

# Middlesex

Fall 2016

## The Landscape of Mx2

Transformation and Tradition

# From the Head of School



## Cultivating Communal Values

The more things change, the more they stay the same. This fall, Middlesex has brought together students from 27 states and 14 countries to live, work, and grow in a community that is first and foremost a school, but a school that defines its purview to include students' hearts, bodies, and spirits, as well as their nascent intellectual selves. In my ninth grade English classroom, we have discussed parts of speech (confound those subordinating conjunctions and relative pronouns!), and we have discussed the soul-rending conflicts of choosing between family and justice, the ways racism and prejudice crush identity, and the democratic values that discussion and debate protect, even if they make us uncomfortable. These ideas are presented in great literature, and they are presented in our community's life and in our lives as citizens and people; they have been true throughout Middlesex's history, and they are true today.

The phrase "culturally relevant curriculum" permeates much of current literature about education. While the phrase might be trendy, the truth for us is that the community life curriculum that we have developed for our students has taken on added urgency this year, in conversations that range from sexual assaults on campuses to political discourse to world events. Learning to be an ethically, morally strong person has always been critically important; but, the work we do in our advising program, our house meetings, our class chapels, our leadership meetings with all seniors, our all-school read and lectures—all of this work provides invitations to our students to engage in work on the values of honesty, gratitude, kindness, respect, and

courage, values that our community centers on in its conversations about growing up well.

What does it mean to engage the entire school in work on kindness? It means to discuss kindness as a value—the way of kindness, an openness and generosity of self, with empathetic and sympathetic outreach and a desire to do the right thing by someone else—and how kindness manifests itself in our lives in gestures as simple as a personal acknowledgement in passing or as complex as confronting a friend about a difficult but important truth. Respect, respect, respect is our mantra; we have been working on the "make good choices" idea for some time, on the idea that the School doesn't tell students what to think but offers alternatives—and some great coaching. We are planning to share more about our community life curriculum and work in the next *Bulletin* issue, but as we go to press, I think it is important to note that the school community is at work in these ways.

It has also been a fall of transition and celebration; while the old central steam plant is gradually transforming into the Rachel Carson Music and Campus Center, Landry House was officially opened. On a campus like ours, perhaps the best compliment about a new building is that people hardly notice it—"it looks like it has been here forever." Landry House garners that praise and more, and the boys and faculty families who are its first occupants have enjoyed a bright, warm, beautiful fall in its embrace.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathleen C. Giles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Middlesex School is an independent, non-denominational, residential, college-preparatory school that, for over 100 years, has been committed to excellence in the intellectual, ethical, creative, and physical development of young people. We honor the ideal, articulated by our founding Head Master, of “finding the promise” in every student, and we work together in an atmosphere of mutual trust and shared responsibility to help students bring their talents to fruition as knowledgeable, capable, responsible, and moral citizens of the world. As a community, we respect the individual interests, strengths, and needs of each student. We also value the rich diversity of belief and experience each of us brings to the School.

We expect that each student will bring his or her best efforts to the shared endeavor of learning and that the School, through its faculty, will engage and encourage each student’s growth, happiness, and well-being. We aspire for all Middlesex students to develop personal integrity, intellectual vitality and discipline, and respect for themselves and for others. We expect each student to engage energetically and cooperatively in the life of the School, and we seek to inspire in all students the desire to seek understanding of themselves and the larger world, both now and in their futures.

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## New People and Posts

Retirements, relocations, and curricular enrichment brought 14 new faculty and staff members to Middlesex, invigorating the school community with their energy and expertise.

The STEM Division welcomed several new colleagues, including **Caroline Heitmiller**, who is teaching math and computer science, allowing the latter program to develop further. A graduate of St. Paul's School and Lehigh University, Caroline comes to Middlesex from the faculty of Culver Academies. She will serve as an assistant coach for girls' JV ice hockey and lacrosse.

With extensive work experience at many grade levels, **Mandy Irwin** is teaching biology and environmental science, and coaching girls' soccer and squash. Most recently, she was co-director of the New Teacher Program at Cardigan Mountain School, where she taught biology and coached. Mandy is a graduate of Colorado Rocky Mountain School and the University of Colorado, Boulder, and earned an M.Ed. at Boston College's Lynch School of Education.

A former research technician at Tufts University, **Steven Whitt** is teaching biology and chemistry, which he taught for the past three years at Lowell High School. Steven is a graduate of Appalachian State University and recently completed an M.S. in biological science at UMass Lowell. He will assist with coaching boys' basketball.

Well known to many on campus, **Nathan Canniff '12** has returned to Middlesex to teach chemistry after receiving a B.S. in biochemistry at the University of Chicago. An accomplished varsity athlete and 2011 football captain, Nathan is assisting with coaching football, wrestling, and track.

And thanks to Lab Technician **Kelly Klein**, a former middle school science teacher, Middlesex's science faculty will be ably assisted with the preparation and dismantling of their classroom experiments, giving them more time for their students.

Middlesex's Humanities Division has been bolstered by three new language teachers. **Maxwell Fabiszewski** joins the classics department and will coach boys' squash and crew. A graduate of Bullis School and the University of St. Andrews, Max recently completed an M.Phil. in classics with distinction at the University of Cambridge.

An instructor at Harvard-Westlake School for the last five years, **Tiantian Wang** is now Middlesex's second teacher of Chinese, as more students have taken up the language. With a B.A. in English and an M.A. in applied linguistics from Guangdong University of Foreign Studies, Tiantian also holds an M.S.Ed. from the University of Pennsylvania. She will assist with coaching girls' basketball.

**César Pérez** is a veteran Spanish teacher who was born and raised in Cuba. A graduate of Universidad de La Habana, he earned master's degrees at the University of Iowa and at Harvard University, where he is about to complete his Ph.D. César is assisting with coaching boys' JV soccer and baseball.

Now the dean of students, Dan Sheff is supported by two assistant deans: Sarah Moss Cohane '95, who has been teaching history

since 2010; and new English teacher **Tyren Bynum**, a Choate Rosemary Hall alumnus who returned to his alma mater after graduating from Kenyon College. Tyren will coach basketball and track—and will soon finish his M.A. at Middlebury's Bread Loaf School. Also new to the Dean's Office is **Lynette Kelleher**, who brings a wealth of college administrative experience to her role as office assistant.

Admissions Officer **Leah Humes** knows the independent school world well as a graduate of Phillips Andover Academy. A varsity soccer captain and MVP at Bates College, Leah is coaching girls' JV soccer and basketball. Meanwhile, Admissions Assistant **Debra Vanderwerf** is keeping the application process running smoothly thanks to her impressive management background.

Finally, serving as director of strategic marketing and online communication, **Eric Kester '04** returns to the English classroom, having taught from 2011–13. Known for his comedic memoir, *That Book About Harvard*, Eric holds an M.F.A. in creative writing from Columbia University. A 2015 inductee to Middlesex's Athletic Hall of Fame, he will also coach boys' JV ice hockey. **M**

## The Value of Volunteering Community Service Day 2016

Held annually since 1994, Community Service Day gives both students and faculty the time and opportunity to try their hands at volunteering for worthwhile organizations in the surrounding community. While sophomores bonded on their class retreat, and seniors visited colleges or worked on applications, the rest of the school divided into small groups and headed to 11 different locations on September 26, 2016.

### Helping Hands

Several groups enjoyed the crisp and sunny fall weather as they planted, harvested, and weeded the land of local farms and parks. Other teams volunteered at a women's homeless shelter, Habitat for Humanity, the Merrimack Valley Food Bank, and a retirement home. Closer to home, one group took a short walk across Lowell Road to The Children's Meetinghouse, where they helped the childcare center with outdoor and indoor cleanup. The School itself benefited from the spirit of Community Service Day, as a few enthusiastic crews tended the Middlesex Garden and assisted with clearing out the Wood Theatre and the art studio spaces.

In all, 257 students and faculty took part in a rewarding day that was expertly organized and executed by Pascale Musto and Paul Torres, who lead Middlesex's Community Service Program, ably assisted by the seniors who serve as Community Service Officers. The School provided approximately 700 hours of volunteer work in just one day, and students were introduced to several kinds of service activities they might continue with throughout the year.

Students harvested vegetables at Mill City Grows, which distributes fresh produce throughout the neighborhoods of Lowell, Massachusetts.

### Ongoing Opportunities

Juniors at Middlesex have the chance to join Youth in Philanthropy (YIP), a program designed to educate young people about effective grant giving. In partnership with a community foundation, YIP distributes \$10,000 in grants to local nonprofit organizations each year.

In addition to weekly programming—such as assisting at Open Table, a local food pantry—numerous individual service opportunities occur during the academic year. These include writing holiday letters to a Marine unit, collecting for the Toys-for-Tots program, hosting a Wounded Warriors hockey game, and many other events. **M**





Seasoned teachers all, Jecca Hutcheson (on left), Dan Barber, and Sara Kate May were each awarded one of Middlesex's endowed chairs in September.

## Honoring Scholarly Leadership

### The Kathleen Carroll Giles Chair in the Humanities

Throughout *Mx2: The Campaign for Middlesex*, support for the School and its mission has been thoughtfully expressed in many ways—one of which specifically honors and rewards the considerable efforts of faculty members. Endowed chairs not only recognize outstanding teaching but also underwrite faculty compensation, twin goals that appealed strongly to current parents Ami and Will Danoff. In addition to giving generously toward facilities for the visual arts and music, the Danoffs have established the Kathleen Carroll Giles Chair in the Humanities in honor of Middlesex's fifth head of school.

"We are lucky to have someone who is so competent and makes the School run smoothly," Will said during an all-school assembly on October 8, when the Giles Chair—and two established chairs—were awarded. "Thank you, Kathy, for all that you do and for being who you are."

### The Giles Chair: First Recipient

With its income directed toward providing for the salary of a member of the faculty in English, languages, or the arts, Middlesex's newest chair was awarded to Jecca Hutcheson, who joined the Middlesex English Department in 2006. A veteran teacher, writer, and editor, she graduated magna cum laude from Harvard and completed an M.A. in history at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, and an M.F.A. in creative writing at Cornell. Jecca is also the head of Hallowell House and the head coach of varsity alpine skiing.

### The Charles W. Locke Chair in Classics

Established in 2000 in memory of Charles W. Locke (faculty member from 1918 to 1959), by gifts from his daughter, Susan W. Smith, and his grandson, George E. Senkler II '52, this chair has been supplemented by gifts from Henry H. Hilton III '47, Professor Charles Henderson, Jr. '40, and Prescott B. and Joan Knapp Crocker, parents of Nicholas B. Crocker '00 and Elizabeth M. Crocker '04.

Classics Department Chair Dan Barber is the newly appointed holder of the Locke Chair. Dan earned his M.A. in Latin and Ph.D. in classics at the University of Virginia after graduating from Cornell University. Head coach of the boys' varsity cross-country team, Dan assists with coaching wrestling in the winter.

### The Zak Family Chair in Physical Science

Established in 2008 by a gift from Roxanne and Michael Zak, parents of Marianna Zak '08, this chair supports the salary of a female faculty member in mathematics or science.

Having taught physics and astronomy at Middlesex for more than a decade, Sara Kate May is the new holder of the Zak Chair. A magna cum laude graduate of Williams College, she earned an M.A. in physics from City College of New York. Sara Kate is the varsity coach for girls' cross-country and leads Estabrook House for day girls. **M**

# Pippin

*April 29–30, 2016*

*Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz*  
*Book by Roger O. Hirson*  
*Directed by Tom Kane*  
*Musical Direction by Pierson Wetzel*  
*Technical Design & Direction by*  
Ryan DuBray  
*Choreography by Barb Cadell*  
*Costume Design by Kim Brown*  
*Photography by Robert D. Perachio*



In keeping with the experimental spirit of theatre productions in the 1970s, *Pippin* was performed in the round—no small feat in the Wood Theatre, requiring a cast of 30 and an equal number of stagehands. Also demanding boundless energy, skillful footwork, and spirited singing, the show engaged and entertained Middlesex audiences as they watched Prince Pippin elude the expectations of his father—and the machinations of his stepmother—to find peace and fulfillment in his own corner of the sky. **M**





Dr. Robert K. Kaufmann, professor of geography and environment at Boston University, explained the basic chemistry of climate change before presenting data that revealed gradually rising global temperatures over the last century.

## Climate Change Challenges

### The 2016 All-School Read

During a summer of unexpected weather—with some U.S. regions inundated with rain, while the Northeast endured severe drought—this year’s All-School Read (ASR) assignment may have seemed especially appropriate. *The Collapse of Western Civilization: A View from the Future*, written by Naomi Oreskes and Erik Conway, is a science fiction novella set in 2393 that describes the causes and effects of extreme climate change on Earth and dwells on mankind’s lack of timely action that might have reversed the planet’s warming trend.

Before discussing the ideas behind the 2016 ASR, Middlesex first learned about current climate conditions on September 23 from Dr. Robert K. Kaufmann, professor of geography and environment at Boston University, who entitled his talk, “Climate Change: Why So Skeptical?” Dr. Kaufmann aimed to explain not only how climate

change works but also why scientists are certain it is happening, though many laymen do not believe that it is.

Dr. Kaufmann first described the chemistry of Earth’s climate, stating that there is no controversy about this basic science. “The interesting part comes when people debate whether the gases from human activity are changing the climate,” he noted. “The whole argument hinges on this.”

Does human activity change Earth’s heat balance? “I’m going to say ‘yes,’” he asserted, “because of radiative force,” which is a measurement of the difference between the amount of sunlight absorbed by the Earth and the energy that is radiated back into space. Factors such as deforestation and gases from fossil fuels will cause heat to remain trapped in the atmosphere, increasing radiative force. Because measurements of radiative forcing and global temperature have been rising together “in a way that is statistically significant,” Dr. Kaufmann concluded, “They really are related.” In short, human activity is contributing to climate change.

“You will not find a climate scientist who does not think it is changing,” he continued, “but if you ask average people, you get geographic differences in beliefs around the country.” Having analyzed where people live in the U.S. and the degree to which they believe the climate is changing, Dr. Kaufmann has found that “experiential learning dominates the statistical results.” Simply put, “If it is hotter where you are, you will believe in climate change.” Perhaps even more surprising is that people based their belief only on the most recent five years of weather.

After fielding questions from his Middlesex audience, Dr. Kaufmann concluded that there are many ways for humans to reduce the level of CO<sub>2</sub> being released, a contributing factor to climate change, and asked them to weigh the alternatives. “What are the costs you are imposing by letting climate change continue? It could be more costly in terms of environmental damage than it is to make changes that seem expensive.”

The following morning, the community reconvened in the theatre for a faculty and student panel discussion on the political, environmental, economic, and ethical ramifications of climate change. While two students shared their concerns about winter smog in their home cities of Beijing and Shanghai, the leaders of Common Sense reviewed the steps that Middlesex has taken to reduce the School's carbon footprint and minimize resource waste. Economics teacher Mike Pandolfini discussed the kinds of changes—such as solar power and electric cars—that could further reduce carbon emissions; AP Environmental Science teacher Willy Hutcheson talked about his lifelong passion for birds and advocated for better stewardship of natural resources; and history teacher Ben Kulas provided a historical context of climate change, giving examples of environmental conditions that have resulted in destabilizing political situations.

Judging from the quality of questions for both Dr. Kaufmann and the panel members, this year's All-School Read achieved its intended purpose: to inform and inspire thought-provoking discussions about some of the thornier issues in the world today. **M**

## Breaking Barriers Pioneering Women in Science

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Initiated in 2015 through the generosity of a parent, the Middlesex Speaker Series in Math and Science brought a second guest to campus on April 19, 2016. With the School about to celebrate the 40th reunion of its first coeducational class, it was an opportune moment for Dr. Penny Noyce to present “Magnificent Minds: Pioneering Women in Science and Medicine.”

Dr. Noyce is an educator, writer, and medical doctor who has authored two books about noteworthy women scientists as well as several novels for younger science enthusiasts. After showing a short video in which young girls could only name male inventors, Dr. Noyce went on to discuss the lives and work of nearly two dozen women scientists.

### STEM Standouts

While the legacy of chemist and physicist Marie Curie was familiar to many, fewer knew about Émilie du Châtelet, a French mathematician and physicist who translated and interpreted Newton's *Principia Mathematica* in the early 1700s; or Ada Byron, Countess of Lovelace, an English mathematician whose algorithms in the 1840s may qualify her as the first computer programmer; or Barbara McClintock, whose research in the field of cytogenetics earned her a Nobel Prize in 1983.

Not only were these women intellectual powerhouses, Dr. Noyce said, but they also had to overcome significant barriers in order to attain an advanced education and follow their academic passions. Furthermore, social roles for women were rigid and limited; though educated, Florence Nightingale was still expected by her family to be a gentlewoman, not a nurse. But times of war and upheaval could sometimes create opportunities for women like her, as evidenced by



Many at Middlesex were surprised to learn of the discoveries and accomplishments of the lesser-known women scientists described by Dr. Penny Noyce, an educator, writer, and medical doctor.

the notoriety she gained for her nursing management during the Crimean War.

### Retroactive Recognition

In short, Dr. Noyce summarized, these exemplary women scientists should be well known for their intellects and contributions—and for their extraordinary determination. Though most were not appreciated in their own lifetimes, they should be recognized today for having paved the way for all modern women whose interests lie in the fields of science, medicine, and mathematics. **M**

## Landry: The House that Friendship Built



Three generations of the Landry family were on hand to celebrate the dedication of Middlesex's new dorm, named for the late Kevin Landry '62. (photo by Tony Rinaldo)

On September 23, 2016, more than 150 alumni, trustees, faculty, family, and friends gathered to celebrate the opening of Middlesex's new dorm, Landry House, named in honor of the late Kevin Landry '62, longtime trustee, board treasurer, and generous supporter of the School.

The evening opened with tours of the impressive building, courtesy of the 36 boys who had moved into the dorm a few weeks earlier. Following a reception there, guests continued the celebration during dinner. An honorary co-chair of the *Mx2 Campaign*, Victor Atkins, Jr. '63 reflected on the transformative experience that he and Kevin had benefited from as Middlesex students. That shared experience later inspired the friends to promote transformative upgrades to the campus. Most recently, thanks to Victor's Residential Life Challenge, the Landry Foundation, and other significant contributions, Landry House could be constructed. Among its special features are the Class of 1962 Common Room—a 50th reunion gift from Kevin's

class—and the 1989 Commons, a 25th reunion gift by the class of his daughter, Trustee Kim Gwinn Landry '89.

In her remarks, Kim extended her heartfelt gratitude to Victor and the class of 1962. "If even a fraction of the vibrant spirit of the class of 1962 attaches itself to Landry House," she said, "then I am sure there will be many generations of wonderful reunions for future Middlesex graduates. To me, Landry House will always be the house that friendship built, and it will stand as a powerful reminder of just how deeply the roots of friendship extend. To have my father's legacy entwined with his classmates and his friends in this way is incredibly meaningful."

With former Heads of School David Sheldon and Deirdre Ling in attendance, current Head of School Kathy Giles acknowledged the many supporters who made Landry House possible. "We cannot thank you all enough," she said. "Our hope is that our students will learn much here that makes them better people, as well as accomplished intellectuals and academicians and sports and arts people; but one of the most important things they will learn, from living and working in this place, is the power of optimism and investment in youth and in education."

Students who live anywhere on campus, she noted—whether in Landry House, with its Class of 1962 Plaque, or in Clay House, with its common room honoring Jim and Carmen Beaton—will get the message "that leadership and generosity and optimism and faith in young people are among the most important investments in humanity we each can make during our lives," Kathy stated. "For me, that is the best message Landry House sends; it is a blessing now, and it will be a blessing for the future." **M**

## From *The Anvil* to “The Gray Lady”

As he told his Middlesex audience when he delivered the 2007 Bigelow Lecture, journalist Joe Kahn '83 actually got his start in newspapers with *The Anvil*. On September 16, 2016, it was announced that Joe—now a two-time winner of the Pulitzer Prize—has been named managing editor of *The New York Times*.

According to the executive editor of *The Times*, Joe's primary responsibility will be “to lead our efforts to build *The Times* of the future, and to grapple with questions of what we cover going forward, and what our desks should look like.” Joe will be in charge of putting into effect changes proposed by a group that is working to prepare and transform the newsroom for a digital future.

A Harvard graduate, Joe also holds an M.A. in East Asian studies from Harvard's Graduate School of Arts and Sciences. Joining *The Times* in 1998 from *The Wall Street Journal*, he covered Wall Street and international economics—and served as *The Times*' Beijing bureau chief—before returning to New York to work as deputy foreign editor and then international editor. **M**

Standing between his wife Mayari and Trustee Allen Model '63, Hiroshi Ishibashi '66 was later presented with the 2016 Lodge Award for his impressive career in industrial design and the arts.

## A Master of Design Distinguished Alumnus Hiroshi Ishibashi '66

Each year since 1993, the Middlesex Alumni Association has selected a deserving recipient for the Henry Cabot Lodge '20 Distinguished Alumni Award, which is given to a graduate whose life and career have made significant, lasting contributions to society and brought great credit to the School. Having successfully pursued his interests in both the arts and industry, Hiroshi Ishibashi '66 was honored with this year's Lodge Award on May 21, while he celebrated his 50th reunion during the 2016 Alumni Weekend.

Hiroshi arrived at Middlesex from Japan in the fall of 1964 as a new member of the junior class. During his two years on campus, he was admired for his talents on the soccer field, in the Glee Club, and as an accomplished photographer who served as president of the Photography Club.

After graduating from Middlesex, Hiroshi attended Claremont Men's College in California for two years before transferring to the Art Center College of Design in Los Angeles to focus on industrial design. He returned to Japan in 1971 and began working

for his family's business, the Bridgestone Tire Company. There, Hiroshi was involved in a variety of product development projects for the company, including a series of aluminum alloy custom wheels which were quite similar to the ones he carved on his senior plaque at Middlesex. In addition to his work with Bridgestone, he developed the AXIS Design Center, an innovative retail center in Toyko featuring stores, a photography studio, and art galleries.

His lifelong interest in design and the arts led to his involvement with the Bridgestone Museum in Tokyo and the Ishibashi Museum in Kurume. Since his retirement from Bridgestone in 2012, he has continued this involvement, serving as president of the Board of Directors of the Ishibashi Foundation, which oversees both museums.

In recognition of his success in the business world and his passionate support of the arts, the Middlesex Alumni Association has proudly presented the 2016 Henry Cabot Lodge '20 Distinguished Alumni Award to Hiroshi Ishibashi '66. **M**



## A Promising Future



Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bret Stephens '91 expressed his gratitude to the Middlesex teachers who “lit the way” for students like him.

Graduation addresses, as this year’s guest speaker noted at the outset, typically begin with “a gracious note of thanks and congratulations.” Instead, Bret Stephens ’91—the foreign affairs columnist and deputy editorial page editor of *The Wall Street Journal*—opened with sincere apologies to his former teachers in the audience for having been an “intellectually arrogant” student with “opinions about everything.”

In another twist of convention, Bret next congratulated the families of the seniors for their efforts leading up to the occasion. “Class of 2016: You wouldn’t be here if someone hadn’t loved you with every ounce of his—and especially her—being,” he said. Taking another unexpected turn, he then offered his condolences to the graduates, suggesting, “This might be the worst day of your lives.” Never again would they have such committed teachers and coaches, he explained, nor

would they find another community bound together by the Middlesex’s ideal of being a place where students may “find their promise.”

Bret traced his own promise to the alternative newspaper that he and several friends initiated to rival *The Anvil*. In retrospect, he considers their publication’s content “atrocious.” Still, they met deadlines and published regularly, fundraised and mastered computer software, sparked controversies and took criticism. “I’m struck by the thought that if we had been a little more self-conscious, a little more aware of our limitations, a little more afraid of messing up, we never would have mustered the nerve to begin,” Bret reflected. “Please remember that. A ripe fruit always starts as a sour one. Thirty-three percent of success is initial stupidity, another third is gross impudence, and the rest is manic persistence.”

Through this experience, Bret also learned the value of free speech, and because “speaking freely can sometimes mean speaking stupidly,” he advised the seniors to be considerate of the feelings and deeply held beliefs of others. That said, he continued, “If you are going to find your promise, you’re going to need all the freedom you can get, above all the freedom to think for yourselves—and to think aloud. Cherish that freedom, demand it, and make full use of it.”

Since graduating from Middlesex, Bret has done just that. After earning a B.A. at the University of Chicago and an M.A. at the London School of Economics, he joined *The Wall Street Journal* in 1998, working in New York and Brussels. At the age of 28, he was named the editor in chief of *The Jerusalem Post*. Bret came back to the *Journal* in 2004 and has reported stories from around the world, including Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Iraq.

In 2013, Bret earned a Pulitzer Prize for distinguished commentary. Two of his Middlesex newspaper compatriots, Alec Sulkin '91 and John Viener '90, are now successful Hollywood writers (and were the graduation speakers at the School's 2014 commencement exercises), while Jason Nevader '90 is an accomplished entrepreneur. Given these outcomes, Bret asked the Middlesex faculty to have patience with especially "difficult and obnoxious" adolescents. "Take special care of those students," he appealed. "Humor them. Cut them some slack. Love them even if you don't yet like them. It may take 10 or 20 years, but I guarantee that someday those misfits will be standouts. They will make you proud."

Graduation might be the worst day of the seniors' lives, Bret reiterated. "But if Middlesex has done its job right with you, as it did with me," he countered, "if it has stirred a deeper yearning, inspired an inner calling, aroused a great ambition, illuminated the previously unseen path, then this is not the worst day. Not at all. This is the day when it all starts, when that which for so long has been promised is at last on its way to fulfillment." **M**

## New Trustees

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### Ricardo Albarran '86

Ricardo is the founder and president of International Corporate and Cargo Services, which provides ground services for private jet owners in Mexico and Latin America. He is also involved in commercial real estate in Miami, Florida. With wide-ranging business experience, he previously worked in a variety of industry sectors, including manufacturing, aviation, advertising, and human resources.

After following his brothers, Roberto '78 and Manuel '81, to Middlesex, Ricardo earned his undergraduate degree at Southern Methodist University. He has since completed executive programs at MIT's Sloan School of Management and M.B.A. programs at Arizona State University and Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de México. With his wife Carla, he serves on the Middlesex Parents' Committee. The Albarrans are the parents of three children, two of whom are current students: Ricky '18 and Carla '20.



### Robert C. Trumbull '00

Rob joins the Board in a pro-tem capacity as the new president of the Middlesex Alumni Association. A graduate of Rollins College with an M.B.A. from Babson College, he has spent the past 12 years with State Street Global Advisors, where he is currently the head of institutional ETF sales. He also serves on the New England Aquarium's Board of Overseers.

Rob's Middlesex legacy originates with his great-great-grandfather, Robert Winsor, older brother of founder Frederick Winsor and longtime trustee and supporter of the School. Alumni in Rob's family thereby include his great-grandfather, the late Walter H. Trumbull '11, his grandfather, the late Philip W. Trumbull '38; his father, Philip W. Trumbull, Jr. '67; and his sister, Amy C. Trumbull '96. Rob and his wife Allison have a young daughter Lilly. **M**

# Team Highlights

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## Boys' Lacrosse

High-scoring midfielders Sam Dwinell '17 (on left) and Gavin Garrity-Rokous '17 celebrate after another Middlesex goal.



## Girls' Lacrosse

All-American Lucie Gildehaus '18 skillfully maneuvers through a double team on her way to the goal in an early win against Deerfield Academy.



## Baseball

Mike Doherty '18 delivers a pitch, earning All-League status at the season's close.



## Girls' Tennis

Receiving an All-League Honorable Mention this past spring, Captain Abby Meyers '16 led her teammates throughout a season of close matches that included satisfying wins against Tabor and St. George's.



## Boys' Tennis

Captain-elect Jamie Clay '17 hits another powerful first serve.

# Spring Standouts

Middlesex athletes earned plenty of recognition in the highly competitive Independent School League, with two becoming New England Champions in track and field events and three more joining an impressive list of lacrosse All-Americans at the School.



New England Champions: Middlesex set a new meet record in the 4x400-meter relay; Track Co-captain Megan Seymour '16 (second from the right) also won first place in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles.

## Track Triumphs

Competing against 21 other programs at the New England Championships on May 21, Middlesex's track and field teams finished in impressive style, with the girls capturing second place and the boys taking fifth after a day full of season-best events. Co-captain Megan Seymour '16 was crowned a New England Champion in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, setting a new meet record; and, with three teammates—Isabelle Fuchs '17, Charlotte O'Toole '19, and Nina Thomas '18—Megan helped set another meet record in the 4x400-meter relay. Other strong performances included second-place finishes by Eliza Jevon '17 in the 1500-meter run and by Halina Tittmann '18 in the triple jump, and third-place finishes by Isabelle in the 400-meter dash and by Sonia Tremblay '16 in the 3000-meter run.

Co-captain Viraj Deokar '16 led the charge for the boys, winning the 1500-meter run once again. Coming in third behind him was fellow Co-captain Gavin Fujimori '16, while Captain-elect Reed Foster '17 also finished third in both the 400-meter dash and the long jump.

## A Trio of All-Americans

Middlesex lacrosse was distinguished as a strong program once again, with three players earning the title of All-American. A tenacious and smart defender— and a poised and disciplined attacker—Girls' Varsity Co-captain Emma Fehnel '16 brought tremendous



All-American Jack Lyne '16 clears the ball up the field.



Co-captain and midfielder Emma Fehnel '16 eludes her opponents in a tight 11-10 victory. An All-League player for the past two seasons, she is now also an All-American.

depth and leadership to the team in her four years of playing for the School. Her athleticism, astute game sense, and remarkable consistency will be missed as she moves on to play for Trinity College. Emma's teammate and fellow All-American, Lucie Gildehaus '18, emerged as the leading scorer last spring. A savvy, quick-footed attacker and gritty defender, Lucie has two more lacrosse seasons to go—good news for Middlesex.

A four-year starter at close defense for Middlesex varsity lacrosse, Jack Lyne '16 proved to be a formidable player. "In practices and games," says Varsity Coach Ned Herter '73, "Jack's presence was the equivalent of having a coach on the field. His poise, leadership, and confidence made every other player on our team better." Every spring since his sophomore season, Jack has been named All-League and a Boston Lax All-Star. Now, at John's Hopkins University, he hopes to play for the Blue Jays.

# Alumni Weekend

Contributing to this year's record attendance, the class of 1991 had a good turnout for its 25th reunion. Seated, from left to right, are: Tim Haarmann, Scott Thorpe, Sam Adams, Kara Johnson, Heidi Bauer Williams, Rebecca Taplin, Janny Baek, Lisa McGinley Soininen, Aine O'Malley Pappas, and Cate Kelly. Standing in back are: Robin Leary Taylor, John Soininen, Alexandra Bonney McAuliffe, Rich Bland, Wells Blanchard, Andrew Goodale, Roberto Martinez, Jim Stahl, Carlos Melville, Tom Hudner, Jamie Beard, John Wadsworth, Nicole Driscoll Diaconis, and Jessica Beriro.



Laura and Tyler Hindermann '81 with their children, Curtis and Grace.



Returning for their 10th reunion were 2006 classmates Alex Ferris, Wiley Wilson, Camilla Hammer, Caroline Abbott, Charlie Boutwell, and Sam Harrison.

Celebrating 50 years since their graduation, members of the class of 1966 assembled for a group shot before their dinner at the head of school's home. Front row, left to right: Bill Richardson, George Hart, John Quinn, Hiroshi Ishibashi, and Bill Royall; second row: Bayard Veiller, Stacey Scott, Ralph Cygan, and Jon Fisher; third row: Ron MacLeod, Pete Olney, David Wadleigh, Jack Perron, Rob Littlehale, and Paul Burke.





Rick Olney '57, Pebo Browne '53, and Martha and John Ross '56 were among those who attended the Old Guard Dinner in Ware Hall.



Reconnecting 30 years after graduation were, from left to right: Tyler Whisnand '86 (father of Cole '17), Deb Tilton Thrun '86 (mother of Will '17), retired Assistant to the Athletic Director Chris Kingman, Elizabeth ('86) and Tim Mayhew '86, and retired French teacher Don James.



Romy Ikauniks Wilhelm '96 brought along her husband Tom and their sons, Fletcher and Tristan, to her 20th reunion.

Held on May 20 and 21, Alumni Weekend 2016 will be remembered for its gorgeous weather and record turnout. Nearly 700 guests took part in the weekend, including alumni, spouses, children, friends, and current and former faculty. They were treated to two extraordinary spring days in and around Concord.

The weekend kicked off on Friday evening with the annual Memorial Service in the Chapel, with Reverend Tom Speers '76 presiding. Class parties in various locations followed, including the Old Guard Dinner in Ware Hall and the 50th reunion dinner at the head of school's home.

Saturday featured a full day on campus, beginning with an update on Middlesex from Head of School Kathy Giles and Board President Stephen Lari '90. The Henry Cabot Lodge '20 Distinguished Alumni Award was then presented to Hiroshi Ishibashi '66 (see page 9), and four new members were inducted into the Middlesex Athletic Hall of Fame.

After lunch, Middlesex teams took to the fields to battle their ISL competition, and the annual Alumni Art Show opened in the Wood Theatre Gallery, featuring the impressive work of Duncan Laurie '66 and Sam Vokey '81.

A special addition to the weekend schedule this year was an alumnae panel discussion about coeducational Middlesex to recognize the 40th anniversary of the School's first female graduates. Following this engaging event, Dean of Faculty Alex Banay and Dean of Students Carmen Beaton—both of whom retired this year—were celebrated and given honorary membership in the Middlesex Alumni Association by its president, Hunter Moorman '60.

The weekend culminated with the traditional clam-bake under the tent, giving alumni time to catch up with classmates, as well as former teachers and coaches, while enjoying a wonderful dinner catered by Woodman's of Essex.

Thanks to everyone who made Alumni Weekend 2016 such a fun and memorable occasion. Please mark your calendars for June 9 and 10, 2017, when Alumni Weekend will combine with the celebration of the completion of *Mx2: The Campaign for Middlesex*. **M**

# Alumni Weekend

Vastly different in perspective and execution, the beautiful designs by Duncan Laurie '66 and paintings by Sam Vokey '81 shared the Wood Theatre Gallery for this year's Alumni Art Exhibit, curated expertly once again by Adji Gadson '90.



## Anniversary: 40 Years of Middlesex Alumnae



Nine of Middlesex's first 14 alumnae were on campus Saturday night for the 40th reunion of the class of 1976. Seated, left to right, are Noni Pratt, Mary Wootten, Kate Titus, Anne Makepeace, and Connie Nelson White. Standing behind them are: Mary Allen, Patience Gillies Laws, Lisa Beach, and Sarah O'Neill.



On Saturday afternoon, a distinguished panel of women—all of whom were nominated by their fellow alumni—discussed their memories and impressions of Middlesex during their student days and how their experiences at the School helped to direct or shape their careers. Sharing their thoughts as panelists were (above) Helena White Fifer '78, Patricia Melton '77, and Sarah Leary '88, as well as (left) Wanji Barrington Walcott '87, Anna Culp '92, and Cinda Scott '95.

# Athletic Hall of Fame

## 2016 Inductees

In his role as chair of the nominating committee, Hall of Famer Curt Curtis '62 (center) presided over the induction ceremony for this year's four accomplished alumni athletes: Rob Chisholm '97, Barrie Shapiro Duchesneau '01, Kirsten Kester O'Donnell '05, and Zach O'Donnell '06.

The Middlesex Athletic Hall of Fame Nominating Committee welcomes your nominations of classmates, teammates, and coaches. If you have someone you'd like to see considered for induction, please contact Director of Alumni Relations John Morrissey at [jmorrissey@mxschool.edu](mailto:jmorrissey@mxschool.edu).



Robert A. Chisholm '97

Rob earned nine letters during his Middlesex career—three each in cross-country, ice hockey, and lacrosse—and served as captain of all three sports. Named All-League three times in both cross-country and ice hockey, he led the ISL's Eberhart Division in scoring in his senior ice hockey season. Rob collected his share of Middlesex awards, too, receiving the Kelton Athletic Prize as a sophomore, the Burns Foster Cross-Country Bowl and the Class II Alumni Athletic Prize as a junior, and the Kondon Lacrosse Bowl as a senior. Starting out on Princeton's ice hockey team, he transferred to Middlebury College, where he became a senior captain.



Barrie Shapiro  
Duchesneau '01

Winning three letters in field hockey, four in alpine skiing, and four in softball at Middlesex, Barrie captained all three sports as a senior—having already led the softball team during her sophomore and junior seasons. She was named All-League twice in field hockey, four times in skiing, and twice in softball, also earning All-New England status twice in skiing. Her talent was further recognized with the Kelton Athletic Prize in 1999, the Class II Alumni Athletic Prize in 2000, and the Outstanding Senior Girl Athletic Award in 2001. Barrie went on to play field hockey at Northwestern University.



Kirsten Kester  
O'Donnell '05

A tri-varsity athlete throughout her Middlesex career, Kirsten earned 12 letters and served as a senior captain of field hockey, ice hockey, and lacrosse. In addition to being named All-League twice in field hockey and three times in ice hockey, she received the Kelton Athletic Prize as a sophomore, the Class II Alumni Athletic Prize as a junior, and the 1976 Field Hockey Bowl, the Arnold-Cutler Award, and the Outstanding Senior Girl Athletic Award in her last year at Middlesex. Kirsten played ice hockey at Harvard for four years, capping her collegiate career as a team captain.



Zachary J. O'Donnell '06

Zach won 12 letters in football, ice hockey, and baseball, captaining each team. Named All-League twice in football and baseball, he also received two Honorable Mentions in ice hockey and one in baseball. After his football team captured the 2003 ISL Championship, he led the squad that won the 2005 NEPSAC Clark-Francis Bowl; Zach was named All-New England. Receiving the Kelton Athletic Prize and the Raymond Baseball Bowl in 2004, he merited the Class II Alumni Athletic Prize and the Kingman Sportsmanship Award in 2005, and earned the Ty Prince Memorial Bowl in 2006. Zach was named to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame in 2006 and later played for Dartmouth College.

# Fond Farewells

## Alex Banay



*New to marriage and Middlesex, Alex Banay moved on campus in 1976 with her husband, (now retired) Math Department Head Ron Banay. She joined the faculty the following fall as a teacher of Latin—and then French and English, too—eventually exchanging the latter two languages for Greek. Over the course of her tenure, she raised three accomplished daughters (Sophie '99, Rachel '03, and Emma '07) here on campus—“a paradise for children,” she affirms.*

*In time, Alex became the head of the Middlesex Classics Department and first holder of the Charles W. Locke Chair. Additionally, for the last 12 years, she has gracefully served as the dean of faculty, mentoring new teachers and overseeing a supportive evaluation process. And though looking forward to focusing on grandchildren and gardening, she nonetheless acknowledged in June, “I’ll miss being part of this committed, intentional, loving community.” In turn, Middlesex will miss Alex’s eloquence and expertise, her warmth and understanding. Macte virtute!*

BY ANDREW DAVIS '96

In seventh grade, despite having a mother who was a French teacher, a father fluent in French, and a sister who would go on to major in French, I chose to study Latin. Perhaps it was my own, tame version of middle school rebellion, but it was one of the most important decisions I ever made in my life.

Latin’s impact on the trajectory of my life was not due to Caecilius of the

Cambridge Latin Course, Virgil’s Aeneas—though his “Fit Via Vi” did make it onto my senior plaque—or the embarrassing love poetry I wrote modeled on Catullus and Horace. Latin made me who I am today because Latin introduced me to Alex Banay.

I cried the first night I did homework in Alex Banay’s Latin class. Eager for a challenge and well prepared by a talented middle school teacher, I was placed into Latin class with one of my sister’s friends—she was a junior, and

I am not sure I had hair on my legs, let alone my face. I stared at the Latin text on the right side of the page and tears welled up. A passing faculty member—Mark Foster or Jeff Leahy, perhaps—pointed me to the left side of the page with the annotations needed to translate the assigned passage. I survived that assignment, and, thankfully, stayed in Alex’s class.

Yes, Alex taught me Latin. Over four years, I slowly worked my way through more and more complex texts, eventually translating and analyzing the ancient literature with words such as “chiasmus,” “synchysis,” and “synecdoche.” She taught Latin so well that I can still quote a few passages and still know what all three of those literary devices are. The spring of my junior and senior years, I looked forward to the post-AP Latin dinner at Alex’s house with togas, lamb, and sparkling juice. I liked Latin so much that I checked the “Classics Major” box on many of my college applications and now understand that is how I got into a highly selective college.

Alex also taught me to write. Stymied by an unrelenting string of B- English and history papers, I turned to Alex for help. With a first draft in hand, I would walk across the lawn from Clay to Higginson, knock on that far left-hand door, and be welcomed into the Banay family. With her daughters asleep or doing their own homework, and Ron planning the next Calculus lesson, Alex would bake bread and teach me to write. While she kneaded the dough, Alex, then my advisor, would ask about my life and the particular class and

assignment. Then, with bread in the oven, she would read a draft and then help me to completely restructure my essay by asking me, over and over, the same question: “What are you trying to say here?” Before I knew it, my ideas were clear, and there was warm bread on the kitchen table. I still remember Emma Banay’s preschool artwork hanging on the walls leading up to the high ceilings in that kitchen. Now, having baked bread a few times myself, I appreciate just how much time Alex gave to my writing.

The most profound way that Alex impacted my life was by teaching me to be an educator. Though I had decided I wanted to be a teacher—or trash man—in elementary school, Alex solidified my call to teach. Now, as a teacher and school leader, I try to channel Alex in my work.

Some teachers are great because of shtick. Alex is great because of three enduring qualities. First, she knows the material. Though I am sure there were some days she came over reviewing the assigned lines of translation as she walked from Higg to the classroom, we—her students—never knew it. As far as we knew, Alex knew everything ever written in or about Latin. Second, she was consistent. Reviewing the previous night’s translation, diving into new lines, analyzing the literary devices and diction—each day, we knew what to expect with Alex. The surprises were in the material, not in her presentation. As a school leader, I value teachers, like Alex, who provide the consistency all learners crave. Third, and finally, Alex

cared deeply about each of her students. Yes, she cared if you did your homework, but if you did not, she cared far more about why and how she could help you. Alex did not have to say this. You just knew it. Yes, Alex, that was a tricolon crescendo. You taught me that, too.

Looking back on the impact Alex Banay had on my life, I want to revise my senior plaque. Rather than quoting Virgil’s “Fit Via Vi,” meaning “a way was made with strength,” I would like to modify my quote to be, “Fit Via Banay.” A way was made with Banay.

On one of the papers that Alex helped me edit in my junior year, I wrote something along the lines of, “We should never take the impact of Lincoln’s presidency for granite (sic).” Never quick to judge, Alex asked me what I meant when I wrote “take it for granite.” Baffled that she had never heard this very common expression, I explained that it meant taking something as given—you know, rock solid. Like granite. Just the slightest hint of a smile crept across her face as she explained that the proper phrase is “take something for granted.”

Alex, while I relied upon your Latin instruction, listening ear, and homemade bread, please know that I never then—nor since—have ever taken you for granted or for granite. Thank you for all that you have given me and Middlesex School.

*Andrew Davis '96 is the new head of school at Mount Tamalpais School in Mill Valley, California.*

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*Alex cared deeply about each of her students. Yes, she cared if you did your homework, but if you did not, she cared far more about why and how she could help you.*

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# Carmen Beaton

*“This too shall pass,” Dean of Students Carmen Beaton reminded the class of 2016 during her Baccalaureate address, noting that each and every moment in life is fleeting. The same seems to be true of her 29-year tenure at Middlesex. Wasn’t it only yesterday that she was living in Clay House, rushing to Spanish class, or presiding over school life meetings? Nevertheless, in June, she joined her husband Jim, longtime Middlesex English teacher, in retirement. ¡Saludos y mil gracias, Carmen-Anita!*

Given her complete investment in community life at Middlesex for nearly three decades, it seems incredible that Carmen Beaton was once doubtful that she could work *and* live at a boarding school. “I was always accessible to my students in public school, too,” she qualifies, “but I thought the reason I did that was because I had a separate, private life.”

A veteran Spanish teacher, Carmen lived in Belmont for the first five years that her husband Jim was on the Middlesex faculty, though she commuted to campus for one year (1981–82) to lead a special literature course for native speakers. “It was a lovely experience—a small class and fun to teach,” Carmen recalls.

Still, it was with some lingering trepidation that she made the move to Clay House in 1985 with Jim and their young children, Andrew ’98 and Emily ’01. Happily, the boys living in the dorm soon won her over with their “Get Well” signs when Andrew was sick and their card for her on Mother’s Day. “I thought, ‘I love these kids. I can make a life here,’” Carmen says. “The kids were fun and interesting, and if they were needy, you knew where it was coming from. I liked having kids knock on the door.”

One of those knocking residents was Bret Stephens ’91, who considers his freshman assignment to Clay House “an act of Providence.” Looking back on those days, Bret admits, “I was

obnoxious. If my adult self had known my 13-year-old self, would I have been as good to that boy as the Beatons were? I’m not sure I would have. I would knock on their door all the time, finding some pretext to have a conversation. They never turned me away.” (Notably, he remained in Clay House all four years.)

In 1988, Carmen at last threw her lot in with Middlesex full time, teaching the beginning levels of Spanish and a fourth-year elective, which became her signature course. She would also occasionally take on an Independent Study Program, as she did for Bret in his senior spring. “I remember that ISP as one of the great delights of my Middlesex experience,” he says, detailing the sophisticated, archaic Spanish literature they read and discussed. “It was college-level, intellectually serious work that opened my eyes to the glories of Iberian literature.” Not only was Carmen an ideal dorm parent, Bret stresses, “But she’s also a scholar and a great teacher.”

Another of her former students, Eric Gettig ’00, agrees. “I’m actually finishing a Ph.D. in Latin American and Cuban history,” he says. “The language skills that I learned from Carmen are essential to what I do—and to my interest in Latin American culture. I wouldn’t be doing what I do now if not for my experience in her classroom.”

Carmen soon proved to be a gifted administrator as well. When Middlesex was looking to restructure the dean’s



office in 1990, she explained to (then Headmaster) David Sheldon that she had a vision of building a curriculum about how to live in a community. “It intrigued me,” she says. “I told David that I would not want to do the job for long because my heart was in the classroom. And he said, ‘Oh, Carmen, all good administrators’ hearts are in the classroom!’”

Being the dean of students proved to be her “sweet spot”—as she often says—and she has spent the past 26 years developing a robust Community Life Program that creates regular, varied opportunities for students and adults to talk about important issues. “Carmen’s work is really about student character and the character and culture of the School,” affirms Head of School Kathy Giles. “She is a marvelous mentor who has a great wisdom and understanding of developmental psychology and the needs of teenagers.”

Elements of the program include “Choices” for freshmen and “Connections” for sophomores, during which small groups of students meet for several sessions with faculty and a Peer Support leader to discuss friendships and relationships, stress and healthy living. Larger gatherings by dorm, or day house, occur throughout the year, while monthly meetings give seniors a chance to talk about leadership and how to model that. Adults convene regularly, too, Carmen notes, to discuss community issues and student health. “I have always tried to have systems in place to help kids ‘make good choices’—that’s the saying I’m known for,” she adds.

Of course, she was also involved in the matters of attendance, permission, and discipline that are channeled through the dean’s office—“leading with love,” as her style is characterized by Dan Sheff, her successor and former colleague. “Carmen corrects without judging, has a long memory for good deeds, is quick to forgive mistakes, and makes people feel validated,” Dan observes. And as Bret gratefully points out, because Carmen was “committed

not simply to what you knew as students but also to who you were as human beings,” she was consistently supportive and forbearing, even when students weren’t especially likeable.

Significantly, she also refrained from viewing every situation as a battleground. “It’s not a fight I have to win,” Carmen explains. “I am going to lose sometimes, and I’m not going to take it personally. If someone isn’t telling me the truth, they know it, and that’s on them.” With this pragmatic perspective, she could focus instead on the essentials of good parenting. “You have to be clear about expectations, and kids have to face the consequences of their actions,” she states. “It doesn’t mean you don’t love them. I just feel that kids appreciate being respected and having people be honest with them and love them. I’ve always liked teenagers.”

Middlesex students knew that and appreciated her care—and even correction. “No two children were treated the same,” attests former advisee Megan Terry Wallace ’93. “She had a personal approach with everyone.” Remembering her year as senior class

president, Megan says, “I was crazy about making sure everybody was having a good time! Carmen was supportive of my ideas—and then she would tell me to go do my homework. Her energy was so genuine and maternal, which is important when you are far away from home. Having faculty members like Carmen makes Middlesex a home, not just your school.”

For 31 years, it was her home, too, whether in Clay House or on Oates Lane. Though she has traded Middlesex’s lush lawns for an ocean view, she reflects, “I’m going to miss the interactions with students; I think they keep you young. And I’m going to miss my colleagues, many of whom have become like family. I’m going to miss those easy connections.”

Looking on the bright side, however, she is relishing the freedom to attend an Adele concert (“on a school night in September!”) and to devote more time to family and travel plans. “One of these days, we are going to Paris,” Carmen declares, “and I’m going to get up whenever I feel like it on Saturday mornings!” **M**



Dean of Faculty Alex Banay and Dean of Students Carmen Beaton were made honorary members of the class of 2016 at a Saturday reception during Alumni Weekend. Former Math Department Head Ron Banay H'14 (on left) and former English teacher Jim Beaton H'15 were similarly recognized when they retired.

# Graduation 2016



Sophie Boyd '16, Eleanor McCole '16, and Alyssa McNally '16 paused for a post-ceremony selfie.



Describing himself as “woefully unqualified” to offer any advice, Valedictorian Will Christenfeld '16 reasoned that the value of a Middlesex education should be measured “in our ability to think critically for ourselves,” and therefore suggested, “Let us continue to search for those lessons that will help define us, but remember that the ability to judge advice is more important than the advice itself.”



Chase Davenport '16 and his family.



Hanson Datwani '16 and Jack Yoon '16.



Though the rainy Memorial Day weather caused graduation to be held indoors, the class of 2016 nonetheless followed one tradition as best they could; pairing up and forming a long line, they departed from the Chapel and headed around the Circle toward the ceremony.



Head of School Kathy Giles awarded a diploma with credit to Abby Burden '16.



Keki Takahara '16 got a congratulatory hug from fellow alumna and Head Athletic Trainer Laura Darby McNally '80.



Eric Gourdon '16 and Rochelle Greenidge '16 waited for their names to be called.

# Graduation 2016

School Vice President DJ Williams '16, School President Kojo Edzie '16, and Senior Class President Eliot Pierpont '16 led the procession into the Elizabeth Atkins Athletic Center.



Eleanor Herring '16, Mari Herrema '16, Lily Henderson '16, and Gordon Hargraves '16 sang the School hymn, "Rank by Rank," one last time as seniors.



Board President Stephen Lari '90, Head of School Kathy Giles, and this year's guest speaker, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Bret Stephens '91.



Three generations of the Meahl family assembled in front of Peabody House, where each lived for a time during their student days at Middlesex. Surrounding Leslie '16, the newest graduate, were (from left to right) her father, Greg '85; her granduncle, Bill '73, her uncle, Pierre '86, and her grandfather, Bob '57.

# In Memoriam

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## *Horace S. Kenney, Jr. '42*

Horace Sears Kenney, Jr. passed away on June 2, 2016.

Born on July 5, 1922, Hod grew up in Weston, MA, where he attended the public schools before enrolling at Middlesex in 1939. On graduating in 1942, he moved on to Yale University, setting aside his studies there to serve in the USAAF from November 1942 to August 1945. Hod was a tail gunner on a B-17, flying with the Eighth Air Force, 333rd Bomb Group in England and was wounded on March 26, 1944. He spent the balance of his service in various hospitals and was awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart. After his discharge, Hod returned to Yale and graduated with a B.A. in economics in 1948.

Hod began his career with The Wanskuck Company, an integrated worsted textile manufacturer in Providence, RI. Except for six years with the Alexander Proudfoot Company, a management consultant company based in Chicago, IL, he worked primarily in management at various manufacturing companies. Hod retired 40 years later as manager of manufacturing for Standard-Thomson, a high-volume original equipment manufacturer of automotive parts.

In retirement, he spent time on a new interest: land conservation. Hod served on the Marion Conservation Commission from 1988–1998 and was a director of the Sippican Lands Trust of Marion from 1990–2012, as well as its president from 1994–2004. Hod spent many happy hours sailing *Blue Bird*, his Herreshoff 12, and later *Spirit of Sonoma*, his Herreshoff Golden Eye, in the waters of Marion and Planting Island Cove. The Kennenys moved to Bay View Apartments in Fall River, MA, in 2006.

Hod is survived by his beloved wife Mary; his daughter, Dr. Susanna G. Russo; his two eldest sons, Horace (Chad) S. Kenney III and John (Jay) P.K. Kenney; three

stepdaughters, Mary E. Lindsley Muggleton, Deborah Lindsley Smith, and Katherine Lindsley Fandetti; three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and a stepsister, Janice Turnbull Keener. He was predeceased by his two youngest sons, Charles (Chip) C. Kenney II and William (Wick) C. Kenney; his sister, Frances Dimmick; and his step-granddaughter, Lisa Muggleton Sousa. His cousin, the late **Frederick S. Kenney, Jr. '52**, was also a Middlesex graduate.

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## *John S. Speed '45*

John Sackett Speed died peacefully in his sleep on April 23, 2016, in Louisville, KY.

He was born to Marion Whitbread and Lloyd Jeter Speed on August 29, 1927, in Dubuque, IA. On winning a Prize Scholarship in 1941, John joined Middlesex's fourth class and, after graduating, served in the United States Navy toward the end World War II. He subsequently earned an A.B. in history and politics at Princeton University and completed an M.B.A. at Harvard Business School in 1955.

John spent most of his career at Commonwealth Life Insurance and Capital Holding Corporation. In addition to his term as a Middlesex trustee from 1965–1968, he had served on the boards of The Speed Art Museum, The Brown-Forman Corporation, First National Bank, Farmington Historic Plantation, and The Filson Historical Society. He was selflessly devoted to his family and his community.

Preceded in death by his wife, Anne Carter Stewart Speed, and his brother, James B. Speed, John is survived by his sister, Susan Speed; three daughters, Virginia Lyons Speed, Lloyd Rogers Speed, and Anne Speed McNaughton; six grandchildren, including **Chloe L. Ciccariello '05**, **C. Clay Ciccariello '07**, and **Stewart Pugsley**

**Collins '06**; and his grande companion from St. Louis, Julia Barnes.

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## *Peter G. Huidekoper '46*

Peter Galloway Huidekoper passed away on May 1, 2015, at his home in Nonquitt, MA, comforted by his loving children and caregivers.

Born in Washington, DC, on September 22, 1926, Peter adored his parents, Reginald and Bessie Huidekoper. He came to Middlesex from St. Albans School in the fall of 1941 and, before his senior year, joined the American Field Service to serve in India. Later, Peter attended New York University. Starting his career with Austin Hastings in Boston, he then worked for Wellington Sears and was transferred to New York. In 1961, Peter became the president of Weed and Duryea, a lumber and hardware company, which he nurtured for over 35 years before retiring. Peter and his wife Mimi raised their five children in New Canaan before moving back to Dartmouth, MA, where they had first met.

Peter was an avid and beautiful athlete—a great tennis, football, and baseball player and a weekend sailor. His love of sports led him to years of coaching pee-wee football and Little League baseball. He devoted his time to teaching Sunday school at the First Presbyterian Church in New Canaan, and he also volunteered for the Visiting Nurse Association and the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust. Peter spent every summer of his life—and his last 20 years—living on and loving Buzzards Bay. In his final years, despite poor eyesight and health, he found joy and solace in his family, his caregivers, and his dogs.

Predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Peter is survived by their five children, Lucy Edson, Peter, Elizabeth, Henry, and Annie; five grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his sister, Elizabeth Clark; and many nieces and nephews.

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## *John Lunt '46*

Dr. John Lunt died on November 18, 2015, in Salt Lake City, UT.

John was born in Stockbridge, MA, on June 28, 1928, to **Dr. Lawrence K. Lunt '05** and Marjorie Glen Lunt. He came to Middlesex from the Fenn School and, after graduating, earned a B.S. in agriculture at Cornell University and an M.D. at Columbia University, where he trained in general surgery. His summers during college were spent working at his father's ranch in a valley teeming with wildlife, and this experience gave him the desire to have a ranch of his own one day.

After marrying Susannah Manwaring Lee in 1955, John joined the Army as a physician in 1957 and moved to Berlin with his wife and two infant sons. In 1959, his love of the West brought the family to Denver, CO, where he and Susie had three more children. He was chief of surgery at Swedish and Porters Hospital and president of the Arapahoe County Medical Society.

The Lunts first built a small farm in Littleton, CO; then, in the town of Saratoga, they found a beautiful spot to build their Highline Ranch and a community in need of a doctor. John became a family practitioner; in 2012, he was named the Wyoming Medical Society Physician of the Year. After 18 years as a surgeon and 23 as a family practitioner, he retired from active practice.

John's other passion was the great outdoors, and protecting the land for agriculture became a priority in his retirement. He teamed with the Wyoming Stock Growers Association and founded the Agricultural Land Trust to conserve working family ranches and farms, open space, natural habitats, and rural communities. Over the past decade, the trust has brought nearly 225,000 acres to a protected state in perpetuity. John was the 2009 recipient of the Kurt Buchholz Conservation Award, and as

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emeritus director of the trust, he was active in the association until his passing. He leaves behind a legacy of love, compassion, and respect for nature. He will be sorely missed.

John was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Faith Ackerman and Hillary Ware.

He is survived by his loving wife Susannah; four sons, Alexander, John, Samuel, and William; his daughter Susie; many loving grandchildren; and his brother, Lawrence Kirby Lunt.

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## David O. Douglas '58

David Ogden Douglas died on March 18, 2016, in Ocala, FL.

The youngest son of four sons, David was born to Grace and James Henderson Douglas II on July 6, 1940, in Lake Forest, IL. From childhood, David enjoyed summers on Martha's Vineyard with his family; ultimately, he made his way back there in adulthood. After graduating from Middlesex and Harvard, he met his first wife, Jenifer, on the Vineyard in 1962. Together they raised three daughters and a stepson.

David began his professional career at the New York Stock Exchange and later ran his own architecture business. Both were exciting adventures, but his real passion was farming, which he did for several years in Essex, MA, raising Charolais beef cattle. He conceived a plan to move to Martha's Vineyard, design his own home, and become a Vineyard farmer—and that's what he did, creating Rainbow Farm in West Tisbury. David raised cattle to serve as breeding stock and served as president of the American-International Charolais Association for 35 years. He also raised hay for sale to Island horse owners, feed corn for his cattle, and sweet corn for sale to summer residents. When a farm became available in Chilmark, he shifted Rainbow Farm there.

In 1989, David married Laura Campbell. When they dispersed the cow herd in the fall of 1994, they created a wonderful country store: Campbell & Douglas Harness & Feed. Passionate about West Tisbury and its rural beauty, David ran for election to the West Tisbury Planning Board and served for 30 years, from 1981 until 2011, when he moved to Chilmark.

David is survived by his wife, Laura Campbell; three daughters, Jenifer Douglas, Alexandra Welch, and Diana DeBlase; a stepson, David Breasted; two grandchildren; his first wife, Jenifer Douglas; his brothers, John, James, and Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

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## A. Hobart Warner '63

Arthur Hobart Warner III passed away on July 14, 2016.

Hoby was born on May 15, 1944, to Arthur and Caroline Warner. As a child, Hoby traveled frequently with his family between New London, CT, and California during his father's career in the U.S. Navy. Hoby came to Middlesex from Pine Point School in 1959, and, on receiving his diploma, earned his undergraduate degree at the University of Virginia.

After college, he courageously served his country in the Vietnam War, receiving a Bronze Star from the United States Army. Following his service, he pursued an M.B.A. at Emory University. Hoby spent his adulthood in Atlanta, GA, where he raised his family with his former wife Anne and a wide network of family and friends. He worked as an investment manager for Manufacturers Hanover (later Mitchell Hutchins). Hoby will be remembered for the great joy he found in life with his family—especially his grandchildren—and through golf, sports, trips to the beach, and enduring friendships. He was a beloved father, uncle, and grandfather who will be greatly missed by his family.

Hoby is survived by his two daughters, Catharine Griffin and Dru Gearhart; six grandchildren; his sister, Lina Wessels; his brother, **Daniel H. Warner '68**; six nephews; his former spouse, Anne Bradford Warner; and his extended family, including his uncle, **David A. Downs '44**.

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## Douglas Rollins III '67

The School recently learned that Douglas Rollins III died on November 4, 2013, due to complications following a stroke.

The son of Douglas and Helen Eitel Rollins, he was born on September 1, 1949, in Dover, NH. Raised in Rollinsford, NH, Doug spent his freshman year at Middlesex before transferring to Berwick Academy. He continued on to earn a B.A. in history at the University of Pennsylvania and a B.A. in education at the University of Minnesota.

Doug worked for the Union Pacific Railroad as an engineer. He traveled throughout the West until he moved to Minneapolis to work for the Soo Line Railroad. There, Doug met Eurette "Buzzi" Jacobs, and on February 21, 1981, they married, subsequently raising three children together. In 1995, they moved to Milbank, SD. He retired from the railroad in 2009.

Doug was an avid reader and a devoted NPR listener. He was a railroad fan and followed Twins baseball. Most important to him were his family and his dogs.

In addition to his wife, Doug is survived by one daughter, Catharine Rollins; two sons, Douglas Rollins IV and Phillip Rollins; two brothers, Paul and John Rollins; three sisters, Helen Rollins, Alexandra Rollins Upton, and Elizabeth Rollins Mauran; his uncle, Paul Eitel; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents.

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## Julian B. Hines '69

Julian Bigelow Hines died on May 25, 2016.

Born on April 20, 1951, Julian was the son of the late Marion Ernest and Julie Viele Hines. He grew up in Summit, NJ, and Weston, MA. A natural athlete, he competed in rowing at Middlesex and the University of Pennsylvania, as well as in a Youth Regatta in Amsterdam in 1968. As a member of the original Earth Day Committee of Philadelphia, Julian helped organize one of the first Earth Day events in the U.S. in 1970. A visionary in solar energy, in 1978, he designed and built parabolic trough solar collectors that were demonstrated to Senator Edward Kennedy on the Boston Common, displayed at the Christian A. Herter Center, and installed on the home of mayoral candidate Mel King. A taxi driver in Philadelphia and Boston for many years, Julian also served as the computer guru of the Center Club of Boston (part of Bay Cove Human Services), developing software and teaching members to use personal computers.

Predeceased by his partner, Cynthia Jeanne Baron, Julian is survived by his brother, Sheldon Knickerbocker Hines; his sister, Hadley Warren Hines; several nieces and nephews; and three grandnieces.

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## Peter M. Gates '76

The School recently learned of the death of Peter McNair Gates, who passed away on February 19, 2013, in Nyack, NY.

Peter was born on May 12, 1958, to Joan Bryan and Peter P. McNair Gates. A graduate of Fessenden School, he attended The Lawrenceville School for a year before transferring to Middlesex as a sophomore. On receiving his diploma, Peter continued on to Vassar College and later moved to Japan. He married Mika Fukuyoshi in

1996 and returned to the U.S. during the last years of his life.

At the time of Peter's death, his survivors included his wife Mika; his parents; his siblings, Courtlandt and Katharine; a niece; and four nephews.

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### *Joseph V. Missett IV '83*

Dr. Joseph Vincent Missett IV died suddenly of a heart attack on July 8, 2016, in Santa Monica, CA.

The son of Joseph V. Missett III and Barbara Thatcher, J.V. was born on October 13, 1965, in New York, NY. After graduating from The Buckley School and then Middlesex, he earned a degree in economics at Emory University. J.V. worked for the next few years with the oil and gas trading desk at Bear Stearns in New York, yet he had long known that he really wanted to be a doctor. Following in his grandfather's footsteps, he set out for his true calling in the field of medicine at the age of 31, receiving his M.D. from the Spartan Health Sciences University School of Medicine in 2004. Though he had specialized in family practice, J.V. turned to emergency medicine after the completion of his residency. Starting out in Mesa, AZ, he worked most recently as an emergency medical physician in Fort Mohave, AZ.

In addition to being an amazing and devoted father, husband, and physician, J.V. also volunteered in communities in Los Angeles and Phoenix. He and his family spent many hours with L.A. on Cloud 9 ([www.laoncloud9.org](http://www.laoncloud9.org)), providing assistance to the homeless. J.V. enjoyed playing tennis, golf, and hockey; visiting with friends; and, most of all, spending time with his family. An immensely popular person, he will be remembered by his many friends for his humor, kindness, compassion, and generosity of spirit.

J.V. was predeceased by his mother Barbara and his stepson Anthony. He is survived by his

wife Carol; two sons, Santiago and stepson Emilio; his father Joe and stepmother Nancy; his brother Stephen; his stepbrother Henry and stepsister Samantha; and one niece and many nephews.

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### *Amy M. Blumenthal '84*

Amy Michelle Blumenthal passed away suddenly on August 27, 2014, at her residence in New York City.

Born on September 17, 1966, Amy came to Middlesex as a new sophomore from Dulles High School in Missouri City, TX. Following her graduation, she earned her undergraduate degree at the University of Pennsylvania and went on to complete the J.D./M.B.A. program at Southern Methodist University. Amy began her legal career with the firm of Baron & Budd, P.C. and later became a founding partner of Blumenthal and Gruber, LLC, based in Dallas, TX.

Amy is survived by her father, Lawrence Blumenthal; her brother Randall; two nephews, Max and Louis; and many other family and friends. She was predeceased by her mother, Susan "Sudy" Zane.

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### *Conor D. Shea '91*

Conor Dennis Shea, M.D. passed away on September 2, 2016.

Conor was born in Worcester, MA, on April 6, 1973, to Ita Shea and the late Dr. Dennis Shea. He grew up in Hollis, NH, and joined his sister, **Tara Shea '90**, at Middlesex, where they were known for their lengthy commute to campus. After receiving his diploma, he continued on to Tufts University and then earned an M.D. at Chicago Medical School. Upon completing his training, he practiced as an internist in suburban Chicago, moving back to New Hampshire in 2013.

In addition to being a dedicated physician, Conor was an avid chef, talented artist, enthusiastic golfer,

and connoisseur of the finer things in life. He cared deeply about his family and was by his beloved father's side when he lost a battle with pancreatic cancer in 2015. Above all else, Conor was a loving and devoted father to his three children: Sia, Declan, and Dermot.

Conor will be dearly missed by his children; his mother, Ita Shea; his siblings, Tara, Barry, John, and Jennifer; and his friends.

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### *Amy D. Foster '93*

Amy DiAdamo Foster died on September 14, 2016, at the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

Born in Lawrence, MA, on June 16, 1975, Amy was the daughter of Carmine and Barbara Beecher DiAdamo. Raised and educated in Andover, she came to Middlesex as a freshman and was an outstanding four-year varsity athlete who was a two-time captain of both soccer and basketball. Also a senior captain of lacrosse, Amy was named an All-American three times and holds the school record for points scored in a season. Heading to Middlebury College after graduation, Amy was again a three-time All-American in lacrosse; she captained the team that won the 1997 National Championship and holds the college's record for career points scored. Deservedly, Amy was inducted into Middlesex's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2003 and joined Middlebury's Athletic Hall of Fame in 2015.

A self-motivated career woman, Amy worked in many fields and had been employed as a journalist, a business consultant, and a fundraiser. A longtime resident of South Hamilton, MA, she was member of the Board of Trustees of the Shore Country Day School in Beverly.

Amy is survived by her husband, **Franklin H. Foster '94**; their three sons, Henry, Sam, and Jack; her parents; two brothers, William and Robert; and several nieces and nephews.

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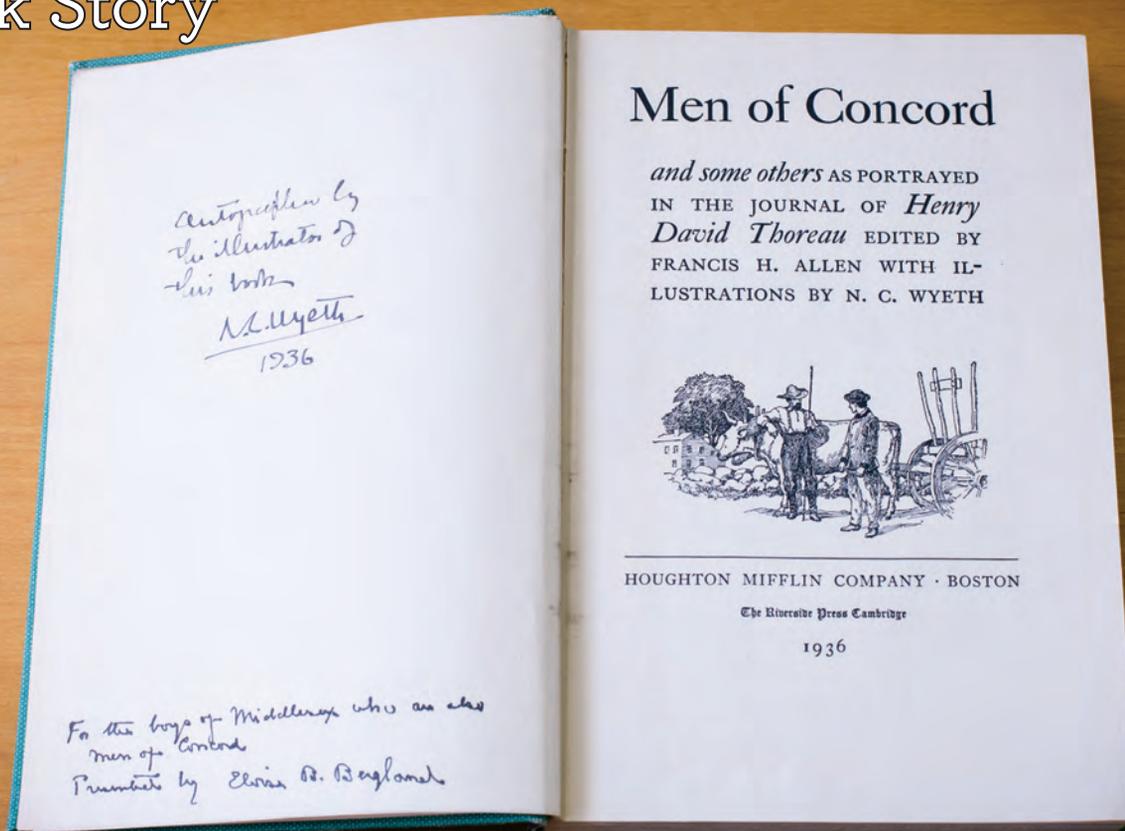
### *Paula E. Scott*

Paula E. Fitts Scott, a former Middlesex staff member, peacefully passed away at her home on March 10, 2016. She was the beloved wife of Joseph R. Scott, Jr., who taught French at Middlesex from 1965–2006.

Born on November 1, 1945, in Newton, MA, Paula was the daughter of the late Howard and Katharine Gruenewald Fitts. A 1963 graduate of Wellesley High School, she received her B.A. from Boston University. Paula worked as an administrative assistant and receptionist at Middlesex before retiring to care for her family. After her husband's retirement, she resided in Seekonk, MA. Paula enjoyed gardening and was a supporter of the goals and mission of the World Wildlife Fund. Her love and dedication to her family will be her legacy.

In addition to her husband Joe, she leaves her children: **Dr. Julie Scott Taylor '86**, **Christine Scott Thomson '89**, and **Andrew Scott '96**; five grandchildren; her brother, Howard Fitts; and five nieces and nephews.

# Back Story



What might Middlesex School, N.C. Wyeth, and Henry David Thoreau all have in common? The answer lies in a single book.

Renowned as an artist and illustrator, N.C. Wyeth was deeply inspired by Thoreau, not simply as a naturalist but as a writer and philosopher. In 1918, he proposed an idea to Houghton Mifflin, the established publisher of Thoreau, which would combine Thoreau's evocative descriptions of the seasons with paintings by Wyeth. But when his work was delayed for more than a decade by other projects—including his memorable illustrations for *Robinson Crusoe*—Wyeth's concept was eventually altered by Houghton Mifflin's Thoreau editor, Francis H. Allen. Instead of capturing New England's seasons, Wyeth was asked to illustrate selected character sketches for *Men of Concord and Some Others as Portrayed in the Journal of Henry David Thoreau*, which was published in 1936.

Eighty years later—just shy of Thoreau's 200th birthday in 2017—two Concord institutions collaborated to revisit this unique volume. In concurrent exhibits from April 15

through September 18, 2016, the Concord Museum displayed the reassembled 12 panels of original paintings in its show, *N.C. Wyeth's Men of Concord*, while the Concord Free Public Library explored the story behind the work, through related letters and artifacts, in its presentation, *From Thoreau's Seasons to Men of Concord: N.C. Wyeth Inspired*.

Included in the Library's exhibit was an item from Middlesex: a first edition of *Men of Concord*, signed by N.C. Wyeth. "We have some treasures," says Warburg Library Director Jeff Smith, "and this is one of them." On learning of the planned exhibit, Jeff offered to loan Middlesex's autographed copy for display. The book was given to the School by Eloise Bergland, whose son Mac '33 died of polio in the fall of 1931. Inscribing her gift during the senior year of her surviving son, Hugh '37, she wrote beneath Wyeth's signature: "To the boys of Middlesex, who are also men of Concord." Through her thoughtful generosity, may future Middlesex generations be similarly inspired by the influence of Thoreau and Wyeth. **M**

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Please join fellow parents and alumni for the fourth Middlesex Alumni Association Gala Benefit and Auction at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston on April 7, 2017.

The Gala Auction has quickly become one of the most popular social events for the Middlesex community, and the funds raised on behalf of the Middlesex Alumni Association (MxAA) have supported a variety of outreach programs:



- Summer Internship Stipends**
- Alumni Career Panels in NYC & Boston**
- On-Campus Alumni Art Exhibits**
- Alumni Holiday Receptions**
- College-Age Alumni Gatherings**
- Parent & Alumni Golf Tournaments**

The MxAA has also directed Gala Auction funds to the School's financial aid budget. From providing laptops to helping with additional, incidental expenses, these funds help scholarship students enjoy a full Middlesex experience during their time on campus.



For more information, or to inquire about donating an auction item, please contact Director of Alumni Relations **John Morrissey** at 978-371-6523, or [jmorrissey@mxschool.edu](mailto:jmorrissey@mxschool.edu).





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