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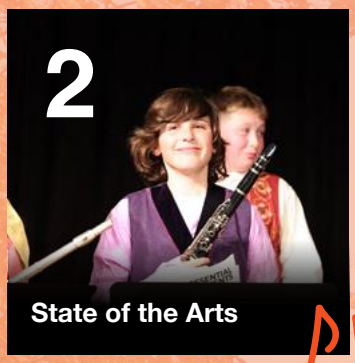
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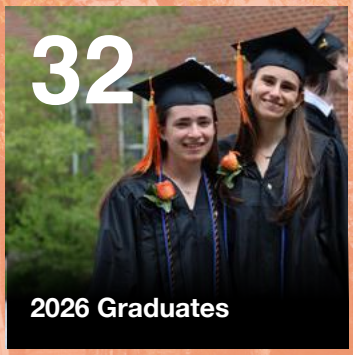
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Letter from the Head of School

BEN JACKSON, P'21, P'22, P'26



Each year, The Chronicle offers an opportunity to reflect on the people, programs, and experiences that make North Yarmouth Academy such a special community. This year's issue celebrates the arts, a vital part of an NYA education and an area where our students continue to inspire us with their creativity, talent, and dedication.

The arts have long been woven into the fabric of the Academy. Whether through visual arts, music, theater, or other forms of creative expression, our goal is to help students discover and develop their unique talents while encouraging curiosity, collaboration, and innovation. As you will see throughout these pages, the arts continue to thrive at NYA, supported by exceptional faculty, engaged students, and a community that values creativity as an essential part of learning.

While the arts are the focus of this issue, they are only one reflection of the momentum across campus. This year brought many reasons to celebrate, including the launch of our boarding program and outstanding athletic achievements. We are excited by the continued growth of our NEPSAC programs and a new partnership with Portland Yacht Club that is helping establish one of northern New England's premier high school sailing programs. We have also continued to strengthen the student experience across all divisions, building on the traditions and values that have defined NYA for more than two centuries.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our faculty and staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the generosity of our alumni, families, grandparents, and friends. Your support helps create opportunities for students to learn, explore, compete, perform, and grow.

Thank you for being part of the NYA community. Together, we are building on a remarkable legacy while preparing the next generation to lead lives of purpose, curiosity, and impact.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Jackson

Benjamin Jackson
Head of School

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NYA extends sincere gratitude to trustees Chris Lorenz P'28, P'30; Barb Marr P'17; Catriona Sangster P'16; and Betsy Tod P'20, P'25 for their dedicated service and leadership as members of the Board of Trustees. Through their support and work on key committees—including Finance, Strategic Planning, Marketing, Development and Alumni Relations, and the Committee on Trustees—each has made many meaningful contributions to the strength and future of the Academy.

Joining the NYA Board of Trustees are Dave Holman P'34, P'36; Linda Manchester P'15, P'20; and Joanna Pond P'29, P'30, P'34. Each brings valuable professional expertise, community leadership, and a strong commitment to NYA's mission. We are grateful for their willingness to serve and look forward to their contributions as trustees on NYA's board.

The NYA Mission

North Yarmouth Academy is dedicated to fostering integrity, character, and intellect in its students by providing a structured program with clear standards and high expectations in an environment that emphasizes values of mutual respect, trust, and community.

The North Yarmouth Academy program encourages students to develop:

Problem-solving skills based on sound analytical and creative thought;

Sophistication in writing, speaking, and artistic expression;

Appreciation for the importance of athletic activity, teamwork, and cooperation;

Self-confidence and self-respect through a breadth of experiences that extend beyond the classroom;

Concern for the larger community and an appreciation for the natural environment;

Desire to continue the process of lifelong learning.



STATE OF THE ARTS

Creativity at Every Stage

At North Yarmouth Academy, the arts aren't just part of the curriculum—they're part of the heartbeat of the school. Creativity fuels how students learn, grow, and discover who they are.

That spark ignites early. Our youngest learners dive into music, movement, visual art, and imaginative play every day. In the Lower School, students build confidence and discipline through



artistic exploration, including learning to play the violin and ukulele. As they move into the Middle and Upper Schools, their artistic world expands. Music, visual arts, and theater become powerful avenues for expression, showcased in concerts, exhibitions, productions, and community events throughout the year.

The arts are woven deeply into the NYA experience. Upper School students begin each day with music, a deliberate choice that energizes them and sets a creative tone for the day ahead. In both the Middle and Upper School, visual arts classes rotate throughout the schedule, giving students regular opportunities to explore new media and techniques. Middle School students also enjoy a dedicated music block in the middle of the day, adding rhythm and creativity to their daily routine.

This commitment has long set NYA apart. Generations of gifted faculty—artists, musicians, and performers themselves—have cultivated a culture where creativity and excellence thrive alongside academics and athletics.





A Pathway for Dedicated Artists

For students seeking deeper artistic engagement, NYA offers distinctive opportunities in both music and visual arts.

Through the Diploma with Distinction in Music Performance, Entrepreneurship, and Community, students pursue an immersive musical experience that blends performance, entrepreneurship, and service. They refine their skills, learn to promote themselves and others, and strengthen their connection to community—building a foundation for lifelong involvement in music.

Students with a passion for visual arts can pursue the Diploma with Distinction in Visual Arts. Over two years of intensive exploration, they develop a refined portfolio that reflects their creative vision while strengthening technical abilities and gaining insight into professional artistic work.

Beginning this fall, NYA will elevate these opportunities even further with the launch of the Advanced Music Study Program, designed for highly motivated student musicians seeking deeper artistic development within a rigorous college preparatory environment. The program offers structured practice time, individualized mentorship, and expanded performance experiences, supported by partnerships with organizations such as 317 Main Community Music Center and the Portland Conservatory of Music.

Unlike conservatory-style programs that place music at the center of a student's education, NYA's approach allows students to pursue advanced training while remaining fully engaged in academics, athletics, leadership opportunities, and campus life.



As NYA continues to expand pathways for young artists, one thing remains constant: creativity drives everything. Whether a student is picking up a violin for the first time or pursuing advanced study, each experience builds confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of the arts. With a vibrant culture of exploration already in motion, NYA is inspiring the next generation of creators, innovators, and leaders.

Learn more about the Advanced Music Study Program





THE ARTS



SUPPORTING CAST

LIONEL: **DENALI GARSON '29** | QUEEN CONSTANTINA: **CHLOE SHERVANICK '26**
KING MAXIMILLIAN: **SAM GRADY '26**

PUPPETEERS (CAT, MICE, DOVE, FOOTMAN, DRIVER, HORSES): **NULA MACCARTHY '30, SIMONE BASTONE-RUSSELL '29, JOHN MCGILLICUDDY '30, EDRIC BOURGEOIS-COLLIGAN '31**

VILLAGERS: **SOFIA IVANOV '30, ASPEN LAVERTU '32, PAISLEY DUTTA '29, ELIZA SMITH '28**

NYA Drama's winter performance of the timeless enchanted fairytale of *Cinderella* offered all the hallmarks of originality, charm, and elegance.

As adapted for the stage by Rodgers & Hammerstein with great warmth and more than a touch of hilarity, this romantic story warmed the hearts of children and adults alike.

Hadley Smith '26 played the title role of Cinderella. Getting her to the ball was Madeline Mayo '28 as the Fairy Godmother. Apollo Birney '27 portrayed the quite smitten Prince Christopher. Lila Fournier '28 as the Stepmother and her daughters Grace (Mia Dumont '30) and Joy (Eva Cusano '26) made life more than difficult for all at every turn.



SUPPORTING CAST

IAGO: **EERO BOWDEN** | SULTAN: **ED MCGILLICUDDY**

FRIENDS: **TRENT RICHARD, WYATT TSAFOS, JACKSON CALDWELL, ELLIE COULOMBE, ARYA GENDRON, JJ IMPANONZIZA, ENZO PERRONE**

The fifth grade transformed Higgins Black Box Theater into the desert kingdom of Agrabah for their performance of *Aladdin JR.!* Diamond-in-the-Rough Oliver Smith played the title character. He never had a friend like Jason Mutagoma, the boisterous Genie. Of. The. Lamp!!! Paige Brewer portrayed the strong-willed Princess Jasmine. These three heroes of the tale thwarted Abby Badmaev as the villainous Jafar.



CAST

HORTON: **CHARLIE FOURNIER '34** | JOJO THE WHO: **BELVA HOBAYO '34**
CATS IN THE HATS: **ROSIE LAVOIE '34, LIAM MERRILL '34, ELAINA PERREAULT '34**
GERTRUDE: **GIGI FORRESTER '34** | MAYZIE: **ROBIN FLEMING '34**
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MARSHAL: **AMÉLIE TSAFOS '35** | JUDGE YERTLE THE TURTLE: **VEDA PERRONE '35**
WICKERSHAMS: **ANDI GOOCH '34, ANNABELLE LAVERTU '34, LIEL SHYAKA '35**
ENSEMBLE OF WHOS, FISH, & JUNGLE CITIZENS: **MEMBERS OF THE THIRD & FOURTH GRADES**



Whos were heard on Safford's stage. Singing & dancing right off the page. In Lower School, arts are top on our charts. It's a parade! Starring third & fourth grade! Colorful characters from many a Seuss book. See who they are, just take a look.

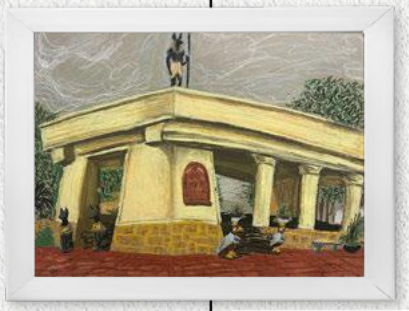
NYA CHORUS TO CARNEGIE HALL

The NYA Singers have been invited by Dr. Richard Nickerson, Artistic Director of the Maine Music Society, to perform at Carnegie Hall this spring. Under his direction, students who choose to participate will join a collaboration of Maine choirs on the Carnegie Hall stage in New York City to perform Ola Gjeilo's "Sunrise Mass".

"This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," said NYA Choral Director Aiden Maliski. "I am grateful to be able to offer it to our students. Beyond experiencing an incredible trip, our students will have the honor of performing on one of the world's most prestigious stages alongside talented singers from across Maine." The concert will be held on Memorial Day, May 31, 2027.



Colby Myer, faculty
Carousel



Apollo Birney '27
Pharaoh's Reign



Eva Cusano '26
Flood



Grace Goodall '29
Who Lived in a Shoe

ART SHOWS

To appreciate art, one must first view art. Works from NYA student and faculty artists garnered much appreciation from the community with gallery showings across Yarmouth. NYA Studio Art Teacher Colby Myer set up a show titled "Storyland" at 317 Main Community Music Center. "Storyland" highlighted a diverse range of student work, reflecting imagination, narrative, and personal expression across mediums. The show caught the attention of Emily Blackshear from the Yarmouth Arts Council who invited NYA to display the exhibit at Yarmouth's Merrill Memorial Library. "It is so important for young art students to exhibit their work and see how other people respond to it," said Myer. "That is why we have such a robust and changing gallery space on campus, but getting their work out in the community provides them with new insights into their work."

A YOUNG ARTIST'S FIRST SALE

When Fisher Shockey '34 joined NYA's Lower School in third grade, his family expected him to have a wonderful year. What they did not expect was that, at just nine years old, he would sell his first piece of artwork.

The opportunity began in Jules Fernandes's art class, where students created pieces inspired by Brazilian artist Romero Britto. Fisher's artwork was selected for NYA's annual holiday card, and soon after, a buyer reached out to purchase the original.

"I didn't think that would ever happen," Fisher admits with a grin. But the sale held special meaning for another reason. "It's also pretty cool," he shares, "because my mom is also an artist."

His mother, Pamela Shockey, an award-winning painter whose work is exhibited in galleries throughout Maine, has been impressed by NYA's arts program. "What has impressed me most," she says, "is the artwork displayed during Grandparents' Day. I was blown away when I attended for the first time. The quality of the work was amazing!"

Pamela is also involved in an initiative that will bring students and parents together to create artwork for auction at the 2027 Soirée, benefiting NYA's visual and performing arts programs.

As for Fisher, his enthusiasm is simple: "We do super fun projects," he says. "You're happy while you're doing them."





making art with words



Dr. Sagaree Sengupta

Listen to a poem in a language you don't know a single word of. Write down what it sounds like—don't worry about the meaning or check a translation. The meter and your own associations may create fragments of meaning that you can stitch together into something new. You might be surprised by what emerges from the hidden parts of your own mind.

There are two terms of Creative Writing—Poetry and Fiction--but both ask the same essential questions: How do you put the feeling of a moment into words? What do your words convey? Can you leave possibilities open? Does it sound good? Will it pull the reader in? Will it make the reader feel something—even if that feeling is unpleasant?

An "ew, gross" is just as much an appreciation of a writer's skill as an "aww" after reading about a newly hatched robin. It is easy to write, she felt heartbroken or he was excited about the game. The challenge is to create an experience in which the reader feels those emotions, too.

In Creative Writing, we create art with words—poems that sing, stories that draw us into other lives, adventures that haunt the imagination or make us laugh.

A student who had just finished our poetry unit once asked whether I would still insist on concrete images and sensory detail in fiction. After a moment's thought, my answer was yes. Students are often good at plot and character, but I still ask: What are the signs that this girl is anticipating something special in the mail? What does a "successful banker in his late 20s" actually look and sound like? Fiction, like poetry, comes alive through vivid details—the peculiarities of expression, speech, dress, and the sensory moments that make a story feel real.

We invite play, but we shape that play through craft, creating finished pieces for others to experience. We want students to trust their readers enough to let them draw their own conclusions. Could a piece mean more than the writer intended? Can art evoke responses beyond the creator's conscious ideas? We ask these questions of creative writing just as we would of a painting, sculpture, or embroidered work of art.

Students write for many practical purposes in English class—persuading, advocating, explaining—but Creative Writing is different. Here, experimentation, capturing sensations, evoking memory, and practicing through sound and rhythm are our art materials.

Academics

Welcome Home: Max Rosner Joins NYA as Director of College Counseling

NYA is excited to welcome Max Rosner as Director of College Counseling. A Brunswick native and Bowdoin College graduate, Rosner returns to Maine after serving as Associate Director of College Counseling at The Taft School. His experience includes guiding a wide range of students, including international applicants and recruited student-athletes, through the college search and admissions process.



Rosner believes college counseling is about helping students discover the best fit for their strengths, interests, and goals.

"I am thrilled to join the NYA community as both a college counselor, coach, and parent," says Rosner. "I look forward to partnering with families to ensure every student finds a college that they are excited about."

Rosner joins NYA with his wife and three children, who will all become Panthers this fall.

Passion Projects

Learning at NYA doesn't end when classes do. Through their Passion Projects, seniors pursue independent experiences that challenge them to explore new interests, develop skills, and engage with the wider community. This video showcases a few of this year's inspiring projects.

Beyond the Classroom: A Champion for Student-Athletes

In addition to leading College Counseling, Max Rosner brings a wealth of lacrosse experience to NYA. A former Bowdoin player, he represented the Philippines at the 2018 World Lacrosse Championship and now serves as Head Coach of the Philippines National Team.

Rosner will support boys lacrosse by helping student-athletes navigate the recruiting process and introducing prospective families to opportunities at NYA. His experience and connections will be especially valuable as the program prepares to join NEPSAC competition in 2027–28.

Crossing Over

"At NYA, every student has something to teach and something to learn."

Because NYA spans toddler through postgraduate, students have unique opportunities to learn from one another across divisions. Upper School students regularly assist in Lower School classrooms and aftercare, while younger students look up to older peers they see every day around campus.

Throughout the year, students share their knowledge, creativity, and enthusiasm in meaningful ways. An Upper School economics class introduced third- and fourth-graders to the concept of trade using candy as currency. Sixth graders taught younger students about friction and Newton's Third Law of Motion, strengthening their own communication skills along the way. Kindergarten students wrote a how-to book on making s'mores, then brought it to life with the help of Upper School volunteers.

These connections can be unexpected, too. When Adriano Kambamba '30 was unable to present to his French B class, he instead shared his martial arts presentation with seventh grade French A students. Soon after, he learned he had earned a gold medal on the National French Exam.

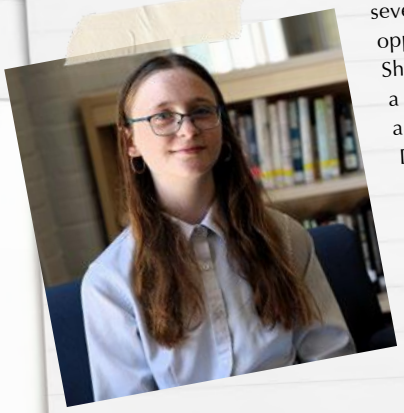


Across campus, older students inspire younger students, while younger students remind us all what curiosity and enthusiasm look like. At NYA, learning happens everywhere, and it happens together.

Finding Poetry in the Quiet

A quiet winter evening inspired Denali Garson '29 to write "Winter Solstice", a poem that earned Second Place in the 2026 Plunkett Poetry Contest, a statewide competition for Maine high school and college poets.

The award continues a remarkable record for the young writer, whose poem "Thinking" won the Kennebec County division of The Telling Room's Statewide Writing Contest in 2025.



Since joining NYA midway through seventh grade, Denali has embraced opportunities to grow as a writer. She plans to take Creative Writing as a junior and is considering pursuing a Creative Writing Diploma with Distinction. Denali's success reflects NYA's commitment to helping students develop their artistic voices through meaningful opportunities both in and beyond the classroom.

Winter Solstice

Those days
when the snow enfolded the world
in downy cushions and iron shackles,
both warm and inviting, cold and dead.
And the woodpecker and the insect were forced
to set aside their eternal feud and find warmth
in their own blood. When life sharpened into
a pat on the shoulder and a choking grasp,
but the days blurred blue white, and Time
gave up his 9-5 and took a vacation to Bermuda,
or wherever manifestations of abstract concepts go
when they want to be snowbirds.
And in his wake, Chiaroscuro reigned
upon a stolid throne as the earth folded in on itself.

I would walk
in the darkness of four thirty p.m, save for the
charitable moon
and the stars that twinkled, and the satellites that
also twinkled.
And wonder, which were the imposters?
Or if every faraway sun had been replaced with a
machine.
But with two eyes that evolved to keep you alive,
and not paint an accurate view of the world, you just
had to hope.
I decided that if black was a color and cold was a hue,
there would be a most glorious rainbow stretched
across the horizon. And some poor leprechaun
in his winter sweater would be broke,
his pot of gold long ago found and swept away.

And it doesn't take a kook to look at pictures
from the distant summers and wonder
if the world really used to appear so full
and claustrophobic.
Where green-cheeked trees fought for elbow room
and the breeze rattled wind chimes instead of bones.



Opening Doors to College Opportunities

In just its second year, NYA's Mini College Fair expanded from 27 to 43 colleges and universities represented. Students had the opportunity to connect one-on-one with admission representatives, learning more about campuses, academic programs, and the many paths available to them.

Created by college counseling director Gretchen Bergill, this growing event provides students with meaningful opportunities to explore their options and make connections as they navigate their college search journey.

FUN FACT:
24 of 51 NYA students earned awards this year on the Middle School National Language Exam in French and Spanish Levels A and B!

A LASTING IMPACT

Reflecting on the Careers and Contributions of Three NYA Retirees



Tara Johnson

34 years

When Tara Johnson moved to Maine as a newlywed in 1992, she was looking for work while her husband settled into a new job in Portland. A chance encounter while walking her dog led her to NYA, where a neighbor suggested she explore employment opportunities. Tara took the advice and was hired, beginning what would become a 34-year career at the Academy.

For 25 years, Tara worked in Development, partnering with parents, alumni, and trustees. In 2017, after her son graduated from NYA, she transitioned to the main office, serving as Registrar and Upper School Assistant.

"It's been great," Tara says. "I just love the kids. And working with Eric [Austin] and Ben [Jackson] has been amazing."

> *"It has been my family. My second family."*

Tara retired in June 2026 and is looking forward to her daughter's wedding, home and garden projects, and future travel. Even so, she hopes to remain connected to NYA in some capacity.

"It really has been the perfect place for me," she says. "I appreciate how motivated the kids are and how hard everyone works. This school just brings out the best in people."

Reflecting on her impact, Ben Jackson writes, "It is impossible to list all of the things Tara has done at NYA. She has supported students, families, faculty, the Board of Trustees, and so many others with care, professionalism, and kindness."

That sentiment is shared by Sidney Bouman '27, who says, "Ms. Johnson is such an integral part of our community. There are no words to describe how much she means to NYA students, faculty, and parents alike."

When asked what NYA has meant to her, Tara smiles.

"It has been my family," she says. "My second family."



Heidi O'Connor

23 years

After 23 years at North Yarmouth Academy, Middle School language teacher Heidi O'Connor retired in June 2026, leaving a legacy of meaningful relationships and dedication to students.

Heidi taught both French and Spanish, sharing her love of language and culture with generations of students. As an advisor, she guided countless middle school students, earning a reputation as a trusted mentor and advocate.

"Heidi has been a steady and caring presence in the lives of hundreds of students during her tenure at NYA," said Middle School Head Marissa Markonish. "She built authentic relationships with students and families, challenged students, and brought warmth, humor, and dedication to our community every day."

Through her work in and beyond the classroom, Heidi helped students learn, grow, and thrive, leaving a lasting impact on the NYA community.

"We are deeply grateful for all that Heidi has given to NYA over the past two decades," Markonish said. "She will be greatly missed, and we wish her every happiness in retirement."



Gretchen Bergill

5 years

After five years at North Yarmouth Academy, College Counselor Gretchen Bergill retired in June 2026, concluding a career that spanned college admissions, independent schools, and the outdoor industry.

A Colby College graduate and lifelong Sugarloafer, Gretchen worked in admissions at Colby College, spent 11 years with Patagonia, and later served in college counseling roles before joining NYA in 2021.

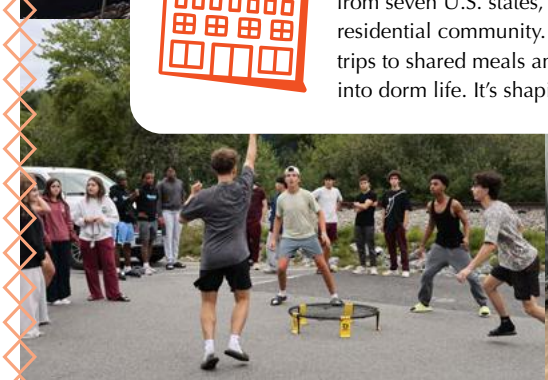
"Gretchen brought a rare combination of expertise, perspective, and genuine care for students to her work," said Upper School Head Eric Austin. "She was a trusted guide for families navigating the college process and a valued colleague whose positive influence extended throughout the Upper School."

Known for her thoughtful guidance and support of students and families, Gretchen made a lasting impact on the NYA community. We thank her for her service and wish her all the best in retirement.





This year, NYA welcomed 37 boarding students from nine countries, including Australia, Brazil, Canada, the Czech Republic, Italy, Germany, Korea, Spain, and Vietnam. Students also arrived from seven U.S. states, bringing a rich mix of perspectives to our residential community. From orientation activities and shopping trips to shared meals and new friendships, students quickly settled into dorm life. It's shaping up to be an outstanding year ahead.





ATHLETICS





SPRING INTO ACTION

NYA Athletics capped off another outstanding spring season with state championships, milestone performances, and deep postseason runs.

Boys Lacrosse captured its second consecutive Class C State Championship, defeating Maranacook/Winthrop 17–6. Senior captain Gavin Thomas ’26 eclipsed 100 career goals during the season, while Stephen Connolly ’27 surpassed the milestone during the Panthers’ championship playoff run.

On the softball diamond, the Panthers claimed their third Class D State Championship in four years. The team erupted for 10 runs in the first inning before Isabelle Hinkley ’26 delivered a walk-off double in the sixth to end the game by mercy rule. Western Maine Conference Pitcher of the Year Lily Fortin ’28 anchored the championship run.



Girls Lacrosse advanced to the Class C State Championship after an overtime win in the conference finals. Led by 100-goal scorer Ava Wilkinson ’28, the Panthers finished an impressive 14–4 season as state runners-up.

Girls Track & Field captured its fifth consecutive Western Maine Conference Division Championship, while Hadley Smith ’26 will continue her cross country and track career at Smith College. Boys Tennis also enjoyed its deepest postseason run since 2007, advancing to the Class C Regional Final.



THREE-PEAT

Girls Prep Hockey continued its championship tradition, winning a third consecutive Vaillancourt Conference Championship with a 2–0 victory over Austin Prep. The Panthers finished the 2025–26 season 17-8-3 overall and 10-1-1 in conference play.

Four seniors will continue their athletic careers at the NCAA Division III level: Sadie Morgan at Utica University, Jordan Nash at Roger Williams University, Eve-Marie Leclerc at the University of Southern Maine, and Isabelle Hinkley at Maine Maritime Academy.



FROM TEAM USA TO TEAM NYA



One of the highlights of the girls lacrosse season came when U.S. National Team goalkeeper Caylee Waters joined the Panthers as a guest coach for six practices.

Working closely with goalkeeper Mallory Kulas ’28 and the Panther defense, Waters introduced drills and techniques she uses with the Women’s Lacrosse League’s Maryland Charm.

“Having Caylee Waters with our program was an incredible opportunity,” said Head Coach Molly Stokes ’05, P’38. “Beyond being one of the best goalies in the world, she’s an outstanding teacher. Her knowledge, enthusiasm, and ability to connect with our players elevated every minute of practice. Our players walked away inspired and better because of the time she invested in our team.”

FITNESS & WELLNESS



NYA welcomed Craig Priestly as Fitness and Wellness Coach, expanding strength and conditioning opportunities for students while launching the Academy’s new Summer Fitness Program for both the NYA community and the public.



CONGRATS COACH WARDE!

NYA Varsity Boys Hockey picked up a 4–1 win over BB&N on January 2, 2026—day one of the NYA Holiday Face-off Showcase. This earned Head Coach Mike Warde his 100th win with the NYA program! After the game, Coach Warde said, “It’s all about team, and this goes to all the alumni and current players who have shaped our program.” Congratulations, Coach!

LOOKING AHEAD

NYA Athletics continues to build for the future. Beginning in 2027–28, the Academy will join the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) in boys basketball, field hockey, boys and girls lacrosse, and boys and girls soccer, joining the hockey programs already competing in the league.

The Academy will also launch competitive sailing through the New England Schools Sailing Association (NESSA), creating exciting new opportunities for students while expanding NYA’s tradition of competitive excellence.



ALUMNI PROFILES







Conor Welch ’01: Following Curiosity

When Conor Welch ’01 returned to North Yarmouth Academy as commencement speaker for the Class of 2026, he reflected on a journey that began with curiosity and ultimately led to a successful career in Hollywood.

As a student at NYA, Conor was drawn not only to movies, but also to the people and stories around him. In his Commencement address, he recalled moving between lunch tables and seeking to understand “what makes everybody tick,” a curiosity that would later shape his professional life.

After graduating from NYA in 2001 and earning a degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Conor moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in film and television. Today, he is an accomplished producer and entertainment executive whose work includes film and television projects for some of the industry’s most recognizable studios and streaming platforms.

Returning to campus 25 years after his own graduation, Conor encouraged graduates to seek out mentors, embrace new opportunities, and pursue their goals with persistence and creativity. His message served as both a reflection on his own path and a reminder that success often begins with simple curiosity.



Henry Sterling ’10, P’43 Returns to NYA

> “I am so excited to be back in Maine and to rejoin the NYA community with my wife and our son, who is now thriving in the toddler program. Katie and I look forward to giving back to the cross country and track teams, while experiencing all that Maine has to offer as we grow our family!”

North Yarmouth Academy welcomed a familiar face back to campus this fall as Henry Sterling ’10, P’43 joined the faculty as our fourth-grade teacher.

An NYA alumnus and Dartmouth College graduate, Henry returns to Maine after six years teaching elementary students in Arizona. He now brings his passion for learning and commitment to students to the NYA classroom.

One of the most accomplished athletes in recent NYA history, Henry competed in soccer, indoor track, and outdoor track. A standout distance runner in the Class of 2010, he helped establish NYA as one of Maine’s premier small-school track programs before continuing his success at Dartmouth. He later qualified for the U.S. Olympic Marathon Trials, cementing his place among the school’s all-time great athletes.

Henry’s return to NYA is made even more special by his induction into the Edgar F. White ’38 Athletic Hall of Fame on Homecoming Weekend.



A Ring, a Romance, and a Remarkable Legacy



At 101 years old, Hazel Currier, NYA's oldest living alumna and Yarmouth's oldest resident, has gifted the Academy both her Class of 1943 ring and the extraordinary story behind it.

Hazel never wore the ring on graduation day for two reasons: she wasn't there, and the ring was thousands of miles away.

During World War II, Hazel's high school sweetheart, Owen, was called into military service. The couple married on December 5, 1942, just days before he left for basic training and five days before Hazel's eighteenth birthday. At the time, married women were not permitted to attend school, preventing Hazel from officially graduating from NYA.

Instead, her class ring accompanied Owen overseas. He carried it throughout his service in the European Theater, including the Battle of the Bulge. In October 1945, both soldier and ring returned safely to Yarmouth. Hazel and Owen would spend 47 years together before his passing in 1992.

Recently, NYA Dean of Students Lynn Sullivan and Class of 2027 student Kenlie Nadeau visited Hazel to receive the ring and hear her story firsthand.

"I loved meeting Hazel, and it was eye-opening how different her experiences at NYA were from mine," said Nadeau. "It was such a cool experience. It inspired me to want to write my senior biography paper on her. I want to learn more."

Finding His Place in Music

Dan Melnick '01

For Dan Melnick '01, music has been the driving force behind both his personal and professional journey. From performing in North Yarmouth Academy ensembles to leading innovative music-focused companies, his career has been shaped by a lifelong passion for the arts.

Raised in a family of musicians and music lovers, Melnick spent much of his youth attending concerts, playing guitar, and performing with bands. After graduating from NYA in 2001, he attended the University of Chicago, where he studied the intersection of music, religion, and anthropology.

His career began in Chicago's arts community before a move into technology led him to cofound Reverb, an online marketplace for musical instruments. What began as a three-person startup grew into the world's largest marketplace of its kind before being acquired by Etsy in 2019. Melnick later served as General Manager of Bandcamp and is currently developing a new venture in the music industry.

Melnick credits NYA's arts program with helping nurture the passion that guided his career. He participated in every instrumental ensemble offered and remembers music teacher Ian Ramsey as an influential mentor.

"Music is not just a skill," Melnick says. "It's a way of thinking and experiencing the world."

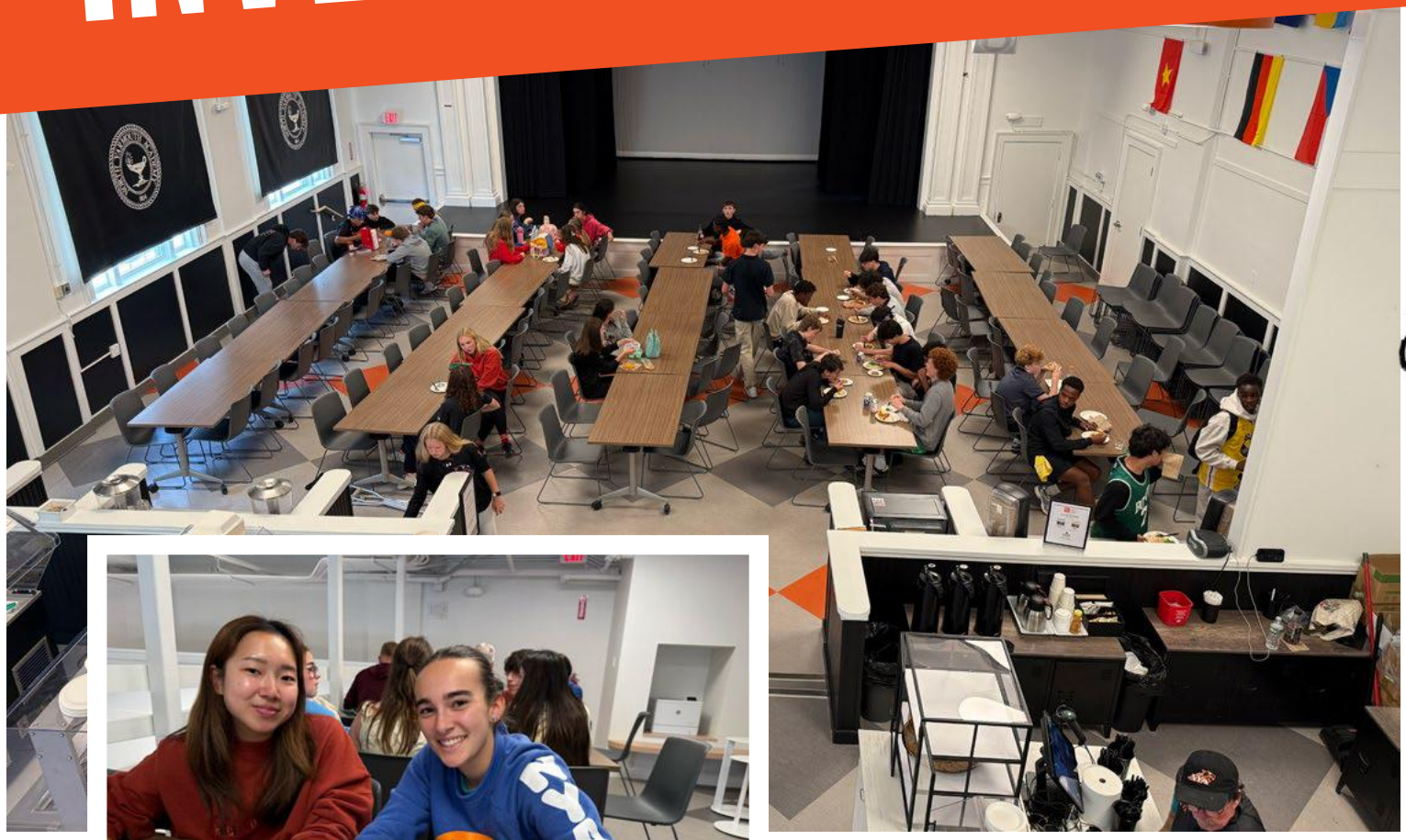
For students interested in creative careers, his advice is simple: stay adaptable, pursue what you love, and remain open to unexpected opportunities.



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Milo was Here 2021-2022

INVESTING IN A VIBRANT

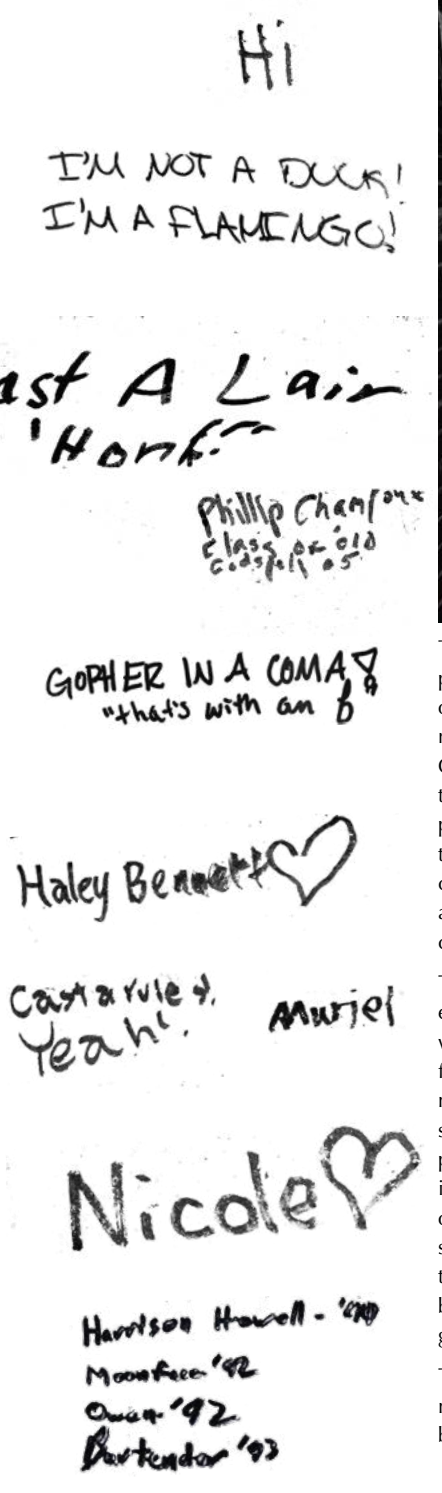






Student graffiti is from the the walls backstage in Safford Auditorium uncovered as the renovation progressed.

FUTURE







Thanks to the generosity of alumni, parents, grandparents, and friends of the Academy, the complete renovation of the historic Safford Center is being funded entirely through philanthropy. This three-phase, $1.6 million project is transforming one of NYA's most cherished gathering places into a vibrant hub for creativity, community, and connection.

The first phase of the renovation enhanced the dining space with new furnishings, lighting, flooring, and finishes, creating a more welcoming environment for students and faculty. The current phase focuses on the theater itself, including a larger stage, state-of-the-art sound and lighting systems, high-definition projection technology, and a reimagined rear balcony designed as a flexible gathering and collaborative space.

The final phase, scheduled for next summer, will complete the balcony expansion, adding new theater seating and additional dining space while modernizing the dining service area beneath it.

The reimagined Safford Center will also be home to the Deborah & Hall Thompson P'88, P'90, GP'23, GP'24 Arts Hall of Fame, honoring alumni, faculty, and community members whose contributions have shaped NYA's artistic legacy. Established by former trustee Hall Thompson and former faculty member Debbie Thompson, the Hall of Fame celebrates those who have enriched the cultural life of the Academy while inspiring future generations of artists, performers, and creative thinkers.

As Hall and Debbie explain, the Hall of Fame was created to "support the important updates to the Safford Center while also honoring the artists who have helped define NYA's community and to ensure that the arts continue to thrive here."

To learn more or nominate an NYA artist for the Arts Hall of Fame, scan the QR code.

To date, generous donors have contributed $1.4 million toward the $1.6 million project. Leadership support has been provided by James '98 and Renée Cabot P'30, P'32, P'36; Chris and Alyson Claudio P'29; Case and Abigail Lynch GP'29, GP'31; Sig and Anne Thompson '88 Schutz P'23, P'24; Hall and Debbie Thompson P'88, P'90, GP'23, GP'24; Rob and Betsy Tod P'20, P'25; and the Welch Charitable Fund.



To help complete the campaign, Valentine '87 and Michelle Sheldon P'29, P'31 have established a $250,000 dollar-for-dollar matching gift, giving the NYA community an opportunity to double the impact of every contribution.

To learn more or support the project, contact Jennifer Richard, Director of Development, at jrichard@nya.org.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

The NYA arts faculty reflect on creativity, confidence, and the lasting impact of arts education.

"It's not just about teaching how to draw. It's about teaching them how to see the world from a different perspective."

With those words, Upper School Art Teacher Colby Myer captures a philosophy shared by NYA's visual and performing arts faculty. The arts are not simply about learning notes, lines, techniques, or stage directions. They are about learning to observe, create, collaborate, take risks, and develop a deeper understanding of both ourselves and the world around us.

Together, NYA's arts educators bring more than 80 years of teaching experience to their classrooms, studios, rehearsal spaces, and stages. While their artistic disciplines vary, their goals are remarkably similar: helping students discover their voices, express themselves authentically, and grow in confidence through the creative process.

ON CREATIVITY AND SELF-EXPRESSION

Linda Vaillancourt P'22, P'25, P'28

Visual and Performing Arts Chair; Lower School Strings; Middle School Strings and Band; Upper School Orchestra

I love creating music with students, especially when they realize that they are actually able to make music and sound good. The arts are an outlet. They allow for expression. You do not need to be a master musician or artist to gain the benefits.



Aiden Maliski

Choral Music Teacher

From a bird's-eye view, performing arts programs help schools educate the whole student. They provide a safe space for students to learn and think freely. They allow students to truly express themselves and expand their creativity. In the arts, they do so not only by developing targeted artistic skills, but also by developing skills in communication, confidence, creativity, and empathy.





ON LEARNING THROUGH PROCESS

Andrew Cook

Middle School Art



I teach young minds that they are more than capable of being creative before they convince themselves they cannot even draw a stick figure. I teach that you cannot create artwork wrong, and no one can create a work of art the way they do. With each class, we explore, discover, fail, and try again. We learn from one another and share our thoughts and concepts freely without worrying about ridicule or negativity.

Jules Fernandes

Lower School and Fifth Grade Art



When they come to art, the pressure to be 'right' is lifted, which allows them to think and create more openly.

They get more comfortable taking creative risks, trusting the learning process, and celebrating the fact that everyone's artwork looks different.

ON GROWTH AND CONFIDENCE



Sara Jaffe

Drama and Upper School Math

You learn a lot about yourself by doing theater, even if you're spending most of your time playing a completely different person. Seeing students come back show after show and not just improve as performers or in technical areas, but also seeing them grow as leaders, as organizers, as motivators, and as role models is one of the best experiences. Being in the position to not just watch but also help facilitate that artistic growth and personal development is inspiring and makes me so proud to produce theater with students.



Ian Ramsey

Upper School Wind Ensemble, Steel Band, Studio Band, Director of NYA's Kauffmann Program, and Brain Training

Helping students learn to be creative and make things, to be expressive and perform in front of people in stressful situations, is as good a preparation for the world as I can imagine.

Joy, curiosity, passion, and a willingness to understand the myriad ways that different cultures perform artistically helps you to be a better, happier, more purposeful, and empathic human.



ON SEEING THE WORLD DIFFERENTLY

Colby Myer P'30, P'30

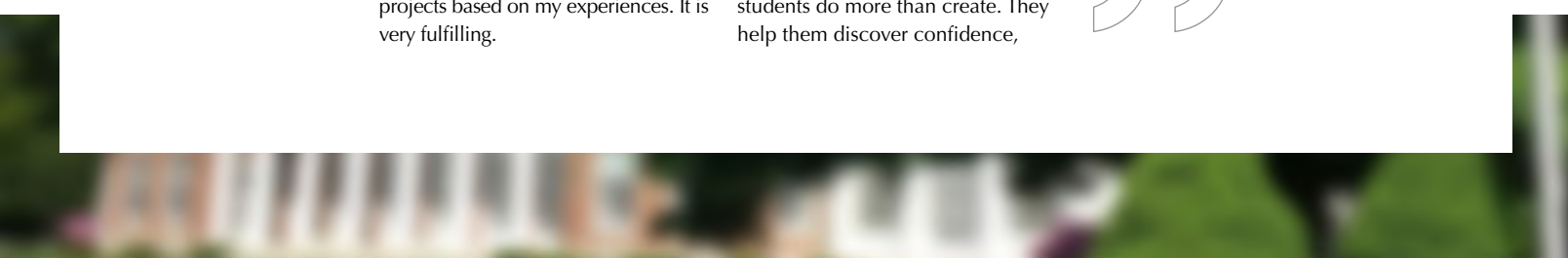
Upper School Art and AP Studio Art

It's not just about teaching how to draw. It's about teaching them how to see the world from a different perspective.

I'm constantly inspired by the world, and I try to bring that inspiration into my classes. As part of my professional development, I travel each year to visit a new location. There I explore local art museums and draw and paint on site. I pick up new ways of making art and seeing the world, then I design projects based on my experiences. It is very fulfilling.

Whether through music, theater, visual arts, or design, NYA's arts faculty share a common belief: creativity is not reserved for a talented few. It is a skill, a mindset, and a way of understanding the world. Every day, they help students discover that their voices matter and that there is more than one way to see, learn, create, and grow.

Together, NYA's arts educators help students do more than create. They help them discover confidence, embrace curiosity, take risks, and find their voices. Whether in the studio, rehearsal room, or on the stage, the lessons learned through the arts extend far beyond graduation, shaping thoughtful, creative, and engaged members of the community.



Panthers on the Slopes

NYA hosted its second annual Ski & Ride Day at Pleasant Mountain on March 1. Alumni, students, parents, faculty, and staff enjoyed a day on the slopes followed by a lively gathering on the deck. Special thanks to faculty member Zach Clayton for organizing this growing community tradition. We look forward to seeing everyone next year!



Celebrating Special Connections



NYA's campus was filled with smiles on May 8 as grandparents and special friends joined Lower School students for a beloved annual tradition. Guests enjoyed musical performances, an art show, academic presentations, and classroom visits. Thank you to all who traveled near and far to make the day so memorable.



An EVENING of CELEBRATION and IMPACT

More than 300 members of the NYA community gathered for the 42nd Annual Soirée, themed *Then & Now: Honoring Our Past, Investing in Our Future*. The evening featured live and silent auctions, dinner, games, and a special performance by American Idol finalist Julia Gagnon '20, now performing as Julia Haven, with a guest appearance by Portland Hearts of Pine MVP Ollie Wright.

The event generated $243,663 overall, including $152,250 for the Bright Futures Fund, which supports academic, artistic, and athletic excellence at NYA. Thank you to everyone who helped make the evening a success.











HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS & HOCKEY

On December 28, alumni returned to NYA's Travis Roy Arena for the annual Coed Alumni Hockey Game. The event brought together former players from across generations for friendly competition and a chance to reconnect with teammates and friends. Following the game, alumni and families gathered for a reception celebrating the lasting bonds of NYA hockey.

BACK ON THE PITCH

Alumni returned to campus on July 27 for the annual NYA Alumni Soccer Games, joining current players for an evening of spirited competition and camaraderie. Following the men's and women's matches, players and families gathered for pizza and conversation, continuing a favorite NYA summer tradition.











Lessons from Entrepreneurial Alumni

Innovation, resilience, and community were at the heart of Conversations with Entrepreneurs, a virtual panel sponsored by the Alumni Association Leadership Council. Alumni Rheanna Sinnett '99, Roy Morejon '99, Ashley Dunham Smalley '01, and Brian Chin '06 shared lessons learned, challenges overcome, and insights from their entrepreneurial journeys.

Moderated by Peter Sillin, History Department Chair and Director of the Sheldon MINT Lab (Financial Literacy), the discussion offered valuable advice for students, alumni, parents, and friends of NYA.



Serving Up Success

During the 61st Annual Yarmouth Clam Festival, NYA's Family Association booth was powered by dozens of student and parent volunteers selling ice cream, pretzels, popcorn, and beverages. The booth netted $8,832, funding grants that will benefit students and faculty in the year ahead.

NYA extends its sincere thanks to Maine Root Craft Soda, Shain's Maine Ice Cream, Swift River Coffee Roasters, One Stop Event Rentals, and Sysco Northern New England for their generous support.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION ADOPTS *NEW* NAME, WELCOMES *NEW* LEADERSHIP







The NYA Parents' Association has officially become the Family Association, a name that better reflects the many individuals who support NYA students, including parents, grandparents, guardians, and other caregivers. While the name has changed, the organization's mission remains the same: building connections among families, supporting school events, and funding grants that enhance the student and faculty experience.

The Family Association also begins a new chapter under the leadership of Ally Fuller P'42 and Ashley Wozniak P'32, who have assumed the roles of co-presidents. They succeed outgoing president Jess Lynch P'29, P'31, whose leadership over the past five years helped grow fundraising efforts, expand grant support, and strengthen family engagement across the NYA community.

NYA extends its sincere gratitude to Jess and her family for their dedication and service, and looks forward to the continued success of the Family Association under Ally and Ashley's leadership.

To learn more or get involved, email Family@nya.org.



From left to right: Harrison Rana, Mary Haden Browning, Tavi Browning, Charlotte Rana '31, Robin Browning (Gran), William Rana, and Simms Browning (Grandad).

INVESTING IN TEACHERS, HONORING A LEGACY

Robin Rhodes Browning, mother of NYA Trustee Christie Rana P'26, P'28, P'31, was a former teacher and college administrator whose passion for education extended far beyond her career. A lifelong learner and dedicated volunteer, she was deeply involved in her children's schools and held a special appreciation for teachers.

In her memory, Christie and her husband, Adam, joined family and friends in making gifts to North Yarmouth Academy's Savage Fund for Faculty Advancement, honoring the values Robin championed throughout her life.

"My mom deeply valued educators, especially the NYA Middle School teachers who shaped William, Harrison, and Charlotte," said Christie. "She and my dad loved attending Grandparents' Day and seeing the meaningful connections between teachers and students. After her passing, Adam and I learned about the Savage Fund for Faculty Advancement and knew supporting NYA's exceptional teachers was a fitting way to honor her legacy."

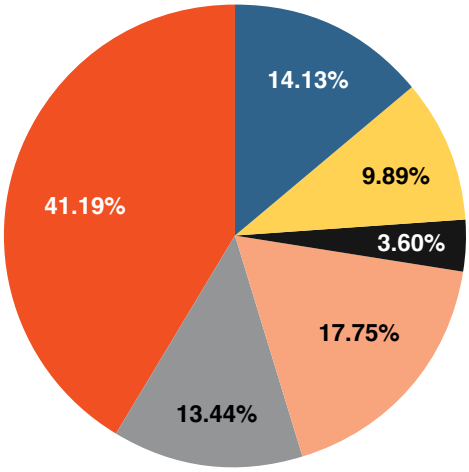
Established in 2002 by former Head of Middle School Cilla Savage and former Trustee Mike Savage P'88, P'90, the Savage Fund for Faculty Advancement helps NYA attract, retain, and invest in exceptional faculty through professional development and competitive compensation. As an endowed fund, it provides lasting support for generations to come.

NYA is grateful to all who made gifts in Robin's memory, strengthening faculty excellence and the educational experience of NYA students.

To learn more about NYA's endowed funds, scan the QR code.

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The Academy Fund sustains every aspect of the NYA experience, ensuring students have the resources and opportunities they need to learn, grow, and thrive each day.

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The Bright Futures Fund advances NYA's strategic vision by supporting exceptional educators, enriching student experiences, enhancing the campus, and expanding financial aid.

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Gifts to endowment funds provide enduring support for faculty development, scholarships, financial literacy programs, and other priorities that help sustain NYA's mission for generations to come.

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These forward-looking contributions will shape the future of NYA students, faculty, programs, and campus.

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Safford Center Renovation

Gifts to this project help transform NYA's historic Safford Center, revitalizing the dining commons and modernizing the theater. With a total of $1.6 million needed to complete the project, donors can now double their impact thanks to a $250,000 challenge match from Valentine '87 and Michelle Sheldon P'29, '31. FMI: jrichard@nya.org.



Message from the Director of Development

Dear NYA Benefactors,

Thank you to the alumni, parents, grandparents, faculty, staff, friends, and community partners who supported North Yarmouth Academy during Fiscal Year 2026. Thanks to your generosity, NYA received $2,563,071 in philanthropic support, including $362,142 for the Academy Fund, nearly $500,000 for the endowment, and more than $1 million for the renovation of Safford Center.

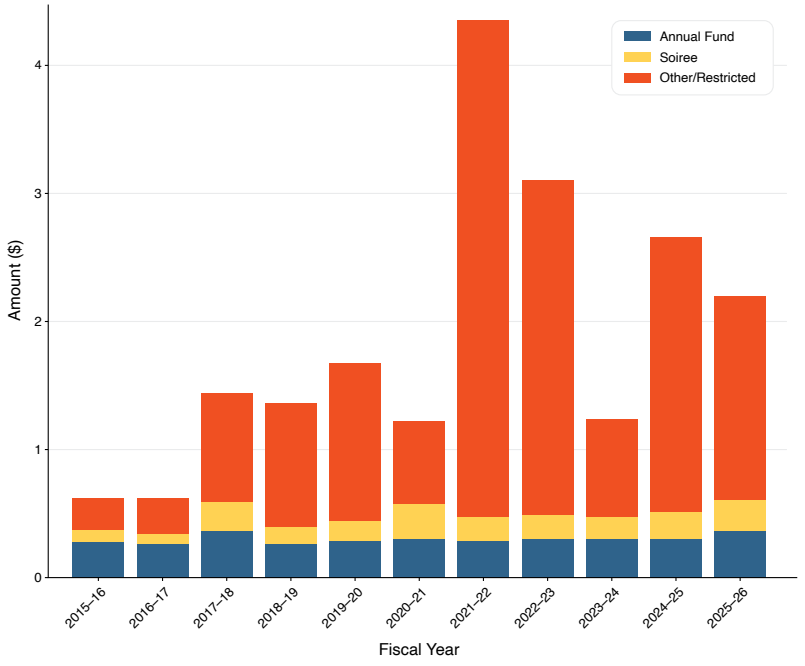
Your gifts enrich every aspect of the NYA experience, strengthening academics, arts, athletics, financial aid, faculty excellence, and our campus. The following Report of Gifts recognizes and celebrates those whose generosity helped advance our mission during Fiscal Year 2026. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our students and the future of North Yarmouth Academy.

On behalf of the entire NYA community, thank you for believing in the power of an NYA education.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Richard P'29, P'31, P'33
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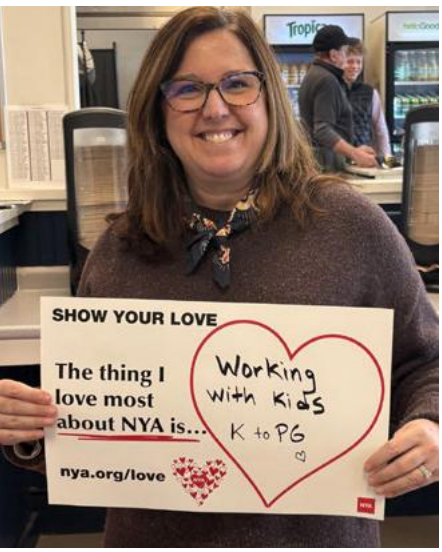
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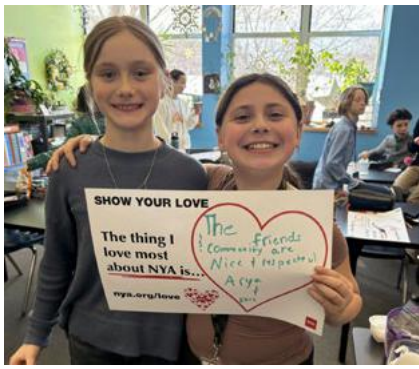
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Burt & Jane Thomas GP'29, GP'31, GP'33
Hall & Debbie Thompson P'88, P'90, GP'23, GP'24 *
Colby & Anita Thresher GP'19, GP21
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Marshall & Danielle Wallach GP'39, GP'40
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Class of 2026
23% PARTICIPATION

Anonymous
Ben & Amity Jackson P'21, P'22, P'26 *
Jeff & Beatrice Kalinich P'26 *
Clint & Lisa Nash P'26
George Shervanick P'26 *
Nate & Jess Smith P'26, P'28 *
Sean & Sarah Sweeney P'26, P'29 *
Jamie & Gina Tansey P'26
Greg Thompson & Allison Crevier P'26
Tay & Heather Veitch P'26 *
Spencer & Jess Violette P'24, P'26 *

Class of 2027
29% PARTICIPATION

Jason & Danielle Barschdorf P'27, P'29 *
Drs. Peter Bouman & Carrine Burns P'25, P'27 *
Jeremy & Alicia Gardiner P'27, P'27 *
Lance & Joy Guliani P'12, P'27 *
Tim & Melissa Hebert P'25, P'27 *
Ted & Tina McGillicuddy P'27, P'30, P'33 *
Mick & Jennifer Michaelis P'25, P'27
Derek & Brooke Nadeau P'27, P'27 *
Hop Nguyen P'27 *
Will & Lana O'Shea P'27 *
Kee Beum Park & Eunjung Choi P'27
Jeremy & Erika Sahlman P'27, P'30
David & Jennifer Speirs P'27, P'29
Simon & Dr. Whitney Wignall P'23, P'27 *
Daniel & Rachel Levine Ziminski '96, P'27



Class of 2028
21% PARTICIPATION

Derrick Buckspan & Laura O'Neill P'28
James Clifford & Rachel Williams P'28 *
Morgan '94 & Christina Cuthbert P'28
Monique Crawford & Jim Trytek P'28, P'30
Jarrod & Freddie Daniel P'26, P'28, P'30, P'32 *
Chris & Bridget Dornbach P'28, P'29
Joe & Tracey Duarte P'28
Tom Eichler & Stephanie Sersich P'28, P'29 *
Lucas & Paige Fournier P'28, P'30, P'34
David & Rachael Kennedy P'28
Eric & Gretchen Lacombe P'22, P'25, P'28 *
Phillip & Liz Smith P'28, P'29, P'33 *
Nate & Jess Smith P'26, P'28 *
Stewart & Liz Strawbridge P'28
Scott & Linda Vaillancourt P'22, P'25, P'28

Class of 2029
61% PARTICIPATION

Justin & Cristine Bachor P'25, P'29
Jason & Danielle Barschdorf P'27, P'29 *
Ben & Rebecca Brown P'29
Chris & Polly Carville P'29
Chris & Alyson Claudio P'29 *
Chris & Bridget Dornbach P'28, P'29
Kaushik Dutta & Michelle Lohutko P'29 *
Tom Eichler & Stephanie Sersich P'28, P'29 *
John & Josie Griffin P'29
Kyungtae Hong & Eunseon Jo P'29
Allen Keup & Kata Ritenburg P'29 *
Dewey Mote & Jess Lynch P'29, P'31 *
Joel & Joanna Pond P'29, P'30
Tim & Hannah Renyi P'29, P'32 *
Jarod & Jennifer Richard P'29, P'31, P'33 *
Ben Russell & Kelly Bastone P'29
Valentine '87 & Michelle Sheldon P'29, P'31 *



Phillip & Liz Smith P'28 P'29, P'33 *
David & Jennifer Speirs P'27, P'29
Sean & Sarah Sweeney P'26, P'29 *
Chad & Sherri Sylvester P'29 *
Charlie '00 & Melissa Weaver P'29, P'31, P'31 *
Gabe & Sally Weiss P'29

Class of 2030
37% PARTICIPATION

Jeff & Stacie Bowden P'25, P'30, P'32 *
James '98 & Beba Cabot P'30, P'32, P'36 *
Sheila Marian Carroll '86, P'30
Jim Trytek & Monique Crawford P'28, P'30
Jarrod & Freddie Daniel P'26, P'28, P'30, P'32 *
Lucas & Paige Fournier P'28, P'30, P'34
Merek & Julianne Franklin P'30
Brian & Kat French P'30, P'32 *
Michael & Renae Kovach P'30, P'32
Alexander Ivanov & Donyelle Werner P'30
Tom & Sarah Kirby P'28, P'30 *
Christopher & MaryBeth Lorenz P'28, P'30 *
Ted & Tina McGillicuddy P'27, P'30, P'33 *
Ben & Laura Metivier P'30 *
Michael & Julie Ouellette P'30 *
Joel & Joanna Pond P'29, P'30
Dan & Kristine Rausch P'30
Jeremy & Erika Sahlman P'27, P'30
Bill Walker & Emily Hinman P'30 *

Class of 2031
40% PARTICIPATION

Parker '01 & Colleen Adams P'31 *
Andrew Sharp & Brooke Beaney P'31
Justin & Kelly Brewer P'31, P'33 *
Jacqueline Bourgeois P'31
Derek & Jamie Gendron P'31, P'33
Greg & Megan Gooch P'31, P'34 *
Jesse Grant & Mori Rivera P'31, P'36
Brian & Katie Haney P'31
Joel & Antoinette Harrington P'31, P'31
Dewey Mote & Jess Lynch P'29, P'31 *
Paul & Francine Munyura P'25, P'31, P'33
Adam & Christie Rana P'26, P'28, P'31 *
Jarod & Jennifer Richard P'29, P'31, P'33 *
Valentine '87 & Michelle Sheldon P'29, P'31 *
Charlie '00 & Melissa Weaver P'29, P'31, P'31 *
Shawn & Michelle Weiblen P'31, P'31

Class of 2032
55% PARTICIPATION

Jeff & Stacie Bowden P'25, P'30, P'32 *
Jerry & Traci Combs P'32
Jarrod & Freddie Daniel P'26, P'28, P'30, P'32 *
Michael Davis & Collette Cushing P'32 *
Dwight & Kevan Deckelmann P'32, P'36 *
Roger & Martina Duncan P'32
Brian & Kat French P'30, P'32 *
Michael & Renae Kovach P'30, P'32
Jeremy & KB Lavertu P'32, P'34
Tim & Hannah Renyi P'29, P'32 *
Michael & Johie Seltzer P'32, P'35
Ashley Wozneak P'32

Class of 2033
32% PARTICIPATION

Eric & Amanda Bowden P'33, P'36, P'41 *
Justin & Kelly Brewer P'31, P'33 *
Derek & Jamie Gendron P'31, P'33
Nicholas Tsafos & Cindy Hould P'33, P'35 *
Ted & Tina McGillicuddy P'27, P'30, P'33 *
Paul & Francine Munyura P'25, P'31, P'33
Jarod & Jennifer Richard P'29, P'31, P'33 *
Phillip & Liz Smith P'28 P'29, P'33 *

Class of 2034
33% PARTICIPATION

J. Andrew & Emily Cashman P'34 *
Ryan & Kelly Fleming P'34
Randy & Ally Forrester P'34
Lucas & Paige Fournier P'28, P'30, P'34
Greg & Megan Gooch P'31, P'34 *
John & Erin Hadwen P'34, P'35
Dave & Rommy Holman P'34, P'36 *
Jeremy & KB Lavertu P'32, P'34
Ryan & Brittany Peters P'34, P'37
JD & Pamela Shockey P'23, P'34 *
John & Tiffanie Winters P'34

Class of 2035
47% PARTICIPATION

Sean & Elizabeth Barker P'35
David & Asha Echeverria P'35, P'38
John & Erin Hadwen P'34, P'35
Nicholas Tsafos & Cindy Hould P'33, P'35 *
Joseph Porta P'35, P'37
Michael & Johie Seltzer P'32, P'35
John & Courtney Watson P'35, P'36 *

Class of 2036
43% PARTICIPATION

Joshua & Amanda Bartlett P'36, P'38 *
Eric & Amanda Bowden P'33, P'36, P'41 *
James '98 & Beba Cabot P'30, P'32, P'36 *
Dwight & Kevan Deckelmann P'32, P'36 *
Jesse Grant & Mori Rivera P'31, P'36
Dave & Rommy Holman P'34, P'36 *
John & Courtney Watson P'35, P'36 *

Class of 2037
20% PARTICIPATION

Ryan & Brittany Peters P'34, P'37
Joseph Porta P'35, P'37
Chad Williams & Taylor Jordan P'37

Class of 2038
45% PARTICIPATION

Joshua & Amanda Bartlett P'36, P'38 *
Dillon & Penelope Dougherty P'38, P'40
David & Asha Echeverria P'35, P'38
Alex & Katherine Palmisano P'38, P'41
Ryan & Molly Moss '05 Stokes P'38 *



Class of 2039
21% PARTICIPATION

Drew Barder & Annie Huyler P'39, P'41
Dr. Luke & Melissa L'Heureux P'39
Pete Fitz '05 & Jane Affleck Fitz P'39 *
Drs. Matthew & Nicole Fortin P'39
Chris & Amy Mazzurco P'39 *
Lindsay Turner P'39 *
Nate Vatanasangpun & Navinta Srirattana P'39

Class of 2040
30% PARTICIPATION

Tyler & Katie Anderson P'40, P'40
Dillon & Penelope Dougherty P'38, P'40
Collin & Abigail Moss Henderson '09, P'40 *
Kenan & Dianna Mullis P'40
Chris & Izzy Piper P'40, P'42 *
Kevin & Michelle Roy P'40, P'41
Jon & Claire Schleder P'40
Chris Saucier & Kacey Lane P'40

Class of 2041
23% PARTICIPATION

Drew Barder & Annie Huyler P'39, P'41
Joachim Bean & Anna Antonucci P'41
Eric & Amanda Bowden P'33, P'36, P'41 *

Erik & Kristina Heithaus P'41
Josh & Aizy Kelton P'41
Alex & Katherine Palmisano P'38, P'41
Kevin & Michelle Roy P'40, P'41

Class of 2042
29% PARTICIPATION
Will & Ally Fuller P'42
Chris & Izzy Piper P'40, P'42 *
Andrew & Jordan Smith P'42

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Christopher Lorenz P'28, P'30 *
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Linc Merrill '75, P'04, P'06, GP'34 *
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Hannah Renyi P'29, P'32 *
Peter Robbins P'22, P'25 *
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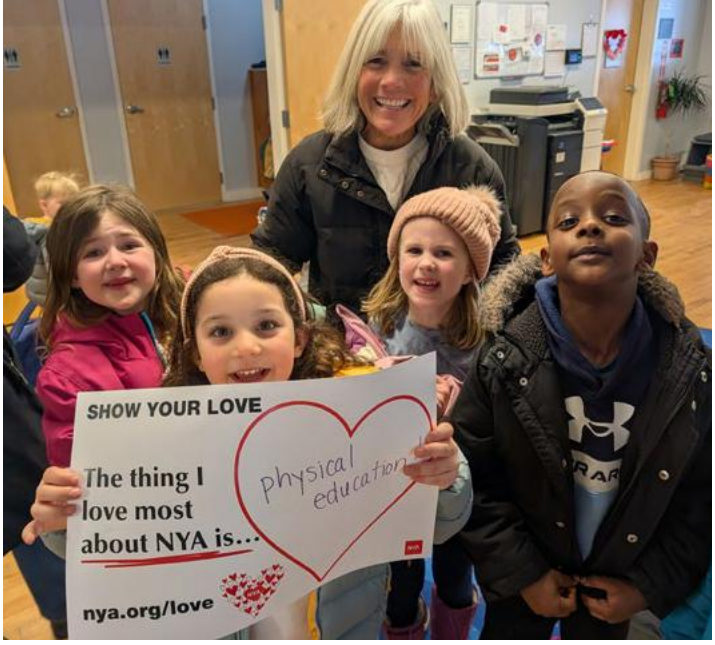
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In Honor of my classmate and dear friend, Michael Avery, NYA '77
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In Honor of the staff and Class of 1963
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In Honor of Ian Ramsey
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In Honor of Coach Warde
Chris Edwards '09 *
In Honor of Margaret & David Fenderson, my parents
Meg Fenderson '84 *
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In Honor of Jamie Goddard
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In Honor of Arthur Rudman
Tom '71 & Kathy LaMountain *
In Honor of Ryan, Nicholas, & Taylor Hemenway
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Jen Scully '97
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Brittany Hosmer Longoria '03 *
In Memory of Hannah Austin '15
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James & Melissa Cusano P'23, P'26
Jonathan D'Souza & Jennifer Hagans P'26
Ken & Giuia Grady P'20, P'26
Ben & Amity Jackson P'21, P'22, P'26
Jeff & Beatrice Kalinich P'26
Alex & Jocelyn Kloza P'26, P'28, P'34
Jeffrey & Lisa Lathrop P'26
Eric Leclerc & Kristine Godin P'24, P'26
Clint & Lisa Nash P'26
Luciano Parillo & Francine Sirimarco P'26, P'27
Chris & Jamie Perucci P'26





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Greg & Jodi Sabataso P'26
Mark & Heidi Seely P'26, P'28
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Greg Thompson & Allison Crevier P'26
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Collin & Abigail Moss Henderson '09, P'40
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Derek & Jamie Gendron P'31, P'33
Patriot Insurance Company
Linc '75 & Kim Merrill P'04, P'06, GP'34
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Parker '01 & Colleen Adams P'31



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Derrick Buckspan & Laura O'Neill P'28
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Tim & Melissa Hebert P'25, P'27
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Peter Robbins & Anne Snow P'22, P'25
Jay '94 & Julie Flower
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Payroll Management, Inc.
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Simon & Dr. Whitney Wignall P'23, P'27
Eric & Amanda Bowden P'33, P'36, P'41
Rick & Debby Abbondanza P'04
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Ben & Sally Roper P'29, P'32
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In-Kind

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Linc Merrill '75
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Mason Parks '20
Roderick Pendleton '84
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Marina Poole '15
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Mackenzie Sangster '16
Anne Thompson Schutz '88
Jen Scully '97
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Joel Thompson '90
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Estate of Marjorie Winslow P'80
Estate of C. David Winslow '80
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Class Notes

Class of 1964

Thornton Ring '64 is still working and living in South Freeport, Maine. He could be seen in both the Freeport 4th of July Parade and the Yarmouth Clam Festival Parade behind the wheel of some very cool vehicles!

Class of 1975

Marty Foley '75 was welcomed as a member of the NYA Alumni Association Leadership Council this year. Marty has been an active presence in the NYA community, representing the Council at many NYA events throughout the year.

Class of 1979

Chris Morrill '79 recently returned to NYA for a campus tour with a friend, guided by Head of School Ben Jackson. Following his visit, Chris agreed to serve as a Class Agent for the Class of 1979, helping to keep his classmates connected with one another and with NYA.

Class of 1994

Colin Leonard '94 has added another Grammy Award to his accomplishments, earning Album of the Year for his work on Bad Bunny's DeBÍ TiRAR MáS FOToS. Congratulations to Colin on this incredible achievement!

Class of 2002

Bennett Richardson '02 is the Chief Marketing and Communications Officer for the National Association of REALTORS®, where he leads the organization's marketing and communications efforts.



Class of 2005

Tim Nee '05 and his wife welcomed their second child, Hudson, to their family. Congratulations to the growing Nee family!

Laura Noyes Putnam '05 welcomed the NYA community to Hurricane Meadows Fall Festival for NYA Day in October. Alumni, families, and friends enjoyed a beautiful fall day filled with activities and Panther spirit. Thank you to Laura for hosting such a memorable gathering!

Class of 2007

Katherine Knight '07 graduated from the University of Maine School of Law with her J.D. in May 2026 and will soon join Sherman & Worden in Auburn. Congratulations to Katherine on this exciting professional milestone!

Class of 2009

Chris Edwards '09 and his wife welcomed a baby girl, Lilly. Mom and baby are both happy and healthy!

Professionally, Chris has also had an exciting year. In July, he internationally filed a PCT patent application for a global supply chain solution incorporating scoring based on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), expanding economic opportunities for users with disabilities, and integrating AI guardrails for global commerce.

This October, Chris is also expected to travel to Geneva with visa sponsorship from the United Nations to participate in an invite-only inaugural UN climate training summit under the organization's new "Planet" pillar.

Rachel Darby '09 married Chris Hill on August 8, 2026, in Los Angeles. Congratulations to the newlyweds!



Class of 2010

Henry Sterling '10, P'43 completed the Boston Marathon while proudly representing NYA. Henry will also be inducted int the Edgar F. White '38 Athletic Hall of Fame this fall and has returned to NYA as a faculty member and NYA parent.



Class of 2013

Lillie Reder '13 manages Central City Concern's Hepatitis C Elimination Program in Portland, Oregon, helping advance efforts to expand access to care and eliminate Hepatitis C in the community.



Class of 2018

Jack Sillin '18, a graduate of Cornell University, recently returned to NYA as a guest speaker in an Upper School Economics class. Jack shared insights from his work as a meteorologist developing energy-market forecasts and forecasting tools.



Jack and Charlotte (Collins) Sillin '18 also welcomed daughter Isabel Francis Sillin, future NYA Class of 2044. Congratulations to Jack and Charlotte.

Yikai "Troy" Hou '18 is beginning his career as an International Legal Counsel for a multinational technology company. Congratulations to Troy on this exciting next step in his professional career!

Class of 2021

Hannah Dow '21 is the Fan Experience Coordinator for the Portland Hearts of Pine Soccer Club, helping create an engaging and memorable experience for fans of Maine's professional soccer club.



E-Beth Goodrich '21 returned to NYA as the featured speaker at the Senior Dinner, sharing words of wisdom and encouragement with the Class of 2026.

Class of 2023

Vivian Tran '23 returned to NYA as the alumni speaker at the annual Soirée, sharing her experiences and reflections with the NYA community.

Panthers Together

Rheanna Sinnett '99, founder, owner, and operator of Floating Nomad; **Roy Morejon '99**, founder and CEO of AheadA; **Ashley Dunham Smalley '01**, founder and CEO of Ashley Smalley Digestive Health & Nutrition; and **Brian Chin '06**, co-founder of p3 Maine, came together for the NYA Alumni Association Leadership Council's virtual Conversations with Entrepreneurs event. The alumni panelists shared their experiences with entrepreneurship, including the challenges, lessons learned, and opportunities that come with turning ideas into meaningful ventures. The discussion was moderated by Peter Sillin, NYA History Department Chair, faculty advisor to the Start Up Club, and Director of the Sheldon MINT Lab.

Brayden Warde '23, Bailee St. Hilaire '24, Toree St. Hilaire '25, and **Jacob Colaluca '26** returned to NYA this summer to give back to the next generation of Panthers by coaching at an NYA hockey camp. Once a Panther, always a Panther!



Julia Gagnon '20 performed with **Hailey Frager '16** and Nora Krainis, former faculty, as part of the Portland Community Chorus's Our Maine concert and later joined the Portland Symphony Orchestra for Magic of Christmas, where Julia was featured as a guest soloist.

IN MEMORIAM

Announcements of deceased NYA alumni are published in the Chronicle annually and as we become aware of their passing. We invite members of the NYA community to send obituaries to the Alumni Relations Office, alumni@nya.org.

The NYA community extends its deepest sympathy to the loved ones of recently deceased alumni and friends.

ALUMNI BY CLASS YEAR

1944
Shirley E. Verrill
December 16, 2025

1949
Lois Grant Morrill
August 15, 2026

1956
Joan Mitchell Smith
March 23, 2026

1958
Samuel Greenlaw
June 19, 2026

1959
Earle "Buzzy" Pride
March 8, 2026

1960
Douglas S. Hathaway
November 14, 2025

1961
C. Peter James
December 10, 2025

1964
N. Rich Lindquist
June 4, 2026

1971
Geoffrey H. Shanklin
December 12, 2025

OTHERS

Michael T. Healy
Former Board Member and Coach
August 3, 2026

Richard A. Male
Former Faculty/Staff
April 18, 2024

























Class of 2026

COLLEGE ACCEPTANCES

Allegheny College (1)
Arcadia University (1)
Bentley University (1)
Bishop's University (1)
Bridgewater State University (1)
Bucknell University (1)
Canisius University (1)
Central Piedmont Comm. College (1)
Clark University (2)
Clarkson University (4)
Clemson University (1)
College of Charleston (1)



Colorado Mesa University (1)
Dalhousie University (1)
Dartmouth College (1)
Dean College (1)
Drew University (1)
Drexel University (2)
Duquesne University (1)
East Carolina University (1)
Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University (1)
Franklin & Marshall College (2)
Gettysburg College (1)
Hamilton College (1)
High Point University (3)
Hobart and William Smith Colleges (6)
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (Main Campus) (1)
Ithaca College (1)
Kent State University (1)
Lesley University (2)
Loyola University Maryland (1)
Macalester College (1)
Maine Maritime Academy (1)
Merrimack College (2)
Montana State University (1)
Northeastern University (4)
Ohio Wesleyan University (3)
Plymouth State University (1)
Pratt Institute (1)
Providence College (1)
Quinnipiac University (1)
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (1)
Rochester Institute of Technology (3)
Roger Williams University (2)
Sacred Heart University (1)



Saint Anselm College (2)
Salisbury University (1)
Savannah College of Art and Design (1)
Smith College (1)
St. Lawrence University (2)
St. Olaf College (1)
Stony Brook University (1)





Suffolk University (1)
SUNY College at Plattsburgh (1)
SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry (1)
Temple University (1)
The New School (1)
The University of Tampa (3)
Union College (3)
University of Colorado Boulder (3)
University of Denver (4)



University of Maine (15)
University of Massachusetts (Amherst) (1)
University of Massachusetts (Boston) (1)
University of Massachusetts (Lowell) (1)
University of Minnesota (Twin Cities) (1)
University of Nevada (Reno) (1)
University of New England (2)
University of New Hampshire (Main Campus) (5)
University of North Carolina at Charlotte (1)
University of Oregon (1)
University of Ottawa (1)
University of Rhode Island (1)
University of Southern Maine (6)
University of Vermont (3)
Ursinus College (1)
Utah State University (1)
Utah Valley University (1)
Utica University (1)
Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (1)
Wentworth Institute of Technology (1)
Wheaton College - MA (1)
Whitman College (1)
Widener University (1)

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Divine Judgement by Eva Cusano '26. Eva received second place for her painting from the Contemporary Renaissance Art Awards at the Rhode Island School of Design (RISD) Pre-College Program last summer.