President’s Letter

Dear Alumni,

We are alive. For the past several months, all of us have been involved in some way or another with confronting this “war” head-on…by staying home and staying safe, protecting and caring for our loved ones, working on the front lines as medical staff and first responders, to staying in touch with our classmates through a variety of media sources or phone calls. We are in the midst of historical times. We are alive.

Your Alumni Association is alive and well. Our group has had to modify the way we meet and the way we work together, but we are diligent. As you will read in this newsletter, our past projects have allowed us to continue with our goals: to provide two scholarships to graduating seniors, assist with renewing new friendships, and maintain a networking system that keeps us involved with our school.

Some changes had to be made, however, given the nature of the pandemic. Our restaurant fundraisers obviously were shut down. We did not pursue sponsors from small businesses this year early on, as they have been impacted. In the history of the Alumni Association, we felt it best to cancel the Annual Gathering, held for 113 years straight. We value our older generations and those that would be susceptible to this virus. But, we fight on. We are alive, we are survivors.

So let’s help out our small businesses. Don’t forget our restaurants that have helped us in the past. Order those take outs, call your classmates, we will get through this…together…and we look forward to seeing one of the biggest reunions we have ever had next year!

Take care of yourselves!

Sincerely, Lori White Cotter ’76, President, HA & WHS Alumni Association

Ted Davis ’61, Tracy Williams ’81, Lori Cotter ’76, and Sue Brooks ’81 attending a football game in the fall of 2019

Due to the current pandemic, on March 21st the HA & WHS Trustees decided to cancel the 114th Annual Gathering of Alumni that had been scheduled for June 20, 2020. This is the first cancellation of this annual event since the Alumni Association’s founding in 1907. We wish to thank Jay Daly for offering to be our guest speaker for 2020 and hope that he may be able to join us another year.

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Please consider making a donation to the Alumni Association to help cover printing and mailing costs.
Thank you for your Support!

The Trustees would like to thank all our alumni who have supported the Alumni Association in the past year by volunteering time, attending restaurant nights, purchasing 50/50 raffle tickets, and sharing news about class reunions. We would also like to acknowledge alumni who made monetary donations to the Association between May 2019 and April 2020. These generous contributions allow us to continue the scholarship program and other activities to support alumni.


MCJROTC Award 2019

The MCJROTC Warrior Spirit Award originated from the ideas and leadership of Tracy Williams, Class of 1981. The Williams Family has also donated this perpetual plaque, which holds the names of the past winners, with room for the future, and is now dedicated to the ROTC program through Lt.Col. Michael Antonio. The purpose of this award is to honor a student that shows commitment, dedication and loyalty to their high school program. The 2019 winner of the MCJROTC Warrior Spirit Award was Jaelene Morse. Jaelene Morse is a quiet but powerful leader. She focuses on action instead of words, and is able to generate excitement, encourage ownership and develop loyalty in unique ways. Jaelene earns the respect of her instructors and fellow cadets by displaying confidence, not by being overconfident, but by being understanding, compassionate and open-minded. She has a likeable and relatable personality, with the ability to be tough and hold people to high standard, yet remains approachable and willing to help others whenever needed. Her quiet strength is ever present and we consider Jaelene a rock that will stand the test of time, just like our Alumni Association!
**2019 Yearend Awards**

Seth Pontbriand ’19, President Lori Cotter ’76 and Brenna Mooney ’19

**Seth Pontbriand** is the son of JP (Paul) class of ’83 and Mary Pontriand. While at Winnacunnet he was a member of the National Honor Society, Math club, and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Seth is an Eagle Scout; his project was to rebuild the WHS Flag pole island. Seth completed high school in only 3 years, and was ranked #1 in the class of 2020. Seth is pursuing a degree in Human Biology at Sattler College in Boston and plans to enroll in the Air Force to attain a medical degree which he plans to put to use as a missionary.

**Brenna Mooney** is the daughter of John Joseph ’89 and Maryanne (Murray) ’87 Mooney. Brenna was in the top 20% of her class at Winnacunnet. She was a member of the National Honor Society, VP of the Diversity Student Alliance and worked on the yearbook. Brenna was a Girl Scout for 11 years and has participated in Irish dancing for many years. She is pursuing a master’s degree in Elementary and Special Education at Plymouth State University.

**Winnacunnet Evening School**

The HA WHS Alumni Association is always pleased to be a part of our Evening School graduations. It is our mission to recognize all graduates of the school, and in this case, we have become a part of the awards ceremony. In 2019, our award went to a young man who exemplified the spirit of commitment and dedication to one’s school. Called the “Second Chance” Award, this student is recognized for his or her ability to overcome difficulties in previous academic situations through hard work and rising to the challenge to get their NH Adult High School Diploma. Our award went to a young man who wanted to continue his studies after much trial and tribulation in his own personal life. Often seen riding a bike or walking, even in the snow, he made his way to the high school to accomplish this goal. His friends and teachers call him one of the nicest guys they have ever met. Truly, he has made many friends, and we hope he carries on what the Alumni Association promotes…to continue friendships over the years. We congratulate Mr. Angel Martinez for the 2019 Evening School Warrior Spirit Award.

**June 2019 Scholarships**

The Alumni Association awarded 2 scholarships in June 2019 to Winnacunnet seniors who are children of alumni. Each scholarship is for $1,000 and is renewable for 3 additional years, making the value of each award $4,000. 2019 was the 57th year the Alumni Association has funded scholarships for children of alumni for a total value of over $108,000.

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The 113th Annual Gathering was held on Saturday June 22, 2019 at Grill 28 in Portsmouth. 90 Alumni and guests were in attendance. After a luncheon buffet, President Lori Cotter ’76 called the meeting to order. Trustee Bruce Aquizap ’51 led the pledge of allegiance and the invocation was offered by Cedic ‘Dusty’ Dustin ’43. Lori provided an update on the activities of the Association for the past year. Lori thanked Ted Davis for his years of service to the Association, most recently as Chairman of the Board. Principal William McGowan provided an update on Winnacunnet. Guest speaker Jim Willey ’60 told entertaining stories about his experiences at Winnacunnet and beyond. Secretary Sue Brooks ’81 summarized the Secretary and Treasurer’s reports which were made available in each table. 2019 Scholarship recipient Brenna Mooney spoke about her experiences at Winnacunnet and her plans for the future and thanked the Association for the renewable scholarship. A note from 2019 scholarship recipient Seth Pontbriand was read. Terri Thomson ’72 and Andrea Condon ’61 led the roll call of classes. The oldest class represented was Hampton Academy Class of 1943, the youngest class represented was Winnacunnet class of 2019. The class with the most members present was WHS class of 1976 with 8 members present. Bruce offered a prayer for alumni who had passed. Terri Thomson ’72, Lydia Estey ’64 and Lori Cotter ’76 awarded the 50/50 proceeds, the raffle prizes, and silent auction. Lori provided closing remarks, thanked the speakers, and encouraged all alumni to find ways to engage with the Association and other alumni.
Class Reunions

Class of 1964 – 55th reunion
September 19, 2019
Portsmouth Country Club

Class of 1969 - 50th reunion
September 20-22, 2019 Best Western Conference Center in Hampton

Class of 1973
July 27, 2019 Picnic at Tuck Field

Class of 1979 - 40th reunion
November 9, 2019 Galley Hatch Lunch

Class of 1983 – 30th reunion
July 27, 2019 at The Old Salt

Class of 1984 - 35th reunion
September 21, 2019 Grill 28
No Photo available

Class of 1999 – 20th reunion
October 25, 2019 at the Thirsty Moose

Class of 2009 - 10th reunion
August 10, 2019 at Grill 28

If you are planning a class reunion please share information with us by emailing info@winnacunnetalumni.org and we can publish this information on our Facebook page and website. We can also provide guidance on planning.
In the Community

The Alumni Association hosted 3 Alumni Night fundraisers at local restaurants this year: September 26, 2019 at Locals in North Hampton, November 18, 2019 at the Barley House in North Hampton, and February 11, 2020 at Logan’s Run in Hampton. Each evening was an opportunity for alumni to gather and renew old acquaintances and the venues donated a portion of the night’s proceeds to the Alumni Association. We sincerely thank each restaurant for their generosity and encourage alumni to frequent these Alumni partner businesses.

The Alumni Association is grateful to have been selected by the Brook Casino in Seabrook to be their charitable gaming beneficiary for January 21-30, 2020. We hosted an Alumni Meet & Greet at the Brook on Sunday January 26, 2020. We look forward developing a continued partnership with the Brook.

On October 5, 2019 the Hampton Academy renovation was officially unveiled at an Open House. The event started with the ringing of the outside bell led by Lori Cotter, Wayne Elliot, 1946 graduate of HA High School and Al Casassa, 1948 graduate of HA High School. All 3 are Trustees of Hampton Academy. The $25.9 million renovation includes improved HVAC and security, a 575 seat auditorium, a new gymnasium and numerous other classroom upgrades.

The inaugural Warrior Alumni Cross Country Classic was held on August 20, 2019, organized by coach Richard Osborne ’71. 25 alumni from classes back to 1970 participated. Senior Colin Donnelly finished the 2.5-mile course in 12:50; Adam Janik, a 2013 graduate, placed second in 13:11. Heidi (Nadeau) Goedcke, Class of 2004, won the women’s race in 15:52, beating senior MacKenna Whelan by more than a minute. Bruce Butterworth, a 1970 graduate, had the distinction of being the oldest alumni present.

Alumni Hockey Tournament held on January 25, 2020. Danny Connor ’76, from the school’s first team in ’72-’73 season was elected honorary captain of the alumni team. Assistant coaches Alumni Cam MacLeod, ’10 and Eric Carney, ’03 played for the Alumni team.
Meet your new Trustees!

Patricia J. Bushway

Pat graduated from Winnacunnet in 1974, completed a three-year enlistment in the Army from 1975 to 1978, and graduated from the University of New Hampshire in 1981. Upon graduation from UNH and completion of the ROTC program, she returned to the Army as a second lieutenant and spent eighteen years as a tactical military intelligence officer. She retired as a lieutenant colonel in 1999. Following her career in the Army, Pat worked at the Department of Defense as a civil servant first on the Army staff as program analyst and then in the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Installations and Environment. She retired from the civil service in 2013. After retiring, Pat came home to Hampton, and has been involved in a number of community activities. She volunteers with a hospice organization and at the Saint Vincent de Paul food pantry. She is active in American Legion Post 35 currently serving as the post service officer and has been a substitute teacher in SAU 21. She served on the Board of Directors at the New Hampshire Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals from 2015 to 2018. Currently Pat serves as a state representative from Hampton in the NH House of Representatives.

Heather Evans Hyvari

Heather graduated from Winnacunnet in 1989 where she was a four-sport athlete and tri-president of SADD. She graduated from the UNH in 1993 with her BA in English. During those years, she coached middle school field hockey and basketball. After graduating, Heather lived in Hampton and Lyman at different stretches, working in both the education and business sectors. She continued her coaching career at the middle school, JV, and Varsity levels at Lisbon Regional School and Winnacunnet. Heather moved to Michigan in 1999, teaching and coaching in both Flint and Romulus. While there, she graduated from Notre Dame College in Manchester in 2002 with her MA in Elementary Education. During this time, Heather met the love of her life, David. They moved to NH where they married in 2004, ultimately residing in Hampton where they are raising their two daughters. Heather and David both teach in SAU 16. Heather has always looked back on the HYA experiences of her youth with great affection and appreciation, including her first coaching experience in high school. In her desire to give back to the program, Heather has been a coach and coordinator for many sports, and has been an active member of the HYA board, formerly as the commissioner of softball and currently as the commissioner of volleyball. Heather is also involved in the community as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, an advisor for Good Citizens Club at Marston, and a PTA volunteer. Heather is honored to have been made a trustee of HA/WHS Alumni Association. She is grateful for her experiences in Hampton, and is thankful to have the opportunity to serve her community.

The Alumni Association endures and is able to provide programs and support to alumni thanks your generous donations. Every little bit helps, consider donating in memory of a teacher or classmate ...to continue our remembrance. You can donate online via winnacunnetalumni.org or mail a check to PO box 81, North Hampton, NH 03862.

We always welcome new volunteers and class agents. We are specifically seeking alumni with skills in social media and website maintenance at this time. Email us at info@winnacunnetalumni.org for more information.

Hampton Academy & Winnacunnet High School Alumni Association 2019-2020
Officers - President: Lori Cotter ’76, Vice-President: Terri Thomson ’72,
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In Memoriam

E. Caroline (Allen) Bates '43
Robert E. Buttrick '43
Wilma (Oliver) Bourne '44
Electa (Nudd) Savage '46
John M. Holman '47
Lois (Allen) Page '47
Marjorie (Cuss) Colt '48
William E. Knowles '48
Gwendolyn (Paul) Aubrey '49
Irving K. Strout, Jr. '49
Louise (Russell) Luther '50
Beverley J. (Brown) Frenette '51
George O. Olson, Jr. '52
Kenneth J. Patterson '53
Paul Chase Leavitt '53
Malcolm J. Graves '54
Marilyn Ann (Peaver) Holway '54
Carole (LaRoche) Gauron '55
Sally (Carpenter) Lamprey '55
Barbara (Carpenter) Stenstream '56
Helen (Crandlemire) Whitman '56
Carol (Langlely) Cortina '58
SueBetty (Sturgis) Young '60
Charles Abram Brown '61
Ina May (Rush) Dow '61
Frank 'Peepers' Janvrin '61
Edward P. Sadler, Jr. '61
Phillip B. Howe '62
Linda (Mills) Fowler '63
Dale H. Simmons '63
Richard Charles Tappan '63
Jeffrey LaSalle Pierson '64
Karen Eve Augusta '66
Michael J. Coffey, Sr '67
John Demarest '70
Kathleen H. (Hart) Eaton '70
Bonnie (Nownes) Hightower '70
Curtiss F. Hammer '73
Anthony Charles Janetos '72
Ernest 'Bubba' Knowles, Jr. '73
Verna I Pevear '73
John Thomas Alston '74
Cynthia (Cates) Kuliga '75
William Leslie Nutter '75
Thomas M. Kelly '77
Michael Reusch '77
Steve Truchon '78
Debra Jean Littlefield '79
Judith C. Flanagan '80
Kenneth J. Patterson '80
Clay Bishop Daniels '81
Lori Lee (Gosselin) Buckley '83
Cheryl M. (Thomas) Simpson '85
Polly Kate Beaird '86
Misty L. Foote '89
Scott E. Durant '90
Mary Kate (Keefe) Shaw '96
Ian Alexander Keith '97
Frederick B. Eaton, Jr. '00
Cordella Bliss White '06
Mitchell L. Foote '07
Joseph D. Walsh '15
Thomas Anthony Joe Greene '17
LTC William F. Boyle, Jr – Teacher
Robert Devanyte – Teacher
Dr. Daniel Maloney – Principal '60-68

We do our best to identify all In Memoriam additions, but if you know of any classmate or teacher we have not received word of this year, email us at info@winnacunnetalumni.org with name, class year and source of information.

In Remembrance of Anthony (Tony) Janetos, Winnacunnet Class of 1972

Tony Janetos passed away August 6, 2019 from pancreatic cancer. He was 64 years old and a resident of North Hampton. At the time of his death, he was a world-renowned ecologist and science policy expert. Tony was the Director of the Pardee Center for the Study of the Longer-Range Future at Boston University, a Professor in BU’s College of Arts & Sciences and Chair of the Earth and Environment Department. Graduating at the top of his class in 1972, Tony not only excelled in academics but also in athletics playing Soccer, Basketball and Baseball. He was one of five sons to Peter and Dona Janetos on Park Avenue in Hampton. He attended Harvard University (BA) and Princeton University (PhD in Biology). Throughout his career, he held executive leadership positions at several organizations including the EPA, NASA, the World Resources Institute, the Heinz Center for Science, Economics and Environment and the Joint Global Change Research Institute at the University of Maryland. He earned international recognition for his scholarship and for making global change science accessible to decision makers in government and business. After a short residence in Boston, Tony returned to the area in 2016, with his wife of 34 years, Valerie. They raised Peter and Anna in the DC area where he coached them both in youth basketball and baseball. Tony continued to play baseball well into his 60’s in a Senior league in Boston. He was a diehard Celtics and Red Sox fan and spent his final days watching his beloved Sox. The Boston University Provost, Jean Morrison said in a tribute to him, “Tony Janetos was an outstanding and accomplished scientist, scholar, teacher, and leader...He was a tireless and eloquent advocate who devoted his career to imagining and working collaboratively to create a better world for all of us.” A celebration of Life was held on November 2, 2019 in North Hampton which was attended by BU staff, past and present; his Baseball league teammates, Former neighbors and colleagues from the Washington area; family and friends from all over the country and WHS Alumni. He was a supporter to the Alumni Association. Tony was loved and admired for his intellect, kindness, caring and humor and will be tremendously missed and remembered.