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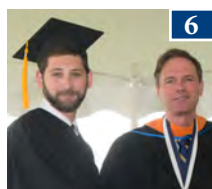
Alumni and Students Visit the W.H. Webb Mausoleum and the Brooklyn Campus



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- ⚡ Perpetuating the legacy of William H. Webb.



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AN UPDATE FROM THE PRESIDENT:



R. Keith Michel '73
President

Graduation was a resounding success, with 19 of our students now proudly holding a Webb degree in their hands with bright futures ahead. Four are attending graduate school – two in Europe and two in the U.S. A couple of graduates decided to enjoy the summer before finalizing employment while the remainder are hard at work in a wide variety of marine sector jobs.

Designed to expose young minds to the excitement of engineering and ship design/construction, Webb's second annual Summer Engineering Academy (SEA) program was a resounding success. Dean Matt Werner led a group of four Webb students in providing instruction and mentoring for the team-oriented projects. Two two-week sessions were held at Webb, followed by a one-week session in the Cayman Islands. Next year, we are planning an additional one-week session at Webb focused on financially disadvantaged students, and are currently soliciting support from foundations to provide scholarships for this program.

I am writing this article on August 17th, a couple of days after our freshman class of 28 arrived on campus. We are excited about their arrival. All are academically fit for Webb. They hail from 15 different states and come with a wide range of talents. One-half of the freshmen play musical instruments, with six receiving all-state distinction. Over half are involved in water sports, one half participated on one or more of their high school sports teams, and many were involved with



Dean Werner with Webb counselors and campers during the Cayman Islands SEA program.

church activities. One-third were active in robotics clubs with three students leading their respective teams. Overall, 98 students are now enrolled at Webb, 20 of whom are women. These are the highest enrollment levels we have ever achieved.



Barney helping out in the kitchen.

Along with the freshmen, Peggy and I welcomed our new puppy to campus this week. He's a cream-colored golden retriever named Barney. Barney is a happy-go-lucky dog that is unfazed by surprises, which suits him well for the Webb lifestyle. He has already made friends with the freshmen and will undoubtedly be a regular visitor to Stevenson Taylor Hall for years to come.

In this edition of *Webb News*, chairman of the *Campaign for Webb*, Joe Cuneo discusses the wonderful progress we have made in raising much needed funds for Webb. As Joe explains, with over 80% of our living alumni contributing, we have reached our comprehensive campaign goal of \$40 million two years ahead of schedule and now set our sights higher. We still have more to do to enhance our infrastructure and build our financial strength, but with help from all of you we are assuredly moving on the right path. We can all be proud of where we are and where we are going.

Plans for the new academic center are well underway, and we remain optimistic ground will be broken next spring. In recognition of the generous support provided by three of the major donors to the campaign, the building will be named the *Couch Family Academic Center*, one the two wings of the building will be named the *Al and Joyce Zeien Wing*, and the center courtyard will be named the *Boysie Bollinger Courtyard*.

On page nine you will find an article that discusses the upgrades to the campus accomplished last winter. This summer, we concentrated on the athletic facilities. The gym has been repainted, and the windows and padding at the base



of the walls are being replaced. A new fence was installed around the tennis courts, and the court surfaces are being repaired and resurfaced. This fall, we look to begin work upgrading the pier. Next winter, we hope to begin remodeling of the upper decks of Stevenson Taylor Hall. Dorms and bathrooms will be renovated and a fire sprinkler system and new heating system installed.

I would like to conclude my message with a few words about Ron Kiss. Ron passed away at his home on Saturday, April 8th. His final years were handled with great dignity and commitment to his family and friends, which should be of no surprise to the Webb family. In the Alumni News section on pages 28-29, you will find a summary of Ron's many accomplishments since graduating from Webb in 1963. Personally, I have often called on Ron for advice and mentorship, both early in my career and then more frequently as I grappled with the challenges of serving as Webb's president. Like many others, I have great admiration for what Ron achieved at Webb during his presidency.

In 1998, Ron brought to campus Dean Roger Compton. Ron, Roger, and their wives, June and Jill, quickly established a sense of family and community throughout the Webb campus. During Ron's tenure as president, Founder's Day became a daylong event sprucing up the campus and reflecting upon the values, compassion and benevolence of our founder, William H. Webb. Many programs were instituted to enhance student life, including the formation of our singing group, the WooFS.

The Administration under the leadership of Ron Kiss, under the guidance of Planning Committee chairman Bill Gray and in close collaboration with the Board, developed and implemented the first comprehensive strategic planning effort in many years. Issued in May 2001, *Launching Webb Institute into the Third Millennium, The Strategic Plan*, established far reaching goals for the academic program, facilities, and enhancement of student life. The planning effort and strategic

planning retreat became a blueprint for future efforts, with new strategic plans launched in 2008 and again in 2013. We are now in the planning stages for the fourth plan, which will be prepared over the next two years.

As stated in the 2001 strategic plan, facilities would be enhanced, the goal being "...to provide modern state-of-the-art academic, office, recreational, and residential facilities in order to deliver top quality education and to demonstrate a commitment to ongoing improvement." Infrastructure modernization efforts accomplished during Ron's tenure include installation of emergency generators and main electrical distribution lines, creation of a campus-wide wireless network, upgrading of the electrical engineering lab, and outfitting of the Cuneo Courtyard. A major design effort was completed for new buildings on campus. However, the dot-com bubble of 2001 necessitated postponement of those plans. In 2002, Ron ably implemented an austerity plan that effectively carried Webb through those challenging years.

Academics was also a focus during the Kiss presidency. Webb hosted an international ship design education seminar sponsored by SNAME, established programs for incoming freshmen such as the "freehand drawing class," and implemented the team-oriented approach to the Junior ship design class.

There were difficult moments during Ron's years as president. For example, following the 9/11 tragedy, classes were suspended and a candlelight vigil held at Webb. But mostly Ron's six years as Webb's president were a time of joy, optimism, and collaboration. Ron surely left Webb a better place than when he arrived, reaffirming Webb's commitment to both quality and collegiality in all that we do.



Ron and his family visited in 2015 when he received his Honorary Doctorate during Homecoming.

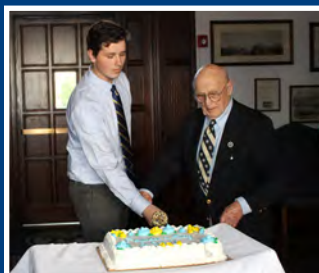
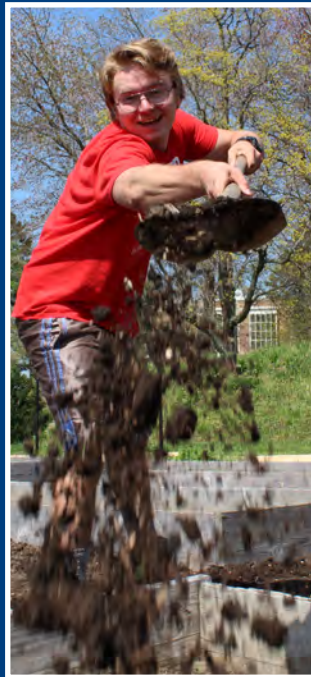
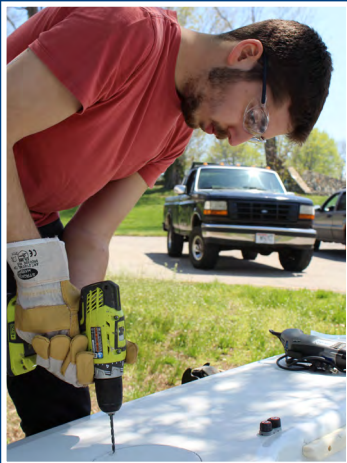


Ron's iconic jump into the sound after the Webb Alumni Fund (led by John Malone '71) reached its goal in 2005.

Founder's Day

Students Give Back to Webb

by Richard Harris
Assistant Dean &
Director of Humanities



This year's Founder's Day was a rarity. Instead of the cold and rainy weather that has typified so many of these celebrations in past years, Friday, April 28, 2017, was a clear, warm day. As usual, the Founder's Day activities began shortly after lunch with all the participants meeting around the fountain in the Cuneo Courtyard and then dispersing to areas around campus to undertake various tasks as part of the efforts in "giving back to Webb."

The afternoon activities were followed by an excellent dinner in the Visconti Reception Room, provided by Chef Rob and his staff. The evening began with the WooFS leading in the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" after which Dean Matthew Werner read a portion of the May 1894 testimonial to Mr. Webb from the Shipwrights of the Port of New York, praising Mr. Webb's benevolence and generosity in establishing his Academy and Home for Shipbuilders. A toast to Mr. Webb followed.

Vinnie Comisso '18, president of the SO, introduced the evening's principal speaker, Trustee, Chris Allard '04, CEO of Metal Shark Aluminum Boats. He focused on aspects of the Webb education, such as integrity and teamwork, that he found particularly useful in establishing his own business, and stressed the importance of carrying on those values learned at Webb and helping to fulfill Webb's mission. The ritual cake cutting was shared by the oldest Webbie in attendance, Professor Emeritus Larry Ward PG'51, and the youngest, freshman Chris Bal '20. The evening concluded with the singing of the Webb alma mater.

121st Commencement Class of 2017



On Saturday, June 17th, Webb awarded 19 Bachelor of Science degrees at the 121st Commencement Ceremony. Each of our graduating Webbies received a dual degree in naval architecture and marine engineering.

The ceremony opened with the singing of the National Anthem by the WooFS (Webb Family Singers) and included inspirational remarks from the ceremony's principal speaker, Chairman of the Board, Bruce S. Rosenblatt, President R. Keith Michel, Dean Matthew Werner, Former-Dean, and Professor Emeritus Richard Neilson, and the Class of 2017's student speaker, James Morrissey.

In his address to graduates, Mr. Rosenblatt credited the building and expanding of personal and professional relationships as the key to success. "Within a short while you'll start your careers and your marine industry family will quickly grow to include your bosses, co-workers, customers, the vendors you work with, and a myriad of others," said Rosenblatt. "That's a great thing and be sure to take advantage of it as there will be many people out there who will want to help you to be successful, just as others had done for them."

Class Speaker James Morrissey's humorous speech touched on the importance of the "family" dynamic amongst students and the unforgettable memories they have made during their years at Webb. "We've been through a lot together," said Morrissey. "Four years at Webb, seven naval architecture classes, six marine engineering classes, four semesters of math, all the

classes in between, containership design, and thesis. Through all that we've really come together not only as a class, but as a family," said Morrissey.

Following commencement, the Class of 2017 will spread out across the country and around the world to begin graduate work or start their professional careers. Notable employers include:

Carnival Cruise Line, General Dynamics Electric Boat, and Cruise Lines International Association.



Awards and Prizes

RICHARD A. PARTANEN HUMANITIES AWARD
Barr Turner, Jr.
{Sponsored by Dean Matthew R. Werner '95 & PG'97}

THE CHARLES KURZ II (HON.) COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD
Barr Turner, Jr. & Hannah M. Wistort
for exemplary commitment of service to others through volunteerism, community service, and civic outreach

CURRAN MEMORIAL PRIZE
Hannah M. Wistort
for most outstanding & consistent improvement
{Sponsored by Trustee, John A. Malone '71}

CHAFFEE MEMORIAL PRIZE
Hannah M. Wistort
general excellence
{Sponsored by Trustee, Joseph J. Cuneo '57}

KEELER MEMORIAL PRIZE
Joseph B. Gargiulo
highest average in mathematics
{Sponsored by Trustee, Dr. Luther Tai}

SEARIVER MARITIME AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING DESIGN
Jonathan A. Roussin

J. LEWIS LUCKENBACH MEMORIAL PRIZE
Jonathan A. Roussin
highest general average over four years
{Sponsored by the American Bureau of Shipping}

STEVENSON TAYLOR MEMORIAL PRIZE
Jonathan A. Roussin
for excellence of a thesis in any field
{Sponsored by the American Bureau of Shipping}

CHARLES A. WARD, JR., MEMORIAL AWARD
Jonathan A. Roussin
highest average in naval architecture and marine engineering

PAUL E. ATKINSON MEMORIAL PRIZE IN ETHICS
W. Marshall Fettig
for ethical behavior

PATRICK S. MATRASCIA GOOD SHIPMATE AWARD
Ian M. Lawson
for working unselfishly and in harmony with classmates
{Sponsored by President & Mrs. R. Keith Michel}

LEWIS NIXON MEMORIAL PRIZE
Spencer A. Dugan & James F. Morrissey
for excellence of a thesis in naval architecture
{Sponsored by Trustee Emeritus, John W. Russell '67}



Campaign for Webb

A New Challenge

by Joe Cuneo '57
Chairman, Capital
Campaign Cabinet



A question for my fellow alumni:

Do you recall occasions during your years at Webb when you thought you had completed what you believed to be a very challenging project well ahead of its due date?

Neither do I. That simply did not happen.

Yet as I write this, we have reached and even surpassed our goal for the *Campaign for Webb*, the largest fundraising campaign in Webb's history, with two years remaining in the campaign period. We have raised over \$40.5 million to date versus our announced goal of \$40 million. Slightly more than half of that total represents cash received, the balance is made up of current and estate pledges. The generosity of our alumni, trustees, friends, and all members of the Webb family have helped surpass the most optimistic of hopes for this campaign. I have had the great privilege of being a part of this effort, and on behalf of everyone who has been involved, a hearty THANK YOU for making an almost unimaginable dream become a reality.

Great as the news is, we are not done. At the outset of planning for the campaign, we commissioned a professional feasibility study, having determined that Webb needed about \$77 million to bring our aging facilities up to the same standards of excellence that we strive for in our curriculum, and to bolster our endowment and help secure the long-term viability of our full-tuition scholarship program. The results of that feasibility study clearly indicated that a \$77 million goal was far beyond the resources of the Webb family. We regrouped and launched a second feasibility study through internal resources; those interviewed in this process suggested that a more

realistic but very ambitious goal of \$35 million might be obtainable. Even that goal was considered somewhat problematic.

We undertook the process of identifying potential larger donors during the quiet phase of the campaign and found far more success than we imagined possible. Based on the success of the first year's efforts we announced a public goal of \$40 million and committed to the hard work it would take to achieve it (in the usual Webb-like fashion). We were fortunate in identifying seven

"We have met our goal but we have not yet fully met our needs."

Cornerstone donors (\$2.5 million or more), far more than the four we originally hoped and planned for. These seven *Cornerstone* donors, four of whom are alumni, account for \$23.5 million of the \$40.3 million raised, or an average gift of more than \$3.35 million per donor. These *Cornerstones* provided a strong and robust foundation, which inspired the critical support and generosity of so many of you that have made this success possible. Over 81% of our alumni, 76% of parents, and many staff and friends have contributed to the campaign and have meaningfully added to the momentum that has ensured our success. In all, 1,434 donors have participated in the *Campaign for Webb*, each of whom has made an impact.

So, problem solved? *Yes and no.* We have met our goal but we have not yet fully met our needs. Over the course of my 35 years serving as Webb Trustee, I have never been more optimistic about the college's future. Thanks to

Renovations at Webb During Winter Work

by Taylor Adamczyk
Assistant Director of Media Relations and Communications

While students were away on Winter Work Term 2017, facilities crews were hard at work on various renovation projects on campus!

One of the first projects was a major renovation of the Admissions wing. Thanks to Facilities, the Admissions wing, including Lauren Carballo and Lana Miller's offices, now has a fresh new look. In the hallway, faux wood tiles were added, as well as newly painted walls and moldings. In Lauren's office, new carpeting was laid, the walls and moldings were painted like those in the Admissions hallway, and she now has some new furniture and a more functional layout. There are plans to hang Webb campus photos on the walls of the Admissions wing to add some school spirit.

In the student dining halls, brand new longer rectangular wood tables with a more modern finish were installed. So far, students have enjoyed the upgrade. Also in the dining hall, the oak wall paneling and fixtures were re-stained.

Lastly, the Livingston Library received some great



updates. The library now has new blue carpeting, making the room look much larger and more cohesive. Several changes were also made to the room's layout to create more functional space for students. In the front half of the library, bookshelves were moved and tables were added in between to add study spaces. Additionally, in the back of the library, facing the Long Island Sound, some stacks were removed and a large table was added for students to work of collaboratively on projects, or to hold meetings. There is also a touch screen monitor on wheels in the back of the room to show presentations, videos, etc.

Webb wishes to thank our Facilities crews for their hard work on these projects, all of which have made our campus more functional and visually appealing.



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prudent fiscal management, strong investment returns, and the extraordinary generosity of the Webb family, the future of Webb is at its brightest since the turn of the 21st century. We have survived the burst of the dotcom bubble and the financial meltdown of 2008, and we have emerged stronger. We are undertaking an exciting revitalization of our academic facilities that will afford many additional benefits too numerous to detail here.

In true Webb tradition we are now taking on an even greater challenge, not for the sake of it, but because we knew from the outset that our goal was limited by perceived resources, not needs. With two years remaining in the campaign, which as a comprehensive effort includes all annual fund gifts, we can be reasonably confident that

we will approach \$45 million by the end of June 2019. Given our identified needs we are determined to achieve more. We are committed to the challenge of raising another \$5 million or more in larger gifts, \$100,000 or greater, from a finite number of donors, some already participating and some still to be added to the campaign donor rolls. As part of this challenge, we are expanding our approach to foundations and corporations, as you may read elsewhere in this issue. Perhaps some of our current donors, inspired by this remarkable progress, find ways to add even more to the generosity and support that has gotten us to where we are. I know I will. A goal of \$50 million is no longer an unimaginable dream. My own personal hope is that we will achieve an even higher goal.

Stay tuned.

Admissions update

by Lauren Carballo
Director of Admissions & Student Affairs

Becoming Part of the Webb Family!

With the Class of 2021 beginning to make their travel arrangements for Freshman Orientation on August 15th, Assistant Director Michael Malinowski and I are already well on our way to recruiting the Class of 2022 and beyond. This summer marks our first year at Webb, and we couldn't be happier to be part of the Webb family. With help from the current student body, faculty, staff, and alumni, we hit the ground running, and we are excited to share some of progress our office has made thus far. The following are just a few of the initiatives implemented this past year:

Tour Guide Program: With high school students finding it more and more difficult to miss classes for college tours, we brought together a group of Webbies who were willing to give tours during the late weekday afternoons and on Saturdays. This group also provided tours at our Open House last fall, giving the families who attended a more personal tour experience.



Counselor Brunch (above): This Spring, Webb hosted its first Counselor Brunch, which was attended by sixteen counselors from Nassau and Suffolk counties. The counselors had brunch with several of our upperclassmen, learned about what makes Webb unique from President Michel and Dean Werner, learned about our admissions process from our office, and took a student-led tour of campus. Some counselors who were not able to attend also scheduled individual visits to campus to learn more about Webb.

STEM Premier: This winter, Webb partnered with STEM Premier, an online platform for high school students interested in the STEM field.

This platform, which allows Webb to recruit students in a more targeted and personal manner, has already yielded one student in the Class of 2021. We look forward to using this tool to find other great fits for Webb this upcoming year.

NACAC and College Board: Last Fall, Webb representatives attended two of the largest college counseling conferences in the country, the National Association of College Admissions Counseling (NACAC) Conference, and the College Board Conference. Both conferences also included a College Counseling Fair, at which High School College and Guidance Counselors can learn more about colleges around the world, including Webb. We look forward to attending these conferences again this upcoming year.

Chegg: This Winter, Webb partnered with Chegg Enrollment Services, which combines data-driven direct outreach with digital marketing. With the help of the Webb Communications department we have used our Chegg name lists to create and send exciting e-blasts to potential students, and we are delighted to be running our first custom digital interaction this Fall.

Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering Initiatives: Through my recruitment efforts, I've learned that many students have never heard of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering, so initiatives that make students aware of such a major are important. In addition to running our Summer Engineering Academy (SEA) again this summer, which brings 38

middle and high school students to Webb to learn about various forms of engineering, our office along with three students from Webb's Leadership Committee manned a booth at the Students of Long Island Makers Expo (SLIME). At our booth (below), students were asked to craft a boat out of everyday materials. We then held a competition to see which boat could hold the most marbles, exposing elementary and middle school students and their parents to both Naval Architecture, Marine Engineering, and Webb all at once.



This year we are looking forward to another very productive schedule of recruitment efforts. This fall, we are visiting over twenty schools in the DC/Maryland/Virginia and Rhode Island/Connecticut/Massachusetts areas, as well as attending both the NACAC and College Board Conferences. We are also planning our annual Open House, touring students around campus, organizing Family Weekend, reading applications, and organizing overnight visits for our Early Decision finalists. We thank you for your support and look forward to another exciting year!

A MESSAGE FROM MR. WEBB

Alum Recounts his Experience During the Mausoleum Tour

by Eric Linsner '70



The story I am about to relate is entirely true, as I have John Malone '71 and my wife, Pat as witnesses. Unbeknownst to me, Jay Carson '73 had embarked on a decades-long mission to track down the little-known parts of the life of William H. Webb and his Academy. As part of this year's homecoming, Jay organized a tour to William Webb's mausoleum in Woodlawn Cemetery in the Bronx. The Webb mausoleum has recently been restored by the Woodlawn Preservation Training Program, funded in part by grants from the World Monument Fund, International Masonry Institute, and some Webb alumni.

Before being driven to the Bronx by Webb students in the white Webb vans, Jay regaled the group with little known stories about the Webb Academy and its founder. One of the stories concerned Ferdinand and Ellen Farinacci, a gardener and cook residing on the campus at Webb's Academy in the Bronx. Incredibly, Andrew Farinacci was born on the property to the couple in 1895 and eventually applied for admission to Webb, graduating in the Class of 1917. Imagine not just spending four years, but your entire childhood and adolescence at Webb.

After a tour by a Woodlawn volunteer, and viewing of the Webb mausoleum, the group had arranged a lunch in a local Irish pub on 236th street near the cemetery. The volunteer tour guide indicated that street parking was extremely difficult and recommended that we leave the vans in the cemetery parking lot and walk there through one of the secondary gates. Being engineers, we did not want to follow advice and set off looking for street parking near the restaurant. Miraculously, there were two spots directly behind one another in front of one of the local row houses.

We all enjoyed our lunch and when we finished we walked back to the vans. Waiting for us on the porch of the house were two middle-aged women giving us the hairy eyeball. The immediate thought is that we had violated some unwritten Bronx custom by parking in their spot while someone went to the grocery, and now wanted the spaces back. The first thing that the tougher looking women said was, "Are you guys from Webb?" This was difficult to deny seeing as the vans had Webb logos on the side. "Well we got something you gotta see." Assuming

retribution was in store, we watched as she unwrapped a package which contained an ancient decrepit leather-bound ledger. She said her father, who was 77 years old, found it years ago in a dumpster and thought it had something to do with Webb's Academy. She said that he remembered Webb's Academy as a child and assumed that it was defunct when the building was torn down. One can only imagine his surprise when two vans with Webb Institute on the side appeared in front of his house. Before going to attend a meeting at the Bronx Historical Society, he had instructed his daughters to find out if the vans had anything to do with Webb and his book.

Jay Carson took one look at the book and stammered, "The name on the opening page is Ellen Farinacci and this is the journal of provision recipes for Webb's Academy from the late 19th and early 20th centuries. It even includes recipes for meals and a photo of the family, including baby Andrew at the Academy." Jay was overjoyed and agreed that the women's father would be invited to Webb Institute in Glen Cove so the book could be digitally copied. It was even suggested that a dinner using one of the recipes be prepared for the occasion. Was this bizarre set of coincidences just quantum weirdness on a macro-scale or was there intervention from the other side? We may have to refer the case to Ghostbusters.



Attendees included, Reuben Taylor '55, John Hennings (Hon.), Patricia Prescott, Jay Carson '73, Keith Michel '73, Eric Linsner '70, Peter Wallace '93, John Malone '71, Peggy Michel, Bob Zubaly '55, and Horton Lain '55.



Southampton Students Become “Webbies” for a Semester

by Taylor Adamczyk
Assistant Director of Communications &
Media Relations

In spring 2017, Webb Institute welcomed three Ship Science students from the University of Southampton (SOTON) as part of its annual exchange program.

Through the SOTON Program, Elettra Ganoulis, Julian Neidermaier, and Gilberto Zambrini had the chance to enrich their studies of naval architecture and marine engineering by joining the Class of 2017 for an entire semester. Students who have gone through the program in the past highly recommend it, stating that they have maintained great relationships with students and alumni, and extended their professional network. Based on their reviews, Elettra, Julian, and Gilberto decided to see what all the hype was about, and they were not disappointed.

Like most of Webb’s exchange students, the SOTON group found the unique learning environment and curriculum to be the biggest difference from Southampton, in a good way. “Both environments (Webb and Southampton) are challenging in their own way and it’s very interesting to get a feeling for both,” said Ganoulis. “I find the learning environment at Webb very stimulating; since everyone around me is interested in the same subject, it makes work more exciting.”

Though all three students had different experiences during their time at Webb, they all agreed that one of the primary benefits of the SOTON program is the multi-faceted perspective they gained on the marine industry through classroom learning and off-campus trips. “This one semester at Webb has given me a very good insight into the industry as a whole,” said Neidermaier. “Southampton is very theoretical, while Webb’s Marine Transportation, OTC, Seatrade, and SNAME meetings give a beautiful overview of how everything is actually working and how propulsion design and structures relate to the global economy.”

While the SOTON program is designed to

provide exchange students with a unique academic experience, they come away with much more, friendships. When asked which aspect of their experience was their favorite, they all mentioned the bonds they created with Webbies. “The best aspect of the program is having done the experience with a special group of people,” said Zambrini. Neidermaier echoed Zambrini, stating that the best aspect of his experience at Webb were the friendships he made. “I’m going to miss everyone at Webb, but at the same time I know that whenever I come back to the States, a sleeping place and someone to talk to will be provided in every city near the coast,” said Neidermaier.

One of the many appealing aspects of the SOTON program for exchange students is the opportunity to travel in and experience the culture of the United States. During the semester students got to experience life on Long Island and in New York City, as well as travel across the country for networking trips and leisure with their classmates. “I got to travel around the United States for conferences, such as OTC in Houston, Texas, and SeaTrade in Fort Lauderdale, Florida,” said Ganoulis. “During spring break, some of my classmates and I decided to drive out to Colorado Springs and I got to see the Midwest.”

After a rigorous and eventful semester at Webb, having



The Southampton students were able to mingle and connect with alumni during Homecoming last May.

Webb Takes Second Place in WFSA 2017 Ferry Design Competition

A team of Webbies has taken second place in the Worldwide Ferry Safety Association (WFSA) 2017 Ferry Design Competition. The student team, advised by Dean Matthew Werner, consisted of Captain Andrew Vogeler '18, Brandon Louis '18, and Nicholas de Sherbinin '18.

Students from nine institutions, including Webb, submitted designs for a 200-passenger ferry for 30 kilometers of the Chao Phraya River in Bangkok Thailand, with the mandate of providing plans for a vessel that is safe, affordable to construct and operate, and appropriate for its intended geographic place. The University of Liege took first place, Webb second, and the



Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur third.

The team gave a presentation on their vessel at the Ferry Safety and Technology Conference last May in New York City, where they received their award.

About Webb's Ferry Design:

The team paid particular attention to ensuring passenger safety and operational efficiency in their design. This was shown through the incorporation of redundancy as a core characteristic in various mechanical systems on board the vessel.

This redundancy is achieved by designing the mechanical systems to be operated by one of two machinery spaces in the ship's demi-hulls. These systems include the fuel oil system, the carbon dioxide fire suppression system, the fire main system, electrical power system, and the steering gear control.

The team also designed easy-open/removable windows to provide an easy escape from the vessel in the event of a major emergency.

In order to keep the vessel affordable, the hull is comprised of uniplanar curves aimed at reducing manufacturing costs, while still maintaining efficiency and pleasing aesthetics. The team also planned to reduce the overall maintenance cost of vessel through the use of local shipyards and mechanics, as well as through the use of Cummins engines and generators. The ferry also



makes use of a simple interior design, which allows for reduced manufacturing costs when compared to other catamaran ferries.

The team considered ease of operation by designing a midship loading station that would allow the vessel to be docked at the existing piers. The transverse offset of the propellers relative to centerline increases maneuverability of vessel at low speed operation while a raised pilothouse and strategic bench placement increases overall pilot visibility. The use of a CCTV system was considered to provide the pilothouse with exterior views of the vessel's environment.

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successfully completed and presented their Senior Thesis Projects and lived like "Webbies," the students head back home for the summer to begin graduate work and make career plans, taking with them some great memories and a new well-rounded perspective on the marine industry. Zambrini is on the path to graduate with a master's degree in engineering next year; he plans to pursue a career in the superyacht industry, possibly in Holland or back home in Italy. Ganoulis, who is presently undecided about her career path, says that she is very interested in the design and environmental sector and can see herself working in the yacht or cruise industry. As for Neidermaier, he too

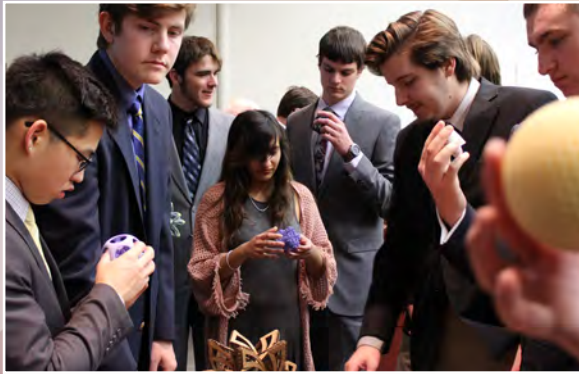
is interested in the cruise industry but plans to do some traveling in China before he starts his career. In the long-term, he aspires to owning his own business or leading a team within a bigger business.

After having an unforgettable experience at Webb, all students emphatically agreed that they would recommend the SOTON program to others. "I would say that if you had the opportunity to participate in this program, you should do it. I highly recommend it!" said Ganoulis. "You gain experience and connections that you wouldn't gain anywhere else."



Dr. George W. Hart and the Beauty of Mathematics

by Richard Harris
Assistant Dean & Director of Humanities



The twenty-second program in the Alfred M. Zeien Lecture Series took place on March 30, 2017, with Dr. George W. Hart's presentation "Finding Beauty in Mathematics." Dr. Hart, who holds degrees in mathematics and electrical engineering and computer science from MIT and is currently an inter-departmental research professor at Stony Brook University, is a world-renowned sculptor of polyhedral forms based on mathematical algorithms. His works, which combine computer technology and 3D printing, are constructed from a variety of materials, including paper, plastic, wood, and metal. His publications on mathematical sculpting are used by students and researchers around the world.



During his presentation Dr. Hart showed photographs of and discussed a number of his works, which demonstrate the relationship between geometry and aesthetics. Webb students particularly appreciated the brief workshop he conducted in the Reception Room after his lecture, in which they were given the opportunity to construct one of his computer-generated sculptures. Because 2D images cannot convey the full complexity and beauty of Dr. Hart's constructions, you are encouraged to see photographs of his works at www.georgehart.com.

Professor Daidola, Webb Seniors Published in *Naval Engineers Journal*

by Professor John C. Daidola
Assistant Professor of Structural Engineering

This past June, Assistant Professor of Structural Engineering, John C. Daidola, and Class of 2017 students Andrew M. Arnold and Michael J. Imbesi, had a paper published in the June 2017 issue of *Naval Engineers Journal*.

The paper entitled "Trimaran Preliminary Structural Design Procedures for a Large High-Speed Sealift Ship," was presented at this year's American Society of Naval Engineers Day (Technology, Systems & Ships) on February 14, 2017, in Washington, D.C. The paper was one of the top seven papers selected for publication from the conference proceedings.

Structural design characteristics for a large

high-speed trimaran sealift ship are determined using the Lloyd's Register Trimaran Rules. These are compared to characteristics determined utilizing a more traditional naval approach for monohulls and with a combination of naval approach with a combination of naval and American Bureau Shipping commercial criteria. The analysis also considers additional approaches for determining transverse hull loads and wet deck pressures by alternative procedures.

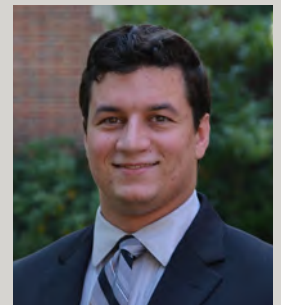
The research was sponsored by the Office of Naval Research under the ACCeSS University Consortium.



Professor Daidola



Andrew Arnold '17



Michael Imbesi '17

Message from the S.O. President:

Spring Semester is Always Better



Vinnie Commisso '18
Student Organization President

With good reason, the phrase “spring semester is always better” floats around the decks of Webb. Compared to the fall semester, spring semester has better weather, better parties, more days with barbecued food, and marginally less work. The spring semester of 2017 was no different.

The freshmen enjoyed political philosophy with Professor Soupios. The sophomores created some really incredible paintings this year. If you haven't seen them yet, check them out on Webb's Facebook or website! The juniors have been designing some not-so-small ships for our SD I class. We also had an enjoyable and educational time in Houston for the Offshore Technology Conference. Lastly, the seniors have been topping off their theses while counting down the days.

Founder's Day showed us again that a little bit of labor and team work can make big changes. This year we again tackled a number of jobs. First, we restored the beach wall on Webb's waterfront, and it looks great! Sailors also took to patching up our fleet of 420's and lasers. A group of students and facilities staffers planted trees near the beach, which will make for a nice, shaded hammock spot for generations to come. The towing tank, pub, and library windows received a thorough cleaning. We also paid tribute to Roger Compton '61 and the late Ronald Kiss '63 by painting a mural of them in the movie room.

Webbstock was super fun this year. The weather was

perfect, the music was loud, and the beer was cold. Pat Doherty, Professor Gallagher '78, Professor Onas, and friends returned to kick off the day with some great tunes! This year's Webbstock also featured an unofficial reunion from the famous Class of 2015. Towards the end of the day, we brought the movin' and groovin' down to the pub and stereotypically sung along to “Sweet Caroline” and “Stacey's Mom.”

Lastly, I am excited to announce that Andrew “Piddy” Pidduck will be filling the role of SO President next year. Piddy is an awesome guy who enjoys adventures, basketball, and painting murals. In the words of Duane Lee '20, “I want to be just like him when I grow up.” I am certain that Piddy will do a great job leading the SO!



Freshmen enjoying the fresh air during Professor Soupios' class.



Lowell Dickerson '10 welcome Vinnie and his class at Chevron during the Offshore Technology Conference.

Campus News

Class of 2020 Complete Firefighting School



On May 16, 2017, the Class of 2020 went to the Military Sealift Command Firefighting School in Freehold, New Jersey. There, all twenty-six students successfully completed a Basics of Firefighting course. The training began with an hour of classroom instruction, regarding the nature of fire, fire safety, firefighting equipment, regulations, and guidelines for controlling and extinguishing fires onboard a ship.

After class, students donned firefighting gear and fought live fires in pairs, using various extinguishing techniques. This training is a requirement by Webb that prepares students for the sea term that occurs in the winter of Sophomore year.

- by Renee Tremblay '20





Phonathon: The Class of 2020 sets a record by securing over \$175K!

During four sittings that were held over three nights (April 4, 6, and 11), the Class of 2020 (26 in total) was able to secure \$174,223 compared to \$98,169 in pledges in 2016. This number is already increasing as those giving an unspecified pledge amount are sending in their gifts, and some are sending in larger amounts than originally pledged!

Special thanks to the students and to the many alumni, past parents, and friends who so generously pledged, for making this the best Phonathon year yet!



Students securing
the highest dollar
amount in pledges

Audra Milbitz	\$35,800
Mara DuVernois	\$16,101
Galen Ng	\$10,250
Mike DeNapoli	\$5,775

Leadership Committee Update:

2017 has been a successful year for the Leadership Committee.

The students have continued to volunteer for local organizations that we have helped before, as well as branch out to new activities that will further help the community. In early April students went to the Ronald McDonald House of Long Island to cook a brunch for the tenants that could rival that of the Webb culinary staff in the most successful venture to the Ronald McDonald House in recent history. In the same weekend, a group of



Volunteers at the Ronald McDonald house.

students helped the Theodore Roosevelt Bird Sanctuary install fencing on beaches in Oyster Bay in order to protect nesting birds. The efforts to help the bird sanctuary were appreciated so much that the sanctuary asked us to return in May to install fencing for goats that will eat invasive plants. May 20th also marked Webb Institute's participation in the Students of Long Island Maker Expo, which is an innovation fair designed to inspire

learning in young students. Webb students designed an activity to demonstrate some of the principles of naval architecture. Since the beginning of the year, groups of students have volunteered their time at Brooklyn schools to help construct sailboats which were launched in June. In addition, the Leadership Committee hosted a fun run 5k and bonfire, as well as a river clean-up to round off another successful year.

- by Blake Loncharich '19

Campus News

Campus Life at Webb

The 2017 spring semester consisted of a plethora of great events and activities that the entire Webb community actively participated in. At the start of the semester, Webbies welcomed three students from the University of Southampton. Julian Niedermaier, Gilberto Zambrini, and Elettra Galonulis joined the class of 2017 and fit in right away, attending several Webb events.

The semester kicked off with a very successful ski trip to White Face Mountain in Lake Placid. Forty-five students attended the trip that was organized by Nick Husser '18. The Social Committee (SOCO), chaired by Bree Louie '17 and Megan Green '18, put together a variety of events, including a St. Patrick's Day party, Karaoke Night, and a Cinco de Mayo party. They also orchestrated several off-campus trips, such as ice skating, bowling/movie nights, go karting, a New York Islanders game, and the Jones Beach Air Show. This year, a new event was brought to campus. For the first time, six comedians from Governor's Comedy club in Levittown, NY, came to campus to put on a show for the students. The Annual freshman water fight in the fountain in Cuneo Courtyard soaked more than just the freshman. And as usual, the Gatsby Party did not disappoint this year; students enjoyed a lobster dinner and danced the night away to the Webb Jazz Band.

Webbies held their annual Student Organization elections for the 2017-2018 academic year. Starting this fall, the Social Committee will be left in the capable hands of Sarah Stretch '19, Taylor Campbell '19, and Mary McGuinness '20. Andrew Pidduck '19 was elected Student Organization President in a tightly contested four-person race. Additional new faces to the "top six" include James Kelly '19 as Board Representative and Taylor Reiss '18 as Honor Council Chair. Vice President Tyler Gray-Hoehn '18, Treasurer Dylan Throckmorton '18 and Secretary Ryan Chozick '18 were all re-elected to their positions from the 2016-2017 academic year.

The Wallin Culture Club was also very active this semester. Spearheaded by Aaron Tam '17, students attended two Broadway shows: (Band Stand & Charlie and the Chocolate Factory) as well as a tour of the One World Observatory. This was all made possible through a very generous donation from the Wallin family.

All in all, it was a very fun and successful semester for Webbies. We are all looking forward to what the fall semester has in store!

- by Michael Malinkowski



Ski Trip



Gatsby Party



Broadway Show



Freshman Water Fight



Webbstock

On Saturday, June 3rd, students, faculty, alumni, and friends continued Webb's tradition of celebrating the beginning of summer with the notorious Webbstock party. Over 200 party-goers spent the day on Webb's back patio and terraces listening to music, playing lawn games, and enjoying great food.

It was a sunny afternoon and just warm enough for attendees to enjoy the water slide on second terrace and for a few brave individuals to spend some time in the dunk tank. Throughout the event, attendees had the chance to see several great musical performances, including quite a few from Webbies themselves. Performers included Professors Gallagher and Onas, Pat Doherty, Ian Lawson '17, Spenser Boyd '17, Brandon Louis '18, Nick Hanslin '18, and others. In the evening, Webb was treated to performances by bands, Zillawatt, and the Hotel Bar Band to bring an end to a long day.

Webbstock was, as always, a huge hit! Webb students would like to thank everyone who helped make the event a success, especially Sierra Nevada and Captain Lawrence for their gift kegs which were served throughout the day. A special thank you to all those who attended, we hope to see you all again next year!

- by Sarah Stretch '19



Webbies Recruit at FIRST Robotics World Championships

Last April, three students, along with Mike Malinowski, Assistant Director of Student Affairs & Admissions, headed to Houston to help with new student recruitment at the annual FIRST robotics world championships.

The three-day event, attended by over 30,000 people, exposed Webb to an enormous audience of prospective

students and parents from around the world. This attendance meant several busy days for the Webb information table. Webb students stood by to answer questions and share their experience about life at Webb. Webbies met students and parents from across the country, most of whom had never heard about our school.

This event was a big step up from two other more local FIRST events that Webb students attended earlier in the semester in Hartford, CT, and Manhattan. Being part of the FIRST program, many of the students attending already have an interest in STEM. At all three events, Webb students were able to further spread the word about naval architecture and what Webb has to offer.

Special thanks to Spencer Dugan '17's grandmother for providing the group with a place to stay while in Houston!

- by Brandon Wui '20



Athletics

SOCCKER/TENNIS ----

In June, two Webbies were named to the Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference's "2017 All-Conference" teams in their respective sports! Captain Kevin Prichard '18 was named to the Men's Tennis Team and Captain Ryan Chozick '18 was named to the Men's Soccer Team for their exceptional play and leadership on and off the field.



AWARDS -----

Freshman Duane Lee '20 has made Webb tennis history by being named the 2017 Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference Player of the Year! Lee is the first Webbie to receive this honor. Earlier in the season, Lee was also named HVIAC's Men's Tennis Player of the Week after posting an unblemished 2-0 record at No. 1 singles and scoring the lone point in Webb's league match vs. Culinary Institute.

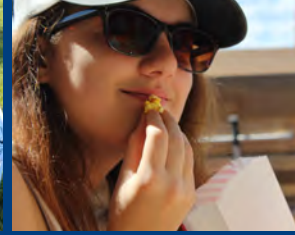
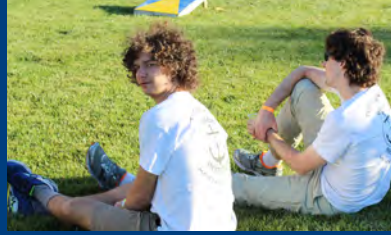
Tennis Head Coach, Pat Doherty, was also named Coach of the Year for the fifth time!



SAILING -----

Webb's Sailing Teams' 2017 spring season is one for the books! This past season, the team took fourth place at the Army Spring Open, fourth at the Stony Brook Cup, second at the Drexel Open, and second at their home regatta, The Engineer's Cup. With several members of the incoming Class of 2021 interested in sailing, the team could be expanding in the fall 2017!





Engineer's Cup

The Engineer's Cup is the annual spring regatta hosted by Webb. This year, Webb hosted seven teams: University of Delaware, Drexel University, Ocean County College, Monmouth University, University of Maryland Baltimore City, Rutgers University, and the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy. On Saturday, winds started out very light, causing a wind delay. However, winds quickly filled in and topped at 25 knots, creating challenging conditions. Racing ended at 3 p.m. due to the strong wind and deteriorating conditions. Racing Sunday began with good wind; however, the wind died a little after noon and races were ended for the day. The Engineer's Cup was the sailing team's last regatta of the season, and the team was happy to finish the race in second place, just behind Drexel. A great end to the season!



- by Muriel Weathers '19 and Declan Gaylo '19

New Basketball Coaching Staff for Fall 2017

The Webb Basketball Team will be welcoming a new coaching staff for the Fall 2017 season!

Professor and Assistant Dean Richard Harris and Assistant Director of Admissions and Student Affairs Mike Malinowski will be taking over for Ed Primeggia, who coached the team for many years. Professor Harris will bring a fair amount of coaching experience to the team, having served as coach of the Webb's basketball team from 1990 to 1995. Mike also has experience working on a coaching staff, having served as manager of the Molloy College Men's Basketball Team from 2011-2013.

Professor Harris and Mike are both very excited to take over the program and are looking forward to a great season!



Webb Alumni Association Report:

Webb Prepares for Changes in the Marine Industry



Peter Wallace '93
President of the Webb Alumni Association

It was a delight to see about 165 alumni and guests attend Homecoming 2017. Art Burr '54 was awarded an Honorary Doctorate and almost his entire class of 1954 was on-hand. Reunion classes of 1962, 1967, 1972, 1977, 1987, and 1997 had strong showings.

Nineteen Webb seniors and three Southampton Exchange students were inducted into the Association. Dr. George Campbell, Jr. and “Boysie” Bollinger (Hon.) were inducted as Honorary Alumni.

Summarizing last year:

The Webb Alumni Fund had a stellar year with a participation rate of 76%--the highest of any higher education institution in the United States. This is a result of the great work of Jake Neuman '93, the Class Agents, and the Development Office.

The Alumni Association's books were balanced, and there is a little bit of money in the bank. We have fully converted to a "zero dues" model that frees us to focus on the Association's work rather than getting bogged down in busy work that doesn't really contribute anything. Thank you to Matt Tedesco '91, Jennifer Kollmer '91, and Vicky Dlugokecki '88 for putting this program into place.

We heard and saw quite a bit about the new academic center from the architects and others. The alumni were major contributors to the concept selection and design spiral. Your responses to the proposals figured prominently into the overall program.

The Webb Alumni Mentoring Program has been enthusiastically embraced by

the students, alumni, Trustees, and Webb. The seniors (Class of 2017) were all paired prior to Homecoming; the Class of 2018 will be paired before the summer break; and the Class of 2019 has been paired before the fall semester. This would not be possible without the breadth and depth of the alumni that have made themselves available as mentors—about 80 alumni so far. Our first lesson learned is that we did not get the word out to the alumni as widely and thoroughly as we could have. Thus, begins the continual improvement cycle.

Three major objectives for 2017-2018:

The first objective of 2017-2018 is to anchor the Mentoring program and make it routine by Homecoming 2018. WAA Fifth Member Satchel Douglas '15 and WAA Member-at-Large Sean Murphy '13 are both dedicated to the Mentoring program. We look forward to seeing this become a hallmark activity of the Alumni Association.

Our second objective is to begin a long term, continual effort to strengthen the regional network. The Webb alumni have historically been concentrated in a few locations, especially along the East coast. Today, it takes eleven regions to cover nearly 90% of the alumni, with places such as Seattle, Houston, and Europe becoming major locations. Each region has its own character in terms of age and industry profiles that can create opportunities for regional activities. Having routine and interesting activities on a regional level can assist with recruiting future students, obtaining better industry exposure, better industry advisory, and wider prospects for development work. Our near-term goal of 2017-2018 is to identify and try several

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Fifth Member

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Sixth Member

Jake M. Neuman '93
Chairman, Alumni Fund

Jennifer Kollmer '91
Past President

**Matthew R. Werner '95,
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Sean Murphy '13
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Steve Pagan '88
Audit Committee

Richard Kim '11
Audit Committee

Mike Abbruscato '11
Nominating Committee

Mike Hutchings '95
Nominating Committee

specific ideas prior to Homecoming 2018. Stefan Wolczko '09 is leading this up with assistance from Jonathan Dowsett '09.

Our third objective of 2017-2018 is to locate and connect alumni to the Trustees' Strategy Planning Committee. The next strategy-planning retreat will be in early/mid 2018 with the objective to produce the next five-year strategic plan. Our task—as alumni—is to contribute to this plan.

Summarizing, our larger vision is to improve existing networks and build new ones that intersect each other in ways that individuals find interesting and worthwhile. Ultimately, this will strengthen the Webb community and its relationships with industry and the larger community.

Homecoming Reunions



Homecoming: Arthur A. Burr '54 Awarded Honorary Doctorate

by Taylor Adamczyk
Assistant Director of Media
Relations & Communications



On Saturday, May 20, 2017, Webb Institute honored one of its own during the Annual Alumni Homecoming event.

The event kicked off with a delicious continental breakfast served by Chef Rob and his Flik Dining crew, followed by a presentation of “Memories from Webb’s Old Campus,” and lawn games on the first terrace.

Following the lawn games, students Max Pierce '20, Galen Ng '19, Abishai Thomas '19, Will Wiley '19 and Muriel Weathers '19 hosted a presentation in the auditorium about their Winter Work experiences. At noon, everyone came together for a barbecue luncheon, and the group was treated to a performance by the WooFs.

Other highlights from the event included a Women of Webb (WOW) meeting, the annual Webb Alumni Association meeting, class reunion photos, a presentation of the design plans for the new Couch Family Academic Center, and a student-faculty soccer game on Thorpe Field.

In the evening, the Homecoming festivities concluded with a formal reception, at which Arthur A. Burr '54 was awarded the highest degree Webb Institute can grant, an Honorary Doctorate degree. Burr was chosen for his excellence in the marine industry and his unwavering support of Webb Institute and its students.

Over the years, Mr. & Mrs. Burr have given much to Webb. In 2006, their generous donation made The *Arthur & Marilyn Burr Junior Classroom* possible, which is in memory of Arthur’s departed classmates, John Franklin and John Dalzell. Additionally, in 2007, the *Benjamin C. Keeler Reading Room* was dedicated because of the Burr’s gifts to Webb. The “Art Burr” William H. Webb scholarship endowment provides a full-tuition scholarship for a Webb student each year.



Alumni in attendance for the special ceremony remarked that they were “inspired” by Mr. Burr’s achievement and the example he has set for alumni to give back to Webb.

After receiving his honorary degree, Mr. Burr thanked Webb, his extended family (his Burr Yacht company associates), his wife Marilyn, and daughter Theresa for their support.

The Webb community is eternally grateful for Mr. Burr’s supreme generosity that will enhance our institution for years to come.

Webb wishes to thank the entire Webb family for their hard work in making Homecoming 2017 a great success. We look forward to seeing everyone again next year!



Launching the Next Planning Cycle

by David Bovet '70



The next Strategic Planning Retreat is scheduled for April or May 2018.

The Planning Committee is now launching preparations to make the retreat a resounding success that guides a robust new Strategic Plan for Webb.

Our last planning retreat was conducted in May 2012. It was attended by more than 60 trustees, staff, faculty, students, parents, and alumni. The two-day format included panel discussions with industry experts and academic leaders. Some 20 white papers were prepared in advance, and surveys were conducted of alumni, students, and parents.

Webb's current Strategic Plan (can be found on the website) was adopted by the Board in May 2013. We recently reviewed progress against the objectives, and found that we have made significant progress. Areas ranging from recruiting to increased focus on leadership, the new summer program, and a successful capital campaign all represent positive developments for Webb.

The new academic center, combined with improvements to Stevenson Taylor Hall, will ensure an enhanced physical plant for years to come.

Given the decisions made with regard to facilities and maximum class size (28 entering freshmen), the focus for the new strategic retreat can be somewhat broader. It will be an opportunity to ask tough questions about the Webb mission and how best to advance it. We expect stimulating white papers and discussions at the retreat.

The Planning Committee will coordinate with the Webb Alumni Association, the faculty, staff, students and parents during the months ahead. In the fall, a series of surveys will be launched. We will also reach out to alumni to elicit thoughts on topics and to outside experts who can help us ground our reflections in the context of the wider world beyond Webb's walls.

This will be exciting – and we count on your support and engagement to make this the best strategic planning process possible.

New Alumni/Parents Portal Coming this Fall!

by Kerri Allegretta
Director of Media Relations & Communications

A much needed make-over is happening to the alumni and parents portal! This fall, Webb will be switching to Almbase, software that easily connects the Webb community through Facebook and LinkedIn (if you do not have either of these accounts, you can register with a valid email address). Be on the look-out this September for an email and postcard explaining the registration process! If you have any issues with creating your account please, contact me at kallegretta@webb.edu



Alumni interactive map where users will be able to search by location, company, job title, and class year.

A few of the features include:

- Interactive map (Connect to Webbies in your area or while traveling)
- Mentorship section (Volunteer to mentor or find a mentor)
- Job boards (Share your own job post or search for a job)
- Event ticketing through Paypal (Register for events and see who is attending!)
- Flexible search engine (Search alumni through company, titles, class year, and/or location)
- Up to date profiles (Email, location, company, job titles)

Alumni Regional Events

London

by Leah Sosa '08



On Saturday, June 10th, Paulo Almeida '95 and his wife Melinda hosted the Inaugural London BBQ for the European Regional Group of Webb Alumni.

Several Alumni ranging from '65 through '15 were in attendance, including: Laurence Krantz '65, host Paulo, wife Melinda and children Olivia and Max, Dr. Gabe Weymouth '01, wife Becca and daughter Alexandra, Kate Jones '01X, Leah Sosa '08, Lindsey (Burns) Lindgren '08, Dan Mannheim '08, Ben Forbes '13E, Cody Owen '15, and Gilberto Besana '15E.

Paulo knew that expectations were high as he was Dean Werner's thesis partner! He prepared his Triple Crown of hamburgers, sausages, and peri-peri chicken. Melinda was operating at 100% MCR, overseeing the rest of the food as well as her own Triple Crown of desserts.



As with all Webb events, a lot of "sea stories" were told. To add a London flavor to the evening, there was a mock debate on whether fox hunting should be legal.

The WAA hopes to make the BBQ an annual event, especially if the weather can be as great as it was this year!

San Diego

by John Malone '71



John and Amy Malone held their annual Dinner & Pool Party Event for Webb interns and recent grads in the San Diego area. This year's event was on January 6th.

From left to right: Brian Mills '16, John Carlson '14, Sean Walker '18, Satchel Douglas '15, Amy Malone (hostess and chef supreme), Tyler Gray-Hoehn '18, John Malone '71 (poorly disguised as a "recent grad"). Not in the photo: John Carlson's girlfriend, Nina, who was kind enough to be our photographer.

Rotterdam

by Mark Martecchini '79

Even thousands of miles from the familiar iron gates and brick edifices of Webb Institute, the sense of community among Webb students and alumni remains strong.

Webb graduates and students experienced this sense of community at the annual Webb Europe Alumni meeting, graciously hosted this past February by Mark Martecchini '79 and his wife Laurie at their home in Rotterdam. The event, organized by Leah Sosa '08, brings together members of the Webb community currently living in Europe. This year, that group included students on winter work assignments, recent graduates completing master's degrees, and alumni with established careers in various European countries.

Europe's vibrant maritime industry

and wealth of institutions of higher education make it an attractive place for Webbies to settle after graduation. This year's meeting was attended by Webb graduates currently living and working in the Netherlands, Denmark, the UK, and Italy. Additionally, two recent graduates are currently completing graduate degrees at European institutions, Delft University in the Netherlands and ETH Zurich in Switzerland.

Three current Webb students were also able to attend the meeting, as they were fortunate enough to complete internships this winter in Europe. This year, students held internships at STX Shipyard in St. Nazaire, France; Lloyd's Register in Trieste, Italy; and the ship management company Hammonia Reederei in Hamburg, Germany. In recent years, Webb students have held winter work positions at Maran Gas Maritime Inc. in Athens,

Greece; Gaztransport & Technigaz (GTT) in Paris, France; ZF Marine Krimpen in Zaag, Netherlands; and Stolt Tankers in Rotterdam, Netherlands.

Over drinks and dinner, the meeting's attendees shared their experiences in Europe and reflected on the opportunities that Webb has made possible for them. A common theme was the unique and rewarding nature of living and working abroad. Cody Owen '15 shared his experiences as a student in the Offshore Engineering track of the European Wind Energy Master program, which is comprised of a consortium of universities in northern Europe. As part of this program, Cody has studied at DTU (Denmark), TU Delft (Netherlands), NTNU (Norway), and is currently completing his master's thesis at TU Delft. Gilberto Besena, who spent a semester at Webb in 2015 as part of the exchange program with the University of Southampton, remarked that he was impressed with the great sense of community and group culture among Webb graduates. Gilberto currently works in the sailing yacht industry in Genoa, Italy.

Overall, this event was a great opportunity for Webbies in Europe to reminisce on fond memories of Webb and discuss the rewards and challenges of working, living, and interning abroad. A wonderful time was had by all. In typical Webb fashion, the evening wrapped up with a few pints at a local bar.





Alumni News In Memoriam

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Frederick P. Eisenbiegler passed away on January 12, 2017 at the age of 91. Beloved husband of the late Thyra with whom he shared 55 years of marriage. Devoted father of Frederick "Rick" Eisenbiegler (Joyce), Kathryn Eisenbiegler, and Carl Eisenbiegler (Karen); Grandfather to three.

Mr. Eisenbiegler served as a naval constructor in the US Navy before his 32-year career at General Electric Co. His other positions included Manager-International and Marine Marketing-Industrial and Marine Steam Turbine Division, and Manager-Marketing and Business Development-International Department-Turbine Business Group.

Mr. Eisenbiegler spent eight years with the Sun Company, first as Vice President Bulk Ship Group – Sun Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Co. and later as President-Sun Transport, a Sun Co. subsidiary which provided transportation for the Company as well as providing crude and product transportation chartering, ship design and engineering services for third parties.

He was a member of ABS and SNAME. He is a former member of the American Committee of Lloyd's Register of Shipping as well as a former member of the Maritime Research Board-National Academy of Sciences.

Mr. Eisenbiegler served on Webb's Board of Trustees from 1980-87. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Fred's memory to Webb Institute.



1947

Albert L. Balestiere of Vero Beach, FL passed away at the age of 91, on May 20, 2016.

Al is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Vesta Graham Balestiere; two sons and five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Marilyn

Newman Balestiere in 1988.

He was a member of the Cashiers United Methodist Church, Cashiers, NC and Community Church of Vero Beach. Al chose The Village Green as his final resting place so he could remain in Cashiers, the place he loved the most.

PG'53

Capt. Jonathan A. Sisson passed away at the age of 89. He is survived by his wife, Anne Marie.



1955

Justin H. McCarthy passed away early on February 28, 2017.

Upon his graduation from Webb, Mr. McCarthy attended

Columbia University (English); King's College/Durham University (Naval Architecture); and Johns Hopkins University (Mechanical and Mathematics).

His employment history includes: Electric Boat Co.; David Taylor Model Basin (Hydrodynamics); Office of Naval Research, Tokyo (Liaison Scientist); Head of the Naval Hydromechanics Div. at DTMB and has authored more than 40 papers and reports dealing with ship hydrodynamics, particularly on propulsors, drag reduction, and submarine hydrodynamics.

Justin was a Fellow of SNAME and had served as Chairman of the Journal of Ship Research Committee. He had been active in International Towing Tank Conference as Chairman of the Resistance Committee (1978-84) and a recipient of the Navy's Meritorious and Superior Civilian Service Awards. He was a modest, outstanding scientist, respected, and especially loved by his Webb Class of 1955 classmates.

He is survived by his wife Sarah "Sally" to whom he wed in 1958. Other family members include Kate

McCarthy, Brian McCarthy, Elizabeth McCarthy, granddaughters Julia Reisenfeld and April Reisenfeld. He is also survived by his brother William McCarthy.



PG'58

Captain Ernest 'Wes' Fergusson, of Glen Allen, VA, passed away on January 23, 2017, at home with his wife, Caroline, by his side. Wes was born in Richmond,

VA and attended Richmond city schools, graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1948. He graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1953, and from Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in 1958. He had a 30-year naval career which took him all around the United States.

Wes will be remembered as a quiet, intelligent, loving man with a jovial spirit who was dedicated to his church, his family and his country. He loved traveling and keeping up with all the newest technology. He is survived by his wife, Caroline Hall Fergusson; son, Ernest W. Fergusson Jr. (Paula); daughter, Nancy F. Heard (John); stepdaughters, as well as 14 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.



1963

Ronald Kolomon Kiss, President Emeritus, passed away on April 8, 2017.

Upon graduation from Webb in 1963, Mr. Kiss

was awarded the Ruxton Prize for academic improvement, along with the Stevenson Taylor Prize for best co-authored Marine Engineering thesis, and then commenced a career rich with achievement. He earned a Master of Science in Naval Architecture from the University of California, Berkeley, and attended the Program for Management Development at Harvard University



and the Advanced Management Program at MIT.

His career began at the Maritime Administration in commercial ship design and construction. After rising to the position of Acting Associate Administrator at MarAd and becoming a charter member of the Senior Executive Service, he transferred to the Navy Department for the Reagan buildup of the 600-ship Navy. With the Navy he became Deputy Assistant Secretary for Shipbuilding where he had oversight of the entire shipbuilding program from 1985 through 1996.

Upon retirement, Mr. Kiss began consulting and served for a year as Vice President, Systems Development at Syntek. He held a Professional Engineer's license and served as President of SNAME, and then as President of ASNE.

Mr. Kiss has also been a recipient of the Distinguished Civilian Service Medal; a Fellow as well as President of SNAME, a recipient of the Emory Scott Land Medal for accomplishment in the marine industry; and a member of the Royal Institute of Naval Architects, United States Naval Institute, Navy League, Surface Navy Association, and Lavallette Yacht Club (past commodore).

In 1998, Mr. Kiss returned to his alma mater as Executive Vice President, and shortly thereafter became President. As President he oversaw the implementation of many improvements, including the introduction of wireless laptop computers for every student, installation of a large emergency diesel generator, a comprehensive electrical power upgrade, and the design and construction of the Cuneo Courtyard. Upon his retirement in 2005, he was granted the honor of President Emeritus.

Mr. Kiss held a number of positions in the Webb Alumni Association, including President. The WAA awarded him the William Selkirk Owen Award in 1991, their highest honor presented to a graduate

in recognition of outstanding achievement and service to the profession and their Alma Mater. In May of 2015, Webb awarded him with an Honorary Doctor of Science degree.

Kind, helpful, honorable, good friend, good businessman - these are some of the adjectives that his colleagues use to describe him. There are no better accolades than to be held in such respect by colleagues and peers. He will be sorely missed by those who knew him.



1964
William "Brien" Pierce of Lewes, DE, passed unexpectedly away on July 8, 2017 at the age of 75.

After graduating from Webb, he worked designing and building boats for the Navy in Newport News, VA.

After visiting friends in Lewes, Brien came to appreciate the area and moved to Lewes to build his own boats. Eventually he became interested in building reproductions of Queen Anne and Chippendale furniture. After meeting the love of his life, Bernadette Sing in 1973, they soon married, had three children, and moved to Albion, PA, where he continued with woodworking. After the kids left home to pursue their own lives, the couple returned to Lewes, where Brien worked for Oceanic Ventures building cabinets for the past 16 years. He will be genuinely missed by all who were blessed to know him.

Mr. Pierce is survived by his beloved wife of 42 years, Bernadette (Sing) Pierce; his two sons, one daughter and seven grandchildren with number eight on the way.

Honorary

Jerrier A. Haddad, 94, of Briarcliff Manor, succumbed to age on March 31, 2017, at his beloved Adirondack home on the shores of Simond Pond, Tupper Lake, NY.



Mr. Haddad was awarded with an Honorary Doctor of Science degree in 1998, and he was also an honorary Trustee and honorary member of the WAA.

He was a computer pioneer and lifelong architect of technology and education, he had an illustrious 38-year career in senior management at International Business Machines Corporation.



Mary O. "Molly" Luke, 100, formerly of Bath, ME passed away on June 10, 2017. She was born in New York City on January 11, 1917, a daughter of William Selkirk (Webb graduate of 1903) and Eleanor.

She attended Wheaton College in Norton, MA. In 1936 she married Roger Luke '31 and in 1937 they moved to Bath. Molly was employed as a teacher's aide and substitute teacher in the Bath Schools. They moved to homes in Topsham and Boothbay in 1970. She was an associate member and past president of the Bath Memorial Hospital Auxiliary in the 1950's and 60's, volunteered at the Maine Maritime Museum and was a member of the Grace Episcopal Church. She volunteered for the American Cancer Drives and other charitable drives.

Molly enjoyed traveling with Roger around the world and they spent many summers on their boat sailing along the coast of ME until Roger's passing.

She was predeceased by her husband, Roger M. Luke, one son, William Luke. She is survived by one son, Sandy Luke and his wife Audrey, eight grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and one great-great grandson.



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Class Notes

1954

The Class of 1954 enjoyed a robust turnout for Homecoming 2017.

Art Burr, George Colborn, Frank Falci, Paul Hayes, Tom Manuel, Al Schwendtner, and Joe Signorelli used the occasion for a good deal of reminiscing and catching up on new developments at Webb. The Class also enjoyed acknowledging Art Burr's receipt of an Honorary Doctorate. Classmate **Bob Ediin** was unable to attend homecoming but reports from CA that he has restored his 1962 Daimler SP250 to "operational and reasonably reliable" condition.

1958

Len Thunberg stays active bicycling and kayaking. Still the naval architect he even builds kayaks.

Paraphrasing what **Rob Goldbach** sent to the class: "What a boring bunch we all are! An overwhelming majority of us married to the same woman for between 50 and 60 years. Satisfied with working hard and accomplishing career recognition on our own without destroying others in the process. Giving back to society in a major way. Creating a legacy of children and grandchildren (and now great grandchildren) who are educated and believing that ethics and integrity count. Guided by principle of all things. Boring indeed, but admirable in my eyes."

Who among us would have thought in 1954 that a freshman class undistinguished in intellectual capability (except for Al Raff), but superior in athleticism only, would have this to look back upon in 2017? Four PhD's, two company presidents, two lawyers, one clergyman, and the other graduates successful engineers."

Joe Schetz writes: Kathy and I are well. We have a great granddaughter who turned one year old in March. I continue to work full-time at Virginia Tech teaching and doing research with graduate students. I received a nice recognition naming me as an Honorary Aerospace Engineer from

Texas A&M University. Kathy still does Speech Therapy with private clients.

Dan Schorsch and **Jonathan Williamson** are struggling with health issues, but remain active. They are fortunate to have children living in their same communities to assist them.

Many of the class report they have been active as community volunteers and participants in soup kitchens, food pantries, tax preparation, and religious organizations. **Pete Hall** (below) was honored (just after his 81st birthday) as Volunteer of the Year by BNI for his work in the New London, CT area.



1959

Plans for our next reunion have progressed, thanks to the efforts of **Pete and Jo Gale** and **Bill and Carmen Marrin**, our reunion committee. We will rendezvous at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington, D.C., for three nights of fellowship and two or three days of touring and dining in early October. The details are flexible now, but we're all looking forward to a good time. Thanks very much Gales and Marrins!

Pete and Jo also announce the good news that their granddaughter will start classes at the U.S. Naval Academy this summer.

Bill and Carmen Marrin are enjoying good health and a hearty garden after the long winter. They continue to work in their psychotherapy practice,

although talk of moving out of their big old house into smaller quarters and full retirement is rather constant. Bill has done some lecturing about Pope Francis' vision for the Catholic Church and he hopes to have more time to write about his experience as a priest once he takes off his psychologist's hat. They are looking forward to their August respite in ME with children and grandchildren, and of course to gathering in Washington with classmates in the Fall.

Lars and Donene Harrison are back home in Cupertino, CA, after another globe-trotting adventure. You may want to break out your world Atlas: "We took an Australia and New Zealand cruise this spring that departed from the downtown skyscraper scene of Sydney with a stop on the way to New Zealand at Hobart, Tasmania. From Port Arthur, we took a windy and showery open air high speed coastal wilderness cruise excursion to view cliffs and furry seals. Our cruise ship then crossed the Tasman Sea to Milford Sound and we departed for an overnight overland excursion to Queenstown on Lake Wakatipu. The climate transitioned from the fiord's mists and waterfalls to sunny autumn skies and blue lakes. Queenstown is the dock for trips on the TSS *Earnslaw* across the lake to a sheep farm for dinner and trekking. The *Earnslaw*, (389 passengers), launched in 1912, has coal-fired propulsion by twin triple-expansion, reciprocating piston engines. A taste of marine engineering history. YouTube has some good video footage of the *Earnslaw* and her vintage engines.

"We rejoined our cruise ship at Dunedin, a city replicating its Scottish heritage with stone churches and public buildings. We were becoming acclimated to the New Zealand accent (mixture of Scottish and Irish) and English culture with typical friendly politeness. Christchurch was the next stop which has been described as more English than England, however with a downtown still rebuilding from



the devastating 2010/11 earthquakes. Fortunately, the extensive and grand English gardens remained very intact and inspiring.

“The next port was Wellington on the North Island, the capital and a city of gardens, hill top views and a cable car trip even better than San Francisco. The next port was Napier with an excursion to Cape Kidnappers Station for close-up viewing of the gannet colony. The route there was on unpaved roads across verdant rolling pastures with sweeping ocean views. The gannet is a large bird with black eye markings and pale gold crown. The colony is huge, with gannets swooping and diving into the sea for food, while others preen themselves or perform the ritual dance of recognition. Napier is a surprising English looking town that was rebuilt after earthquakes in the 1930’s in an Art Deco style with



Above and Below: Lars and Donene Harrison during their Australian and New Zealand trip.



quaint shops, 1920/30s classic cars, and pleasant beach boardwalk. For cruise ships visits, downtown Napier has many residents dressed in 1930 style clothing in keeping with the Art Deco ambiance.

“Our final excursion was from the port of Tauranga across the South Island to the Waitomo Glow Worm Caves. The route passed through some original New Zealand bush forests preserves. I tried to imagine hills with extensive dense forests over fern covered ground punctuated with the sounds of many now- extinct bird species that was New Zealand’s environment before the first human settlement by the Maori 800 years ago.

“New Zealand has beautiful lush scenery as expected however some unanticipated scenes: Arrowtown, Queensland (comparable setting to California Gold County towns), assembly line bungee jumping complex at Kawarau Bridge (a jump every five minutes), lunch at a lovely county farm with extensive gardens and background Italian Classical music, down-under world maps with the South Pole and Australia on top and North America and the US below the equator.”

It seems that Lars and Donene have traveled everywhere but outer space. Keep reading the *Webb News* to follow their next adventure.

Bill and Ruth Hurt are living a busy retired life in Seattle. Ruth especially enjoys her kitchen after a

very protracted renovation project. Bill now enjoys practice time on the organs at St. Mark’s Cathedral and Epiphany Episcopal Church every week, and serves on the search committee for a new organist at Epiphany. Bill also continues to serve as a volunteer tutor at the Seattle Public Library. As Ruth puts it, “We’ve both had such very good lives that we feel like going back to society.”

When last heard from, **Donnell and Bob Johnson** were still feathering their new nest near Annapolis.

Ed and Diann Shope have survived the rainiest winter in Seattle’s history, and finally are able to get out in the garden. Rowing shells on Lake Washington and tending the garden are Diann’s favorite outdoor diversions when she’s not writing. Now she is deeply into creating her third novel, a story about four friends our age who form a group living arrangement. As for Ed, he continues to work the Seattle waterfront, conducting draft surveys of bulk cargo barges from time to time. On a good day he’ll see sea lions eating salmon, with a bald eagle overhead. “Recently we assembled the whole Seattle Shope family in one place (a miracle in itself) to attend the Cirque du Soleil. It was two hours of watching unbelievable skill and beauty. I’ll never forget the sight of one athletic man on a swing, who pumped higher and higher as we all held our breath, and finally, actually went over the top. Impossible? I actually saw it. But please, don’t try this at home.”

Oren Stephans says hello to all from Fort Myers, FL. “I’m really looking forward to seeing everyone at our fall reunion.” Oren had his left knee replaced last November, giving him two steel knees for touring the city. He’ll outpace us all. Good work, Oren!

Bill Webster still keeps an active consulting schedule with clients in China. Where does he get the stamina?



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Gene and Mary Yurch are happy to have their boat out of the boatyard and ready for cruising. "We've owned this boat for 29 years, and enjoy it every summer" says Mary, "We still sing in the North Fork Chorale and our doctors give us good reports." Instead of long journeys they enjoy "sofa traveling," and invite classmates to look up their address on Google Earth.

Dick and Joan Zuerner are keeping fit in Newport, RI. When the rain stops, Dick runs out and rides his bike. At other times he lifts weights indoors for exercise. "My real hobby is my work," he says, "I spend half days at my medical practice, and then work in a nap." Dick keeps up with Webb events through the *Webb News*, and likes the positive changes going on, especially the high quality of the students. "I don't think any of us could qualify for acceptance these days," he jokes.

Joan is busy with crafts in her studio, preparing for a big exhibit. She also enjoys all the grandchildren and lifts weights herself. Both Dick and Joan say hi to all and look forward to our reunion in October.

1960

Tom Cole: Moved into a lovely 55+ community. Marilyn and I are doing well in spite of the aches and pains that come with aging.

1961

Roger Compton (and PG'64) wrote: Jill and I left Webb after a final year of teaching in June 2016. We started the process of selling our home on the eastern shore of MD in a very slow market. Our home of 24 years finally sold in mid-November. After performing our final concert with the Prospect Bay Singers, we closed on the property in mid-December and, after 50 years as Marylanders, we moved to Vero Beach, FL. We moved into a continuing care retirement community (CCRC) called Indian River Estates (IRE). Since that major move we have been adjusting to



Kit and Cathy Ryan enjoying their camel ride in the Sahara.

serious downsizing and in becoming connected with the Vero Beach community. Jill and I are singing with a Treasure Coast Chorale, and the Presbyterian Church choir; I have been working to get a barbershop quartet started in our community. Besides singing, there are lots of athletic opportunities here in IRE. I built and am sailing a Victoria Class radio-controlled model sailboat on the lagoon within the community (and, yes, we have at least one alligator living there!). Jill and I are playing water volleyball and pickle ball regularly. Besides becoming a late-blooming jock, I'm trying really hard to get restarted on the textbook writing that I began before leaving Webb.

Our first grandchild turned 21 this year and our last grandchild just turned two. Jill and I attended graduation at Webb for the Class of 2017, whom I was lucky enough to mentor during their junior design course. We also hope to return to Webb so that I can team-teach free-hand drawing with **Brent Morrison '11** to the Class of 2021.

The welcome mat is out for any of you to visit us anytime that you find yourself in southeastern FL.

PG'65

Clinton Kreitner retired in 2008 as Founding President/CEO of The Center for Internet Security. Continue

to serve as Board Member.

1967

Kit and Cathy Ryan just got back from a trip to Morocco, an exotic country. "We enjoyed all the shops tucked away in tiny alleys in the old parts of the cities, where so many things are still being made by hand as they were 100's of years ago. And we couldn't leave without a camel ride on the edge of the Sahara (yes, that's really us)! Go with a tour because you can't read the street signs!"

Robert (Bob) Hall: Now living in wonderful rural Lancaster County, PA.

Edward (Ted) Van Dusen: After Webb, four years at MIT getting MS in Naval Architecture & Marine Mechanical Engineer, then five years at U of Mass. getting a PhD in Ocean Engineering focusing on renewable energy with a thesis in CFD. While there I worked with another MIT grad, Woody Stoddard, and for William Heronemus to design and build a wind turbine to demonstrate the feasibility of wind generated electricity. After 30 years on campus turbine was sent to the Smithsonian Institute as an example of one of the first modern wind turbines.

I designed and built a rowing shell from advanced composites which won a Silver Medal in the 1976 Olympics and promptly started Composite



Engineering to make shells and design and manufacture structures in composites. In 1978 Woody, two businessmen and I started US Windpower which started the wind farms in the West and now continues as GE Wind. My company produced their first turbine blades. That year we also started making carbon sailboat masts.

I have stayed active in my passions of rowing, sailing, marathon canoeing, and skiing. I am married to a lovely woman who shares my passions, Annemoon van Erp, who came over to the US from Holland 20 years ago to do postdoctoral work in neurobiology. She is the managing scientist at Health Effects Institute studying air pollution around the world. Organizations such as the EPA use their research to set automobile emission standards, or correlate air quality with disease.

1970

Rick Neilson: Denise and Rick are enjoying retirement on the northern neck of VA. Those who remember Rick's knee issues will not be surprised that he has had a knee replacement. They tried to sell him

the Joe Namath model, but he held out for the LeBron James. Recovery has gone extremely well.

Dave Pedrick: I've been living in Newport since opening my own yacht design practice nearly 40 years ago. Laura and I have been married more than 30 years, with late-20s-aged sons in San Francisco and Chicago - both as engineers. My late-30s-year-old daughter is married with two children, living in eastern CT. I continue to have a very enjoyable career in yacht design, with America's Cup winners, large cruising yachts, significant restoration projects, sail training craft for the U.S. Naval and Coast Guard Academies, and more routine projects from 10 - 45 m in LOA. My focus has been in sailing yachts, with a small share of motor yacht projects. I've enjoyed occasionally taking in Webb interns and helping as a junior project mentor.

During the February break, **Eric and Pat Linsner** (below) joined the RCCL FREEDOM OF THE SEAS for a seven day eastern Caribbean cruise. Ports of call included a walking tour of the old San Juan fort. The weather was warm

and a good time was had by all. Eric is working with the Marshall Islands vessel registry on gas carrier issues.

1972

Jim Dwyer and Candace are still in Singapore, enjoying life and work in this region. Please say hello if you are in these parts.

1973

Rich Celotto: Still enjoying working at BMT Designers & Planners as vice president of Engineering in our Alexandria, VA office. We decided three years ago to diversify from mostly Navy and Coast Guard work into commercial vessel design and that has been an exciting change. I mostly just bring in the work and watch the younger guys and gals do the real naval architecture and marine engineering and it couldn't be better. The kids are doing well. Rebecca lives not too far away in Baltimore with her husband and two beautiful little girls. Abby also lives in Baltimore, was awarded a doctorate in Nurse Practice last May, and will be working at University of Maryland Medical Center with her husband. Son Sam completed four years working for his alma mater Duquesne University at their campus in Rome, Italy as an assistant resident director at the end of 2016 (What a gig that was!) and is now working on the main campus in Pittsburgh coordinating their Nelson Mandela African Scholars program for 2017. Kathy just started to slow down this year from full-time teaching to four days a week. Last fall, as my classmates know, I received the W. Selkirk Owen Award from the Webb Alumni Association and I still get overwhelmed when I think about that. Webb is worth it.

1976

Greg Castleman: My wife, Cindy, and I have been married for 15 years. My son Tommy is back in Houston in college. Daughter Erin, who recently gave birth to her first child, Isabelle, lives in Jacksonville, FL and works as a barista for Starbucks. Stepdaughters Amber and Diane



(Left) Eric and Pat Linsner during their eastern Caribbean cruise. (Right) Eric with Doug Rabe during the same cruise.



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are living and working in Oklahoma City, along with son-in-law Matt and granddaughter Brittany. Stepdaughter Susan lives in Leander, TX along with her husband Eric and our grandson Gavin.

I recently received the honor of being the first engineer chosen by my high school alma mater, Carol Morgan School of Santo Domingo, as the Most Distinguished Alumnus.

I recently joined the management team of SeaOne Holdings in Houston, so we have moved back to the Houston area. Stay tuned for further developments!

1977

John Vasilakos: I am married to Donna (since 1978) and have one child, Sarah, who graduated from George Mason University in VA and is now back in school earning a Nurse's degree. I have lived in Northern Virginia since graduation. Have been working at Advanced Marine Enterprises since 1979 (now part of CSRA) along with fellow class mates **Dave Helgerson** and **Eric Strassel**. My primary hobby consists of collecting and playing board wargames and occasionally building models from kits. My work experience includes many years of naval architecture and management experience directly related to U.S. Navy and commercial ships (since 1977). In 1998 I joined the Total Ship Open Systems Architecture, TOSA, team where we investigated Modular Open Systems Architectures. I helped to establish the Mission Systems Ship Integration Team (MSSIT), and we developed the interface documentation for the LCS. I have been supporting the LCS Program Office since 2009. In 2015 I got to sail aboard the USS *Milwaukee* during Sea Trials.

1987

Caroline (Polaneczky) Macri: Homeschooling eight kids, from K to high school. Never bored.

1988

January 15, 2017: **Steve Pagan** completed the Chevron Houston Marathon (his first) in a record time of five hours, five minutes and 40 seconds. No naval architect from Webb with the same last name has ever run faster. Requests for media appearances should be directed to stevadoo@yahoo.com.

1988-1991: Blancke Marine Services, Woodbury NJ. Designed commercial fishing boats, tugboats, and barges. 1991: MBA from Rutgers Camden 1991-1999: Maritrans (now OSG America.) Miscellaneous fleet support for tanker, tugboat and oil barge operator. Cross-trained for two years doing projects at their oil terminal division. 1999-2004: Kvaerner Philadelphia Shipyard (now Philly Shipyard). Engineering for containerships, support of marketing. Various subject matter expert work. 2004-present: Chevron Shipping Company. Fleet support on US flag fleet for a couple years then into the upstream project world. Spent two years in Korea and three years in Indonesia before moving to Houston in 2013. In early 2016 we adopted a little boy and life is great!

1992

Doug Schickler is practicing Naval Architect / Yacht Designer in Amsterdam, the Netherlands. www.styacht.com

1996

In November 2016 the **Mutnick** family grew by one with the birth of Adny. His older brother Olin really enjoys having a sibling around. We are now living in

Lexington, MA and enjoying life in New England.

2007 & 2008

Kathleen (Cain) Minnich '07 and **Stephen Minnich '08** welcomed their first child, David Cain Minnich, on February 9th. David is in the early stages of grooming to be a prospective freshman for the Class of 2039.

Adam Van Doren and **Kristin Jarecki** got engaged in March.

2009

Phil Duerr has been enjoying the spring and early summer (catching up on some vitamin D is always a good idea). Projects around the yard and house continue to keep him busy. He and Alana had a wonderful trip to Louisiana for a wedding and also got to see some of the family. Without any other big trips on the horizon, let Phil know if you are in D.C. and he will invite you over for a raging party!



Stephen Mutnick and family.



Kathleen (Cain) and Stephen Minnich welcomed baby David in February.

It's all smiles at LovePop as founders **Wombi Rose** and **John Wise** have convinced another Webb classmate to join the burgeoning paper industry. "I've started working with my fellow 09'ers at LovePop," says 09er **Diana Look**, and she couldn't be happier! She's already learned the LovePop gang symbols after only a few weeks onboard.

Meanwhile, the LovePop team achieved another monumental milestone, as they teamed up with the Billboard Music Awards in Las Vegas this year to design the cards that are presented to the award winners.

Andrei Mouravieff has a number of friends who "Reenact like it's their job." He recently found himself pulling a broken enemy Halftrack out of the woods while playing a US paratrooper at one of these reenactments. No Russian hacking skills were required for this endeavor.

Josh McMinn has been practicing his expert procrastination skills, but he still manages to do the important stuff (i.e. travel). He and Listi had a great visit to New Zealand for class of '08 **Russell Pollock's** wedding in March.

A crack team of five 09ers is undertaking a delicate mission in May: delivering a sailboat from Charleston to Boston. **Robert Carelli, Jonathan Ward, Dan Wilson, and Bret Smart** all joined up in SC to begin the voyage.

When they're not on the high seas, most of these five are contributing members of society. Dan Wilson started a new job as a security consultant in the D.C. area at the beginning of the year. Robert Carelli is finishing his first year as a grad student at MIT, working towards a Naval Construction and Engineering degree that he'll use in future jobs in the Navy. Proud homeowner Austin's annual summer home modifications are still up in the air, as he is debating

the size of the holes he is willing to put in a perfectly watertight roof. Jonathan Ward is a new homeowner himself, having moved to the Boston area with wife Courtney and bought a home in Quincy. And Bret Smart is in survival mode: he continues living out of a suitcase, slowly becoming immune to the title of "Homeless" he gets from friends and family.

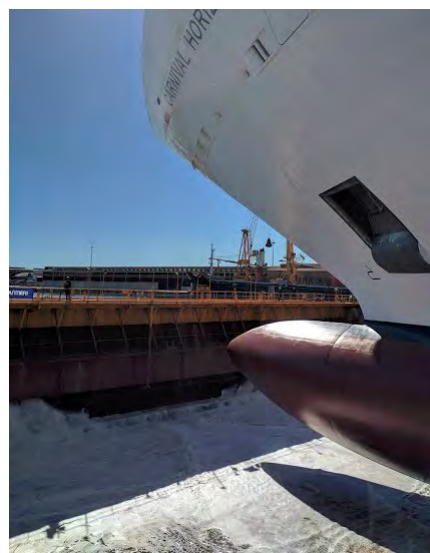
Niko Martecchini lives in Miami working for Carnival Cruises, with frequent travel to his new "baby" which is being built near Venice, Italy. In March he attended a ship dedication in Italy and was almost called upon to say a few words in his near-flawless Italian.

The Class of 09 Bard, **Stefan Wolczko**, is capitalizing on the improving weather by escaping Seattle and hitting Europe. With his family and girlfriend Shannon, Stefan is touring southern France via small barge, leaving bars and restaurants to surrender in their wake. C'est la vie!

Rorie Zuzick and her new husband, Travis, are enjoying married life in MD. She's been traveling a fair bit for work, including a recent trip Rome, and an upcoming trip to London, supporting a NATO Ship Design Specialist Team on Seaway Mobility.



Diana Look is the next Webbie to join the LovePop team!



Niko Martecchini's photo from Italy.



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Laura Patterson is the next classmate to hear the strain of wedding bells! Her marriage to **Josh Lambertsen '11**, kicked off at a small family wedding ceremony this July. She will move out to Seattle (from her current spot in the D.C. area) and begin a new job with Leidos. It's smiles all around, with only one downside: she will leave behind her great friend and classmate **Rachel Sawyer**, with whom she has recently developed a soft spot for Korean dramas. Rachel will have to learn to dab her own eyes for the foreseeable future.

Soaring at Eagle Bulk, **Jonathan Dowsett** is still based in his beloved New York and manages to sprinkle in trips to all corners of the world. He accompanied one of his ships through the Panama Canal, and gave SRO presentations at officers' seminars in Russia and Ukraine. He claims his NYC kickball/flipcup team is still undefeated.

Lauren Moeller is still in the Navy at Norfolk Naval Shipyard (VA) and is currently working on a Moored Training Ship Conversion. Baby Hannah (below) is now seven months old and is starting to get into everything!



Andrew Harville and wife Michelle recently welcomed a newborn into the world: March 22, 2017, saw James Clarence Harville ("Harvey") appear, to the delight of the family.

2010

Cullen Sarles and his wife Jess have



Andrew Harville's son, Harvey.

bought their first condo in Silver Spring, and Cullen earned his black belt in Aikido.

Jacob Genauer and Nithiya were married in Santa Cruz on May 12th, and they're in the process of moving back to Singapore.

Seth Cooley has adopted Sophie (below).

Simmy Willemann is currently backpacking near the Thai-Burmese border, homestayng with the Karen tribe and startling bats in caves with harmonica music. Stateside, she got her first gig this spring at a jazz supper club, taking her off the streets



Simmy met a new friend during her backpacking adventure.

from busking.

2011

Lidia & Schuyler Needham '12 are now homeowners on Shelter Island!

Tophi Rose has finally become a doctor and now is Lovepopping in Boston.

Having completed her PhD in Hydrodynamics supporting the British Swimming team towards Rio 2016, **Marion James** felt like it was time to head back to her roots in France! She is now working for AVENCORE, a management consultancy specialized in the industry. Any Webbies going through Paris, let her know ;-)

Ben and Maria Fisher are feverishly prepared for the arrival of Fisher number three last July, and using the ship design skill of arranging things in limited space as we figure out how to fit three car seats in their Honda Civic.

Jenna Ferrieri and Will Markuske



'10 think San Diego is pretty nice when it rains all winter!

Casey Harwood is in the throes of assistant professorship at the University of Iowa, where he's performing research for the Office of Naval Research and gearing up to teach a fluids course twice the size of Webb's student body. He just bought a house and is looking forward to yelling at kids to "get off his lawn" with newfound authority.

Rich Kim has moved to Korea for a project expected to last through next spring.

2013

Sean Murphy presently works as an Engineer Surveyor and Naval Architect at Atlantic Marine Associates (AMA), Inc. in the Savannah, GA area. He lives in Bluffton, SC with his wife Laura and their pup, Harper.

2015

Chris Licato: I grew up in Houston, TX and Stuart, FL before attending Webb in Long Island. I moved to Alameda, CA shortly after graduating from Webb in 2015.

2016

Dylan Przelmonski: I've moved to FL to enjoy bike-riding, freediving, and the warm weather. I took a position at Shipwright, a small engineering start up located in Port Everglades. It will be fun, and I'll hopefully not be too sunburned. Webbies are always welcome to visit.



Kerri and Jared Allegretta's daughter, Avery.



Taylor with her fiancé, Ryan.

Campus News

Taylor Adamczyk, the Assistant Director of Media Relations & Communications got engaged over Christmas break and will tie the knot fall 2018!

Director of Media Relations & Communications, **Kerri Allegretta** and **Jared Allegretta** (Assistant Director of Information Technology) welcomed their first child, Avery Quinn on May 16th.

Lauren Carballo, our Director of Admissions and Student Affairs got hitched last April.

New to the Development Office Staff this past year, **Joe Cascio** (below, along with his wife JoAnn) welcomed their second grandchild, Nathan Walter Paul on January 29, 2017.



Lauren and her husband, Bryant.



If you would like to submit class notes for the next edition of Webb News, please send directly to Gailmarie Sujecki at: gsujecki@webb.edu

DATES OF INTEREST

Leadership Week & Freshman Orientation
August 15-20, 2017

Start of the Fall Semester
August 21, 2017

Family Weekend
September 22-24, 2017

Open House
October 21, 2017

SNAME Maritime Convention in Houston, Texas
October 25-28, 2017

Fall Recess
After classes on November 17-26, 2017

Final Exams
December 11-15, 2017

Grades Issued
December 18, 2017

Winter Work
January 2 - February 23, 2018

Start of Spring Semester
February 26, 2018



Webb Institute Heritage Society

Mr. Richard A. Goldbach '58

by Anthony R. Zic
Director Of Development



I recently posed the question I have asked many members of the Webb family to Mr. Richard A. Goldbach '58: "What inspires you to give to Webb and what drives you to leave a legacy?" I have learned that the story of giving back behind each of Webb's benefactors is unique, just like Webb itself. Mr. Goldbach's response further reinforced this idea, and shared with me that his sentiment is best captured by a speech he delivered in 1999 as he accepted Webb Alumni Association's highest honor, the W. Selkirk Owen Award.

Mr. Goldbach's full remarks detail Webb's lineage and the path to our founder, William H. Webb. The excerpts below focus on Mr. Goldbach's admiration for Webb – the institution, its benefactors, and his keen sense of stewardship:

"...What is there in the marine field other than gaining admittance to and graduating from Webb Institute? Today and every day, I have to pinch myself so I can realize anew that I really am one of those graduates; that I really am living the fulfilled life that honor has supplied..."

"...For me as with most of you; my career, my marriage, my family, my friends and my civic life have all flowed directly from attending Webb. I hope that each of you feel the same sense of wonder to be part of William Webb's astonishing contributions to the marine industry, the lives of those who attended his institution, the lives touched by those lives and the continuum..."

"...I believe with all my heart that our voyage is the same voyage launched by Henry Eckworth and Isaac Webb, commanded first in the 19th century by Henry, Isaac and William Webb, next commanded through the twentieth century by hundreds of Webb

followers, including William Selkirk Owen, armed with the lessons instilled by those benefactors."

"...What a joy it is for me to be on that voyage. What an honor it is to be one of you, the elite group that makes up the crew currently responsible for the voyage. How I hope that our 21st century followers will view our ultimate stewardship of this leg of the journey, the way I view the stewardship of our predecessors."

I believe in us and the legacies of human values and obligations that are ours, because of being graduates of Webb.

"...I believe that by dedicating our careers to living by these values and fulfilling our obligations to our benefactors at every opportunity, one or more of us will inevitably make choices and accomplish deeds that have the potential to bring enormous benefit to our industry and those engaged in it, hundreds of years from now. And like Henry Eckworth, Isaac Webb and William Webb, those chosen for this role will never, in their lifetimes, have any concept of the ultimate impact or identity of those pivotal decisions or deeds. Fulfillment will come from knowing each day has been lived by human values passionately believed in, those engrained in us by our three benefactors."

Mr. Goldbach's career culminated in the selling of Metro Machine Corporation to General Dynamics Corporation in 2011, after converting Metro Machine Corp. to full employee ownership in 1986. He is now retired and resides in Suffolk, Virginia, with his wife Janet. In 2014, Webb honored Mr. Goldbach with an honorary doctor of commercial science degree. He is a proud member of Webb's Heritage Society.

For information on the many ways to include Webb in your estate plan and become a member of the Heritage Society, and/or to learn more about how individuals 70½ years of age or older can make tax-advantaged contributions to Webb by direct IRA roll-over, visit <http://webbinstitute.plannedgiving.org/webbinstitute/giving/1.html> and/or contact the Webb Development Office at development@webb.edu or by phone at 516-759-2040.

Webb Histories: Bronx Campus Scrapbook Uncover

Compiled by Taylor Adamczyk and Jay Carson '73

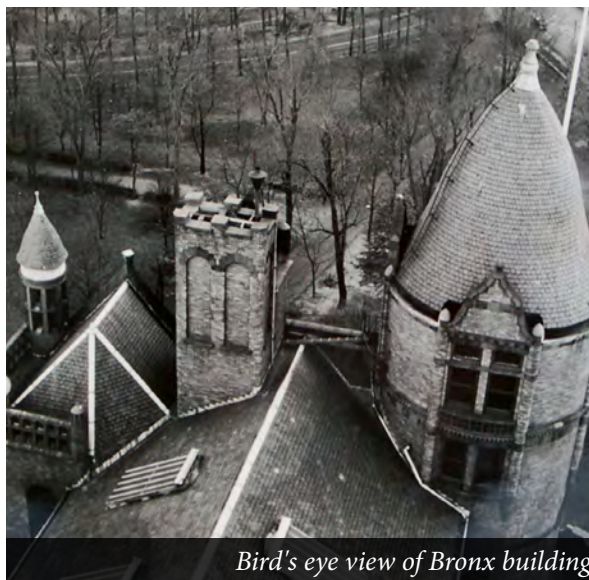
In 1947, at just seven years of age, John McGrath and his brother found a scrapbook in the demolished wreckage of the former Webb Institute of Naval Architecture in the Bronx. Over the last 70 years, McGrath has generously preserved this historic book and just recently shared it with members of the Webb community for the first time.

This past May, McGrath's daughters, Jennifer and Erin, were kind enough to show the book to the Woodlawn tour group. Upon first glance, Alumnus Jay Carson '73, and Webb's Librarian and Archivist Patricia Prescott concluded that the scrapbook appears to be a repurposed log book from the sidewheel steamship *SS Dakota* owned and operated by our Founder William H. Webb after the Civil War. Further investigation revealed that the scrapbook also contains: handwritten recipes collected by Mrs. Ellen (Nellie) Farinacci, a cook at Webb's Academy & Home for Shipbuilders; memorabilia collected possibly by Nellie's son Andrew Farinacci; and most importantly, a large sepia photograph of the grounds keepers posing in front of the old building.

According to Carson, Nellie's husband was Ferdinand Farinacci, the chief groundskeeper at Webb's Academy for over 45 years until his death shortly before Webb Institute moved to our present location in Glen Cove, NY. In a remarkable upstairs-downstairs story, Andrew Farinacci was admitted to Webb's Academy, graduated in 1917, and made a career as a naval architect. Webb's records show that he started his career with the Lake Torpedo Boat Company in Connecticut and retired from the US Maritime Administration in Washington, D.C. Farinacci passed away in Hyattsville, MD in 1984, but Webb has no contact with his family.

McGrath has graciously volunteered to gift the scrapbook to Webb Institute. In return, Webb has proudly presented McGrath with a set of books chronicling details of Webb's past, and has donated an additional set of books to the research library at the Bronx County Historical Society (BCHS) in his name.

Images from "Webb Memoirs" compiled by Alexander Paoli, James Dapper, and Herman Preiser in 1947.



Bird's eye view of Bronx building



The library



Students in dining hall



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