, parttime professor, all-around progressive badass, and my neighbor-ish in Park Slope, Brooklyn.

Quite a few PA'89ers are practicing or receiving healthcare: **Scott Clark-Schoeb** is an orthopedic spine surgeon in Morristown Medical Center in New Jersey. He was also on the patient side of things recently, having gotten "pretty (but non-hospital) sick from COVID, now fully recovered." Rick Yanes is a nurse anesthetist in Tampa. When not feeding his wife and classmate Marlene Laro and their family (latest: chocolate pie with peanut butter whipped cream!), **Andrew Joel** is caring for patients as the vice chair of urology at Virginia Hospital Center.

Others have made their careers in the business side of technology, life science, or energy: Mike Hearle runs Clough Capital Partners in Boston. Jay Jamison lives in Boston, near Mike Hearle, Caleb Jacobsen-Sive, Andrew Kunian, and Dave Satterthwaite. He's chief product officer and CTO at Quick Base, a software company that my office at Columbia literally could not function without. Cadir Lee lives in California, where he runs OhmConnect, a clean energy company. Rob Oh was an iOS developer in N.Y.C., but recently moved to Hawaii to care for his mom.

Other class news: **Leila Finucane** runs an affordable housing organization in D.C., and vacationed recently in Steamboat Springs with Janet Buttenwieser. **Neal Hampton** writes articles as a freelance historian in Oklahoma City. **Anshula Kedar** lives in Berlin, after six years travelling, playing music, dancing, and meditating in Goa and the Himalayas. She reports that she is "so much further along to liberation and enlightenment."

Here's to hoping that we all get a bit of Anshula's feelings of liberation and enlightenment, even if vicariously, and that the next months are better than the last ones....

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Well, that wasn't the weekend-long soiree we had in mind, but thanks to our amazing

Reunion Committee, many of us were able to connect and celebrate via Zoom June 12-13.

As planned, we kicked off Friday night with a Happy Hour and Jam Session led by none other than **Kristin** "Denver" **Hansen** with **Dan Lennon**, **Jared Jackson**, and **Adam Butler**. Jared made his stage debut, channeling his inner John Prine.

A few brave souls, **Allison Kornet** and Lucie Flather '91 among them, braved the early morning for a Radiant Warrior Yoga set taught by yours truly.

I was sad to miss Carrie Ann Quinn's Andover Class of '90 Theater Revue! Carrie Ann put together the slideshow showcasing all the many and unbelievable number of amazing theater performances during our four years on the Hill for the 25th, but technical issues prevented its proper debut. Carrie Ann reports that there were many pauses during the eight-minute video to share stories along with the photos from Adam Butler, Zenzi Gadson, Cristin Canterbury, and Andy Case. Others who joined the call included Allison Kornet, Sanders Adu, Tiffany Driscoll, and Kristen Hansen. Not surprisingly, many featured John Berman! So many noted the tremendous freedom we had in theater at Andover.

Sunday evening, Stacy Metcalf and Imani **Moody** led a powerful Courageous Conversation about "Race and Power in America." I know I'm not alone in saying this was the most powerful Reunion event I can remember in 30 years. Over two hours, many spoke frankly about personal experiences living with racism and how we can come together to effect positive change. Many shared resources, which Stacy compiled into a Google doc that was shared with all participants. In the spirit of non sibi, as of this writing, Stacy, Imani, and I were working on continuing the conversation and identifying ways the Class of 1990 can work together to have a positive impact in the Andover community and our own communities.

I hope everyone is staying healthy and safe in these unusual times. I hope to see and hear from you all soon.

Tom (with help from Stacy Metcalf and Carrie Ann Quinn)

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Welcome to the first pandemic edition of the Class of '91 notes! We didn't see this coming, did we? While this is a strange time in our lives, to say the least, one of the silver linings of these days of shelter-in-place and physical

distancing has been the social connectedness of our class during our Friday and occasional Saturday meet-ups in the Ryley Zoom. We're sharing our joys and our struggles, our former crushes, our parenting dilemmas, our questions about how our beloved academy is weathering these uncertain and trying times, lots of laughs, and...our news, including that of several alumni kids becoming second generation Andover students!

Congratulations to Alexandra Bernbach Howson's daughter, William Tong's daughter, and Stephen Lee's son, who all begin their Andover journeys in the autumn of 2020.

Congratulations are in store as well for proud papa **Uche Osuji** and his wife Maggie Mund on the birth of their son, Miles Chibueze Osuji, in June. Uche shares that Chibueze means God is King in the Ibo language.

Alex Techet and her triplets, Lydia, Henry, and George, recently relocated from Waban, MA, to Hingham, MA, where the kiddos will begin first grade this fall. Alex shared some gorgeous pics of vintage PA art—a print of pencil sketches by former PA art teacher Virginia Powel—hanging in her beautiful new waterfront home

Cheers to William Tong for his election to the Board of Trustees of Phillips Academy, joining **Stephen Matloff** at the big table. William presently serves as attorney general of Connecticut—and it's impressive that with all of these responsibilities, he still makes time to join us regularly in the Ryley Zoom on many a Friday night.

Speaking of which, I wrap-up with a heartfelt plea to join our Friday Ryley Zoom sessions. To date, a couple of our sessions have been dedicated to community conversations on the subject of race and power in America and anti-racist action, with Nnaemeka Egwuekwe and **Greg Horwitch** generously co-facilitating these conversations. Our meetings in this regard are ongoing and reflect the commitment of many members of our class to exploring what we can do to promote anti-racist action at Andover and beyond. We announce these events on our class Facebook page; please let us know if you need to be contacted another way in order to be included in these important conversations. Our beloved Academy was born on the heels of the Revolutionary War in a time of great uncertainty, and was tasked from its outset with instilling knowledge and goodness into future leaders who became the needed change makers. Our task today is no less urgent, and I can't urge you enough to tune in to the calls and to the subject matter if you haven't already, in true non sibi fashion.

Regular fixtures on these Friday Ryley Zooms, and occasional Saturday ones, are Stephen

Matloff, Uche Osuji, Stephanie Vithoulkas Hackett, Kelly McAuliffe, Shanti Roundtree, Eric Stockman, Alexandra Bernbach Howson, Nathaniel Pendleton, William Tong, Michael Meiners, Jessica Gonzales, and me. Many others have dropped in from time to time as well, like Toyin Ajose, Chad Taylor, Samantha Holloman, Ran Sarkar, Tobe Corazini, Carolyn Bernal, Ben Weisbuch, Wendy Espinoza Cotta, Alyssa Sullivan, Rajen Parekh, Daniel Lee, Stephen Lee, Jennifer Wu Hernandez, Sandy Miller, Amy O'Neal Nylen, Erin Twomey, Senia Maymin, Jon Odo, John Orsmond, Shane Cooper LaPointe, Kathleen Wolf, Erin Brenner, Tory O'Connor, James Elkus, Julie McElderry Tsohondaridis, Michael Liss, Nat Furman, Eric Kessler, Taimur Hadi, Tiffany Corley, Shannon Canavin, Amara Moreau Briggs, Sherri Shafman '92, and Michael Hurt '90, checking in all the way from South Korea. Even more classmates have joined for our facilitated community conversations. You never know who you're going to see in the Ryley Zoom, but, chances are, you'll really, really enjoy it. I know I have! (And if I left your name out, please remind me that you were there when you read this—and perhaps include a note of news, too!)

Please come home virtually to Andover to hang out and reconnect. And wherever you are, and whatever you're doing to get through these unusual times, please drop me an email or FB Messenger note so that I can include it right here in these notes next time around. Best wishes to all for a rest of 2020 that's not quite as much of a dumpster fire. —Roxane

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These are difficult times. Our darkest hours, however, are made more bearable by the support and collective strength of our loved ones, our families, and our friends. I am so proud of how our class has come together to support each other during this uniquely challenging period in our history.

First, we send our thanks to those who are on the front lines of the global coronavirus pandemic, including our own **Ellie Miller**, who is a nurse in New York City, one of the pandemic's multiple epicenters. To Ellie and the many other medical professionals in our class who are putting their own lives on the line to save others: we salute you.

Many of you have shared information on health charities and medical relief organizations, encouraging many more to donate their resources to help fight this pandemic. I have been encouraged to see that the generosity of our class has not waned one bit at a time when it is most needed.

Our classmates have also given their time, in organizing, hosting, and participating in numerous online alumni events, both formal and informal, which have provided much-needed spaces for dialogue and information sharing, as well as moments of levity to lift our spirits at a time when we are unable to come together physically.

In May, I was asked by the Af-Lat-Am Committee of the Alumni Council to host a virtual alumni dance party. I was pleased to see that more than 800 alums tuned in, including many of our 1992 classmates. Shortly thereafter, **Nicole Quinlan** approached me about giving a talk on the history of DJing, which took place in mid-June. Our class showed up again with **Kurtis Auguste**, **Megan Brodkey**, **Sarah Fearnow**, **Pristine Johannessen**, **Jeff Kaban**, Ellie Miller, **Sherri Shafman**, **Allen Soong**, and **Noy Thrupkaew** among the attendees. Nicole also teamed up with her fellow 30th Reunion co-chair Allen Soong to host a Class of '92 trivia night.

Sherri Shafman has been kind enough to organize a number of class Zoom calls, including one in celebration of **Jenny Elkus**' birthday, which I was happy to attend, along with Nicole, **Anne Austin**, Shane Cooper LaPointe '91, and **Anna Estes**, among others. Anne reports that she and Anna flew back to the States together from Tanzania just as the global lockdowns were starting.

Unfortunately, being in Berlin means that I am sometimes unable to participate in online events, due to the time difference. One that I certainly hated to miss was **Kevin O'Brien's** Virtual Vinyasa Yoga class, also held in midJune. Thankfully, I did get to chat with my Rockwell brother Kevin, as he was one of several of our classmates who attended the virtual release party for my album, *CTRLALT DELETE*. I must say that I have really been humbled by the response to the album among our classmates. A big thank you to all of you who have supported it. If you haven't had a chance to check it out, it is available on most digital music platforms, as well as at djdskillz.bandcamp.com.

In other news, **Andrew Adamovich** writes from Sydney, Australia, where he is spending time with his three kids and is busy building a radiopharmaceutical business. He recently met up with fellow Andover alums Johan Aasbo '93 and Akash Kapur'93 in South India.

Yazad Dalal is still holding down the fort in London, where his two sons have quickly developed English accents. He keeps in close touch with his former Fuess roommate and fellow Londoner Patrick Ugeux.

Kerry Kriger writes from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, where he is training in martial arts while running several businesses, including "Save The Frogs!" as featured here recently in *Andover* magazine. He also teaches bamboo flute and classical music of northern India, and recently started a website consulting company, zero2webmaster.com.

Back stateside, **Tanya Boland** checked in from Park City, UT, where she and her family are keeping sane through quarantine with long hikes, camping trips, board games, and trivia. **Christian Lentz** reports that he is now teaching his geography classes at UNC online as he is on lockdown in Durham with his wife and two kids (and one adopted hound dog).

Megan Mahoney recently started a new position as chief of staff at Stanford Health Care in Palo Alto, CA. Congratulations, Megan! Congratulations are also in order for our class's newest doctor (and my birthday twin), Dr. Jessica Matias Vega-Centeno, who recently completed a PhD in communications at the University of Texas at Austin. Jess joins the faculty at Cal State Fullerton this fall. Congratulations!

The Boston contingency of our class remains strong and active. Amanda Dale Smith has become quite the horticulturalist, growing figs (although birds seem to have plundered this year's crop), lemons, strawberries, and herbs. Susie Tong Parikh also checked in from Beantown, where she's raising her two children while running her online clothing business miniruby.com. I'm sure we're all as happy as she is to congratulate her brother Willie Tong '91 on being elected to the Andover Board of Trustees.

Finally, **Stew Williamson** sent a recap of his appearance on *Wheel of Fortune* in March, which I'm sure some of you caught on television! While he didn't make it to the final round, he's happy that he left with more money than he came with.

Thank you to all of you who sent in updates. Stay safe and healthy!

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Our classmate **John MacNeil** died May 9 after two-and-a-half-year-long battle with lung cancer. He is survived by his wife Ruxandra,

daughter Zelda, and baby due in July 2020, as well as by his parents, two sisters and their families. John came to PA as a new upper and was instantly recognizable on campus for his outrageously curly, sandy blond hair.

Classmate and friend Andy Knowles wrote, "John lived in Stearns East (Rabbit Pond). He came in like a whirlwind, as was his trademark, speaking so fast that he was hard to keep up with. He ran track, and played JV soccer his first year, as well as writing for the *Phillipian*... Senior year, John moved to Bartlett North (Flagstaff), rooming with Tim Gallagher. He ran varsity track and played soccer his senior year as well. Most remembered for his incomparable dance moves, he also brought a fervent adoration for 1980s sedans (and sweet spoked rims), would often describe things as both bobo and chintzy, had a brilliant mop of hair on his head, and certainly prized and appreciated all of the educational opportunities that he could get his hands on (both inside and outside of the

Nick Thompson posted John's PA ID picture to Facebook along with the note that he was "heartbroken to learn...of the loss of my classmate, teammate, physics partner, and co-watcher of the fateful 2000 election returns.... He was a kind, wonderful, imaginative man." **Hardy Stecker** also posted photos of John to the class Facebook page. "Miss you, but will always have a full heart of memories."

Michelle Cho wrote that one memory that sticks out to her was of John dancing. "At our All-School Meeting in the Chapel, when Inca Sun came to perform...I remember John was sitting behind the stage...so when he got up and danced, alternating raising his arms in the air, it was as if he was on stage, just behind the main act. I don't know who was having more funhim dancing or us watching him." Michelle got to know John in N.Y.C. after graduation and "liked how excited he became at new experiences, like catching a fish, discovering an underground sake bar, and betting on a cockroach race, and the ensuing stories he told about them. I never saw him without lots of energy."

Anna Stewart wrote that he was "our very handsome classmate...modest, cute and dopey...I am very sad for our loss." Mary Louise (Eagleton) Meaney concurred, and Joe Fowler added that John was "funny, warm and humble."

Two friends remember him from the *Phillipian*. **Mark Jaklovsky** wrote, "you didn't have to be close to John to know that he was a great person. I had the privilege of collaborating with him in that pressure cooker in the basement of Evans.... No deadline or other pressure removed John's kindness or coolness. Now, John is a memory like Evans. I will miss

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him and I hope we memorialize him well on Andover Hill in three years."

Hilary Koob-Sassen also wrote that John "got a real pleasure from his existence, you could see he was savoring being here in reality with you. He would not speak about himself, he would operate himself to spin you a yarn like a little trellis to grow up and over, right when you needed it. So well-mannered, to a fault even. He cast his eyes gently from behind an abiding smile and downturned listening head.... He was very clearly...a man of the highest quality through and through."

Like many of us, **Hillary Williams** returned to John's distinctive mop. "The curls. The smile. The magic. He was stardust."

Nina Steiger wrote to share that she and John "both joined Andover as new uppers, which can feel like an important bond when you arrive halfway through high school.... John was amazing and was so loved at Andover...he was athletic and tremendously clever, but also stood out for his modesty and cool. He had a special combination of nerviness and confidence, often shy to the point of whispering and looking down, but also VERY social, curious, and keen to have fun. He was agnostic about traditional high school [stuff] like cliques and clans and he fit in (at times, by standing back) everywhere. My sense was he loved being at the school, found the place—its people, and rituals—fascinating, and really enjoyed hanging out with a great range of kids. I will so well remember his stylie ways, and his jumpy physicality, how he would bounce on the spot, weave, and almost dance while talking. In a funny way, his clothes, in my memory of him, capture the convergence of various qualities-running shoes, khaki chinos, plaid flannel and Adidas warm-up jackets-his sporty, classy, outdoorsy hipness. He was what I would describe as a total classic."

Finally, **Victoria Kataoka**, who is close to his wife, summed it up for everyone. Like us, she is heartbroken. "He was just such a fine fellow."

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When I was initiated into the guild of class secretaries over 25 years ago, one of the rules given was to try and write the notes in a timeless fashion. The turnaround between my submitting and their arrival on your doorstep is so long, the rationale was, that if I open an edition writing, "It's so cold!" when I submitted in January, and you read it in May, it would be jarring.

As class secretary, I've typically come just to the edge of breaking that rule each time. With this edition, however, it's important to note that I'm writing these words on June 17, 2020, in New York City. It's important to note the time and place because when I started asking classmates for updates, a few said that my submission should just read "Black Lives Matter," full stop. So, though I don't think the various problems with policing and racism that face the U.S. will be solved by the time this reaches your doorstep, it also seems like printing a three-word update would absolutely break the timeless rule, and the implication of the timelessness of needing to agitate against violence is too bleak to consider.

My last submission was in January, before the massive, global lockdown because of the novel coronavirus. Before we were all tired of Zoom jokes. Before the return to the forefront of police violence in the U.S. after the murder of George Floyd and others, including Breonna Taylor. And now I'm writing during all of these—during the pandemic, during Black Lives Matter, during so much uncertainty, or at least during so much where the only certainty is that someone will always refer to "these uncertain times."

Back when the U.S. was just beginning to react to the pandemic, PA published a short news item about how Class of 1994 people were realizing the *non sibi* spirit to help with the crisis. Andover focused on Saasha Celestial-One's #cook4kids campaign via her Olio food-sharing app, on Cyrus Massoumi's crowdfunding campaign to help with virus testing, and my own participation in producing over 20,000 face shields for first responders with my colleagues at the Columbia University Libraries.

Other classmates responded, however, as well. Whitney Rapp and Peter Radocchia both took advantage of being in small towns to actively prevent the spread of the disease. Whitney is in rural Alaska, and Peter is in Vermont. Peter led the unpopular charge to close his local school and worked to help a grocery store remain open in Manchester, VT. Angelina Mercado is the executive director of the Hawai'i State Coalition Against Domestic Violence, and she worked to help train member organizations in protecting confidentiality during screening and how to advocate remotely.

Mereke Decker Carrizosa and Alana Petraske helped more from a fundraising perspective. As a director of a charitable school in Bogotá, Mereke sought donations to purchase food for students' families. Alana, a partner on the charities and philanthropy team at WitherWorldwide, was quoted in the *New York Times* saying, "It's the time to give.' You don't want to look back on this situation and say, 'I had some means of influence, and I didn't talka it."

Additionally, **Peter Kolchinsky**, who I think débuts in the Class Notes with this update, began appearing on my Twitter feed. He's the author of *The Great American Drug Deal*, and he has been using his expertise as a virologist to educate the Internet about the novel coronavirus.

It has been heartwarming to see so many classmates not only throw in during a time of crisis, but also seeing as well how many make service a central part of their daily lives.

Aaron Sharma sent word from upstate New York. The outbreak wasn't as bad up there, but everything was still shut down, and his hospital took all the needed precautions. Ryan McGee has replaced going to the boxing gym with sparring with his wife in his back yard. And Nathan Raymond wrote in. As the systems administrator for the Methuen Public Schools, he has been facing challenges implementing and running support for remote learning. Hannah Sharpless Graff brightens my Instagram with her botanical ink experiments and the exploits of her new dog (Nisha Menon reminded me to include this last part).

Finally, Erin Laspa Henry wrote right after my last deadline in early January, and her update reads like from another timeline. Back in January, she was doing a Push-Up Challenge online with Reese Hamilton '93, and wrote about her planned summer trip with Kristie Pfeifle Medak, Saasha, and Mary Myers Hardgrove. She also beat the pandemic in taking time to do some writing, working on a novel that leans on her expertise as a psychologist. In closing, she encouraged anyone to look her up in Boulder/Denver should they want to drop by and ski. Hopefully by the time you receive these notes, that will again be possible.

As always, keep in touch and please join our Facebook group (http://tinyurl.com/pa94fb).

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Loy Anderson finished a master's in mental health counseling in December at Palm Beach Atlantic University, and has now returned north for the first time since PA days. In June he

moved to Greenwich, CT, for a residency period to work at the Anxiety Institute, "where parents from all over the tristate area are bringing their adolescents with anxiety, OCD, or trauma." The institute was co-founded by Linda Petrucci Geiger '78. Loy asked PA people to "reach out to him (!)," as he loves to catch-up with alums and classmates. He recently spoke to his old dorm mate **Jon DiOrio**, who has relocated to Charleston, SC, with his wife Ashley and three kids.

Matt Bower lives in St. Louis with his wife and two kids, ages 11 and 8. Up until COVID, he says, they kept busy with soccer and the usual school schedules. Matt and his brother Ken Bower '90 founded an investment management company five years ago, which Matt describes as "both exciting and rewarding." The firm now has 19 people working with clients across the U.S.

Andy Casey lives in Orange County, CA, and is working from home during the pandemic. "I wish I could tell you about some amazing vacation," he laments, "but we've had to cancel our plans for the summer!"

Banu Kuppusami Cole lives in Charlottesville, VA, with her husband, Steven, and Alaskan malamute, Jed. She works as a scientific director at HemoShear Therapeutics, a drug discovery company for rare and chronic liver diseases. She finds this work "fascinating, challenging, and highly rewarding, fully utilizing her biological skills and passion for science." Banu also has been "bitten by the flying bug," as a commercial helicopter pilot and flight instructor. She co-owns a helicopter touring company in Virginia, called Skyline Heli, and can be found in her "second office in the skies" on weekends.

Geoff Gauthier reports that "life is good." He and his wife Hallie had their first child, Henry, last April. Everyone is healthy and happy, "if a bit cooped up." Geoff has been working for Royal Dutch Shell Group for the past 11 years. He runs part of a liquefied natural gas terminal in Savannah, GA. Geoff says he keeps in touch with several folks from his West Quad North days, like Chuck Arensburg, Bijit Kundu, Jay Mok, Jay Lee, J.B. Lockhart, Matt O'Keefe, and Ted Powers. "They all seem to be doing well," writes Geoff.

Micah Jacobs is happy in Dallas, as a pediatric urologist at UT Southwestern, where his wife Paula is an ICU nurse. They have two children and "are doing our best to navigate through interesting times." Micah and family recently connected with **Mimi Crume Sterling**'s family at an Andover event before the pandemic, and they all had "lots of fun."

James Leger writes that he is "just enjoying the family," including his wife Monica, and daughters Keira (15) and Hayden (6). James sells regenerative biologics for tissues, as a

senior account manager for Smith & Nephew. James has been in touch with "several former hockey teammates" from Andover.

Emily Moore lives in Brooklyn with her wife and their two young children, and has been teaching high school English for nearly two decades. "Time really does fly!" she observes.

Tyler Post is married with three children and lives in Hingham, MA, working as the principal of Rising Tide Charter School, a middle school in Plymouth.

Jose Saenz still works for the same research institute since he graduated from college, doing mostly "human-robot interaction and safety." He is happily married and his three kids are still at home. Jose recently finished a doctorate program in automation, at the grande école ENSAM in Lille, France. "It still feels quite new," he writes, "so I'm still happily surprised when I'm addressed as Dr. Jose Saenz these days.:)"

Steve Song has settled into the Bay Area in California, doing mergers and acquisitions for Barclays. Outside of work, he spends time with his wife and three kids. "If there is any silver lining to the pandemic," he writes, "it's that we've been able to clear our calendars and enjoy together the simpler things in life, like hiking and camping up in the mountains."

Margot Stiles is "astonished to report that after a few months of angst" she is "fully adapted to not traveling internationally every few weeks." Staying home "includes such perks such as sleeping through the night, not getting food poisoning, and not needing to walk around with sweaty wads of cash against my skin." Margot and her partner David "benefit from the extreme privilege of both working from home and getting paid." Kayaking, bicycling, and gardening "are the keys to keeping my emotions together," she explains. At Global Fishing Watch, she continues "to move forward quietly to apply satellites and artificial intelligence to track vessels at sea, in order to reduce illegal fishing, human trafficking, and other crimes which continue or even increase when no one is watching."

Russel Taylor is said to be alive and well in Austin, TX, and while he has not contracted COVID-19, he "can't believe all of this [expletive] had to happen to him."

As for me, **Erik Campano**, I am still a medical AI researcher and journalist in northern Sweden, where I overeat cinnamon buns, spot shy but conspicuous moose in pine forests, and regularly get lost in IKEA.

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Hello, everyone! Big thanks to everyone who sent in their notes and extra credit points go to the folks who joined our mini reunion Zoom call back in June. Maggie (Klarberg) Kennedy, Wick McLean, and Jimmy Moore joined from New Jersey, and we caught up with Chris Ferraro from Massachusetts, Tennyson Stead from Arizona, Bret Asbury from Philadelphia, Mark Rickmeier from Illinois, and Ben Langworthy from London. Peter Saji and I dialed in from Los Angeles and we all marveled at Rickmeier's green screen effects. It was a fun conversation that spanned a lot of thought-provoking topics. My wife was listening in the background and remarked how impressive everyone's vocabulary is (nice work, everyone!). Please reach out to us if you're interested in putting together another vidcon soon.

In the last call for notes I also encouraged folks to share their favorite teachers/classes from their time at Andover. I'm working with a word limit here so I'll just say Mr. Crawford, William Thomas, Jean St. Pierre, Dr. Warsaw, and Mr. Germain all sparked some great memories from some of you. And now for your notes:

Jenny Hoffman and family escaped New York City in early March for their summer home in rural upstate New York. Her three kids just entered into the "Fellowship of the Chickens" with her neighbors; they built a coop and are raising nine chicks to be named Gandalf, Frodo, Aragorn, etc.

Mark Rickmeier is living in the northern suburbs of Chicago with two kids, two kittens and his stir-crazy spouse. He's running a software company and started a new travel-based company last year that takes executives and leaders on hiking retreats. After bringing 17 CEOs through the Black Forest of Germany, the Highlands of Scotland, and Tuscany last year, this year's trip to Lake Como has been, of course, postponed due to the pandemic.

Peter Saji's TV show *Mixed-ish* was picked up for a second season on ABC. He also reports that living under quarantine with his lady's two adopted kids and four foster kids makes "everyday a fresh hell." Having met his lady, I'd have to agr—I mean, you got this, Saji!

Franco Torres had a baby, his second son! Titus Jhih-Yuan Torres was born on June 4, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces. Way to go, Franco! Franco leads the legal department

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at African Services Committee and has been busy with Alumni Council work. He is on the Af-Lat-Am Committee, which has been doing lots of alumni outreach. You can connect with Franco about any of their events or opportunities at alumni@andover.edu. Franco noted he has had some good catch ups with Fritz Gotha, Peter Saji, and Tricia Taitt since the last notes and hopes everyone is reading these notes in good health and spirits.

Chris Ferraro is in his seventh year as a regional sales director for a French wine company. This used to require a significant amount of travel but with COVID-19 he's now working from home in Beverly, MA, with his wife and two young children. Chris is deeply troubled by the state of the world and hopes to see more people in power who understand the significance of *non sibi*.

Nancy Tao Go celebrates 15 years of marriage this year (sounds like someone's getting crystal!). She reports two daughters, two cats, and five chickens to show for her work. Nancy has a freebie idea for any writers out there: "I'm thinking the current time calls for a new allegorical satirical novel right now like a Waiting for Godot meets Empire Strikes Back or Mean Girls meets 1984." There's always self-publishing, Nancy!

Earlier this year, Tennyson Stead's film company announced the development of a sci-fi action movie set in a dark future. He also sold a Hollywood satire script to a feature film director. Tennyson shared that he has finally recovered from a brain injury that left him disabled since 2013 and he happily got married last September. He and his wife came into 2020 strong after having faced some incredible challenges. They have made incredible progress this year and we are all so happy to hear you're back on your feet, Tennyson!

Daveen Chopra lives in Orange County, CA, working for Edwards Lifesciences in the medical device space. He's married with two boys (10 and 8). Daveen reports, "Life is good and chill." We missed him on our Zoom call because he had to drive 12 hours to Utah for a family vacation. We hope it was a great trip!

Tom Balamaci had lunch with Jen Percival and her fam—Brandon and baby Quincy—on their recent trip to Los Angeles. He also ran into Meredith Philpott '97 no less than three times while grocery shopping. Pick me up a quart of milk next time. Tom!

Matthew Hintermeister is very proud to have been elected to head the Colorado Association of REALTORS® (CAR) in 2022. He will serve as chair-elect starting in late October of this year. CAR is a professional organization of approximately 26,000 members all over Colorado. Matthew says it is a huge honor to be elected,

especially from his little town of Telluride (pop 2,765). Way to go, Matthew!

My wife Stephanie and I are making the most of our COVID quarantines watching our sons Elton (toddler) and Bash (infant) grow up too fast. We also now fully appreciate why daycare is so expensive!

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The Class of '97 shared the racial justice work they are doing, how people can join, and how we've been involved in the pandemic response and recovery efforts.

Kelly Quinn spearheaded a series of Zoom meetups during shelter in place, which provided a lovely opportunity to reconnect with classmates across the globe.

As VP of FUSE Corps, Victoria Salinas has been working on COVID-19 resilience and racial justice with cities and counties across the U.S. FUSE executive fellows are working with local governments on COVID-19 response and recovery programs; justice system reforms; and inclusive economic development initiatives. She is also convening local governments to share best practices on how to recover equitably from COVID-19 and build community

Jennifer "JB" Bassett produces *Talking Feds*, a roundtable discussion that brings together former government officials, journalists, and special guests for an analysis of the most pressing questions in law and politics. Possibly inspired by her 6-year-old daughter, JB also produces *Kids tell Stories: The Podcast by Kids for Kids* and *Motherly*. JB promises to consider coming to our 25th next Reunion in 2022. You should, too!

Domenica Ruta had her second son in N.Y.C. at the peak of the pandemic. Her second book, Last Day (Spiegel & Grau/Penguin Random House 2019) comes out in paperback this October. Domenica shared some of what she has learned as the white mother of a biracial/ Black son (her oldest boy): "At 5-years-old I'm not ready to tell him that a huge portion of our country hates him for no good reason.... But what I can do and have been doing is reading him a lot of books about fictional and historical Black heroes, laying a foundation of Black

Excellence to buoy his pain when he learns the awful truth about our national history."

For **Simone Thavaseelan**, life as a urologist during COVID-19 has meant learning to adjust her clinical practice to meet the new realities of telemedicine and hospital protocols. She leads initiatives in diversity and inclusion within urology to diversify the field, which is currently only 3% Black and 9% women.

Adam R. Steinert is representing two English-speaking Cameroonians pro bono who are seeking asylum from persecution by the Francophone Cameroon government.

Mayako Michino is a scientist living in N.Y.C., whose research projects shifted to include and expedite the discovery of new medicines for COVID-19. The COVID project is a large collaborative effort amongst medicinal chemists, chemical biologists at the Rockefeller University, and pharmaceutical scientists at Takeda.

Andy Baron is an associate professor of psychology at the University of British Columbia. His research focus is on the development of unconscious bias, showing that implicit race bias, for example, forms within the first few years of life. His work strives to identify strategies to reduce implicit race and gender bias in childhood.

Gina Finocchiaro, a local church pastor in the UCC, shares that supporting people during the virus "has required creative invention, new skills, patience and a sustained faith and resilience." Gina cohosted a vigil and demonstration for BLM that peacefully gathered more than 500. Gina is thrilled to be returning to Andover this fall as the academy's interim Protestant chaplain, in a part-time role.

Alexis Olans and her husband welcomed their second child, Maximilian Haass, this April in Nuremberg, Germany. Alexis hopes borders open up soon so her parents can meet the little man.

Naveen "Nacho" Kankanala and his wife Molly welcomed their first child, Kira Q, in December. Nacho is chairman of radiology at Baylor and was promoted to the board of directors of his 100-doctor radiology group that covers the Dallas/Fort Worth area.

In the fight for racial justice, Dr. Faye J. Golden is behind the scenes providing templates for developing protest and rally health-care teams that withstand police retaliation and white supremacist infiltration. She is actively framing conversations via social media to drive exposure of key issues. Faye's daughter is celebrating a first wedding anniversary, and speaking of weddings...stay tuned!

Tania Torres-Sanchez is a surgical resident at New York Presbyterian-Columbia University, where at the height of COVID-19, she was working in the ICU and as part of procedure teams, placing lines in ICU or ICU-bound patients.

In addition to loving being a new parent to Phoebe, **Elyse Cowgill** is working as chief legal officer for Teachers Pay Teachers (TpT), an online marketplace where educators sell K-12 content they create. As classrooms went remote, they provided schools with free access to their library of over three million online resources, and \$100,000 of free content to individual educators. They also launched a series of initiatives on racial and social justice, including a grant program providing \$100,000 to educators to create content on anti-racist and social justice topics.

Sara Dietschi Lowy met up with Ritchie Wong and his family in Singapore, pre-lockdown. The gathering included Sara's children Emilia (3) and Elian (5), and Ritchie's child Ella (2).

APC Holdings, the firm **Richard Powell** cofounded, has long been tackling issues related to social inequity. Richard has focused on creating jobs for displaced employees across the US, with a goal to create 10,000 jobs in the next three years through the businesses he invests in, such as Sequential Technologies International. His daughter Alina (6) is in second grade, and Alex (3) starts pre-K in September.

Addissu Demissie is part of a venture led by LeBron James to energize Black voters and thwart voter suppression. Additionally, Addisu was chosen by the Biden campaign as one of two strategists to lead preparations for the Democratic Party's summer nominating convention.

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I think it's safe to say that it's hard to both write and read Class Notes when the world around us feels on edge and razor-sharp. I know we are all working to consume, understand, and think critically about the narratives surrounding us. We also want to take pause to acknowledge the different circumstances each of us face around COVID-19, and, to extend a giant glass of non sibi grace to each and every one of you as you navigate living history.

We have only a few updates this time around, but nevertheless we are thankful for them. New adventure and babies and meet-ups (even via Zoom) allow us to revel in optimism and hope.

Matt Rouillard and his wife are building their dream home on 20 acres of family land in small-town Missouri. His in-laws and brotherin-law's family are also on homes on other plots of the same land. Sounds like a dreamy combo! (Or a disaster? I'll ask Matt to report back.)

Brian Elworthy and his wife Alison welcomed a baby girl, Adeline, as the pandemic was raging in the end of April in Boston. Adeline joins big sister Vivian (3) and big brother Bennett (5). Brian remains general counsel of Boston-born start-up Toast, where, it turns out, Mike Gutner also works as the VP of people and organizational success.

During lockdown this spring, Peter Christodoulo organized a series of Zooms that included Jamie Cowan, Tom Huntoon, Charles Forelle, and Moses Kagan among others. Mo also had backyard, socially-distant drinks to catch up with Dan Addison, who continues to run Liox, a company he founded with Greg Chase over 10 years ago. Later in the summer Mo and his wife Simran caught up with Greg and his wife Priscilla Fraser '99, together with their two daughters. The girls were happy to provide Mo and Simran some astute advice on parenting, which, at age 4 and 2, respectively, is invaluable.

In July I had the pleasure of running into lan Travis Barnard and wife Ting. Ian mentioned that he had participated in a Will Hall reunion Zoom. He said it was awesome and specifically mentioned how wonderful and refreshing it was to not only catch up with one another, but also to use the opportunity to engage in thoughtful discourse and discussion about current events.

Kathryn McLean sent us a quick hello from Brooklyn, where she is a preschool teacher while also pursuing her interests in art and music. A reminder that we always feel so grateful to hear from all of you, even if it's just to say hello, and how you've been.

Lastly, **Priyanka Motaparthy** made Samar and I aware of the work of Black@Andover, of which she says, "I've been following the account, and the stories of racial discrimination, that are being shared on Instagram, and the amazing activism students are doing, working towards making Andover a more accepting, safe, and equitable space for all students."

We are thinking of you all. Until next time.

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Hello fellow '99ers! We hope that you had a wonderful summer. It was likely not the typical summer, but we hope you and your loved ones remained safe and healthy. It was wonderful to hear from so many classmates this go around! Despite a global pandemic, it appears our class has remained busy and on the move.

Alan Parker Lue, along with his wife and two young children, moved from N.Y.C. to Bellevue, WA, where they are enjoying the rainy weather and are keeping their fingers crossed that preschools will reopen this fall.

Amy Teleron Findley and her family moved to Cleveland, OH, over the summer. Amy has a new job at Cleveland Clinic main campus where she continues to work in academic medicine teaching residents and students on the inpatient medicine wards while caring for patients. Amy reports "the move has been especially challenging during this pandemic! Also, leaving Vermont was even harder as I got so much closer with my colleagues working 100+ hours per week for 10 weeks straight on the frontlines caring for COVID-19 patients. As one of the UVM Health Network physician leaders, I also wrote policies and algorithms on how to manage patients admitted to hospitals in Vermont and upstate New York. We had to transform how we practice medicine innumerable times since the start of the pandemic! [How] bittersweet it is to leave Vermont, but we are excited to move closer to both of our families who are in Columbus and Pittsburgh."

Amy was also on the Boston news with Samantha Shih! As the lead for PPE donations for her hospital, Amy put out a request for cloth donations, and Sam answered the call by supplying a large number! Sam's company, 9Tailors, is a bespoke suiting company. They pivoted to making face masks to support those on the front lines and consumers.

Another '99er on the move is **Piercarlo Valdesolo**. Piercarlo reports, "After nine years of living and being a professor of psychology in Southern California, I'm trading the escalating heat for the intolerable cold and moving with my wife and three kids to the Twin Cities. If anyone lives in the area and wants to awkwardly catch up some place outdoors, at a reasonable distance, while wearing masks, then I'm your guy."

lan Fisher has been living in Chicago for the past few years and is a happily self-employed as a real estate investor after a decade in management consulting. His daughter is going into first grade in the fall and loves ballet. Pre-COVID-19, Ian happily returned to regular choral singing and enjoys living in a two-MLB-team town and attending a number of games with Justin Bandy. On the less positive front, Ian reports that he has not visited a new country since 2015. During a decade spent living overseas, he was able to visit 90+ countries, but has finally started getting to know his own, and is grateful for health and a life that is never boring.

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Noah Kaye had some very exciting news to report. His son, Yunus Kaye, was born in July 2019. Noah is a history professor at Michigan State and lives in East Lansing. MI.

Jasmine Mitchell lives in Manhattan with her husband and two children. Jasmine wrote in to say "I usually love being in the middle of the city and having so many Andover classmates passing through for visits. I have a reverse commute to Long Island where I am an assistant professor of American studies and media studies at SUNY-Old Westbury. I just went up for tenure in the fall (fingers crossed!). My book, *Imagining the Mulatta: Blackness in* U.S. and Brazilian Media (University of Illinois Press) is slated to come out May 25. Staying in touch with fellow Andover classmates over text and Zoom happy hours has been a real boon to my sanity. I'm also grateful for all of those cross country runs in high school as I now try to run daily to keep me inspired and grounded. Once the pandemic settles down, I would love to see Andover alums in person again!"

Nick Johnson reports, "I think I do finally have some life/career news to report since the Reunion! I have been promoted to associate professor of drama at Trinity College Dublin. In a related incident...a few years' worth of academic work has all emerged over the last month: my books Experimental Beckett (Cambridge UP) and Bertolt Brecht and the David Fragments (Bloomsbury) were both just published, and I coedited the "pedagogy issue" of the Journal of Beckett Studies (April 2020). More importantly, my son Rowan recently celebrated his 'sweet 1.6' under quarantine in our tiny apartment. Sending love and solidarity from Dublin to everyone in the class."

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I feel confident that none of us anticipated the chaotic few months we have navigated. I was so excited to see everyone for our 20th Reunion, and I'm already looking forward to next June! In the interim, it's been really fun to see several of you virtually—connecting formally and informally—and I can only hope that these refreshed connections outlast these difficult times. Although our paths did not cross on campus this spring, several of you sent wonderful updates, so without further ado!

Kate Macmillan McFarlane reports, "My husband and I moved to Australia in 2009 thinking we'd be abroad for two years, yet somehow we've ended up living in Singapore for nine

plus years, with no plans to move home. The weather, the food, and the ease of travel have spoiled us. Along the way we've had two kids; I've done my best to ensure they're diehard Boston sports fans. I'm the editor of a local parenting and lifestyle website (all those *Phillipian* hours paid off!) and occasionally get to conduct some fun interviews (burpees with Kayla Itsines and parenting advice from Amy Chua stand out). People always seem to be passing through Singapore. Over the years I've seen Chelsie Gosk, Laura Sanders Wyatt, and Sarah **Conway**, and we've got a pretty strong alumni contingent (my daughter was in kindergarten with Sara Dietschi Lowy '97's son, for example)." She encourages everyone to reach out if you ever find yourself in town!

Stefano de Stefano is general counsel of Kinetic Pressure Control, a company that makes new equipment to prevent oil spill catastrophes, and is moving from Houston to the Netherlands for the opportunity—and looking for locals! Be sure to reach out to him if you are in and around The Hague. Davis Thurber lives in Montreal with his wife, Claudia, and their two daughters, Sidney and Billie. Davis coordinates finances for his real estate and property development business, Freedom Luxe, and his wife has a French-language YouTube channel where she teaches people how to knit called Clatricat

Diana Calderon writes from Puerto Rico, where she returned after graduating from Boston College and works as a director for a financial consulting firm. She has been married since 2008 and has two amazing boys—9 and 3—the youngest of whom, Gabriel, was born the day before Hurricane Maria hit. She notes, "Since the people here manage to make light out of every natural disaster, political corruption scandal, or personal mishap—let's just say, he'll have one crazy birth story." She is looking forward to seeing everyone next year!

Speaking of wild birth stories, Emi Knafo is living in Red Bank, NJ, with her husband and two boys, River and Orion, the youngest of whom arrived in the peak of the pandemic. She recently returned to work as a zoological medicine specialist veterinarian and is looking forward to a summer by the sea and riding her horses. She meets up with **Scott Sherman** and Meghan Hayes when possible, though it's never frequent enough. Aynslie Accomando welcomed a sweet little girl, Carlyle, joining her three big brothers. Very close to campus, Laura (Fitzgerald) and Brian Clark are eagerly anticipating the arrival of their fourth child and Laura is excited that an impending delivery won't prevent her from missing our rescheduled Reunion.

Bonnie Oliva is living the California dream with her incredibly cute—and Baby Shark obsessed—son, Tré, and her husband Tim. She is the chief people and culture officer at 4TH MVMT, a company focused on creating social equity through cannabis entrepreneurship, and recently launched a coaching and consulting company, Amplify11, LLC, which is dedicated to building high-performing organizations that serve, advocate for, and build equity for underserved communities.

Also on the West coast, **Michael Rechnitz** is a project executive for Clark Construction in the western region, covering California to Washington. Recently, he was an executive for the International Arrivals Facility at SeaTac Airport, which he noted was an amazing project to be a part of. The rest of his time he spends as a dedicated father—to son, Greyson, and daughter, Stella Lucille—and husband. He keeps in touch with **Oladapo Babatunde** and Noah Orenstien '99, both successful doctors. On a recent trip to campus, Noah FaceTimed him from their old stomping grounds. Mike also reports that Dapo recently opened a new practice for sports medicine and orthopedics.

Ethan Liebermann is living in Duxbury, MA, with his wife, Ashley, and son, Henry, who is walking, babbling, and providing lots of quarantine entertainment to his parents. They've been extra grateful for the nearby beach, as has their golden retriever Genghis. Ethan was recently promoted to managing director at TA Associates, a Boston-based private equity firm where he's worked since 2007 and focuses on healthcare investments. Hillary Fitzpatrick Peterson has utilized quarantine to make several house projects become a reality. She works at Suffolk Law School, where she was recently promoted to associate director for alumni engagement and JD advising. Molly Turco escaped D.C. for remote work in a cottage on a river in her home state of Vermont.

As for me, I leaned into my remote work situation and spent the winter in Nashville, which proved a lovely spot to ride out the first few months of quarantine—minus a wild tornado. I spent much of my time working from my front porch and navigating the remarkably thoughtful greenway system. I'm back in Maine and glad to be reunited with the ocean.

Sending you all wishes of health, happiness, and extra energy to keep fighting the good fight.

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In the Summer of 2020, the Class of 2001 had many encouraging and inspiring updates. To begin, we had a fantastic '01 Zoom Party in May hosted by **Misty Muscatel Davis** with over 20 classmates. Later in June, after 40+ weeks of pregnancy, Misty and husband James welcomed Baby James "Jamie" Davis and brought him home to Big Sister Jenavieve (3) and JJ (1).

Joe Lemire and his wife, Penelope, were thrilled to welcome a beautiful baby girl, Annabelle, who joins their three-year-old son, Oliver. When not under quarantine, they remain residents of Long Island City, New York.

Mara Meyer Epstein had her second daughter, Lily, a few weeks early on Christmas Eve, the best present indeed!

Ifeolu Babatunde Sered and her husband, Barak, welcomed their first child, Solomon Abiola Sered, in January. Ifeolu works at LinkedIn and lives in Brooklyn with her family.

Rachel Robinson and her husband welcomed their first child in May—Lucinda Robinson Velázquez. The first person to meet her (from six feet away) was Colleen Kennedy.

Lizzie Weiss-Lasater has been wrangling 8-month-old twin boys in Salzburg, Austria, and spending her nights listening to *Moon River* by Louis Armstrong—because that's what the babies require in order to sleep.

Scott Darci and wife Tess had their first son, Arthur, on March 11. Their 3-year-old, Cecilie, has been a great big sister!

James Shin welcomed his daughter Stella in December 2019 and has been happily spending lots of time with her and his son Jett during quarantine. Focused on music-oriented film and television, James most recently was named one of *Variety's* "New Leaders," and is also the executive producer of the show *Dave* on FX and Hulu, which became the biggest comedy in FX's history!

Luke LeSaffre welcomed his second child, a daughter Esme, in early June after moving houses during the pandemic, which was neither fun nor easy. He mentioned to us that Alex Bradley welcomed his second son, James, in January 2020.

Luke reminded us that **Rob Coleman** is hard at work on a vaccine for the coronavirus. As Codagenix's CEO, he is working on a live attenuated vaccine with the Serum Institute of India, one of the biggest manufacturers of vaccines in the world. Codagenix was one of two

companies mentioned in the *Economist* ("Can the World Find A Good Covid-19 Vaccine Quickly Enough?" April 2020) as showing the most promise. Rob could very well end up being a hero of humanity (not a joke, he's going to be the one that finds it!).

Finally, Luke added that **Austin Arensberg** is the proud new owner of a Subaru Outback and chose 01810 for his license plate, if only because "The Berg" wouldn't fit.

Parag Goyal has been working as a cardiologist with critical care training in N.Y.C. He spent the spring months in the ICU taking care of COVID-19 patients, and contributed to the understanding of COVID-19 with a publication in the *New England Journal of Medicine* ("Clinical Characteristics of COVID-19 in New York City" [Goyal, et al., June 2020]). Parag, his wife, 7-year-old son, and 5-year-old daughter, look forward to a reopening soon and seeing the other side of this challenging time.

Maeva Bambuck and her team at VICE News completed a documentary called Black South Rising, looking at the aftermath of a police shooting in North Carolina that brought new leadership and the prospect of reform. Shot from December 2019 through March 2020, they toyed with the idea of having the town sheriff as their main character but, in the end, their documentary (viewable on YouTube) centered on our classmate Braxton Winston.

Desiraé Simmons was appointed to vice chair of the Michigan Democratic Party's Progressive Caucus, the largest caucus in the party. She is also a founding member of Liberate! Don't Incarcerate, running an abolitionist campaign alongside the county prosecutor race, and a member of the subcommittee for housing affordability and accessibility (recently completed a 2.5-year report for her city council).

In California, **Julia O'Hern** chatted over Zoom with **Larisa Vaysman**, who is in Ohio. During a three-day adventure in May, she got to disentangle a humpback whale with the West Coast Large Whale Disentangle Network!

Meg Blitzer is teaching remotely, which is better than not seeing her students at all. She is hoping the world is in a safer, healthier place with time, so we can enjoy some more human interaction

Mariel O'Brien recently moved back to N.Y.C. and is heading up Tory Sport for Tory Burch. She would love to see any classmates in N.Y.C. post-pandemic!

Camille Kerr has been living with her family in Chicago since 2018, where she does economic justice work. She recently helped launch ChiFresh Kitchen, a worker cooperative that is owned by formerly incarcerated Chicagoans, primarily Black women. ChiFresh is a food service contracting business and her first contract

was to provide 1,000 meals per week to folks facing food insecurity during the pandemic. In other news, her 5-year-old learned how to ride a bike.

Joe Maliekel and wife Lindsey and his boys are safe and healthy. As for work, he headed off consequences of the pandemic, keeping his people safe as chief commercial officer at Nuts. com, which has let the company fulfill its role as a grocery store.

In Philadelphia, **Raquel Moreno** and her husband created a backyard edible garden, growing okra, squash, tomatoes, and loads of leafy greens. It's been a gratifying experience to eat from their backyard.

During shelter-in-place, **Shanna Bowie**, **Stephanie Araujo**, and **Nekia Durant** have started a weekly Zoom call to connect from across the country. Shanna also hosted a live, virtual block party for her organization, Destiny Arts Center, celebrating the end of their spring session.

James Kenly took a new role as the director of individual giving at the Walking Mountains Science Center in the Vail Valley. Fun Andover connection: his office is on the Tang Campus (a 10-acre property donated by Oscar Tang '56).

Amita Singh is working at University of Chicago hospitals as a cardiologist and seeing a lot of her sister **Smita Singh**.

Julie Papanek Grant incubated a pediatric oncology company, Day One, at Canaan, the VC fund where she works in San Francisco. The company is in clinical trials for pediatric brain cancers. She has been the acting CEO for over a year and will return to Canaan in the fall after a fulltime CEO starts.

I (Jenn) am working towards a master's in healthcare administration from Saint Joseph's College in Maine and spent a total of one-half day working from home before I called it and headed back to my office. Toddlers and Microsoft Teams meetings don't mix. In Manhattan, Ramesh Donthamsetty enjoyed reading and forwarding said notes to Jenn Zicherman Kelleher, and continues to be in frequent touch virtually with Eric Newman, Adam Sklar, Andrew Tucker, Alex Finerman, and Josh Rodriguez.

Stay well, Jenn & Ramesh

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Hi Class of 2002,

These updates were submitted in June—who knows how things will have changed, improved, worsened, or evolved by the fall. We want to connect to each other and network ideas, support, inspiration and resources during this time of unrest—feel free to reach out with ideas or suggestions to do so. If you are not receiving emails from us, please email any of the above addresses to be added to the class list.

Kristina Douglass was set to give a "Diggin' In" guest lecture for the Andover Peabody in July, sharing with the Andover community some of the work she and her team do on the archaeology of Madagascar.

Ryan Coughlan and Niki Roberts were set to cohost a Global Pride event for the entire Andover community in June with Miranda Haymon '12 and the rising student leaders of the GSA.

Baby news! **Tenley Eakin Raj** had a baby girl, Millicent Lake, in April.

Sean Mansfield welcomed daughter Blake Elizabeth Mansfield into the world in March. He joked that parental leave with a newborn and quarantine are about the same thing, and reported that the extra time working from home with Blake was wonderful.

Laurel Ingraham Aquadro had daughter Magnolia in March, on one of the three days when spouses were not allowed to accompany mothers at Mt. Sinai in Manhattan. Mom and baby had some one-on-one bonding time at the hospital in lockdown. The family has been happy, healthy, and laying low in Brooklyn.

Caroline Lind gave birth to a son, John Henry, in April, and he was already a big boy at his two-month checkup at just under 15 lbs.!

Jon Adler's son Behnam Eddy Adler was born in May in L.A. He reports that mom and baby are thriving. He gave a special thanks to Brandon Winston for taking care of the Adler family's lab Ella during delivery, to Wills Hapworth, Ben Beinecke, Freddie Martignetti, Steve Brock, and Dean Felch for their support, and to Dan Cote for great fatherly advice.

Sandra Leung writes that it has been a rough year for Hong Kong and hopes things get better quickly around the world. She encourages: Wear masks, wash hands, and social distance! She also shares: most importantly in this day and age, spread love not hate. Sandra gave birth

to son Jayden in December and recently had a long-distance Zoom call with **Jan Lui** and his baby girl in San Francisco. When the borders reopen globally, Sandra hopes to see fellow alum in Hong Kong!

Katherine Cascio has been spending quarantine providing teletherapy to her clients and making masks for Lawrence General Hospital and Boston Healthcare for the Homeless. She has donated 300 masks so far and is planning to get to at least 500. Great job!

Joined by Andover classmates **Jarrett Wetherell**, Brandon Winston, and Jon Adler in Venice, CA, in January, Dean Felch proposed to his now fiancé Kristine.

Rick Herlihy is now the director of sales for Winter Park Resort under Alterra Mountain Company in Winter Park, CO.

Kelsey Siepser experienced a severe ankle injury and lost a new job as the GM at a restaurant because of a kitchen fire, and so felt well "prepared" for the safer at-home measures LA took. She teaches at Bar Method Silverlake. which was still on Zoom in June. She has used this time to deepen her writing practice, finishing the first draft of a 30-minute comedy pilot, and reworking a full-length play she wrote last year. A short play she wrote called THE HOG PIT (about prolific serial killer Belle Gunness) was chosen as "homework" for a Zoom book club for an experimental theater group based in L.A. She also has been using the time at home to re-evaluate the way theater is made. She had been slated to direct a solo show about her husband's experience of racism in Argentina and the shift when he moved to the States. Kelsey was once told that as art forms go, theater is the slowest to adapt, perhaps because it takes the most people to actually make the art.

Kelsev shares that theater is "behind, but the spark of the Black Revolution has sent positive waves of change through all aspects of our society. As artists we cannot claim to be exempt; I cannot turn a blind eye to my own complicity and the way I have benefited from white privilege. So, I am looking within, sitting with my own discomfort as I go through the rolodex of my own actions, and taking steps to fight racism as well as putting structures in place so that I will not forget the momentum of this moment. L.A. felt like a warzone two weeks ago, a week later there was hope in the air, and this week there is an air of celebration, of honoring those who have fought for justice before us and vowing to continue this legacy in addition to the welcomed energy of Pride." Kelsey met Hilary Jay pre-COVID for Pho and discussed inclusion, specifically trans inclusion, in Hollywood. She also shared a coffee and had a meaningful conversation with Steve Brock at Cafe Tropical in L.A.

Thanks everyone for your thoughtful updates.

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I start with a warm welcome to our class's newest additions: Rowan Ainsworth Caruso and Lillian Lajoie Franchot!

On April 13, **Kaitlin** and **Phil Caruso** welcomed their baby girl, Rowan. A few days later, Phil reported that Kaitlin and Rowan were happily and healthily at home. Phil has sent me a few photos since, and while I couldn't tell who Rowan resembles more; her hair color looked closer to Phil's black than Kaitlin's blond. I'll report back on progress in the next writing:)

On May 19, Alexa and Nick Franchot also welcomed a baby girl: Lillian! Alexa reported that she, Nick, and Lillian were all doing well and enjoying some quality time at home (and with their dog, Luda). As Alexa pointed out, with everyone at home this spring, it's been a great way to spend time with Lillian! Based on the photos Alexa shared, she looks to have Nick's blond hair. Congrats to the Carusos and Franchots!

Over the last few months, our class has managed to keep in touch, and over 25 of us joined together for two virtual happy hours over Zoom. Janis Scanlon and Katie Dlesk organized the popular gatherings that featured plenty of trivia, photo sharing, reminiscing, and of course some good-natured ribbing. In round one, Kathleen Minahan took top honors in trivia, and in round two, Matt London claimed gold in some hotly contested Jackbox games. Shaun Blugh, Kathleen, Tom Dimopoulos, and Tara Gadgil were among the repeat participants, and a couple of the highlights included: Yuki Watanabe dialing in from Japan, an appearance by Kanyi Maqubela's son Temba, Dan Koh's photo archive, Sam Beattie's very strong wallpaper game, Stephen Fee's bookshelf, and Evan Panich's great and spot-on facial reactions. Shout out to Lisa Nahill, Jen Park, Rvan McChristian, Michael "Rudy" Ruderman, Evan McGarvey, Sam Weisz, Erik Trautman, Kate Sawyer, and Kristina Moen among the many for joining! I heard from a few others who want to join a future one, so we will have to make this a recurring event and catch Mari Zilles, Danielle Vardaro, Itiah Thomas, Brit Rocourt, and Hao Wang on the next one.

Before shelter-in-place kicked off, I heard from Evan, who wrote from Boston, where

he and his wife Amy live in the South End with their golden doodle, Ramen. Earlier in 2020, they caught up with longtime pal **Bob Yamartino**, his wife Denise, and their daughter Caroline for dinner. Evan is staying busy as a federal prosecutor in the U.S. Attorney's office, focusing on civil and criminal violations within federal healthcare law.

I also heard from Brit Rocourt (neé Bailey) this spring, who now lives in D.C, and who has kept up with a handful of her Andover pals. Whenever she is in N.Y.C., she makes sure to see Ali Rosen, Alex Hammer, and Emily O'Brien. Brit also has a WhatsApp group with a bunch of her longtime friends including Itiah, Brandi Flournoy, Sharon Lawrence, Maggui René, Kim Tran, Thuy Berman, and Krys Freeman. In D.C., she also manages to run into Paul Sonne and Ryan McChristian every few months. They have been planning to reconnect later this year as well.

In early March, my wife Cat and I snuck in a final weekend trip with a few of our classmates. We joined **Matt Lindsay**, his wife Abby, Rudy, Alex Hammer, and her family for a ski trip in Montana. It was a great way to cap off the first few months of 2020, and thankfully has helped tide us over until a future trip this summer or fall. Rudy got a new puppy this spring, and he chose the most well behaved, and photogenic one I have seen. If you are looking for great puppy content, check out Rudy and his dog, Cody, on Instagram, especially while Cody is still a puppy!

I've kept up with a few of our classmates over the last few months, including **David Beyer**, **Tom Oliphant**, and **Andy Hattemer**, sharing notes on working from home and hypothesizing on the return of sports. The last social outing I managed before shelter-in-place was the birthday party of Andy's brother, Hank Hattemer '02. I caught up with Hank and his longtime buddy Ernst Sack '02, who now work together in L.A.

Earlier this year, I attended an alumni event with interim head of school, Jim Ventre, in L.A. Tony Pucillo, Kelly Sinclair, and I found each other after walking in, and it was great to reconnect with them. Tony and I live near each other, and he has kept up with his Hersey House pals, including Kanyi, Jesse Bardo, Adjatay Nyadjroh, Pat Kinsel, Tari Isham, David Banker, and Marc Anderson. Duncan Dwyer and I recently realized we live near each other as well, so once shelter-in-place opens up, we have plans to meet up.

2020 Commencement shared a calendar date with our own (June 8), 17 years later. A handful of our classmates recorded congratulatory videos to virtually celebrate the class of 2020, including **Jeanne St. Peter**, Jesse, and Janis.

I hope you and your families are safe and happy. Until next time, stay in touch!

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There are a number of really great things that are keeping me going in these strange pandemic times. Top of the list is our 9-month-old son Anthony, who we officially adopted earlier this month over Zoom. Among our many family and friends on the courthouse Zoom ceremony, **Travis Green** and his 8-month-old son Fitz, with whom Anthony has been developing a long-distance baby friendship.

Speaking of future PA alums, **Michelle** (Easton) Barton and her husband Ian welcomed son Ellis to the family in April here in the Boston area. Michelle reports that they're head-over-heels in love with the little man, although their cats aren't too sure about him yet. Classic cats.

Earlier this year, up in the Granite State, **Ashley** (**Lewis**) **Masse** and her husband Dave welcomed William James Masse. They are thrilled to welcome their second, as is his big sister Madeline.

Livy Coe reports that he's come back East from California during the quarantine, to workfrom-home at Tesla while in Providence, RI.

Emily Guerin's LAist podcast *California City* launches in July. Guerin says it's about a small town in the Mojave Desert where, for more than 60 years, real estate salespeople have been selling a dream: if you buy land here, you will get rich one day.

Lolita Taub is continuing her work in Baltimore as an operator and investor. She's aiming at supporting the community of underestimated founders on Twitter through a startup investor matching tool.

And since I can't go too many paragraphs without mentioning Zoom, Alanna Hughes has been connecting with Andover friends on a recurring weekend Zoom with Ali Schouten, Jenny Sharp, Emma Sussex, Ellen Knuti, and Jess Chermayeff, as well as through a larger group Zoom Derrick Kuan has organized a couple times. Alanna and her husband Andrew also recently adopted a Cavapoo puppy named Winston. Sarah Sherman also welcomed a new puppy, a black lab.

When she's not group Zooming with PA friends, or baking sourdough, Ali Schouten is keeping busy working as a writer and producer on the second season of the Disney+ comedy

Diary Of A Future President. She says it's a great, uplifting show, so if you're looking for a new binge, check out season one.

Also in the world of video content, **Janny Chou** is currently in Wellington, New Zealand, working in VFX/films at Weta Digital. She's been in Wellington for a little over two years, having moved there from Vancouver. She reports that New Zealand successfully flattened the curve and that things are mostly back to normal there.

On the other side of the Southern Hemisphere, **Ian Hafkenschiel** has been living in Florianopolis, Brazil, since January, where he was working on improving his jiu jitsu until the pandemic hit. He's also working on his startup Seedstages, which is a mobile app aimed at connecting students with startup internships in a fun, gamified way.

On the new company front, Rohit Acharya is working on Common Good Labs, a company that focuses on using data science for good. He moved from Brooklyn to Pittsburgh a few months ago to be with his partner Jamila Sykes. He says that after 12 years in N.Y.C. he thought he'd hate living in "the Paris of Appalachia," but instead has found it amazing, with lots of public outdoor space to enjoy during the quarantine. Before quarantining, he was able to catch up with Uzoma Iheagwara between his oncology shifts.

Uzoma recently took a job with the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center as an assistant clinical professor in radiation oncology, and will be working north of Pittsburgh in Hermitage, PA. He says that he is excited to start, in August, what he calls his "first real job after 20 years since freshman year at Andover."

Dr. **Zabecca Brinson** graduated from the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in May with a master's of public health degree and will be starting a diagnostic radiology residency, clinician scientist track, at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in July.

Iris Tien joined the faculty in civil and environmental engineering at Georgia Tech in 2014, which she notes is the third-ranked civil engineering program in the country. She was recently awarded tenure with a promotion to associate professor.

Also on the move: **Will Scharf** has left Washington, D.C., where he was a vice president at political strategy firm CRC Advisors. He is returning to St. Louis, MO, where he will be an assistant United States attorney. He has also enjoyed reconnecting with many classmates during the quarantine via a series of Zoom calls convened by Derrick Kuan. Thanks for the invite, Derrick.

Meade Curtis, wife Melissa, and their son Nash moved up to Weston, MA, from New York City, and are looking forward to reconnecting with Andover friends in the Boston area, once the state fully reopens.

Also in the Boston area, **Taylor Yates** reports that despite the lockdown, his realtor business continues to grow and it's capturing more and more market share in the region. He's also signed on to fundraise for former Vice President Joe Biden's 2020 presidential campaign and is looking forward to working hard to get a candidate like Biden back in the White House.

Finally, **Logan Patrick** apologizes for not announcing sooner that he married Rebecca Rudicell in October 2018. They both live and work in Boston, where Logan works in investment management and Rebecca is a scientist at a pharma company.

I'd also just like to note that while these past few months have been difficult for so many, it does seem like change is coming. Someday we'll get through the pandemic. And pushes for essential change on America's systemic racism are gaining ground. On both fronts I'm confident that, by working together, we can emerge on the other side with a renewed sense of gratitude and love for our fellow humans.

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These notes were compiled amidst a sandstorm for which respirators were already on hand. That says it all for 2020.

Jenny Drucker Varner wrote, "I graduated from medical school at Duke this spring, wearing full academic regalia to take the Hippocratic Oath from my living room couch, while my daughter, Lily, toddled around asking for a snack. I am now starting my residency in pediatrics at UNC Hospitals. Quite unsurprisingly, I have no travel updates, but I did walk/jog over 120 miles around my neighborhood over six weeks to raise money for North Carolina food banks. I spent quarantine honing my woodworking skills to build garden boxes and am now the proud caretaker of far too many zucchini and tomato plants."

Catherine Hambleton wrote, "I just graduated from general surgery residency in Houston and am moving up North to do a fellowship in surgical oncology at the Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey. I am looking forward to being closer to so many Andover classmates in the Northeast!" In answer to what residency was like this spring, "We had a long period where we stopped non-urgent surgeries

(including even delaying a lot of cancer surgeries, per national guidelines). Mostly, it was pretty anxiety-inducing just not knowing what we were up against, especially at the beginning of the outbreak. We did have to float some residents to cover COVID ICUs, but thankfully there weren't nearly as many cases in Houston as in other parts of the country. Unfortunately, our numbers now seem to be even higher than they were during the first peak."

Julianne Fitzpatrick Regan wrote, "Despite the pandemic, joyful milestones can continue... my husband and I welcomed our first child, a son, in March! Thankfully, we all are happy, healthy, and finding creative ways to introduce him to our family and friends."

Meg Scarborough wrote she and "Chris Zegel celebrated their son Oscar's second birthday in May and their fifth wedding anniversary in June with a walk around the PA campus. They also both had mild cases of COVID-19 in March and feel fortunate to have made full recoveries. Meg has owned her own marketing consultancy for six years as of this coming August, and Chris is about to mark two years as a product manager at Chewy.com. Meg celebrated Sarah Donelan's bachelorette party via Zoom in April. We're looking forward to rescheduled weddings and showers and reunions, etc. when the pandemic slows down. Love to all."

Miles Canaday wrote, "After our wedding on March 21 was canceled due to COVID, my wife, Monica Streifer, and I decided to get married anyway. Instead of a longer ceremony in San Francisco with our family, we had a brief exchange of vows in front of 10 socially distant friends in an outdoor amphitheater where we live (Walla Walla, WA). It was an odd experience, but every day, we are grateful we did it anyway. I'm currently the choir director at Whitman College, and given the dangers of singing in groups, I plan to be creative in educating our students about choral music in the coming year."

lan Schmertzler wrote, "By the start of 2020, after five years, the company Ethan Schmertzler '07, Ben Burke '11, and I run together had found its rhythm. Mid-January felt like harvest time with smoke in the air. Within two weeks, we were picking berries ahead of a wildfire. We pulled our teams off the road, though the three of us kept going—we needed those berries. In the first week of March, I stood at a booth, alone, looking across a conference hall at a table of uncollected attendee badges. 'This is what an economy stopping looks like,' I recorded in my diary. I stood there till someone turned off the lights—two more berries for the time. I packed in the dark. I kept my tie on. I'll never forget it. The adaptation since has been constant. We are going to make it, and we will be stronger for it."

Thameka Thompson wrote, "I recently launched my spiritual practice and business: thameka.com. I do readings, which provide spiritual guidance and insight around life in general—work, health, money, love, relationships, etc. I currently use cards, astrology, crystals, and numerology in my readings. In the future, I plan to launch classes, meditation, tantra, and tassology." Thameka had been planning to start a business for a while, "but it wasn't until 2018 going into 2019 that I was really propelled to do it, at the urging of another reader whom I had met and befriended."

Clare Kasemset wrote, "Due to COVID-19, my husband and I have been mostly staying within walking distance of our apartment in Tokyo, avoiding trains, wearing masks everywhere, etc. The extra time at home helped me to complete the webcomic I've been drawing for the last two years. Travel plans were canceled, and I haven't met anyone socially in months, but it was good to chat with Martha Vega-Gonzalez on Zoom the other day."

Brittany Kaiser wrote, "I got nominated for a BAFTA and shortlisted for an Oscar. My book Targeted: The Cambridge Analytica Whistleblower's Inside Story of How Big Data, Trump and Facebook Broke Democracy has been published globally by Harper Collins, translated into 13 languages, and is being turned into a series TV show. In April I launched my Own Your Data Foundation with my sister Natalie Kaiser '07 in order to do digital intelligence (DQ) education and produce expertise in data rights, digital literacy, and digital activism. I have been writing privacy and data protection policy through my lobbying firm the Digital Asset Trade Association (DATA), recently advising on the Coronavirus Contact Tracing App Regulation for the State of New York (Senate Bill #8448A). Lauren Bissell '06 and I moved to the Hollywood Hills and founded the Castle Studios, a live/work studio for broadcast and music production where we spend most days making content for virtual conferences, albums, and podcasts."

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George Pratt has had a very busy 2020 as a staff scientist at Quest Diagnostics in Massachusetts, the largest provider of COVID-19 testing in the state. George does R&D for Quest's clinical development division, and was recently featured in a *Boston Business Journal* article about his lab's work on the pandemic.

Jamie Neuwirth and his wife Catie are taking advantage of their suddenly-remote jobs and are spending the rest of 2020 on the road. Their longer stays are scheduled for Austin, TX, in October, and Durham, NC, in November—if you find your paths crossing, let Jamie know.

Steve Kim is a bestselling author in Korea with his recently released book, *Product Owner*, his second release overall. The book has not been translated into English, but if you're book hunting in the Korean or Japanese markets, be sure to check it out.

John Lippe and wife Rachael are busy learning the ropes at their newly acquired business in Oklahoma City and working hard trying to grow its footprint. If anyone finds themselves in the OKC area, be sure to give John a call—his chocolate lab Ellie would be particularly excited to welcome any visitors.

Dina Burkitbayeva enjoyed a pre-pandemic day of brunching and "breaking ohh so many Bluebook rules" in New York with Susan Ho, Andrew Park, and Faisal Kassam. Dina also caught up with Ishani Reddy (née Vellodi) for a night in Dubai. Ishani flew out from Chennai to meet Dina within hours of learning she'd be in Dubai and therefore wins this round of Class Notes' award for Best Spontaneous '06 Trip.

Kevin "K.O." **Olusola** is loving married life and has been keeping busy with new music projects, both solo and with his group Pentatonix—be sure to check them out. He recently started a ministry in Los Angeles, which has been growing steadily, and has been an active voice on Black Lives Matter issues.

Emma Doyle (née King) packed up her U-Haul and moved from the West Wing to the East Wing this year to serve as the deputy chief of staff for policy to the First Lady—"#BeBest, '06."

Emily Pollokoff is a versatile teacher in Syracuse navigating education during a

pandemic. Emily teaches English online, preschool, Arabic, and children's choir in-person, and is a founding member of a local parkour school. Emily also taught herself enough about plumbing, electrical work, and laying tile to completely redo a bathroom in her home. Her kids are old enough to ride bikes around their neighborhood unsupervised for the first time and her garden has unexpectedly grown into a small farm, allowing Emily to "fulfill [her] food forest dream, perennial bed by perennial bed."

Olivia Mascheroni has been hunkered down in L.A., researching the best ways for movies and TV shows to resume production post-pandemic. She's hopeful in-person production will start again in 2020 but reports it may not start again until 2021—a terrifying thought for those of us running out of content while stuck at home.

Emily Chappell hosted a socially-distant backyard gathering at her home outside of Boston to catch up with Melissa Chiozzi, Merit Webster, Jeff Bakkensen, Simon Keyes, Tobey Duble, Cornelia Wolcott, and Owen Remeika. The group said a sad farewell to Jeff and his wife Jen, who moved to Chicago in June.

Morgan Abraham recently closed a funding round for his company, smoodi, which has been developing an automated self-cleaning smoothie machine. They competed in Harvard's Presidential Innovation Challenge in May but were forced to delay launching their product when the coronavirus shut the world down. Never one to be deterred, Morgan and smoodi are now developing a fully touchless food equipment interface to help get food equipment back online in convenience stores across the U.S., while keeping customers and employees safe and healthy.

Maggie Manus (née Reich) keeps in touch with Elizabeth Ryznar who recently joined the faculty in the psychiatry department at Johns Hopkins. Maggie also reported that Lindsay Borden (née McLellan) finished her OB/GYN residency and is moving to Oklahoma to start a GYN/ONC fellowship. More from Maggie below.

Palmer Rampell has eased the quarantines of many of his college and Andover classmates, including Lisa Donchak and Susan Zhou, by hosting a book club—reach out to Palmer for membership details.

Jeni Lee hosted an alumni gathering in San Francisco prior to a northern California regional event with Interim Head of School Jim Ventre '79

Now, for some babies:

Cornelia Wolcott and husband Charlie welcomed their daughter, Annabel, on May 11 in Boston. Cornelia and Charlie are loving being new parents and have decided that quarantine with a new baby is a good brand of quarantine.

Charlie Frentz and wife Liz '09 (née Brown) welcomed their son, Oliver Sheridan Frentz, on March 19 in New York. All are doing well.

Maggie Manus and her husband welcomed their daughter Eloise Claire Manus on March 9. **Dan Wagman** and wife Rachel welcomed

their son Ben on February 27 in LA.

Tom Tassinari, wife Erica, and 2-year-old son

Sam welcomed a new baby girl, Madison Paige Tassinari, on June 1 in Boston. Emily Chappell and husband Josh welcomed

their son, Harry, on March 28 in Boston. We hope everyone is well, staying safe, and staying in touch with their classmates. Start

getting excited for our 15th Reunion.

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Adrienne Sabety graduated this spring with a PhD and will be starting as an assistant professor in the economics department at the University of Notre Dame next year. In February, Mary Grinton and her husband Hasil welcomed their first child, a baby girl named Ellora Catherine Patel. Her honorary aunt Sara Nickel has already gifted her first outfit of Andover gear. Steve Farquhar recently traded downtown Philadelphia for a cabin on a lake in Maine, where he is enjoying working remotely and social distancing in nature. Emma Wood and her husband Conner welcomed their first child, a daughter named Margot, on April 8. They are basking in the glow of new parenthood and were thrilled that Eliot Wall and Becky Greenberg made it out to visit them in Santa Cruz earlier this year. David Curtis married his wife Adriana in New York in February. He wanted to share special thanks to the Andover classmates in attendance: Pete Smith, who helped to launch the newly minted Mrs. Curtis approximately 10 feet in the air during the Last Hora of 2020, and to Noah Warren for a rousing toast at dinner. Cecily Pulver moved from Los Angeles back to the Boston area last year, where she is

a chemistry and biology teacher at Worcester Academy. Before lockdown she was pleased to visit with **Becca Waldo** in Burlington, VT.

Becky Agostino is attending business school at Wharton in Philadelphia and is working at an economic justice firm in Tulsa, OK, for the summer. She collaborates regularly with Kastle Jones '12, who works at a related organization. Bill Cannon is living in Austin, TX, where he works for a cybersecurity software firm. Since moving to Texas, he has been delighted to bump into **Sarah Dewey** on a regular basis. He has been spending a lot of time enjoying the sun with Corbin Tognoni '08 at his new house on Lake Austin. **Ben Feng** is looking forward to his upcoming graduation from the University of Oregon with his MBA. He is moving to Utah this summer to work in operations for the National Women's Soccer League as they play their 2020 season, and is thrilled to have this opportunity to support women's sports. Claire Voegele is working remotely in Maine and is enjoying an unusually sunny and warm June. On her drive up the Eastern seaboard, Claire enjoyed a stop in Andover where she took a long walk around campus with **Sherene** Davidson, who lives on campus with her husband, an English teacher who will be dean of Flagstaff next year. Claire also visited with another Foxcroft resident, Pete Dignard who is completely in his element as a house counselor, coach, and admissions director at our alma mater. And finally, Morgan Broccoli is encapsulating non sibi as she finishes her residency in emergency medicine at Boston Medical Center this month, and is looking forward to her upcoming fellowship at Brigham and Woman's Hospital.

Regrettably, we are closing this update with some incredibly sad news. We recently learned that our classmate Bintou Ojomo passed away in New York at the end of May. So many of us have fond memories of Bintou's warm and sparkling presence on campus, where she was a vibrant and visible member of our class. Although **Nnenna Okoye** said that no words can adequately express the light Bintou brought to the Isham dorm, Nnenna shared the following thoughts: "Bintou Ojomo was a wonderfully authentic person and one of the kindest friends I made during our freshmen year; looking back, I would not have made it through my first year of Andover without her. Watching her memorial, it struck me as a quiet joy that she was an angel to so many other people too. A devout Christian, Bintou was rooted and grounded in love, and she showed all those to whom she brought laughter and joy a glimpse of the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge. Thank you, Bintou: God is more present in the world because of you." Another classmate, Chizorom Izeogu, also wrote that: "Bintou was always friendly, candid, and full of energy. She had a way of connecting with people and a great rapport with everyone we lived with. I remember one time she, another classmate, and I discussed the similar and different experiences we had all had while growing up in our households with immigrant parents. Her impressions were hilarious, accents included. I remember laughing so much whenever she was around, and I don't think I've ever met anyone who was such a committed fan of Britney Spears. I am shocked and saddened to learn of her passing, and my prayers and thoughts go out to her family and friends. May she rest in peace."

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Writing these notes in June, epidemics of coronavirus and police brutality weighing heavily on our minds, we feel blessed to hear from you and celebrate your new life milestones, but also to keep learning from each other. Thank you to everyone who found time and energy to write, with both reflections and delights—hoping to do you justice within our limited word count (!).

Delights: congratulations to the May babies! Rachel Cohen welcomed her first baby near Philadelphia, while Radka Smith Slámová and her husband Cyrus welcomed their second son, Arnošt Smith, near Prague. Alexandra Rahman and her husband Rob celebrated their son Frederick's first birthday in quarantine in Boston, where Alexandra is studying at HBS. Atima Lui and Carol Marion attended First Saturday at the Brooklyn Museum. Further west, **Sebastian Caliri** skied with a group **Ben** Schley hosted in Montana, including Zach Feldman. Carolyn Chica is spending quarantine with family in New York—the longest she, her mom, and sister have spent together since before Carolyn left for Andover in '04. She's been connecting with Hailee Minor daily for Zoom workouts and organized a virtual Spades tournament with Hailee, Arianna Van Sluytman, Nkem Oghedo, Mercy Bell, Dacone Elliott, and PA alumni from other classes. **Anna Marie Henderson** moved to San Francisco with her fiancé, began a master's in counseling, took up surfing, and got a bernedoodle puppy, "Pommes Frites!" Great minds—Sara Wallace adopted an energetic Vizsla puppy Rosie, whose interests include cuddling and destroying things (see: @rosie.pw.grams).

Professional news and reconnections: Rajit Maholtra will move to N.Y.C. to be CFO/COO of St. Luke's School, excited to innovate education for PreK-8 students during this pivotal time. Max Meyer, named in Forbes "30 under 30" in Asia for his fintech Masii, virtually chatted with Prateek Kumar '07 and Alex Heffner. Paul Hsiao reconnected with Nicholas Koh and Silké Cummings, pondering post-coronavirus life, to include rice bowls at Chris Cheung's new venture, healthy Hong Kong-inspired restaurant named Black Garlic (黑蒜)! Mary Doyle manages Airbnb Experiences and welcomes any hot tips as she plans stays from the Oregon coast to Big Sur to Santa Barbara, CA.

Murphy Temple is submitting her history PhD dissertation and started a new position as dean of Ezra Stiles College at Yale—give a shout if you're in New Haven! In Boston, Frank Pinto hosts dinners (RSVP?) and defies gravity (and our advanced age) as a jumper on the Greater Boston Track Club. Kelly Lacob graduated with an MBA from Stanford and is working for an infectious disease diagnostics start-up—anyone else in San Jose? Katie Zimmerman and husband celebrated their first anniversary, planning a move in August to serve as FSOs for U.S. Embassy Tokyo, where they'll have a guest bedroom—sign us up!

Simultaneously, our class responded to today's crises by increasing involvement in our communities and working towards change, inside and out. Kate Measom is working on medical wards and ICU in Atlanta hospitals during this pandemic, "interesting and challenging"—thankfully with enough PPE. Before everything changed, she caught up with Nicole Weil (Duddy). Sophie Scolnik-Brower is finishing her first year in a master's of social work and-since coronavirus cancelled concerts she was to play in Colorado and France-is turning to crafts and ukulele as coping mechanisms. As a postdoctoral associate, Chris Lim pivoted from his original research in order to work on a SARS-CoV-2 project in his new lab at UC Berkeley. Check out Chris's first graduate school paper: https://www.nature.com/ articles/s41467-020-15985-4).

Many of you wrote in to share reflections on how grateful we are for each other and for PA, including several who asked how we could use our class notes to amplify messages about anti-racist action. Carol feels especially indebted to her Andover friends, "as they were some of the first to open my eyes to systemic racism," describing a conversation with Nkem about whether Obama's presidency had ushered in a post-racial America. Carol writes, "She convinced me that it hadn't. I'm grateful that she and others like her had the patience and love in their hearts to educate me in this way, but wish

that it hadn't been their burden to do so.... I feel strongly that racial justice should be part of the core curriculum for current and future students."

Others expressed hope that PA could reimagine PA's own role in dismantling racism, starting at home. "PA is the model that many other institutions look to," Carolyn writes. "Any action that PA takes has the potential to have a grand impact and with that comes great responsibility." Frank writes, "PA should be actively anti-racist," suggesting actions including comparing punishments dealt out in DCs for comparable offenses between white students and people of color. At time of writing, 34 of our classmates had joined over 1,000 PA alumni to sign the petition: "Calling on Phillips Academy and Phillips Exeter Academy to Take Tangible Action." Carolyn reminds us that small changes can lead to big progress and shared how she is learning more about civics, donating to causes, and supporting the students within her networks. Frank is starting a mentorship group to work one-on-one with people from Black and Brown communities trying to make a career in tech for themselves. Anna is participating in BLM protests in San Francisco if anyone would like to go together!

"One body, 1,200 brains"—**Travy Elliott** In support and solidarity, **Blaine** and **Paul**

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Hi '09! What a wild ride 2020 has been so far and perhaps one of our most important years yet. Really living up to the hype of the Roaring Twenties. As we move through this new decade, we have a few exciting milestones to celebrate. Let's start with wedding bells.

Do you remember the 21st night of September? **David Lowenstein** and Annalise Mantz sure do. They tied the knot that day at Camp O-At-Ka on Sebago Lake in Maine. **Jessica Chen** and **Kaki Elgin** were in attendance and reunited for the first time since our 2009 graduation. Talk about a celebration!

Just a week later, Anthony Morlani married Megan Breault on September 28 in Pomfret, CT! Andover guests included Torie (Norris) Maher, Pat Maher, Jim Ricker, Angelo Morlani '13, Michael McDonagh, and yours truly, Julie (Ingram) McDonagh.

One week after that (wedding season!), Janelle Driscoll wed Kevin Walsh down the Cape on October 5. Andover attendees included Steph Xu, Brianna McCarthy, Kaitlyn (McInnis) Carlson, and yours truly. Two epic Andover weddings back-to-back, I sure am ready to do that again.

First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes...on March 19, Liz (Brown) Frentz and Charlie Frentz '06 welcomed their son, Oliver Sheridan Frentz, into the world in N.Y.C. He arrived early luckily and preempted the citywide shut down by a day. He already is looking forward to joining the Class of 2038. Liz also writes that she was "very spoiled to have an Andover presence at my baby shower in January in N.Y.C." Andover guests included Krystle Manuel-Countee (from London!), Lucy Bidwell (from L.A.!), Anna Burgess, and Eliza Dewey. Congrats to Liz and Charlie!

Kenny Gould writes that, while friendly at Andover, he and Brooks Dyroff have become closer post-graduation. Recently, Kenny's company Hop Culture (@hopculturemag) and Brooks' company Tag The Flag (@tagtheflag) teamed up to form Walk On Media Group, a business venture designed to promote independent digital media companies. Kenny also is a recently published author—check out his book, The Brewing Cloud. On a more personal note, Kenny is excited to announce that he recently got engaged to Boston's own Rachel Falik. Congratulations on all of the above!

Moving into our pandemic portion of the notes...I'm stuck in quarantine with **Michael McDonagh**; send thoughts and prayers.

Alexander McHale narrowly escaped Argentina before the COVID lockdowns started. He also narrowly passed his classes at Wharton. He is spending the summer in Houston working for Citadel, and trying to narrowly avoid catching COVID.

The Phillipian Board CXXXI had a Zoom reunion on a Sunday in May, where they reminisced about the many hours they spent together in the basement of Morse and virtually shared photos of all of them the last time their hair was this long (remember haircuts?). While on Zoom, they went through some old issues of the Phillipian to see what they remembered (shout out to Zulema and her amazing sandwiches) and what was forgotten (copper thieves, anyone?). Lawrence Dai writes that "it was great seeing everyone's beautiful faces and catching up with everyone except the Arts section. The

highlight was hearing from our healthcare heroes on the frontlines Dr. Christine Choi and Dr. Nette Oot, in addition to teacher of the year Berol Dewdney! Emerson Stoldt also told us about his 3D printer. It was a night we'll all remember for a long time and one of the few highlights of quarantine." Zoom call attendees included Emerson Stoldt, Jack Dickey, Annalee Leggett, Arun Saigal, Lawrence Dai, Alicia Keyes, Berol Dewdney, Charlie Dong, Emma Goldstein, Eli Grober, Harrison Hart, Christine Choi, Zoe Weinberg, Cora Lewis, Danica Mitchell, Sarah Sheu, Carl Jackson, Anabel Bacon, Abby Levene, and Michael Discenza.

Emerson Stoldt writes that asides from the *Phillipian* CXXXI Board Zoom call and a Stuart Zoom call, he has been staying sane at home (Charlotte, NC) by painting. In fact, one of his paintings, and an accompanying timelapse video of him painting it, was featured in an arts publication in Charlotte. The same painting also is currently in the running to (hopefully) be selected to be displayed in the Goldman Sachs lobby in Charlotte. Fingers crossed for a win!

In mid-June, a bunch of '09ers jumped on a Zoom call to discuss our class' unequivocal support for Black lives and our commitment to tangible change and progress both at the Academy and beyond. Attendees included: Alex McHale, Thor Shannon, Celia Lewis '10, Svenja Vehrenkamp, Ricky Chen, Salena Casha, Aubrey Zimmerling, Allison Theriault, Juliet Liu '10, Kaitlyn (McInnis) Carlson, Lydia Smith, Deidra Willis, Kyle Ofori, Kevin Ofori, Menelik Washington, Okyeraa Ohene-Asah, Kenny Gould, Berol Dewdney, Victoria Sanchez, Declan Cummings, Julie (Ingram) McDonagh, Annalee Leggett, Courtnie (Crutchfield) Bolden, Marvin Blugh, and Malik Jenkins.

That same weekend, Deidra Willis and Sam Burwell joined the All Black Lives Matter protests uniting efforts between the BLM and Pride communities in Los Angeles. It was a great display of color and unity and the perfect follow-up to everything our class is doing to advance the movement. Those in L.A. looking to engage or reconnect, please don't hesitate to reach out to Deidra.

Much love, Julie, Deidra, and Alex

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In this unprecedented time of grief for our country, the Class of 2010 mourns the losses of loved ones to COVID-19 and police brutality, learns about and takes action to combat systemic racism and longs for the presence of family and friends as we quarantine.

Amidst this trying time, there are slices of light and meaningful accomplishments, shared below and memorialized as part of our collective history of how we got through 2020. We missed being together for our 10th Reunion in June and look forward to ways we can meaningfully connect in the future.

Ziwe Fumudoh is thriving indoors voicing on Stephen Colbert's new animation *Tooning Out*. She continues to stand six feet away from her haters. She recently interviewed Phillips Exeter Academy alumnae, Caroline Calloway, about race and broke the Internet.

Mat Kelley says: "Hopefully by the time you read this I'll be back home in the U.S. after finishing graduate school in Singapore, if only the flights still exist by then! Will I be in Andover? N.Y.C.? In my dad's basement playing PS4? Will there be any jobs? All silly questions during this global pandemic. Stay safe and healthy, and hopefully we will be able to celebrate the big 1-1 in 2021!"

Sara Alban is a comedian and comedy-writing witch based in New Orleans. She's been forced into the terrifying world of social media due to the lack of in-person meeting, so fingers crossed things work out through this COVID-crushed time. She's been doing personalized funny tarot readings via the Internet to try to make some money, which has been super fun. She would love some voodoo spell tips for conjuring a new job post-lay-off.

Colleen Flanagan graduated from UMass Medical this May after working as a "surge MD" through the end of her medical school experience, and will go on to a vascular surgery residency at UCSF. Colleen is looking forward to reconnecting with Bay Area members of our class

Anjali Narayan is graduating with a PhD in natural language processing and moving to the Bay Area in California to join Amazon to work on conversational AI for Alexa. Anjali says that she's a bit nervous about moving mid-COVID, but looks forward to reconnecting with Bay Area Andover friends once things are closer to normal. She traveled to Boston for PAX East right before the lockdown became serious, and also had a mini Andover reunion, staying with Ramya Prathuri and Tomek Brzezinski, and also catching up with Shefali Lohia.

Taylor Clarke got married in August 2019, with Avery Stone, Mat Kelley, Catherine McLaughlin, and Sara Bakrow in attendance. Taylor and her husband Matt were lucky enough to be married by former Andover Director of Spiritual and Religious Life Rev. Anne Gardner. She also started an MFA in fiction at Brooklyn College.

This June, **Kelvin Jackson** finished a master's in Finnish and other Finno-Ugric languages. Kelvin notes that this was a long time coming, but it's finally here.

Courtney King is living in Astoria, N.Y.C. with her boyfriend Joe, and enjoying her work consulting for companies on leadership team effectiveness. She appreciates the slower pace of life while working from home. She recently had a wonderful social distance beach catch up with **Andrew Townson**, and learned that the most aggressive seagulls live in East Hampton.

Will Lindsey is going into his last year at Harvard Law School and Harvard Kennedy School. His school is remote in the fall so he is looking forward to connecting with more Andover friends.

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Hey, Class of 2012! Where to begin? It's been a while since we last checked in with each

other, and the world looks a lot different than it did when Class Notes were last published. So many of you have graduated from various programs, started new and exciting jobs and projects, and even found ways to connect with each other when distance has been such a challenge for so many.

Abigail Burman is slated to finish law school and will be moving to Baltimore in June to study for the bar and to start a fellowship with the City of Baltimore, focusing on health care and expanding protections for people who self-manage their abortions. Her fellowship project is based on a note that is being published in the California Law Review in winter 2020, arguing that cities should put in place "abortion sanctuary city" measures in response to the increasing criminalization of self-managed abortion and lack of access to abortion in clinical settings.

Mary Samson and James Lim navigated through their first years at Harvard Law School, partially on Zoom. Pre-lockdown, they had the chance to meet in Cambridge for drinks with Nicholas Camarda, Leah Humes, and Emily Samson.

We've all been finding different ways to stay in touch during the pandemic. William "Trey" Jennings has been keeping in touch with Uday Singh and Greg Hosono '14 via Zoom calls! They've been talking and keeping connected, and have been learning a lot from Uday when it comes to mixology. During these unprecedented times, perhaps we could all use a lesson!

And now: onto a word of gratitude. **Julia Torabi** graduated medical school a bit earlier than expected in April of this year to start working on the COVID-19 units in the Bronx. In July, she started her surgical residency at Mount Sinai in New York City. Julia is among peers from the Class of 2012 who have dedicated themselves to careers in health care, and we could not be more thankful.

Stay safe, stay healthy. With love to you, '12, **Sydney** and **Miranda**

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Before quarantine began, many members of the Class of 2013 were able to reunite in person. Walter Chacón, Will Harpin, and Paul Turiano even moved in together in Somerville, MA! Justin Wang joined Gabbi Fisher and her partner on an impressive 63-mile bike ride from San Francisco to Half Moon Bay, CA, and back! They enjoyed lunch at the most beautiful Taco Bell on the beach in Pacifica, CA. Right before N.Y.C.'s lockdown, Christiana Nguyen celebrated her 25th birthday with Unwana Abasi, Nikita Singareddy, Fatou Diarra, Rashana Shabazz, Connor Fraser, Kristin Mendez, Sam Green, Lydia Godo-Solo, Didi Oyinlola, Zach Merchant, Peter Solazzo, JJ Hayward, Sahil Bhaiwala, Cara Daly, Apsara Iyer '12, Adam Farrell '12, and Jake Rauh '14. After two months in Rhode Island, Christiana returned to New York and enjoyed an afternoon in Central Park with JD **Schink** and some of their coworkers.

In early 2020, Rory Ziomek ran the Frigid February 5K with Corbin Lee. The two finished the race by taking the "Polar Plunge" into the Potomac River! During quarantine, Rory, Corbin, and Seamus O'Neill joined a Zoom chat led by Big Blue Baseball Coach Kevin Graber, which reunited the entire 2012 championship-winning team!

Gina Sawaya, Alex Donovan, Malynna Mam, Devon Burger, Abby Chung, Emily Field, and Rhea Lewis caught up on bi-weekly Zoom calls during the quarantine. Andrew Xuan reunited with Jason Teng, Chris Teng, Catherine Choi and Shun Sakai virtually. Andrew started his MPH program digitally this summer and hopes to be on campus at Johns Hopkins this fall. Jing Qu and Emily Carrolo kept in touch by organizing weekly trivia sessions for their friends.

Lydia Godo-Solo used her time at home to earn marketing certifications and prepare for her move to Atlanta this fall. She celebrated her 25th birthday digitally with Fatou Diarra, Unwana Abasi, Diondra Peck, Rashana Shabazz, Didi Oyinlola, Doris Nyamwaya '14, and Mikaela Rabb '14. Fatou and Doris even dropped off a quarantine care package at Lydia's home! Before quarantine, Fatou Diarra was working on digital pharma projects, kickboxing, and making her return to salsa dancing.

During quarantine, she went on weekly hikes and volunteered with an organization that provides quality education and healthcare services for people in the Labe area of Guinea.

Mark Meyer is proud to be doing well after health complications nearly took his life last year. He is grateful for "Pease House, Johnson, and other Andover Friends for reaching out to show such deep love and support through the ordeal." Mark is even back to surfing! This summer he and his brother, Maxwell Meyer '08, plan to backpack some of Colorado's 14ers. Mark recently started an MBA at NYU Stern alongside his career.

This past March, Ali Belinkie met up with Julie Doar and Rachel Xiao in Edinburgh, Scotland. Despite wild weather and lost luggage, the three friends enjoyed many bouts of laughter, shared several pints, and (at Julie's insistence) hiked to every high point in Edinburgh and the lower Highlands. Julia **Kichorowsky** will be headed to the University of Edinburgh this fall to pursue a master's degree in environmental sustainability. She spent the summer with Lucy Frey at Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester, MA, where they floated six feet apart from each other before Lucy headed back teaching her third graders in North Andover. Congratulations to fellow environmentalist Esperanza Mata who finished a master's in sustainable energy in the Netherlands! Esperanza is currently in Madrid and spending the quarantine with her family.

Anjali Krishnamachar finished her work as an automated driving research engineer at Ford Motor Company and started her graduate degree. She is getting a dual MS/MBA degree through MIT's Leaders for Global Operations program and she looks forward to reconnecting with Lydia Kaprelian, who will be her classmate at MIT Sloan this fall. Anjali reunited with PACE seniors Cam Morose, Alexandra Donovan, Amanda Simard, and Jackie Murray this April via Zoom.

Larken Kemp is working for the Walt Disney Company in strategic planning and global development and serves as the defensive coordinator for the University of Southern California men's lacrosse team. Larken caught up with Seamus O'Neill, Eddie Ellis, and Ross Bendetson at Capo Basement in Boston. Ross surprised Brendan O'Connell for his birthday, and the two enjoyed a socially distanced concert with Brendan on bagpipes and Ross playing lyre. Brendan met with Hemang Kaul, Pearson Goodman, and Corbin Lee for a virtual "Under the Bed" reunion, where they revisited old sketches and memories.

Anna Stacy celebrated the birthday of Faculty Emeritus Chris Walter via Zoom with several other alumni and faculty members.

Prior to quarantine, Anna was in a production of *As You Like It*. Since COVID began, she has been doing volunteer PPE and pharmacy work, and recently wrapped filming for a web series, *Dead Enders*.

Kevin Newhall finished his first year of medical school at Case Western Reserve and will spend the summer conducting immunology research. He has been mastering the art of knitting thanks to Lydia Kaprelian, who has been tutoring him, Andries Feder, Arianna Chang, and Saroj Gourkanti via Zoom. The group enjoyed game night with Rashana Shabazz, who is preparing to move to Berlin and continue her writing while pursuing a career in publishing. Saroj Gourkanti finished his rotations at University of California San Diego and proudly joined Sonya Neal's lab to begin PhD work in cell biology. He is thrilled to have adopted a 4-month-old puppy named Dulce!

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Back in November, **Leah Shrestinian** co-curated an art exhibition at the Yale University Art Gallery that runs through October 2020. It's the first major exhibit of Indigenous North American art at the Gallery.

Ben Yi, David Cho, David Cao, Brian Kim, Jisoo Chung, Alex Kwon, Jackie Kim, Ej Kim '15, Jun Chang '16, and Alice Ahn '16 all met up over the winter in Seoul to catch up over food and drinks.

Just before the outbreak of the coronavirus, Charles Van Eijk caught up with Hirsh Chitkara in New York City. Hirsh also met up with Maria Amorosso and Miguel Wise and tried his best to introduce them to cream soda. Since lockdown began, Hirsh, Amogh Sharma, and Chris Lai have won a game of Call of Duty together!

In other video game-related news, Andrew Vallejos, David He, Brian Wagner, Amo Manuel, and Armaan Singh played in a *League of Legends* tournament and lost in the second round.

From e-gaming to virtually exercising to distance learning, Class of '14 stayed connected

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(and impressively productive) during the nationwide lockdown.

In May, the "Under the Bed" crew (Andrew Vallejos, Hemang Kaul '13, Pearson Goodman '13, Rob Irvin '15, Vince Mocco '15, Kristin Mendez '13, Corbin Lee '13, Brendan O'Connell '13, Jackie Murray '13, and Patrick Naughter '13) caught up via Zoom up to make sure everyone is still funny. The jury is out.

Fidelio also had a virtual reunion, though the acoustics were a bit off. It included Xin Wen '15, Ali Decker, Christopher Walter (music faculty), Adam Brody, Michaela Barczak '15, Emily Bachwich '17, John Little '15, Alex Burnett '15, and Marilyn Vigil-Harris '11.

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As we write these notes in June, we sit in the midst of a global pandemic and a moment of reckoning over police violence and the systemic racism in our society. We hope our classmates are all safe, well, and healthy, and we write to say clearly and unequivocally: Black Lives Matter.

To our Black classmates: we see you, we hear you, and we stand in solidarity with you.

We also want to take the time to celebrate and remember **Michael Ohakam**, a beloved member of our class who passed away earlier this year. What follows are tributes to Michael:

"It's tough to see you go, especially when there was so much to show. You kept it real and would sing with such zeal. From *Channel Orange* to *Nothing Was the Same*, your voice lit up to exclaim. "Run forty-four!" while also wanting to be 44. There were bowls of that green but no joy rides in daddy's Jaguar.

"Art's an expression of an individual and you beat your own path. Michael, you taught me that it was okay to express emotion and be vulnerable with your friends. You had an unbridled joy that lit up the room when you laughed or roasted any one of the bros.

"You stood up on that Den stage and delivered an amazing performance of *Forrest Gump*. You mixed New York street culture and high art. You questioned the racist incidents going around us and spoke up against injustices. And you did it like no one else I have met.

"I remember rudely laughing at the fact you had brought an art book on a N.Y.C. bus. Out of my own perceived ignorance, I roasted you about it. You stuck to your guns and clapped right back with one of your classic insults followed by your laugh.

"Here was an individual who beat his own path and sang the tune of his own drum. Even if that meant going against perceived masculine norms for men of color. Thank you for teaching me to always be true to myself, even if the world laughs at my dreams or aspirations.

I love you Mike," David Gutierrez

"I met Michael in the fall of 2011 when he arrived in Andover. During the time that he attended Andover, I became one of the adults in his life that he would come to talk with. Michael was a very kind young boy. He had a beautiful soul, and you could see his kindness through his eyes. A good person with a lot of good qualities. He made good friends during the time that he was at Andover, and they were together most of the time.

"Michael would stop at my desk at the Office of Admission and we would have long conversations. Sometimes I would take him, Benny, Kay, Jair, David, and Jason to go downtown to have dinner. After Michael left PA, he contacted me a couple of times and we exchanged emails. He told me about some of his future plans, and I was very happy for him knowing that he found his path.

"His brother, Noble, arrived in Andover, and I was very happy to see another member of the Ohakam family arriving at Andover. The day that his dad brought Noble to Admission I told him how much I enjoyed having Michael as a tour guide and that I missed him.

" I was so happy when I heard that Michael graduated from college with a degree in economics, and that he was helping young kids by tutoring them in math. I was so proud of him! I knew he had a big heart!

"On April 21, I received the news of Michael's death. I was devastated and didn't want to believe in what I was hearing. I took it very hard. I had to grieve the loss of a young man that I cared a lot about as if he was my own son. I still think of Michael and pray for him and his family daily. Three days after Michael was gone, on my birthday, I received a beautiful azalea plant as a gift from a dear friend. When I saw the plant I told myself, this is for Michael. I planted it in my garden and watched it blooming all spring. Michael, you will be in my thoughts always! Rest in peace."

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It's been more than four years since our Andover graduation, and many of us have recently graduated from college and embarked on the next phase of our lives. While most of us did not get the senior year or graduation we expected and are stepping into an uncertain world, we know that the Class of '16's optimism, energy, drive, and compassion will hold us in good stead.

As we write this, our country is engaged in long-overdue and deeply necessary activism, protest, and dialogue around racism in America. It's essential that each of us continues to educate ourselves, challenge the beliefs of those around us, donate, advocate to our political representatives, and keep the institutions and companies we are a part of accountable. As PA alumni, it's our job to stay engaged and keep PA accountable, too.

With less than a year before our fifth Reunion, we can't wait to see you all!

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Hey '18,

While the first half of the year wasn't at all how any of us expected the new decade to start off, it has definitely been memorable! Even with the world in some turmoil, the class of 2018 continues to stay connected, reflective, and accomplished....

Daniel "Dan" Ulanovsky and Cornelia "Nell" Fitts were able to start connected while remaining apart by having socially distant picnics throughout the spring and summer months. Nell has also spent some time with Flynn Bryan, Diva Harsoor, and Claire Jungmann by weekly Zoom movie nights.

Caroline Yun spent the rest of her virtual semester at home in New York and is looking forward to seeing her friends from school again.

Billy Wang has been staying off of social media and reconnecting with people that he loves. He says: "There's still a void that was left by my Andover friends so I'm hoping to see everyone later this summer. Also happy to say I tested negative for the virus. Hoping everyone's staying safe and using this time to educate themselves."

Michael Codrington, despite the track season being cut short due to the pandemic, was still elected captain of Howard University's track team for the 2019-20 season, and was even featured in the Amsterdam newspaper last week for being on the MEAC All-Academic team.

All the Best,

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2019

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Dear Andover community, this has been a tough time for the Class of 2019. As recent graduates of the Academy and individuals on the brink of discovering our own independence, we found the lives we had begun to create dramatically put on pause. Our first years of post-secondary education, gap years, and all other sorts of endeavors found themselves punctuated by not one, nor two, but three global crises—the COVID-19 pandemic, an economic recession, and nationwide retaliation against the execution of Black and Brown bodies-the results of which are still transforming the world around us and ourselves. To that extent, if a single word could stand in to describe the past few months, and the coming future, it would be "uncertainty." Yet, within that uncertainty, we have continued to exist, to grow, and to conceptualize the incredible pain felt by the world alongside our

own stories. These experiences act, then, as an invitation—to pause and reflect on the experiences that have brought us up to this stopping point in our lives. In this context, we have two stories from the class we would like to share with the Andover community. We hope they can provide some light and warmth during this difficult moment.

As a section in a process of gap year endeavors, **Ora Cullen** crewed onboard the M/VFarley Mowat, a Sea Shepherd vessel in Baja, from January to April. The vessel's objective was known as "Operation Milagro VI," a mission to save the vaquita porpoise. According to Cullen, the Vaquita porpoise is "similar to a dolphin but smaller and more adorable," yet only six to 20 vaquita exist in the wild worldwide, and are at constant risk of becoming extinct due to the danger posed by illegal gill nets. As a part of volunteering aboard the *M/V Farley* Mowat, Cullen routinely patrolled the refuge, pulling up nets in order to protect the vaquita's habitat. Cullen also liberated the multitudes of fish, rays, and crabs tangled in the nets while processing the nets themselves in order to recycle them. One of the most complicated aspects of the job for Cullen, however, involved navigating the complicated political web of the area—sifting through areas occupied by poachers as well as small-scale legal fishermen and distinguishing between their various nets. All in all, Cullen hopes that the broader community is able to wake up to immediate concrete action that must be taken in order to protect the dwindling numbers of the vaquita, and the ocean itself. Cullen also mentioned that they miss the class terribly.

Elena Vinton, a fellow gap year-er, embarked on a number of various activities this year, including working as a camp counselor, a service team member at a ski resort, as well as nannying. Over all of these experiences, however, Vinton most fondly misses her experience on a National Outdoor Leadership School trip focused on learning outdoor medicine. The experience consisted of one month of EMT training, three weeks of canyoneering, three weeks of rock climbing and rope rescue, as well as two weeks backcountry skiing and avalanche rescue. As Vinton explained, she'd always thought of herself as a "smart" and "capable" student, yet upon arriving at the camp in rural Wyoming, she quickly realized that she was by far the most privileged student participating in the class. "The question wasn't: 'where are you going to college?'; it was: 'what are you doing at this point in your life?'," Vinton explained.

In one particular drill, Vinton was called to come outside in complete outdoor gear at 11 p.m., whereupon she was randomly assigned into a group and told to begin walking into the canyoned darkness. After walking for about half an hour, Vinton was given a "red bag" (emergency medical equipment) and told to keep going—yet instead of finding a patient in the darkness, one member of her own team feigned an open wound fracture and, in the confusion, Vinton believed her friend had actually been injured. To make matters worse, after treating the simulated injury, one of Vinton's two partners feigned a seizure, leaving her and her sole remaining partner with two critically injured patients—just as the temperature dropped 20°F.

What Vinton took away from the experience, however, had little to do with the commotion and drama of the situation. "In the middle of all of it, as scary as it was, there was still so much time. My partner and I stopped at one point for half a second just realizing that we could have been there treating the two patients for hours. Regardless, I had to trust my gut, there, because different rules applied, even if they weren't real patients." The moral of the story, according to Vinton, was that everything can seem to go to garbage when the parameters in which you learned how to live no longer apply. "But it teaches you to trust yourself more—that kind of grit. And to trust the power of your inner voice."

So, to the Andover community, from the Class of 2019, we leave you with a wish. Take time to breathe, right now. Take time to exist in all of the uncomfortableness of the present moment, and find new ways of processing and growing when you encounter roadblocks. And most of all, listen as much as you can. Even with all the noise, listen.

With love, Hugo, Itzelt, and Isaiah

2020

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Hello to Andover's most recent class of alumni! Wherever you are located, we hope you and your loved ones are well.

During this period of physical distancing, **Hywot Ayana** has filled her schedule with Zooming with friends and baking. Midsummer she had a job interview and we hope it went well! Hywot celebrated graduation with a

family barbecue and drive-by visitors, and has chosen to take a gap year.

Also celebrating Commencement, a handful of seniors—Zora Colleye, Claudine Waggoner, Anna Ionescu, Natalie Ahn, and Hayden Gurawere together on campus on graduation day to watch the virtual livestream celebration in front of Samuel Phillips Hall.

Andy Zeng has felt the emotional impact of events in the United States ever since his return to China in early May. In China, he has found peace and an ability to reconnect with classmates, friends, and family.

Our Alumni Class President Abi Ndikum expresses gratitude for her election and a "promise to serve you all to the best of my abilities!" She reminded us that "2020 has always been a special class, and our circumstances only prove that we are set aside for greatness." Abi remarks: "My time in quarantine has taught me that no matter the circumstances, a door of light will always open in your life. I've used quarantine to better my relationship with my family, as this is the longest period of time I've been home with them since I decided to attend Andover. Their love continues to motivate me to dream big and to help others along the way. I've also had time to reflect on my Blackness and its intersectionality, given a time in which Black people continue the fight against institutionalized American racism. I'm calling you to action: we must support and uplift each other to eradicate these systems of oppression, and once we take steps toward this goal, we will then realize our beloved motto, non sibi. Stay safe, vou all!"

FACULTY EMERITI

Edwin G. Quattlebaum III, '60 ed.quattlebaum5@gmail.com

Dear Emeritae/-i.

An old friend sent this timely reminiscence: As part of a teaching fellow candidate's interview circuit, there's a department meeting to sample. A campus colleague burst through the door, without introducing oneself, and announced to all and sundry: "We are entering a new age of barbarism." Just another day on campus, the meeting assured the aspirant, and the meeting resumed.

But the campus colleague was ahead of the curve, flattened or not.

Zooming has become one way to enter this "new age of barbarism." Natalie Schorr was invited as guest speaker for a Zoom series (produced by Rolling Ridge) about Mark Schorr's poetry and his role as chair of the board and then executive director of the Robert Frost Foundation in Lawrence. Natalie also spoke about One On A Side, "a wonderful book that Mark coedited with Kevin O'Connor" and "one of my favorite books."

Nancy Sizer helped me find Natalie. They are neighbors and enjoy seeing each other often at the Harvard Institute for Learning in Retirement. Hopefully HILR will hear Natalie's memorable description of "cod jigging" in Newfoundland.

George Edmonds had common sense advice for hapless class secretaries who carp about receiving only four news bits out of a pool of 120: "Almost two years ago I was asked to be the class secretary for my Amherst '53 class...I decided the only way I was going to get news was 1) to define 'news' quite broadly, and 2) to get it by phone. And, except for the problem of overcoming nonworking phone numbers, that has led to lots of good conversations."

George is right, of course. Still, if I tried telephoning me, I would not pick up.

Paul Kalkstein did pick up, when John **Gould**, who is "calling one person each day from his past," phoned recently from Long Beach. I'd pick up too, if there is "incoming" from Long Beach. Paul, in Maine, does an enticing course called "Rabbit Ears: TV Days" online for Midcoast Senior College: For starters: Milton Berle, The Honeymooners, Dragnet, Gunsmoke, \$64.000 Question, Twilight Zone.

Georges and Marilou Krivobok: "We love to receive news of you [emeritae/i] to hear how you manage to 'survive' during this dire crisis." But Georges laments weeding through 2020 election solicitations to cull emeritae/i messages. For now, the Krivoboks' solution has been to change their email address.

From South Carolina, Becky McCann, coping with Tom Brady's "Tampa" treason as well as distancing, describes Carolina quarantines: "I did have an eye appointment...they took my temp and allowed me to wait in the parking lot till she was ready for me." In the scary part of mid-March, Becky heard from our formidable NFL pool expert Meredith Price: "They are guarantined to their apartment but are well."

Elwin Sykes sent a remarkable historic New Orleans collection item, From the Pinchbacks to the Baby Cakes: 150 Years of Baseball in New Orleans. Shoeless Joe Jackson played there in 1911. Louis "Satchmo" Armstrong struck out the ceremonial first batter in a "Secret Nine" game there. And New Orleans baseball invented the first Ladies Day, the first raincheck, the first infield tarpaulin.

Vic Henningsen, from Vermont: "Living at the end of a three-and-a-half mile dirt road in rural Vermont is about as close to being quarantined as possible without doing the real thing, especially during mud season." Vic seemed indecently pleased that "liquor stores" are "essential services" in Vermont.

Vic must envy Chris Gurry, who found a drive-in happy hour from 3 to 6 p.m. every evening near Palm City, FL. Emeriti Notes thrive on breaking news like that.

Nat Smith felt so sorry for us news-starved 120 PA retirees that he sent us a rich and droll update. It couldn't have started more auspiciously: Cilla and Nat live in a "small Vermont town," and yet somehow "we've found friends here named Ed and Ruth." So that's how it is, huh? Wonder which "Ed and Ruth" disappeared from their cellphone "contact list." Nat did grant me permission to "edit as you would a teenager's essay."

But who would want to edit Nat's essay: "This old buggy, like my 7-UP wagon of old, suffers from 'high mileage' problems, to borrow a phrase from Holly Owen. Ugly dents and scratches on the body come, seemingly, from nowhere. Little acceleration, low velocity, wobbly struts, and shaky steering suggest an aging menace on the road. The buggy is slow to start in the morning, needs a midday nap and the headlights just don't quite do it for night driving. Worse still, the hoses are leaking and the exhaust system burps. But on the plus side, my

Nat sits on at least four local boards, but what matters is Nat's title: "Greensboro's summer golf czar." "If you're over 80, you tee off from the forward [sic!] tees and you get an extra mulligan putt for your team. That way, every team really wants an over-80 guy."

Cilla serves on boards too, walking at least three times a week with the Ladies Walking Society of Greensboro-which also does lots of what Nat calls "good" work. She is active in the local church, works hours in her gardens, and "keeps up with all eight grandchildren and their families, by Zoom for now."

Cilla and Nat rarely leave Greensborowhy leave Willey's Store?—but they did hike "some spectacular high trails a few summers in Switzerland."

To all 120 emeritae/i: More and more are getting the hang of it, this news thing. People say that.

Alumni Bulletin Board

ANDOVER ALUMNI COUNCIL

Founded in 1946, the Alumni Council is the governing body of the Andover-Abbot Alumni Association. The council maintains contact between alumni and Andover and serves to support the Academy in various endeavors involving alumni.

Learn more about the Alumni Council at andover.edu/ alumni or by contacting Karleigh Antista, assistant director of Alumni Engagement, at kantista@andover.edu.

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Jenny F. Elkus '92

James A. Flynn '07

Henry H. Frankievich '07

Matthew C. Kalin '99

Abigail W. Keller '14

Blakeman Hazzard Allen '66 Lee S. Apgar '78, P'17 Leah Bradford Francis '95 Mae Concemi Bradshaw '62 Nathaniel M. Cartmell III '69, P'06 Michael D. Gottesman '98 Angela K. Cheng Matsuzawa '93 John G. Clark '69 Francisco X. Contreras '91

Quinn W. Daly '13

E. Soo Kwak-Peacock '98 Kevin K.W. Kwong '95 Sandra S. Leung '02 Stefan H. Cushman '87, P'21 Aisha Jorge Massengill '88 Minor Myers III '96

Jane Cashin Demers '73, P'03, '05 Sung C. Nam '98 Eric Redman '66 Geoffrey S. Richards '75 Thomas L. Rodgers '88 Ethan J. Schmertzler '07 Michael Schmertzler '70, P'05, '07 Samantha M. Shih '99 Deidra Willis '09 Stefanie Scheer Young '81, P'11, '14

WE WELCOME NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Edward S. Ahn '90, P'20, '22 Ruben J. Alvero '76 Christopher D. Barraza '95 Emily M. Bernstein '86, P'21 Brian M. Burke '75 Desmond O. Butler '91 Sanjiv S. Desai '89 Jose E. Diaz Hernandez '88 Ziwerekoru C. Fumudoh '10 Raymond F. Healey Jr. '66 Kara M. Hollis '07 Elizabeth Humstone '66

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Simon C. Keyes '06 Katherine T. Kreider '14 Bali K. Kumar '02 Eunice E. Lee '86, P'18, '21 Christopher J.W.B. Leggett '78 Angela S. Lorenz '83, P'14 Sikanyiselwe S. Maqubela '03 Noreen A. Markley '73, P'11 Anne E. Martinez '98 Tafarii H. McKenzie '12 Ellie Miller '92 Adam E. Namm '81

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STAY IN TOUCH

Visit us online to connect with Andover friends and classmates. At andover.edu/ alumni, you can link to the Alumni Directory, learn more about upcoming virtual events and volunteer opportunities, update your contact information, and lots more.

PHOTO GALLERY



- Doug Arthur '74, Paul McNicol '75, Ko-Yung Tung '66, and Robert Vermylen '90 at the random draw for doubles tournament in Cold Spring Harbor, NY.
- 2. Alexa '03 and Nick Franchot '03 welcomed their daughter, Lillian, on May 19 in San Francisco.
- 3. Class of 2009 Zoom Reunion. From top to bottom, left to right: Alex McHale, Thor Shannon, Celia Lewis '10, Svenja Vehrenkamp, Ricky Chen, Salena Casha, Aubrey Zimmerling, Allison Theriault, Juliet Liu '10, Kaitlyn (McInnis) Carlson, Lydia Smith, Deidra Willis, Kyle Ofori, Menelik Washington, Okyeraa Ohene-Asah, Kenny Gould, Berol Dewdney, Victoria Sanchez, Declan Cummings, Julie (Ingram) McDonagh, Annalee Leggett, Courtnie (Crutchfield) Bolden, Marvin Blugh, Malik Jenkins.
- **4.** Geoff Gauthier '95 with his son Henry ("PA '27?" he wonders.)
- **5.** Dan Bacon '06 got married during the pandemic to Katarina Pasinsky.
- **6.** Julie Doar '13, Rachel Xiao '13, Ali Belinkie '13 in the Scottish Highlands
- George Pratt '06 (center) with coworkers at Quest Diagnostics where he works in research and development for COVID-19 testing.

- 8. Dinner in Venice, CA, in January the night Dean Felch '02 proposed to Kristine Boyd. Left to right: Nahal Adler, Jarrett Wetherall '02, Dean Felch '02, Kristine Boyd, Jeremy Esco, Lizzie Harandi, Brandon Winston '02, and Jon Adler '02
- 9. Sara Dietschi Lowy '97 met up with Ritchie Wong '97 and his family in Singapore, pre lock-down. The gathering included (L-R): Emilia (Sara's child), Ella (Ritchie's child), and Elian (Sara's child).
- 10. Aisha Jorge Massengill's 50th Birthday party. Front (L-R): Sheldon Royal '89, Erica Sills Gaines '89, Terri Stroud '88, Aisha Jorge Massengill '88, Evette Maranda Clarke '88, Angel Stanislaus '89, Willie Tate '90. Back (L-R): Bobby Edwards (former Associate Director of Admissions and former Dean of CAMD), Nicole Lowery '89, Elisa Istueta '89, Sherry Martin '89, Nick Sims '88, Jill Miller '88, Monica Brown Andrews '88, Sherita Gaskins-Tillett '90, Wayne Bethea '86.
- 11. Before COVID hit, Nick Carter '82, Pierre Valette '82 and David Fairman '82 had a great few days skiing together in Colorado.







We want to see your photos! Did you get married, have a baby, meet up with classmates at a mini-reunion, travel somewhere memorable? Share your adventures and Big Blue pride with the Andover community. Submit your 300-dpi, high-resolution image to classnotes@andover.edu. All submitted photos will be considered for potential publication in *Andover* magazine.















IN MEMORIAM

Please notify Alumni Records at alumni-records@andover.edu about the death of an alumna/us. Andover welcomes obituaries written by family members or classmates. Submissions should be no longer than 150 words and will be edited. Please email questions or submissions to Jill Clerkin at jclerkin@andover.edu or call 978-749-4295.

ALUMNI

1944

Christopher J. Eatough

Knaphill, UK; April 2, 2020

Chris Eatough spoke with great enthusiasm about his time at Phillips Academy. His soccer captain was George Bush '42, and that connection resulted in a visit to the White House when George was vice president. Chris made enduring friends at Andover and he and wife, Margaret, returned for reunions whenever they could.

After graduating from Andover, Chris went home to the U.K. but he immediately returned to the U.S. for flight training—just before the war ended. He went on to become a chartered quantity surveyor and worked on a number of high-profile projects, including the development of Heathrow Airport, Dinorwic hydroelectric plant in Wales, and Hwange Thermal Power Station in Zimbabwe.

Chris was a devoted husband and father, and loving grandfather. He also enjoyed golf and was a pillar of the New Zealand Golf Club.

Chris was predeceased by Margaret, his wife of 68 years, in 2018. He is survived by his two daughters, Sian and Paula, and grandsons Rowland and Gregory.

-The Eatough Family

Ruth Lyons Hickcox

Trumbull, CT; Aug. 5, 2020

Ruth "Cubby" Lyons Hickcox passed away at age 93 due to causes related to COVID-19.

Cubby attended Lexington, Mass., public schools before spending her senior high school year at Abbot Academy—from which her mother, Ruth Moore Lyons, Class of 1910, and sister Andrea Lyons '45 also graduated. Cubby went on to Wellesley College, graduating in 1948 with a degree in English composition, and then

attended Cornell University for a year to specialize in story writing.

She worked in the children's department at Boston Public Library and then for an extended time in the placement office at Harvard Business School, where she met her future husband, Leigh. Cubby had an endless supply of loving and creative energy, which she used to bless her family, church, friends, and even those she did not know. She taught at her church for 70 years, had a lovely soprano voice, was an exceptional seamstress and baker, and published a children's book.

Cubby is survived by her husband of 60 years, Leigh; children Victoria, Matthew, and Hilary; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

-The Hickcox Family

1946

Martin Begien

 $Charleston, SC; July\,31, 2020$

Born in Cambridge, MA, Martin Begien passed away peacefully in Charleston, SC.

Martin lived a full and happy life. He was a loving and kind husband, father, and grandfather, as well as a loyal and beloved friend. A graduate of Phillips Academy and Yale University (1950), he attended Trinity Church in Boston and gave generously to the institutions he loved. His many volunteer roles at Andover included alumni trustee and class co-agent as well as membership in the Alumni Council, Regional Association Board, and Grandparent Society.

Martin loved politics and worked tirelessly on Mitt Romney's political campaigns. He ran for Massachusetts State Representative in 2004 at the behest of then-Governor Romney. Running in a strong Democratic district, he didn't win, but he made many friends in the process. Martin was fond of remembering that

he earned more votes in his district than did President George W. Bush '64.

A lifelong sailor, Martin was an avid student of history and politics and enjoyed reading biographies and tales of adventure. He is survived by his wife, Katharine; children Laura '78 and Mike '73; stepsons Tim Bryan and Alec Fraser; nine grandchildren, including Andrew Gardner '10; and three great-grandchildren. Services are pending.

 $- The \, Begien \, Family$

1952

Pierce K. Bullen

Raleigh, NC; May 4, 2020

Pierce Bullen remembered Andover with great appreciation for intellectual stimulation, friends, and activities—including "Sons of Betsy" and wrestling. After earning a BA and MA from the University of Florida, Pierce, a Phi Beta Kappa, joined the Foreign Service.

An Arabist and international economist, Pierce was a diplomat in Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Egypt, Morocco, Burkina Faso, Venezuela, and Spain. In Washington, D.C., he served as U.S. representative to international meetings about energy, director of the Arabic language section of Voice of America, and lead economics professor at the National War College.

Pierce was known for his calm, reasoned approach to issues, extensive knowledge, and dry wit. He described his years in the Foreign Service as "absorbing and deeply satisfying" and wanted to be remembered as a man of peace. In retirement, he taught at Georgetown University, ran his real estate business, and traveled.

Pierce gave his wife, Helene, 65 years of great happiness. He was also a loving, involved father of four and thoroughly enjoyed his five grand-children—all of whom survive him.

-The Bullen Family

Earle F. Taylor Jr.

Litchfield, CT; March 25, 2020

A standout multisport athlete, Earle Taylor attended Andover for a postgraduate year. He graduated from Yale University in 1956 with a BS degree in industrial administration.

After three years in California serving as a Marine Corps naval aviator, he returned to Connecticut and began a career with Northeast Utilities (now Eversource), where he worked in various capacities for 31 years—while also finding time to become a gentleman farmer, raising beef cattle on his Litchfield property. As the director of the Department of Energy and Load Management in his final years at NU, he gave presentations on energy conservation at conferences worldwide.

In 1996, following a five-year stint with Kemper Management Services, Earle was asked by the World Bank to help develop energy conservation programs for the Brazilian government. He rejoined Northeast Utilities from 2000 to 2005 in a part-time advisory capacity. His good nature, wealth of information, and pithy sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him.

Earle is survived by his loving wife, Holly; children Amy and Gregory; and three granddaughters.

-The Taylor Family

Alexis O. Thielens

Houston, Texas; Feb. 7, 2020

Alexis Ollier "Lex" Thielens, 86, passed away peacefully at home after a brief illness. He relocated to Houston four years ago, leaving his home in Ardmore, PA, to be close to his daughter after the death of his wife, Maureen. He will be remembered for his love of family, friends, travel, fine wine, and dancing.

He is survived by his children, Elizabeth, John'79, and David'82; daughter-in-law Katie; grandchildren Maggie, Jack, and Claire; niece Martha Eden and her son, Caleb; and nephew Jon Eden and his wife, Lucy Kim.

-The Thielens Family

1956

John Timothy Holland

Washington, DC; May 13, 2020

Tim was born during the Hurricane of '38 and died of metastatic melanoma during a global pandemic. He always had a flair for drama.

Tim embraced the liberal arts curriculum at Andover. He read widely and voraciously and sharpened his critical thinking and writing skills, which helped him succeed in his subsequent careers in advertising and banking. He also played trombone in the Andover Aces jazz band and developed friendships at the Academy that lasted the rest of his life. His house master, whom he remembered fondly, was a mentor and role model. Andover fostered a lifelong love affair with literature that ultimately led Tim to teaching. His students remember him as a gifted teacher who was fascinated by ideas and who helped them read deeply and empathically.

Tim is survived by his former wife, Jean (Eubanks) Holland; children Janice, Tom, and Jim; sisters Sherry and Stacy; three adored granddaughters; and an interesting collection of nieces, cousins, and a grandnephew. Tim donated his body to the Georgetown University School of Medicine.

-The Holland Family

1960

Peter W. Lee

Menlo Park, CA; May 31, 2020

Peter Lee died after a courageous battle with heart disease. He was born in England, grew up in New York, and attended Andover for four years. Classmate David Kennedy remembers: "He was the first to greet me when I arrived as an upper in 1958, the beginning of a 61-year friendship even as we mostly lived a coast apart. We again roomed together at Princeton before he transferred to Stanford and graduated in 1964."

Peter later earned an MS degree from Rensselaer Polytech. He served proudly in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam and in the Naval Reserve for 30 years, retiring as a captain. Professionally, he worked in human resources executive compensation at Bell Systems for 25 years and then in the University of California system and at Catholic Healthcare West before retiring.

Peter is survived by wife Mea, daughters Christina Vo and Maya Watts, and four grandchildren, each of whom he loved deeply. He will be missed by his many friends from Andover, Princeton, Stanford, and the Navy.

-David Kennedy '60

1961

Bruce C. Gilbert

Rye, NH; July 21, 2020

A standout football player and All-State lineman from Nashua, NH, Bruce arrived at Andover as a postgraduate and played football and baseball. Following Andover, he played football and lacrosse for the University of New Hampshire, graduating with a degree in business. Bruce had a 46-year career at Treen Box & Pallet (formerly PennBox), where he worked with his father and brother.

Bruce's love of athletics was evident in his community service, which included serving as

president of the UNH 100 Club, co-founding the Nashua Girls Soccer Association, serving on the YMCA Board of Directors, and coaching youth basketball for 20 years. After son Daniel became an Andover student in the late 1980s, Bruce became a regular on campus, never missing his son's competitions.

Upon hearing of Bruce's passing, friends were quick to recall his welcoming smile, big laugh, kind nature, and the innumerable stories he told. Most of all, they recalled his deep love of and devotion to his family and friends.

Bruce is survived by his wife of 52 years, Jane; children Amy Sutton and Daniel Gilbert '90; and three grandchildren.

-The Gilbert Family

1966

David A. Goldin

Darien, GA; Feb. 5, 2020

David Goldin passed away following a long bout with cancer. During his upper year, he was one of 11 boys who studied in Barcelona in the inaugural year of Andover's co-sponsored Schoolboys Abroad program (now coed and renamed School Year Abroad). I spent that year with him in Barcelona and vividly recall Dave's popularity in the group—for his wit, camaraderie, and sense of adventure.

Dave graduated from Georgetown University and had a successful business career in sales, based mainly in New Orleans and Atlanta.

Dave was not only lighthearted, but also big-hearted. In 2017, after learning that one of his former classmates needed a liver transplant, Dave wrote him a large personal check, no questions asked.

Retired in recent years in Darien, Dave loved nature walks in a nearby wildlife refuge. He was a regular at reunions of the Schoolboys Abroad group, including at their 50th anniversary celebration in Boston in 2015.

Dave is survived by his wife, Joan Cantrell.

—Doug Cassel '66

1981

John W. Flanagan Jr.

Ibaraki-ken, Japan; March 13, 2020

John W. Flanagan Jr. passed away after a long battle with colon cancer. John grew up in Vermont and after Andover attended Harvard University, UC Berkeley, and the University of Hawaii, becoming a particle physicist. He met his future wife, Mika Masuzawa, while working at the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization in Japan.

In addition to his wife, John is survived by his daughter, Mariko.

-Adam Namm '81

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Donald D. MacKenzie

Denver, CO; July 5, 2020

Don MacKenzie passed away after suffering a heart attack over the 4th of July weekend.

Don was my dormmate in Taylor East. He was just a terrific guy, always a smile, never a bad word. He made you feel better about yourself. Don went on to Middlebury College, where he was a member of the Dissipated 8 a cappella singing group and graduated in 1985. He then worked in finance in New York City and Salt Lake City, moving to Denver in 1993, where he developed several billion dollars of residential real estate, including senior communities. He also served for 16 years as board chair of Denver's Center for Work Education and Employment, which provides job skills training, primarily to women. A keen fly fisherman, Don blended this love and his goal of responsible development in the creation of the Palometa Club permit fishing lodge in Ascension Bay, Mexico. At the time of his passing, Don was president and CEO of Upstream Development.

Don is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Suzanne, and three devoted daughters, Phoebe, Sarah, and Margot.

-Adam Namm '81

1993

John S. MacNeil

 $Washington, DC; May\,9, 2020$

John MacNeil died at his home of lung cancer, which was diagnosed in January 2018. He came to Andover as an upper and was known as much for his outrageously curly hair, appreciation of 1980s sedans and Adidas sneakers, impressive dance moves, and rapid-fire manner of speaking as for running track, playing soccer, and writing for *The Phillipian*.

After Andover, John moved around for school, earning degrees from the University of Pennsylvania, UC Santa Barbara, and MIT. He worked as a journalist and science writer in New York City for several years before settling in Washington, D.C. There he worked at the U.S. Office of Management and Budget, where he met his future wife, Ruxandra. He later joined the D.C. Council Office of the Budget Director and then the Office of the D.C. Auditor. John kept his unconventional style, avid curiosity, and rigorous work ethic throughout his life and diagnosis.

He is survived by his wife, Ruxandra, daughters Zelda and newborn Isadora Simona, as well as his parents, and his two sisters and their families.

 $-Rux and ra\ Pond\ and\ the\ MacNeil\ Family$

2014

Clark C. Perkins

 $Corpus\ Christi,\ TX; Aug.\ 26,\ 2020$

First Lt. Clark Perkins died while surfing in Corpus Christi, Texas, cutting all too short a life devoted to public service, leadership, and love for family, friends, and fellow Marines. He was 25.

Clark was a rising star in the naval aviation community. Graduating first in his training class, Clark earned the coveted opportunity to pursue specialized jet fighter training. He also became a firefighter while at Colgate University; he was *non sibi* to his core.

Born a triplet, Clark loved being part of a team from the start. At Andover, Clark played goalie for the JV soccer and hockey teams and varsity lacrosse team. Junius Williams '14, school co-president along with Clark, remembers office hours in the basement of the Oliver Wendell Holmes Library spent joking around, but also time just reading alongside Clark, the two so happy to be in each other's company.

Taylor Chin'14 remembers that Clark "never missed an opportunity to make another person feel welcome and loved. People couldn't help but be inspired by his genuine goodness."

Lucia and Sam Perkins will forever be triplets with their teammate Clark. And the Class of 2014 will forever keep Clark woven tightly in the fabric of their class.

 $-Elizabeth\ Harold\ Close\ '78$

OBITUARIES

1937

Grace Vibberts Conlin

Oak Bluffs, MA; July 9, 2020

1939

Henry H. Anderson Jr.

 $Mystic, CT; May\,11, 2020$

1940

Dicran B. Barian

North Chatham, MA; June 4, 2020

Doris Sawyer Gordon

Sedona, AZ; May 19, 2020

1943

David L. Ammen

Cotuit, MA; April 21, 2020

1944

Margaret Travis Atwood

Bloomfield, CT; June 17, 2020

Angus Deming

New York, NY; Feb. 12, 2020

Norman E. McCulloch Jr.

Barrington, RI; July 26, 2020

Allen H. Pease

Leverett, MA; Feb. 11, 2020

William W. Wilcox III

Westwood, MA; April 27, 2020

1945

Charles Y. Chittick Jr.

Hingham, MA; July 13, 2020

Louis F. Kutscher

Vashon Island, WA; May 21, 2020

Sara Livermore

Ipswich, MA; July 19, 2020

Edward W. Madeira Jr.

Northeast Harbor, ME; May 21, 2020

John Lowell Thorndike

Needham, MA; May 20, 2020

1946

William A. Currier

Wayland, MA; April 23, 2020

George N. Meeks

Glen Ellen, CA; May 23, 2020

Charles W. Wilder

Brooklyn, NY; Jan. 27, 2020

1947

Richard W. Hulbert

 $Brooklyn, NY; July\,8, 2020$

Robert E. Remis

 $Boston, MA; July\ 13,\ 2020$

1948

Charles R. Beye

Cambridge, MA; May 3, 2020

James J. Carroll Jr.

West Hartford, CT; April 25, 2020

Deborah Voss Howard

Newton, MA; Feb. 15, 2020

John T. Ordeman Gwynn Oak, MD; July 20, 2020

1949

Robert A. Brown Jr.

St. Joseph, MO; July 20, 2020

James R. Cartmell

Durham, NH; May 19, 2020

Ralph M. Deal

Kalamazoo, MI; April 4, 2020

1950

Thomas L. Brown

Lakeport, NH; April 29, 2020

John K. Li

New York, NY; June 11, 2020

Charles A. Platt

New York, NY; Aug. 18, 2020

Nelson B. Putnam

Waitsfield, VT; May 26, 2020

1951

John H. Denison

Fairlee, VT: June 6, 2020

Ruth DeNoyelles Diefenbach Fort Myers, FL; Aug. 18, 2020

Sewell S. Hayes

Gloucester, MA; May 8, 2020

Virginia Gleason Muldoon

Arlington, MA; May 12, 2020

Ashby K. Raine Jr.

Venice, CA; May 30, 2020

Nancy Bentley Ridings

Jamesville, NY; July 26, 2020

Richard C. Steadman

New York, NY; May 6, 2020

1952

Warren C. Hutchins

New York, NY; July 29, 2020

Karl H. Purnell

 ${\it Mifflinburg, PA; April\, 14, 2020}$

1953

Edmund N. Ansin

North Miami, FL; July 27, 2020

Eliot N. Vestner

Boca Grande, FL; July 10, 2020

1954

Robert R. Cole

Westwood, MA; June 11, 2020

Richard J. Koerting

Elkhart, IN; April 17, 2020

Audrey Davis Trowbridge

Wake field, RI; June~10, 2020

1955

Caroline Howes Hopper

San Diego, CA; May 15, 2020

1956

Henry B. Cannon III

Scottsboro, AL; May 21, 2020

Harold Clein

Tucker, GA; June 18, 2020

1958

Copley E. Crosby

San Francisco, CA; Aug. 17, 2020

Franklin T. Hammond III

Cambridge, MA; April 29, 2020

Lawrence J. Lewis South Portland, ME; June 3, 2020

1960

Joan Hagerman Nichols

Woodstock, VT: Dec. 7, 2019

1962

George W. Works III

Dallas, TX; July 5, 2020

1963

Dale A. Stevens

The Villages, FL; June 1, 2020

1964

James P. Moody

Rochester, NY; April 14, 2020

1965

Kevin G. Rafferty II

New York, NY; July 2, 2020

The In Memoriam list comprises information about faculty and alumni/ae deaths reported to the Academy between May 1 and August 31, 2020.

1966

Bruce H. Curran

Durham, NC; June 20, 2020

Charles G. Phillips Jr.

Locust Valley, NY; May 1, 2020

Roger H. Smith

Vienna, VA; May 20, 2020

1967

Sarah Beale Gaffin

Fairport, NY; July 27, 2020

1968

Henry R. Currin Jr.

 $Lillington, NC; June\,11, 2020$

1969

Daniel E. Coleman
Tampa, FL; May 16, 2020

1970

Louisa T. Field

Walter A. Snickenberger Jr. Wellesley, MA; Aug. 12, 2020

1973

Orange, MA; May 13, 2020

1979

Thomas P. Magee South Windsor, CT; July 3, 2020

1987

David W. Kaiser

New York, NY; July 15, 2020

1994

Justin M. Spence

Needham, MA; June 16, 2020

1997

Matthew Magrone

Tallahassee, FL; July 30, 2020

2007

Bintou F. Ojomo

Bronx, NY; May 1, 2020

CUT OFF FROM HIS CHILDREN DURING OUARANTINE, A FORMER ADDISON GALLERY DIRECTOR IS IMMERSED IN HIS **OWN CREATIVITY.**

magination is a powerful thing. It can transport you to distant lands, conjure up vivid memories, and remove you from the present for a while. Taking up pen and paper for the first time in nearly a decade, Christopher C. Cook tapped into his artist's imagination this past spring to create series of pandemic-related drawings. Frustrated by the quarantine, Cook's 30-plus drawings express not only his anger with the fast-moving virus, but also the uncertain political future of the United States, along with recollections of family, friends, and colleagues.

"You make a mark and you respond to it," says Cook, who was director of the Addison Gallery of American Art from 1969 to 1989. "It's memory-memory of a work of art

or of experiences, anything that you can find that develops into a symbol or a shape."

The drawings—created with a variety of special pens including Japanese brush pens and signed with the pseudonym Hal Capen-helped Cook weather a difficult time.

He and his wife, Julie were stuck in their small New Hampshire apartment for weeks on end. Cook used art to provide structure and a way to pass the long days. "I would sit down to draw after lunch and sometimes I'd draw for three hours. It gave me something to do and distracted from other problematic things."



"The power of imagination. It's the ultimate survival tool." CHRISTOPHER C. СООК

When Cook's five children, scattered on both coasts, eventually saw the sketches, they were

"We think his drawings are fantastic; they also display a mind and hands still actively engaged in art making at age 88," says daughter Brett Cook '72. "We have marveled at dad's capacity to transcend the isolation of this pandemic through his creativity and courage. I am inspired by his example of making the best of things." ♦

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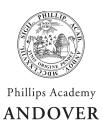
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