



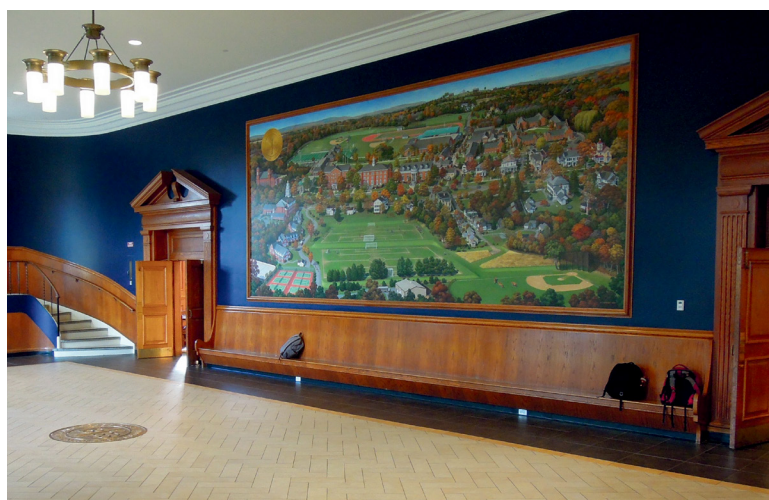
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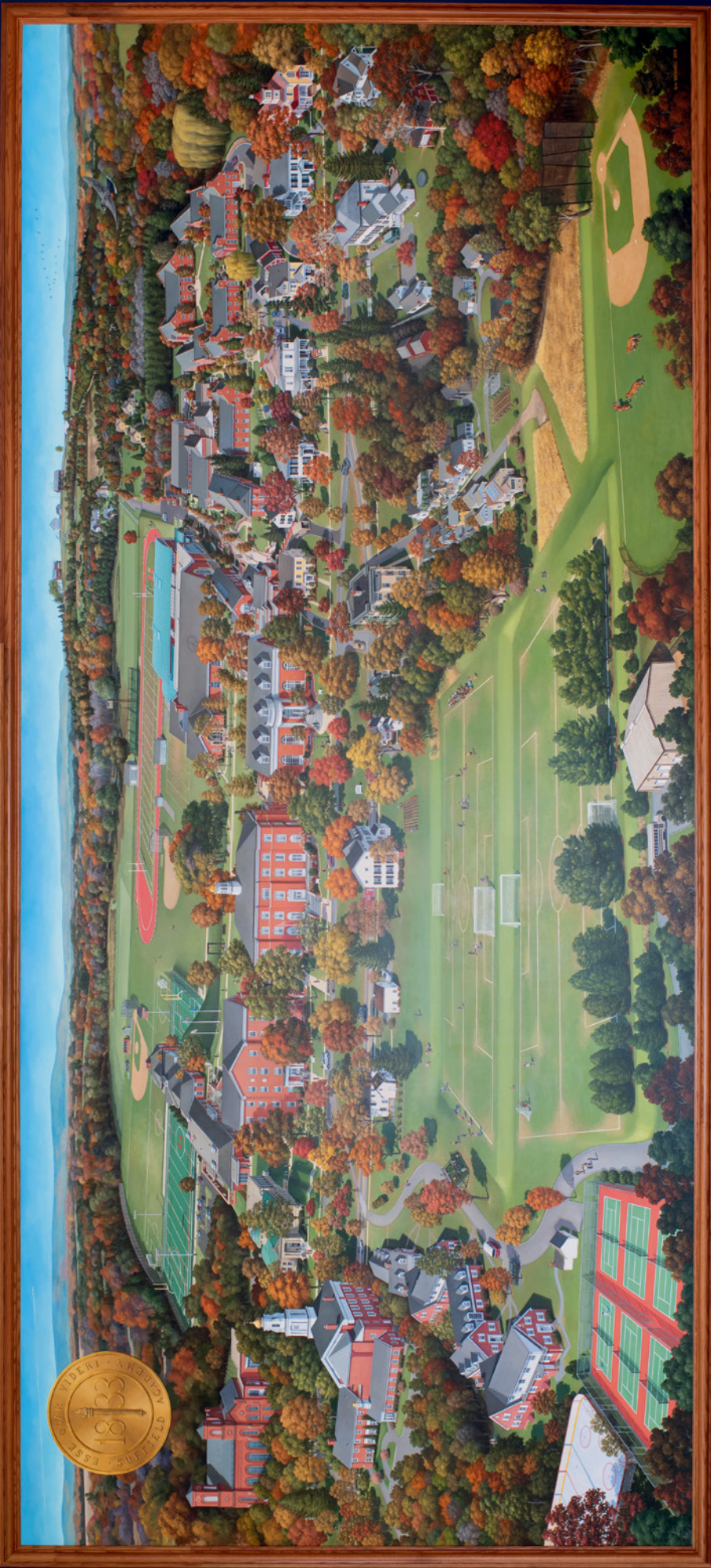


a View on TRADITION



For over thirty years Geoff Rockwell '82 has been realizing art commissions for distinguished clientele. His company, Rockwell Artisan Studio Inc., specializes in murals, fine art related projects and painted decoration, collaborating with many of today's most respected professionals in the fields of art and design. Working with his wife, Christine Zufferey, and his team of talented artists he has created a wide range of stylistically diverse projects from original artwork and architectural painting to large scale murals and scenic painting, interior and set design to major art installations. He has executed significant projects for esteemed cultural institutions such as Dia, Glenstone, MoMA, SFMoMA and Schaulager. His work also graces homes and businesses throughout the New York metropolitan region, as well as cities across the country, in Europe and the Middle East. Examples of some of his work can be seen on his website rockwellartisanstudio.com.

Geoff is the son of retired Suffield faculty David and Bonnie Rockwell and grew up on Suffield's campus. His deep personal connection with the Suffield experience, its history and landscape is the inspiration for the mural he has painted for the lobby of Brewster Hall.



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An educator's greatest pleasure is seeing students flourish and feeling our investment has made a difference in their intellectual and personal growth. It is even more powerful when they let you know this has happened, even if it is years later (as it usually is). As a headmaster, the joy is seeing the alignment of school philosophy and student development.

The gratification is particularly profound for educators working with adolescents, given the complexity of this developmental stage between childhood and adulthood. The high school years are anxiety ridden and challenging. We are gaining increasingly important information about the personal and psychological development and transitions in this stage of life, and about the complicated impact of ubiquitous technology. Prep schools and colleges are rightfully focused on supporting mental and emotional health. Suffield was ahead of the curve and this is part of why our school has been so successful in the first two decades of the twenty-first century. We know and embrace that adolescence never unfolds in a straight line, and our programs and resource allocation reflect this awareness.

Several foundational beliefs have shaped our educational philosophy. One is focusing on distance traveled more than just destinations. We have been intentional about this, and about blending rigor, support, and encouragement to reinforce this priority. Another is stressing kindness and how difficult this seemingly simple concept can be. Third, our disciplinary policies are sensible. These values were partly instilled in me by Reddy Finney, a legendary headmaster of Gilman School (my alma mater) from 1968 to 1992. Like Ap Seaverns did as Suffield's headmaster from 1952-1972, Mr. Finney taught us that students need structure and a sense of security, but also room to grow from a disciplinary philosophy that embraces common sense. "I expect honorable behavior and a trusting climate," Mr. Finney said. "If somebody violates that trust, you have to use it as a teaching moment without overly castigating the violator." Suffield's philosophy reflects this sensibility.

Suffield is now at an inflection point, the type that results from success and prosperity. Our applicant pool and enrollment are stronger than ever. Nearly 1,000 students applied for 130 spaces, and for the past two years our yield on accepted students was the highest since we have tracked it (more than half a century). Our campus is largely new and fully equipped to meet the goals and needs of our educational program, benefitting from more than \$80 million of recent investment. Our faculty proudly delivers on our promises. This combination is our secret sauce—the merging of invested students and educators, a philosophy focused on distance traveled, and a world-class campus. It speaks to what we know and are still learning about best guiding adolescents.

The inflection point relates to making all of this more sustainable and permanent. Several components of broad sustainability exist at Suffield—personal and cultural initiatives in our Leadership Program and Balance Barn, environmentally related infrastructure including a significant upcoming solar energy project that will provide nearly 25% of our electricity, and growing financial sustainability symbolized by our endowment. It has increased from \$23 million to \$52 million over the past 10 years, and our Board of Trustees has made a priority of preserving the net asset base by limiting borrowings for construction projects and reducing our annual draw into operations. The school's current debt load is approximately \$11 million at a five-year fixed interest rate of 2.75%, and the endowment draw is 4.6% of a 12-quarter average. Recent endowment gifts have helped support financial aid and faculty compensation and development, and have also ensured some programs operate in perpetuity such as outdoor leadership (SOLO) and academic support.

This great opportunity—of capitalizing on all we have achieved to enhance the broad sustainability of Suffield Academy—now rests in front of our community. I am eager to help lead us forward.

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MEMORIAL RETROSPECTIVE



SUFFIELD COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE 2011 CAMPUS MASTER PLAN BY OPENING THE NEW MEMORIAL ACADEMIC CENTER IN SEPTEMBER 2018. THE 36,000 SQUARE-FOOT SPACE HOUSES 20 CLASSROOMS, THE ACADEMIC DEAN'S OFFICE, TECHNOLOGY CENTER, MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS DEPARTMENT, ACADEMIC SUPPORT, AND A FACULTY CENTER. A NEW ENTRANCE IS ACCESSIBLE FROM THE WEST SIDE OF THE BUILDING, LINKING DIRECTLY TO THE ACADEMIC QUADRANGLE. THE STAIR TOWERS ARE LINED WITH GLASS, ENABLING NATURAL LIGHT TO PENETRATE THE BUILDING FROM ALL ANGLES. THE TOP FLOOR HAS A CONFERENCE ROOM WITH VAST TECHNOLOGY INFRASTRUCTURE AND A TERRACE THAT OVERLOOKS THE SUFFIELD CAMPUS AND METACOMET RIDGE.

Memorial was originally constructed in 1854 and named "Middle Building." It had a chapel, classrooms, and dormitory rooms for students and teachers. It closed around 1900 due to declining enrollment but was renovated in 1908 to include lights and running water. A central stairway went all the way to the fourth floor. In 1950 the Connecticut Baptists offered the Academy a grant for the rejuvenation of the Middle Building. The side staircases were added, the faculty room was moved to the first floor, and day



student lockers were placed in the basement. A few years later the dormitory rooms were converted into classrooms. The building was rededicated as the Connecticut Baptist Memorial Building to honor this financial assistance.

The creation of a new, twenty-first century Memorial Building was a remarkable architectural and construction feat. The entire façade of the existing building facing east (toward Main Street) was retained, and a new structure was attached to it. It was designed by Harvey Kauffman Architects, who previously led architectural plans for Suffield's Holcomb Science Building and Tremaine Visual Arts Center. Harvey's compelling scheme for Memorial aimed to modernize the building while maintaining the traditional architectural feel of the Suffield campus. Tecton Architects also worked closely with the school, and FIP Construction served as the construction managers. Memorial incorporates current and forward thinking on optimum educational environments related to items such as light, furniture, teaching style flexibility, and opportunities for kinesthetic learning. It was funded entirely through gifts and all-in costs were \$17.8 million.

A photograph of a modern building interior featuring a wide, grey-tiled staircase with glass railings. Several people are in motion: one person is walking up the stairs, another is walking down, and a third is walking across the foreground. The background shows a bright, open-plan space with large windows and a wooden balcony. A large, semi-transparent orange shape is overlaid on the top right corner of the image.

A S T R A - T E G I C P L A N

FOR SUFFIELD

DEVELOPED OVER A 16-MONTH PERIOD AND INCLUDING INPUT FROM ALL OF SUFFIELD'S CONSTITUENTS, THE STRATEGIC PLAN FOR SUFFIELD—2018 ONWARD HELPS SHAPE OUR DIRECTION.

IT HAS FOUR SECTIONS:

❧ **ENROLLMENT**

❧ **SCHOOL CULTURE**

❧ **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

❧ **FINANCES & DEVELOPMENT**

Features of the plan include a desired student enrollment target (410-420), embracing a range of academic profiles, sustaining commitments to several school traditions, having a student-centered and encouraging culture, and a focus on recruiting, supporting, and evaluating a talented faculty that is involved in all parts of school life. The plan outlines goals for academics, athletics, the arts, and the school's focus on college counseling and leadership development. It also speaks to the goal of aggressively maintaining an outstanding physical plant.

This strategic plan builds on Suffield's mission statement and on several other documents the school uses to guide strategy and direction. These are extensive campus master plans, enrollment and admissions plans, multi-year budget parameters, and multi-year capital project and deferred maintenance plans.

SUFFIELD'S STRATEGIC PLAN HAS EIGHT OVERARCHING ASSUMPTIONS THAT HELP GUIDE SCHOOL PHILOSOPHY.

- ❧ The strategies of the plan are based on the assumption that Suffield should continue to offer an educational environment where close relationships between students and faculty—and a general emphasis on community—are at the center of what we do.
- ❧ The school will provide a wide range of program offerings in academics, arts, and athletics, serving students with differing abilities and interests. This said, all students at Suffield shall have demonstrated previous success in school and are expected to be heavily involved in school life both in and out of the classroom.
- ❧ Suffield believes in a model where faculty are involved in various aspects of students' lives including academics, extracurricular activities, and community life.
- ❧ Suffield will continue to recruit, evaluate, and support outstanding faculty members.
- ❧ The school will seek to maintain an enrollment of 410 to 420 students with boarding capacity of no less than 280.
- ❧ Suffield will continue to make college counseling and leadership development (focused on character and social responsibility) high priorities in terms of time and resources.
- ❧ The school will continue to invest in the maintenance and growth of the physical plant to provide outstanding, well-maintained facilities.
- ❧ Future plans intend to honor the best of Suffield's history while being responsive to change. When successfully implemented, this plan will ensure that the core values of Suffield remain. These include an emphasis on active involvement in the community by all members, leadership and social responsibility, and a structured and nurturing environment.



Barry Cleary – Baseball Field

Suffield named its varsity baseball field after recently retired faculty member Barry Cleary at the 2018 Reunion. Barry was Suffield's head baseball coach for 26 years and many of his former players, advisees, and students contributed to recognizing Coach Cleary by adding dugouts to the baseball field. Barry's sons (Tim '02 and Ryan '05) spoke at the event, along with Jim Hagan '80, Penry Price '87, faculty member Dave Godin, and The Gunnery School baseball coach Jeff Trundy. All spoke about Barry's excellence as a coach, Suffield's rich baseball history, and the supportive role Laurie Cleary always played at Suffield and in Barry's success.

Group photo (from left to right): Jeff Trundy, David Godin P'16, Tim Cleary '02, Barry Cleary P'02 '05, Ryan Cleary '05, Penry Price '87, and Jim Hagan '80



David R. Holmes '60 – Athletic Field

The surface of David R. Holmes '60 Field was converted to synthetic turf in August 2018. The new field has an organic, water-retaining infill called TPE and a shock pad underneath the turf. LED lights were also added. It is a striking new field that is used for lacrosse, soccer, and football. The project was funded by gifts to Suffield including contributions at the 2018 Parents' Association Auction and was part of a thorough analysis of all athletic fields done in consultation with Tom Irwin Incorporated. Tom Irwin is known for providing testing and analysis services, plant nutrition, control products, and advice about successful field maintenance. The addition of a second turf field and enhancements to Suffield's grass fields help provide the school with excellent flexibility and quality of athletic spaces. These are just some of the latest projects in the comprehensive campus master plans.

Grandparents' Day

Suffield welcomed a record-breaking 220 grandparents representing 127 students to campus in celebration of Grandparents' Day. The schedule of events included classroom visits, lunch in Brewster Hall, and a talk by Headmaster Charlie Cahn. Students also had the opportunity to have their photo taken with their grandparents on Brewster's front terrace. It was a cheerful and happy time shared by generations.



"We really enjoyed Megan's honors English class. This is a beautiful campus and a very special place. The new Memorial Academic Center is simply awesome. We last saw it when the façade was held by steel supports. It is a remarkable space for students." Grandparents of Megan Alberding '19, Leonard and Rena Pelletier



Legacy Students

Students by row, from left to right:

Front George Raymond '19, Andrew Budge '19, John Mellekas '19, Sophia Molander '22, Hailey Suller '22, Sophia Tosone '22, Nina Artioli '22, Gabriella Tosone '20, Paige Hostetter '22, Laurel Vardakas '20, Vivian Riegel '20, Lauren Burton '22, Gabriella Nunez '22, Kaitlyn Suller '22, Grace Kotchen '22, Max Santopietro '21, Jonah Ball '22
Middle Samantha Sollinger '22, Cormac Sullivan '22, Julie Raporte '20, Zane Hodgkins '20, Bobby Artioli '20, Caroline Greco '22, Sami D'Angelo '21, Brigid Lawry '21, Chris Hostetter '21, Michael Greco '21, Stephen Greco '21
Back Savi Tompkins '19, Izzy Dutranoit '19, Olivia Alfano '19, Mia D'Angelo '19, Kate Killam '19, Gavin Mastella '19, Chris Campbell '19, Neil Budge '21, Tom Killam '19, Garrett Mastella '21, Harrison Cahn '22, Justin Hern '20

Parents' Weekend

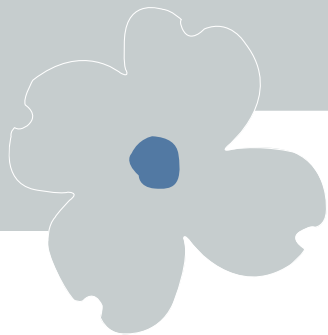


Top left: Chelsea Han '19 with her sister Emily and mother Sang Kim Top right: Nate Schoen '22 with his parents Melissa and Christopher Schoen

Middle left: Becca Bauer '19 with her parents Vicky and Peter Bauer Middle right: Ben Warner '22 with his mother Sue Warner

Bottom left: Andrew Gingold '21 with his parents Karen and Mike Gingold [Trustee] P'16, '18, '21

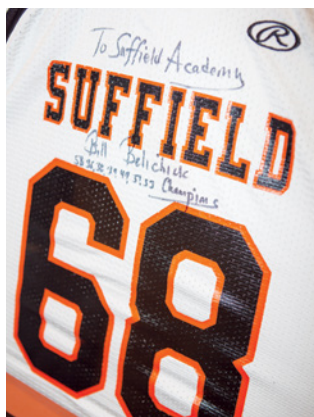
Bottom right: Luke Violich-Czinczoll '22 with his grandmother Barbara Boucke and mother Julia Violich



P A R E N T S ' A S S O C I A T I O N A U C T I O N

Over 230 parents, faculty, and trustees attended the 20th Annual Parents' Association Auction. The many exciting items up for bid included tickets to Broadway (*Dear Evan Hansen*) and dinner with a cast member, a *Saturday Night Live* dress rehearsal, Lady Gaga in Las Vegas, golf at Winged Foot, an escape to the Caribbean or Bahamas aboard a luxury yacht, a Suffield Academy football jersey signed by Miami Dolphins 2019 first-round draft pick Christian Wilkins '15, and a week stay in Paris, Vermont, or Santa Barbara. The winner of the 2018 Ford F150 raffle was Dennis Barbato P'05.

The school thanks the many parent volunteers and the auction chairs—Allison Schmitz P'19, '21, Pam Caso P'19, '21, '21, and Michelle Bonini P'19, '21—for their effort and support. The event served as yet another reminder that our work at Suffield is very important and deeply valued by parents.



Top Left: Michelle Bonini P'19, '21, Penn Sullivan, Headmaster Charlie Cahn, Allison Schmitz P'19, '21

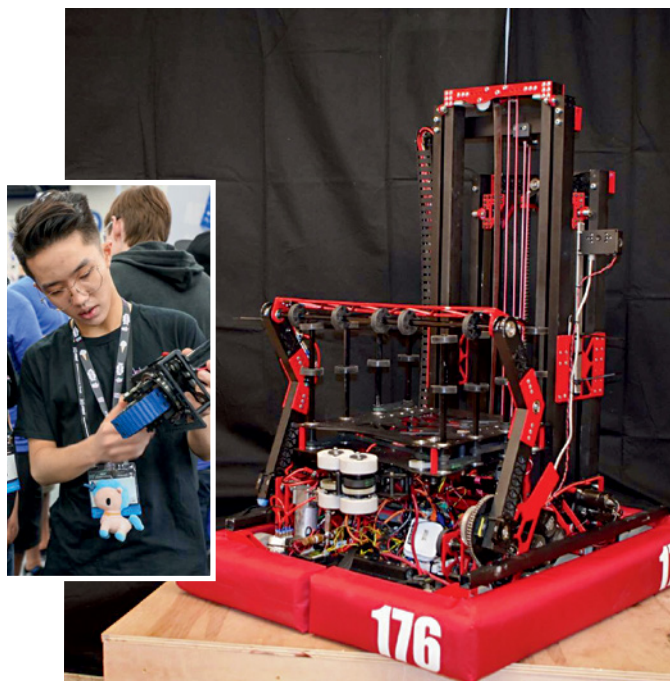
Right: Tyler Sylvester '20 with his parents Ben and Heidi Sylvester P'18, '20

Bottom Left: Matt and Angela Jacobson P'22 Middle: Ron Nunez '86, P'22, Mark Vandevanter P'22, Kevin Miller P'20, '22,

Dave Selvitelli P'20, '22, Pam and Pat Lynam P'22 Right: Steven and Jo Greystone P'22

Robotics

Mike Zhang '20 was part of the ACES High Large Scale Robotics Team that won the Connecticut State Championship and earned the General Motors Industrial Design Award at the National Championship in Detroit, Michigan. Mike and the ACES High team learned the details of this year's game (Deep Space) in early January and began planning their strategy. They spent many winter evenings in the Windsor Locks High School shop rooms, manufacturing and assembling the parts they have designed for the robot they plan to enter in FIRST Robotics Competition this year. Teams work for several months to build a robot that can complete specific challenges. The design is all done by computer, and then the computer laser cuts the metals and makes all the gears. Mike's joint design was chosen for the ACES High robot. He worked with several professors and took online courses to hone his design skills.



In March they were finalists in a New England District event in Waterbury. They won the championship in another New England District event in Springfield and reached the finals in the New England Championship in Worcester. ACES High made it to the quarterfinals at the National Championship in Detroit, Michigan, and earned the GM Industrial Design Award mentioned above. The last 2019 event was the Connecticut State Championship, where ACES High was part of the winning alliance for the third straight year.



WALKS — Essay Winners

Cassie Dumay '21 was selected as the winner of the 2019 WALKS Constitution Essay Contest at an awards dinner held at Loomis Chaffee School in April. This year's topic examined voting rights, particularly those of the disenfranchised, and asked how US citizens without legal voting rights have engaged in the political process since 1787. The judge was Felix Springer, who was a trial partner at Day Pitney LLP for 36 years. Felix tried more than 30 cases to verdict in his career and specialized in labor and employment law and higher education. Among other institutions he represented Amherst, Smith, Trinity, Wesleyan, Williams, and Yale. Suffield's other finalist, Daniel Ennis '21, was recognized as third runner-up. Cassie and Daniel were joined at the event by History Department Chair Bryan Brissette and Headmaster Charlie Cahn. Cassie and Daniel wrote their essays in an AP US History course taught by Molly Vianney.

WALKS is a consortium of five Hartford-area independent schools: Westminster, Avon Old Farms, Loomis Chaffee, Kingswood Oxford, and Suffield Academy. The essay contest has been an annual event for 57 years and aims to stimulate the study of the Constitution, its origins, fundamental principles, and the application of the Constitution in vital areas. Two essay finalists are selected from each of the five schools.



As a young student I was always pretty average and not very good at any particular thing or subject. It wasn't until I entered my sophomore year at UVM that I discovered a passion for environmental science. I never expected to be doing what I am now, and that is a very exciting part of education. My advice to you is to say yes to any opportunity that can increase your set of skills and interests. I am constantly learning in and out of my job. Learning does not stop when you leave college. There are countless advantages to working with drones and the data we collect is remarkable. I love my job.

I Can't Believe I'm a Drone Pilot

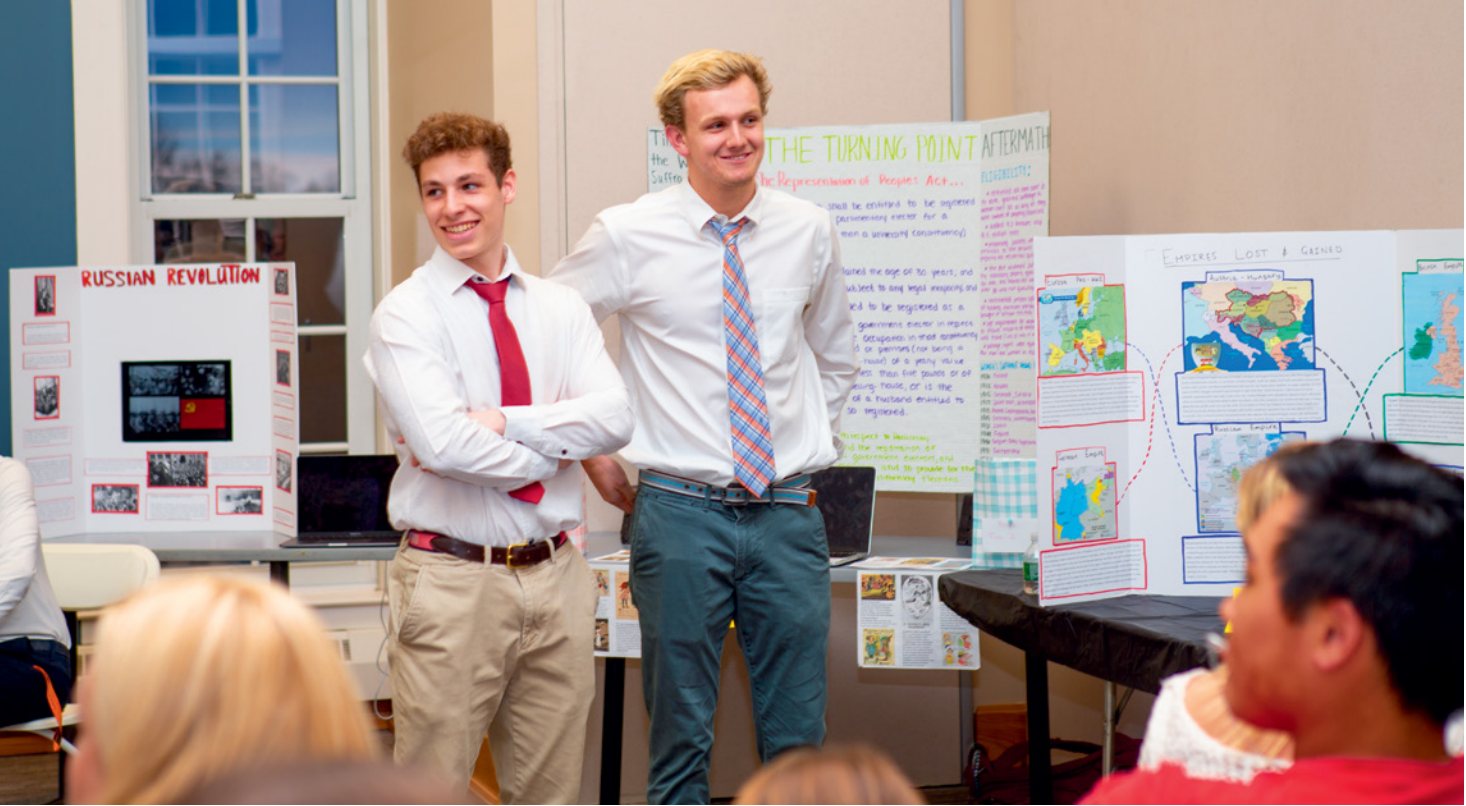
Women in Math & Science Emma Estabrook

Suffield's Women in Math & Science Lecture Series continued in February. The series features a guest speaker who work in a field relating to math or science. Emma Estabrook is a research technician and drone pilot in the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont (UVM) Spatial Analysis Laboratory (SAL). During her talk "I Can't Believe I'm a Drone Pilot," Emma shared with students and faculty the many facets of her environmental work. A native of Bridgewater, Massachusetts, Emma majored in environmental sciences in the Rubenstein School at UVM and minored in both geospatial technologies and soil science. She was hired in 2017 as the lab's Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) team leader and now flies drones to collect mapping data for the SAL's many contracted projects with the federal government, municipalities, and private companies. She manages nearly 10 student employees involved in the team.



Hour of Code

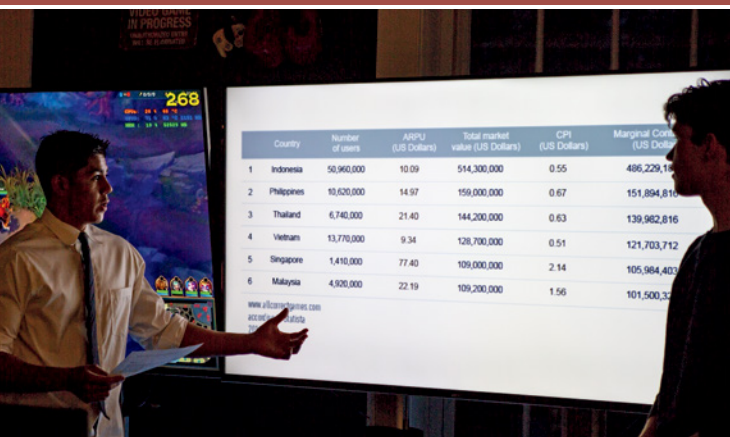
Members from the Class of 2022 participated in a coding event. Led by Suffield's Director of Technology Jason Healy the "Hour of Code" was designed to provide the freshman class with a brief introduction to computer programming. The session included tips on animations and coloring. Lauren Burton '22 commented, "Processing is a flexible software sketchbook and the language we used to code our visual arts. We created some cool graphics and learned how to make them move. It was really challenging but very entertaining."



Area Studies Projects Junior Class Presentations

Juniors enrolled in the European, China & East Asia, and Latin American Studies programs presented their Area Studies Projects to the Suffield Academy community in April. Formerly named as the Museum Projects and under a new format this academic year, the Area Studies Projects serve as a capstone to the Area Studies Program. The event allows students to showcase their creativity and research skills. Topics included “Europe Transformed 1917-21: Revolutions and Reforms—Political, Social & Cultural” and “Pop Culture in China & East Asia,” “The Legacy of Colonialism,” “A Festival of Latin Culture,” and “Mexico in Jeopardy!”

In the European Studies category, Olivia Marcyoniak and Amanda Kikonyogo teamed up to present “Murder of the Romanovs” while Tim Cordes and Amanda Warner paired to present “Technology of the Great War.” Olivia commented, “My partner and I chose the topic because its mystery interested us. We learned a lot about the downfall of that monarchy and the mistakes they made leading to their execution. It was a lot of fun sharing all the work we had done.” Tim added, “We chose to investigate technology of World War I because that is without a doubt what made it ‘The Great War.’ The tanks, U-boats, and planes influenced modern day warfare greatly; this was the birthplace of the modern era. I enjoy public speaking, and so this was a lot of fun.” Department chair Bryan Brissette commented, “I think the real strength of the event is the opportunity to hear student voices as they present in their respective disciplines. Additionally, the meshing of project-based learning with technology and creative visual aids enhance the overall experience for both the students and audience.”





American Studies

Women in Suffield History

An American Studies class taught by Bill Sullivan presented a multimedia lecture to the town of Suffield's Historical Society celebrating great moments in women's history. "We utilized the Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame mission statement as our driving question at the start of the winter trimester and followed their disciplinary models of Connecticut history to research and write important local history," Sullivan explained. "The Connecticut Women's Hall of Fame teaches that women's lives have been filled with rich experiences, and their daily contributions are an invaluable part of our history that has too often been overlooked."

Working in a project-based classroom dynamic, students connected with historians, historical societies, and librarians through the US mail and social media. Students explained how they connected with the Venture Smith historian, Dr. Karl Stofko, when they traced the sale of a woman named Tamar. She was a slave sold in 1798 from Luther Loomis of Suffield to Solomon Smith of Haddam and became the future daughter-in-law of Connecticut's famous colonial slave, Venture Smith. And while Suffield history buffs are familiar with Old Ti, who was the colonial slave for the Gay family in Gay Manse, this year's students discovered that his sister Genny left Suffield in 1812. This was the same year she and Ti were both set free from the Gay family and found work at the Parsons Tavern in Springfield, a site now commemorated because George Washington stayed there in 1775 as well on his Presidential tour of 1789.

Chris Campbell '19 delighted the audience by revealing a discovery that the charismatic and dynamic leader of the Connecticut Women's Suffrage Association (Katharine Martha Houghton Hepburn), who was also the mother of the famous actress Katharine Hepburn, visited Suffield in 1915 for a special program at Mapleton Hall. He also shared a discovery from the *Hartford Courant* historical online archives revealing the Connecticut Literary Institutes's (the 19th-century name of Suffield Academy) Principal, Reverend Walter Scott, shared the podium with Isabella and John Hooker for a three-hour program of speeches regarding suffrage at the state capital in March of 1897. This led him to learn from the Academy's school archives that a commemorative rock noting 19th century Principal Reverend Walter Scott sits on top of a time capsule which was installed in 1944. He said after the program, "I was surprised at how much the audience enjoyed my idea of finding the capsule and digging it up to view its contents." Students rehearsed the presentation several times and Tharis Sosothikul '19 noted afterwards, "The whole experience improved my public speaking skills."

Plein Air Education

Suffield Academy is a supportive community with faculty and students working side by side to achieve excellence. It is no secret that life at an independent boarding school is robust and rigorous, with classes six days a week, daily practices, homework, meetings, and study halls. Faculty members encourage their students to succeed academically, socially, and athletically. The summer sabbatical program provides Suffield faculty with resources and the necessary time to focus on growth and development.

Parlez vous français?

Department of Science Chair Volker Krasemann Travels to France

Now in his 20th year teaching science at Suffield, Volker Krasemann grew up in Greifswald, Germany. He is a graduate of EMA University in Greifswald and later earned a master of science degree from Montana State University. Always a lover of languages Volker says they were a way for him to escape East Germany and learn more about the ever-advancing outside world. "I started studying Russian in 5th-grade and after eight years, in 1988, I was ready to travel to the Soviet Union, where I visited

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an archaeological dig in Tadzhikistan," he says. "Studying languages for me was an attempt to look beyond the Iron Curtain. I remember very poor quality black and white photos in my English textbooks of places like London and Edinburgh. These were just a few of the cities I was not allowed to visit. So, I learned English by listening to records while trying to understand and translate the lyrics."

Volker admits he stills loves languages but had gotten quite content from learning any new ones after becoming comfortable with English. He therefore chose to relight his passions and study French in France to immerse himself in culture and intensive classes. He first flew to Paris and went to Rennes, the capital of Brittany. There, he took classes for two weeks in a café off the major square. Because of these intense, totally immersive classes, Volker's French quickly improved and was considered locally passable. "I hope to return to France this summer to continue practicing my French," he says. "I want to thank Suffield for this wonderful opportunity in professional and personal development. Maybe I will learn Spanish next."



Island Palette

Department of Visual Arts Co-Chair Melinda Fuller Paints in Nova Scotia



Melinda Fuller is a graduate of The University of North Carolina at Greensboro with a masters in fine art. She joined the visual arts department in 1996 and in 2016 the faculty presented her the Richter Award for Excellence in Teaching. “I’ve always loved the freshness and expressiveness of children’s art and the bold use of color,” she says. “During the school year I am constantly answering questions, providing instruction and feedback, and tending to students’ needs as artists and people. I love being an art teacher but also need to be the creator of art. For this reason, I chose to return to a series of Nova Scotia paintings I began 20 years ago.”

Thanks to her sabbatical funding, Melinda spent two weeks last summer immersing herself in her paintings and in the solitude of Nova Scotia. “I fell in love with the lunar landscapes and barren beauty, devoid of trees but covered in mossy, green growth and pools of water,” she explains. “I love to play with color and light, striving for quick, painterly brush strokes and broad areas of color. There is a process I follow which starts with being receptive to the world around me. Working en plein air allows me to really capture the light, color, and atmosphere of a scene. I want to express the grandeur of a landscape while also capturing its feeling. I want it to be a recognizable place, not abstract, but I also don’t want to recreate the scene as if I were a camera. I want to interpret a dynamic pattern within the endless landscape.”

Anyone can develop skills and talents through careful observation and practice. Everyone can find an area of visual arts in which they can succeed. The process Melinda follows starts with being receptive to the world around her. “I paint the things I love in their own environments to try and convey what makes them happy,”



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she concludes. “In my paintings I attempt to weave together my love for the subject, the scene, and for the paint itself. I am very appreciative for this opportunity and professionally enriching experience and encourage all my colleagues to apply for a faculty sabbatical. Teaching is one of the great joys of my life, but we all need balance, an expanse of time without distractions. I was very fortunate to have that last summer.”



Faculty

New & Expanded Roles



Sara Yeager
Dean of Academics
& Faculty

Sara's role expanded on her position as Academic Dean (which she has held since 2009). She is the point person for faculty related items. She oversees the academic program and course scheduling and also coordinates faculty hiring. Sara has held many different leadership roles during her educational career.



Greg Lynch
Dean of Students
& Campus Life

Greg is responsible for leading programs that occur outside the realm of academics and our afternoon options. These include his oversight of student conduct and permissions but also areas that help further develop Suffield's campus life curriculum such as residential, evening, and weekend overages and collaborating with several faculty members advising student organizations. Greg has been at Suffield since 2002, serving as dean of students and science teacher and previously working in the academic support office.



Ann Selvitelli
Director of College
Counseling & Leadership

Ann leads two areas of great importance to the Academy. She has been Suffield's Director of College Counseling since 2005 and has also worked during her career as a college and secondary school admissions officer and dean of students. To support Ann's new role overseeing both the Leadership Program and College Counseling, the school added another college counselor [Kelli Tosone '90] and leadership teacher [Gina Longo].



Beth Krasemann
Coordinator of Curriculum
& Faculty Development

Beth's role focuses on supporting and encouraging the development of the Academy's teaching and curriculum planning. The position centers on creating more opportunities for collaboration and dialogue about curriculum and teaching, and on being a resource for faculty development. Beth has taught at Suffield for 18 years after serving on the faculty at Taft and Ethel Walker.



Helping in the Community Sophomore Leadership Projects

The great American poet, singer, memoirist, and civil rights activist Maya Angelou famously stated, “I’ve learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Leadership is about the art of motivating, influencing, and directing people so they work together to achieve the goals of a team or broader organization. It is important in teaching leadership skills that students learn to achieve tasks effectively by communicating clearly. The process begins with identifying and understanding universal values and principles considered worthwhile and desirable. The more leadership is encouraged, the more it flourishes.

Each spring all members of Suffield’s sophomore class practice their leadership skills by executing service projects on campus and within the surrounding community. This year’s projects included mentoring elementary school students, volunteer work at a local nursing home and food share program, cleanup at a neighboring park, and random acts of kindness. At Suffield and in the essence of leadership, kindness matters.

TIGERS OF TOMORROW

SA FACULTY CHILDREN

Engaged in daily tasks as
teachers and mentors to
kids at tiger den

None of us really knew what it is
like to worry about our next meal.
The percentage of food insecurity
in our local community is much higher
than any of us realized. -Nora Slate

It is important to understand your own
strengths and weakness to best serve a
collective mission. -Cassie Dumay



2ND-GRADE STUDENTS

SPAULDING SCHOOL

Learned how to interpret
disagreements with younger
students and find solutions that
benefit the group
as a whole



ACTS OF KINDNESS

ON CAMPUS

Wrote thank-you notes to faculty
& staff, posted inspirational
messages on mirrors & message
boards, ran a clothing drive,
and delivered flowers to
neighboring doorsteps



We learned the role of children in
society is to be uniquely themselves,
stand up for what they believe in,
impose positive change, and give
back to their community. -Naila Gomez

Working with second graders helped me
become more patient. Their appreciation
for our help was uplifting -Stephen Greco





We must first recognize our own good fortune to best serve those who are less fortunate. -Hunter Tran

It doesn't take much to make a positive impact. Sometimes even a smile or small demonstration of gratitude can change a person's day. Our project taught me to help lead with kindness. -Megan Swanson

FOOD SHARE PROGRAM

LOAVES & FISHES

Helped unpack and stock food, clean and organize shelves, and prepare meals

COMMUNITY PARK

SUNRISE PARK

Removed trash, cleared trails, and planted flowers, sharing a commitment to environmental concerns

NURSING HOME

SUFFIELD BY THE RIVER

Tended vegetable, herb, and flower gardens for members of the home to enjoy

We stepped outside our comfort zone for a greater cause by reaching out to those less fortunate than ourselves. It taught us to do good things without expecting anything in return. -Maddy Lemza

Our goal was to promote environmental conservation. The most successful leaders put others before themselves. -Julia Cotteleer





sebastian
heiner

german artist visits suffield





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Sebastian Heiner was born in Berlin, Germany in 1964 and studied at the Berlin University of the Arts from 1984 to 1991. His work combines colors and texture with the oil paint often protruding up to an inch from the canvas. He has worked in studios in Berlin, Beijing, Shanghai, and Bangkok. Recent travels have taken Sebastian to Israel and Jordan. The roots of Sebastian’s work rest in figurative painting, but as his art has evolved he has explored abstraction and now includes action painting.

In addition to providing talks to art classes, Sebastian performed two demonstrations of his work for students. After 45 minutes of painting with his hands, forearms, bits of torn cardboard, and a broom, Sebastian invited his audience to discussions about his performance. “There is really no plan in my head when I begin each piece,” he noted. “Emotions and instinct steer the painting like a hunter through a dark forest. I am trying to find freedom inside myself and allow that to become the painting on canvas. I embrace the chaos in the beginning but later manipulate the colors to be more pleasing to the eye—a beautiful balance of form and control. I understand painting very much like traveling to foreign places. I must be vulnerable and remove myself from a comfort zone to allow the process of pure creation to express itself. It is also very important to stop the painting before I overwork it and ruin the inspiration.”

In terms of teaching and providing demonstrations, Sebastian is admittedly inexperienced. “I have painted for video recordings many times but never performed it like I did here for the students and faculty,” he commented. “This is a wonderful educational facility, and the students are very lucky to enjoy it. I am impressed by their interest in this type of art. They are all very intelligent and polite students who showed a lot of respect in welcoming me on campus. I really enjoyed my time here and will leave with a refreshed set of inspirations for my next projects. This was a rewarding experience, and I am grateful to Suffield for providing this opportunity.”

Dr. Martin Luther King Day — Student Presentations

The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday honors courage and defiance of oppression and ignorance with civil disobedience. The Suffield Academy community recognized his teachings by examining how Dr. King's dream has evolved in the 21st century, touching on issues of race, gender, sexual orientation, and equality.

Twelve students shared personal remarks, performed a song, and recited poetry:

- Audrey Arthur '19
- Laura Pires '19
- Annie Daramola '20
- Shay Fuente '20
- Allie Mohn '20
- Amanda Kikonyogo '20
- Araiya Shah '20
- Jalin Sinclair '20
- Naila Gomez '21
- Reagan Russell '21
- Regine DeCossard '21
- Suleni Sabio-Arzu Brown '22





Stephen Hannock — Chapel Presentation

American painter Stephen Hannock visited Suffield to deliver a chapel talk in April. Stephen is a world-renowned artist known for his atmospheric landscapes. Today his art is in collections world-wide, including the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, the National Gallery in Washington, and the Bodleian Library at Oxford, England. Four of Stephen's pieces are at Suffield—three in Memorial Building and one in Brewster Hall.

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He is widely known for creating a unique luminosity using a signature technique that involves building up layers of paint on the canvas, sandpaper-polishing it, applying new layers of paint and polishing again. Stephen is also the first fine artist to win an Academy Award. His painted heaven scenes in the 1996 movie *What Dreams May Come* won an Oscar in the category of Visual Effects. His daughter, Georgia '19, spent four years at Suffield. Stephen shared stories about his travels and gave insight on the importance of art as a form of education. He noted, “I speak to a lot of schools, colleges, and museums all over the world and you can’t believe how often Suffield comes up. It is rare to have a school firing on all cylinders—administration, terrific faculty, and you the students. You should all give yourself credit.” He added, “Creativity isn’t just what happens in the art studio; it happens in every profession and career. Creativity is about getting excited about an idea and setting out to bring that idea to life. The advantage of taking art class isn’t so much that you can learn how to become a painter, it familiarizes you with the creative process such that it can happen more naturally. Art classes teach you many avenues of creativity to discover.”

Dr. Dave Canton

The Cold War & Civil Rights

Dr. Dave Canton visited Suffield to deliver a talk about the Cold War and civil rights. Dr. Canton has been an associate professor of history and the director of the Africana Studies Program at Connecticut College since 2003. He earned his undergraduate degree at Morehouse College, his MA at The Ohio State University, and his PhD at Temple University.

He specializes in 20th century American social history, the Civil Rights Movement, urban history, and hip-hop music and black culture in post-industrial America. His latest book, *Raymond Pace Alexander: A New Negro Lawyer Fights for Civil Rights in Philadelphia*, was awarded the 2011 W.E.B. Du Bois Book Prize from the Northeast Black Studies Association. In addition, Dr. Canton was Jacob and Linda Blaustein Assistant Professor of History and in 2009 was promoted to Associate Professor. From 2009 to 2012, he served as Director of the Center for the Comparative Study of Race and Ethnicity and as Co-Director of the Mellon Mays Fellows Program. He is the POSSE 5 faculty mentor and in 2014 thru 2015 served as chair of the history department. Professor Canton has received the following awards: Tempel Summer Institute, Connecticut College (Summer 2004), National Endowment of the Humanities Summer Institute, African American Struggle for Civil Rights 1877 to 1965 (Summer 2003), Temple University Dissertation Completion Grant, 2000 to 2001.

Faculty member Molly Vianney [history department] met Dr. Canton last summer in Tampa, Florida, while attending an AP reading for AP US History. It was there that Professor Canton agreed to visit Suffield and provide a talk to her history students. Molly commented, "His presentation focused predominantly on how black Americans fought against racism, segregation, and economic inequality during the Cold War. He highlighted how the Black Left was essentially destroyed by the federal government during that time."





Irene Butter

The Journey of a Holocaust Survivor

Author, professor, and survivor of two concentration camps, Irene Hasenberg Butter visited Suffield to give a talk about the horrors of genocide. Irene's visit was sponsored by an endowed fund established at Suffield for this purpose.

Born in Berlin, Germany in 1930, Irene grew up as a Jewish child in Nazi-occupied Europe. She came to the United States in 1945 and has been teaching students about the Holocaust since the late 80s. A graduate of Queens College in New York City, she is one of the first women to earn a PhD. in economics from Duke University. She is co-founder of the Raoul Wallenberg Medal & Lecture series at the University of Michigan, and her book *Shores Beyond Shores: From Holocaust to Hope, My Story* is a detailed memoir outlining her traumatic years suffering beneath the Nazi regime. The goal of her peace work is to transmit lessons she learned from the Holocaust, help youth understand the gravity of genocide, develop an appreciation of freedom and human rights, and motivate them to stand up against hatred, prejudice, and racism.

From Germany to the Netherlands, to Westerbork transit camp to Bergen-Belsen, and from Algeria to the United States, Irene described her journey of fear and desperation, overcrowding and starvation, slave labor, poor health conditions, brutal beatings, and the constant death she witnessed by the young age of 14. Her heart-felt talk was filled with remorse, sadness, and an overall sense of defeat. Yet despite her story, Irene carries with her today a profound inspiration and hope in humanity. "We must refuse to be enemies with anyone," she concluded. "We should be open to meet people who are different and learn our commonalities. I didn't ask to go through the Holocaust, but I was saved through the miracles of luck and the love and determination of my Pappi. I owe it to him and everybody who suffered to talk about what I learned because suffering never ends, so our work must continue."

**"one person can
make a difference.
we cannot afford to
be passive bystanders.
we can act to protect
those being victimized,
persecuted, and tortured.
we often think we are so
small, that the world's
problems are too big,
but that is not true."**

The 17th Annual

Alumni Leadership

Awards

Suffield Academy held its 17th annual Alumni Leadership Awards on May 6. Comprised of alumni, students, and members of the faculty, the Alumni Association created the program to honor Suffield graduates who have displayed notable leadership in their professional careers or in a humanitarian endeavor.

This year's award was presented to David R. Holdridge '62 and May Chow '03.



David R. Holdridge served in the Vietnam War as an infantry platoon leader outside of Chu Lai. He was wounded and spent 18 months at various hospitals in the United States until being freed from his trauma at Connecticut's Hartford Hospital. He spent the next 35 years working with humanitarian organizations among populations suffering from war, exploitation, and impoverishment, including assignments in West Africa, the Middle East, and Asia. From 2010 to 2012 he directed an advocacy effort in Washington DC for significant transformation of the current systems of American assistance abroad. David lives on a tree farm in Vermont with his wife Annie. His daughter Hank was born in Beirut and his son Alex '03 in Tunis. David was the recipient of Prize Americana in 2015 for his memoir *The Avant Garde of Western Civ* and is currently authoring a book describing the beginnings of the counterculture revolution in 1962.

May Chow became immensely successful and widely renowned in Hong Kong after opening her own restaurant Little Bao in 2013. From the iconic baby head neon signage, indie music selection, and Chinese bao burger invention, May demonstrated her creativity by drawing on influences from her Chinese heritage and American upbringing. In March 2017, May opened another highly acclaimed Chinese restaurant called Happy Paradise. She was named as Asia's Best Female Chef in December 2017 by *Asia's 50 Best Restaurants*. She also received the inaugural Local Champion award from the 2017 edition of *Hong Kong Tatler Best Restaurants*. May served as a judge on *America's Top Chef* and was a featured guest on *Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown (Season II)*. She has used her high profile and fame to promote LGBTQ issues in Hong Kong and support women in her industry. May is the youngest to ever receive the Alumni Leadership Award.

Headmaster Cahn welcomed David and May back to Suffield and commented on the program's significance: "These alums stand as a symbol of the great talents in the Suffield Academy community and the incredible areas of opportunity for our students in the years ahead."

Following an introduction provided by faculty member Andy Lowe, David Holdridge told a few stories. He spoke about his life and a great fondness for literature. He talked about the books with which he fell in love and the joy he had in discussing them as a student. "Our arguments and banter were generally revolutionary and fantastic," he recalled. Encouraging the community to step outside their collective comfort zones he urged, "Go write the difficult stories, and I don't mean for publication but for yourself and your own narrative. It is right here where you start the foundation for your story and where you can begin to learn about the world's greater family."

Poised with positivity, May Chow talked about education and the inspiration behind her iconic bao burger. "I was at Suffield for two years and I can tell you it doesn't get better," she noted. "Life doesn't get better in terms of people supporting and nurturing you. There are 150 people here nurturing 400 students and caring about you on a 24-hour basis." She claimed it was in Bill Sullivan's English class where she first discovered creative confidence. "If you have a voice you should be outspoken and not be penalized for having a different point of view," she declared. It is for this reason, May claims, she was inspired to recreate the concept of Asian comfort food and introduce her bao burger to Hong Kong: "I wanted to combine my American experiences with Chinese flavors so that two individual people could appreciate it from two different angles. I am constantly trying to redefine modern-day Chinese cuisine without losing the traditions of it."

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the class

in their own
Voice

of 2019

Remember to appreciate your friends,
advisors, teachers, & families who help
build the SA community ➔ **Nicole Lee**



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Embrace challenge ➤ Olivia Alfano
Each individual is special ➤ Brad Kim
On the other side of fear is total bliss ➤ Izzy Dutranoit
Be yourself ➤ Mike Giugliano
Grow as an athlete and a person ➤ Sydney Winters
Remember to reach for the moon ➤ Lily Caso
Happiness is the way you decide to live your life ➤ Natalie Castonguay
The great impact my two sisters had on my life ➤ Deke Kemper
Appreciate the better things ➤ Florence Kim
How we deal with inequality ➤ Isabel Kokko
Bettering my skills ➤ Charlie Tilney-Volk
Smile a lot, pay attention to details, find your people,
and try new things ➤ Megan Alberding
These experiences will stay with me forever ➤ Hanna Stern
Every day, every minute, every second counts ➤ Gabi De Simone
Opportunity is a gift ➤ Blaire McGavin
I want to be the best version of myself ➤ Mariah Speller
It's the little things that matter most ➤ Peyton Beiter
We are often luckier than we think ➤ Paityn Bergstol
We can fight mental illness together ➤ Dominic Colangelo
The theater is where I now belong ➤ Carrie Lauria-Sheehan
Try new things ➤ Gavin Mastella
Work hard, take life seriously, but have fun and enjoy ➤ Dylan Litt
Treasure these small but memorable times ➤ Becca Matalon
Step outside and share your own voice ➤ Jonathan Walker
Suffield, you pieced me back together ➤ Tayla Ziadie
Saxophone performance with audience participation ➤ Charlie Park
Working as a camp counselor the kids had an impact on me ➤ Ethan Dallas
It does not snow year-round in Minnesota! ➤ William Hunnewell
Sometimes you might fail ➤ Jason Choi
Mental illness does not make you weak ➤ Alanah Browne
Happiness is measured in small, happy moments we collect ➤ Kate Killam
Step outside your comfort zone ➤ Katherine Schmitz
Gratitude for my sister ➤ Courtney Marshall
Chronicles of a Clutz ➤ Molly McGrath
I've come so far ➤ Michael Achatz
The love of a brother ➤ Nate Bonini
I want to be the stepping stone to build something upon ➤ Ric Yamamoto
The power of twins ➤ Tom Killam
Work hard now to achieve later ➤ Colter Rule
Find places to slow your mind ➤ Georgia Hannock
Africa is raw and real ➤ MaKenzie Moen
Experience a totally different culture ➤ Tim Oravec
The search for justice is impossible ➤ Vaughn Rogers
Clothes are all about how you feel when you wear them ➤ Eres Portman
My brother taught me how to be patient & compassionate ➤ Savannah Ziba
Scuba diving in Polynesia ➤ Luca Pirondini
I am thankful ➤ Alejandro Mozos Prieto
On being a triplet ➤ Guillermo Pasch Basagoiti
Parents are always the people who quietly stand behind you ➤ Lawrence Li
My hometown: Bielefeld, Germany ➤ Augustin Hoermann
There is no greater influence on us than our family ➤ Brett Bischooping

To the unsung SA heroes ➤ Christopher Burke
Gaming trains you to perform multiple tasks at once ➤ Kenny Lin
Education can take you far in life ➤ Nkosi Cooper
It is important to me to show you where I come from (Japan) ➤ Cody Ikemoto
We all have our own stories to tell ➤ Joe Rousseau
Experience, environment, and mind shape who we are ➤ Abby James
On moving to Dubai ➤ Kate Tatarkina
A glimpse into a Norwegian summer ➤ Kari Vinje
Suffield Academy—the best decision I made ➤ Ashley Wang
Two in my heart and in my dreams ➤ Audrey Arthur
SA Legacy life—a shared love for this school ➤ Mia D'Angelo
Glad I'm the middle child ➤ Jess Fedor
I have grown from this ➤ Sam O'Meara
Sitting on the beach at night, under trillions of stars, and
surrounded by friends—there is no greater feeling ➤ Niko Flevotomos
Take a chance ➤ Bobby Flynn
Your experience at Suffield is what you make it ➤ Ethan Sacco
I've learned not to hide behind the edge of my comfort zone ➤ Daisy Fauver
Dad, you are my rock and I love you ➤ Laura Pires
A computer generated senior speech ➤ Shane Donahugh
On the intensity of computer programming ➤ Kush Shah
The Thai alphabet ➤ Setthawat "Ton" Todkratok
On seeing my true self reflected in the mirror ➤ Tiffany Zang
One step at a time will ultimately lead to your success in life ➤ Milie Gao
Filmed & produced a moving documentary on Bill Butcher ➤ Oak Chaisathaporn
Maturity and empathy come with loss ➤ Mira Arbonies
We all have different stories to tell ➤ Sarah Longhi
I am very thankful to live in a country like Bermuda ➤ Jordan Slade
Join me in embracing every single moment ➤ Maddie Wolfe
I became a person they looked up to ➤ Aaliyah Lopez
What I've taken for granted and what I am so grateful for ➤ Henry Greene
I am thankful every day ➤ Jessi Malley
My home is always full of laughter, love, and a whole lot of chaos ➤ Alessia Martini
A fun memento of my high school career ➤ Jack Ballato
Helping others & making a positive impact is the greatest feeling ➤ Ben Bonavire
Being surrounded by the beautiful Rocky Mountains ➤ Savi Tompkins & Eliza Gregory
Dinner check-in is the best work job ➤ Chelsea Han
Be a leader, have passion, never give up ➤ John Caezza
Countless memories were made on the mountain ➤ Alec McGovern
Life goes on without me giving my time to social media ➤ Becca Bauer
I am now extremely prepared for the next steps in life ➤ Damon Stewart
Having a built-in best friend is the best part of being a twin ➤ Jesse Polansky
Suffield Academy changed my life forever ➤ Zedane Williams
A lifetime of friendship ➤ Dylan Chase
Don't be afraid to ask for help ➤ Andrew Budge
I will forever be thankful for the lessons Suffield taught me ➤ Garrett Ersoff
A violin performance ➤ Leon Leung
Sports have been a huge part of my life ➤ Ryan Lunsford
Remember the importance of family ➤ Shane Biathrow
Being in sync with your teammates (crew) ➤ Christopher Campbell
Nicknames create a sense of belonging and connection ➤ Matt Keenan
Suffield is a family in different backgrounds but with the same heart ➤ Boang Ying

Kent-Davis

Speaking Competition

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Kent-Davis speeches visit:
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Charles G. Davis Prize Awarded to a student who presents

an adaptation of an original piece of writing, authored by

someone other than the writer. Participants: Natalie Castonguay,

Carrie Lauria-Sheehan, Jessica Malley, Gavin Mastella,

Blaire McGavin, Molly McGrath, Sarah Longhi

Emmett Kent Prize Awarded to a student who presents an original speech in

three minutes or less. Participants: Olivia Alfano, Mira Arbonies, Audrey Arthur,

Alannah Browne, Dominic Colangelo, Mia D'Angelo, Matthew Keenan, Kate Killam

Below are excerpts from the winning speeches.

Kent Winners

Jessica Malley 🌸 “To Live Again”

I was a cocktail of shattered glass and fire, weakness, and rage. I drowned myself in what I lost, looking for a way to recreate the devastation, so that for once I could be in control of how it ended, to erase my first memory of what taking off my clothes meant. That smell, once reminding me of a place I enjoyed being, a smell that made me eager to learn new things, now smelled of disgust with myself and disgust with every person that passed by, as if they could see me the way I saw myself.



Natalie Castonguay 🌸 “The Normalizer”

I was the baby that showed you that there would be more to parenthood than nebulizers, pulmonary function tests and hospital visits. You say that before me, you were suspended in time; afraid to blink and miss a moment of her when you didn't know how many moments of her there would be. But when I showed up, for the first time in a long time, you were reminded of what normalcy felt like.



Davis Winner

Olivia Alfano 🌸 “I Hope You Choose Not to Be a Lady”

Excerpts from Nora Ephron's Wellesley College 1996 Commencement Speech

American society has a remarkable ability to resist change. Don't underestimate how much antagonism there is toward women and how many people wish we could turn the clock back. Listen hard to what's going on and, please, I beg you, take it personally. Above all, be the heroine of your life, not the victim. Your education is a dress rehearsal for a life that is yours to lead. Whatever you choose, however many roads you travel, I hope that you choose not to be a lady.



the
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of



senior year snapshot

Proctor Retreat



Senior Day



Registration & Orientation



Tiger Games



Convocation



Senior Speeches Begin



Spirit Week



Holiday Gathering



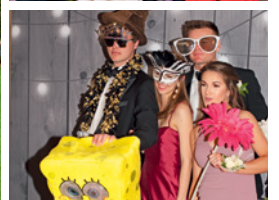
Development Day



50th Night



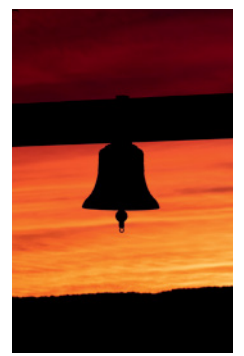
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Senior Outing



Graduation



College Bound



There were 126 graduates in Suffield's Class of 2019. They will head to 80 different universities and colleges. Seniors submitted over 1000 applications to 256 schools. Their college choices reflect the depth and breadth of talents, interests, and ambitions found in this impressive graduating class. There is an interesting range of schools—from small liberal arts colleges to large research universities to art or engineering schools and international universities. Below are some examples.

Barnard College
Bates College
Bentley University
Boston University
Claremont McKenna College
Clemson University
Colby College
Colgate University
College of the Holy Cross
Davidson College
University of Denver
Emerson College
Emory University

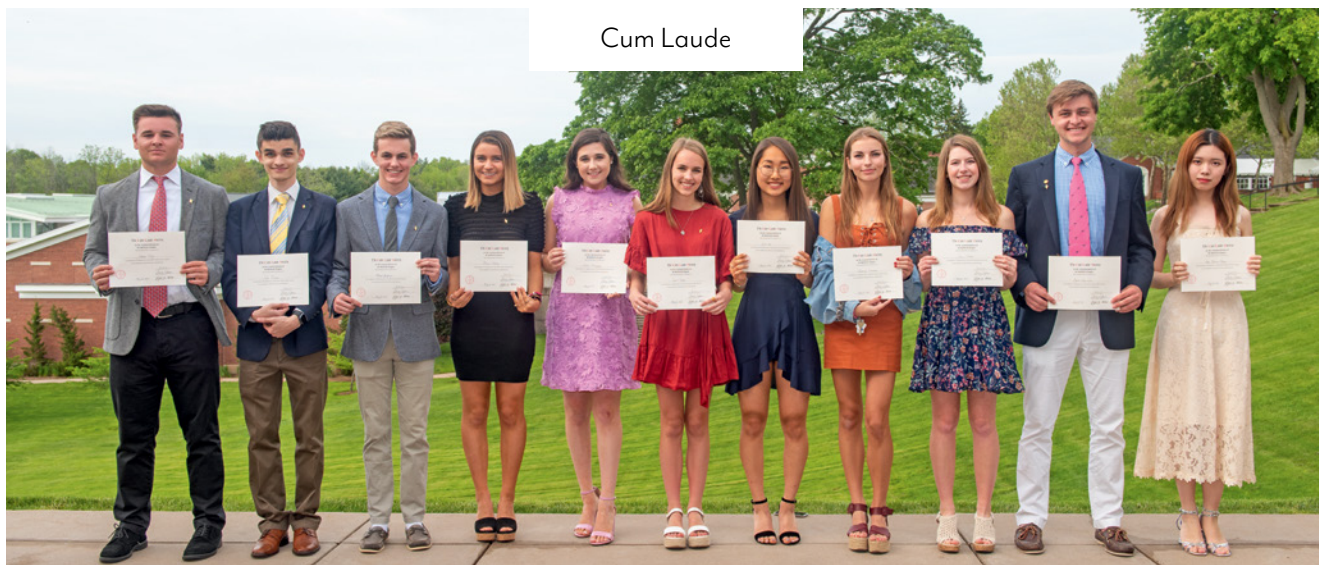
Florida Atlantic University
Georgetown University
George Washington University
Gettysburg College
Hamilton College
Lehigh University
University of Miami
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northeastern University
Parsons School of Design
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rollins College

St. Lawrence University
Stanford University
Tufts University
University of California Los Angeles
University of New Hampshire
University of Notre Dame
University of Southern California
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Villanova University
Wake Forest University
Wesleyan University
Worcester Polytechnic Institute



2019 Cum Laude & Torch Society Inductions

Founded in 1906, the Cum Laude Society honors scholastic achievement and leadership. Selections are made by Suffield's Academic Committee and only the students ranked in the top 10% of the class are eligible. The Torch Society dates back to 1928 and honors students whose service and spirit make a profound difference to the school. Inductees are selected by current members and voting must be unanimous. Below are the 2019 inductees.



Cum Laude

From left to right Jackson Pentz, John Caezza, Mike Giugliano, Oliva Alfano, Natalie Castonguay, Isabel Kokko, Nicole Lee, Kate Tatarkina, Jess Fedor, Charlie Tilney-Volk, Tiffany Zhang



Torch Society

From left to right Front: Tyler Pereira '19, Alessia Martini '19, Mia D'Angelo '19, Amanda Kikonyogo '20, Olivia Marcyoniak '20, Araiya Shah '20, Allie Mohn '20 Back: Headmaster Cahn, Jason Choi '19, Oak Chaisathaporn '19, Tyler Van Dyke '20, Ethan Dallas '19, Jonathan Walker '19, Andrew Budge '19, Laura Pires '19, Colt Jarvis '20, Myles Bard '20, Phil Riegel '87

Baccalaureate

class of 2019





*"Be honest with yourselves and picture the best you that you can envision.
And then try to achieve this vision. Esse quam videri—to be rather than to seem."*



Headmaster Charlie Cahn

You hear about the topic of kindness from me all the time around here, and while it sounds simple the reality is kindness is hard. Writer George Saunders noted that "it gets slightly easier as you get older, as life knocks you around." It gets a bit easier when you have children, because you genuinely care more about what happens to people other than yourself. That is one reason your parents are proud and happy right now—because you have accomplished something challenging and of value that will make your life better.

A vital item we have tried to emphasize at Suffield—and we hope you will take with you as you move forward—is that you can be very intentional about having kindness as a goal in your life. And this is all I leave you with tonight, which I hope is a lot. As you pursue your goals—personally, academically, professionally—err on the side of kindness. I have spent many moments with you in times of triumph but also in helping you recover from errors in judgment, when you are less than the person you want to be. A great school like Suffield not only understands but embraces that adolescence does not unfold in straight lines, and having moments when you are less than you want to be can help you build a firmer, better foundation and more valuable perspective. Be honest with yourselves and picture the best you that you can envision. And then try to achieve this vision. Esse quam videri—to be rather than to seem. Pursue genuine, real goodness and kindness. You will like yourselves better and make greater contributions to the world.

Marla Adelsberger

After 18 years as director of counseling, Marla Adelsberger decided to step down from the Suffield faculty this summer. Headmaster Charlie Cahn asked her to share some reflections at the 2019 baccalaureate service. He introduced her by saying, “Marla has led our counseling department in an important era where the complicated realities and recognition of mental health have become much greater understood and embraced. Her service to Suffield Academy has been very valuable.”



I came here to Suffield Academy to serve as director of counseling in 2001, the year that most of you were born. I am leaving now, the year that you all graduate, so essentially, I have spent your lifetime here and we are moving on together. Like most of you, when I arrived, I thought that I knew everything that I needed to know to be successful. I had good organizational skills, I could communicate well, I had leadership experience, and I had been working as a counselor previously, so I figured that this would be a pretty easy transition. What I did not anticipate (and this may have been true for you, too) was that I did not know a whole lot about boarding school, about the intensity of the experience, about how to juggle so many things at once or about trying to be good at so many things at once.

I saw much in my first year that challenged me. On my first Wednesday, when we did not have sit down lunch, I confidently went to my assigned lunch table and sat down. Except that the students who were there were not my assigned students and they all looked at me like they could not figure out why on earth I was sitting with them. That was an awkward lunch, I have to say. I had so many questions, like: How do I get my mail? What do I do when I cannot print something? Where do I go when I get locked out of my office? At least I did not have to go to the dean of students' office, dressed only in a towel to borrow the master key, as some of you have.

Over time, I learned where I could go for correct information without being embarrassed that I did not know something. I learned from Ms. Louis in technology that the first response to any of my questions was likely to be, “Did you shut your computer off and try it again?” and remarkably enough, the vast majority of the time, that fixed the problem. I learned that the dean of students' office was the place where any non-academic question could be answered with kindness and respect. So things started to turn around for me as I learned more about this community and I became more comfortable here. I also started to really

get to know more students. Among other things, I heard a great deal of enthusiasm for what you were learning. I heard your admiration for fine teaching and respect for educators. I also saw your strength and your athleticism and great coaching taking place here. I did not come from an athletic background, but nevertheless, I was inspired by what I saw. My daughter was in 4th grade when I came here and she said to me that year, “Mom, do you ever think that you could get good enough at anything to be able to coach?” Well, I never did but two good things came out of that question. One was that I started running. And with lots of support and encouragement from Mrs. Krasemann, I continued running. Am I passionate about it? Not really.

The second thing that I figured out, prompted by my daughter's question, was that community service is important to me and it is abundantly clear that it is important to you, too. Food drives, clothing drives, fundraisers, and your support for the charity each year—Team Brent, PPMD, Akshaya Patra, and Circle of Care has been quite extraordinary, and not often lauded when we talk about your accomplishments. You commit your time and your talents to causes that you believe in.

There are two more things that I have been considering that I think are worthy of mention. The first is that some days here were hard days, started by those mornings that you realized that you overslept. You took a quick glance in the mirror as you exited your room and you saw something that stopped you in your tracks. Your hair was a mess and you had get going. You needed to race to your A period class because you knew that teacher cared that you get there on time or for me, that I knew that there would be a student waiting at the Counseling Center door, needing to talk with someone. Once again, I relied on something that my daughter said after I had been here for several years, which is: “Relax. No one knows what you want your hair to look like.” Those wisps of hair over your ears that drive you crazy, the frizz, the random curl, no one else notices or cares that it is there.

So thank you, members of the Class of 2019. Thank you. So many of you have taken a risk and opened your hearts to me or to the other members of the counseling department. You have shared your most terrible fears and your greatest dreams with us; you have listened to our advice; you have pulled us back when we were off track, and you have made it a joy for me to come to work most every day. Congratulations to all of you, and I will see you in line. And please do not worry about how your hair looks. Thank you.

"Be Intentional ... with your heart, with your mind. Whatever you do, do it with intent."

Elizabeth Warren

As one of the faculty advisors to the class of 2019 (along with Ben Morgan '06 and Tobye Cook '88), Elizabeth shared comments at the baccalaureate service.

I keep thinking how fast time is going and wish I knew how to slow it down. My mother once told me, "Elizabeth, cherish the moments you have now because once he starts kindergarten, time is going to fly by." And boy was she right—our son will start middle school next year, then soon after that he will be in high school. The spring before he started kindergarten, he approached me with a worried look. I asked him what was wrong and he replied, "I just can't do this. I just can't get ready for kindergarten and college." Mr. Warren and I both looked at each other and tried not to burst into laughter. What kind of four- or five-year-old worries about getting into kindergarten and college... one who lives on a boarding school campus and who was frequently around seniors preparing for their future academic careers.



But ask your parents, aunts, uncles, grandparents—they must feel the same way. We all know the saying, "Man, time just flew by." I am sure to them it seems like yesterday they were preparing you for your first day of kindergarten and now tonight for your high school graduation. Time. It is a gift given to us the moment we are born. And with 525,600 minutes each year to spend, how will you spend your time?

I have a few suggestions that I wish someone had told me when I was graduating high school.

☞ Be intentional. With your heart, with your mind. Whatever you do, do it with intent.

☞ Cherish each moment. Look around the room. This moment will not last forever. Find your friends, give them a wink or a wave. Then find that someone you wish you would have known better. Give him or her a smile.

☞ Smile often. Babies are born with the ability to smile and smiling is our first facial expression. Smiles are more contagious than the flu.

☞ Don't take small moments for granted.

☞ Be kind to your family. They are the link to your past and the ones who you can count on to be there for you in the future.

☞ Finally, always wear sunscreen.



Becca Bauer ☯ Student Council President

In 1967, Kathy Switzer was the first woman who completed an official marathon. Women at the time were banned—the belief was that a woman’s body could not handle the physical ordeal. This was of course an imaginary limitation. Turns out women can run marathons—Paula Radcliffe did one in 2 hours and 15 minutes. In water that is 32 degrees, the expected time to unconsciousness is less than 15 minutes. But in March 2014, Ryan Stramrood, a South African swimmer, swam a mile in the Antarctic in 30-degree open sea water. It took him 32 minutes.

With the right preparation and massive resolve, he pushed past what was thought possible. I could list more examples of people and teams doing things that were thought impossible only to prove the consensus wrong. Nelson Mandela said, “It always seems impossible until it’s done against unthinkable odds, and with courageous love.” Mandela changed the destiny of a nation, the country I was born in 19 years ago.

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I tell you this because we, the Class of 2019, need to be people that go out into the world and against unthinkable odds do the impossible, too. We’ve spent four years at this wonderful place, and the default arrangement is that this gets us into a decent college for another four years, that gets us into a decent entry level job at a place like Goldman Sachs or McKinsey for another four, where we will meet the partner of

our dreams, and have a family of two-and-a-half kids and a white picket fence and live happily until just before a statistically likely divorce. Then perhaps a second marriage, a few more jobs, and then retirement—I’m thinking Florida, but I suspect the world may now be asking us to do more than this. More than we expected. It may be asking us to do what we think is impossible. Maybe our time here at Suffield was meant to equip us to do more—what we learned about teamwork, how to lead change, how to compete and work hard actually counted for something even bigger. Our planet has never had more people on it than it does now: 7.7 billion. To feed, shelter, and clothe these people, each year we destroy 18 million additional acres of forest (according to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization). That’s about 27 soccer fields every minute.

The US holds less than 5% of the world’s population, but due to large houses and private cars, we use more than 25% of the world’s consumption of fossil fuels. Per capita we are also the largest global consumers of meat. It takes 500 years for a plastic bottle to fully decompose. According to Rubicon Global, in the US we throw away 2.5 million plastic bottles every hour—that’s almost 700 every second. Few would argue that we cannot go on like this. The world now faces problems that freewheeling capitalism seems unable or unwilling to address. The systems of our success are now the systems threatening to bring our greatest failures. Polar ice is melting at an alarming rate. Weather is changing. As young people, it seems to many of us that we are faced with an impossible situation. But it is a situation that we will have to own.

It is not going to automatically get fixed for us by companies or governments or some miracle new technology that, just in time, keeps everything on track. I suspect it’s going to take personal commitment, sacrifice, and courageous love. Our relative affluence might not protect us. In fact, we may just have the furthest to fall. Today I do not have a solution, but I do have an invitation: I invite you to think about everything you have learned, every challenge you have faced, every relationship you have built here at the Academy. Think about it as a vital preparation, not just to get you into college and keep your parents happy, or to find a way towards a nice career. Think about Suffield as equipping you to be an agent of change, giving you the skills to mobilize, to seek out and embrace impossible situations.

Consider your time here as giving you courage to rally, bringing people together and leading us to a better future. Changing the world might seem daunting and impossible, but maybe it’s only impossible until it’s been done. To the Class of 2019, if not us who have been given so much, then who? Kathy Switzer, Ryan Stramrood, and Nelson Mandela helped rewrite the rule book. Now it’s our turn. Go and change the world, Tigers. I love you all. Thank you for being my inspiration and my hope.



186th Commencement

Suffield Academy celebrated its 186th graduation at the top of Bell Hill on May 24. Noted educator and trustee Walt Harrison gave the Commencement address and Andrew Budge was the selected by his peers as the senior speaker. Graduation day symbolizes the culmination of a significant distance traveled. While the ceremony marked the end of their journey at Suffield, these seniors will move on well prepared as leaders, scholars, and responsible citizens of a collective society. As graduates, they join a proud family of alumni connected by a unique high school experience, lasting memories, and lifelong friends.





Walter Harrison 96 186th Commencement Speaker

Introduction by Headmaster Charlie Cahn

Walt Harrison recently retired after an incredibly distinguished career as an educational leader, but from what I can tell he is as busy or busier than ever as a trustee of many organizations including Suffield Academy and Trinity College, his alma mater. Walt was president of University of Hartford from 1998 to 2018. He was vice president of University Relations at University of Michigan, a school he and I love as alums. Walt earned his master's degree from Michigan and doctorate from University of California Davis. Prior to his time in Ann Arbor, Walt was an English and American studies professor at Johannes Gutenberg University in Germany, at Iowa State University, and at Colorado College, where he was also director of College Relations. Walt did fascinating work as chair of NCAA Executive Committee and was on the NCAA's Division I Board of Directors. He also chaired the NCAA Committee of Academic Performance. He is widely admired for his thoughtfulness, good judgment, and kind, genuine personality. Originally from Pennsylvania, Walt is a dedicated Pittsburgh Pirates baseball fan who now splits his time between Hartford and Cape Cod. He has been a mentor and friend and wonderful leader of our Board of Trustees.



Good morning. I am delighted to be here. All good Commencement addresses begin with an appropriate and thought-provoking quote. This quote comes from one of today's graduates, Natalie Castonguay '19. Natalie was among a group of students who came to the Board of Trustees meeting earlier this month to discuss the Leadership Program. One of my colleagues asked her whether her leadership studies had helped prepare her for her senior speech. She told us that when she learned she was to be among the first to give that speech, she was surprised and nervous. "I realized it would be my last chance to talk to the school, and I wanted it to be my best," she said.

That's exactly how I feel. You see, this is really the second commencement address I have written for Suffield Academy. Mr. Cahn asked me to give the address in 2010, when most of you were in elementary school. I wrote the speech, and then the Monday before Commencement I developed a very serious infection from

a minor medical procedure, and I spent Commencement week in the hospital with a 105 degree fever. So Mr. Cahn asked Dan Tisch, who was then the president of the board (the role Fred Powers has today), to read my speech, which he did, probably better than I could have. So when Mr. Cahn asked me to speak today, I contacted Mr. Tisch and suggested since he had been kind enough to read one of my speeches, I'd be happy to read one he wrote. Alas, he declined my offer. So if this is my last and best chance, what should I say? I graduated from high school exactly 55 years ago, and except for the three years I spent serving in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, I have spent the rest of my life in college. That's right: I loved college so much I never left. I was an undergraduate student, a graduate student, an English professor, an administrator, a president, and now a trustee. So I thought the last and best thing I could tell you about was "What College Should Be." In other words, how can you make the most of your college experience?

First of all, you must understand that college will not be a continuation of your life at Suffield Academy. In the introductory video to Suffield Academy, a student does an unbelievable job of summing up life here. “This is a place that really loves me,” he says. Let me assure you, whether you are going to a small liberal arts college, a major research university, or something in between, you will not have that experience in college. Suffield gives you love, support, and help, and provides you with a highly structured experience. College will give you freedom in all sorts of ways you never imagined, but it will expect you to accept responsibility for what you do. So, in exchange for love, support, and structure, you will get freedom and have to learn to accept responsibility.

So here is my first piece of advice: embrace the freedom that college life will give you, cherish it, and accept responsibility for what you do with it. I know what some of you are imagining—freedom, sex, drugs, rock ‘n roll—I can’t wait. No. No. That’s not what I mean at

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all. I am really talking about a greater and more precious freedom: the freedom to study what you want, to let your mind roam freely around the world of thoughts, ideas, and creativity. And the freedom to learn what we academics call a “discipline.”

That seems strange, doesn’t it? Freedom and discipline. But college life is just that. Academic freedom and discipline, personal freedom and responsibility. Whether you are studying science, the arts, the social sciences, the humanities, or pre-professional studies, you are going to be challenged intellectually, but you are also going to be introduced to a world of ideas that will stimulate you for the rest of your life. It is up to you to embrace this, and make the most of it.

You are entering college at a time that reminds me of my own college era in the 1960s: some people feel that the college environment has become too left wing, that faculty and student sentiment has become too (in a phrase I dislike but have come to accept) “politically correct.” My own sense is a little different than that. I think you will experience a wide range of political views. I urge you to be open to them all—left wing, right wing, or anything in between. Listen to them, but make up your own mind. And take your time to do that. I have found that the most important questions in life are frequently the most complex ones. Socrates

said, “The unexamined life is not worth living.” To fully understand yourself, seek out all viewpoints, and listen carefully to all of them, especially those you may disagree with. And then—make up your own mind.

The same thing goes for people. On almost all campuses in this country, and at many campuses abroad, you are going to meet the most diverse group of people imaginable. Diverse by race, ethnicity, religion, gender, and sexual orientation. What an incredible opportunity to meet and learn from people different than you. Philosophers describe this as “engaging the other.” I urge you to engage with people who you recognize as being different from you and learn from them.

That brings me to my final point: don’t get too discouraged by some of the challenges of freshman year. Everything is going to be new to you. You are moving from a campus community that you know and love here at Suffield to one that will most likely

be larger and more diverse. You may feel lost, or overwhelmed, or challenged intellectually. I certainly had a rough first year myself. My father, who had suffered from Parkinson’s Disease while I was in middle school and high school, died two weeks before I left for college. I realize now that I grieved for him all of that first year; I felt alone and in a strange

new place that I wasn’t prepared for. I went from being among the brightest kids in my class to being kind of in the middle. I loved some of my courses (think Old Testament and British history), but was overmatched in others (think calculus). My girlfriend was still in high school 500 miles away.

Well, for me, the best thing about being a freshman was that I became a sophomore. My girlfriend went to college only two hours away, and then she was followed by another girlfriend, and then another, and then another. I made a lot of new friends, I discovered my love for literature and for theatre, and I went abroad. I still couldn’t hit a curveball, but I learned that my love of baseball far exceeded my ability to play it. And I learned how to play squash, a sport I had never even heard of before I went to college. Then, one way or other, I stayed in college for the next 54 years—and I can honestly say I have loved every minute of it. I still have so much more to learn and experience. And most of all, I am very jealous of you. You are just about to begin, you have all of this in front of you. So this is my best advice for making the most of college: grab this opportunity, love all the new and different things that will come into your life. Suffield Academy has prepared you for this. You have your family, your friends, and the faculty of Suffield Academy who believe in you and support you. Now it’s up to you. Go for it—and enjoy every damn minute.







Andrew Budge ☼ Senior Speaker



"No matter who you are or how long you have been here, you find your people at Suffield, and they are the reason you keep coming back."

On behalf of the Class of 2019 I would like to extend an enormous thank you to our amazing faculty, staff, and parents. Without all of your gentle guidance throughout our journey here—or for some of us, your much more firm directions—we would not be sitting together atop this hill today. I certainly am glad to be here, with all of you.

When I first began writing this I was unsure of what direction to take so I talked to members of this class and some friends who graduated last year and asked them, "When you graduated from Suffield, or if you were to graduate from Suffield again, what would you want your Commencement speaker to say?" I received a series of very simple responses all around: the truth.

But before I get to the truth, I would like to pose a question to you all, "Why are we here?" Obviously, this is a school and a necessary step in our pursuit of higher education, but why Suffield? Why have we stayed here for four long years? Why did we see this through to the end? We all could have gone our separate ways long before now and yet here we are today as graduates. There must be something about this place, something that binds us to one another and to this community. My first thought was that maybe it is simply the time in our lives when we interact with this school, that we are all just young teenagers still subject to our emotional whims and that this school just happened to be the place that made us feel a connection. As I thought more about this, I realized it is much more than just that. There is something truly special about this place: the people. The people of Suffield Academy are very special. Nearly 415 students from the United States and 27 countries and 150 faculty and staff are all brought together here in sometimes-sunny Connecticut by a desire to learn and grow. What we have here is a diverse and supportive community united by a strong sense of school spirit. Among our class we have talented athletes, artists, actors, writers, and musicians to name a few, but most importantly we have real people—real people you can bond with, real people who like you just as you are, and real people who are comfortable seeing you both at your best and also at your worst. No matter who you are or how long you have been here, you find your people at Suffield, and they are the reason you keep coming back.

All of this may be little hard to swallow, I know, but it does not have to be. We have already written our histories and legacies here together. This is the charm of Suffield, the way this place keeps us so close allows us to find our people earlier on in life than in college. We have learned to interact with one another, how to make new connections, how to grow and forgive, and how to forge lasting friendships. Our common history has recorded the many different paths and experiences we have taken at Suffield. This place and these people have instilled in each and every member of this class the strength and resilience to face challenge and change. The truth is no one knows what is in store for us as we leave the security of Suffield for the greater unknown of college life. We cannot predict the future, but we are prepared for it. We will go forward from this day armed with the wealth of knowledge we have acquired here and a foundation for success that has only solidified since the very first day we arrived at Suffield.

A four-year student from Bermuda, Andrew was selected by his classmates to speak at the 186th Commencement.





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NOUS VOUS APPRECIIONS

BY JONATHAN MEDWID '96

THIS YEAR SUFFIELD ACADEMY SAID GOODBYE TO FOUR RETIRING MEMBERS OF ITS FACULTY: LESLIE REED, MARLA ADELSBERGER P'10, DEMETRIUS TOUTOUNAS, AND WILLIAM BUTCHER P'06, '14. THEY SERVED SUFFIELD AS GREAT EDUCATORS AND VALUABLE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. IN THIS EDITION OF **SUFFIELD** MAGAZINE, WE CELEBRATE THEIR REMARKABLE CAREERS AS TEACHERS, COACHES, AND COLLEAGUES. FOR MANY YEARS THEY UPHOLD SUFFIELD'S MISSION TO ACHIEVE AND ENGENDER EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION. THEY WERE DEDICATED EXEMPLARS OF THEIR CRAFT AND SERVED TO REMIND US OF THE GREAT AND LOYAL FACULTY THAT MAKE SUFFIELD SO SPECIAL. WE WISH THEM ALL THE BEST IN THE NEXT STEPS OF THEIR JOURNEYS.



BILL BUTCHER >> CHAIR, ART DEPARTMENT

The Chevrolet El Camino could be considered ahead of its time, an absolute epitome of its time, or maybe even timeless. It is oddly beautiful, coolly impractical, and intriguingly desirable. While it is arguably the world's most loved car-truck-thing, it was not the first.

Ford's Ranchero was the first "car-truck" sold in the United States, but it was not a new idea. It was modeled after a very successful coupé utility design, originally introduced by Ford Australia as a low-slung, sedan-based vehicle with wind-up windows and comfortable seats and a rough-and-tumble pickup in back. Though the Ranchero was a steady seller, the first incarnation of the El Camino was not, and Chevy discontinued it after just two years. In 1964, the company introduced a new version, this one built on the brawnier Chevelle platform. In 1968, the more powerful SS engine made the El Camino into one of the iconic muscle cars of the late 1960s and 1970s.

These days, the Ranchero and El Camino are long gone, but not forgotten. Over the years, they have become cult classics: low-buck collectibles prized not by the farmers and ranchers who were the original target market, but by hot-rodders who use them as light-duty shop trucks, parts chasers, and show-and-tell vehicles. They are also big with the surfing crowd on both coasts. Usefulness is part of their enduring appeal. But for most owners, it is more style than substance. It is by no coincidence that Bill Butcher owned two El Caminos: a third generation 1970 (black) and fifth generation 1981 (maroon).

The son of a Yale admissions officer and an architectural engineer, Bill grew up next to Long Island Sound in Branford, Connecticut. As a 10-year-old boy, he watched with pride and excitement his father's launching of a boat built in the family garage. He came to know early on the beauty of sailing and of ships and the drawing power of the sea. He studied art as an undergraduate at Drake University in Des Moines, Iowa. He continued his graduate studies at Drake and worked under renowned artists-in-residence Cornelis Ruhtenberg and Jules Kirschenbaum, whom Bill credits as two of his most influential mentors.

Bill first came to Suffield in 1980, the same year he married his wife Jill. They moved into Seymour House, where Bill and Jill served as dorm parents for sophomore boys. In the back of the house was a garage, and it was there Bill would begin the monumental task of building a Friendship Sloop. He named the 22-foot, 5,000-pound custom sailing vessel *Solomon Gundy*, and it set sail for the first time just four years later on July 20, 1984. Remembering that moment Bill describes, "I saw nearly 10 years of thoughts and efforts through to completion. The feeling when the sails filled with wind for the first time was absolutely exhilarating."

At that time the visual arts department was located in the bottom floor of Holcomb Hall. Bill had signed on to teach woodworking, photography, architecture, and sculpture under the guidance of longtime faculty member Mario Vincenti. "We went on to work together for 16 years, and he truly was an inspiration to everyone who knew him," says Bill. "We had an incredible bond despite being a generation apart. He was a dear friend but more importantly a profound mentor for the art of teaching visual art, and that is an important distinction."

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As a sophomore and in my first year at Suffield, Mario taught me to draw a straight line without using a ruler, and with Bill I began working on ceramic sculptures. Across the hall in the wood shop was my classmate, Toby Hyde ’96, who was working with Bill to build an Adirondack guide boat. Bill explains, “Armed with the knowledge that I had built my own wooden Friendship Sloop on campus some years back and that students had previously built canoes, ship models, and other sea-related things, Toby sheepishly asked if I was familiar with the Adirondack guide boat. I was, and what transpired over the next 18 months was nothing short of remarkable.”

Mario Vincenti retired in 1993 and never saw the Tremaine Arts Center come to fruition. So, in a large part it was up to Bill to help oversee the designs and plans for renovating the school’s former infirmary into a state-of-the-art creative space. With funding provided by the Emily Hall Tremaine Foundation and a campaign led by Headmaster David Holmes ’60, the new arts center was completed and opened as a working space in 1997. “Mario and I spent years together in the basement of Holcomb Hall developing what we thought of as an experimental studio. We had a sculpture program, painting studio, wood shop, and dark room. He became a true mentor to me as both an artist and teacher. It was very important to me to carry on what we started together, and I saw it as a high responsibility.”



Tremaine Arts Center changed the future of visual arts at Suffield Academy and consequently influenced the way Bill worked. “I’d like to think we were able to establish the study of art in an academic setting that was truly a pathway toward understanding young artists’ potential,” he says. “Everyone has a dimension of artistry in them, and it is important to create an atmosphere in which to discover it. Teaching is in many ways inseparable from my work as an artist. In this way my experience at the easel is brought directly to the classroom. The most important and valuable, and my favorite aspect of teaching is to witness and be part of the excitement a young person experiences when they first discover a talent they did not realize they had. What equals that is when young artists make their first connection with their own artistry and begin to understand and identify what imagery is truly their own.”

Like me, many of Bill’s former students pursued advanced education and even careers in the arts. Bill had a profound impact on us as aspiring artists. We all have our favorite memories of Bill and each recall similarly a familiar scene of everyday life in the studio. Bryce Homick ’04 studied at Maryland Institute College of Art, graduating in 2008 with an MFA in illustration. Working now as a freelance concept artist he describes what we saw: “Softly playing Dave Brubeck in tune to the hammering rain on the windows of the art center, he stands in front of his massive

canvas, head cocked. Awakening from my own reverie before a canvas, I quietly observe the abbot of the studio calmly make a single mark, and nod to himself. Stepping back, it became obvious that particular stroke was indeed sorely needed. Often the nature of his tutelage was thus: osmotic and subconscious. Other times it was more direct, a revelation in a word or sentence after he himself had been the quiet observer across the studio—an intonation crafted with the care and contemplation akin to the strokes he made, indirectly direct. Mr. Butcher would not always tell you what you or your work needed, but would instead say the things that would enable you to discover

for yourself the solution to your vexations. There are some people who move at a pace different from the rest of the world around them. The rhythm of the world swirls about them fast like a current around stones in a river. Most people are the crashing water. Bill is a leaf upon the currents, riding the turbulence and rapids in an almost ponderous yet deliberate way."

"My creative process has much to do with visions and picture ideas that occur as I am out and about in the visual world," explains Bill about his work. "These are often coupled with a philosophical notion or concept. If this inspiration is powerful enough, then I will make a sketch of the idea and allow my extensive drawing and design experience to give form and life to this notion. I am in my work occupied with visions and images that emanate from the heart and the mind. It is by peculiar compulsion that I am driven to bring these to life in a visual form. There is a force of memory that I understand but little and it is dependent on a craft collectively rooted in a mysterious tradition whose secret and sacred tenets I am constantly in the process of reaffirming. Therefore, the language of painting must be painstakingly reinvented and its art continually rediscovered. It is a language whose vocabulary is based on a vision of ideal forms, an ideal that is illusive and impossible to reach."



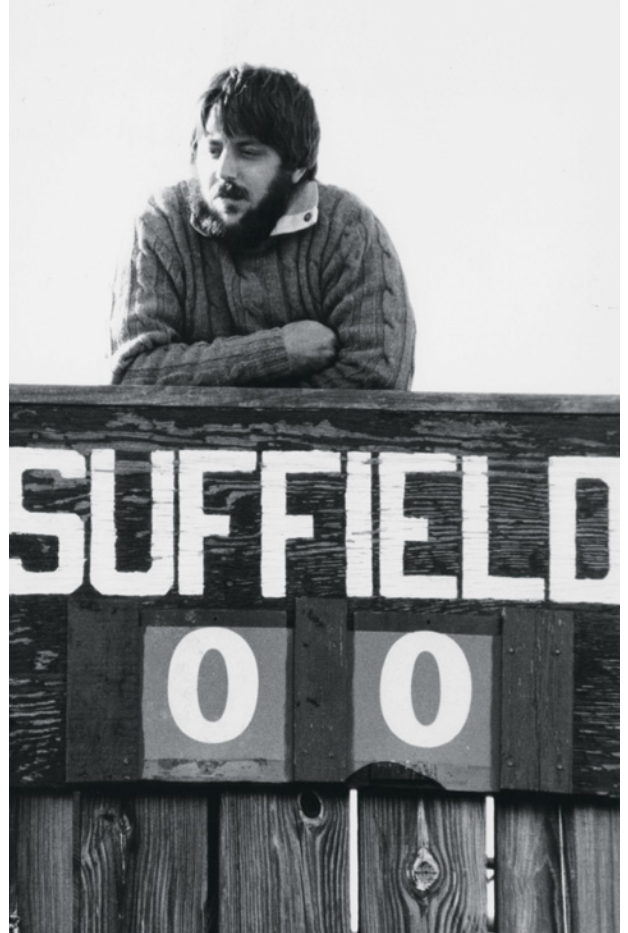
"HE GUIDED ME TO SLOW DOWN AND CONSIDER THINGS BEFORE ACTING, TO TAKE A STEP AWAY FROM THE CANVAS AND RETURN TO IT WITH INTENTION. THIS I BELIEVE TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SKILL, PERSONALLY AND PROFESSIONALLY, THAT HE CULTIVATED WITHIN ME AND OTHERS." -BRYCE HOMICK '04

After 40 years of teaching art at Suffield Academy, Bill Butcher is proud of his legacy and excited for the future of arts at Suffield: "Over the many years the school has evolved in robust and positive ways, not just in a physical aspect but in its environment and philosophy. We have grown in understanding the arts as important to our academic profile. While traditional methods have remained in place, it is exciting to see the potential for future growth and expansion. The school has invested quite a bit into our program, and as an educator I recognize how important it is to work with students and young artists at this age level. Personally, I will miss working with the students and the shared camaraderie of my colleagues. The exchange between my students and colleagues was vital to me and is the very reason why I stayed here so long."

In his retirement Bill is looking forward to some solitary time where he and his wife will both continue on creating art at their home studio in Branford. Their oldest daughter Aubrey '06 is now 31, lives in West Hartford, and is pursuing an interest in fashion design. A graduate of the Hallmark School of Photography, their son Bill (Charles Butcher III) is 27, lives in Brooklyn, New York, and works for several photography studios. At 23, their youngest daughter Dory '14 is a recent graduate of Endicott College, works in advertising, and lives in Boston. About his family Bill simply says, "I am an artist and teacher, sailor, and amateur boat builder. Most importantly I have always aspired to be the best dad and husband I can be."

Like the Chevrolet El Camino, Bill himself could be considered ahead of his time, an absolute epitome of his time, or maybe even timeless. His paintings are uniquely beautiful, coolly impractical, and intriguingly desirable. Suffield owns 12 of his pieces which will remain on display as a tribute to his long and celebrated career. While he is arguably one of Suffield's most beloved art teachers, he was not the first. "Mario Vincenti was one of the most gifted artists and teachers I had ever met," Bill concludes. "He was also one of the most intelligent and sensitive humans I had encountered. The influence he had on me was as valuable as anyone could expect in this life. It was an honor for me to carry on the work he began at Suffield."

Against the horizon and on full tilt imagine the sleek silhouette of *Solomon Gundy*. There you will see Bill Butcher at the helm searching the seas for inspiration. As the years roll ahead like waves and generations of Tigers vanish like tides, Bill Butcher will be gone but far from forgotten.



LESLIE REED >> SCIENCE DEPARTMENT



Leslie grew up near Boston, Massachusetts and attended Guilford College and Boston University. She worked at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute doing research on HIV and at Cambridge Neuroscience working on the molecular genetics of neurodegenerative diseases. After 11 years in the lab, Leslie moved to Trinidad to teach science at the International School of Port of Spain. From there she home-schooled her two children Ali (now 26) and Ian (now 28) for two years as her family sailed from New England to South America. Appointed in 2015 to Suffield's Science department, she taught biology, Biotechnology, anatomy and physiology, oversaw science specials in the afternoon, and coached girls' varsity soccer, varsity tennis, and junior varsity squash.

After 22 years spent teaching English and a variety of science courses at schools including the Putney School (Vermont), the Masters School

(New York), and Suffield, Leslie plans on returning to her Bristol 48-foot sail boat, where she will sail around the world with her husband Andy, chief pilot at LaGuardia Airport. While she will call Vermont her home, they will sail up to Newfoundland down through the Panama Canal, taking breaks to meet up with her children.

"I've always been on a boat," she says. "Both my grandparents and parents sailed. I've sailed for so long I don't remember not sailing. I like being close to the natural world and being propelled by the wind. I like depending on myself in the natural elements. It's not always a sunny day on the water and that makes for an awesome adventure. I will miss the students. I taught them things that are relevant to life. I will miss being in the classroom and inspiring their eager minds with enthusiasm. The students at Suffield are genuinely nice and thoughtful, and I hope that continues on for many years to come. Go Tigers!"



DEMETRIUS TOUTOUNAS >> LANGUAGES DEPARTMENT

Demetrius Toutounas was appointed in 2002 as head of Suffield's Languages department, where he taught upper levels of French and Spanish for 17 years and Latin II, III, and IV for four years. He earned a bachelor's degree in English Literature from Syracuse University and a master's degree in Classical Greek and Latin from New York University. Spanning his 38-year career as an educator, Demetrius also taught Latin and Ancient Greek, Roman history and literature, and American history. Prior to coming to Suffield, Demetrius taught at private schools in Manhattan and Dutchess County, New York. He coached baseball and soccer, and he has been both a history and foreign languages chair. He has lived in Greece, France, Spain, Italy, Israel, and Canada.



Renowned for his intricate vocabulary and rhythmic use of language, Demetrius is well-known for his storytelling and life experiences. He is a world traveler and gifted educator who engaged students in his classroom year after year. “Having my grandson visit my classes is a lasting memory of my time at Suffield,” says Demetrius. “Of course I will also miss the classroom, my colleagues, students, and members of the community. I developed strong relationships with Bryan Brissette and Volker Krasemann P’19, ’21, Preston and William Warren, Clara Caginalp, and the individuals who carefully fed me over the years: Sean, Rich, Manny, Lynette, Frankie, and Jill and Nick. I enjoyed many wonderful meals served by their hands.”

Demetrius still owns a home in the Hudson Valley, where he is looking forward to living and not working. “At the moment I do not have any grand plans for traveling in my retirement,” he says. “Nearly 40 years of teaching went by quickly. I simply hope to enjoy watching movies, tending to my garden, and having an extended vacation.”



MARLA ADELSBERGER » DIRECTOR OF COUNSELING



A native of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, Marla earned her bachelor’s degree in psychology and master’s degree in clinical social work from Smith College. She served as a program coordinator for the Children and Adolescent Day Treatment Program at the Institute of Living in Hartford. She also worked as a clinical coordinator for the Department of Social and Youth Services for the Town of Wethersfield. Marla joined the Suffield Academy community in 2001 with her husband Peter and daughter Rachel ’10. She served as the director of counseling, taught in the Leadership Program, assisted with the parent discussion series, led Community Outreach, and served as the co-advisor to the proctor program.

“I am going to miss Suffield a lot,” says Marla. “I fell in love with the school the first day I stepped on campus. I saw then, and still do now, great relationships between students and faculty. It really is a warm, welcoming community. I am particularly

inspired by our Community Outreach and Helping Hands Programs that give so much back to our local community. But most importantly I am proud of our advancement in mental health and illness and suicide prevention training. It is important we continue supporting the resources that destigmatize counseling and what people think about it. Of all things besides Sean’s Thursday morning omelettes and commitment from our staff, I will miss the job the most. Working with the counseling department has been a meaningful, rewarding experience. Seeing the distance traveled by so many of our students who may have previously struggled emotionally or academically only to develop into such great people will always be my favorite memories.”

Marla moved to the town of Suffield only 1.7 miles from campus 26 years ago. She plans on remaining local and highly involved with community service. She looks forward to spending more time kayaking, gardening, and traveling.

solitude




A champion of individualism, Ralph Waldo Emerson was an American essayist, lecturer, philosopher, and poet who led the transcendentalist movement of the mid-19th century. Emerson, along with others including Henry David Thoreau, wrote about ideas including individuality and freedom and the relationship between the soul and surrounding world. Emerson once wrote, “I believe that our own experience instructs us that the secret of Education lies in respecting the pupil. It is not for you to choose what he shall know, what he shall do. It is chosen and foreordained, and he only holds the key to his own secret. By your tampering and thwarting and too much governing he may be hindered from his end and kept out of his own. Respect the child. Be not too much his parent. Trespass not on his solitude.”

Over the past decade Suffield has had an annual school theme it examines over the course of the academic year. The philosophy of the program is based on having a shared intellectual experience while raising awareness of pertinent and timely issues. Components include a speaker series, charity fundraiser, film and discussion program, and community text. Past themes focused on courage, loyalty, gratitude, identity, conviction, balance, and community. This year Suffield explored the concept of solitude.

In 1993, Norwegian explorer, lawyer, art collector, publisher, and author Erling Kagge spent 50 days walking solo across Antarctica, becoming the first person to reach the South Pole alone, accompanied only by a radio whose batteries he had removed before setting out. His book *Silence: In the Age of Noise* (2017) was selected as Suffield’s community text. In this astonishing and transformative meditation, Kagge explores the silence around us, the silence within us, and the silence we must create. By recounting his own experiences and discussing the observations of poets, artists, and explorers, Kagge shows us why silence is essential to sanity and happiness—and how it can open doors to wonder and gratitude.

Kagge writes, “Shutting out the world is not about turning your back on your surroundings, but rather the opposite: it is seeing the world a bit more clearly, staying a course and trying to love your life. Silence in itself is rich. It is exclusive and luxurious, a key to unlocking new ways of thinking. I don’t regard it as a renunciation or something spiritual, but rather as a practical resource for living a richer life.” He later concludes, “Silence is about rediscovering, through pausing, the things that bring us joy.” »



In October 2009, author, critic, and essayist William Deresiewicz delivered a lecture to the plebe class at the United States Military Academy at West Point in which he spoke on the topic of leadership and solitude. His book *Excellent Sheep: The Miseducation of the American Elite and the Way to a Meaningful Life* is based in part on his essays “The Disadvantages of an Elite Education” and “Solitude and Leadership.” The lecture was published by *The American Scholar* (a magazine named after Emerson’s famous 1837 speech of the same title) in March 2010.

“If you want others to follow, learn to be alone with your thoughts,” states Deresiewicz. “Leadership is what you are here to learn—the qualities of character and mind that will make you fit to command

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a platoon, and beyond that, perhaps, a company, a battalion, or, if you leave the military, a corporation, a foundation, a department of government. Solitude is what you have the least of here, especially as plebes. You don’t even have privacy, the opportunity simply to be physically alone, never mind solitude, the ability to be alone with your thoughts. And yet I submit to you that solitude is one of the most important necessities of true leadership.”

Deresiewicz continues, “When we think about leadership in American history we are likely to think of Washington, at the head of an army, or Lincoln, at the head of a nation, or King, at the head of a movement—people with multitudes behind them, looking to them for direction. And when we think of solitude, we are apt to think of Thoreau, a man alone in the woods, keeping a journal and communing with nature in silence. For me, solitude is the very essence of leadership. The position of the leader is ultimately an intensely solitary, even intensely lonely one. However many people you may consult, you are the one who has to make the hard decisions. And at such moments, all you really have is yourself.”

Information and media are at everyone’s fingertips—distractions are more prominent today than ever before. Kagge writes, “According to a much-referenced study, we humans are worse at concentrating than a goldfish. Humans today lose their concentration after eight seconds, while the goldfish averaged nine.” As advancements in social media and technology emerge rapidly, the challenge of remaining connected to one’s self and spirit is a constant in everyday life. Daily schedules at Suffield are

robust and rigorous, with classes six days a week, meetings, practices, formal meals and events, study halls, and homework. Even if students threw away their cell phones and unplugged their laptops, the rigors of daily life would keep the community too busy to create much time for solitude. This year’s school theme embraces solitude and recognizes its importance to maintaining balance in the high-paced infrastructure of daily living.

During Convocation in September, Dean of Academics and Faculty Sara Yeager discussed solitude and how it relates to reading: “A book is often the result of solitude, an author sitting, thinking, and wondering. Good books say something different from what you hear all the time. The great ones get us thinking about things; they say things that have the permanent power to disrupt our habits of thought. They help you know yourself better, and they lead to introspection.”

Sara Yeager concluded her talk by further discussing the value of being alone. “I realize what I crave most many of you fear,” she said. “Without your phone, or without anything to do, you don’t know what to do. My charge for you this year is to embrace some alone time. If you think it is impossible, think again. Silence is about rediscovering, through pausing, the things that bring us joy. Solitude is a prize.”

Leadership is not a straight path and one must often go it alone. On June 3, 2017, famed American rock climber Alex Honnold became the first person to climb Yosemite National Park’s El Capitan alone and without a rope, nearly 3,000 feet of vertical granite in merely three hours and 56 minutes. This amazing accomplishment is less about climbing than it is about living. At 33 years old, Alex is a perfectionist who understands the achievement of one supreme thing depends on the mastery of a thousand small things, just as it is in life. His book *Alone on the Wall* recounts the most astonishing achievements of Honnold’s extraordinary life and career, brimming with lessons on living fearlessly, taking risks, and maintaining focus even in the face of extreme danger. In it he writes, “On the summit, part of me wished that someone, anyone, had noticed that I’d just done something noteworthy—though maybe it was better that I didn’t have to talk to anybody. How could I have expressed what my last few hours had been like? It was enough that I knew.” In his book *Walden*, Thoreau famously writes, “I had three chairs in my house; one for solitude, two for friendship, three for society.” In the age of noise, solitude is a prize.

ON DISPLAY IN LEGARE LIBRARY THIS YEAR WAS AN ART EXHIBIT FEATURING THE WORK OF STUDENTS IN MELINDA FULLER'S ART I CLASS WHO EXPLORED THE THEME OF SOLITUDE. BELOW ARE A FEW EXAMPLES OF THEIR WORK.



I find solitude by simply sitting down in a chair and thinking.
Damien Trites '22



The woods are where I feel truly at peace.
Hailey Suller '22



Standing on that glacier [Myrdalsjokull, Iceland] and looking out across the wide expanse of the ice itself, I had been separated and isolated from my normal life, though at the same time I had never felt so complete. It didn't matter what I was thinking there, what mattered was how I felt. I was fulfilled and happy. I can still sometimes feel the overwhelming solidarity of the glacier whenever my mind wanders. My experience on the glacier was the first time I have ever found true fulfillment in my own solitude. Emma Winiarski '22



We should enjoy everything in our daily lives—solitude can create opportunities to think independently. Jason Yuan '22





community *Charity*

Each year Suffield Academy supports a charitable organization with three school-wide fundraising events scattered throughout the academic calendar. Nominated by Madi McCreesh '19, **TeamBrent** was this year's recipient of Suffield's fundraising efforts. **TeamBrent** was created in 2005 to battle childhood cancer alongside three-year-old Brent who was fighting stage 4 Neuroblastoma. More children are lost to cancer in the US than any other disease—in fact, more than many other childhood diseases combined. Before they turn 20, about one in 285 children in the U.S. will have cancer—yet childhood cancer research and care receive such a small part of funds from groups that are not purely dedicated to children.



color wars — \$3,000 raised

The color wars took place on Suffield's academic quad, and groups were divided by class year and identified by team bandanas. Purchasing paint from individual class representatives, the grade collecting the most donations won the wars. The evening concluded with a water slide down Bell Hill and social gathering.

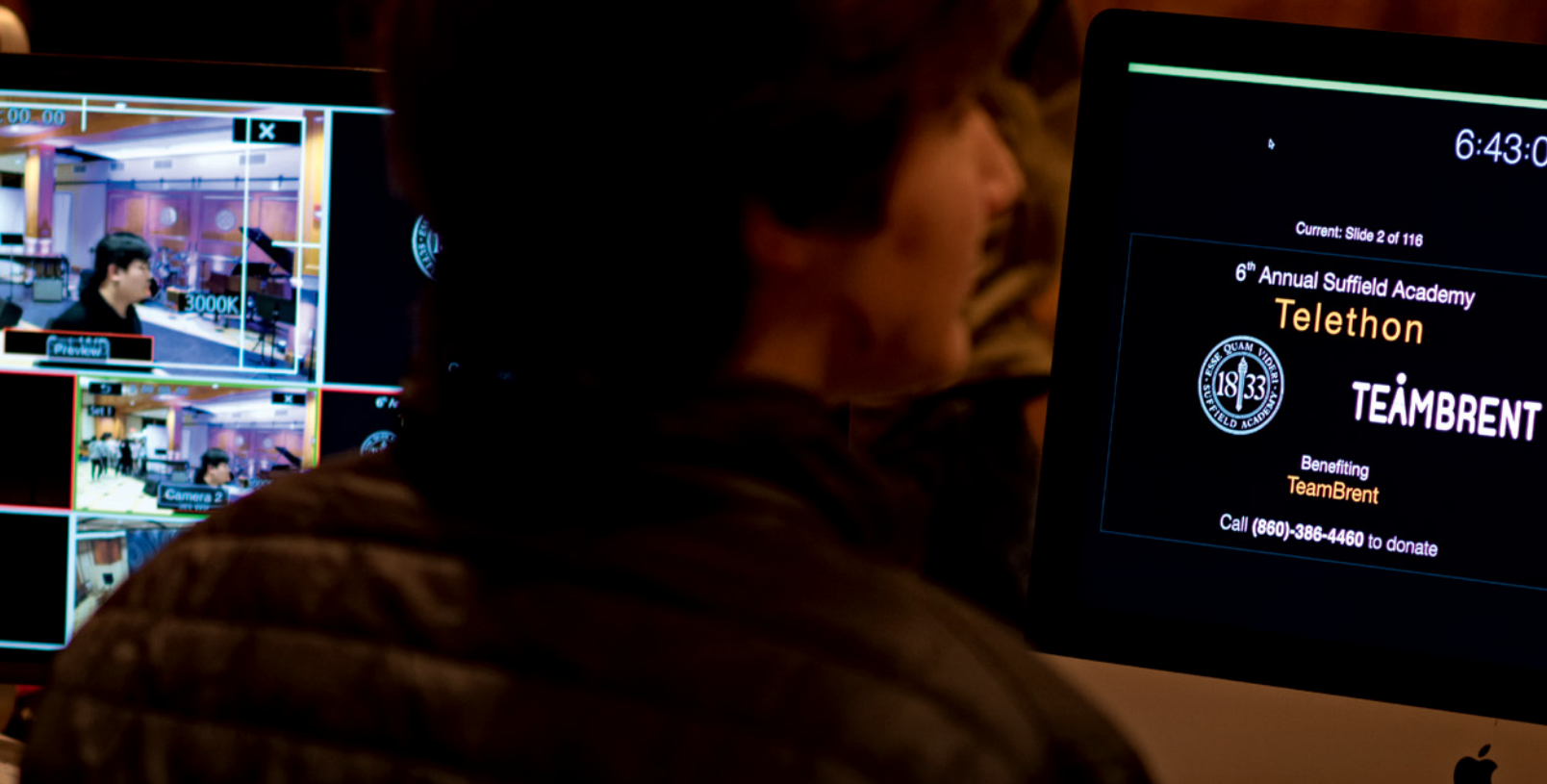
head shave — \$4,300 raised

Ten members of the Suffield Academy community participated in a head-shaving event held in support of **TeamBrent** during a lunch in January: Frankie Pisco '22, Jack Lynam '22, Mason Kumiega '21, Nate Rouette '21, Will Schmitz '21, Joe Rusnock '21, Leighton Lee '21, George Bauer '21, Araiya Shah '20, and Greg Lynch. Araiya led the group of fundraisers by personally collecting \$1,000 to shave her shoulder-length locks. "The only way we can discover a cure for cancer is if we continue to think in diverse and innovative ways," she says. "We are not defined by our hair or by a sickness which causes us to lose it. We are defined by the fight we put up against it. This is the very least I could do for **TeamBrent**, and I am very proud to have received so much generous support from our community here at Suffield."



telethon — \$26,000 raised

Suffield held its sixth annual livestreamed telethon in support of **TeamBrent** in February. The event showcased the many talents of our students—from singing and dancing to skits and comedy—and raised money towards a worthy cause. Highlights of the show included soccer tricks by Emma Winiarski '21, a spicy food eating competition, a fashion show directed by Eres Portman '19, a Girl Up advice act, and Allie Mohn '20 performing “Cry to Me” by Solomon Blues.





an overview of athletics each season

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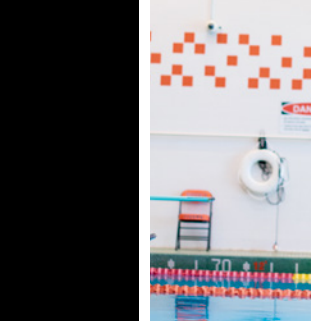
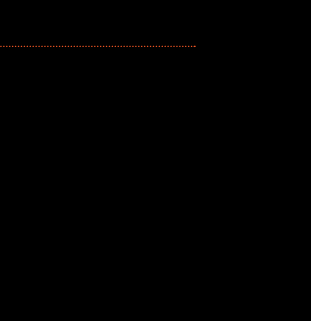
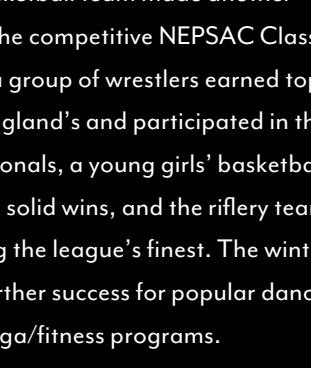
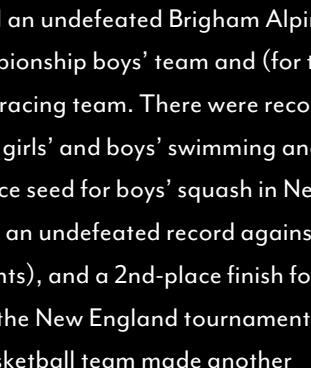
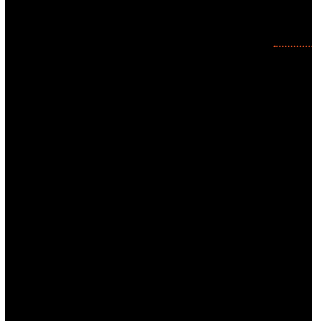
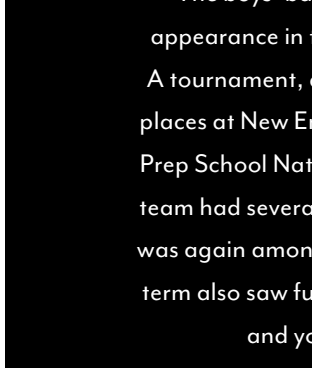
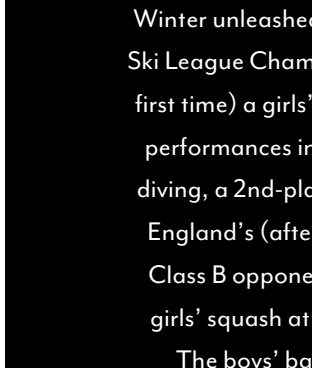
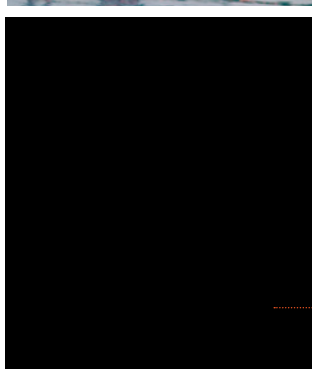
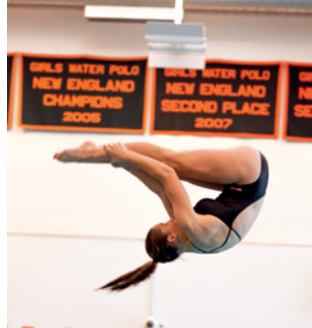


In the fall, girls' cross country earned a New England championship, girls' varsity soccer claimed a spot in the competitive NEPSAC tournament, and volleyball went to the New England tournament for the third consecutive year. The football team again defeated Deerfield and Loomis en route to a NEPSAC Championship Bowl game. Boys' soccer, water polo, and cross country had some memorable performances and field hockey followed up a 2017 NEPSAC championship appearance with consistent grit and persistence.



WINTER ATHLETICS





Winter unleashed an undefeated Brigham Alpine Ski League Championship boys' team and (for the first time) a girls' racing team. There were record performances in girls' and boys' swimming and diving, a 2nd-place seed for boys' squash in New England's (after an undefeated record against Class B opponents), and a 2nd-place finish for girls' squash at the New England tournament.

The boys' basketball team made another appearance in the competitive NEPSAC Class A tournament, a group of wrestlers earned top places at New England's and participated in the Prep School Nationals, a young girls' basketball team had several solid wins, and the riflery team was again among the league's finest. The winter term also saw further success for popular dance and yoga/fitness programs.



SPRING

ATHLETICS





Spring was highlighted by Suffield's Connatic League champion, undefeated baseball team. Softball made the Western New England tournament semifinals, runners set records at the New England Prep School Track Championships, and girls' lacrosse competed at New Englands for the second consecutive year. The boys' and girls' crew teams continue to grow and are now part of the prestigious New England Interscholastic Rowing Association (NEIRA). Boys' and girls' tennis had solid wins in the regular season and tournament play, and golf and girls' water polo continued to compete well against the biggest prep schools in New England.



get trendy

winter dance show



seniors mira arbonies, becca matalon

juniors akira alleyene, juliana colaccino, tommaso calderan, rikke gundersen, caroline kelly, sabrina louro, araiya shah, sohi shah, laurel vardakas, caroline walsh

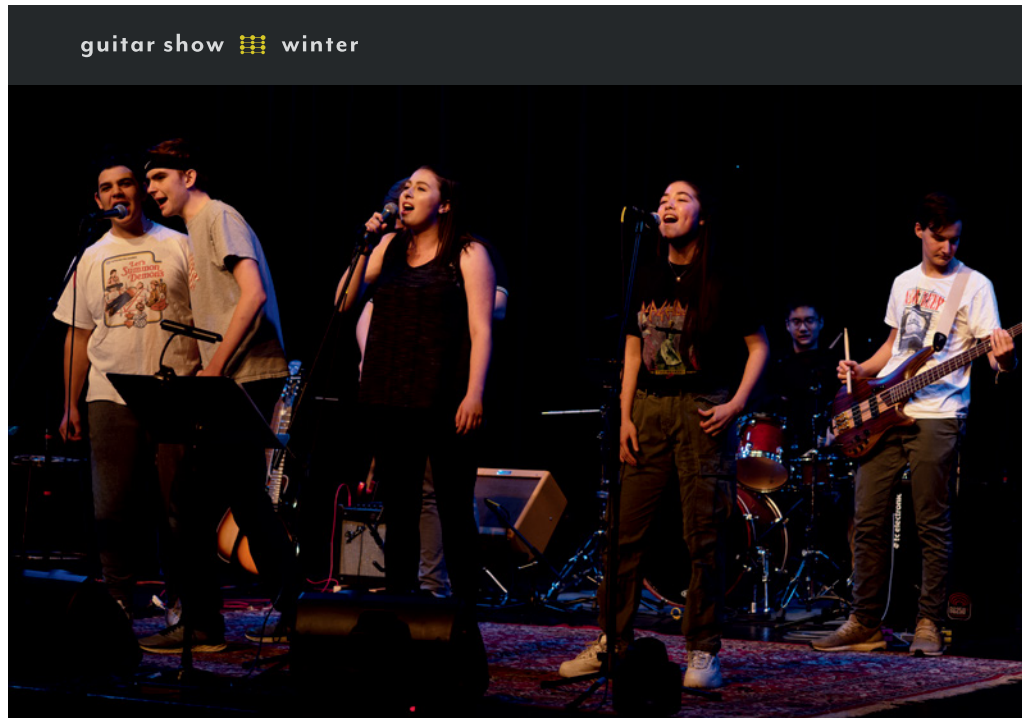
sophomores regine decossard, naila gomez, brigid lowry, reagan russell, max santopietro, kaitlin sun, megan swanson

freshmen miranda gao, tessa heick, fiona johnson, annabelle oman, manoush pajouh, suleni sabio-arzu brown, katya yurkovskaya

director gis-xi nahmens **assistant director** brittney d'oleo '14 **choreographer - dance coach** ally czerniak **manager** alessia martini '19



performing Arts



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winter eli wiener '22, gavin mastella '19, sarah longhi '19, eugenie davis '21, elm piyasombatkul '21, silas casertano '21, silas casertano '21
/ michaela domino '20 / daniel ennis '21, eugenie davis '21

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max santopietro '21, justin hern '20, peter gulbin '19, silas casertano '21, isabella choi '22 / naila gomez '21, allie mohn '20, audrey arthur '19



✿ Performing Arts Showcase

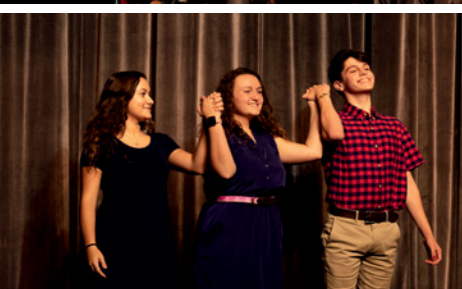


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one acts katya yurkovskaya '22, nailah estrada '22, vartika tiwari '20, caroline kelly '20 / luke bonini '21 / sabrina louro '20, michaela domino '20, max santopietro '21 / gavin mastella '19, sarah longhi '19

✿ One Acts



Theater Productions

Fall Musical ➤ *Billy Elliot*

Set in a northern English mining town against the background of the 1984 miners' strike, *Billy Elliot* is the inspirational story of a young boy's struggle against the odds to make his dream come true. Billy's journey stumbles him out of the boxing ring and into a ballet class, where he discovers a passion for dance that inspires his family and community...and changes his life forever.

Spring Play ➤ *Clue*

On a dark and stormy night, six unique guests, plus a butler and a maid, assemble for a dinner party at the home of Mr. Boddy. When their host turns up dead, it is clear that no one is safe. Soon the guests are racing to find the killer and keep the body count from stacking up. Based on the popular board game and adapted from the cult classic film, *Clue* is the comedy whodunit that will keep you guessing (and laughing) to the very end.

and the Oscar goes to...

Stephen Sondheim Award Winner

Best Supporting Actor ➤ Dominic Colangelo '19 as Tony in *Billy Elliot*

Halo Award Winners

Best Contemporary Play ➤ *Clue*

Best Performance by a Featured Actor in a Musical ➤ Max Santopietro '21 as Michael in *Billy Elliot*

Best Lighting Design and/or Execution ➤ Oak Chaisathaporn '19 for *Billy Elliot* and *Clue*

Best Featured Dancer ➤ Tommaso Calderan '21 in *Billy Elliot*

Nominees

Clue

Best Performance by a Cast in an Ensemble Play

Best Male Standout Performance in an Ensemble Play ➤ Max Santopietro '21

Best Stage Management ➤ Carrie Lauria-Sheehan '19 and Nora Slate '21

Billy Elliot

Best Running Crew ➤ Best Dancing

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THE MUSICAL
BILLY ELLIOT





Billy Elliot: Tomasso Calderan '20 Michael: Max Santopietro '21 Mrs. Witkinson: Allie Mohn '20 Jack Elliot: Shane Donahue '19
 Grandma: Michaela Domino '20 Tony: Dominic Colangelo '19 George: Gavin Mastella '19 Debbie: Naila Gomez '21 Sarah Elliot: Sarah Longhi '19
 Director: Tom Dugan, Performing Arts Chair Choreography: Ally Czerniak Orchestra Direction: Tom Gotwals, Bradford C. Gooch Chair in Music
 Stage manager: Carrie Lauria-Sheehan '19 Sound/Video design: Kush Shah '19 Lighting design: Oak Chaisathaporn '19



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Clue

Director... Tom Dugan, Performing Arts Chair
Stage manager... Carrie Lauria-Sheehan '19
Assistant stage manager... Nora Slate '21
Sound design... Kush Shah '19
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Wadsworth...Dominic Colangelo '19 Miss Scarlet...Naila Gomez '21
 Professor Plum...Sam Manning '20 Mrs. Peacock...Michaela Domino '20
 Mrs. White...Natalie Castonguay '19 Mr. Boddy...Eli Wiener '22
 Colonel Mustard...Gavin Mastella '19 Yvette...Laurel Vardakas '20
 Mr. Green...Max Santopietro '21 Cook...Sohi Shah '20
 Traveler & FBI...Sabrina Louro '20



Spotlight on

Legacies

D'Angelo :: Michael '88, Mia '19 & Sami '21

Mastella :: Dan '87, Gavin '19 & Garrett '21

Tompkins :: Jay '58 & Savi '19

Nearly all families have a set of beliefs or values that are passed along from generation to generation. These tenets are frequently conveyed unconsciously by parents and internalized by children unknowingly and without being evaluated in terms of their validity, truthfulness, or usefulness. They are blindly accepted and occur all year long through the small events and interactions of daily living. Some traditions can be worth treasuring while others may be unhealthy and merit discarding.

Suffield is a school rich in tradition. Whether it is an athletic team ringing the Bell after a win, formal sit-down lunches, holiday dinners, the Kent-Davis Oratory Competition, chapel program, or not stepping on the school's seal, Suffield promotes a strong grasp on its past. Since 1833, the school has carried on these convictions, honored them, and even modified them. Over time, Suffield has seen many developments to its campus and physical plant, its endowment has grown significantly, and its applicant pool is more competitive now than ever before. The school's overarching philosophy, however, remains firmly grounded: Surround yourself with people who support your growth. Traditions are not certainties but they do offer a glimpse at what matters. At Suffield, we celebrate family legacies as part of a rich tradition in our school's history, a testament to present day operations, and a promise towards the future. This is the story of three legacy families.

D'Angelo

Michael '88, Mia '19 & Sami '21

Michael D'Angelo grew up in West Springfield, Massachusetts, and it was his mother's idea to pursue an independent high school education. "I applied to three schools but liked Suffield the best," he says. "It was close to home and had a soccer team well known for being a New England powerhouse. Soccer was very important to me, and so I naturally wanted to play there." His wish came true and in both his junior and senior years, Michael was selected to the All-WNEPSSA and All-State soccer teams. He would receive the Suffield experience so many before him and after him now cherish. The most memorable part of Michael's high school career was the feeling of camaraderie in the dorm, on the playing field, and around campus. Having lived in Fuller Hall for three years, Michael established bonds with some pretty interesting characters. "The tight-knit family atmosphere fostered wonderful friendships I still think about today," he says. "Now regularly back on campus thanks to my daughters, I always look forward to seeing former friends or faculty members who tremendously influenced my life. I often think of Mr. Gooch who taught me how to write, Mr. Godin who taught me about honesty, and Mr. Vianney (my dorm head) who taught me about respect. It was Rocky, though, who shaped the way I approached academics. He was an engaging educator who inspired our learning with energy and experience."



"Suffield was, is, and always will be a special place for me," says Michael. "In many ways it is the place I became a man—leaving home for the first time, surviving disappointment, celebrating victory, navigating obstacles, and making new friends—with memories so thick I could ramble on forever. Now 30 years later I'm back and watching my daughters write their own chapters and maybe in another 30 years I'll be hearing my grandchildren ring the Bell at Commencement."

As a young girl Mia knew early on that Suffield was an extraordinary institution. Often an unofficial cheerleader at soccer games, Mia spent a lot of time on campus sharing with her father the many fond memories he made at the school. But it was not until halfway

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through her freshman year at Longmeadow High School that Mia began thinking about her own application to Suffield Academy. "While reading through **SUFFIELD** magazine, for the first time I really understood all the amazing opportunities Suffield had to offer," she explains. "I went on a tour and saw some parts of the campus and classrooms I had never seen before. I fell in love with the school all over again and through my own eyes."

Prior to entering Suffield, Mia says she was afraid to speak her mind in fear of backlash or people not accepting her views. She notes, "I lacked the confidence to say what I believe. Suffield helped me gain a radiance in myself and my beliefs. The community challenges you to take a step back and listen to worldwide views, broaden your outlook, and elevate your perspectives. The raw passion and love everybody has for the school is unlike anywhere else. We are such a close-knit family

and the ties and relationships I made here have been life-changing. Not only does Suffield push you in the classroom, but also in your mindset to become a more balanced and well-rounded thinker. It is a unique experience that encourages kids to flourish.”

Graduating this year in the Class of 2019 as a member of the Torch Society, Mia was charged to present her senior speech to the community in January. Placing herself in the same scenes and scenarios, she cleverly recreated photos her dad took as a student. She explains, “Even though my father and I had vastly different points of view and experiences attending Suffield, one thing we do have in common is our love for the school. So, I decided for the last few months to recreate the pictures he took here through my point of view and with the people who make this place special for me.” When asked what she will miss most about Suffield, Mia says, “I will miss the passion and acceptance and friends I made. This place is so remarkable, and I am very proud to be part of it. I now have a stronger bond with my father that will last forever. I want to thank him for all he sacrificed for me to follow in his footsteps. I think legacy families symbolize a unique connection to the school.”



The decision to attend Suffield Academy was slightly more certain for Samantha, who had both her father’s and sister’s experiences to compare. “My dad constantly reminisces about his time as a student,” Sami says. “He talks about his lifelong friends and all the fun they had. His most frequent stories consist of his teachers and favorite classes and his time spent on the soccer fields. It is fun when my dad shares stories to which my sister and I can both relate. He always advised us to take advantage of the many opportunities Suffield has to offer because it is such a small, special time in our lives.”

Nearly everyone at Suffield has their own private, meaningful place on campus. For Michael it is the soccer fields, for Mia it is the athletic trainers’ room, and for Sami it is the student union. She calls it “the heart of campus” where people come to eat, relax, study, or unwind after classes and practices. “Suffield is such an extraordinary place because of its welcoming environment,” she says. “Everyone is authentic and friendly. The faculty members constantly reach out to provide support, and nobody is ever left behind academically, athletically, or socially. People from all over the world unite to become friends and classmates to explore cultural differences. I think the student union perfectly encapsulates what the Suffield experience is all about.”

Perhaps one of the most meaningful bonds between legacies is when both parent and child share the same class, coach, or teacher. The D’Angelos are fortunate to have done the same.

Sami notes, “I love sharing stories with my dad about Suffield. Some of the same faculty who impacted his life are now also influencing mine. It is interesting to see how Suffield has changed over the years while some things have remained very much the same. Seeing Suffield from my own perspective in comparison to what my dad tells me has been very rewarding. My sister and I are very lucky to share this bond with our dad. I genuinely love being a student at Suffield Academy.”

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Michael D’Angelo went to Assumption College, where he met his wife Judy. They now live in Longmeadow, Massachusetts with their three daughters: Mia, Samantha, and Ava. Michael owns his own business and Mia is attending Holy Cross University.

Mastella

Dan '87, Gavin '19 & Garrett '21

Dan Mastella grew up in Enfield, Connecticut and is one of three brothers to attend Suffield Academy. His older brother, Ed '84, chose Suffield after an extensive secondary school search. His youngest brother, Peter '92, followed Ed and Dan to Suffield only a few years later. Dan recalls, "Since my older brother attended Suffield, I did not apply to any other schools. However, for my sons Gavin, Garrett, and Brendan, we looked at several good alternatives and finally settled on Suffield as being the best place for my oldest son Gavin. He had such a wonderful experience that Garrett wanted to go, too. Now our youngest son Brendan will join the Class of 2023."



The Mastellas, like all alums, share special memories of an experience they hold very dear. Suffield teaches discipline, honors tradition, and encourages excellence. Dan notes, "I have so many great memories: winter carnival, math with Mr. Samii, Gordy Glover's passion for literature and track, swimming for Andy Lowe, Latin with Mr. Nelson, and I still remember Headmaster Lindfors graduation speech. Suffield taught me to work hard and expect success as a result. Faculty and coaches asked me to show up daily, give my best effort, and keep moving forward. These lessons still motivate me today. The rigor of daily life combined with a willingness to meet students where they are combines to create an atmosphere where students can learn and grow. The changes to campus have made it more compact and, in some ways, Suffield is a very different school than the one I attended, but in more important ways the school is still very much the same."

As mentioned, Gavin applied to several other schools before choosing Suffield Academy. "My dad did not pressure me in any way to attend Suffield just because he went there," he explains. "In fact, he explicitly told me that if my only reason for choosing Suffield was because he went there then it was not the right choice for me. The fact that I selected Suffield anyway speaks specifically to what a remarkable place it is. I was drawn in by the friendly, welcoming environment."

While Dan was more interested in studying math with Mr. Samii, his son Gavin found inspiration in the music center's recording studio. "Mr. Gotwals probably had the greatest impact on my Suffield experience," says Gavin. "He was always supportive of my various musical endeavors and opened up a variety of opportunities for me to explore and perform, especially during guitar shows. As students we had access to a lot of cool production equipment, and I enjoyed working on my own creative projects."

In his book *Alone on the Wall*, American rock climber, author, and subject of National Geographic's award-winning 2018 biographical documentary *Free Solo*, Alex Honnold writes, "My comfort zone is like a little bubble around me, and I've pushed it in different directions and made it bigger and bigger until these objectives that seemed totally crazy eventually fall within the realm of the possible." Well before his graduation in May, Gavin gave his senior talk in October where he examined the limitation of comfort zones. He concluded, "Trying new things shouldn't be something you force yourself to do, it should be something you want to do. If you try new things you will be pleasantly surprised by the result." When asked about the upgrades made to campus Gavin is in full support. "I love that Suffield is continuously growing rather than being stuck in the past," he says. "Memorial Building was a much needed update which has made the school a better place overall."

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While Gavin was making beautiful music and stepping outside his comfort zone, younger brother Garrett was following after his dad and developing an affinity for math and athletics. “Playing on different sports teams has definitely been a highlight of my experience so far,” says Garrett. “Specifically, I have really enjoyed running cross-country and track. I met great people on these teams. Coach Stellato motivated me to run more, and I eventually set some decent personal records last season. I also earned honorable mention in math last year at the underclass awards ceremony.”

Suffield’s environment is known for being warm and welcoming. Students form close relationships with faculty and each other. “The atmosphere created on campus and the people here make it a great place to go to school,” says Garrett. “The teachers are nice and very helpful and the students are accepting. I have learned so many amazing things already. I was not here to know the original Memorial Building but the new one is an incredibly nice place to learn. When I graduate, it will be the people I will miss the most. I chose Suffield because my dad and brother went here but am very glad to be undergoing my own Suffield experience. I really like it here.”



Dan Mastella went on to attend Georgetown University, followed by UConn Medical School, and is now a hand surgeon at The Hand Center and Hartford Hospital. He swam competitively for the first time at Suffield under the tutelage of Andy Lowe, would later swim at Georgetown, and is now training for his 10th Ironman Triathlon this year. Gavin has moved on to Boston University where he is studying film. The Mastellas live in Farmington, Connecticut, and enjoy spending time together at our National Parks, where they continue to make new, lasting memories as a family.

Tompkins

Jay '58 & Savi '19

Joseph (Jay) G. Tompkins Jr. grew up in Suffield, Connecticut, and attended Suffield Academy for four years. His dad graduated from the Hill School in Pennsylvania, but after his passing Jay wanted to remain close to home. "Although nobody in my family had attended Suffield, I had a lot of contact with friends from town who did," explains Jay. "Some of my older friends were there when it was still named the Connecticut Literary Institute. I personally remember the late 1940s when the Academy had many WWII veterans who came to prepare for college on the GI Bill. My classmates emerged from all over the US, Columbia, Thailand, and Madagascar. I played three sports like most of my peers, which for many of us was the first time playing organized athletics."



Jay was on the honor roll all four years, a member of Cum Laude, lettered in three varsity sports as a senior, and received the Meade Alcorn Prize at Commencement. He was mostly interested in math at Suffield and later studied economics and political science at Williams College, graduating in 1962. Jay served in the US Navy through 1965 and earned a master's in finance from Columbia University Graduate School of Business in 1967. He would then spend 25 years working for Morgan Stanley in the Investment Banking Division and end his business career running his own family office. Jay served on Suffield's Board of Trustees from 1975 to 1991 and is very proud of the school's growth and stature.

"Suffield Academy is located in a beautiful New England town with an outstanding faculty and student body," notes Jay. "The family-style atmosphere creates a nurturing community and its reputation remains as a top-notch educational institution. The campus has maintained its historic perspective but has also added excellent modern facilities. My brother David graduated in the Class of 1960, and I am very pleased that my granddaughter Savannah was in the Class of 2019."

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to try something new. I am very glad I did because the people at Suffield left a lasting impact on me and affected my life in many positive ways. I now feel more mature and outgoing and learned valuable habits from Suffield's rigorous work environment, which I hope follow me to California Polytechnic State University (San Luis Obispo) where I plan on studying business."

Although her grandfather is an alum who speaks very highly of the school, Savi was uncertain she wanted to attend boarding school away from her home in Telluride, Colorado. She explains, "I knew it was a special place according to my grandfather, but I wasn't sure I wanted to leave home. However, when I came for a visit I got a good impression of what it would be like and decided

Savi shared the stage during her senior talk this year with fellow Colorado native Eliza Gregory from Aspen. Together, they spoke about their hometowns and outdoor lifestyles: "Being surrounded by the beautiful Rocky Mountains, naturally we were raised to crave the outdoors. Throughout grade school, when winter rolled around and the snow began to stick so did the anticipation of



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our idea of fun consisted of hiking, rafting, and camping.” It is therefore no coincidence that Savi was a member of Suffield’s Alpine Ski Team and discovered the SOLO barn as her favorite place on campus. “We are so lucky to have such a beautiful campus with recreational facilities like the SOLO and Balance barns,” she says. “For me it helped Suffield feel like home.”

Many of the most important parts of the Suffield experience stem from its time-honored traditions: sit-down lunch, Tiger Games, Chill on the Hill, study hall, holiday dinners, dress code, and even Saturday morning classes. Savi says it is all these small things that make Suffield unique and memorable. “We always had so many events to look forward to annually,” she notes. “I cannot believe I was at Suffield for four years already and that I will not be coming back in the fall. This has been my home and I am going to miss my Suffield community. We have a lot of family history here, and I hope to leave behind a positive impact on our name for future generations to enjoy.”

Jay concludes, “The view over Bell Hill is one of my favorite and lasting memories. If I hadn’t gone to Suffield I would never have gotten to Williams and that shaped my life tremendously. High school is a time when each student is transitioning from youth into adulthood. I have been retired now for 13 years and all my five children are adults with children of their own. Suffield will always be a meaningful part of our lives together.”

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In the Photos from left to right

New York City | 01 | Bard Jones '63, P'01, Maryann Jones P'01 [Former Trustee], Thomas Drummond-Hay '08 | 02 | front row Micaela Martini '14, Charlotte Hinrichs '14, Neelam Mahtani '14, Jackie Nicoletti '14 | back row Daniel Berchuck '14, Peter Derby '14, Alex Cruz '14 | 03 | Jamel Torrence '12, Kara Goings '12, Lorenzo Bernardez '11 | 04 | Rip Furniss '08, Nick Gomes '08, Adam Pistel '08, Garrett Lasnier '08, Harrison Kramer '08 | 05 | Harrison Phillips '12, Dara Giglio, Michael Tisch '02 [Trustee] | 06 | Kim Autuori Weisberg '06, Susan Autuori P'06, '08, '10, '13 [Trustee], Serge Derby '11, Michelle Autuori '10

West Palm Beach front row Casey Shanley Kegelma '05, Blake Schulman '87, Phil Riegel '87, P'20 | middle row Beth Bailey P'12, '16, Alexandra Garrison '03, Barbara Kemm | back row Jordy Hart '03, Gavin Crescenzo '03, Carlos Machado '97, Corina Flushing, Dick Raphael '51, Frank Sparks '66, Katie Hoffmaster '03, Ed Kemm '87

Bermuda front row Amy Samenuk '09, Teresa Misurale P'17, Mary Faulkenberry P'04, Ben Rego '07 | middle row Ann Durhager P'17, '18 [Trustee], Tracey Gibbons P'21, Edward Daniels P'17, Tammy Faulkenberry, Sally Singleton P'99, Matt Shrubbs '07 | back row Derek Singleton P'99, John Singleton '99, Phil Riegel '87, P'20, Christopher Gibbons P'21, Terry Faulkenberry P'04, Buddy Rego P'07, Evan Faulkenberry '04, Peter Durhager P'17, '18

San Francisco front row James Reuben P'15, Sean Atkins, Suzy Vogler P'11 [Trustee], Charlie Cahn P'18, '22 | middle row Phil Riegel '87, P'20, Adam Pistel '08, Jono Nelson '14, Brodie Vogler '11, Sheryl Reuben P'15, George Richardson '65 | third row Bill Metzger '94, Linda Groszyk '94, Rick Devlin '05, Lily Clark '07, Carter Manos Touboul '08, Arielle Kempinsky '09, Lindsey Life '08, Leah Life '11 | fourth row John Martin '81, John Spitzler '85, David Spitzler '81, Bobby Hoyt '87, Ryan Gately '90, John Phillips P'21, Bryan Thomas '00, Harry Stern P'18, Andrew Susich '00, Patricia Melnikoff P'18, Victoria Susich, Martha Groszyk '93, Courtney Phillips P'21, Rich Nunez '85

Chicago Peter Aldrich '07, Bill Aldrich '74, P'07, '10, Polly Aldrich P'07, '10, Tom Skalkos '07, Callie Aldrich Jacobs '10, Mike Jacobs '09, Adam Pistel '08, Lexi Walston '07, Michael DeLio '08, Ben Fish '08, Larry Griffin '99, Jenny Walsh Stevens '92, Cathleen Evans '00, Meredith Rarus '07, Peter Mitchell '84, Beth Bailey P'12, '16



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Washington DC



Boston



Los Angeles



West Hartford



Denver



South Korea

Washington D.C. front row Juan Arreaza '06, Khaya Leary '07, Ximena Hochschwender, Emma Tryon '16, Ben Bailey '16, Rob Dahms '83, Tom Hodgkins '88, P'20, Nick McConnell '64 back row Tyler Stapleton, Adam Pistel '08, Jim Hochschwender '66, Casey Dunbar '88, Fred Zeytoonjian '82, David Lingua '81

Boston front row Abbie Rosene Flaherty '81, Jill Skaff O'Neil '81, Barbara Cartmell Howanec '81, Kaela Keyes '08, Hailey Burke '13, Dave Godin P'17 middle row Rena Bartlett '84, Alison Leonard '06, Matt Jones '07, Trish Kearney '10, Michael Lombardo '12, Rosemary Chandler '09, Hannah Donnelly '14, Stevie Eagan '14, Jaclyn Chalke '12, Dory Butcher '14, Beanie O'Shea '14, Jillian Haywood '14, Phil Riegel '87, P'20, Bobby Lally '04 back row Eric Yale '03, Bill Cargill '07, Bianca Molta Cargill '07, Andy Lowe P'11, '13, '15, Ted Fuller '05, Alex Apkin '12, Bob Hildreth '75, P'12, '17, David Appleby '05, Gabriel Appleby '12, Graham Lowe '11, Adam Jacobs '09, Tom Cyran '08, Chris Yuan '08, Sam Boyd '06, Nancy Brooks '87 [Trustee], John Geanacopoulos, Colin Dowd '12, Adam Pistel '08, Brett Trask '08 **Los Angeles** front row Hannah Arntzen '08, Serena Reynolds '06, Ty Colter, Dianne Mariani Burke '91, Mark Robbins '69 back row Phil Riegel '87, P'20, Chapman Root '08, Andrew Jacobs '12, Jackie Keyes '12, Emily Lowe '15, Nick Alfano '15, Nick Booth '14, Trevor Niemann '11, Steve Root '06, Ryan Wheatley '98, John Neilson '08, Amy Samenuk '09, Adam Pistel '08, Sam Stone '09

West Hartford front row Renee McDaniel Margolis '79, Mike DiPietro '07, Amy Samenuk '09, Jackie Barrieau Iacovazzi '06 second row Brett Vianney '70, P'12, '14, Dave Godin P'17, Molly Vianney P'12, '14, Alison Carey '02, Charlie Alfano '77, P'15, '19, Tom Leonard '74, P'06, '10, Maria Veronesi '09, Chelsea Kane '09 third row Connor Kaplan '12, Jack Patterson '13, Drew Rarus '11, Chris McCormick '13, Mary Mitchell '10, Cherelle Allen-Berube '08, Carly Keely '08, Adam Pistel '08 back row Peter Cerrato '91, Andy Lowe P'11, '13, '15, Brian Hetzel '97 **Denver** Grace Boyle, Evan Boyle '08, Maria Alford Suehnholz '80, Austin Bouthillier '88, Joanne Kaufman, Doug Sabanosh '90, Adam Pistel '08 **South Korea** Suzy Vogler P'11 (Trustee), Headmaster Cahn and Korean Parents' Association President Sung Hee Lee P'11, '19 led the Suffield Academy reception at the JW Marriot Hotel in Seoul, South Korea.



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01 Soccer Geoff Hoyt '84, Paul Dean '84, Christin Peters Tate '06, Tom Ianello '14, Jordan Glassman '13, Patrick O'Brien '12, Nick Tavares '10, Michael D'Angelo '88, Adam Pistel '08, Scott Owsiany '84, Bob Artoli '90, Recardo Warren, Chase Crean '14, Zack McCormick '14, Paul Faude '10, Brad Downing '09, Tesfa Jacobs '11, Joe Begley '11, Ed Akel '75, Fred Tritschler '11, Erich Seifert '11, Brian Hetzel '97

02 Cross Country Sven Kaemmerer '05, Christian Bonelli '94, Andy Rarus '79, Drew Rarus '11, Alison Leonard '06, Joe Begley '11, Tucker Killam '80, Neil MacKinnon '75

03 Water Polo Jason Spazzarini '11, Max Bass '18, Anthony Rousseau '04, Brian Swider '93, Thomas Cyran '08, Mike DiPietro '07, Jono Nelson '14, Dan Mastella '87

04 Basketball Recardo Warren, Chad Woodfine '13, Kyle Vigneault '09, Jack Patterson '13, Drew Rarus '11, Colin Pascoe '13, Cherelle Allen-Berube '08, Chris McCormick '13, Erich Seifert '11, Zack McCormick '14, Stephanie Eagles-Fox '06, Ben Morgan '06, Brian Hetzel '97, AJ Placanico '11, Ivan Reese, Chris Sonberg '12, Frank Sambor '08, Harry Melendez '07

05 Squash Peyton Cahn '18, Sarah Swanson '18, Bridget Carey '18, Bella Boonstra '18, Adam Pistel '08, Connor Kaplan '12, Jay Prasad '13, Eva Hafner '18, Ronnie Bathrick '06, Chris Pentz P'15, '19, Aphra Bentiz '13

06 Lacrosse Christian Bonelli '94, Tom Hodgkins '88, Mike Stern '18, Kiernan Flynn '88, Peyton O'Connor '11, Charlie Cahn, Frank Molander '88, Ed Akel '75, Tim Casey '18, Sam Cuda '18, Conrad Mish '12, Ben Bailey '16, Kevin Kuzmeski '18, Mark Tassie '97, Dominic Fiallo '12, Reed Barbe '12, Erik Johnson

PRO ATHLETES

THREE SUFFIELD ALUMNI WERE SELECTED IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS DRAFTS DURING THE PAST YEAR: JACK PATTERSON '13 IN THE 2018 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL (MLB) DRAFT, CHRISTIAN WILKINS '15 IN THE 2019 NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE (NFL) DRAFT, AND MIYE ONI '16 IN THE 2019 NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION (NBA) DRAFT.

CHRISTIAN WILKINS '15

After earning two national championships (and playing in a third championship game) at Clemson, Christian Wilkins was selected by the Miami Dolphins in the first round (13th pick) of the 2019 NFL Draft. Christian won the Campbell Trophy, college football's premier scholar-athlete award. It recognized his excellence on the field and also his academic success and positive involvement in the community.



MIYE ONI '16

Miye Oni '16 is in the Utah Jazz Organization. He was selected with the 58th pick in the 2019 NBA Draft by the Golden State Warriors and his draft rights were immediately traded to the Jazz. Miye was the 2019 Ivy League Player of the Year at Yale and a three-time All-Ivy League selection. He was the New England Class A Player of the Year in 2017 for Suffield.



JACK PATTERSON '13

Jack was selected by the Chicago Cubs organization in the 32nd round of the 2018 major league baseball draft. A graduate of Bryant University, Jack currently pitches for the Tennessee Smokies of the Class AA Southern League.



Remote Lessons

Alums Share Advice with Suffield Students

David McConaghay '04 :::: Ayurvedic Doctor

Dave discussed his journey to become a practitioner of Ayurveda, Vedic astrology, and Yoga philosophy. He encouraged students to ask big questions of themselves, seek feedback from friends and mentors, and trust their own sense of curiosity to lead them in the best direction on their journeys through school and life. David lives in Denver, Colorado and is currently pursuing a doctorate in divinity. His thesis project is titled Multi-Dimensional Medicine.

Alessandra Perna Carullo '07 :::: Lawyer

Alessandra talked about finding her passion for law and changing her trajectory to pursue a new field. She also discussed the importance of networking and getting involved in professional organizations. Alessandra is an attorney for Morrison Mahoney in Hartford, Connecticut.

Steven Marangos '07 :::: Investor

Steve discussed working in the financial world of New York City. He focused on the determination and effort it takes to get the job you want and the importance of networking. Steve also advised the juniors on making the college experience meaningful by determining what is important to them. Steve is currently working for the Blackstone Group.

Erin Paige Orr Ligay '02 :::: Remote Operations ESPN

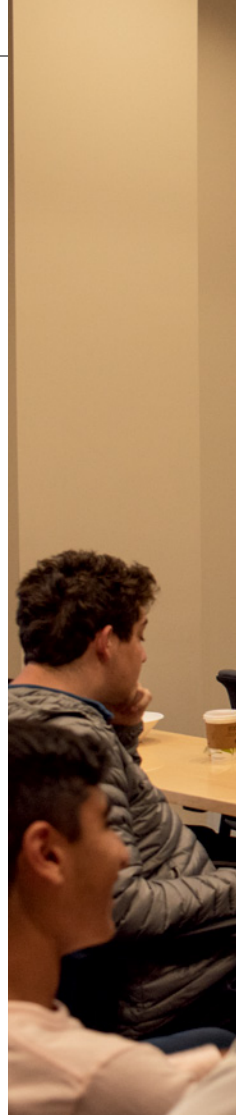
Erin discussed her exciting journey working in the sports media industry for ESPN. Erin stressed hard work and shared the many adventures she has had over 14 years with the company. Additionally, Erin was a key contributor to the launch and success of ESPN's SEC Network operations. Erin currently works as a manager of college basketball at ESPN in Bristol, Connecticut.

Sydney Greenberg '07 :::: Medical Doctor

Sydney spoke to the juniors about balancing school and sports as division I field hockey player. She also discussed her decision to attend medical school and gave some insight into the process of getting residency and the cost of education. Sydney is a medical doctor in North Carolina.

Matthew Shifrin '05 :::: Entrepreneur

Matt discussed his passion for business and finding the next big opportunity. He stressed passion, patience, networking, and constantly messaging your vision. Most recently he has lined up investors for his foray into the cannabis field in Colorado. Prior to this he was involved with Breckenridge Distillery and worked for Jarden Corporation in their health services arm bringing Billy Boy condoms to the United States from Germany.





SUFFIELD CONNECT

Suffield Connect allows alums to support other graduates and to utilize the trusted Suffield Academy environment to expand their professional networking. By fully integrating with social networks, and cultivating a culture of helping and giving back, alums can again benefit from being a part of the Suffield Academy community.

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REUNION CLASS PHOTOS



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1958 Robert Peck, W. Bruce Glass, David Rockwell, Michael Sheridan

1963 front row Sandy Prouty, Sandy Vreeland, Peter Hayman
second row George Hathaway, Bob Horn, Norm Keeney third row Bill Breslau,
Barry Scherr, Gary Whitney, Bardwell Jones

1966 front row Bruce Cohen, Chris Frost, Charles Claggett
second row Andrew Forrest, John Tremaine, Bruce Fletcher, Kent Carlson

1968 front row Edward McDonough, Graham McBride, Thomas Christian
second row Eduardo Fernandez Pujals, Robert Clements
third row Robert Morris, Tyler Bumsted, John Miller, Seth Whitaker

1973 front row Ken Turnbull, Barton Roe, Jim Knight second row Jody Cranmore,
Ned Higgins, Edgar Parsons, Jeffrey Prudden third row Chris Richter, Michael Stearns,
Jim Raporte, Tyler Bumsted

1978 front row Edward Palomba, Candace Gore Bittner, Deirdre Brown Griffith
second row Mark Ohanesian, Mark Westlake third row Dave Sanzo, Jay Cook, Andrew Bryans

1983 front row Deanna Cook McDonald, Stephen Clark, Caroline Pettegrew Anderson,
Judy Killam, John Boozang second row Steven Ball, Todd Wilson, Chris Aventura
third row Robert Dahms, Fred Powers, Art Shettle



1988 first row Damon Kirschbaum, Stephanie Dellaquila Greco, Hillary Rockwell Cahn, Lee Baldwin, Toby Cook Seck
second row Kate Cleary, Tom Hodgkins, Heather Collins Raymond
third row April Fegyveresi Condon, Michael D'Angelo, Craig Freeman
fourth row Casey Dunbar, Jennifer Sherer Janisch, Frank Molander, Traci Borden, EJ Riordan, Norman Riker

1993 first row Jamison Skiff Hanway, Michelle Boozang Hanson, Cara Tonelli Hugabonne second row Christopher Mosko, Tracy Szpuk, Anthony Minalga, Lauren Roginski-Strelec

1998 Samantha Peterson Lynch, Meghan Liljedahl Smith, Sarah Fletcher Meaney

2008 front row Abbie Schuster, Will Cooley, Barbara Kaplan, Reagan Teed, Will Preston
second row Mike DeLio, Isi Montero, Emily Mejer, Becca MacGregor third row Henry Smith, Joel Glassman, Becca Bathrick, John Neilson fourth row George Gomez, Nick Gomes, Harrison Smith top to bottom /left to right Shea Clark, Frank Sambor, Michael Vallides, Chris Wheeler, Evan Boyle, Rip Furniss, Matt Werblin, Harrison Kramer, Zack Fuller, Ben Fish, Adam Pistel, Garrett Lasnier

2013 front row Nick Hudson, Jamie Johnson, Mariam Ibrahim, Aphra Benitz, Jordan Stanley, Adam Leibowitz, Noel Nakamura, Erin Ferraro second row Natalie DeLiso, Georgina Blakeley, Mary Franco, Paul Metscher third row Ben Stein, Jay O'Brien, Jordan Glassman, Jack Patterson, Mike Simmons top to bottom /left to right Emilio Rocha, Harry Farr, Chris McCormick, Colin Pascoe, Lexie Bicknell, Lucy Zimmermann, Larke Nimocks, Will Goodwin, Jay Fields, Ryan Tettermer



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LARRY GRIFFIN '99



**CHERISH YOUR TIME AT
SUFFIELD—YOU AREN'T
LIKELY TO FIND PEOPLE
OR A PLACE LIKE IT AGAIN.**

Larry Griffin grew up just over the Connecticut border in Springfield, Massachusetts, but it was while attending middle school at Wilbraham and Monson that he first heard of Suffield Academy.

Dan Pac '98 and Keith David '98 were freshmen at Suffield when Larry was in 8th grade. Larry knew Dan, Keith, and their families well through their involvement in a local 4-H club. "Dan and Keith seemed really happy at Suffield," he explains. "They said the environment was academically challenging but also supportive and fun."

Larry toured with Dan and Keith and found Suffield to have the energized environment for which he was looking. "They brought me to the old art studio in Holcomb Hall for a class with Mr. Butcher," he recalls. "The students were hanging out and enjoying their time together, and you could tell Bill really connected with them on a personal level. It was exactly the kind of place I wanted to be. I would apply to several other area prep schools, but Suffield felt right from the beginning."

Having skipped a grade, Larry was one of the youngest students in his class and found Suffield's supportive, positive culture to be a great fit for him. "It was a small school and you knew everyone," he explains. "There was no room to hide. Even the shy kids had their place to shine at Suffield, and I loved that sense of community. We had a lot of independence but also a lot of responsibility." The faculty left a big impact on Larry as he moved through his four years of high school. He particularly enjoyed his time wrestling for Head Coach Brett Vianney '70, P'12, '14. "I was far from the best wrestler," he admits, "but Mr. Vianney always pushed me to give my best for my teammates. I did not win very often, but I learned how important it is to get out there and compete, even if the odds are against you." One of the first members of his family to attend college, Larry credits Suffield for developing excellent time-management skills. "Without Suffield I don't know that I would have been on the same track in life," says Larry. "When I arrived at Boston College I was a small fish in a big pond, but I could hold my own. I knew how to work independently and build routines suitable to getting my work done. I also knew how to make time for building friendships as an active member of the community."

After graduating from college, Larry studied law at Fordham University and now makes his home in Chicago with his wife Mollie, two sons Nicholas (3) and Wilkes (1), and another baby boy on the way. He works as a claims team leader at Beazley, a specialty insurer based at Lloyd's of London. Because he credits his time at Suffield for laying the foundation that propelled him forward in his education and professional life, Larry has served as a Class Agent for many years. "When I graduated from Suffield Academy the school was a little smaller than it is now," he explains. "It was much more dependent on tuition to keep the school running. We had a relatively modest endowment compared to some of our peer schools. It is important for institutions like Suffield to keep investing in the programs and the campus, just like Suffield invested in me when I was a teenager. It takes support from everyone. We alumni have a responsibility to help maintain the momentum at Suffield, take it to the next level, and sustain it for the next 50 years."

When asked what advice he would give to the students attending Suffield Academy today, Larry provided the following assessment: "Your Suffield relationships will always mean something to you. The Suffield family—students and faculty alike—become your extended family. As an adult, whenever you come back to Suffield, or run into a classmate, it will feel like you are home again. Cherish your time at Suffield. You aren't likely to find people or a place like it again."

1948 Gene Spaziani
1949 Bob Harrison
1951 Dick Raphael
1952 Gary Miller
1955 Bob King
1956 Peter Olin
1957 Ralph Jennings
1959 Paul Grimmeisen
1960 David Holmes
1961 Jerry Kargman, Mike Menzies

1962 Paul Connor, Andy Spector
1963 Sandy Prouty
1964 Jon Booth, Ned Smith, Nat Stevens, Tom Webster
1965 Tim Hemingway, Bill Kelly
1966 Charlie Claggett, Bruce Fletcher, Chris Frost
1967 Chris Harlambakis
1968 Tyler Bumsted, Tom Christian
1969 Greg Putnam
1970 Kit Warner, Chris Weeden
1971 Pierre Genvert, Leo Letendre, Doug Rebert
1972 Chip Spear, John Therriault

thank you

1973 Jody Cranmore, Ned Higgins, Jim Knight, Chris Richter,
Ken Turnbull
1974 Blair Childs, Bud Hancock, Tom Leonard
1975 Jim Plante, Mark Teed
1976 Ralph Adler, Scott Craig
1977 Charlie Alfano, Bob Clark, Ed Kaplan, Tom Landers
1978 Lisa Longo, Ed Palomba
1979 Matt Cartmell, Ruth Kennedy, Renee McDaniel Margolis,
Lisa Palomba Deni, Bob Stanley
1980 Jim Hagan, Joe Palomba
1981 Susan Goodwin, Valisha Graves,
Chris Kennedy, Alison Welch
1982 David Carangelo, Elaine Coombs Holmes,
Margaret Figueroa Hern, Cookie Phillips
1983 John Boozang, Marybeth Riley, Mike Sabellico
1984 Shelley Frazier Pelletier, Scott Owsiany, Hossein Pourmand
1985 Aaron Buckwalter, Andy Glover, Michelle Hashioka Lord,
Chuck McGavern, Jack Way

1986 Sean Federowicz, Brinley Ford Ehlers, Kristin Hostetter Pandit
1987 Betsy Coughlin Tod, Jeff Martini, Phil Riegel
1988 Kate Cleary, Patrick Dorsey, Jack Warren,
Jennifer Yamzon Jordan
1989 Tom Burton, Michelle Motta Stewart, Jed Nosal,
Aimee Scherer Hodgkins
1990 Steve Canter, Tom Hamilton, Amy Newman Vaughn, Kelli Tosone,
Courtney Wilson Nixon, Bob Yap
1991 Kim Ames Ide, Pat Kennedy
1992 Marigrace Canter Morris, Ntsekhe Moilola, Wadiya Peterson Wynn
1993 Alexa Economou Rice, Pam Eisen, Lauren Roginski-Strelec, Marla Zide
1994 Eric Feijo, Alison Kennedy Auciello, Scott Sartwell
1995 Bryson Tillinghast
1996 Tabitha Bliven Heidorn, Ryan Dowd, Fatimah Guienze
1997 Lewis Dunn, Brian Hetzel, Aysha Moore, Danielle Therriault
1998 Gavin Clough, Sarah Fletcher Meaney, Sarah Hotchkiss
1999 Steven Darling, Maura Deedy, Larry Griffin,
Mark Sotichcheck, Patrick Stone

2000 Michael Coleman, Carmine Petrone, Andrea Rich Rabatic, Manny Simons, Meag Ward Jenkins
2001 Paige Diamond Kraft, Kate Dineen, Greg Hearn, Russ Hearn, Ashton Jones
2002 Sari Biddelman, Alison Carey, Hilary Golas Rouse, Lynx LaCroix, Erin Orr Ligay
2003 Lindsey Pell, Lindsay Rousseau, Eric Yale
2004 Kate Braden Mounkhal, Jake McComb, Alex Naboicheck, Anthony Rousseau, Andrew Scully, Will Taylor
2005 Rick Devlin, Dan Fisher, Steph Shaker McKeever, Casey Shanley Kegelman
2006 Kim Autuori Weisberg, Alison Leonard, Eric Litmer, Luke McComb, Gina Petrone, Chris Stafford
2007 Mike DiPietro, Sydney Greenberg, Katy Heydinger Doar, Matt Jones, Harry Melendez, Catherine Mis, Erik Osborne, Meredith Rarus, Sarah Thomsen Meeks, Rob Zammito
2008 Becca Bathrick, Kirsten Chalke, Thomas Drummond-Hay, Barbara Kaplan, Kaela Keyes, Rebecca MacGregor, Adam Pistel, Isy Zellweger

class agents

2009 Tom Casey, Rosemary Chandler, Liz Monty Moffie, Amy Samenuk, Sam Stone, Kyle Vigneault
2010 Michelle Autuori, Mariah Hayes, Tommy Leonard, Alyssa Palomba, Lucas Traber
2011 Joe Begley, Lorenzo Bernardez, Serge Derby, Kachenta Descartes, Jay DiPietro, Colin Dowd, Didi McDonald
2012 Reed Barbe, Colin Dowd, Will Evangelakos, Jameson Everett, David Huang, Connor Kaplan, Izzy McDonald, Alex Porter, Carly Smith
2013 Georgina Blakeley, Andrés Fernández Vilchez, Jay Fields, Jamie Johnson, Wynn Mason, Chris McCormick, Paul Metscher, Noel Nakamura, Jay O'Brien, Jay Prasad, Emilio Rocha, Mike Simmons
2014 Kevin Cournoyer, Sam Feldman, Charlotte Hinrichs, Shivang Jhunjhnuwala, Briana Matthews, Brice McAllister, Zach McCormick, Jono Nelson, Alexis Sarris, Denny Smythe, Izzy Thompson
2015 Nick Alfano, Sarah Apkin, Mike Barit, Hannah Bellorado, Abby Blyler, Livvie Caligiuri, Rhiannon Fletcher, Brad Gibson, Owen Hern, Piper Holliday, Gray Johnson, Jahi Locke, Emily Lowe, Marysa Massoia, Kimmie Meunier, Endy Morales, Sarah Pickup, Kelly Taylor, Ingunn Ukvitne, Ali Veitch, Christian Wilkins
2016 Cecilia Arntzen, Oyikwan Asante, Derek Dai, Bella De Simone, Maura Eagan, Quinn Egan, Tahj Herring-Wilson, Miles Johnson, Baek Kang, Katie Kuzmeski, Trevor Lyne, Angela Vecchiarelli, Elijah Wilson
2017 Hannah Arthur, Becca Collins, Cari Cyr, Amelia Hern, Katherine Kalill, Casey Kaplan, John Kuzmeski, Ryder Mosby, Julia Murphy, Jonah Perry, Graham Shannon, Garrett Stephenson, Ben Toczydlowski, Maxwell Toczydlowski
2018 Devina Bhalla, Isabella Boonstra, Peyton Cahn, Sasha Derby, Meg Durhager, Kevin Kuzmeski, Cécile Meier-Scherling, Carlin Molander, Michael Robidoux, Aubrey Sanford, Sarah Swanson, Tori Tryon, Nick Vardakas, Max Wiener





class notes...

1948

Paul Norman

I turned 90 in June.

Ira Levin

I retired from the business world after 52 years and am spending winters in Palm Springs, California (the good life). I wonder what our classmates have done, who is still around, and where you are hiding. We sold our home in West Hartford, Connecticut, and now live in a retirement community. I am interested in knowing where you all are. Let's hear it!

Gene Spaziani

Gene is a retired college educator, administrator, baseball coach, wine author and journalist. He is recovering from a quadruple heart bypass and is spending three days a week doing cardiac rehab at the Lawrence-Memorial Hospital in New London, Connecticut. He still drives and remains an active 90-year-old widower living in historic Mystic, Connecticut.

1949

Joseph Adorno

My wife and I are celebrating 61 years of marriage. We have four grown children and seven grandchildren. I am still working as a public accountant.

Frederic Gedney

We still live in Florida and sold our house on Hale Street (Suffield, Connecticut) in December 2010. My health is fair. Congratulations on the many beautiful changes to Suffield's campus.

1954

Peter Crombie

We still own a small house in northern Myrtle Beach but are following the sun to Florida. We bought in at The Villages (Sumter County) the end of July 2018.

1956

Robert Houghton

Marcia, my high school sweetheart, and I celebrated our 56th anniversary this year. We are still recovering from Irma's visit last year.

1957

Jack Locke

I don't do anything particularly exciting, but did take a trip to the Windward Islands in March. I did not disclose my birthday but my companion did. It was a trip with a bunch of university alumni associations and the suggested dress code for the first and last night asked for the gentlemen to wear a sport coat. I hated that at 16 (at you know where) and nothing has changed now that I am 80. I think I acquired the desire to flaunt authority at my next stop after Suffield (you know where, again). Thus, the T-shirt that looks like a tuxedo, a piece of haberdashery that was very popular with the others, especially the ladies strangely enough. Domestically, I take care of my yard and the interior, although dusting is a skill I have yet to master. A lady friend and daughter-in-law inspect periodically. I still do some commercial real estate appraisals, help build Habitat houses, and remain comfortable going on the roof. Life is good as long as one takes all of the prescribed pills with an occasional cortisone shot thrown in.

1958

Robert Peck

I celebrated my 40th anniversary with East Windsor Ambulance and my 50th wedding anniversary. I am still raising Alpine goats with my wife.

Gordon MacAlister

Ever since I was a resident student at Suffield Academy I have lusted for a Porsche (probably a James Dean thing.) So, just prior to the eight-decade mark, I created one. Who says we seniors lack a sense of humor? As was wisely stated in the film *Flashdance*, "Ya lose the dream ya die." Best to all and never completely grow up!

David Rockwell

I joined the legions of the unemployed after 54 years trying to educate young minds at Suffield. Bonnie and I now reside on a remote peninsula on the coast of Maine. It's great. The view is amazing and invigorating. Throughout the long, cold winter, we were visited daily by 30 mallard ducks, 12 wild turkeys, several crows, and an occasional bobcat. I recently turned 80 and life is good.

1959

Eliot Mag

I have a loving wife of 52 years and counting, and two children whose careers are fully launched and whose lives bring joy to us in so many ways. One of the ways to offset the inevitable vagaries of aging is to appreciate our grandchildren. The oldest, now 16, will be driving by summer, and the youngest, recently-born Gracen Vaughn Mag, is thriving on mother's milk and love! From school sports to band concerts and school plays to family gatherings, all are opportunities to bond with these amazing kids. Once a week we have our three-year-old granddaughter overnight and are really getting to know her. Having retired in 2009 after a long career in retailing and associated businesses, I keep busy in volunteer service, from manning the Surgical Family Lounge at Hartford

Hospital to serving as a mentor with the Greater Hartford SCORE group and helping fledgling entrepreneurs to take their first steps into the great business world. I look forward to getting back our 50th Reunion this fall.

Jacob Plotkin

In February we joined a Roads Scholar trip to Baja, Mexico, where we got up close and personal with gray whales and their calves. It was an amazing experience. In May we go to Portugal on a "birds and wine" tour and then in late June we head to Holland for a bike and barge adventure. We feel lucky to be able to still do this.

Richard German

I retired from active surgical practice here in Carmel, California, six years ago but started up a concierge Botox/BHRT (hormone) practice which keeps us very busy. My website is drrichardgerman.com. We ride our Indian motorcycle up and down the Big Sur coast, mountain hike 500 miles a year, and visit our girls and grandkids in Los Angeles. Our daughter Lauren German is the lead on the Fox (now on Netflix) series called *Lucifer*. She has been in many movies and television series and is pretty recognizable. Life is good and we welcome any grads to our mountain home over the Pacific here in Carmel Highlands. Hope all is well with my classmates.

Bruce Mellon

After my recent commercial shoot in Hong Kong for Disney, I traveled to Israel to finally fulfill a lifelong dream of being bar mitzvahed. Having the service at the Western Wall in Jerusalem with my family made it all the more special! Looking forward to my 60th Reunion at Suffield this year.

1961

David Isaacson

Class Agents **Jerry Kargman** and **Michael Menzies** did a great campaign letter and note. I am winding down my insurance agency and traveling more. I remarried at

age 70 to my college sweetheart and am finally learning the depths of real love.

Michael Menzies

With old Suffield football knees crying out for replacements and having tried dozens of possible alternatives to surgery, I began applying topical CBD salve at a friend's suggestion. The results were so satisfying I started researching firms that stood out and might survive the stampede of companies entering the space. I concluded the potential for CBD is so immense I elected to step out of retirement and consult once again. I selected a small New York City start-up firm, New World Health Brands CBD, and suggest to all to research the wide-ranging benefits people are now experiencing from the use of CBD.

Tom Walker

I am still working part time for the New England Patriots. If any of you get to a game or a concert, stop by and say hello. I am in the Putnam Club East Side and work for VIP Services. The photo only shows five Super Bowl trophies but as you all know we have added a sixth this past February. My next photo will include all six! Keep up the good work at Suffield.

Tom West

For more than 30 years, Tom has been doing interdisciplinary research as a strong advocate for the often unrecognized and misunderstood talents and distinctive capabilities seen among dyslexics, strong visual thinkers and other different thinkers. He has authored three books and given hundreds of talks for scientific, medical, art, design, computer, and business groups in the US and 19 foreign countries. His first book, *In the Mind's Eye*, was awarded a gold seal and selected as one of the "best of the best" for the year by the Association of College and Research Libraries of the American Library Association. It has been translated into Japanese, Chinese, and Korean. His second and third books are *Thinking Like Einstein* and *Seeing What Others Cannot See*. His research papers, books, and other media are stored in a

permanent archive at the National Library of Medicine on the National Institutes of Health campus in Bethesda, Maryland. He returned to Sweden in June to give a talk on dyslexia and creativity as part of a small gathering in Stockholm supported by a foundation of the Swedish Royal Family.

1962

Andy Spector

I am retiring this year after 32 years with Morgan Stanley and its predecessor firms having started when it was Shearson Lehman Brothers. I am applying to go back to school if they accept me!

David Kaplan

I am still a professor of English at Loyola University Chicago, teaching fiction writing. I will be retiring at the end of next year and devoting my time to reading, writing, and arithmetic (figuring out how to pay for it all).

Tim Madison

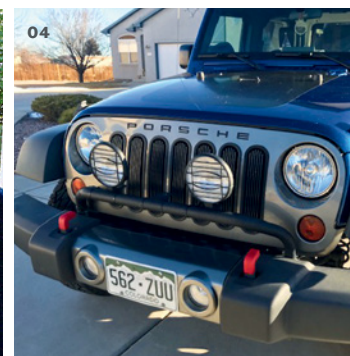
Life continues to be extremely and enjoyably busy as one of Atlanta's top Certified Financial Planners (CFPs). Having retired from GE and Coca-Cola, I have been a full time CFP for the last 19 years. I just moved my practice from Money Concepts to First Allied Securities to provide my clients with more services at less costly fees. Moving a sizable practice is like moving and settling into a new home; the first words out of my mouth were, "I will never do this again!" When we are not spending time with our eight grandchildren, my wife and I stay active in our church serving at the café on Sundays, leading a bible study group on Mondays, and facilitating the Dave Ramsey course. The Lord has been good to us and we keep on trucking!! I am ever so thankful for the foundational education I had at Suffield that led to a successful BA degree at the University of Vermont and a master's degree from American University.

David Holdridge

I attached a shot of me on the Corniche in Beirut where my wife Annie and I are now living and working with Jamal Trust Bank to provide affordable credit to the "unbankables" in south Lebanon and in the Beka'a. I've begun my second book, *Charity in Lebanon*. My daughter is managing the farm in Vermont and my son Alex is in Doha with a telecom company.

Ken Kirk

I am enjoying retirement in Santa Fe, New Mexico, and stay in contact with **Con O'Leary**, **Don Livingston**, and **Randall Roe**.



- 01 A whale taken by Jacob Plotkin '59 in Baja Mexico
- 02 David Holdridge '62
- 03 Gene Spoziani '48
- 04 Gordon MacAlister '58 created car
- 05 Bruce Mellon '59 and family at the Western Wall in Jerusalem
- 06 Tom Walker '61
- 07 Charlie Bardelis '60, Edward Haydash '60, David Holmes '60
- 08 Jerry Kargman '61



- 01 Larry Hyde '65 and family
- 02 Tom Hart '67 at Okoyi golf club
- 03 Anthony Menkel '67
- 04 Robert Morris '68 and wife Maka and dog Sophie
- 05 Kevin McKeown '65 and wife Genise at most recent City Council swearing in
- 06 Graham McBride '68 and family
- 07 Greg Putnam '69 cartoon

1963

Robert Hoffer

I was only there one year and doubt many remember me. Unfortunately, all the classmates with whom I was close have died. Such is the passing of time and life, but I have enjoyed a great and successful life to which I credit Suffield and faculty in part.

Robert Horne

A quick note from Middlebury, Vermont, to mention the snow has gone and the ticks have arrived. It was great visiting Suffield for the reunion in October and seeing **Pete Hayman**, **Gary Whitney**, **George Hathaway**, and all the other '60s derelicts. I found an old soccer photo from Suffield 1962 to compare with one in 2019... not much difference, eh? I still play soccer three days per week at the college, but it hurts a bit more and requires some tolerance from the 20-year-olds who play with us. I also help coach U14 girls' soccer with my son and daughter-in-law with one granddaughter on the team. The other granddaughter plays on the U16 team. Pat and I have just celebrated our 50th anniversary and are enjoying retirement with gardening, sugaring, sailing, and trying to keep our parts in working order. Our son Matt and daughter-in-law Tracy are both physical therapists who help with the latter. I just finished building a 15-foot Cape Cod catboat and launched it this spring. I milled most of the lumber on our sawmill from trees harvested from our land. I'm not bored in retirement! I see **Alec Lyall '62** in town occasionally, and invite any old alums to visit if they find themselves near Middlebury—we're in the phone book.

George Hathaway

After years of writing books on leadership, I'm announcing the publication of my first novel. It's a romance-thriller inspired by real events and titled *And I Always Will*. Here's an excerpt... "My friendship with Owen started on a rainy, June afternoon eight years ago. And, you're right, we became much more than just friends. Together we found love like never before. He made me incredibly happy. In fact, happier than I'd ever been. He took good care of me and made sure I was always safe. He opened my eyes to what life is really all about. We trusted and respected each other completely. He helped me believe in myself for the very first time. He was fun, and he made me laugh all the time. He was an honest, wonderful friend, and, yes, an affectionate lover. And, everyone in my family wanted him dead." It's published by POV Publications and is available at amazon.com, amazon.ca, online retailers, and

bookstores everywhere. If anyone would like a signed copy, please send me a note.

William Breslau

I am still practicing law in Vernon, Connecticut, and spending summers at our lake house in Woodstock, Connecticut. We enjoy spending time with our grandchildren in Boston and traveling. Life is good!

Dennis Moonan

I am sorry to report that I cannot make the reunion this coming October as I will be cruising in French Polynesia on our sailboat. One last adventure while I am still alive!

1964

Ray Reisler Jr.

I am now retired and vacationing a lot in Uruguay, which is my wife's birthplace. I am actively involved as a volunteer helping to improve the public education system. I thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion to which I brought my son. I am not confident I will make it to another but will be there in spirit. If Buenos Aires or Montevideo are part of anyone's itinerary, or possible itinerary, feel free to reach out (rreisler46@gmail.com).

Peter Arango

Mary and I remain blissfully active, she with her career as a photographer and dog trainer and I as a writer and teacher at Southern Oregon University's Continuing Ed program and audio describer/educator with the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. The very good news is that Mary's enterprises have gained a considerable following since moving to Southern Oregon, but Storybook Farm demands constant grooming and so we both have considerable sweat equity in keeping the place spiffy. I am in the booth describing three shows to visually impaired patrons this season: *Hairspray*, *Macbeth*, and *Mother Road*. Rather than take on a fourth edition of *America's Best Kept College Secrets*, a massive research job, I published *Afterwards*, a collection of essays from *The Impractical Cogitator*, this

spring and have a short play that will be produced this summer. Two of my children happily live in Oregon (Ashland and Corvallis) and my daughter has followed her parents into the boarding school world as a teacher and house director at Dana Hall in Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Peter Symasko

As a Knighted member of The Military and Hospitaller Order of Saint Lazarus of Jerusalem, we met in Jerusalem to reestablish our presence in the Holy Land. I returned to have **Tijan Sallah '64** join us for Christmas.

Jon V.C. Booth

I came out of retirement in April and am serving an eight-month assignment as the interim executive director of The Forum on Education Abroad. It is good to be back working at advancing international education.

1965

Larry Hyde

My wife Molly and I attended a Hemingway family reunion last Thanksgiving at Ranch de los Caballeros in Wickenburg, Arizona. The picture shows Tim, Anne, Larry, Molly, and a friend of Anne's. Molly and I just returned from Vietnam where we spent the better part of three weeks seeing much of the country and having wonderful personal contacts with the people. The trip was an Outdoor Adventure Travel Tour which was our fifth with this company, and we cannot recommend them enough. I enjoy playing pickleball three times a week and golf now and then. I also volunteer for a Pima County youth diversion program, which has been quite a learning experience.

Kevin McKeown

I've finally retired from my school district technology job but in November was re-elected to my sixth term on the Santa Monica City Council. My gift back was a 19% cut in our city's greenhouse gas emissions by making 100% renewable sourced electricity available to all Santa

Monica residents and businesses through the regional Clean Power Alliance, where I sit on the executive committee of the Board of Directors. This spring I'm looking forward to my 50th Reunion at Yale, and in July my wife Genise and I are taking my sister Deirdre and her wife for their first visit to Ireland, where I hold dual citizenship (I'm also vice-chair of the Irish-American Caucus of the California Democratic Party). It will again be my turn to be the Mayor of Santa Monica in December. Yes, I know I'm in my 70s but being busy is better than the alternative.

Bill Krochalis

I am now in my seventh year of retirement and so glad I didn't miss this stage of life. Of course, the best aspect is having grandchildren, and I have been blessed with three so far. My wife Sara and I still travel a good deal of the time, and I still credit Mr. Lindfors for igniting a love of history that has so enriched my life and informed our travels (I'm sure my long-suffering spouse wishes they were a little less informed, or at least less shared). Two years ago, we decided to build a second home in Atlanta, another triumph of optimism over experience. However, I did finally get a cozy wood paneled library and a Bellerby bespoke globe, with the Suffield Bell hand painted in Connecticut.

Butch Fuller

This year we are heading to New York City for Thanksgiving and Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Jenn and I are bringing the whole family: our two sons, daughter-in-law, and two granddaughters ages nine and three. We arranged a room with windows overlooking the parade route and Central Park. If our calculations are correct, the giant balloons will be right at eye level as they go by. Our granddaughters will surely enjoy the Rockettes' Christmas Show, ice skating at Rockefeller Center, and then watching the balloons being inflated the day before the parade. Jenn's and my treat will be watching the expressions on their faces. It will be a great start to the holiday season!

Tim Hemingway

I broke my left femur earlier this year but am now back in full action. We will see **Larry Hyde '65** later this fall. I'll let him beat me at golf.

Lawrence Andre

I shared an enjoyable evening with **Butch Fuller** and **Les Abberley**. We hashed over our years at Suffield. Butch does not do haircuts anymore.

Dr. James Lo Dolce

I am doing well in semi-retirement and working several days per month at an urgent care center. I enjoyed a few days with **Bill** and **Sue Kelly** at our Columbia University reunion last June.

1966**Todd Newmark**

The year was largely uneventful, distinguished mainly by endless rain and snow. I'm spring cleaning now and trying to tidy up the mess. It has to be climate change! On the up side my "hay guys" got 43 round bales and a good crop, allowing me to claim farm status on my taxes and cutting the rate in half. My health remains good, considering the number of miles on the odometer, and I remain active maintaining "the home place." Best wishes to my fellow '66 autumnals (I mean alumni!) and everyone else!

Charlie Claggett Jr.

The older I get, the more I appreciate my four years at Suffield and the friendships formed. I still keep in touch with classmates and friends for more than 50 years! I've been retired for more than three years and am busier than ever. I'm playing tennis two to four times per week, attending classes in journalism and medicine, writing, and serving on boards, but mostly spending time with family and friends. Katie and I have three grandsons, two in St. Louis and one in Houston.

James Hochschwender

My wife and I are currently in Bolivia preparing for the celebration of her father's

90th birthday. We are hoping to do some work in Myanmar later this year. Greetings to all my 1966 classmates!

Michael Braun

My daughter Keetch is a much sought-after family and wedding photographer. Our granddaughters are starting 3rd and 1st grade at Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School. My son Jake has had a number of stories published but is keeping his night job as a bartender.

James Lo Dolce

We stopped to visit Tom Webster '64 and his wife Stephanie on our cross-country trip this spring. We enjoyed the trip very much.

1967**Tom Hart**

Tom is now on his last Foreign Service roundup in Lagos, Nigeria, before finalizing his retirement with his wife Beatrice to Florida late next year. The photo shows his regular haunt, the Ikoyi Golf Club.

Frank Andreone

I am in my 34th year of real estate brokerage in Albuquerque, New Mexico. I do a lot of commercial and investor portfolio work now and IRS 1031 tax deferred exchanges but still have residential activity. I will likely get certified to teach continuing Ed for the Real Estate Commission this year. Our oldest daughter Kim is working in the finance area for Presbyterian Hospital Group (New Mexico) and both children are getting ready to go to community college while working. Our youngest daughter Jenna is a senior analyst for the Government Accountability (GAO) office out of Atlanta, Georgia, and has two younger children. I thought of partial retirement on the Pro-Bass Tour but they told me I cannot sign up to come in last all the time just so I can have fun with no pressure. Hello to all from Class of 1967.

Scott Schroeder

I still practice law in Florida but stopped doing trial work several years ago. Having a real estate and business practice along

the PGA Corridor, I find the people I deal with can be very interesting as they are from many different states and countries with many different backgrounds. My daughters (23 and 26) are quite happy with their lives. They both have boyfriends they like quite a lot whom I also like, and that makes my life great. I still have that motorcycle (Hayabusa) in Cannes (France) at a friend's house. I will likely ride it back to Heidelberg and have them ship it back to the US as one cannot sell a US titled moto in Europe. The poor bike has been in Cannes all by itself for, well, more than a year. I intend to take my time on the way and ride through the Swiss Alps. I will likely leave a motorcycle in Sacramento this summer so I can ride the mountains and vineyards north of San Francisco. It's a lot more convenient and quicker than flying to Cannes.

Anthony Menkel

Since graduation I have been a VISTA volunteer, bartender, worked in marinas, crewed boats to Florida, sold boats, been a deckhand on passenger schooners in Connecticut and Maine on a Danish cargo ship with two trips to Africa, began a security/caretaking business on the St. Lawrence visiting seasonal properties by boat, snowmobile, and airboat, and was a realtor in five states amongst other things. I get a little dizzy just writing my resume. I am currently a realtor on the St. Lawrence River, 1000 Islands, and a boat captain. I am a founding member of SAVE THE RIVER (1978), an environmental group formed to fight the Army Corps Winter Navigation plan and won without a court battle. The inspiration and spark plug was Abbie Hoffman (Chicago 7, 1968). We knew him as Barry Freed until we hosted Barbara Walters on the river for an interview in 1981. I am blessed with two children: Max (20) and Margot (18). I spent three months in Italy recently with the woman I took to a prom 50 years ago. I am deeply in love at 70 years old and give thanks for this and many things every day.

in Memoriam

2016

Arthur W. Fuzak '41 ~ 05.14
Harvey C. Greenhalgh '58 ~ 07.20

2017

Arthur L. Fishman '47 ~ 04.15
Mildred A Sikes '39 ~ 08.24

2018

Jonathan M. Klarfeld '56 ~ 01.08
June M. Parker '41 ~ 03.03
Carl L. Pagano '55 ~ 05.31
Ernest A. Richards '57 ~ 05.31
Paul M. Silversmith '49 ~ 06.19
William S. Harris '66 ~ 07.04
Thomas L. Haynes '68 ~ 07.13
Alan C. Fisher '76 ~ 07.18
David C. Meehl Sr. '50 ~ 08.03
Benjamin F. Davol '78 ~ 09.08
Dorothy F. Higgins '40 ~ 09.16
R. Talbott Miller '55 ~ 10.22
Dara W. Singmaster '88 ~ 11.28
David Schulz '63 ~ 12.08
Terrence L. Brazel '57 ~ 12.11
Abner O. McDaniel '74 ~ 12.18

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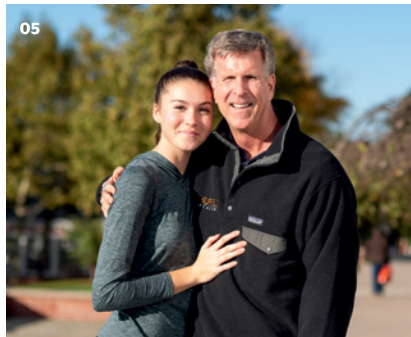
Kirk M. Parker Sr. '67 ~ 01.12
Charles G. Kopp '51 ~ 02.06
Victor J. Berard '70 ~ 02.08
Walton A. Baker '44 ~ 02.28
Duncan B. Murdoch '49 ~ 04.02
Kim A. Karanian '81 ~ 04.13

Former Faculty

Donald J. Mackey P'79, '83 ~ 10.11.18
Mary Drinker Gooch P'82 ~ 02.16.19

Carol Booth (1962-2018) passed away on August 10, 2018. Carol was born in Windham, Connecticut, and resided on campus with her husband Patrick (Suffield Academy's Chief Financial Officer and softball coach). Their children Lauren '12 and Nicholas '14 are both proud graduates of Suffield. Carol was a loving mother and wife and incredibly supportive of Suffield's students and faculty. She went out of her way to lend help, whether it was providing travel to a religious school, to a tailor or salon before big student events, or organizing meals and gatherings for the softball team. In memory of Carol, the Booths and many friends established a Carol Booth Endowment Fund at Suffield. The fund honors Carol by supporting general operations and by also being designated in some years to recognize the spouses of faculty or staff members (who are often behind the scenes) when the headmaster feels they have gone out of their way to support the community with an emphasis on kindness. Byron Bailey, husband of Beth (Assistant Director of Development) and father of Dan '12 and Ben '16, was chosen in 2019 as the first recipient. In unsung ways, Byron helps Beth organize great advisee group outings and support student growth in encouraging ways at Suffield.

Don Mackey (1937-2018) passed away in Westmoreland, New Hampshire, on October 11, 2018. Don served in the United States Army and was an accomplished baseball player. He also loved horses, which led him from his home in New Hampshire to University of Kentucky in Lexington, where he earned his master's degree. Don, his wife Mary and their children Scott, Laurie '79, and Mike '83, arrived in Suffield in 1975, when Don became the director of development and alumni relations. He had previously worked at Deerfield Academy and Stoneleigh Burnham School. Don spent 12 years at Suffield, and during that time he also started a business of promoting antique shows (mainly in Farmington, Connecticut). Don and Mary retired to Spofford Lake and Port St. Lucie, Florida.



- 01 Mac Rand '72
- 02 Karl-Heinz Fruth '71, Masato Nagase '71, and Tetsuo Nishiumi '71 in Yokohama
- 03 Richard Weil '71 and family
- 04 Matt deGarmo '73
- 05 Sam Sollinger '22 and Mark Sollinger '76
- 06 Jim Siragusa '75 and wife, Linda
- 07 Pat Scanlon '74 interviewing former NJ Governor James Florio
- 08 David Bloom '69, Sandy Orr '69, and Mark Teed '75

1968

Seth Whitaker

I so enjoyed getting together with my classmates at Reunion this fall and am hopeful we can expand contact to more of those who could not make it.

Graham McBride

Since leaving Suffield, I went to Miami and Montana for a BA/BS in biology and environmental science, and then an MS from Monterey Institute in international policy studies. I worked and studied for a while in Siberia and then went into teaching. My passion for science comes from Suffield and George Pervear who taught me the love of nature and how to study. More than anyone else, his advice got me through college and graduate school. I taught biology and environmental science in high school and university for 35 years (again, thanks George). I was part of the initial development team for the AP Environmental Science course in 1996 and am still involved with the exam grading. However, I am retired from full-time teaching and only do volunteer teaching at the Port Royal Sound Foundation in the winter. In the summer, my wife, dogs, and I go to our cabin in northern Canada (thanks to Dave Sawyer and his love for the outdoors). I had a great time with my returning classmates for our 50th. Suffield changed my life. The teachers helped me to love learning. AP Seaverns taught me the meaning of honor and my classmates and roommates helped give me perspective on life. I doubt that I would have been as successful and accomplished without Suffield's guidance.

Robert Morris

My wife Maka and I are about to celebrate 14 years of wedded bliss, and our five-year-old German Shepherd Sophie keeps us constantly entertained. My three children are all doing great, and I could not be prouder. Our older daughter Kelly is living and working in New York City, manifesting her dreams and enjoying the Big Apple. Our son Brian owns a Tiny House Resort on Lookout Mountain, Georgia, just outside Chattanooga. Our younger daughter Sasha graduated from William & Mary with a degree in international relations and has secured an excellent position in Washington, DC, with a large international consulting company. Maka loves her position as an IT program manager of a defense contracting company in Norfolk, and I spend my time marveling in all their accomplishments while planning for my third book. Highlights of the past year are good health and our 50th Reunion at Suffield, a vivid reminder of the blessings that we have enjoyed due to the superb education we received, the devoted teachers who

invested so much time in us, and the many lasting friendships we developed. It was also gratifying to witness the continuation of those fine traditions in the very many current students we met. Go, Tigers!

1969

David Sperry

It's been a while, I guess. I have two granddaughters and a third grandchild on the way. My son Brett and family are now in Kansas City where he is a heart transplant cardiologist at St. Luke's Hospital. How did he get so smart? I am looking forward to the 50th!

Greg Putnam

Hello to the class. You know our 50th Reunion will be celebrated October 4-6 so make the arrangements to be there. We're also working diligently to raise funds for our class gift: a classroom dedicated to Gordy Glover. This is a wonderful way to commemorate a great mentor to all of us. We were touched by his wisdom, humor, and insightful form of discipline. I hope this finds you all healthy and happy. I will see you in October and thank you to all who have already donated!

1971

Brian Morris

Cindy and I are still living in California. It's been almost 40 years now. We love our little town of Hermosa Beach just outside of Los Angeles. I've just started an advertising/consulting company aimed at the senior consumer segment. It takes one to know one! Check it out at www.silveradvertising.com. We hope to make it out to Suffield for a future event, maybe 50th Reunion?

Richard Weil

My Suffield roommate for two years, **Paul Loether**, has been singing with me for close to five decades now. The past five years have been spent with Paul and our bandmates in "Silver Strings, MD." I'm fortunate to get together with **Carl Oehrig**

and **Jim Morin** on occasion. It is nice to be Facebook friends with **Brad Gooch**, our Suffield Glee Club and Cogs mentor. It's also always good to see news of the Suffield family and its accomplishments and adventures. This year my wife Sherri and I celebrate 40 years of marriage. All the best to 1971 classmates and the Suffield family.

1972

Mac Rand

I spent 16 days in Tanzania in March with three different aims and experiences all bundled together. First, I joined seven other hikers, all of us raising money for Team in Training for leukemia research as we hiked up Kilimanjaro. I was fascinated by the change in environment as we started in dense forest and over six days transitioned to moorland, then alpine desert, and finally the barren, frozen summit. My association with Team in Training began in 1991 when I lost an older brother to leukemia, and through the years I've done a number of endurance events, including marathons, Ironman triathlons (including two in two days), and 24-hour races on their behalf. It helps ease the loss ever so slightly. The second "prong" of my trip was to spend several days visiting the Mungere School as I start to develop a connection between there and my school (Ridgefield Academy in Ridgefield, Connecticut). It was very different from what I'm used to, and the complete lack of electricity certainly limits them. However, I was surrounded by smiling students eager to learn and look forward to building an ongoing relationship with them. Finally, before I returned home I spent a day in Ngorongoro Crater and got to see the "Big Five" (elephant, rhino, lion, buffalo, and leopard) plus many more up close and personal. I felt like I was inside a National Geographic documentary. This was a trip of a lifetime!

1973

Charlie Upton

I've retired after being a mental health therapist for the last 18 years. Now I'm mainly caring for our youngest two grandchildren (ages one and three) with my wife.

Matt deGarmo

Life is good! I'm still making a living dealing in rare vintage sports cars. Honestly, it's more like playing every day than working, and I count my blessings about that! I'm in regular contact with classmates **John Woodruff** and **Ted Bumsted**. I really enjoyed my visit to Reunion last fall. The place looks absolutely fantastic!

1974

Wally Finnegan

Hello to everyone I know from Suffield Academy! I am still in Connecticut with my wife and daughter, and also my brother **Mark '75**.

Pat Scanlon

My production company, Shamrock Communications, continues to produce a variety of digital products including corporate video, training, and social media marketing.

1975

John Shepherd

I hope all is well with all graduates from the Class of '75! I am still living here on Long Island in Cold Spring Harbor.

Pia Bungarten

Greetings from Bonn, where we have been living for over four years now. My husband Tom Baker continues his research and consulting work on international standards for "linked data" and has specialized on its use in agriculture and international food security. Our son Anton continues his mechanical engineering studies at the University in Aachen. He hopes to do an internship next year at a company in Sweden to explore his interest in medical

engineering. I continue my work as the head of the scholarship program of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. We currently support 2,908 German and international students with financial scholarships, counseling services, and a wide-ranging program of workshops, study abroad, and field trips. All of them have qualified for the scholarship not just with successful academic work but with civic engagement, and we hope all of them will eventually make key contributions to a living, strong democracy no matter where they live or where their careers take them, be it business, media, teaching, the arts, public administration, or politics. If you come to Bonn, get in touch!

Mark Graham

With over 30 years of on-air experience in the broadcast business, working on air throughout Connecticut and in major markets across the country, my professional experience also includes over 10 years as co-owner and operator of various radio station properties in Florida and Connecticut, as well as general manager and on-air talent. Presently, I am a consultant specializing in the creation of public relations and communications solutions for qualified nonprofit agencies. I am a longtime member of the Friars Club (New York) as well as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Westport Country Playhouse (Connecticut). I am also involved in broadcast marketing consulting, along with various emcee, public speaking, voice-over gigs, and playing lots of golf...but not before recuperating from my second hip replacement surgery. OUCH!

Jim Siragusa

I am retiring this year after teaching English at Lewiston High school in Maine since 1984. From there I will travel to Florence Academy of Art to study oil painting and learn some skills for my next career as a children's book illustrator. I have my Suffield teachers to thank for my lifelong interests: **Allan Hoffacker** and **Gordy Glover** inspired me to become an English teacher and **Mario Vincenti** to be an artist. Friends

can reach me at jjsiragusaiii@gmail.com. I've attached a photo of my wife Linda and me from the March for Science in Augusta and an illustration (oil on canvas, 18" x 24") for my children's book *Nonno's Tales* (unpublished). Warm regards.

1976

Ralph Adler

After 30 years in the thought pipeline and four years of writing, I have produced my second published book: *Strategic Performance Management: Accounting for Organizational Control*. It explores senior managements' effective practice of performance management, an organizational responsibility that involves interdisciplinary understandings of strategic management, organizational behavior, organizational theory, and management accounting. The book draws liberally on concrete organizational phenomena to make it as accessible and meaningful to practitioners as it is to scholars and students.

Scott Craig

I was retired by my latest employer, Office Depot, last summer (June 2017) during a major corporate restructuring. After not finding another suitable position, I have moved on and am now officially retired. I am currently volunteering with CROS Ministries in Florida and pursuing genealogy projects (joined Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of the Cincinnati [descendants of the officers who served in the American Revolution], and the Mayflower Society [descendants of people who came to the US on the Mayflower]). I am a snowbird spending winters in Florida and summers in Maine.

Mark Sollinger

Hurricane Irma made a direct hit on my home and business in St. Martin on September 5, 2017. I now have a reasonable idea of what Armageddon is all about. It took us 15 months to get the business and hotel back up and running, but that's life in paradise. All is now well and good, and life continues to be great

on the beach. I included a photo of my daughter **Samantha** (now a Suffield Tiger Class of 2022) and me. She ran hurdles this spring, and as a Caribbean kid is very happy the winter is over! I have Suffield Academy back in my life as a parent and I'm aware of what an awesome place it was and still is. **Charlie Cahn** and everyone involved with the school are smart, engaged, funny, challenging, and supportive of the students and the institution in a way that makes me proud to be an alumni and parent. If you haven't had the chance to visit in a while then you really should go. You will not want to leave! Go, Tigers!

1977

Rick Smith

I am living the dream in south Florida and celebrating my son's wedding with my family, including our six grandchildren. I included a photo.

Gretchen Wilcox

Greetings to all of my fellow '77 classmates! This year I'm celebrating the 25th Anniversary of founding G.S. Wilcox & Co., a commercial real estate debt and equity firm. It is also special to share that we are now in our second generation as both of my children, Wesley and Bridget, have joined the firm. As I reflect back, none of this would be possible without attending Suffield. I am forever grateful. While I pass on responsibilities, I'm spending more time in Jupiter, Florida. If anyone is in the area, please stop by.

1978

John Brubacher

All my best to my friends at Suffield Academy from Chicago. I was saddened by the passing of my good friend and roommate **Ben Davol**.

Todd August

Life is still wonderful here on the Chesapeake Bay. Florence and Olivia opened a Gigi's House in Annapolis in the spring. Gigi's is a Down Syndrome

Achievement Center. They are always busy with fundraising and activities. Tierney is in Scotland working towards a master's in IT systems. Toby is a junior at Bryant and is not fond of the winter in the Northeast. Finally, Mary is a firstie at the United States Naval Academy. I still sell used cars for Avis Budget Group. Drop in for a visit for an afternoon on the Bay.

Ed Palomba

The Palomba family enjoyed another exciting year in 2018. In addition to celebrating my 40th Reunion from Suffield Academy and seeing a few classmates from 1978, we added two additions to our family. We welcomed the birth of our grandson Edward (Teddy) Palomba, the fourth Edward Palomba, and also added a son-in-law as we celebrated the marriage of our daughter Megan to Michael Zeiner of Simsbury on December 29. As of April 1, I am now the pro shop manager/assistant pro at Veteran's Memorial Golf course in Springfield, Massachusetts, and am looking forward to a new venture in life.

1980

Stephen Cotnoir

My two children have graduated from college and moved on to professional careers with graduate school classes in the evening. I enjoy visiting them as frequently as I can. Professionally, I am executive director of field underwriting operations responsible for the United States and Canada for our casualty insurance operation with Safety National. It's been a fun ride watching this business successfully grow tenfold in the last eight years. It keeps me busy, but I find time to thoroughly enjoy living in western North Carolina in the mountain and lake region of the state. If you're in the area come and visit!

John Ahrens

I'm loving life in Colorado. I took my first trip to Jackson Hole Ski Area, an amazing mountain and insane terrain which only made me wish I had been there 30 years ago. My son and I traveled to Africa last summer. One of my favorite experiences was an elephant ride through the brush by Victoria Falls. My two children were certified to scuba dive this year, and we celebrated on a live-aboard research whale ship off the coast of California. Our boat was honored to have scientists from the National Geographic Society and nightly lectures were outstanding. I continue to work in education supporting students with a rigorous curriculum choice including AP, IB, Honors, and co-curriculum programs. I believe that our extracurricular



- 01 David Carangelo '82 Suffield bowtie design
- 02 Rick Smith '77 and family
- 03 Alan Hopps '82 and family
- 04 Somi Hongo '81
- 05 Taro Kono '82 Foreign Minister of Japan
- 06 Suzy Usher Harris '87, Brinley Ford Ehlers '86, and Tom Harris '87
- 07 John Brubacher '78 and family
- 08 Judy Killam '83 and Charlotte Post '84 in Zion National Park—37 years of friendship
- 09 Alexander Degwitz '85 and family



01 Marla Zide '93, Trina Zide '95, and Lindsay Martin '92 at Small Batch Organics

02 Class of 1987 Mike Hamaway, Alex Palazio, Mike Nachimson and Dave Lovely

03 Jodie Newberry Fedder '86

04 Class of 1988 Kristin Muller, Cindy Fontana, Matt Rembe, Bess Lumpkin Celio, Aya Murata and Tracy Hays Kroll

05 Class of 1989 James Moore and Roberto Roy Jr.

06 Jen Sherer Janisch '88 and family

07 Adrian Seto '95 and family Chinese New Year in Penang, Malaysia

08 Jamie Hoffacker '93 and family

programs drive success in lifelong learners. This year the Colorado Athletic Association completely lost their minds by nominating and then awarding me with a luncheon as the Best Board Director of the Year in Colorado. I am completely touched and honored and think back to my days at Suffield as an incredible learning opportunity. We are extremely fortunate here in the US to have the best educational system in the world. Our students continue to prove themselves as outstanding leaders. Our future is in good hands. My best to the staff and teachers at Suffield.

Thomas Killam

My wife Michelle and I are now proud parents of three Suffield Academy graduates: **John '18**, **Kate '19**, and **Tom '19**. John is attending Quinnipiac University, and Kate and Tom will soon also be heading off to college. Their graduations brought back a lot of very fond memories.

1981

Somi Hongo

I finished my first book last May titled *anata ga koko ni iru koto no imi*, which translates to “the reason why you are here.” It’s been my dream to write a book and it finally happened at age 55. I am already writing two more books and have other offers. I was a music producer for an award-winning Japanese rap group signed by SONY in 1990. I sold my company in 1999 and decided to explore other possibilities and thus my spiritual journey began. I became a singer, teacher, and coach for creativity and self-development. I thank God for being able to support myself with what I love to do. Since graduating from Suffield, I’ve lived in London, New York, California, Switzerland, and now reside in Tokyo. Thank you, Suffield, for the education I received.

1982

David Carangelo

I recently embarked on an art project to design a limited run Suffield Academy necktie. The tie is black silk and features an orange tiger design. When I received the neckties, bow ties, and pocket squares, I sent samples to **Charlie Cahn**, **Bill Butcher** (the art teacher that had the greatest impact on my artistic development), **Jim Ubertalli** (my buddy and fellow classmate), and finally **Justin Hern '20** (the son of **Margaret Figaroa Hern** (another buddy and classmate). The project involved some free-hand drawing and further Photoshop modification. Designing the tie fabric and having the



The Hostetter Family: Dan '88, Chris '21, Liz, Brooke, and Paige '22

ties made (thank you Alibaba) was fun. I found the project an especially nice balance given that my day job at the Federal Reserve involves ensuring we don't share information inappropriately. It's creative in a different way.

Taro Kono

I have been Foreign Minister of Japan for about 650 days now. I have visited 100 countries so far. The photo I included is this year's G7 Foreign Ministers' Meeting in France.

John Killeen

I continue to be an adjunct professor at several colleges in the Boston Metro area. I also am a professional soccer coach with a couple of club teams on the South Shore. I love both! I will be seeing **Robert Dahms**, **Jim Kaiser**, and hopefully **Lee Vardakas** this summer in Maryland or DC and look forward to breaking bread again with them. Hello to all at Suffield.

Victoria Lane

Hello to all! I continue to enjoy my long and fun-filled career at Delta Airlines, flying our transoceanic flights out of the JFK base. My husband Peter and I are almost empty-nesters, with our youngest two children finishing up at Parsons New School of Design and Dartmouth College. Our older daughter **Erica '09** works in the HR field for Barton Associates and resides in Broad Brook, Connecticut, and our son Wes attends professional culinary school

and also works for the Omni Hotel Corp. I recently joined US Masters Swimming and will compete in the 50-yard breaststroke at the US Masters Spring Nationals in Indianapolis, Idaho. I have great memories of my swimming days at Suffield and my amazing All-American relay teammates, including my sister **Libby Kotarski '81**, **Chrissie Pattillo '84**, and **Sarah Dustin '84**. All my best to everybody!

1985

Alexander Degwitz

It's been many years in what seems like a whole lifetime since I last saw so many of my dear friends from Suffield, yet I always carry you in my thoughts. Like the contact we shared daily for the years we were in school together, I have lost a lot in the tragic turn of events befallen on my dear home country Venezuela but received so many other precious gifts for which I am eternally grateful! I send you all my love from Miami, my new home with my wife and children.

1986

Jodie Newberry Fedder

In February 2018 we finally moved from our home in Seneca, South Carolina, to our farm near Abbeville. March saw the first birthday of our grandson, Aiden Fuller. We celebrated 30 years of marriage with a river cruise from Amsterdam to

Budapest. In August, we lost our longtime love, Cleo, a German Shorthaired Pointer, to heart failure. Happily, the last two weeks of December were spent with our son Jacob visiting from his home in Israel where he is a digital currency broker. In 2019 we began planting blueberries, pears, peaches, apples, loquats, figs, lavender, pine berries, filberts, and pecans. We also dedicated time to a Southeast German Shorthaired Rescue assisting with home visits, shelter inquiries, and adopting two more shorthairs. We re-homed Ghilly (age 2) from a Craigslist post and Lefty is a SEGSP re-rescue tripawd missing his front right leg since 2016. Our grandson Aiden turned two last March and my mom Mary Jo Newberry, a big supporter of Suffield Academy, turned 93 in November.

Sean Federowicz

The Cape Cod and Islands Association of Realtors has nominated Sean to serve a two-year term as one of the five inaugural directors for the Martha's Vineyard Multiple Listing Service, commencing in January 2019. Sean and his family are 14-year broker/owners of the Coldwell Banker franchise office on Martha's Vineyard, providing real estate brokerage and vacation rental services island-wide.

1987

Milo Terzich

I am the vice president of development for USA Properties, in Roseville, California. My two sons, Ryan and Matthew, are in college and my daughter Lindsay is a junior in high school. My wife Margaret is an elementary school principal.

1988

Dan Hostetter Jr.

I am happy to be settled back in Boston for almost three years now having lived abroad in Asia and Europe for 25 years. Reconnecting with Suffield has been a highlight of our re-entry, and we now have two children at Suffield (**Christopher '21** and **Paige '22**).

Jen Sherer Janisch

Shout out to the Class of '88. It was great to see so many of you in October on campus! And with so many of you having kids at Suffield, I actually started to feel a little old! My kids are 10 and 13 now, and I keep busy with their school and working for Apple. I also launched a side business with my mom (www.foundartcollective.com) as a one year, entrepreneurial experiment. If any of you find yourself on the coast of Northern California, please stop in to say hi.

1989**John Eraklis**

Exodus Film Group's John D. Eraklis was selected to direct the animated feature film *Pierre the Pigeon-Hawk* starring Nick Cannon, Whoopi Goldberg, Jennifer Coolidge, and Kenan Thompson. In partnership with Cannon's Ncredible Entertainment banner, Ciaran Crampton and Chase Muratore of New York City based Sugar Water Entertainment are producing and financing the project.

James Moore

After a long flight and far too many years, I was finally able to reconnect with my former Fuller Hall roommate **Roberto Roy Jr. '89** in his beautiful and exotic hometown on the Isthmus of Panama. Thanks to the magic of social media, we have been able to maintain our relationship, a testament to the lifelong friendships that are created at Suffield. I'm happy to report he's doing well and has a beautiful family. As for me, I too am married to an amazing woman and together we have a son named Oliver and live in Manhattan.

1990**Terri-Lee Fiedler**

My nephew **Blake Braceland '22** just finished his freshman year at Suffield Academy. I am a producer and director of sports television and earned an Emmy Award and Telly Award.

1991**Patrick Kennedy**

Patrick was recently appointed director of major gifts for the Midwest Jesuits. He will be based in the Jesuits' Province headquarters in Chicago.

1992**Marigrace Canter Morris**

A warm hello to all my Suffield friends. I hope to make it back for a visit with my family one day soon. I have such fond memories of my years at Suffield.

1993**Marla Zide**

All is well at the Law Office of Marla Zide, LLC. We continue to grow and stay busy. Savannah started college at University of South Carolina in August 2018, so this year there have been more trips south instead of north. My wife Rachel was promoted to corporal of Baltimore County Police Department in May 2018. The photo included is from a late December visit to **Lindsay Martin's '92** Small Batch Production location. It was quite an impressive tour. Pictured right left to right is Lindsay and my step daughters Juliette and Savannah Gray. In front of Savannah is Ava Zide Foster, **Trina Zide's '95** daughter. Trina is in the back with Rachel Cassidy and Marla. I love going to Vermont and catching up with Lindsay. The kids love Small Batch!

Jamie Hoffacker

I am still living in San Francisco with my wife and two daughters ages 9 and 11. I left Google two years ago to help Lyft start a self-driving car project, where I run part of the hardware team building the autonomous vehicles. Clearly there is lots of work left, but it has been quite a ride! My family and I are looking forward to going to the Women's World Cup this summer in France. I am typically bad at staying in touch but please reach out at jhoffacker@gmail.com.

1995**Adrian Seto**

Our family is doing well. Our son Gabriel is turning six this summer and our daughter Olympia is three. I've included a picture of us taken recently when we were in Phuket, Thailand, visiting an elephant sanctuary.

1996**Saudia Davis**

I recently joined the board of an innovative non-profit organization called iMentor. iMentor builds mentoring relationships that empower first generation students from low income communities to graduate high school and succeed in college and achieve their ambitions.

Jonathan Medwid

I was appointed to Suffield's Office of Marketing & Communications in July 2015 as the school's copywriter and feature writer for SUFFIELD magazine. I have also taught four sections of English, (sophomores and juniors). My sister **Laura '98** is still happily married to Justin "Ike" Eisenhaure and lives down the street with their three children: Lincoln (10), Emily (8), and Teddy "Ball Game" (6). Our new offices and classrooms in Memorial are spectacularly bright, clean, and modern. It is always fun editing these notes and discovering what all our alumni have accomplished. Good luck on Level 3, Katie, that is very cool! I communicate with **Neaves Terry George** daily.

Neaves Terry George

After being named estate manager of Union Vale Estate (St. Lucia) eight years ago, I was recently promoted to General Manager/Managing Director. My son Kreeson is three-years-old and finishing his first year of preschool. My daughter Terissa is nine and is in 4th grade. Shout out to **Mr. Andy Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. Vianney, Headmaster Cahn**, and anyone else who remembers me (Mr. Terryfic). You have one life to live—live it Terrifically!

1997

Katie Kuyper

For the past 11 years I've been working in the Paso Robles, California wine industry. Most recently, I've decided to take a year off to focus on my Sommelier Certification. I passed my Level 2 earlier this year and will be taking Level 3 in the fall. My goal is to become a Master Sommelier by end of next year. Last September, I visited Suffield and had a mini-reunion with a few members of the Class of '97. It was wonderful to see the new facilities on campus and catch up with old friends and teachers. In April, I celebrated my 40th birthday with family and close friends and plan to do some traveling this year exploring old world wines, further educating my palate and wine knowledge. My family launched their own wine label last year, Hawks Hill Ranch and Vineyards. Ultimately, my goal is to start my own wine label but for now being a Somm and wine educator is my true passion, and I plan to stay with it for the interim. If you ever find yourself in the California central coast, be sure to look me up and we'll go wine tasting.

1999

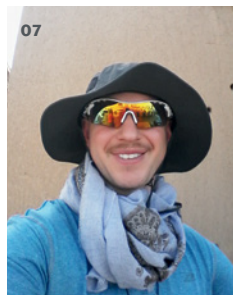
Amy Terceira

Hi Suffield! I'm living in Bermuda and running a dog grooming and training business, Dog Gone Good. I recently graduated from The Academy for Dog Trainers, one of the most rigorous and advanced dog training and behavior programs in the world. The two-year course focuses on the latest scientific evidence in animal learning and behavior. In addition to teaching students how to be effective as a trainer, it teaches them how to counsel and support dog owners. I couldn't be happier to offer Bermuda a high quality, science-based dog training service that is transparent, effective, and supportive. One of the many wonderful things about being a graduate of this school is that I have the opportunity to consult globally with other experts in the field. I love my work! It took me a few office jobs to get here but I'm here! Working with animals and their people has its challenges but is very rewarding. Check out my Facebook page: DogGoneGoodBda. I hope you all are well and doing what you love.

2000

Schuyler Cunningham

I'm wrapping up my research at the NIH and will be moving into full time private practice in Washington, DC this year. My practice focuses on ADHD and



- 01 Dogs play off-leash at Bark Bar, a dog park and bar opened by Elizabeth Michael '02
- 02 Katie Kuyper '97, Aysha Moore '97 and friends
- 03 Brendan Moriarty '04 and Will Taylor '04
- 04 Marcus Thompson '03

- 05 Erin Simon '04.
- 06 Amy Terceira '99
- 07 Josh Sohn '04
- 08 Carolyn Rosca '05 and family
- 09 Jackie Iacovazzi's '06 daughter Paige
- 10 Roshard Bryant '09 and Lorenzo Bernardez '11
- 11 Eric Yale '03



01 Tina Wu '07

02 Lucy Reinhardt '05, Lucas Traber '10, Katherine Perry '11, Michelle Autori '10, and Serge Derby '11

03 Lorenzo Bernardez '11 and Bridget Walsh '11

04 Harrison Kramer '08

05 Mark Shannon '08 and fiancée Tiffany with Mark Jr.

06 Kachenta Descartes '11

07 Peem Chatikavanij '07, Alfred Ku '06, Tonia Poon, Lauren Okano '07, and Brian Sager '06

neurofeedback. I've also launched the Cancer Trauma Project and am hoping to publish a series of first-hand accounts of the traumatic stress caused by cancer diagnosis and treatment. My wife, Dr. Hope, is specializing in pelvic floor physical therapy and enjoying that greatly. We continue to travel and would love to see fellow Suffield grads in DC.

2002

Elizabeth Michael

I just launched Bud Agency, a full-service ad agency focusing exclusively within the cannabis industry. My husband, partner, and I also run Bark Bar, a dog park and bar, which is the cutest thing in the world. Check out both of my businesses at BudAgency.Co and BarkBar.com.

2003

Marcus Thompson

I currently work as the HYPE (Harnessing Young Professional Energy) Programs Director at the Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber. This means I am responsible for helping young professionals in our three state, 16-county region get connected and grow their networks through a number of programs, events and initiatives. I am also on the Board of the Center for Addiction Treatment (CAT), Cincinnati Youth Collaborative (CYC), a member of the Zoo Ambassador Council, and also a Commissioner for the Great Parks of Hamilton County; a position appointed by the Hamilton County Probate Judge. In addition to the above, I will be running for Anderson Township Trustee this year and my wife Ashley and I are expecting a baby boy in September.

Lisa Deedy

I am still living just down the road from Suffield with my son Hunter (10) and daughter Audriana (6). When I'm not playing taxi driver to the horse farm and hockey rink, I am running an InsurTech start-up with a few local investors.

2004

Erin Leech Simon

My husband and I purchased a small farm on 25 acres in Coventry, Connecticut, seven years ago this month. Simon Says Stable is a small horse boarding and training program and we also raise pigs and chickens and an occasional cow or two. Last year, we started a new venture and own and operate a WOSB commercial diving company, Shoreline Diving Services. We specialize in inspection, salvage, and construction. We're looking forward to an exciting future.

Bryce Homick

I was looking forward to attending Reunion this year but will be busy getting married that weekend in Vermont! Eliza Burns and I will be married on October 5 and in November we're headed to Thailand for our honeymoon! I'm still working as a freelance concept artist for video games but am looking to change gears and move into the film industry. I am still living in a small town in Vermont, remodeling a house, and currently working on developing a community fitness center.

Josh Sohn

Hello, from Jubail, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. I am currently working with the Royal Saudi Navy as an English instructor after spending the last two years in Riyadh, KSA working with the Saudi Arabian National Guard. I was teaching English in South Korea from 2010-2016 and decided that I was ready for new opportunities. After receiving my M.Ed. in Curriculum and Design for ESL in February 2016 I spent the second half of the year back in Connecticut visiting friends and family and working to obtain my Connecticut teacher license. As of now, I plan on spending the next few years in Saudi where my wife will join me after our wedding this August. Hope all is well.

2005

Jamie Ansonge

Last year I joined the law firm Cozen O'Connor as a counsel and was named "Top 40 under 40" in New York politics by *City & State* magazine. My wife and I also welcomed our first child, Oliver Hoy Ansonge, into the world last December.

Carolyn Rosca Johnson

I've launched my own private practice called Postpartum Living, LLC, which provides educational workshops and in-home occupational therapy services to women before and after they deliver a baby. The focus is to aid the transition into motherhood, addressing any physical, mental, and emotional challenges a new



Class of 2008: Dan Nault, Shea Clark, Michael Vallides, Garrett Lasnier, and Evan Boyle

mom faces. We've also welcomed our new baby, Camden Roc Johnson, on March 30.

Casey Shanley Kegelman

I am writing from Florida, where I live with my husband Harry and our latest addition, Hank. Henry Joseph Kegelman VI was born on May 22, 2018. We spend most of our free time swimming at the beach. Andy Lowe is already recruiting him for the swim team! I was so happy to reconnect with several alums at the reception hosted in West Palm Beach. I recently got to visit with **Bridgette Barbato Malinosky '05** and her beautiful family! All the best to my classmates!

2006

Jackie Iacovazzi

Greetings, Suffield! Life lately has been great. I loved reconnecting with Suffield classmates and faculty at the West Hartford happy hour back in December. My daughter Paige turned one in January and we are loving every second of her! I just had my eight-year work anniversary at United Technologies and still travel frequently to Washington. If any '06 tigers find themselves in West Hartford or DC, I would love to catch up! Hope life on Bell Hill is good for all!

2007

Matt Capone

My wife Christina and I now have twin boys Maxton and Cole who just turned two years old in March. We welcomed our third son in April. I am looking forward to keeping the Suffield football and Fuller 7 legacy alive!! We cannot wait to take a family road trip to Suffield in the fall.

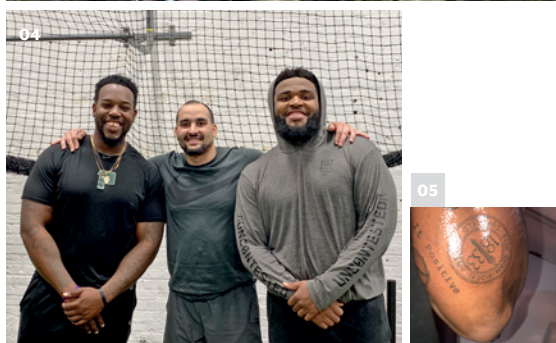
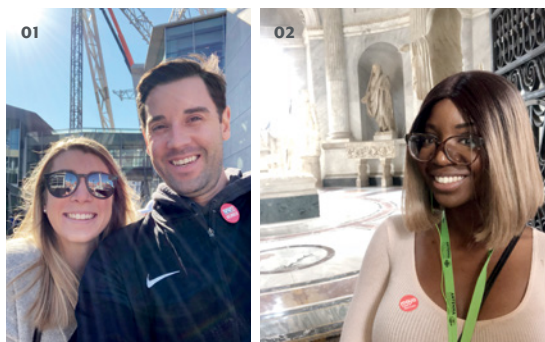
Tina Wu

For the past few years, I lived in Shanghai, Singapore, and was most recently in Manila. I was working as an investment specialist at the Asian Development Bank in Manila and was staffed on some interesting infrastructure finance projects in South and Central West Asia. In fact, I am moving to Hong Kong (where I am originally from) this week. My husband got a job in Hong Kong, and I decided to move back with him. Attached is a photo of us taken at our wedding two years ago. If anyone is visiting Hong Kong, please do let me know. I would love to catch up and show you around Hong Kong.

2008

Harrison Kramer

Since June 2017, I have run programs in eighteen locations throughout Northern Greece for refugee children and families in search of a brighter future. It has been my hope that these enrichment programs



- 01 Amanda Leonard '14 and Jeff Depelteau '02 at the National WWII Museum in NOLA
- 02 Khaya Leary '07 in Italy
- 03 Delaney McGowan '10 and family
- 04 Lorenzo Bernardez '11, Alex Cruz '14, Christian Wilkins '15
- 05 Lorenzo Bernardez '11 Suffield Tattoo
- 06 Camila Rocha '15, Christian Wilkins '15, Livvie Calguiri '15, and Emilio Rocha '13 the day after Clemson won the National Championship

boost self-confidence, engage creativity, promote an interest in the arts, and create invaluable positive memories. With support from Solidarity Now, UNHCR, and UNICEF there is the opportunity to reach upwards of 1400 children in seven refugee camps. This would be by far my largest project yet. The fundraising goal to purchase workshop supplies is \$5,000 (\$3.50 per kid) and there is a PayPal donations button on my website: HumanitarianMagic.com.

Mark Shannon

I can't believe how long it's been since I left Suffield, but the impact it had on my life has been tremendous. I am very lucky to have met so many wonderful people during my time at Suffield and look forward to what the future holds. My fiancée Tiffany, Mark Jr., and I are expecting baby McKinley Paige in August. We are very excited and can't wait.

Amar Khalsa

I am still a social worker at Boston Children's Hospital, a dream job.

Parker Higgins

We're loving life here in Salt Lake City, Utah! I'm working in technology and when I'm not taking things too seriously, I'm ripping up the slopes here in the Wasatch. Hope you're all having a great time almost a decade out! Thank you, Suffield for everything!

2009

Bridgette Faupel

I'm living in New York City and I am an Senior Advertising Operations Specialist at Thrillist.

Amber Davey (Rodgers)

Amber got married to Erin Davey in the summer 2018 with many Suffield alumni by her side! Bridesmaids [Kate Pistel](#), [Whitney Tuthill](#), [Taylor Endress '10](#), and [Frankie Walsh](#) joined her. Amber also started a new job as Retreat Manager for LoveYourBrain serving people with traumatic brain injuries.

2010

Delaney McGowan

I've come a long way since my time at Suffield! The most exciting news is that I'm the mom of a one-year-old boy. His name is Reef and my hopes are that he will be a very cool surfer dude. I've been living in Washington, DC, with my fiancé for the past five years and am working at National Geographic as an associate producer for one of their popular reality series The Incredible Dr. Pol. We will be getting married this fall on September 7 in my hometown of Rowayton, Connecticut. We recently took a day trip up to Fishtown, Pennsylvania, to visit [Chloe Bereolos](#) and her husband Jimmy and their new baby girl, Areli. Reef and Areli have become fast friends and maybe one day will be Suffield classmates.

Brooke Tashjian

I recently left my job at the Wildlife Conservation Society at the Bronx Zoo and will be starting Veterinary School at Ross University in St. Kitts in January 2019.

2011**Lorenzo Bernardez**

We have only one life to live, so let's live it to the fullest. Lead with love in this world and continue to be good to yourself and those around you. Don't let negativity win because that's the easy way out. Encourage, uplift, and motivate everyone you can. Remember that you are the energy that you attract. Be mindful of your actions and always know that receiving starts with giving. A hug, a kind word, or smile can change someone's day.

Kachenta Descartes

I was selected to present my research gathered from a summer in the Dominican Republic at the 16th Annual Unite for Sight Global Health & Innovation Conference at Yale University. My project's title is "Family Planning and Access to Gynecological Care Among Haitian Women Living in Batey Communities in La Romana, Dominican Republic." If anyone is interested in my project or wants to get involved with these communities or volunteer abroad, they can contact me at kachent.descartes@qu.edu.

2012**Caroline Leonard**

Hi Suffield! I started a new job in New York City at VaynerMedia in February, working as Senior Account Executive on the Chase team. It's been really fun learning the ins and outs of social media advertising in the new Hudson Yards neighborhood. Otherwise, I've been taking advantage of cultural events in the city, notably the Armory Art Show, New York City Ballet, and the Orchid Show at the Botanical Gardens. I always look forward to spring in New York City!



Abby Blyler '15 with Jack Robinson '60 [Trustee Emeritus] and his wife Sarah

Zac Czikowsky

I revisited Suffield a few weeks ago to see the new Memorial Academic Center. Many buildings have changed but the feeling of community is the same. I work in Ocean City, New Jersey, as a content strategist for a marketing company. My office is a 10-minute drive away and the beach is even closer. It's also near enough to Suffield, New York City, and Philadelphia that I have plenty of opportunities to spend time with my old classmates. Over 20 of us gathered in New York City to see **Joe Begley '11** (home from the West Coast) perform stand-up comedy. We all laughed along with each other and talked about old times and new times. In the moment we felt like a family again.

Remington Lyman

I am still enjoying Columbus, Ohio. JPMorgan recently had a site strategy reduction in force and my underwriting job was eliminated. This has given me time to work on my real estate rental portfolio with my college roommate. We have three properties and ten units here in Columbus near Ohio State University. I plan on practicing real estate sales and property management full time with a specialization

in investment properties and property management. I am grateful for the time management skills I learned at Suffield. They allowed me to build another revenue source while working at JPMorgan.

2013**Natalie DeLiso**

I am doing well in New Orleans working at Concordi, LLC.

2014**Isabelle Thompson**

After graduating from the University of Denver, I now live in Boston. I work for Oracle NetSuite in Business Development for our Social Impact team, working specifically with nonprofit organizations (like Suffield) to help them become more efficient. I frequently see Suffield classmates like **Christie Arnold, Dory Butcher, and Sam Feldman** around Boston and look forward to visits from friends living in New York (**Emily Ferguson**). I'm very excited for our 5th Reunion this year!



Izzara Ugarte

I've just started a manager-in-training program with the W Miami. It's so great catching up with Suffield alums while I've been here. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone this October for Reunion!

Charles Steele

I recently graduated from The College of Holy Cross.

Griffin Manos

I make alcoholic cider in Boston.

2015

Frances Bingham

I graduated from Cal Berkley in May 2019 from the College of Natural Sciences. I will begin at Levi Strauss corporate in San Francisco in September 2019.

2016

Emma Tryon

I cannot believe the Class of 2016 graduated three years ago. It seems like we were entering our senior year just yesterday. This season I played three on the ladder at George Washington University. Some fellow alumni and former teachers came out to watch when we played Trinity in December. It was great seeing anyone from Suffield. I still see [Sarah Raymond](#), [Maura Eagan](#), [Nina Maggi](#), and [Katie Kuzmeski](#). We are all so grateful for the bond and connection Suffield has given us.

2017

Brooklynn Hayes

I am a sophomore at Connecticut College majoring in International Relations and Affairs with a minor in Chinese. I am also a part of the women's water polo team and varsity swim team.

2018

RJ Mhoon

To my dear Suffield students, college is only as difficult as you make it. Don't lose the structure and time-management skills you picked up at Suffield. The first thing you'll need to find at college beside the cafeteria is the career services center so you don't miss out on internship opportunities. I am participating in two internships this summer: The Bluford Healthcare Leadership Institute in Kansas City and the Corporate Office of HCA in Nashville. Take advantage of the office hours your teachers provide and go see them if you don't understand



- 01 Segway tour of Washington DC: Ben Bailey '16, Byron Bailey P'12,'16, Rob Dahms '83, and Dan Bailey '12
- 02 Sarah Swanson '18 running the Walt Disney World 5K with the Labbadia family to support PPMD
- 03 Emma Tryon '16
- 04 Tori Tryon '18



01 RJ Mhoon '18



02 Michael Robidoux '18 at the Great Barrier Reef in Australia



03 Bailey Hyland '18

something. Thank you to all the faculty and staff for everything you did for me at Suffield: **Mr. Atkins** for watching over me; **Mrs. Warren** for being my mom away from home; **Mr. Dugan**, **Mrs. Nahmens**, and **Ms. Kane** for turning a washed-up athlete into a Halo Award nominated actor; **Mr. Morgan** for always checking up on me; **Miss Marge** and **Miss Mary** for the macaroni-n-cheese (please send my school the recipe); **Mrs. Kaplan** and all the ladies in the Health Center for bandaging my frequent injuries; **Mrs. McCarthy** (RIP) for seeing greatness in me; **Dr. Fuller**, **Mr. Vianney**, and **Mrs. Pentz** for making me actually like English; **Coach Fava** and **Coach Depealteau** for letting me step on the court; **Mr. Victor** for keeping my clothes smelling fresh; **Mr. Pistel** and **Mr. Vigneault** for just being cool dudes; **Headmaster Cahn** for

taking time out of your day to eat dinner with me; **Mrs. Stellato** for not kicking me off the cross country team and getting me into shape for basketball; and a shout out to the dining crew for keeping me well fed. Keep in touch with your friends from Suffield and don't let those meaningful relationships die.

Tori Tryon

I miss Suffield like crazy and can't wait to come home to say hello. Savannah (Georgia) is so much fun, but I wish there were more alumni down here. There is so much creativity here at SCAD and it's amazing. I am a User Experience major at the current moment. It is a very broad major which centers on making the online experience better for users.

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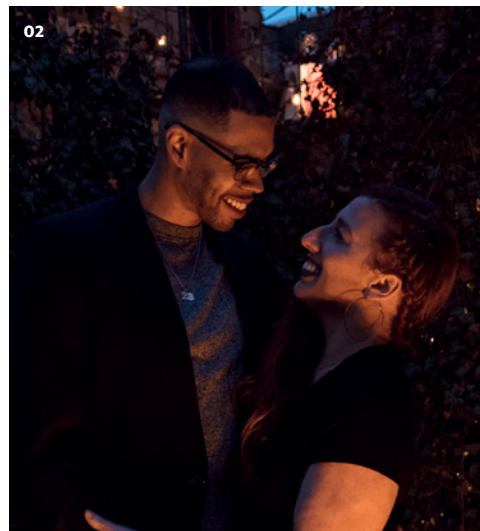
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♥ Weddings



01 Josh Yeston '06 to Emily Note on September 15, 2018

02 Roshard Bryant '09 to Abbey MacLachlan on March 15, 2019

03 Steve Root '06 to Meghan O'Connell on June 23, 2018

04 Justine De Chazal '10 to Shayne Marion on August 18, 2018

with guests from the Class of 2010 Chelsea Lines, Michelle Autuori, Justine de Chazal, Ginny McDermott, and Melanie Watson

05 Amy Clark '06 to Kyle Callini on June 9, 2018

06 Jimena Madero '12 to Alan Hernandez on Oct 27, 2018

07 Class of 2012 guests at Jimena Madero's wedding: Stephanie Hetzler, Bailly Gestal, Jieming Wu '12, and Lexi Hildreth '12

08 Grace Sickles '09 to John Montgomery Harris Jr. on September 30, 2017

09 Rob Schnabel '99 to Alicia Pulver on April 8, 2017

Not shown: Matt Shifrin '05 to Amanda Fox on April 6, 2019 | Evan Boyle '08 to Grace Merinar on May 18, 2019



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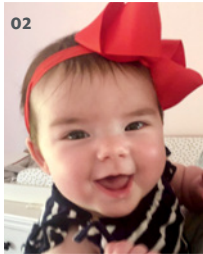
♥ Engagements



Michelle Autuori '10 to Serge Derby '11

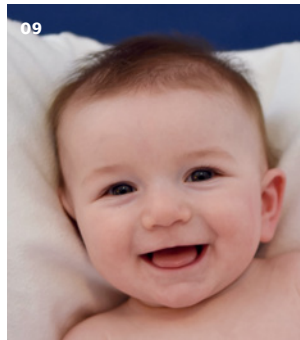
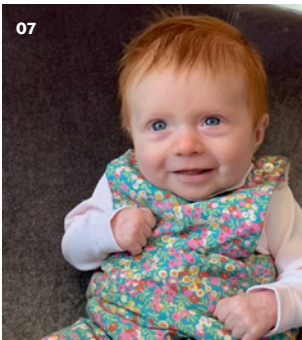
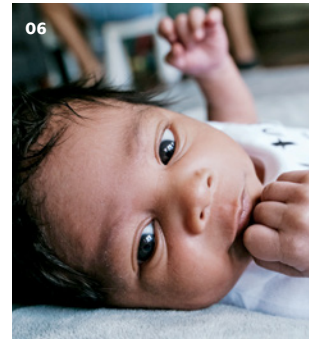
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Births



- 01 Hauk Hegbom Hennie to Karoline Hegbom '11 on January 9, 2018
- 02 Brooke Marissa Beaudette to Jeff Beaudette '99 on January 27, 2019
- 03 Ella Ruth Rabati to Andrea Rich Rabatic '00 on April 8, 2019
- 04 Charles "Charlie" Scott Rouse to Hilary Golas Rouse '02 on September 10, 2018
- 05 Reef Graham Alexander to Delaney McGowan Thomson '10 on May 7, 2018
- 06 Camden Roc Johnson to Carolyn Rosca Johnson '05 on March 30, 2019
- 07 Amelia Hazel Meaney to Sarah Fletcher Meaney '98 on January 30, 2019
- 08 Ellsworth "Ellis" Fuller Reid to Hannah Wolcott Reid '04 on August 15, 2018
- 09 Edward Egan to Sara Miga '04 on September 13, 2018
- 10 John Thomas Doar to Katy Doar '07 and Will Doar '06 on March 2, 2018
- 11 Olive Indiana Beardsley to Kate Shillo Beardsley '00 on November 9, 2018
- 12 Henry DeCosmo to Tom DeCosmo '05 on September 6, 2018
- 13 Paige Iacovazzi to Jackie Iacovazzi '06 on January 11, 2018
- 14 Henry Joseph Kegelman IV (Hank) to Casey Shanley Kegelman '05 on May 22, 2018

Not shown: Areli Dorothea-jean Bereolos to Chloe Terres Bereolos '10 on July 24, 2018



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2019

September 7 Alumni Sports Day
October 4-6 Reunion 2019
October 17 Grandparents' Day

2020

April 24 Parents' Association Auction

alumni and parent gatherings

2019

September 17 Hamilton, Bermuda — Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
November 7 Austin, Texas — South Congress Hotel
December 6 Seoul, South Korea — JW Marriott Seoul

2020

January 9 West Hartford, Connecticut — Barcelona
January 15 New York City, New York — The Harmonie Club
February 4 West Palm Beach, Florida — Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens
March 4 Seattle, Washington — Shaker & Spear Palladian Hotel
March 5 Portland, Oregon — Nel Centro
April 9 Boston, Massachusetts — Bostonia Public House

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