



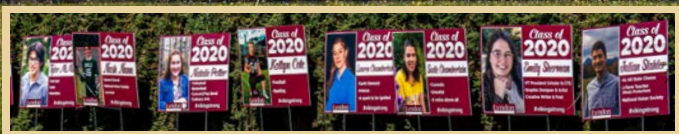
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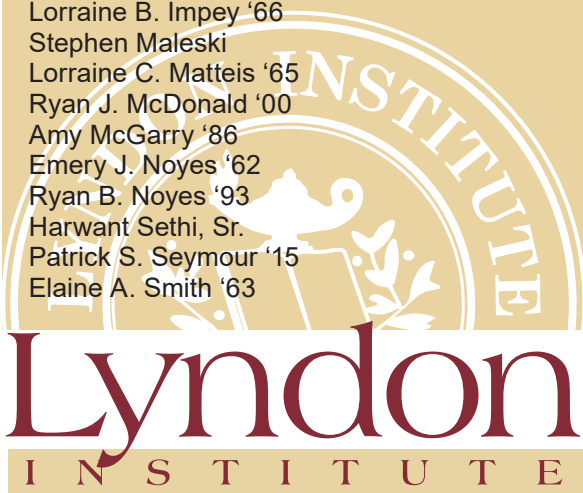


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## Dear Alumni and Friends of Lyndon Institute

**“The greatest evil in our country today is not racism, but ignorance, I believe unconditionally in the ability of people to respond when they are told the truth. We need to be taught to study rather than to believe, to inquire rather than to affirm.” Septima Clark 1975**

**The experience of high school and the face of high school education is changing across the globe. We face a future where more and more instruction is available online, student schedules are much more individualized, and credit-bearing learning takes place inside and outside of the classrooms. Teachers need to not only meet the students where they are academically, but they must help students see the paths before them and understand how the present learning will fit with those paths.**

**As we move further into the 21st Century, it becomes more important than ever that our students leave Lyndon Institute prepared for the future. Our teachers are deeply invested in creating engaging, rigorous courses that inspire curiosity and require critical academic skills. Furthermore, through offers like J-term, Career Day, and Individual Learning Plans, LI pushes our students to explore their passions, form new interests, and plan for their futures.**

**With all that is going on in the world today, we want you to know that you are on our minds. Once the pandemic has passed and we are able to gather in groups again, I would like the opportunity to invite you back to the LI campus for a tour. Please watch the LI Facebook page and website for announcements as we progress through these challenging times together.**

Sincerely,

Twiladawn W. Perry, '77  
Head of School

## Student Ownership For the Viking Voice

Thank you for reading. We would like to take this opportunity to remind our readers that the Viking Voice magazine design is now completed in-house. Mrs. Bridget Atkins, LI Graphic Arts Teacher along with advanced graphic design student Emily Sherman '20 are responsible for the visual presentation and flow of material in the issue you are now reading. Mr. Dick McCarthy, Dean of Faculty and Humanities teacher as well as his English Honors students were also involved in this issue, having a role in the proofreading piece of production.

These changes allow Lyndon Institute students to have real-world experience in the production of a professional publication. It also allows for a greater student voice within the content of our magazine produced for alumni, parents, and friends to enjoy.

Additionally, we have gone green with the publication by reaching the majority of our readers digitally. If you would like to request a hard copy be mailed to you, please reach out to Alumni Coordinator, Heather Wheeler at 802-535-3772 or [heather.wheeler@lyndoninstitute.org](mailto:heather.wheeler@lyndoninstitute.org).



Emily Sherman '20



## KTA Sponsors Lyndon Institute's GO! Get Outside Campaign

Lyndon Center, VT - Lyndon Institute would like to express its appreciation to the Kingdom Trails Association (KTA) for the mini-grant that will enable the construction of a yurt platform on the LI property at Binney Woodsfund as part of LI's GO! Get Outside Campaign.

Teachers Madeline Cobb, Jerald Leonard, Chris Manges, and Jill Nichols applied for the grant to construct a four-season yurt on the land. The team often leads students on outdoor learning adventures and has been looking for opportunities to expand its offerings.

Chris Manges, lead writer for the grant, said, "We're thrilled to get this mini-grant. A yurt will make it possible to have overnight experiences or offer learning adventures in any kind of weather. The mini-grant will continue to foster an already strong relationship between KTA and LI. The goal is to have the LI community complete the structure by next fall."



## Lyndon Institute Instructor Awarded VT FFA Advisor of the Year



Lyndon Institute's Diversified Agriculture Instructor, Jerry Leonard has been chosen as the 2018-19 Vermont FFA Advisor of the Year

Lyndon Center, VT - Lyndon Institute is proud to announce that Diversified Agriculture Instructor, Jerry Leonard has been chosen as the 2018-19 Vermont FFA Advisor of the Year by the Vermont FFA Association. Mr. Leonard, a resident of Newark VT, was notified of the honor by Vermont Career & Technical Student Organizations Coordinator, Susan Ladd on January 1st, 2020.

As their website says, FFA--which stands for Future Farmers of America--is "the premier youth organization preparing members for leadership and careers in the science, business, and technology of agriculture."

"Lyndon Institute has had a long history with FFA, and Jerry has worked hard to reinvigorate the chapter and breathe new life and energy into a program that had not seen any activity for many years," said Executive Director of the VT FFA, Suzanne S. Buck, M.Ed CAGS. Buck went on to say, "I am so proud

of the work that he has done with the students at Lyndon, and I am just so appreciative of his efforts to reinvigorate a very proud chapter. I am sure that they will go a long way."

Mr. Leonard was recognized at a meeting of the Vermont Association of Career & Technical Education Directors on February 13th as part of their celebration of Career and Technical Education Month.

# Lyndon Institute Students Present Check for Hurricane Relief Efforts



Pictured left to right: Front row - LI Head of School, Twiladawn Perry, and Rotary Club of East Nassau member Francisco "Franny" De Cardenas. Middle row - LI students Marquis Rolle, Jenna Malone, and LI Assistant Head for Curriculum & Instruction, Adam Norwood, Ed.D. Back row - LI students Miles Adams, Alejandro De Cardenas, and Sean Collie.

On Friday, October 4th, Lyndon Institute (LI) Bahamian students and LI administrators presented a check for \$3839.00 to the Rotary Club of East Nassau President, Francisco "Franny" De Cardenas to benefit relief efforts in the Bahamas following the devastation caused by Hurricane Dorian. Mr. De Cardenas is a resident of the Bahamas and father of Alejandro De Cardenas, one of the students involved in the fundraising.

Alejandro De Cardenas, Marquis Rolle, Jenna Malone, Miles Adams, and Sean Collie headed up the efforts to benefit those impacted by the hurricane. With help from LI instructor Tim Ulich, the LI community hosted "Blue Jean Days" on two occasions during the month of September to help the Bahamian students' cause, raising \$815.

LI Boys Varsity Basketball coach and Admissions Coordinator, Patrick Rainville, helped the Bahamian students organize a second fundraising event: a 3 vs. 3 basketball tournament. The event was held in LI's Alumni Gymnasium on Sunday, September 29th, and was an enormous success, raising a total of \$3,024.

In addition to the amount raised, an anonymous donation brought the grand total of the donation to \$5040. Mr. De Cardenas presented the check to the Rotary Disaster Relief Fund on behalf of Lyndon Institute on October 11th, 2019.

## Lyndon Institute to Offer Online Diploma Through VTVLC

Lyndon Institute is proud to announce an online diploma program through the Vermont Virtual Learning Cooperative (VTVLC), an organization that works with Vermont schools to facilitate online learning. This is a deeper commitment in support of LI's directive to offer many pathways to obtaining a high school diploma.

Currently, students from Lyndon Institute and other Vermont schools can take online courses on campus, at home, or abroad through an online learning environment provided by VTVLC in which they are taught by Lyndon Institute teachers and other Vermont licensed educators. However, the option to now earn a Lyndon Institute diploma through coursework completed entirely online through VTVLC while living abroad or being homeschooled is a new offering from LI.



Lyndon Institute recently announced a new online diploma program through the Vermont Virtual Learning Collaborative. Pictured here, LI students participate in LI's New Student Orientation on August 23, 2019, on the LI Campus.

Classes can be completed during a traditional school year schedule or taken year-round and can be customized to meet the student's needs. In cases where a traditional schedule of courses may not work or students may need more flexibility to complete their high school requirements, LI's online diploma offers families a new opportunity.

## Record's Players of the Year

By Dean of Students Richard McCarthy

This past fall, three Lyndon Institute student-athletes were recognized by the Caledonian Record as the top performers in their respective sports. Sage Gosselin was selected as the Record's 2019 Boys Soccer Player of the Year; Olivia Matteis was selected as the Record's 2019 Field Hockey Player of the Year; Magdalena Voldrichova was selected as the Record's 2019 Girls Volleyball Player of the Year. This is the first time in school history for LI to have three Player's of the Year during a single sports season.

These awards demonstrate high levels of performance and a deep desire to compete and improve every day. What the awards do not necessarily reveal is the wonderful complexity of our student body and the unity within our community. Sage Gosselin is a five-day boarder from Plainfield; Olivia Matteis is a local girl from East Burke; Magdalena "Lena" Voldrichova is a first year senior from Czech Republic. With such a neat array of backgrounds, I wanted to sit down with these young people to visit with them a bit about their recent awards, but mostly I wanted to understand their experience at LI and how they feel it has shaped them.

The three were kind enough to make time (during midterm exams!) to answer some of my questions. During the conversation, I was consistently impressed by their humility and their thoughtfulness. What follows are some highlights of the conversation.

### When you heard you won the award, how did you feel and why?

Sage: I called my mother right away. I was very emotional... the award wasn't something I thought of ever getting and to see the hard work and time all come back around was more than amazing.

Olivia: I felt overwhelmed with joy. I have only played this sport for two years and never thought I would achieve this much in field hockey. At the beginning of the year, my goal was to become an Athlete of the Week, and this goal has far surpassed that.

Lena: When I first heard that I won the award, honestly I didn't know that there was such a thing. I remember I was sitting in Mrs. Potter's in the office when I got the call. Mrs. Potter, my coach, was next to me and she was really excited. When I hung up the phone, I didn't really understand what I had won, but she explained it to me. I was really, really happy and thankful that I had won. I was surprised. I was here only three months

### When you think about your teammates from this year, what comes to mind?

Sage: My other captain Duncan D'Olimpio. We have been through it together all four years. Traveling to Burr & Burton, CVU, not going at all to playoffs, his red card, my injury, his first goal. All of it culminating in a win against rival Lake Region in the first round of playoffs with him and me leading the team.



For the first time in LI's history three athletes were chosen as the Caledonian Record's Player's of the Year in a single sports season. Pictured here (left to right) are seniors Olivia Matteis, Sage Gosselin, and Magdalena Voldrichova.

Olivia: The laughs. Going into my senior year, mostly all of my friends quit the sport for various reasons, so I was nervous going in with no close friends. But luckily, field hockey is a big group; we played together and talked together, not separately, which made me feel more comfortable and accepted.

Lena: My teammates they helped me a lot this year. Since I am a dorm student from the Czech Republic, I didn't know that I could be part of the team. Being on the team really helped me to become part of the community. My teammates are just terrific, they are just awesome. They were really welcoming and supportive. They helped me on the court and off the court. At the start of the year, I was kind of struggling because everything was new. They introduced me to their friends and the structure of being on a team helped me structure my day better.

### **When you think about your coaches, what comes to mind?**

Sage: Mr. McCarthy is the best coach I have had in a long time. My coaches at Nordic [a club team] don't match up. Not to say they aren't good; they are some of the best in the state, but Lyndon Institute's coach isn't just a coach--he's a lifelong friend. He pushed me my freshman year and every year after that. He demands passion for the game and heart when you step onto that field. There is nothing like that feeling of walking onto the field with a team and coach ready to make a statement.

Olivia: The relationship we have. With coach Courser, we are close enough that we can make sarcastic jokes to each other, which makes going to the everyday practice and games 10x more fun. I also like how they know my potential, so when I do something wrong or they know an area that I can improve in, they don't hesitate to let me know so I can work on it to get better.

Lena: [Lena has been playing volleyball for 8 years. This was her first season with Coach Potter]. Coming here to LI, Coach Potter was just awesome. She was very supportive and she helped me on the court and in school.

### **As a student-athlete, how have sports helped you in the classroom?**

Sage: Sports help me by keeping me busy, which might sound weird at first, but when you have games and such you need to be able to schedule around the time you have for homework. I was not good at organization at first, but over the years I got better and better at organizing my time with school and sports.

Olivia: I have gained skills such as communication and leadership that are very key in the classroom. I always think of things like group projects, where the group doesn't know each other well; I take the initiative and see what parts of the project they want to do to get things accomplished.

Lena: As a new dorm student, I didn't know anyone when I arrived on campus. I've never experienced a school sport; in Czech Republic we only have club sports. So experiencing this type of community where everyone supports you was really good for me.

### **What is your most challenging class at LI? How would you characterize challenges in the classroom compared with the challenges of athletics?**

Sage: The most challenging class I have right now is probably my College Writing and Reading English course. This class is very independent and you take what you want from it in a way. I pushed myself to be a better writer this year in class and become an independent learner. With soccer, the challenges are similar to a classroom for me. Like I was saying earlier, it's a mental challenge and I push myself mentally all the time on the field.

Olivia: AP Calculus is my most challenging. I'd say the challenges are very similar. Although in sports it is more physical, to work on those challenges I do the same thing I do in a classroom, put in the time. For AP Calc, I go into class early every morning and ask questions, whether it was about last night's homework, tomorrow's test, or just review assignments. If I am working on a shot in field hockey, I take out my ice hockey nets and shoot for half an hour as well as practice other little skills. All of this practice helps me in the future when it comes time to apply those challenging skills.



Lena: One of my most challenging classes is AP Calculus. At the beginning of the term, I was struggling with my English skills and my confidence was low. The team helped my confidence to rise. And being part of a tight-knit community that is supportive helped me feel secure and the classwork improved.

**Looking back at your time at LI, what really stands out to you?**

Sage: This year definitely was an eye-opener for me and stood out to a lot of people besides me. We had won the first playoff game in 16 years, and we're in the newspaper countless times for our games. This year was a huge year for LI soccer; we stood out like a lighthouse to many people in the area.

Olivia: The community. LI is such a tight knit community, and that is the main reason I chose to come here. I felt welcomed the first time I walked into the main building. The teachers are always willing to help me despite the issue, and the students are kind to me whether I know them or not.

Lena: I have only been here for four months, but I already feel like I have made friends for the rest of my life. I will never forget this experience. It taught me a lot. It taught me how to make friends and how to be organized. I love the teachers at LI. I have never had such a friendly experience with teachers; they are really supportive.

**As a senior, what advice would you give young student-athletes?**

Sage: When underclassmen come in, they need to truly understand how fast a season goes by. Take every practice to get better and learn something; don't be afraid to fail and if you do, make sure you learn from it. You have four years to do what you want. If being on a team or doing anything for the school beyond the classroom is something that interests you, make every practice count; work for everything you want to achieve.

Olivia: Time management. This saved me A LOT during my high school years. If I had a big away game Wednesday night and had a paper due Thursday morning, I made sure that I would start working on that paper in the beginning of the week. Also, keep up in your work. If you start falling behind in your classes, then have to go to a 2 hour practice and don't get home until 7pm, you're just digging yourself a hole you won't be able to get out of. Though sports and school are a lot to take on, it is so worth it in the end. Whether it's because you made new friends or won a championship game, sports are awesome.

Lena: Hard work really pays off. There will be days when you feel like you really don't want to go to practice, but the important thing is to go every day because practice makes perfect. You get better in practice, not in the game. If you don't practice it, it won't happen in the game.

We are very proud of and happy for Sage, Olivia, and Lena. They are thoughtful, hard working student-athletes that have given much to LI. We hope their success helps fire the dreams and actions of others in our community.

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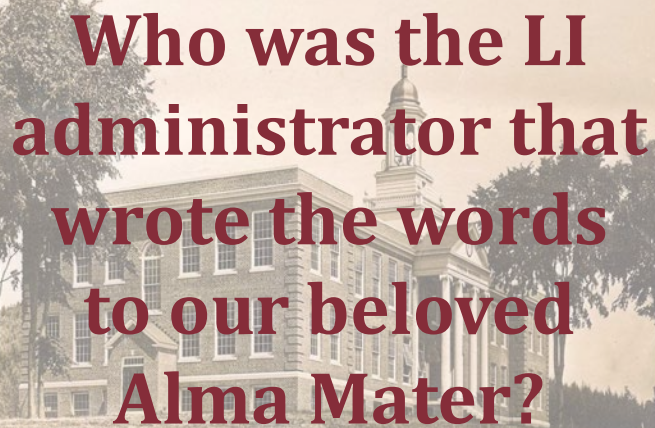


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# Development

## Do You Remember?



Who was the LI administrator that wrote the words to our beloved Alma Mater?

Read the upcoming fall issue of Viking Voice for the answer!

## Previous Issue



Diane (Bennett) Lynch '69 and Mary Mallon '70 are smiling as they watch Mary (Garcia) Straight '83 cheer on the Vikings!

## Alumni Weekend Update

Lyndon Institute has made the difficult decision to postpone the upcoming Alumni weekend activities. For the health, safety, and well-being of our community, we unfortunately must **announce a date change for Alumni Weekend** originally planned for June 5-7, 2020.

***Save the date for LI Alumni Weekend 2020 planned for October 16-18!*** Rather than cancel alumni reunions for 2020 we are going to merge alumni weekend with Homecoming this fall. Save the date and make your plans to attend. Friday, October 16 th we will be offering the traditional Friday night alumni weekend All Class Social at Burke Mountain following the pep rally events in Lyndonville and on LI's campus. Saturday join us for the 115 th playing of "THE GAME", SJA vs. LI football. Additional plans are being worked on and we are excited to organize a full weekend of events to offer you. Further details will be announced as the schedule is finalized.

# What is Development?

Alumni, trustees, corporators, faculty, staff, parents, and friends of Lyndon Institute have a tremendous, positive impact on the life of the campus in many different ways. Their financial support through charitable gifts provides the margin of excellence that facilitates our service to our students and the community. The generosity of our donors has enabled LI to offer courses and experiences that would not be possible with tax dollars alone. The Development Office provides leadership for encouraging private support from alumni and friends, corporations, and foundations to advance the school.

**The Independence Fund** is the school's fundraising priority and it supports all aspects of our mission. Gifts to the Independence Fund provide Lyndon Institute with the resources to enrich our learning environment and to underwrite faculty professional development, curricular and program enhancements, special events and activities (including field trips, athletics, and arts programs), technology, and facilities.

**There are several ways for you to be involved** with LI. Every gift to LI truly does matter regardless of the size. The greater the percentage of our constituencies who support the school, the greater our odds are for receiving grant funding from a variety of different foundations. Remarkably, 2.15 percent of alumni currently give to Lyndon Institute. If you have fond memories of your school and want to pay it forward to the next generation, please consider adding LI to your philanthropic priorities. Other ways to be involved include attending an athletic competition, following us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, becoming a member of the Booster Club, attending a regional reunion (these aren't only for alumni of the school), attending a play, dance or musical performance – the list goes on and on but the point is there is always something going on at LI and many ways for you to reconnect with your school.

## Need More Information?

We are here to help. Give us a call or an email. We would love to hear from you.

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## REMEMBER LI'S ONLINE SCHOOL STORE

The Lyndon Institute School Store is the perfect place to visit to purchase the latest in Lyndon Institute and Viking apparel, gifts, and items. Located in Thompson Cottage, which also houses the Lyndon Institute Museum, the store is open Monday - Friday from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. during the school year. If you are unable to visit us at our on-campus school store, we invite you to shop for LI and Viking apparel and accessories by using our online store which can be accessed by visiting: <https://www.rokkitwear.com/landing/lyndon-institute/>



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Sustaining membership gifts can be made in any reoccurring amount. Below is a sample schedule illustrating what your annual gift to the school breaks down to per month.

## Sample Sustaining Membership Gifts:

Annual Gift	Amount charged to your card per month
\$75	(\$6.25 per month)
\$120	(\$10 per month)
\$300	(\$25 per month)
\$2,400	(\$200 per month)
\$4,800	(\$400 per month)



## Sustainer Benefits:

**Automatic sweepstakes entry** into a drawing for a big prize held in June.

**Thank-you gifts** – one per year based on giving amount (minimum gift of \$75). The gift for 2019 is a pair of limited edition LI branded socks.

**Event access** – special parking (level dependent) & free admission to LI performances and home athletic events

**Uninterrupted membership**—automatically receive a new Member card annually

**Annual tax receipt** each January, documenting cumulative gifts for the year

**Reduced mail** – no additional renewal notices

**Young Alumni Society** – Alumni who graduated from LI within the last 10 years are eligible for top level benefits with a minimum annual gift of \$75 (\$6.25 per month). This offer is available until your 10th alumni class reunion. Take advantage of this special offer and stay connected with your alma mater.

## Sustainer FAQs:

### Q: What does it mean to be a monthly Sustainer?

**A:** Monthly Sustainers give on an ongoing basis, and their donation is automatically billed each month until we are instructed to stop. Sustainers also receive a Member card each year.

### Q: As a Sustainer, am I entered into sweepstakes?

**A:** Yes, you are automatically entered into LI's annual sweepstakes to be held in June.

### Q: Am I eligible for thank you gifts?

**A:** Yes. You are eligible to receive thank-you gifts offered based on your pledge level.

### Q: How do I set up my monthly recurring donations?

**A:** Go online to: <https://www.lyndoninstitute.org/support-li/give-online/give-monthly-form> or call the Development Office for assistance at 802-535-3773.

### Q: How can I cancel my sustaining pledge?

**A:** You can change or cancel your sustaining pledge at any time. Simply call the Lyndon Institute Development Office, Melissa Hall, Director of Development at 802-535-3773.

## Event Access Benefit Levels:

Sustaining Member Annual Gift	Benefit
\$300-\$1,000	Admission to LI theater performances
\$1,000 - \$2,400	All access card: athletic & theater performances
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# Planned Giving

The support of alumni, parents, and friends of LI who remember the School with bequests and life income gifts is a significant factor in preserving LI's future.

Bequests, gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts and lead trusts are examples of planned gifts. Making a planned gift can help you make a meaningful gift while attaining other important financial goals.

By making such gifts, not only do you contribute to LI, but you may also increase your income, enjoy a charitable deduction, and avoid taxes on your capital gains.

## Planned Giving Options Include:

- **Bequests** - the simplest way to include LI in an estate plan is to make a bequest to the School through a will or to add a codicil to an existing will. You may designate a specific amount, a percentage or a share of the residue.
- **Real Estate** - make a gift of an asset no longer needed and generate an income tax deduction.
- **Tangible Personal Property** - share a collection or other personal items.
- **Retirement Funds** - IRA's or other employee benefit plans. All IRA owners age 72 and older are required to take a distribution. You can roll over that distribution directly to LI, up to \$100,000 and, in doing so, avoid realizing the distribution in your net income stream.
- **Gift of Life Insurance** - paid up life insurance policies with LI as the owner and beneficiary support the School and allow the donor to claim a charitable deduction for the policy's cash surrender value.

Please contact Melissa Hall, Director of Development for more information on making a planned gift. 802-535-3773 or [melissa.hall@lyndoninstitute.org](mailto:melissa.hall@lyndoninstitute.org)

## Veterans Memorial Update



The Lyndon Institute Veterans Memorial at Sanborn Hall was dedicated on July 21, 2007. On its plaques are listed the names of the men and women from Lyndon Institute who have served their country in one of its military services. If you know of someone who should be listed but is not, or if you can add information about an individual (LI class, branch of service or dates of services), please contact Melissa Hall at [melissa.hall@lyndoninstitute.org](mailto:melissa.hall@lyndoninstitute.org) or (802) 535-3773. The Memorial will be updated prior to alumni weekend 2020 and every five years following.

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Greetings Alumni and Friends of Lyndon Institute, I hope this finds all of you healthy and not suffering too much from cabin fever. To state the obvious, the last few months have been an adventure for everyone. The COVID-19 virus and the resulting measures taken to slow the spread of the sickness have created a lot of hardships for people as well as forced the rescheduling or outright cancellation of activities that involve large gatherings.

The closure of the physical school buildings of Lyndon Institute in March was a difficult decision. However, the teachers have forged ahead, making sure their students are still getting the quality educational support student expect from LI. This has been no small feat of coordination and hard work by everyone involved. I applaud the efforts taken to make remote learning successful.

As the end of the school year approaches, I call on all alumni to support the class of 2020. This class is soon to become the newest alumni of Lyndon Institute. However, while they prepare to join us, they are missing out on huge concluding parts of the high school experience. They missed the end of the winter sports season and just today, while I was writing this, the spring sports season was officially cancelled. The senior athletes that were hoping to enjoy that one last thrill of competition with friends they have grown up playing these sports with, won't get to have a proper conclusion. No final band concerts, plays, or club activities. Additionally their graduation ceremony may look very different from the ceremonies we had the opportunity to be a part of. These are experiences that these seniors will now never get. So again, I call on you Lyndon Institute Alumni, if you know a senior, please reach out to them and let them know we are all thinking of them. I want them to know that even though they missed out on enjoying those last months with their classmates, there are still gatherings and events where they can see many of them again in the future. If there are seniors reading this, please let me be the first to welcome you all to the great group of people that are Lyndon Institute Alumni.

Among the plethora of events that have been rescheduled due to the pandemic is Alumni Weekend. Typically occurring on the same weekend in June as Commencement, we have moved this year's event to coincide with the weekend of Homecoming. Save the date of October 16-18, 2020. We will be providing additional details on plans as we finalize the schedule. So break out those maroon and white outfits for an exciting weekend!

The LIAA and Lyndon Institute would like to announce that this particular issue of the Viking Voice is digital only. The Viking Voice is published in house at LI by students with guidance from teachers. Due to closures of the building and everyone trying to work remotely, attempting to publish and print the hard copy was not possible. So please understand that the decision to forgo the hard copy for this issue was not easy but a necessary step to ensuring protocols for social distancing were met.

As always, I would also like to thank the LIAA Board and Heather Wheeler for all their hard work and collaboration. The board, in collaboration with LI, is busy re-planning Alumni events for this coming year. Please stay safe and healthy and we can't wait to see everyone again soon.

Go Vikings!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tim Kirchoff". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Tim Kirchoff '96  
LIAA President

# Athletics

## Fall

The fall was highlighted by another highly successful field hockey run to the semifinals. Coach Roxanne Courser's team upended North Country in the quarterfinals but fell to Stowe, 2-0. The team finished the season at 9-5-2. Haley Ott and Olivia Matteis powered the team throughout the season offensively and defensively, respectfully.



Our boys volleyball once again made a run to the Final Four as they shot down Enosburg but lost to eventual champion, undefeated CVU, on their home court. Senior Dane Buckingham led the way with Marquis Rolle doing yeoman's setting for the club all year long.



The boys soccer team also advanced past round 1 with a first-round upset of #6 Lake Region on our opponent's pitch. Sage Gosselin had some crucial saves in the upset victory. Duncan D'Olimpio quipped to Athletic Director Eric Berry after the game, "it's a great day to be a Viking", to which Coach Berry responded, "every day is a great day to be a Viking".



The girls volleyball team advanced past round 1 with a solid showing over Rice before bowing out to CVU, the eventual champion, and finished at 9 and 7. The senior laden team was a joy to watch from the athletic display of Magdalena Voldrichova to the team spirit of Caitlin Taylor.



The men's and women's Cross Country team had an outstanding season. Each athlete on the team set All Time personal record times during the season. Having such a young team we set our goal at State's to make top ten and far exceeded that coming in 8th. Andrzej Prince and Jasmin Baillargeon set two of the fastest times in more than ten years, Andrzej setting the fastest and Jasmin setting the second fastest female time.





Girls soccer was largely a very inexperienced group with a lot of underclassmen. They made several improvements over the course of the year with an eye on the future. Jenna Malone led the charges with an outstanding year in goal after battling an early season



In boys golf we came just a few strokes away from states while competing at Vermont National. Jacob Montgomery, who had never played competitive golf became the most consistent player as the season progressed. We had some amazing match wins with a very inexperienced team. On the girls side Kasey who also not only had not played competitive golf but had barely even picked the club up in her life, finished as medalist in multiple matches and qualified for the state championship. With a predominantly inexperienced team, not only did we compete hard but we made some noise against some very established teams.

On the gridiron our young men lost to Bellows Falls in the first round of the playoffs and finished with a 3 and 6 record. The season opened with a decisive win over Woodstock on the road. From there a close win in the Barrel Bowl, that ended on a game saving interception, and an offensive display at Spaulding were great highlights to our season. The team saw many underclassmen in starting positions which points to a very bright future.



Once again the cheerleading team led us this fall with great spirit. We participated in the NEKYS walk for Homelessness and were the top fundraising team. The cheerleaders performed special cheers and stunts to kick the walk off

## Winter

The 2019-2020 Boys Basketball team battled back from a 1-5 start to finish the regular season 11-9. The team enjoyed playing in front of the home crowd, as they were 8-3 in Alumni Gym. The Vikings lost to Missisquoi



# Athletics

in a closely contested play down game. The program looks to take another step forward this summer.



The girl's basketball team had a grueling schedule in which they played 12 road games against 9 home games. They saved their best for last bringing #5 Burr and Burton to the brink but eventually losing by 8 points. An early season win against undefeated, 7 and 0 Harwood, also was a highlight to the season. The entire team should be lauded for their practice work ethic in the face of the challenges of being "road warriors".



The boys hockey season was as challenging as it was front-loaded with 9 out of 10 games on the road in the first half. There was a great core of experienced players from both LI and NCU that kept the team going into the playoffs. It was fun to watch Martin Rudolf reach 100 points after being in the league for only 3 years. Three LI seniors were selected to play in the Vermont Rotary All Star classic in Essex on March 21st. This all could not have been accomplished without the dedication and commitment from Doug D'Olimpio and Brad Goodwin.



The Nordic team had a huge boost in numbers this year with over 20 kids on the team for the first time in years. Also exciting is the fact that half were international kids from over 9 countries. We had a number of new skiers do so well that they made Varsity and skied in states their 1st season on the team. The boys had a solid 6th place finish overall at states. Noah Foster consistently led the team throughout the season with a number of top 5 finishes. We look forward to continued growth and success next year.





In Alpine skiing we had many of our athletes improve so much that they skied as well as they ever had when competing at states! Our competition, as always, is all divisions and quite challenging. Jack Willard qualified for Eastern High School Championships which includes Michigan and Wisconsin! For the most part none of our athletes have raced prior to high school but Coach Kresser(JK) is extremely proud of their improvement.

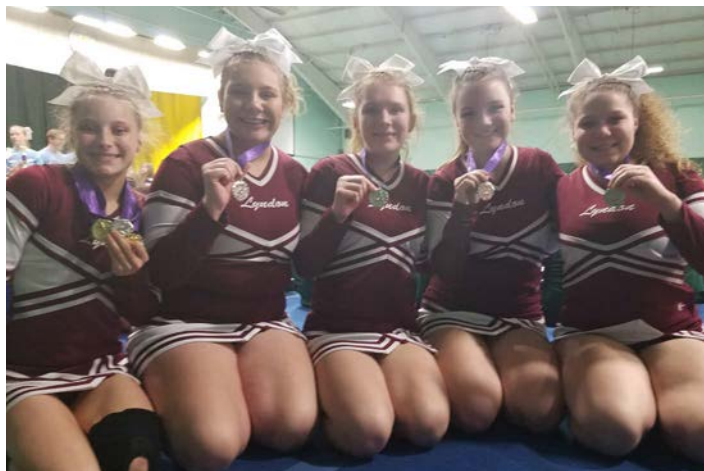


At the time this goes to press the Kingdom Blades, our cooperative girls hockey team is heading to the state semifinals and hosting CVU with hopes of a state title berth. The team has been led on defense by Olivia Matteis but also has gotten solid contributions from other LI teammates Emily Tanner, Aerial Benoit, Brydie Barton, Lily Miller, and eventual Viking, Sarah Tanner!



This winter the cheer team competed on the Academy cheer challenge in St Albans. In Top Gun stunting we placed second with members Khloey Boutin, Selina Boucher, Emily Fogle, Julia Before, and Caitlyn Mayo. Julia Before held onto her title for the third year in a row as the champion in top gun Jumps and Tumbling. Unfortunately, at the NVAC competition we had to withdraw due to an injury. We also competed at the

State competition and competed hard. The cheerleaders helped wrap Christmas gifts for the residents at the Canterbury Inn. They wrapped several gifts including personal care items, snacks, and word puzzle books.



The men's and women's indoor track teams although small had a great season. On the men's side school records were broken at each meet we went to. At States every athlete assisted in the scoring with each athlete and relay bringing in at least one top 6 finish. On the women's side Jasmin Bailargeon set excellent personal records throughout the year, finishing third at the State meet in the women's 3000. The pleasant surprise of the year was a last minute relay of Jasmin, Lizzy Shattuck and two freshmen, Adrianna and Natalie Webster, came in 6th at State's giving us unexpected points.



# Class Notes



Hannah (Cornell) '12 and Michael Johnson '08

1957

**Ed Buschmann** is enjoying his golden years after celebrating his 80th birthday with guests from LI. At the time of his note he was setting up for his 50th year selling choose and cut Christmas trees. Ed writes: The first of this year Louise and I gifted 30 acres of our timber land of the Dun Roamin Tree Farm LLC. to The Maine Woodland Owners. This gift will mean that they manage the timber and have the land available for the public to enjoy and never have the land used for house lots. We retain the right to harvest our Christmas trees for the next fifteen years. Hope we will be around that long! Since our daughter passed on and our son has made his home in California, we hope this gift will be a win-win for everyone. I am glad to have had the good aggie training and FFA experience that I received from LI 63 years ago!

**Jim Willard** is working part-time at St. Michaels' College.

1965

**Kermit Fisher** is at it again...40 years ago Kermit was the first general manager of the Fenton Chester Arena, a job which he did for 15 years. Although he is not the general manager, in his retirement he has stepped up to help the arena out as a rink attendant. He works in the Proshop, drives the Zamboni, works maintenance and helps where he is needed.

1982

**Jerry Leonard**, Lyndon Institute's Diversified Agriculture Instructor, has been chosen as the 2018-2019 Vermont FFA Advisor of the Year, by the Vermont FFA Association. Full story on page 4

1995

**Dan Nolan** has returned as LI's Head Football Coach. He was hired in January and will lead the football program this fall. Dan left six years ago to work at Midland High School in West Texas. He returned to Vermont, continuing his coaching endeavors as a film analyst for Hartford High School, and then coached Oxbow in 2017.

2000

**Aaron O'Brien** and Brittney O'Brien were married on December 5, 2019.



Mr. & Mrs. Aaron O'Brien

2001

Jenny and **Angela Montgomery**, welcomed twin boys, Wyatt Hall and Owen Miles Montgomery on September 16, 2020. They join big brother, Hayden.



Angela & Jenny Montgomery and family

2002

**Meagan (Newland)** and Spencer Howard, welcomed a son, Grady John Howard on October 30, 2019. He joins siblings, Mallory and Brody.



**The children of Meagan (Newland) & Spencer Howard**

2003

**Jesse Mallon Macomber** and Douglas Clifford Cochran IV are happy to announce their engagement. Jesse is the daughter of Mary Mallon '70 and Jesse's grandfather Archie P. Mallon was Headmaster at LI, 1963-1973. Jesse works in Clinical Research in the field of Immunology and Doug is a high school teacher and small business owner. A May 2020 wedding will be held in Lake Placid, NY.



**Jesse Macomber & Doug Cochran IV**

**Jerrett Turnbaugh** has been in training to be a mixed martial arts competitor. He started out learning to

box about 11 years ago and starting training as a MMW fighter about 7 years ago. His first fight was in December 2019 at The Aud in Barre, Vermont.

2004

**Jill (Morrison)** and Barrett Nichols, welcomed a son, Ritter Jude Nichols on September 29, 2019.



**Jill (Morrison) and Barrett Nichols, with Ritter**

2005

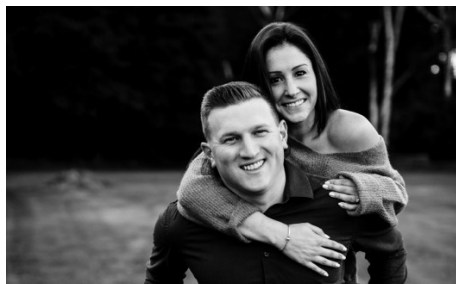
**Nathan Powers** announces his engagement to Alyssa Edwards of Pittsburg, PA. Nathan is a U.S. Navy Veteran and received his BS in Photography from the Art Institute of Pittsburgh in 2012. He is employed full-time as a police officer at the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police.

2006

**Vanessa (Morale)** and Atti Sequin '00, welcomed a son, Elliott Arthur Sequin on December 18, 2019. He joins a sister.

2007

**Brian Hopkins** announces his engagement to Jennifer Dragon, originally from Westhampton, MA. A wedding date has been set for August 28, 2020 in Whatley, MA. The couple currently reside in Scottsdale, AZ.



**Brian Hopkins & Jennifer Dragon**

2008

**Michelle (Desroches)** and **David Walker**, welcomed a son, Wyatt James Walker, born on July 2, 2019. He joins older sister Brielle. David works for the Town of St Johnsbury for the Public Works Department and Michelle works at Passumpsic Bank as a Commercial Banking Loan Representative. They reside in Wheelock, Vermont.



**Michelle and David Walker & family**

2009

**Ceara (Chaplin)** and **Casey Aldrich**, were united in marriage on August 31, 2019. Ceara is currently working as an office assistant for J.A. McDonald, Inc. and Casey is working as a mechanic for J. A. McDonald, Inc.



**Ceara (Chaplin) and Casey Aldrich**

**Elizabeth (Hamel)** and Shane Fluery were united in marriage on October 19, 2019. Elizabeth is finishing her MSW in December and works full time at a designated Mental Health Agency. She works in Early Childhood Systems and supports her region engagin g in early childhood legislation. Elizabeth also is a coordinator for the embedded Parent Child Center and a consultant

for a local pediatric practice around care coordination for complex medical patients.



**Elizabeth (Hamel) and Shane Fluery**

**Buddy Lamothe** will be inducted into the Vermont Principal Association's Hall of Fame for his outstanding career in high school sports as well as his endeavors as a collegiate athlete. The ceremony will take place at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, Vermont on Friday, September 25, 2020. If you would like to purchase tickets to attend the ceremony, visit [www.vpaonline.org/athletics/vpa-hall-of-fame](http://www.vpaonline.org/athletics/vpa-hall-of-fame)

**Robert Trucott** has taken on a new position with the Lamoille County Sheriff's Department in Vermont. He had been with the Lyndonville Police department for the last six years.

2012

**Hannah (Cornell) and Michael Johnson '08**, were united in marriage on September 21, 2019 in Waterford, Vermont by Hannah's brother, **Seth Cornell '18**. They currently reside in Lyndonville with our two rescue pups Levi and Dani. Hannah works at Northern Physical Therapy in Lyndonville as a Physical Therapist Assistant. Michael manages Happy Hill Maple Farms in Lyndonville Vermont.



**Mr. & Mrs. Michael Johnson**

2013

**Megan (Rainey) and Dana Armstrong '98**, welcomed a daughter, Ivy Lynn Armstrong on October 19, 2019. She joins a sister, Emberly.

**Talor Weed and Chris Hill '14**, announce the birth of their daughter, Harlie Lynn Hill on March 3, 2020.

2016

**Taylor (Cushman) and Andy Doyon '07**, were united in marriage on September 21, 2019.

**Ryan Solinsky** enlisted in the Navy for five years and completed boot camp on December 6, 2019. He is currently at the Great Lakes Naval Station in Chicago and will be moving to Virginia in April to work with the Marines on hovercrafts.



**Ryan Solinsky**

**Kendalia Turner** was presented with Finance: Academic Excellence Award from Georgian Court University in New Jersey.

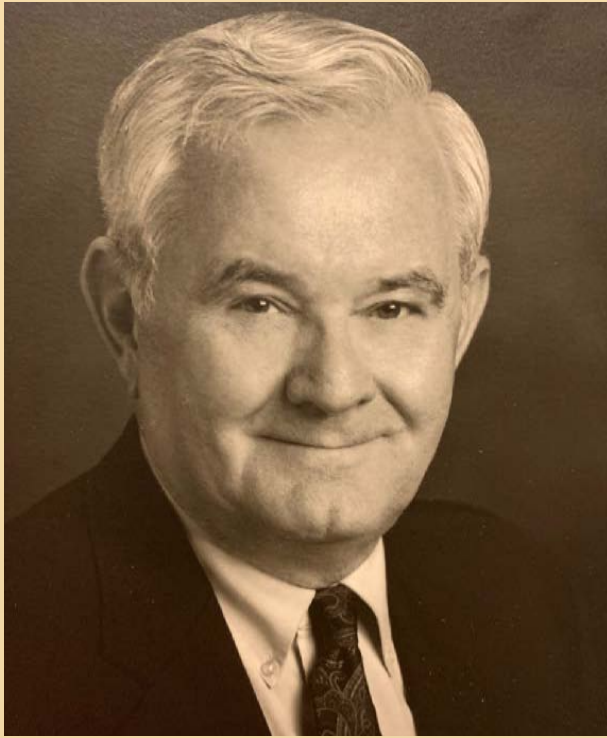
## Alumni Accomplishments

We take pride in the accomplishments of our alumni and look forward to hearing from you. Please share your recent activities (career advancement, honors, publications, appointments, etc.) with us. We welcome newspaper clippings, press releases and pictures. If you would like to share your news with us, please email [melissa.hall@lyndoninstitute.org](mailto:melissa.hall@lyndoninstitute.org) or Mail: Melissa Hall, Lyndon Institute, Lyndon Institute, PO Box 127, Lyndon Center, VT 05850. Be sure to include your email address, if applicable, so we can contact you.

# Congratulations Class of 2020!



# LI Remembers Dwight Davis, Headmaster 1988-1999



**Dwight Andrew Davis** passed away on Monday, May 11, 2020 at the age of 87 after a hospitalization at Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital. He can now rejoin his wife of over 66 years, Arlene Caroline Davis, who died on March 1.

Dwight was born in Island Pond, Vermont on September 29, 1932, one of three children born to Olga and Crawford Davis. He moved to East Burke in 1935, where he recalled growing up during the World War II era saying “East Burke was the greatest place a kid could ever live.” In 1946, he entered Lyndon Institute (LI) where he met his high school sweetheart, Arlene, who he would marry in 1953.

A four-year scholarship at Norwich University launched Dwight’s distinguished 22-year career in the United States Army. The young couple left the Northeast Kingdom for Fort Knox in 1955, and would move 17 more times across the U.S. and Europe with their children: Faye, Paula and Michael. Dwight attended the Defense Language Institute

in Monterey, California where he learned Arabic and was subsequently sent to Saudi Arabia as an advisor to the Royal Saudi Armor Corp in the early 1960s. He was stationed in Naples, Italy beginning in 1966, where he worked as an Operations Officer at NATO Headquarters. From there, he was deployed to Vietnam where he served as an advisor for a Vietnamese battalion during the Tet Offensive. He served on the faculty at the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth from 1970-1972, before becoming the Commanding Officer of the 5th Battalion 2nd Brigade in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. His final post was the Pentagon, as Operations Officer in the Office of the Deputy Chief where he supported efforts to evacuate personnel from Saigon, including Operation Babylift. Dwight met several of these refugees by chance in later life and their subsequent successes were always fondly remembered. Dwight received numerous commendations while serving his country, including the Silver Star with Cross of Gallantry, Bronze Star Medal, and Distinguished Flying Cross.

After retiring from the Army in 1976, Dwight returned to Vermont and over the next five years obtained a master’s degree and served as a guidance counselor and vocational director at Lyndon Institute. While considering a doctoral degree program at Boston University (BU) he was offered the Operations Director position for BU’s overseas graduate programs. Arlene would also work for BU recruiting undergraduate students for the Boston campus. The couple headed to Europe once more where their work would keep them traveling for the next seven years.

On their return in 1988, Dwight was recruited as the first Development Director for Lyndon Institute and he was appointed Headmaster six months later. He continued to pursue development opportunities for the school and led a capital campaign at the same time. The LI campus underwent significant expansion during his tenure in the 1990’s as enrollment increased, adding much-needed classroom and administrative office space, and a new softball field. A new academic building, Daniels Hall, was constructed to house the math department. Dwight expanded and diversified the vocational programs,

working with local businesses to increase mentorships and employment opportunities for graduates. The international dormitory program was also expanded. While at LI, Dwight was inducted into the Who's Who of Executives for the State of Vermont, and in 1996 he received the Robert F. Pierce Vermont Secondary Principal of the Year Award. He retired as Headmaster in 1999, but continued to serve his alma mater in several capacities, including Lyndon Institute Corporator and President of the Lyndon Institute Alumni Association of which he was a life member. Dwight's ever-true Viking spirit carried on whether visiting with students, faculty, staff and community members or being spotted at the games played on LI's home field. A long-time faculty member recalls him saying "We wear maroon and white not just on our sleeves, but in our hearts." A frequent sighting was in box seats at Thompson Cottage, home of the Alumni Association and the LI Museum, where Arlene spent considerable time organizing decades of school historical information.

After retiring from LI, Dwight served as the first-ever Executive Director of the Vermont Independent Schools' Association, a position he held during the administration of Governor Jim Douglas. As Executive Director he laid the groundwork for the organization, which lobbies in support of the State's extensive private schools. His work with the Douglas administration included building a high school program to assist adult inmates by providing risk-reducing interventions within the Vermont Department of Corrections. His leadership was instrumental in the successful accreditation process for what is known as Community High School of Vermont (CHSVT) that maintains campuses throughout the State system. He served on the CHSVT Board until 2011 and was ultimately honored for his service, ability to tackle political issues head on, and his unwavering tenacity and love for the school and its students. Dwight fully retired from volunteer board positions, including the Union Bank Regional Board, in 2013.

Recent years afforded Dwight more time to spend at their much-loved stone home in East Burke where he tended his trout pond, spoiled their Jack Russell terriers, and enjoyed unrivaled views of Burke Mountain over the breakfast table. Dwight made time for target and skeet shooting at his camp in Kirby and occasionally fly fishing. He and Arlene especially loved times when family gathered to watch old family movies and reminisce about their world adventures.

Dwight is survived by daughters Faye Winters, of Brandon, MS, and Paula Gabrault, of Cosby, MO; son Michael Davis, of Westport, MA; seven grandchildren and three great grandchildren; brother Jack Davis, of East Burke, VT; and younger sister Jean Bailey, of Newark, VT.

A family joint burial service will take place on June 22, 2020. The Guibord-Pearsons Funeral Home has been entrusted with arrangements. Memories and condolences can be shared at [guibordfh@gmail.com](mailto:guibordfh@gmail.com). The family welcomes donations to Lyndon Institute as an expression of sympathy instead of flowers, where a classroom will be named in Dwight's honor. Gifts in remembrance of Dwight may be sent to: Lyndon Institute Development Office, PO Box 127, Lyndon Center, VT 05850.



# In Memoriam



**Margaret (Sutton) Hunter Engman '35, of East Burke, VT on January 2, 2020**



**Francis H. Deos '50, of Middle Island, NY on August 28, 2019**



**Elson R. Paquette '55, of Belleview, NE on November 21, 2018**



**Marjorie (Allard) Cary '36, of Concord, NH on November 24, 2019**



**Donald Guy '50, of Ludlow, VT on February 25, 2020**



**Leon E. Hopkins, Jr. '56, of East Montpelier, VT on November 8, 2019**



**Beryl (Gosley) Dollar '43, of Franklin Park, IL on October 15, 2019**



**Arlene (Wilkie) Davis '51, of East Burke, VT on March 1, 2020**



**Susan L. Shattuck '56, of Idaho Falls, ID on June 16, 2019**



**Nancy (Hutchins) Hazen '43, of Shelburne, VT on December 12, 2019**



**Constance (Webber) Morgan '51, of Rochester, NY on October 6, 2019**



**Lucille (Williamson) Mason '58, of Virginia Beach, VA on October 20, 2019**



**Elmer C. Brown '45, of Thetford Center, VT on May 3, 2019**



**Cynthia (Drown) John '52, of Lyndonville, VT on January 30, 2020**



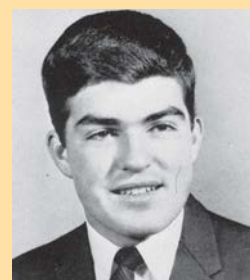
**Pamela (Richardson) Purrington '62, of Stevensville, MD on November 11, 2019**



**Rita (Gibson) Calkins '49, of Lyndonville, VT on January 28, 2020**



**Paul R. Reed '54, of Clarendon, Jamaica on September 28, 2016**

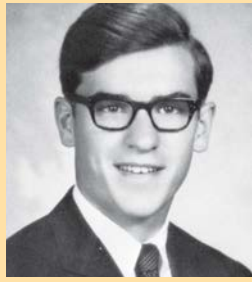


**Richard E. Murray '63, of Newbury, MA on October 31, 2019**

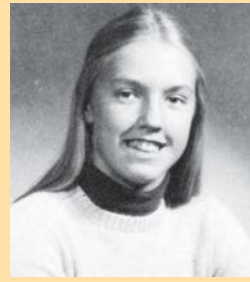




**Marvin R. Smith '63, of Lyndonville, VT on February 7, 2020**



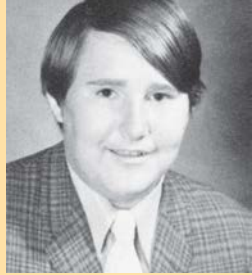
**Harvey G. McDonald '69, of Derby Line, VT on October 3, 2019**



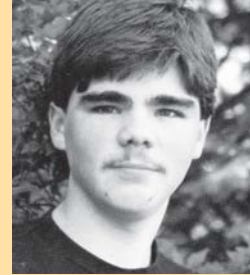
**Darlene (Berry) Johnson '79, of Concord, VT on September 20, 2019**



**Arthur Z. Brooks '64, of Port Charlotte, FL on November 13, 2018**



**Robert D. Dickerman '76, of Greentown, PA on October 11, 2019**



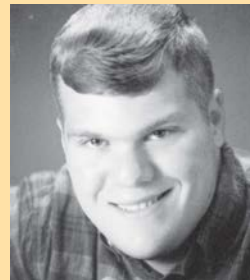
**Lewis G. "Chuck" Fenoff '95, of St. Johnsbury, VT on October 11, 2019**



**Joanne (Corey) Brown '69, of Belleview, FL on August 11, 2019**



**Forrest A. "Tony" Greenwood '79, of St. Johnsbury, VT on September 23, 2019**



**Jason P. Noël '95, of St. Johnsbury, VT on January 19, 2020**



**Mr. Arthur Lord of Lyndon, VT, who taught Building Trades at Lyndon Institute from 1956-1969, passed away on December 24, 2019**



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# Dear Lyndon Institute Alumni Community,

We are writing during this time of great uncertainty to express our concern and support for you and your families. As a member of our alumni community, you are top of mind for us, along with our students, faculty and staff. We have all been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. You may know that Lyndon Institute has moved fully to online learning for the remainder of the school year and dormitory students have returned to their homes. We have also canceled or postponed all LI community events and gatherings through April 30 and implemented a remote work period for staff which began on March 18. While our campus is the heart of the Lyndon Institute community, our people are its soul. This challenging situation is necessitating a temporary change to how we deliver education and remain connected as a community, but it will not deter us from the pursuit of our mission. We are proud of the ways we have already seen our community come together to support one another. We encourage you to visit LI's Facebook page and website for updates as they become available. More than anything, we hope you will reach out to each other. The relationships you formed here are bonds that endure a lifetime. Together we will navigate this difficult time, and we are confident we will emerge a more resilient community.

Wherever you are in the world today, please know that your LI family is thinking of you.

Sincerely,  
Melissa A. Hall, '92  
Director of Development

