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Letter from the Editor

Dear Fellow Alumni and Friends of Lenox School,

The calendar and the weatherman both tell us that spring has sprung. For some of us in southern New England, the weather has been relatively warm albeit sometimes very wet and windy. I used my snow blower only once and it pumped slush sideways. And yet, friends to the north were hammered by feet of snow. The crazy weather dumped snow down south and rained heavily on the west coast. In fact, a lake bed in California that has been essentially dry for 150 years now has feet of water, flooding farmlands and homes.

In some ways, the world situation and our national situation are surreal and scary. Serious wildfires out west, in Texas, and on Hawaii, topsy-turvy weather patterns and climate, the war in Ukraine still going strong, Israel and Palestine at each other's throats with many thousands of innocent people dead – half of them children, the unbelievable destruction of a major and critical bridge in Baltimore by a ship that lost power, a deadly earthquake in Taiwan, and a political situation that defies sanity while we're at the doorstep of an election. I used to look forward to reading the news at breakfast... now I'm not sure I want to get out of bed. What crazy stuff will we read tomorrow morning?

All that aside... in this issue, please note the details regarding a memorial for Nol Putnam, including plans to livestream the event for those who would like to attend remotely. We will post the specifics of the livestream on the LSAA Website once arrangements are complete.

Once again, Dr. Chad Krouse has provided an interesting article about the Lenox School shield, this time focused specifically on our shield. I suspect that we will learn even more from Dr. Krouse in future editions of the P&S.

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We are thrilled to learn how meaningful the LSAA's support of Miss Hall's students is, as we read the article provided by David Smith at MHS. We hope this inspires even more of us to financially support our Legacy Fund that will make the Pickett Scholarships available long after we're gone.

Please start thinking about our October reunion in Lenox, and keep in mind that according to our plans, we have only a few reunions left. Enjoy it while you can!

I wish all a pleasant, rewarding, healthy, and safe summer.

Don Foster '63



The President's Message

It is March 3, 2024 as I started to write this message, and frankly I'm doing a bit of head scratching regarding the old saying:

"March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb"

We've endured a rather mild winter in terms of snow; and frankly; the beginning of March as we move toward the "official" day for the Spring equinox (March 19 around 11PM) has been, well, less lion-like.... It is apparently one of the wettest winters on record. No lion in sight. I'll have to rely upon Dolly Parton's advice to contend with this: ***"The way I see it, if you want the rainbow, you gotta put up with the rain."***

As usual, writing these articles spans days (and sometimes weeks) as I stop part way and then pick it up a bit later. It is now 22 March and it is 22 degrees here in my town. They are forecasting gale winds for the coast and mountains of snow for northern New England (John Risley is likely smiling). And yes, more rain here.

Speaking of irrepressible skier Risley – the following dispatch was received regarding the search for snow: *“John Risley and six Lenox boys gathered at Cranmore in NH on March 5th for a 2nd Lenox School ski day. As of March 24: 20” and it is 13 degrees this morning. Very light and fluffy.”*

The short of it is - lion is back and the lamb is still in hiding.

“The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service.”

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The LSAA Legacy Fund Campaign Committee has been working steadily with our colleagues at the Berkshire Taconic Community Fund to formalize the establishment of the Curry Fund, which is intended to support national organizations such as A Better Chance (ABC) that are committed to broadening educational opportunities in the same way that the faculty established at Lenox while we were students.

This is absolutely consistent with our long-standing charitable giving, scholarships, and donations. It is fully aligned with our outreach via the legacy fund enabled by the generous giving of our members.

The proposed language for the purpose of this Curry Fund sums this up: *“The Lenox School Alumni Association (LSAA) and its members are committed to the values instilled in them through the education they received. The Lenox School brought boys together from many backgrounds, geographies, and ethnicities to live together, learn together, and understand and respect each other, all in the service to others. The Curry Fund supports national organizations, such as A Better Chance (ABC), that are committed to broadening the educational opportunities for students whose access to independent secondary schools has historically been limited.”*

This will be brought before the entire LSAA board for review, discussion, and approval.

“Do what you can, with what you have, where you are.”
Theodore Roosevelt

Let’s ensure that the Lenox School fingerprint remains in perpetuity through the Centennial Legacy Fund by donation to it in support of the scholarships, donations and the website that will tell the story of Lenox School, its legacy and the lessons still to be learned from it. In that regard,

read the update that follows demonstrating our steady progress towards raising \$600,000 for the Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund.

With more than 100 gifts, including many by the same donors, a total of \$331,036 gifts-to-date are with our fund manager, Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation. There are an additional \$53,500 in pledges outstanding, and so when added to gifts-to-date, we have a gifts and pledges total of \$384,506. This brings us to nearly 65% of our goal! And let’s remember, the above does not account for the planned gift (in an alumnus will) of another \$50,000.

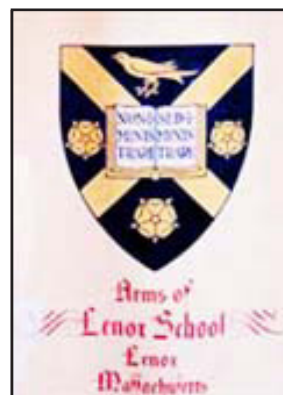
With investment returns (less management fees) added, the Legacy Fund stands at BTCF is \$364,616. Since our last update in November 2023, an incredible \$61,407 in gifts have been recorded, with a little over half of these in paid pledges.

To those Lenox boys, their families and friends of the school who have already made gifts, we are deeply humbled and thank you for your generosity! To those of you who have not yet contributed, we (and the organizations that the Fund supports) would be grateful for your support. Here’s how:

Send a check to *“Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation”* and write *“Lenox School Centennial Legacy Fund”* on the memo line.

Mail to Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation, 800 North Main Street, Sheffield, MA 01257.

Online using a credit card, use the following link: https://berkshiretaconic.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/create/fund?fundnit_id=1676



“Heraldry is the fusion of fact and fancy, myth and manner, romance and reality. It is an exuberant union of family, art, and history.”

Charles Burnett and Mark Dennis in *The Lion Rejoicing* (1997)

The ripples of Lenox School!
Things you didn’t know you didn’t know!

If we’re fortunate, we’ll have Dr. Chad M. Krouse as our

guest this October to tell us of the work he has been doing and how he came across our Lenox School shield and the historical facts surrounding its creation. Don has already managed to get an article in this edition on this topic. We truly hope Dr. Krouse can join us fill in a deeper understanding of our own Lenox School heraldry in relation to our shield.

So there! Another reason to attend the reunion and gain a bit of history that perhaps we were unaware of!

Speaking of which - reunion is coming and we hope to see all of you there. Last year we had about 100 for dinner and luncheon. We look forward to having our S&Co hosts as guests, as well as faculty and families and friends.

We'll also be inducting a number of our alums into the LSAA Hall of Fame. And yes, we'll be auctioning memorabilia again!

October 18 & 19, 2024 - Save the Date.

Don't miss this next one, or we'll not only put you on work squad for the rest, we'll have you run (well, maybe walk) the circle as well!

Bob Sansone '68



Treasurer's Report

First, greetings from sunny Tucson, Arizona! I hope you all got through the winter okay, and that spring has arrived in your hometown.

As of March 23, our administrative fund looks like this:

Checking	\$ 5,012.96
Savings	8,250.92
Total	\$ 13,263.88

All funds are held at the Community Bank in Barre, Vermont. Bob Sansone and I are authorized signatories.

Based on our projected needs, and expected revenue, we have sufficient funds in our administrative fund to sustain us until 2025. I would therefore encourage anyone who had a little extra money to consider a (tax-deductible) gift to our Legacy Fund. The Legacy Fund is being managed by the folks at Berkshire Taconic.

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Thanks to all who contributed to our LSAA efforts! Hope to see you all in October.

Best wishes to all,

Edward A. Miller, Jr., '66
Treasurer
March 23, 2024

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Letters to the Editor

SHAKESPEARE & COMPANY

November 3, 2023

Lenox School Alumni Association, Inc.
38 North Main St.
Northfield, VT 05663

Dear Lenox School Alumni Association, Inc.,

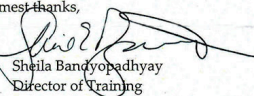
Thank you so much for your generous gift in support of The Center for Actor Training. Your gift will play an instrumental role in training the next generation of actors and theater artists, and have rippling effects as we reshape and expand the future of Actor Training in the United States.


With the help of donors like you, we carry forward founding Company member and longtime Director of Training Dennis Krausnick's vision—to ensure Shakespeare & Company's Training programs are accessible, diverse, and inclusive spaces. As we continue to build, we are empowered to produce theater that is vivid and inspiring, and built on a personal connection between actors and audience.

At The Center for Actor Training, we believe Shakespeare's universal truths come from each actor embracing and revealing their own truth. Our desire is to foster the creative impulse of each individual, and your gift directly supports this initiative.

Thank you for being part of the Shakespeare & Company community. Your support helps The Center for Actor Training thrive, enhancing the lives of many more artists for many years to come. We are so grateful.

With warmest thanks,


Sheila Bandyopadhyay
Director of Training


Allyn Burrows
Artistic Director

Thank you so much for the support!

Shakespeare & Company is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization, and no goods or services were provided to you in return for this contribution. Your gift is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law. Please consult your financial advisor.

Date of Gift: 10/12/2023
Amount of Gift: \$1,250

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David Curry '65 writes...

If you were not at the 2023 reunion, you missed a good one. As a member of the class of 65, and now a current member of The Legacy Fund Committee, I found that was my committee members got talking about ABC as a possible organization to send funds toward in future years. Being the most senior member (age wise), I had to slow the role and ask what this was about. If you don't know about ABC (A Better Chance), you soon will.

On Saturday evening, October 14th, Roger Hoffer, (70) was inducted to the Lenox Hall of Fame. Roger got up and told us his journey of life. I am not here to tell that story but I would like to tell you what I learned.

While Roger was attending elementary school in NYC, he had a teacher who saw that Roger had a gift for Math. He lead Roger to ABC and from there Roger received an opportunity to go to Lenox and he took it. As I listened, Roger told us all that he learned at Lenox both in the classroom but also in life with the masters and students. Roger went on to college and had a successful career.

Being pre-ABC at Lenox, I wasn't sure about some of my donations to the Legacy Fund. After listening to Roger, I found myself saying, Wow, what a perfect candidate for Lenox School and Lenox School would have missed out if it wasn't for ABC.

Roger, it was great to meet you and I was glad to hear your story. May more student get the advancement help from ABC and donations that carry the Lenox School Spirit!

~David Curry. (65)

Katharine Bennett writes...

Thanks for reaching out! I'm going to copy and paste an announcement I created below as well as the link to a Facebook event I made.

The info is:

Saturday, June 8 at 2 PM

Wakefield Country Day School
1059 Zachary Taylor Hwy
Huntly, VA

Alex and I are developing a robust service to be followed by a reception which will include an exhibit Nol's work, a slide show that covers the entire arc of his life, three videos of his work, and of course light refreshment.

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All are welcome! This is not a by invitation event.

We would absolutely love it if there could be some representatives of the Lenox community there, a community that was so very important to him.

We are imagining the service portion will be 60–90 minutes. We have arranged for it to be live streamed. I will not have the link for that until closer to time. When I do get it, what would be the best way to distribute it to the Lenox community? You? Or?

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please feel free to give them my email. We have spent a lot of time in that area and could give suggestions as to places to stay, etc., although I will say right now that Front Royal is the nearest town with all the amenities.

Thanks again. If you wouldn't mind, forwarding me a copy of this issue of the P&S, that would be great. I am keeping a binder of all things Nol.


NOL PUTNAM
May 12, 1934 - June 11, 2023

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

JUNE 8, 2024
@ 2 PM

Wakefield Country Day School
1059 Zachary Taylor Hwy
Huntly, VA

All are welcome! Spread the word.



Fred Lavenberg writes...

LSAA Annual Ski-day. We had a great day on the slopes after wonderful dinner and evening at “The Farmstand” owned by Kimball Packard and Neysa Packard.

Skiing at Cranmore in NH with a number of LSAA Alums: Fred Lavenberg, Kimball Packard, Ira Colby, John Risley, Keith Simpson, Jeff and Roy Ballentine. George Cleveland joined us last night.

Let’s get a bigger turnout next year, all friends and family welcome!



Other News

The Centennial Legacy Fund Update

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*~David Nathans & John Risley
on Behalf of the Legacy Fund Committee*

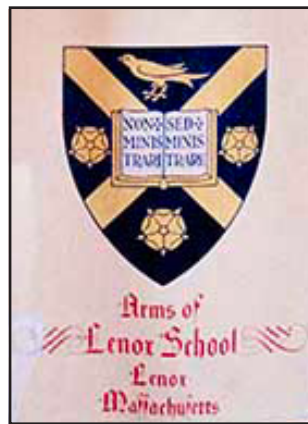
Behind the Scenes II: Restoring the Dignified Arms of Lenox School

Posted by Dr. Chad M. Krouse



The seal and arms of Lenox School as designed by la Rose. I was fortunate to find a decent image, which cleaned up rather nicely.

I've come to serve, not to be served, a simplification of Matthew 20:28, truly is my goal regarding the heraldic research of **Pierre de Chaignon la Rose (1872-1941)**. This passage from Matthew 20:28 was also the motto selected for the arms of Lenox School, which was located in Lenox, Massachusetts. Lenox School, affiliated with The Episcopal Church, opened its doors in 1926 to embody among many things, this Gospel passage from Matthew. While the school closed in 1972, today an active alumni association continues to work assiduously to preserve the school's legacy.



La Rose's library painting of the arms of Lenox School. Image courtesy of the Lenox School Alumni Association.

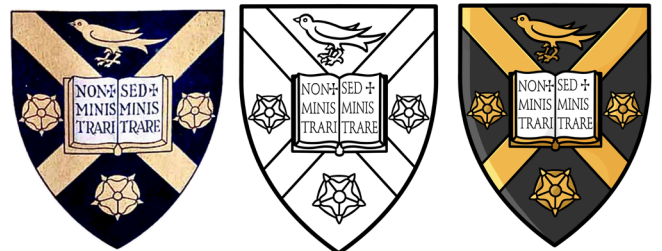
Sometime between 1930-1931, la Rose was commissioned to design arms for the school and you can read more on his design in a previously written article, "A Case Study of la Rose's Designs for Episcopal Preparatory Schools."

The blazon la Rose created for the arms of Lenox School: Sable, on a cross saltire an open book edged and inscribed Non ministrari Sed ministrare between three roses and in chief a martin all Or.

When I began researching la Rose's work back in 2014, Lenox School was among the first I discovered. I immediately found the alumni association's online presence and sent my inquiry to them regarding their beautiful arms. Much to my delight, I received a lot of information due largely to the group's work in documenting the history of Lenox School.

Fast forward to 2023. This past December, the alumni association kindly asked if they could publish my case study article, resuming a rich correspondence that began back in 2014. No matter that those school doors closed so many years ago, I remain thankful for the association's dedication to sharing the school's story and this got me thinking. How could I repay the association's kindness while also contributing towards their preservation efforts? Well, since I was able to assist the Medieval Academy of America with their exquisite arms designed by la Rose, I figured I could do the same for Lenox School. Please read, "Behind the Scenes: The Heraldic Identity of the Medieval Academy of America."

I contacted my colleague Lucas Hofmann with my ideas, as he expertly recreated the arms for the Medieval Academy of America and I knew we could accomplish the same finished product for the alumni association.



Cleaned up image of the arms from the library painting.

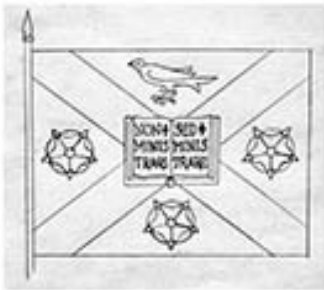
Dialing in the line art and ahsping the shield.

Hoffman adds color and shading for the finished coat.

The Pen and Scroll

From la Rose's library painting above, I was able to use his original version of the arms for restoration. While the image was clearly distorted due to age, I knew we could work with this asset. I wanted everything to match exactly as la Rose painted these arms--using the font, which best matched la Rose's lettering, Stempel Schneider, for the inscription on the open book and adding the two crosses pattee as well.

In addition to the shield, I wanted to create an armorial flag and banner for Lenox School to showcase la Rose's masterful design for the school. Based on my studies of how la Rose created armorial flags for those schools commissioning such pieces, I was able to carefully layout for Hofmann how Lenox School's arms would appear in this format. What is the difference between an armorial flag and an armorial banner? While there is a lot of history surrounding both, here is my simplified explanation.



Cleaned up image of the arms from the library painting.



Hoffman's digital rendering of Lenox School's armorial flag.

Armorial flags are heraldic ensigns appropriated for outdoor use and typically used by corporate bodies. Rectangular in shape, the armorial flag often uses a ratio of 2:3; however, the flag of the corporate sole is rendered longer in length to show its importance in relation to any other flags.

I was thrilled with Hofmann's work, per usual, and plan to send all my digital files to the alumni association with the hopes that they will use to celebrate la Rose's design for their beloved alma mater. That the alumni association continues to use Lenox School's



Armorial banner of arms for Lenox School, rendered by Lucas Hofmann.



arms created between 1930-1931 proves the carrying power of clear, perspicuous heraldry to provide meaningful corporate identification even in 2024. The arms of Lenox School are nearly 93-years old today, and I hope that by digitally rendering these arms they will be preserved and cherished for many more years to come.

~ Dr. Chad M. Krouse

Lenox School Pickett Scholars

Pickett Scholarships Marking 20th Anniversary

When Lenox School Alum Paul Denzel visited Miss Hall's 20 years ago to present the first Pickett Scholarships, he mentioned to then Head of School Jeannie Norris that there was no guarantee he would be back the following year.

"The scholarship wasn't part of our culture, so to speak," recalls Paul, a 1967 Lenox School graduate and member of the Lenox School Alumni Association (LSAA), a nonprofit of about 1,000 alumni dedicated to preserving the spirit and camaraderie of the all-boy Lenox School, which opened in 1926 and closed in 1971. "Now, it's taken on a life of its own."

This spring, for the 20th time, the LSAA visited MHS to present Pickett Scholarships. To date, 42 MHS students have received Lenox scholarships, including a Fawcett Scholarship in 2019 and the Rev. Robert L. Curry Scholarship in 2011.

"As a result of the Pickett scholarships, so much more has happened to bring the Lenox School closer to MHS, even closer than when the Lenox School existed," says Paul, who typically makes the MHS trip with LSAA President Bob Sansone '68, Don Foster '63 (Cate Foster '95), and other LSAA representatives.

The Pickett Scholarships are named in memory of Mansfield E. (Peter) Pickett, a longtime teacher at Lenox and, from 1973 to 1992, at Miss Hall's, where he taught Latin and English. The father of Tabitha Pickett Vahle '78 and grandfather of Wendy Panchy '85, he also served as MHS Director of Development from 1973 to 1975. Mr. Pickett, beloved by students and faculty at both schools, died in 1996.

The LSAA scholarships are awarded annually to two Miss Hall's students who exhibit outstanding performance in academics and in extracurricular activities. Two students at Berkshire Country Day School in Stockbridge also receive Pickett Scholarships, and the LSAA makes annual contributions to Shakespeare & Co. and to Lenox's Trinity Episcopal Church, which had a longstanding relationship with the School.

The scholarships grew from a desire to direct the LSAA's focus, explain Paul and Bob.

"We were getting off the ground as an association, almost like a teenager searching for an identity, and we were trying to decide what was it we wanted to put our efforts toward," recalls Paul, who floated the idea, noting the Pickett connection and other ties between the two schools. The idea was not a hit with all.

"There was some friction, because some in the group thought Miss Hall's was a finishing school for rich girls," recalls Bob. When Paul returned from his inaugural scholarship visit to MHS, he elaborated at the next LSAA meeting on the Miss Hall's mission, commitment to service, and the Horizons program. That resonated with the Lenox School motto: "Non Ministrari, Sed Ministrare — Not to be served, but to serve."

"Then Don Foster spoke up, because his daughter Cate had gone to Miss Hall's," Bob adds. "The more we learned about Miss Hall's, and the more we've learned over the years, the more the idea started to take hold. I'm delighted to say that the scholarship has risen to the top of our to-do list."

Like Miss Hall's, Lenox was a small school — about 240 students at its height — and had many students on scholarship. The School, which operated on the grounds of what is now Shakespeare & Company, instilled in its students a sense of service, with faculty masters who were experts in their fields and who led by example.

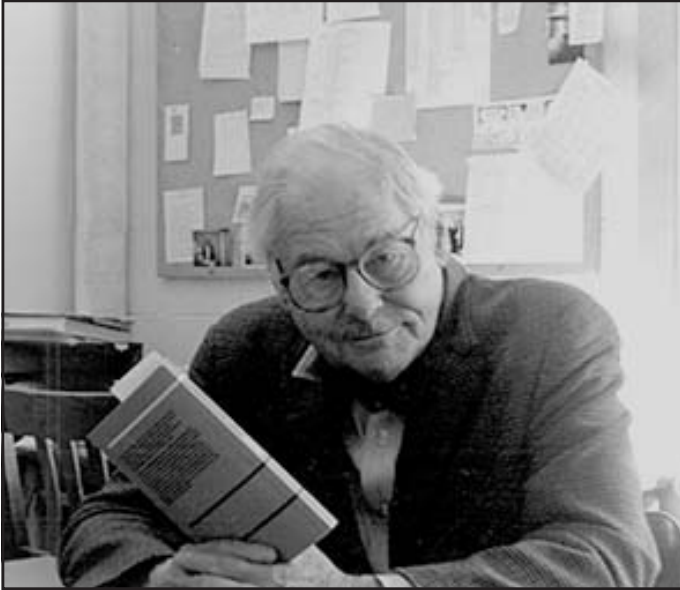
And, like Miss Hall's, Lenox had a profound influence on students.

"Lenox changed my life," says Bob, himself a scholarship student. "We were boys of typically modest means, who were given an opportunity, and who are now paying it forward."

"The scholarships have become a true partnership," adds Paul. "And, kudos to Bob. Because of the leadership he has brought to the organization and the structure he has built, it's much easier to keep something like this going, because now it's part of our fabric and who we are as an association."

To that end, the LSAA has created a Legacy Fund, an endowment to carry on the scholarships when the members are no longer active, and, in 2021, the organization launched a Legacy Campaign, aiming to raise \$600,000 by the School's centennial celebration in 2026. The idea is to continue the scholarships in perpetuity.

“We are a group of people who now, in our later lives, recognize what our school did for us, and we want in to give back,” Bob adds. “We feel that Miss Hall’s is a very appropriate place for us to do that. It’s a marvelous, magical day for us when we get to go to Miss Hall’s and present the scholarships.”



Pickett Scholar Profile — Ariel Sims '05

Taking Calculated — and Supported! — Risks

“Miss Hall’s made me more confident in taking calculated risks and putting myself out there more than I would have on my own.”

Ariel Sims '05 enjoys behind-the-scenes roles.

“I’ve always been a better spectator than an athlete,” says Ariel, who, as E-Commerce Assistant at the Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art in Amherst, Ariel enjoys being part of the effort that goes into making someone’s day when they receive their order from the museum’s store. “But, I’m also a big proponent of doing things that make you uncomfortable and doing them with people who help and support you.”

It was a lesson Ariel learned early on at Miss Hall’s, where she found the community she was looking for, coupled with just the right amount of challenge and opportunity. “That really sticks with me,” she says, “having room at Miss Hall’s to explore things we liked, or even things that

made us uncomfortable, in smaller groups where we could support each other and cheer each other on.”

Ariel’s Miss Hall’s journey began with the desire to find a school where she could find stability. Moving from Oklahoma to Pittsfield in 1999, on the day before her 12th birthday, and starting a new public middle school was stressful enough, she explains. That the school was in a temporary home while undergoing renovations added to the unease.

When Ariel spotted an MHS Plant Sale advertisement, complete with a note at the bottom about scholarships for accepted students, she eagerly applied, and found a place where she could settle in and be challenged.

“The biggest things that stands out to me from my time at Miss Hall’s are the people — friends, teachers, staff — and lots of little things,” says Ariel. They include managing the 2003-04 volleyball team that played in the New England Championships and joining the Technical Theater crew, working on five productions in all.

She fondly recalls Chemistry Teacher Gary Gray inviting advisees to Witherspoon, where Katie Ross '03 made pizza. She remembers Latin Teacher Mary Quirk jumping on a table and barking like a dog to make class a little more fun, and that Math Teacher Paul Van Sickle always available for extra help. “I took math all four years, even though didn’t have to, in part because I could do something that made me uncomfortable, like math, but I could do it in a safe space and succeed,” she adds.



After Miss Hall’s, Ariel attended Richmond American University in London, learning partway through her first semester that her financial aid did not come through as expected. She returned to Pittsfield and enrolled at Berkshire Community College. “It was not what I had envisioned, but

it was the right place for me to be at the time,” notes Ariel, who earned her Associate’s Degree in Human Services and a certificate in Social Work, then went on to Mount Holyoke College, majoring in psychology.

After college, she took a position at the Odyssey Bookshop in South Hadley, then joined the Eric Carle Museum in May 2012, discovering another community that offered challenge and opportunity. She started out assisting with orders, then, in 2016, became E-Commerce Assistant, running the museum shop’s online sales.



The work includes some marketing, accommodates her love of reading, allows her to be creative, and is the type of supporting role Ariel enjoys. “I like the anonymity of working behind the scenes, but I also like making someone’s day, like when a 4-year-old receives a surprise bundle of books,” she says.

In January 2023, Ariel hosted MHS students, whose weekend activities connected them with alums in the Amherst/Northampton area. While sharing about Eric Carle and the museum, Ariel also shared a message of resilience, an important skill in today’s world.

“I told the students about my winding path, and I wanted them to know that it’s okay if things don’t work out exactly

as planned, if you can find the place you need to be,” she says. “You don’t have to ‘get it’ right away, it’s okay to not be exactly where you want to be, and it’s okay to take a break, if that’s what you need to get where you want to be.”

Looking back, Ariel credits MHS with putting her in positions to succeed. “Miss Hall’s made me confident taking calculated risks and putting myself out there — more than I would have on my own — whether it was mixing with others to work on a project or finding a group I could connect with and try new things, like Vocal Ensemble,” she says. “There is also comfort in knowing who you are and in knowing who other people are.”

Note: The Lenox School Alumni Association annually awards the Mansfield Pickett Scholarships, named in memory of Mansfield E. (Peter) Pickett, a longtime teacher at the former Lenox School and Miss Hall’s School. The scholarships are given to two students who exhibit outstanding performance in academics and extracurricular activities. This occasional feature will provide updates on Pickett Scholars and their achievements. Ariel received a Pickett scholarship in 2005.

~ David Smith
Director of Communications
Miss Hall’s School



Pickett Scholars To Date

2022-23
Grey Carmel ’23
Annais Vallejo ’23

2021-22
Keely O’Gorman ’22
Hadear Rizq ’22

2020-21
Muhiim Ali ’21
Shannon Foster ’21

2019-20
Lomesia Allen ’20
Nicole Forman ’21

2018-19
Mitzy Mauricio ’19
Ayla Wallace ’20

Pickett Scholars, continued...

2017-18
Nikky Abreu '19
Jayme McGuigan '18

2016-17
Diamond Best '17
Izabella Nunes '18

2015-16
Jamie Flynn '16
MaryCatherine Balcom '17

2014-15
Emma Bullock '15
Nanya Okeke '15

2013-14
Seema Amin '14
Faith Smalley '14

2012-13
Callie Atwell '13
AnaMei Boyd '13

2011-12
Allaina Ray '12
Morgan Wagner '12

2009-10
Jessica Garzon '10
Geneva MacDonald '10

2008-09
Kristina Delgado '09
Joi Ward '09

2007-08
Janice Brea '08
Sheniqua Marie Little '08

2006-07
Cedar (Niles) Manganiello '07
Jasmine Mickens '07

2005-06
Ryann Wolf '06
Sophea Yath '06

2004-05
Häna Kenny '05
Ariel Sims '05

2003-04
Maria Montefusco Miller '04
Nikita Turner '04

2002-03
Julia Fisher '03
LaDonna Flynn '03

Other Lenox School Awards to MHS Students:

2018-19
Haylee Gleason '19 (Fawcett Scholarship)

2010-11
Kyanna Joseph '13 (Rev. Robert L. Curry Scholarship)



In Memoriam

Dr. Richard Lawrence Stokes III '60 **June 24, 1942 – February 20, 2023**

Dr. Richard L. Stokes, III ("Pete") passed away on February 20, 2023, surrounded by loved ones. He was born in St. Paul MN on June 24, 1942, to Kathleen and Richard Stokes. His survivors include his wife of 55 years, Linda and his children, daughter Lee; sons Ricky (Monaz) and Michael (Courtney); and grandchildren, London, Eli, Logan, Carter, and Roman.

After receiving a BA from Harvard University and his medical degree from Howard Medical School, he completed his internship and residency at the University of Chicago Lying-In



Hospital in obstetrics and gynecology (OBGYN); he then served in the U.S. Air Force for 2 years. In 1976 he and his family returned to the East coast, specifically Reston VA, where he and Linda lived for 44 years. They moved to Alpharetta, GA in 2019 to be close to "the grandkids."

He was the first OBGYN to open a practice in Reston. He also had privileges at Leesburg, Reston, and Fairfax hospitals and served on multiple boards of directors and medical associations. Throughout his long career he delivered over 8,000 babies and advocated vociferously for the health of mothers and babies. For that reason, the family is requesting that in lieu of flowers,

donations be made in his memory ("Richard L. Stokes, III, MD") to: Every Mother Counts (everymothercounts.org); Good + Foundations (goodplusfoundation.org); or National Diaper Foundations (nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org).

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at www.roswellfuneralhome.com for the Stokes family.

David Nelson Morton '61

David Nelson Morton of Cape Elizabeth, passed away peacefully on November 24, 2023, at the age of 86. A man noted for his gentleness, David was born in 1937 in Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, to Dorothy Bell Morton and Fredrick William Morton, and graduated from the Lenox School for Boys, the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.



After ministering together with his wife, Elisabeth (Betsy) Strawbridge Lingelbach of Chestnut Hill, PA (deceased 1991) in several small communities of Pennsylvania, they joined the Institute of Cultural Affairs in 1967. In 1978 David moved with his family to NH, and built their home on Squam Lake, where he worked for

the local planning commission. Interested in conservation, he served as President of the board at the Squam Lakes Science Center and was active in local conservation groups until Betsy's death in 1990.

David and Walden (Denney) Semmes Randall Morton married 1992 and together moved to Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where he worked for several years as a TQM consultant. David also served as president of the Spring Point Museum on the South Portland waterfront.

After retirement, David taught at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) where he taught over 30 courses, and spoke of his time teaching there as 'a tremendous gift' to himself. David and his students set out to explore ideas no less than consciousness and the meaning of life.

David enjoyed his time with six grand kids and many grand nieces and nephews, many of who joined his children in support of their blended family in this time of loss.

Robert "Bob" Jack '62

Robert Sinclair Templeton Jack, "Bob," of Kennebunk, passed away Jan. 15, 2024. He was born on Jan. 22, 1944 in Portland, Maine, to Arthur Templeton Jack and Ruby Sinclair. He was married to the love of his life, Susan Ross, of Montreal, Quebec.

He met Susan, a Canadian, who was a guest at his grandfather's hotel, The Wentworth, at Kennebunk Beach, in 1973. Theirs was a summer romance which lasted through 50 years of marriage.

Robert grew up in Kennebunk and attended Kennebunk schools through junior high, then Lenox School, a prep school for boys in the Berkshires, where he excelled in soccer, hockey and lacrosse. Following Lenox, he attended Boston University School of Business Administration. He then enlisted in the US Army, graduated from finance school and was sent to Japan to the US Army Medical Hospital, Camp Zama, with the Medical Services Corps, as medical evacuation coordinator and patient registrar. He was serving there during the height of the Vietnam War's Tet Offensive, receiving special recognition for his participation, when thousands of casualties were transported from MASH units and battlefields, more than tripling the patient load. In the last six months of his service (1965-1968), he was transferred stateside to Walter Reed Army Medical Center, to use his knowledge of medical records, as well as coordinate and assist various sections of the Registrar Division of the hospital.

Following discharge from the Army, Robert returned to Kennebunk to take over management of Western Auto, a toys, sporting goods, automotive and hardware store, a well-established Kennebunk business owned by his parents, who were getting ready to retire, after 21 years.

Robert and his wife, Susan, bought the business, dropped the Western Auto franchise, and operated it until the building owner wanted their space. Sadly, there were no other locations suitable on Main Street at the time.

Following liquidation, Robert took his sales and marketing expertise to major industries, as district sales and marketing manager, traveling throughout New England and Westchester County, New York. After a series of corporate mergers prevalent in the 1980s, with all those upheavals, he chose to work closer to home, after years of being on the road. He was hired by Kennebunk Savings Bank, to introduce the electronic bank card system, then in its infancy,

to tourist businesses across southern Maine, building a substantial portfolio for the bank.

Because Robert always missed working with Susan, they decided on a change of course. They took a leap of faith in 1995, establishing a gift shop, SeaPort Gifts, in Kennebunkport, which they ran happily and successfully together for 11 years, before retiring.

Robert was a member of First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church of Kennebunk, was president of the Southern Maine Men's Hockey Association in the 1970s, taught Junior Achievement and was involved in the local Boy Scouts organization. He enjoyed Sudoku, math puzzles, music, books, movies and live theater, especially musicals.



And he loved the sea. He and Susan would go down to the ocean as much as possible – not to swim in the bone chilling water – but to gaze and meditate, at their favorite coves where the waves would crash and splash with great energy, always a spectacle, yet somehow reliably calming.

Robert will be sadly missed by his wife and many friends and his niece, Cheryl (Rick) Remash of New Jersey. Should anyone wish, a donation in Robert's memory may be sent to First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 114 Main St., Kennebunk, ME 04043, or to a charity of one's choice.

A Celebration of Life Service and burial will be held in the spring and will be announced.

To share a memory or leave a message of condolence please visit Bob's Book of Memories Page at www.bibber-funeral.com.

Arrangements are in the care of Bibber Memorial Chapel, 67 Summer St., Kennebunk, ME 04043.

Mrs. Jeannette "Jeannie" L. van Lingen

Jeannette "Jeannie" Louise van Lingen 93, formerly of 40 Old Stockbridge Rd Lenox, passed away on 8 Jan 2024 at Lee Heath Care.

Jeannie was born in Banjarmasin South Kalimantan, Indonesia May 10, 1930 to the late Charles and Anna veer

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Blaset. Shortly after World War II, at age 19 Jeannie moved to Amsterdam, the Netherlands where she met her future husband of 50 years Johnny van Lingen.

Jeannie and Johnny were married in Amsterdam, on January 4, 1957. In August of 1960 Jeannie and Johnny along with their young son moved to Lenox, sponsored by the Trinity Episcopal church and the then Lenox School for boys.

Over the years Jeannie has been employed as an attendant at the Lenox Laundromat, Garden Gables gift shop, and salesperson for Gerry Cosby Athletic Outfitters at the old H. Wilde Sports Center in Lenox. Jeannie took great joy and pride in watching her two sons play hockey and never missed a game, home or away, but she also watched and came to know many of the kids throughout Berkshire County who played hockey with and against her boys. Jeannie was a member of Trinity Church, loved gardening, watching golf, listening to country music, her dog Molly and all the pets she's cared for over the years.



Jeannie is survived by her two sons; Andy (Katie) of Ludlow, and Jeff (Donna) of Lenox, grandchildren; Bryan (Sandy) of Lucerne, CA., Selena (Heather) of Lee, and Bailey (Emrah) of Harvard, Jeremy of Gainesville FL., Devan, and Aiden of Lee, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins in the Netherlands. Jeannie was pre-deceased by her husband Johnny January 5, 2007.

A very special thank you to Anna van Lingen for all of her help in taking care of Oma.

The family would also like to thank all those who helped take care of Oma, as she was known to her grandchildren. Services for Jeannie will be held on Tuesday 16 Jan at the Roche Funeral Home, 120 Main Street, Lenox, MA 01240 with Pastor Michael Tuck, officiating. Calling hours will be held prior to the service beginning at 10am until 12noon. A private burial will follow at Mountain View Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jeannette's memory may be made to The Wounded Warrior Project and the Berkshire Humane Society in care of Roche Funeral Home.

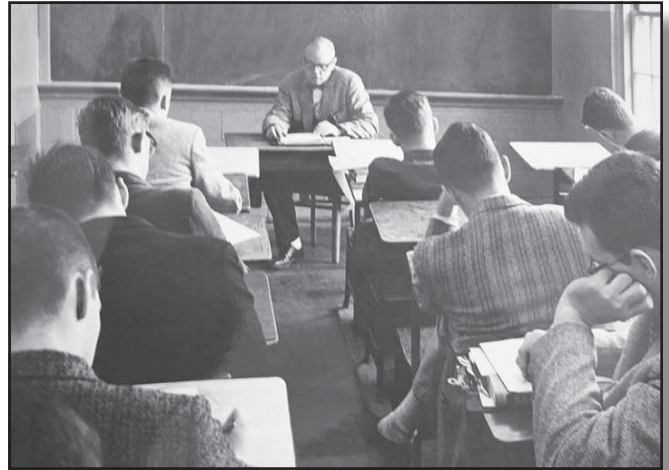
To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Mrs. Jeannette "Jeannie" L. van Lingen please visit our Sympathy Store.

And now... From Randy, a few images of times past...

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