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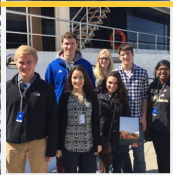
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delivers commencement speech**

*Webb awards Boysie with an  
Honorary Doctorate of Science Degree*



**Introducing: Webb's Summer  
Engineering Academy (SEA)**

*Engineering for the Next Generation*



**Maritime Tour of the  
Netherlands**

*Webbies take a 5-day whirlwind tour to  
learn about the Dutch Maritime Industry*



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## MISSION STATEMENT

To prepare graduates for prominent careers by:

- ⚓ Providing a rigorous education in the principles of engineering and a broad-based knowledge of the fundamentals of naval architecture and marine engineering.
- ⚓ Developing skills that will enable graduates to become leaders in and make significant contributions to their chosen profession, and to the social environment in which it functions.
- ⚓ Instilling in our graduates the highest ethical standards and sense of professionalism; cultivating curiosity in the arts, sciences, and humanities; and providing the background and encouragement necessary to support life-long learning.
- ⚓ Perpetuating the legacy of William H. Webb.

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# FROM THE PRESIDENT

The spring semester 2016 was an exciting time at Webb. We had ninety-three students plus four exchange students (three from the University of Southampton and one from Brazil), the largest number of students we have had at Webb at one time. We are pleased that all nineteen of our seniors successfully completed their final year. We will miss their leadership but look forward to welcoming twenty-eight freshmen in the fall. They hail from around the nation and include six women. Congratulations to Jennifer Kehl Waters '91 and Tom Waters '89, as their daughter is a member of this incoming class. Jen and Tom are taking on their new role with fervor, having volunteered to lead our Parent's Annual Fund.

Led by Dean Matt Werner with support from a number of our students, we held our inaugural Summer Engineering Academy (SEA), introducing young people to the exciting fields of naval architecture and marine engineering. The feedback we have received from the attendees and their parents has been very positive, and we look forward to expanding the program in future years.

The 2015-16 Annual Fund was a resounding success thanks to the generosity of the entire Webb family. Among the many highlights, our Alumni Fund achieved a participation rate of over 76%! This is a modern-day record for Webb, far exceeding the giving rate for any other U.S. college or university – a powerful testimony to the appreciation our graduates have for the Webb experience. The Annual Fund is the foundation of our endowment, as it helps ensure inter-generational sustainability of the full-tuition scholarship model. I would like to recognize and thank Alumni Fund Chair Jake Neuman '93, our class agents, and group leaders, and the many others that made this a success.

Further strengthening our endowment is the success of the Campaign for Webb which includes the Annual Fund; major gifts which are typically \$100,000 or more; and, planned giving commitments for those 70 years of age and above. I'm proud to say that through a combination of these gifts, Webb has secured \$33.7 million of the ambitious \$40 million goal. On page seven you will see further information regarding the Campaign, including a list of our Cornerstone Donors, to whom I am especially grateful.

The Campaign has enabled us to launch an ambitious infrastructure project including construction of a new academic facility and renovations of Stevenson Taylor Hall. David Bovet '70 has been instrumental in this planning process; I urge you to read more on page eight. These projects will have a profound impact on student safety, student life, and our academic program.

We continue to spruce up the campus. Renovations have been carried out in Stevenson Taylor Hall, notably, in the Visconti Reception Room, Tea Room, and the Brocket Arms Pub with the assistance of class reunion gifts. For further details, please refer to our renovation article on page nine.

Maintaining the campus is much appreciated by students, faculty and staff, and visiting alumni. It has also paid dividends in an unexpected way. Webb has become a hotbed for television and movie productions. In addition to Webb's appearances on this season of *Gotham*, our campus can be seen on last season's *Madam Secretary*, and more recently on *Person of Interest* and most recently, Netflix's new original series, *The OA*, which is expected to make its debut later this year. In FY16, over \$130,000 in revenues were realized from on-campus filming.

I am pleased to report that over the course of this year, Webb has welcomed a number of new members to our team. Lauren Carballo has assumed the position of Director of Admissions and Student Affairs. Lauren previously served as Assistant Director of Admissions as well as Co-coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment at Lafayette College and more recently, the Associate Director of College Counseling at nearby Friends Academy. Taylor Adamczyk, our new Assistant Director of Media Relations and Communications, has prior communications experience working with News 12 Networks and the New York State Senate. Two very talented workers joined our Facilities Department. Mike Krupinski is a master carpenter with over twenty years experience running his own contracting business, and Ledwin Velasquez is a skilled stone mason. We also have two new staff members that joined us in August. Our new Assistant Director of Development, Joseph Cascio, comes to Webb with twenty years of Campaign and Annual Fund fundraising experience. Michael Malinowski assumed the position of Assistant Director of Student Affairs and Admissions. For the past three years, Michael has been employed at Barry University in Florida, where he served as the Coordinator for Campus Programs while obtaining his Master of Science degree in Organizational Learning and Leadership. Our new staff members have been wonderful to work with and have quickly integrated into Webb campus life.



**R. Keith Michel '73**  
*President*



*President Michel with alumni during the Denver Regional Event this past winter.*



# THE CLASS OF 2016



## 120TH COMMENCEMENT

***On Saturday, June 18th, 19 of our fine Webbies were awarded a bachelor of science degree in naval architecture and marine engineering.***

This year, Webb honored Mr. Donald “Boysie” Bollinger, Chairman and C.E.O. of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC, with an Honorary Doctorate of Science degree. He was also the principal speaker.



*Student Speaker, Zach Backas, bids an emotional farewell to his fellow classmates.*

stand together. I take great pride in that.” He added finally, “This is not a farewell address; this is a time to pause and

The student farewell was presented by Zach Backas. His heartfelt words were deep when it came to his class – “As I tell other people, the most special thing about Webb is the people. At Webb you do not choose your friends. You are given them. This dynamic has made the 18 of you more like my family than friends. Yes we fight, and at times we do not get along, but in the end, as a class we always

remember our happiest memories together. This is just a small piece of our group’s journey. This is a time for us to celebrate and look forward to our future adventures.”

***We wish the class well as they enter into the workforce or continue their educational endeavors.***





# AWARDS AND PRIZES

## CURRAN MEMORIAL PRIZE

for most outstanding & consistent improvement  
{Sponsored by Ronald K. Kiss '63/President Emeritus}  
Jennifer E. Lorenc

## RICHARD A. PARTANEN HUMANITIES AWARD

{Sponsored by the Class of 1987}  
Kathryn A. Chaffee

## KEELER MEMORIAL PRIZE

highest average in mathematics  
{Sponsored by Trustee, Dr. Luther Tai}  
Elijah S. Kim

## SEARIVER MARITIME AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE IN ENGINEERING DESIGN

Thomas J. Brackin, Jr.

## CHARLES A. WARD, JR., MEMORIAL AWARD

highest average in naval architecture and marine engineering  
Thomas J. Brackin, Jr.

## PAUL E. ATKINSON MEMORIAL PRIZE IN ETHICS

for ethical behavior  
Brian T. Mills

## STEVENSON TAYLOR MEMORIAL PRIZE

for excellence of a thesis in any field  
Brian T. Mills & Dylan Przelomski

## PATRICK S. MATRASCIA GOOD SHIPMATE AWARD

working unselfishly and in harmony with classmates  
{Sponsored by President & Mrs. R. Keith Michel}  
Thomas J. Brackin, Jr.

## LEWIS NIXON MEMORIAL PRIZE

for excellence of a thesis in naval architecture  
Thomas J. Brackin, Jr., Jennifer E. Lorenc, & Ilya Mouravieff

## J. LEWIS LUCKENBACH MEMORIAL PRIZE

highest general average over four years  
{Sponsored by John W. Russell '67 & Trustee Emeritus}  
Thomas J. Brackin, Jr.

## CHAFFEE MEMORIAL PRIZE

general excellence  
{Sponsored by Trustee, Joseph J. Cuneo '57}  
Andrew E. Ko



Former Dean Rick Neilson '70 leading the commencement procession.



Brian Mills '16, Ilya Mouravieff '16, and Jennifer Lorenc '16, having some pre-commencement fun.



Above: Dean Werner, President Michel, Donald "Boysie" Bollinger, CEO of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC, addressing the Class of 2016 at commencement.



Right: Principal speaker Donald "Boysie" Bollinger, CEO of Bollinger Enterprises, LLC, addressing the Class of 2016 at commencement.



# Homecoming 2016:

## *Alumni Gather at Webb for Annual Celebration*

Homecoming kicked off on Saturday, May 21, 2016 with a wonderful lecture by Professor Richard Harris on the history of Webb's Old Campus (lovingly referred to as the "original Webb site!"). For those who were unable to attend, a video of the presentation may be found on Webb's Vimeo channel at <https://vimeo.com/169738088>.

In the morning, Andrew Vogeler '18, Megan Green '18, Tim Siepmann '17, and Dylan Froriep '16 graciously presented their experiences from Winter Work to a large group of alumni in the Henry Auditorium. After the barbecue luncheon, the WooFS gave a beautiful performance in the Visconti Reception Room. Before dinner, the Student Jazz Band performed. Such talented students!

The afternoon included a student-alumni soccer match, with many Webb Alumni deferring to the contributions of their offspring to minimize debilitating injuries!

The Women of Webb (WoW) held a gathering that included WoW Chair Megan Green '18, alumnae Vicky Dlugokecki '88 (consultant), Jen Waters '91 (Dean of U.S. Naval Academy), Jen Ryan '99 (Newport News Apprentice School), Heidi Landen-Greene '96 (American Bureau of Shipping), and about eight other students as well as incoming freshman Linda Waters, the daughter of Jen and Tom Waters and the first future "pure breed" Webbie!



Alumni gave detailed backgrounds of their careers, and then the meeting was opened up for a lively question and answer session.

As always, the student store was busy selling a huge variety of items (and a few copies of *Webb Institute: 125 Years of Excellence*). Be sure to visit the website to see the wonderful items up for sale!

The Classes of 1961, 1966, 1971, 1991, and 1996 all pulled together groups for reunion celebrations, with many staying for the dinner held in the Visconti Reception Room. In all, over 115 alumni and family members gathered to enjoy a beautiful day at Webb for Homecoming 2016.

- Jennifer Kollmer '91, *Webb Alumni Association President*

## *Homecoming Reunions*



*Class of 1996*



*Class of 1976*



*Class of 1966*



*Class of 1954*

## DATES OF INTEREST

**Leadership Week & Freshman Orientation**  
August 15-19, 2016

**Fall Semester Begins**  
August 22, 2016

**Family Weekend**  
September 16-18, 2016

**Open House**  
October 29, 2016

**SNAME Maritime Convention in Seattle, WA**  
November 2-5, 2016

**Fall Recess**  
November 18-27, 2016

**Grades Issued**  
December 19, 2016

**Winter Work**  
January 3 - February 24, 2017

**Start of the Spring Semester**  
February 27, 2017





# CAMPAIGN FOR WEBB

*America's Most Unique College*



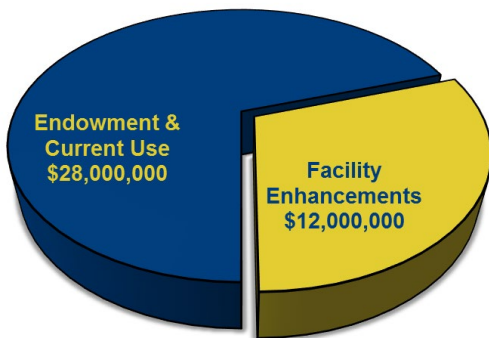
***\$40 million to enhance the college's programs, infrastructure, and financial resources to meet the growing challenges of an expanding marine industry.***

For more information, call Anthony R. Zic, Director of Development, at 516-403-5375

## *Comprehensive Campaign Period*

July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2019

## *The Impact of Your Investments*



*Of the \$40 million Campaign goal, \$28 million will be raised to strengthen the endowment and ensure intergenerational sustainability of the full-tuition scholarship model, while \$12 million will be earmarked for facilities updates and expansion.*

***\$33.7 million raised to date! (84% of goal)***

***Every gift counts!***

## **Campaign Cornerstone Donors**

*The following members of the Webb family have made investments of \$2,500,000 or greater*

Arthur '54 and Marilyn Burr  
John C. Couch D.C.S.  
Jon Couch (deceased)  
Joseph J. Cuneo '57  
Harold "Gerry" F. & Marguerite Lenfest  
Dr. Alfred '52 & Joyce Zeien



# Infrastructure Plans Move Forward: New Academic Center

By Dave Bovet '70, Planning Committee, Chairman



A major milestone was reached in May, when the Board voted unanimously to proceed with a plan for major enhancements to Webb's facilities. This vote, following nearly a year of consultations with students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and others, has moved us toward the design phase for new construction and renovation of the existing plant.

The successful Campaign for Webb affords us the chance to realize once-in-a-generation upgrades to our infrastructure. In studying Webb's physical needs, several critical elements arose:

- Modernize the main teaching, teaming, and living structures on campus
- Prioritize the unique educational mission above all else
- Respect and reinforce the best elements of Webb's culture
- Reflect how students today study and interact
- Ensure flexibility to support possible changes in the future

*And to accomplish all this with a minimum of disruption to the ongoing program, using sustainable design and staying within reasonable financial parameters.*

Two major elements anchor the plan:

1. **A new academic building.** This will house classrooms, team space, the Couch Lab, and project space in a modern, light, tech-equipped, sufficiently-sized facility, in proximity to Stevenson Taylor

Hall (STH). The new building will advance Webb's commitment to offering the finest education in the marine technology field.

2. **A renovated Stevenson Taylor Hall (STH).**

Fire systems, new bathrooms, windows, energy management, and additional dorm rooms will transform our venerable building into a more accommodating and safer facility. STH will become suitable as a dorm for women as well as men, and extra space will be carved from the old classrooms.

After careful consideration of multiple architects, two firms were retained to prepare conceptual studies of the new academic center, including its location on the campus. Results are expected by end-August, when one of the firms will be selected. The intent is to have schematic drawings and budget ready for the October Board meeting. Design work will then proceed during the school year, with construction beginning in summer of 2017.

I'm personally thrilled with this progress and hope you are too. Thanks to all the hard work on the development side, we have the resources needed to make a major difference in the future of Webb. We've got the right priorities and will soon have the design work ready to translate our vision into reality. Not since 1947 have we embarked on such a fundamental transformation of the campus. It's time and I'm convinced this work will serve Webb well for many years to come. Thanks to so many for the excellent input over the past months. The Administration and the Board will keep you posted on the progress.



# Interior Renovations Taking Place at Webb Institute

By Taylor Adamczyk, Assistant Director of Communications & Media Relations

*Thanks in part to the generosity of Webb's Alumni, great changes are being made to our historic campus. Webb would like to thank all who helped make these great renovations possible, from our generous Alumni to the facilities crew.*



**Visconti Reception Room**

In the past couple of months, the Visconti Reception Room, originally restored by the Class of 1955, has seen some needed interior renovations. With the generous donations by the Class of 1955, broken bay windows have been replaced, the room's beautiful and intricate woodwork has been refinished, walls have been repainted, new recess lighting has been installed, and new interior rugs have been placed. In addition to those renovations, paintings have been properly rehung, including the Kate Luckenbach painting which has also been restored.



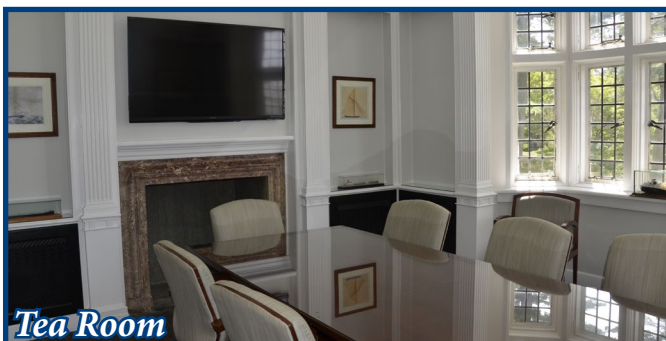
**Dining Hall**

In addition to the Reception Room, Webb's dining halls have also received noticeable updates. In the student dining hall, several new pieces of serving equipment have been added, including a functional salad bar, soup station, and hot-plate serving station. These updates have been significant as they have created a simpler and more organized way for culinary staff to serve and display meals. Additionally, walls in the dining halls were given a fresh coat of paint.



**Faculty & Staff Dining Room**

Thanks to the generosity of President Keith Michel and Peggy Michel, the faculty and staff dining room had new wood tables installed. Webb is in need of new wood tables in the student dining hall. Donations are encouraged and welcomed.



**Tea Room**

Courtesy of a reunion gift from the class of 1973, the Tea Room and Brockett Arms Pub received much needed renovations. The table in the Tea Room, where students often study or conduct meetings, has been outfitted with outlets/connections for laptops, cell phones, tablets, etc., enabling students to charge their devices more easily. Additional updates include a new screen, heating system, and floor heating replacement.



**Brockett Arms Pub**

Lastly, Webb's beloved student pub has received some new items, including bar stools, television screens, and a sound system. Students are planning to work on repairing some of the cabinetry in their kitchen as well.

*Webb's campus is on its way to becoming better than ever. Stay tuned for updates!*



# OMAN:

## *A Rich Maritime*

*By Robert Carelli '09*

Since the discovery of oil in the Middle East, there has been an explosion of development in an effort to create tourist destinations - complete with palm shaped islands and over-the-top consumer culture. Today, the Middle East conjures images of either towering skyscrapers or expansive sand dunes. However, among the flashy new skylines and vast shopping malls is a more tranquil country that is emphasizing its culture and history, despite its rapid development.



*Showcasing traditional Omani Dhows at the AC race village*

Oman has long been a prominent player in the Middle East, and with a 1300-mile coastline, it is no surprise that the ocean is an integral part of their history. In the 17th century, Oman made a name for itself as the only Middle Eastern empire spanning as far as the eastern coast of Africa. In the 18th century,

Oman was a center for commerce and seafaring, as the gateway to the Silk Road and the hub of frankincense trade between the Far East and Europe. Their influence could be seen across the region. The main port of Muscat served as a critical hub for all Silk Road trade and the renowned dhow builders in Sur built sailing dhows that would facilitate the commodities trade as far as Tanzania to Singapore.

With a rich maritime history, Oman is looking to rekindle its heritage and raise awareness of the rich culture Oman has to offer. Following the discovery of an 18th century shipwrecked dhow near Singapore in 2008, Oman constructed a replica using the traditional techniques. The dhow was sailed along the Silk Road trade route to Singapore as a token of appreciation for the nation's assistance in raising the wreck to return it to Oman. The dhow was crewed by Omanis and sailed using traditional navigation and provisions of the time.

In the same vein, Sultan Qaboos established "Oman Sail," an organization with the goal of raising global awareness of Oman, while promoting its maritime heritage at home. From the *Jewel of Muscat* to the *Musandam-Oman Sail 70* trimaran, Oman Sail has inspired the Omanis to embrace their heritage and has proven their latent talent. Since its inception in 2007, Oman Sail has sponsored Mohsin Al Busaidi, the first Arab to sail continuously around the world, taking first place at two Extreme Sailing Series, and has trained Raiya Al Habsi, the first Arabian woman to compete in the Fastnet race.

In February of 2016, Oman made history again when it became the first Middle Eastern country to host an America's Cup event. The event brought a wave of tourists not only from their gulf neighbors but also from around the world. Over the two days of racing, the waterfront was packed with spectators out to see the AC45s race by. Between events tourists enjoyed the cultural exhibits ranging from dhow builders to traditional Omani song and dance. Although the main spectacle was the AC45s, event staff and spectators alike were pleasantly surprised by the tranquil atmosphere of the country as a whole and the ability to see the classical Arabian heritage.

The goals of the America's Cup World Series in Oman were twofold. Oman was looking not only to draw in tourists but also to inspire future generations of sailors. Between managing the event, Sir Russel Coutts took time to meet with 30 young Omani sailors and challenge them to bring home a gold medal in the 2016 Rio Olympics and one day skipper Oman's yacht for an America's Cup! With the buzz of America's Cup subsidizing, Oman Sail is moving straight into hosting Sail Arabia, which will finish the last of six legs in Muscat, and many more events to follow. With the rapidly growing interest in sailing and yachting, Oman hopes to start attracting the industry that comes with a yachting community; in a few years, they may become the sailing capital of the Middle East.

Beyond sailing, Sultan Qaboos has set out to reestablish Oman as a trading hub for the region. With its oil reserves, limited in comparison to those of many gulf states, another major economic focus has been promoting future industries, such as trade. The port of Muscat, which has been on trade routes for centuries, has now expanded beyond its capacity. This development led to the expansion of the Port of Suhar, which in 2014, was limited to 400,000 TEU. It has now grown to 1.5 million TEU in 2015, and with the help of international investors, it is being expanded to a six million TEU capacity. In Duqm, a Special Economic Zone is fostering the development of another massive container terminal, dry bulk facilities, and oil terminals. This and a modern shipyard able to accommodate some of the largest vessels sailing today will make it a vital port.

Whether you are looking to take advantage of the growing recreational yachting or the rapid expansion of the maritime trade, the opportunities are abundant. With a passionate focus on the past and an enormous investment in the future, Oman is building great promises for its post-oil economic future.



*AC 45s on final leg, RNOV Shabab Oman viewing from behind*





# Founder's Day

*Students Volunteer in Honor of William Webb*

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, Webb Institute's students, faculty, staff, and administration celebrated Founder's Day. Founder's Day focuses on honoring and recognizing our founder, William H. Webb for his extraordinary vision and generosity. William Webb's grand efforts have given hundreds of students the opportunity to obtain a great education in a truly unique way. Therefore, it has become a tradition to honor him by devoting one afternoon each year to repairing, reorganizing, and beautifying Webb's historic campus.

The afternoon's activities were followed by dinner. After President Michel's welcome, SO President Barr Turner commented on the background for the celebration and offered a toast to Mr. Webb. Dinner was prepared by Chef Joe and his staff; the annual cake cutting was performed by the oldest Webbie in attendance, Professor Emeritus Larry Ward (PG'51), and the youngest Webbie, Charlotte

Yeramian (Class of 2019). Recognized for special thanks in helping to organize and carry out the day's events were Barr Turner and Hannah Wistort, co-organizers of the day's activities, and John Ferrante and Fernando Tamayo, who coordinated the projects for the day.



The highlight of the evening was the Founder's Day speech by Mr. Bruce S. Rosenblatt, who as best as could be determined is the first non-Webb graduate ever to give the Founder's Day speech. His presentation was a moving comment on what his relationship with Webb Institute has meant to him. The day's

celebration concluded with the singing of the Webb Alma Mater.



*Webbies, faculty, and staff hard at work on various beautification projects*





# THE DEAN'S CORNER

## The SEA Program: *Introducing Engineering to the Next Generation*

It's not the 26-acre estate on the Long Island Sound. It's not the stately 104-year old mansion. It's not the Robinson Model Basin, the Haeberle Laboratory, or the Goldbach Boathouse. All of these things surely help. What has made and continues to make Webb an exceptional place are the people behind it. A cohort of intelligent, honorable, hard-working, and dedicated students mentored and supported by the combination of a dedicated faculty and staff, a group of loyal alumni and friends, and a devoted board of trustees are the keys to what makes Webb work.

The need to continually identify and enroll the "right" students is a major undertaking every year, with the competition for the best students continually intensifying. To support Webb's recruitment efforts, this summer Webb launched the Summer Engineering Academy, or SEA program. The objective of the program is to introduce middle and high school students to the field of engineering and design through classroom learning and challenging team-oriented, hands-on activities. While the program is designed to educationally enrich the participants, it also benefits Webb by introducing more middle and high school students and their families to all that Webb has to offer. Through the participants' positive experiences and Webb's publicizing of them through social media, we hope to expand the awareness of Webb among our target audience.

This year's program was structured into two, two-week sessions. The first session ran from July 5th to July 15th, and the second session started on July 18th and ended on July 29th. The program ran daily from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM and was comprised of a variety of activities, including classroom lectures, laboratory exercises, hands-on design-build-test experiences, and field trips to engineering related sites. A wide range of engineering and design topics were covered during the two-week sessions with the expected bias towards boats, ships, and things that float. The participants spent

time in the Robinson Model Basin, Haeberle Laboratory, the physics and material science laboratories, the woodshop, and on Webb's Whaler, 420s, and kayaks.

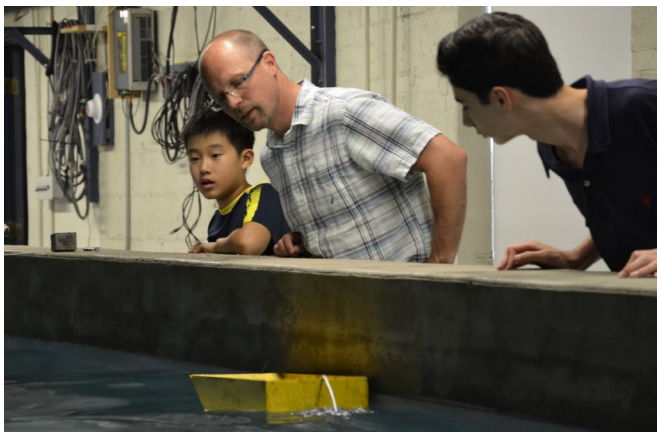
The field trips were an excellent opportunity to make what was discussed in the classroom and experienced in the lab come to life on a grand scale. Session one's group visited the Caithness Long Island Energy Center, a natural gas fired combined-cycle power plant in Yaphank, New York, and the nearby Swan River Preserve, a newly built park designed to clean storm water runoff before it enters the waters of Long Island's south shore. Session two's group visited the New NY Bridge Project to learn about the design and construction of the bridge that will replace New York's aged Tappan Zee Bridge. After learning about the bridge project, the group headed over to the Kensico Dam in Valhalla, New York. The dam creates a critical reservoir for New York City's famed water system that delivers millions of gallons of water from the Delaware and Catskill Aqueducts to New York City each day.

Each two-week session culminated in a design-build-race competition. This year's cohorts worked in teams of three or four students to design and build boats that they ultimately piloted in races off Webb's beach. The participants' families and friends were invited to attend the races on the final Friday



**Matthew Werner '95 & PG'97**  
**Dean & ABS Professor of**  
**Naval Architecture and**  
**Marine Engineering**

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*Dean Werner assisting the SEA program students as they test their motorized boats in the Model Basin*



*Teams begin to collaborate on their crane designs in the Physics Lab*

of the session to cheer on their favorite team. The races were an excellent finale to the intensive program.

The total enrollment for this year's two sessions was nineteen students ranging from seventh to eleventh graders. The program in its current configuration is a day program only, but that did not prevent us from having students attend from Virginia, Florida, and Indonesia (by way of Texas.) In the future, our goal is to increase the enrollment to 20 to 24 students per session and ultimately to develop SEA into a residence program. Other long-term program goals include securing funding to provide scholarships to worthy students with need from communities that are underrepresented in STEM programs such as ours.

I headed the program with a staff of four Webb students – Spenser Boyd '17, CJ Schweikert '17, Brandon Louis '18, and Jocelyn Kleiger '19 with some additional assistance from Andrew “Professor” Arnold '17. Many Webb staff members stepped in to support the program including Josie Wilson, Rhonda Lightcap, Pat Doherty, Joe Mazurek, Kerri Allegretta, Taylor Adamczyk, John Ferrante, Gailmarie Sujecki, Lana Miller, Javier Garcia, Julian Benitez, Victor Estrada, Professor Royce, and Chef Joe and his FLIK staff. Truly a Webb family effort!

I am very much looking forward to next summer's SEA. Please pass the word to anyone you know who might be interested in attending the program and tell them to register early. The feedback that we have received has been very positive, and we expect much greater interest next year as the word spreads. As for the recruiting aspect, at least four of the participants told me that after the program they definitely saw Webb in their future. All of the participants felt they learned new things during the SEA and left Webb loving engineering. I am smiling because that's what it's all about.



*On the final day, students test their creations while being cheered on by family during the boat race*



*Group two learns about design and construction at the new NY Bridge project*

## OTC 2016:

*Webbies learn about the offshore industry in Houston, TX*

On 3 May, 16, 22 Webb Juniors Class of '17 including one exchange student from Brazil, three senior exchange students from Southampton, and Professor Onas attended presentations by several naval architects and engineers working in the offshore industry.

- Bas Buchner of Marin, The Netherlands, discussed the relationship of numerical analysis, model testing, and operational simulation in solving offshore problems, and provided several videos illustrating each approach.
- Omar DeAndrade of Sofec discussed turret and spread mooring designs for FPSOs.
- Chad Tschauener of Viking discussed site-specific hull design and mooring/ topsides-hull interfaces for FPSOs.



*Class of 2017 in front of the NRG Stadium with the Presenters. Photo courtesy of Fritz Waldorf of Viking*

- Ulrik ( Dan) Frorup of BV explained the role of class for conventional and offshore vessels, and the development of critical software to assist in design verification.
- Bret Montaruli of ABS discussed cyber security, risks and solutions for marine and offshore assets.

My thanks to all the presenters for their time and excellent presentations, and to the students for their attention and good questions after a long day at OTC.

- Ian Lawson '17





*Pictured from the left: Matthew Venner, Alex Holt, and Archimede Mulas*

At the start of the 2016 spring semester, Webb Institute welcomed Matthew Venner, Alex Holt, and Archimede Mulas from the University of Southampton as part of its exchange program, SOTON.

The SOTON Program gives Ship Science students at the University of Southampton the opportunity to study naval architecture and marine engineering at Webb for one semester. Students who have previously participated in the program say that they have maintained good relationships with Webb Alumni and extended their professional network.

While all three students learned about Southampton's semester-at-Webb program differently, they all shared a similar interest in ship design. They were intrigued by the unique experience Webb had to offer, so they took the plunge.

Not knowing what to expect from the program in the beginning, Holt expressed that he was pleasantly surprised by what he has gained by coming to Webb. "Initially, I thought the program would only provide the experience of studying at a school in a different part of the world, but it has been so much more," explains Holt. "It's been great to learn from professors who are at the top of their respective fields and develop my own skills in areas such as propeller design and structures."

Archimede (Archi) Mulas, who has traveled most of his life and was curious about studying in the United States, says that being at Webb has opened his eyes to different teaching styles and learning processes. Additionally, Mulas says another benefit of the program has been making great friendships that he plans to keep up with when he returns home. "This network you create at Webb is not only very beneficial, but it is also a reminder of who you are even when you are away from Webb," said Mulas.

Similar to Holt and Mulas' experiences at Webb, Matthew Venner shared that he was most intrigued by Webb's unique teaching and learning styles, both of which he says have greatly benefitted him. "It really helps to understand the material and to have all of my notes actually make sense!" said Venner. "At Webb, I can follow the problems

# Webb Hosts Three Southampton Students this Spring

## *A unique studying opportunity "across the pond"*

*By Taylor Adamczyk  
Assistant Director of Media Relations & Communications*

as they are worked out on the blackboard. It's a really nice change." In addition to the benefit of a close-knit learning environment, Venner says that the extracurricular activities both on and off Webb's campus were incredible.

While attending Webb can be described as an adventure in itself, the students also had the opportunity to travel to other areas of the United States with the school, as well as independently. With Webb, Holt, Mulas, and Venner traveled to Houston, Texas for the Offshore Technology Conference (OTC). The students described this conference as tremendously beneficial not only for gaining valuable knowledge about the field of naval architecture and marine engineering but also for networking.

During spring break, the students organized a trip to the west coast where they explored San Francisco, San Diego, and Seattle. "The trip to the West Coast was an absolutely amazing experience," said Venner. "I think seeing as much of America as possible is certainly something that Webb gives you the opportunity to do."

Having a great semester at Webb under their belts, the students head back home this summer to participate in summer internship programs and to plan for their future careers.

This summer, Venner says he has an internship lined up with a defense company. He says he hopes to impress them and perhaps get an offer for a graduate placement after completing his master's at the University of Southampton. Holt says he plans to complete his master's degree in Ship Science at the University of Southampton, before going to work in the U.K. defense sector as a naval architect. As for Mulas, his plans are to finish his university courses and graduate with a master's degree in engineering. Upon completion, he hopes to work for a company that requires a lot of travel, perhaps in South East Asia. He would like to work for a shipping logistics company or with a port operator.

When asked if they would recommend the University of Southampton Exchange Program at Webb to others, all three students had the same answer, yes! "Webb is an incredible opportunity. Everyone should consider it, be

it for the experience in America, Webb's style of learning, or the great opportunities it offers," said Venner. "There is something for everyone, and I think every student who comes to Webb gets something different out of it."

*Our three Southampton students and past SOTON Webb students pose with, Board of Trustee member, Dr. Stephen Payne, a strong supporter of the program.*



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## Zeien Lecture Series: Webbies Learn Valuable Lessons from the Past

The spring semester 2016 saw the twentieth and twenty-first presentations in the Alfred M. Zeien Lecture Series, which was established in 2000, through the generosity of Mr. Zeien '52.

***Both of the 2016 lectures clearly reflected Mr. Zeien's desire to provide Webb students with a fuller educational experience through exposure to speaker's who would talk on a whole range of personal to technical topics.***

The May 5, 2016, speaker was Dr. Bruce Parker, former chief scientist for the National Oceanographic Service at NOAA, and a world recognized expert in oceanographic subjects. He holds degrees in biology and physics from Brown University, an MS degree in Physical Oceanography from MIT, and a Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography from Johns Hopkins University. The topic of Dr. Parker's talk was "Predicting Coastal and Marine Disasters." He described some of the great natural disasters from the ancient past to more recent



Dr. Bruce Parker

times and discussed some potential trouble spots in the world today.

On May 18 Mr. Chris Wiernicki, Chairman, President, and CEO of ABS, and Chairman of the ABS Group of Companies, Inc., spoke about his father's experiences as a World War II Polish resistance fighter and survivor of the Nazi concentration camps at Auschwitz-Birkenau and Buchenwald. Mr. Wiernicki, having noted that this was the first time he had ever discussed his father's experiences in public, showed photographs of his family; introduced his father's watercolor paintings; read excerpts from his father's memoir, *War in the Shadow of Auschwitz*; and played a video made upon his father's return to the sites of the camps. Mr. Wiernicki described his father, who passed away in 2015, as a remarkable man whose life was characterized by courage and dignity and an amazing perseverance. In 1995 John Wiernicki was decorated by Lech Wałęsa, President of Poland, for his military service in World War II.

- Dr. Richard C. Harris



Mr. Chris Wiernicki

## Webb Welcomes New Director of Admissions & Student Affairs

This July, Lauren Carballo joined the Webb team as the new Director of Admissions and Student Affairs.

Upon receiving her Bachelors of Arts degree from Muhlenberg College, Lauren went on to work as a Spanish teacher at an inner-city high school. Subsequently, Lauren served as Assistant Director of Admissions as well as Co-coordinator of Multicultural Recruitment at Lafayette College. Since 2010, Lauren has served as the Associate Director of College Counseling at Friends Academy in Locust Valley.

While at Friends Academy, Lauren advised and counseled students through the college admissions process, including guiding athletes through college recruitment and assisting arts students with creating portfolios or preparing for auditions, and she also served on the Academic Council. In addition to her admissions and academic counseling duties, Lauren served as assistant coach of the school's track team.

As Webb's Director of Admissions and Student Affairs, Lauren

will create and implement creative recruitment strategies, advocate for students, develop a plan for performance measurement of the admissions process, and work collaboratively with other members of the Webb community to establish and implement programs that help ensure student success.

This summer, Lauren will be receiving her Masters of Education from Northeastern University.

When not at work or in class, Lauren enjoys tackling puzzles and is always excited to try out something new, such as ballroom dancing or dog agility training. Lauren is looking forward to becoming a part of Webb's unique community.







*Barr delivering his speech during Founder's Day*

## Message from the S.O. President

**Barr Turner '16**  
Student Organization President

Spring 2016 has been an exciting time for Webb. Students have been as busy as always, with the junior class hard at work on their small ship design projects and the senior class putting the finishing touches on their theses.

In April, the campus got some much-needed love from the students at the annual Founder's Day celebration. This year, we repainted the flagpole, worked on the landscaping around Stevenson Taylor Hall, and painted a new mural in the basement, among many other tasks. In May, the junior class made the trip to Houston, Texas for the Offshore Technology Conference. The juniors enjoyed learning about the offshore industry and networking with industry professionals. During the weeks leading up to graduation in June, students had a blast at Webbstock and the annual Gatsby party.

This semester, like most here at Webb, has flown by. As the days grow longer and temperature grows warmer, everyone is looking forward to summer vacation, which will bring some much needed relaxation or exciting internships around the country, depending on who you ask. No one is more excited than the members of the Class of 2016.

As always, we also elected new student leaders in May. I'm happy to announce that Vinnie Comisso '18 is taking over for me as Student Organization President. I'm confident that with Vinnie at the helm, next year will be a great one!



*Barr shooting video for this year's Founder's Day video*



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# Campus News

## Webbies Out & About



### Annual Ski Trip

Early this year, Webbies hit the slopes for the annual ski trip.



### Astros Game

While in Houston, Texas, for the Offshore Technology Convention, the Class of 2017 enjoyed an Astros Game.



### Mission Escape Games

Webbies put their teamwork skills to the test at Mission Escape Games in New York City.



### America's Cup

This year, some Webbies had the chance to act as Race Marshals for the 2016 America's Cup World Series New York event on board Greg Matzat's '89 Back Cove 30. After the event, the students were able to get up close and personal with the America's Cup trophy itself!



### Culture Club

Webb's Culture Club took two trips into New York City to see Disney's Fantasia live in concert at the NY Philharmonic and Chicago on Broadway.





## Spring Phonathon

### *Freshmen phoning for a Purpose*

The Class of 2019 (25 in total) were able to secure \$98,169 in pledges. 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!

Four sittings were held over three nights (April 7, 12 and 14), and the students securing the highest dollar amount in pledges were Abishai Thomas with \$16,675; Declan Gaylo with \$12,200; Sarah Stretch with \$7,700 and Sean Hughes with \$4,500.

Special thanks to the students and to the many alumni, past parents, and friends who so generously pledged.

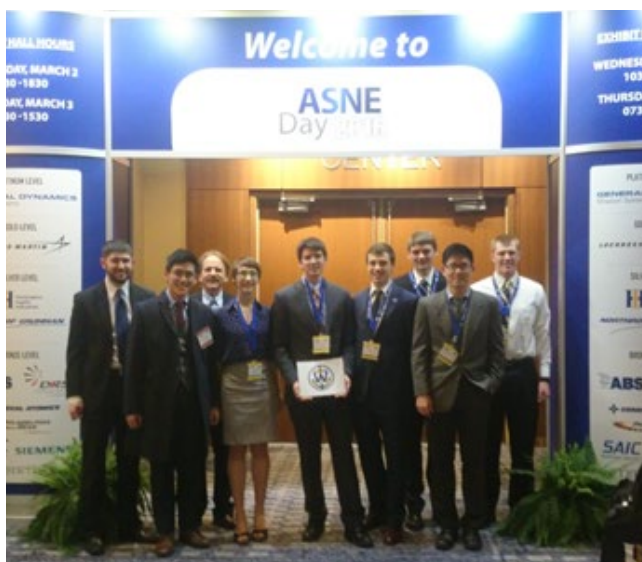
Gailmarie Sujecki (Hon.)  
Executive Assistant to the President &  
Director of Alumni Relations

*To the right: Members from the Class of 2019 taking a quick photo in-between phone calls.*



## ASNE DAY

### *Fun-filled Day of Learning and Networking*



(left to right): Andy Lachtman '11, Aaron Tam '17, Professor Daidola, Erin Hub '16, Isaac Kremers '17, Nicholas Ratinaud '17, Jonathan Roussin '17, Andrew Ko '16, and Brian Mills '16.

Last March, seven Webb students attended the ASNE Day in Arlington, VA. This was the first attendance in many years by Webb, made possible by ASNE Day being held in March. The trip was made possible by the hospitality of Phil '09 and Alana Duerr '08, and Andy Lachtman '11.

The group attended presentations and panels on the Navy's upcoming R&D investment strategies, application of space technologies in modern vessels, and complex power systems to accommodate the heavy demand of modern Navy weaponry. We were amazed by the innovation and the progress of various technologies and were awed by what future advancements await us in the maritime industry. We also spent the rest of the day networking with various professionals and students attending from all over U.S.

Brian Mills '16, remarked after his experience that "ASNE Day was a fantastic opportunity for us to learn about the unique challenges that naval engineers will face in the future. We heard from industry leaders about emerging technologies such as unmanned ships, energy storage, and flexible ships. The exhibit hall offered plenty of networking opportunities with representatives of many major companies. All in all, ASNE Day 2016 was a valuable experience for the Webb students who made the trek to attend."

We all can earnestly agree with Brian that we had a valuable and educational day outside of class, gaining new knowledge and meeting new friends!

- Andrew Ko '16



# Campus News

## Spring Break *Travel, Rest, and Relaxation*

This year, spring vacation provided the student body with various options for fun! The senior class enjoyed the week kite boarding and relaxing on the beach in Martinique. The sophomores got a group to spend the week sailing on a cruising catamaran from the Abacos to Fort Lauderdale, Florida, which was an incredible experience that most thoroughly enjoyed.

Another exciting opportunity this year, was the trip to Europe, which involved visiting shipyards and naval architecture firms in The Netherlands. The group, which was primarily made up of freshmen, had a blast taking in Europe's site and glories. Freshman, Andrew Pidduck, noted his experience: "It was better than I ever could have expected. The experience was extremely valuable and demonstrated the vast expanse of opportunities available in the shipping industry." Read more about this trip on page 25.

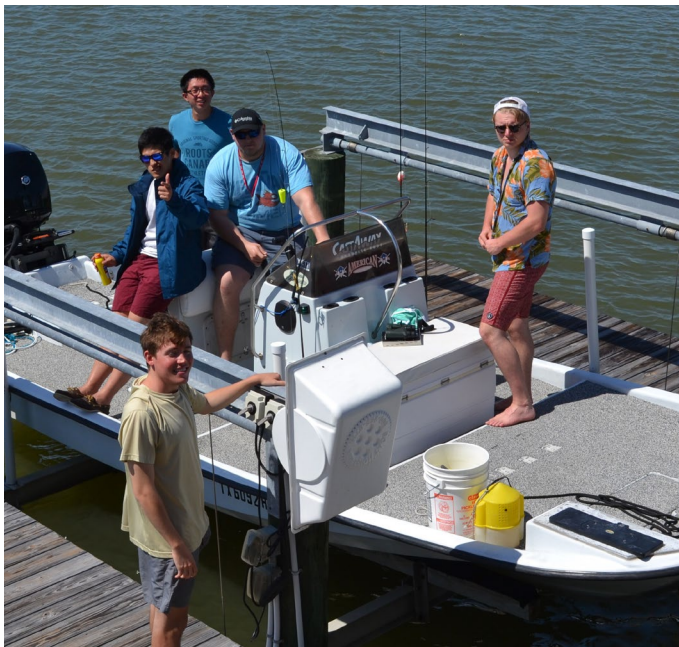
Although each class had a group of spring break adventurers, the majority of people chose to head home for the week to rest and recuperate for the upcoming second half of the semester. Some even chose to explore a bit and headed home with their peers to gain friendships and camaraderie with new folks from a different part of the country. This year, the freshman class had a few outliers to the overall experience however, as Dan Roske, says "I had to



*James Kelly '19 enjoying the slopes during spring break.*

go home to spread mulch all week, my parents bought me a new wheelbarrow just for the break..." Others had so much fun that there was no inclination to come back to their daily studies at Webb. Freshman James Kelly visited Lake Tahoe, where he said he spent the week skiing and sitting in a hot tub. "I know what I'm doing next spring break," he says, already prepared to go back as soon as possible. No matter where we went or what we did, this spring break was a time to remember and look upon fondly in the stressful times to come.

- Abishai Thomas '19



*Juniors heading out on a boat ride while on spring break in Rockport, Texas.*

## Junior Spring Break *Fun in the Sun, and on the Sea*

Webbies always seem to find ways to have fun, both at Webb and away from campus, and spring break presents a great opportunity to get outside and spend time with friends. This year, members of the junior class met up for a relaxing week on the water in Rockport, Texas. Class member Spencer Dugan was generous enough to host fifteen students at his family's bayside home, and a grand time was had by all. In addition to boating, fishing, swimming, and lounging in the sun, we cooked up some delicious feasts, enjoyed rousing games of corn hole and cards, and got to enjoy some lighthearted class bonding.

The trip was a great success and will hopefully be repeated in the future. All in all, everyone spent some well-deserved time away from school and returned with stories and smiles, ready to dig back in.

- Ian Lawson '17





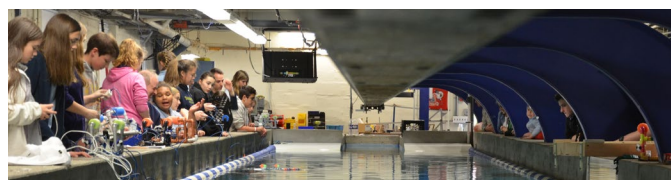
## Leadership Committee Update

### *Webbies mentor aspiring engineers*

Brooklyn Boatworks update: Freshmen Will Wiley, Ashley Dias, Dan Roske, Sarah Stretch, Brent Hill, and Taylor Campbell have been volunteering their time this year to Brooklyn Boatworks. Brooklyn Boatworks is an organization whose goal is to teach boat-building skills to middle schoolers in New York City. The students partake in constructing a wooden Opti. Along the way, the Webbies aid the students in measuring, cutting, and assembling the boat. On the Launch Day, the middle schoolers were able to put their boat to the truest test by sailing them in the East River. Webbies hopped into the Optis as well, to provide a bit of sailing experience.

On May 7th, Webb hosted local middle school students to participate in a SeaPerch Challenge. SeaPerch is a program in which students design, build, and operate underwater remote operated vehicles (ROVs). The students' ROVs had to complete challenges like picking up submerged rings, competing in underwater soccer, and placing objects on a cone. The students had a great time using Webb's model basin and learning about underwater robotics!

Students enjoyed a spring afternoon at Planting Fields Arboretum. May is typically the perfect time for a tour of the estate; the plants are in full bloom, and the weather is finally warming up. Despite some clouds and precipitation, a van-load of students toured the main mansion. The mansion is restored to be period correct and features fascinating architectural features.



*Webbies and high school students having a blast while operating their newly built ROVs in the model basin.*

## Freshmen Fight Fires



In May, the Class of 2019 and one member of the Class of 2018 attended a one-day firefighting course at Military Sealift Command Firefighting School in New Jersey in order to prepare for Sea Term sophomore year. Webb's Laboratory Technician and Athletic Director, Pat Doherty, accompanied the students. Students were given a short classroom lesson about the general properties of fire and some basic firefighting principles then gained some hands-on experience applying the lessons and techniques to potential shipboard situations. After some practice using a firehose and controlling the nozzle, students fought controlled imitations of an engine room fire, a small kitchen fire, and a deck fire. Each student received a certificate of completion at the end of the day. Before leaving the facility, however, at least one group picture was in order.

- Jocelyn Kleiger '19



# Campus News



This past semester, due to abundant student interest, Webb started its first Rowing Club! Thanks to the generosity of Lebanon and Hanover High School crew teams from New Hampshire, Webb has acquired two eight-person rowing shells and a set of oars.

Recently, Webb purchased a brand new rowing machine so that new rowers can be taught the basic form before going out on the water. This machine has also been a great addition to the Webb gym, as it is a fantastic cardio and muscular workout for anyone who uses it.

Students have been in communication with Hofstra University in hopes of organizing a friendly recreational race with them this fall.

Webb would gladly accept any contributions to its newly formed club, especially during their search for another set of oars. The students hope that with the acquisition of another set of oars they can take both the boats on the water together and have a race.

- Nicholas de Sherbinin '18

## Webb's Sailing Team Hosts 2016 Engineer's Cup



This May, Webb's sailing team hosted the Engineer's Cup at the Webb Yacht Club. Seven teams from various colleges in the Mid-Atlantic region trekked to Webb for the regatta. Webb placed third, behind local rivals, the Kings Point Mariners and the Stony Brook Snailers.

Saturday started off with a glassy calm, followed by some hot burgers and a freshening sea breeze for some excellent afternoon sailing. Sunday was not so sunny and pleasant, but the wind held nicely all day and even built enough for some post regatta kite boarding.

Webb would like to thank everyone who assisted with setup, clean up and water assistance during the event. We would especially like to thank Zach Backas '16 for organizing the regatta and Tyler Gray-Hoehn '18 for getting both whalers working properly.

- Casey Brown '16







# WEBB SPRING SPORTS



## Bright Future Ahead for Webb's Netmasters!

The 2016 Tennis season was very promising, as the majority of the team was made up of underclassmen who will make the future bright for the Webb Netmasters.

This season, we said goodbye to four-year senior Captains Glenn Burnett '16, and Michael Walker '16. Nick Ratinaud '17 will take over as Captain in 2017. Throughout the season, the teams' top players were sophomores Kevin Pritchard '18, Andrew Vogeler '18, and Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (HVIAC) All-Conference Award winner, Jon Hale '18.

The Netmasters are looking forward to having Taylor Campbell '19, Brent Hill '19, Seth Jones '19, Ashley Dias '19, Abi Thomas '19, and Abriana Reddy '19, to guide the team for the next three seasons!



Webb volleyball had a great season, with the team having a 3-4 overall record. The team's best victory came against long-time rival, Cooper Union. After a hard fought match between both teams, Webb shut out Cooper Union in the fifth set 15-4, on their Senior night, at their home court! It was a big moment for the team.

The team almost had a winning record, until they came up against Pratt in their last game. Webb played really well, but Pratt had several great players that Webb couldn't compete with.

Next season, the head coach will remain the same, but the team will suffer huge losses with seniors and captains Brian Mills '16, and Ilya Mouravieff '16, graduating. Webbies on the team described Mills and Mouravieff as "instrumental parts and leaders of the team."

The team will now look to Ian Cho '17 to help guide the team next year, but the loss of seniors Mills and Mouravieff will be very much noticed.



Pat working with students from the Class of 2015 in the Robinson Model Basin



## Pat Doherty Named New Director of Athletics

In Spring 2016, Pat Doherty, Webb's Electronics Laboratory Technician, also took on the role of Director of Athletics. Doherty, who is very popular among students, has served as Webb's tennis coach for several years. Doherty says that he is excited to take on his new role.

- Taylor Adamczyk

Left: Following the 2016 tennis season, Doherty was honored with the 'Coach of the Year' award by the Hudson Valley Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (HVIAC)

# Webb Alumni Association Report:

At the 2016 Annual Meeting, held during Homecoming on May 21, the Webb Alumni Association was pleased to confirm the election of three new Honorary Members. Ballot elections were held in the month preceding the meeting, and we were pleased to announce the induction of Mary “Molly” Owen Luke, Rear Admiral Robert C. Olsen, Jr., USCG (Ret.), and Professor Edwin G. Wiggins as Honorary Members. During the meeting, election was held to confirm Honorary Membership for several past recipients of Honorary Doctorates, Mr. Robert Somerville (2008), Mr. John J. Angelicoussis (2010), and Mr. Thomas B. Crowley, Jr. (2015), all of whom had graciously and enthusiastically accepted the offer to be inducted into the WAA.

We are pleased to announce the new WAA Executive Committee, also elected during the Annual Meeting. We are looking for volunteers to serve on the Executive Committee in the future! Please don't hesitate to contact any of us for more information on positions available, AND let us know if you would be interested in being a regional coordinator or just hosting an event in your area. As always – remember to send pictures from local events or get-togethers!

The Class of 2016 was inducted into the WAA with a unanimous vote, inclusive of three Southampton Exchange students. The WAA was pleased to present the annual Athletic Awards to Erin Hub '16 (Sailing and Marathon Running), Ian Cho '17 (Volleyball, Soccer, Basketball, Tennis), Ryan Chozick '18 (Soccer, Basketball, & Volleyball), and Abishai Thomas '19 (Volleyball, Soccer, Tennis, & Basketball).

It was announced that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed by WAA President Jennifer Kollmer and by Webb President R. Keith Michel. This move officially allows Webb Institute to formally assume financial responsibility for many activities which were previously funded by Webb but reimbursed through to the Alumni Association. In this manner, we can eliminate annual collection of dues and allow all donations for events to be made to Webb – a win for both the school and those alumni who are able to take advantage of the tax benefits.

That said, the Alumni Association still has over 700 copies of the most recent publication *Webb Institute: 125 Years of Excellence*. The publishing and production of this book was a WAA-funded effort, and in order to keep the WAA's ability to make memorial donations to the school and to help with special efforts, we request everyone's help in purchasing a copy of the book – especially if you provided a biography for the update! Books are available through the school store for \$75, and with bookplates for an additional \$25. For those of you who have already purchased a book or would like to help but hesitate to add to your home library, we have a list of institutions (schools, libraries, museums, etc.) to whom we'd like to send copies but need “underwriting” by alumni. If you'd be willing to purchase a book for donation to an institution, please contact us at [waaexec@webb.edu](mailto:waaexec@webb.edu), and we'll help facilitate your donation.

***We look forward to seeing you at the  
Webb Alumni Association Annual Banquet in Bellevue,  
Washington, on Friday, November 4, 2016!***



Jennifer Kollmer '91  
*Past President of the Webb  
Alumni Association*

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**Mike Hutchings '95**  
Nominating Committee



# Maritime Tour of The Netherlands

By Leah Sosa '08



During the week of spring vacation, six students traveled to The Netherlands to learn about the Dutch Maritime Industry. Over the 5-day whirlwind tour, they visited ten different locations (nine companies and one university) in various branches of the industry. The hosting companies kindly welcomed the students and provided tours of vessels and offices, as well as presentations to teach the students about the company, explain its role in the maritime industry, and share information about current projects.

The ten participating companies include; Damen Shipyards, Quantum Controls, Stolt Tankers, GustoMSC, Shell, Delft Technical University, Anthony Veder, De Voogt Naval Architects, Feadship De Vries, and MARIN

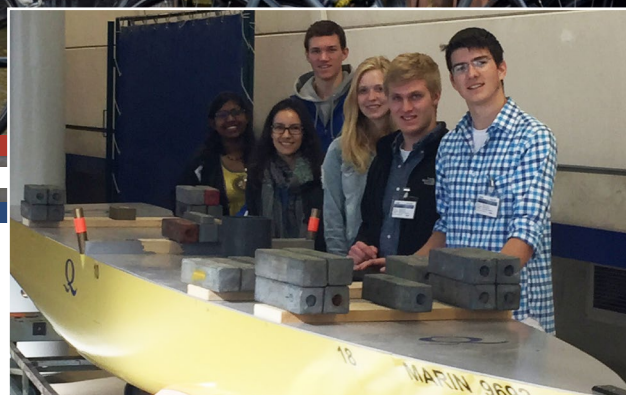
In the downtime during the evenings and weekend, the students were able to squeeze in a bit of sightseeing as well. The highlights were the Keukenhof tulip gardens, the windmills of Kinderdijk, and the Van Gogh museum in Amsterdam.

Overall it was a wonderful week (with uncharacteristically dry & sunny weather!). The students spread the word about Webb in Holland, experienced a thriving pocket of the NA/ME industry, and learned about some of the educational and internship/career opportunities that lie beyond the borders of the USA.

This trip was organized by Netherlands-based alumni: Christopher Rose '11 coordinated the visit to Delft Technical University; Matt Donatelli '08 provided sleeping accommodations at his home; Mark Martecchini '79 coordinated visits to Stolt, Anthony Veder, and GustoMSC; and Leah Sosa '08 planned and hosted the trip.

This opportunity was made possible through generous donations from corporate and alumni sponsors; Stolt Tankers BV, Keith & Peggy Michel, and Mark & Laurie Martecchini.

***Thank you all for your contributions!***



*Touring the sophisticated facilities at MARIN. This is a superyacht model built by MARIN for testing in their Seakeeping and Maneuvering Basin.*



*A presentation about the design work behind the ships of Anthony Veder.*



*The students visiting Museumplein in Amsterdam.*



## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT: *Doug Slocum '10*

### *Mixing Engineering With Art Form*

Upon graduating from Webb Institute in 2010, I took a path lesser-travelled by Webbies, into the world of sailmaking. Sailing and yacht design were ultimately the drivers for me to attend Webb, and during my time there, I focused on small craft design as much as the curriculum would allow. I would be remiss at this point to not acknowledge Professor Gallagher, Professor Royce, and Dean Compton as mentors that I could approach anytime with discussions on yacht design! Thank you for your support and guidance.

#### ***Mixing Engineering with Art Form***

In August 2010, I started working full-time with North Sails as a designer. This would not have been possible were it not for Webb's Winter Work terms, as I spent my senior winter term at North's facility in Minden, NV, researching and designing ways to improve their sail lamination process.

Those two months working on the factory floor proved pivotal to my beginning as a designer, as I spent my first years working on the engineering of the 3Di product line, which involves flexible composites. Having spent time on the floor enforced the mindset of making sure changes we made for engineering reasons were able to be carried

out smoothly by the teams building the sails. Your design and structure can be the best in the world, but if the product isn't buildable all the design time could be in vain!

As I progressed in learning more of the art form of sail design, I also began using our proprietary Finite Element Analysis [FEA] and Computational Fluid Dynamics [CFD] tools to work on wider varieties of projects. Though Webb never taught any courses on the technique of sail design, the technical and analytical mindset it instilled is well-suited to the trade. Every component of the yacht is interconnected in some way, and understanding trade-offs between these components is essential to a successful vessel. These approaches have worked well across a wide variety of projects such as leading the design of North's J/70 sail inventory, as well as aiding my mentor JB Braun with the development of the VPLP designed *Comanche*.

#### ***Pretending to be an Adult***

Besides working for North Sails and a fair amount of sailing, I also married a wonderful woman, Elissa, in September 2014. I have kept up mountain biking and playing music, and Elissa and I have recently begun rock climbing. My Webb contacts are maintained through travelling to regattas, and acting as the Southern New England regional coordinator. Elissa and I are working on relocating to the Portland area of Maine, probably as this is being printed, so if you find yourself nearby feel free to reach out!

Webb's teachings of technical materials, leadership, and problem-solving approaches, are all essential to me. Designing, building, and sailing a boat well is a very technically-oriented team effort, and the foundation from my time inside Stevenson Taylor Hall allows me to adapt to each new project accordingly.



*Sailing a Viper 640 as a family. My father driving, myself in the middle position, and Elissa trimming jib.*



*Rough day in the office. Testing the prototype J/70 inventory in 2012, myself in the middle position trimming kite.*



*And now to the other extreme! Sail testing aboard the 100 foot LOA Comanche in fall 2014.*



# Malones host Winter Work Students in San Diego

John '71 and Amy Malone hosted the annual interns' dinner party last January. Attending (in addition to Amy and me) were students Brian Mills '16, Alex Bashkoff '17, Ryan Chozick '18, Brandon Louis '18, Declan Gaylo '19, and Muriel Weathers '19, and alums Will Markuske '10 and Jenna Ferrieri '11. All enjoyed the dinner, and all, except Will and Jenna stayed for a soak in the hot tub... and a few (as always) braved the unheated pool.



# Webb Alums Tour the DDG 1000

By Pete Gale '59



On May 18th, Ron Kiss '63 and Webb's President Emeritus, and Pete Gale '59, made a quick trip from Washington, DC to Bath Iron Works to tour the DDG 1000, USS *Zumwalt*, lead ship of the US Navy's newest destroyer class. The tour was arranged and led by Gene Miller III '96, who is the Senior Director of Engineering at BIW. Gene invited Ron to see the ship and Ron kindly invited me, Pete Gale, to accompany him on the adventure. At the yard, we asked about Russ Hoffman '74. Russ met us and to our delight, opted to join the tour. It was a great day. The weather was beautiful and the ship impressive. Since I had spent the last 5-1/2 years of my full-time professional career working on the DDG 1000 design during the early design phases, it was a thrill for me to see the physical implementation of our early vision.

The ship features a number of innovative systems and advanced technologies and once onboard, there was sufficient time for us to see most of the principal

ship spaces. The DDG 1001 and 1002 are also under construction in the yard. The DDG 1001 is about 90% complete and is sitting on the land-level construction facility. Units of the DDG 1002, now nearly 50% complete, are being fabricated in the yard's shops. We were able to walk below DDG 1001 and see many of the DDG 1002 units being built and pre-outfitted during our tour. The DDG 1000 recently completed its Builder's and Acceptance Trials, passing with flying colors. The ship was turned over to the Navy on May 20<sup>th</sup>. She is scheduled to be commissioned this fall in Baltimore, MD, and will then sail to her homeport, San Diego.

Ron and I both greatly appreciated the opportunity to see DDG 1000, the hospitality of BIW and the effort of Gene Miller in making the arrangements and showing us about. The only negative of the entire day was that we didn't have time for a proper lobster dinner prior to departure and had to settle for a lobster roll at the Portland airport!





## Alumni News In Memoriam



**1950**

**Dr. Fendall Marbury** of Annapolis, MD, passed away February 5, 2016, at the age of 87 at Hospice of the

Chesapeake Inpatient Care Center in Pasadena, due to complications from a form of lymphoma.

He attended the Gilman School and Baltimore Polytechnic Institute (class of 1946). He studied naval architecture at Webb Institute and nuclear engineering at Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology (1957) and earned a masters (1955) in naval architecture and marine engineering, a degree in naval architecture (1962) and a PhD (1968) in naval architecture, all from MIT. During his studies he worked at four private and two Navy shipyards, including Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, MS (1958).

He served in the Navy from 1951-54 and was stationed at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, WA. He was employed at the Center for Naval Analyses/Operations Evaluation Group (7 years), Arthur D Little (1965-70), Litton Ship Systems (1970-73), Ketron, Inc. (1974-79) and Payne, Inc. He lived in Arlington, VA, Cambridge, MA, and Chevy Chase, MD, before moving to Annapolis, MD, where he also worked as a patent agent until he retired.

He was treasurer of the Washington Area Bicyclist Assoc. in the 1970s and rode his bike to work in DC before there was any of the biking gear readily available today. In Annapolis, he was known to ride his bike everywhere.

He was a member of Mensa, Society of the Cincinnati, the Annapolitan Club and St. Thomas of Canterbury church. He taught sailing at the Annapolis Sailing School.

He was preceded in death by one son, and survived by two daughters and a son, and seven grandchildren and a sister.



**1951**

**Robert M.**

**Wilkinson** passed away at the age of 86 on January 27, 2016, from complications of pneumonia.

Bob was the husband of 64 years to Jeanne (Phillips) Wilkinson and is also survived by his daughter, Sheryl, son, Alan Wilkinson; and his two grandchildren, Benjamin and Sarah Wilkinson. He was predeceased by his son, Donald "Donzo" Wilkinson.

Five days after he graduated from Webb he married Jeanne. He began his career as a naval architect at Island Dock in Kingston, NY, designing tugboats, barges, ferries, and landing craft. Ten years later, he and his family moved to CT for Bob to work at Electric Boat in Groton where he retired after 27 years. Bob helped to design many submarines and was the non-nuclear project engineer for NR-1, the first deep nuclear powered submersible vessel.

In retirement he formed R.M. Wilkinson Naval Architects and was actively involved in designing a variety of boats, including several that were built by Westmac Custom Boats in Surrey, ME. Bob had a passion for boats of any type or size and enjoyed "simply messing around in boats." He was an avid sailor and enjoyed summer cruises with his family aboard their family sailboats. He was a member of Indian Harbor Yacht Club, Shennecossett Yacht Club and was an honorary member of the Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association. He thoroughly enjoyed cruises with Jeanne aboard the *Queen Elizabeth II* and the *Queen Mary II*. He also enjoyed fishing and gardening and was a master woodworker. He was a member of SNAME for 51 years, Mystic Seaport for 45 years, and the Noank Historical Society. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Mystic River Mudhead Sailing Association - Dillon Fund, P.O. Box 117, West Mystic, CT 06388 to help

young sailors compete in national sailing events or to Webb Institute.

**1953**

Albert "Marty" Martinson, Jr., 88, of Wallingford, PA passed on May 8, 2016, at the Hunterdon Medical Center. He was the husband of the late Sophia Martinson.

Marty worked in the marine business his entire career, with a focus on tug boat design. He was involved with the CIA project, Hughes Glomar Explorer along with being the chief designer for the "V" berth tug and barge system. Prior to his marine education, he briefly attended the University of Washington, worked at Electric Boat in Groton, CT, and served in the United States Coast Guard.

Marty married his adored wife Sophia in 1953. They first resided in Pittsburgh before moving to Lark Inn, in Leetsdale, PA, which was built in the 1800s. Marty restored the house with his own hands while raising his family. While living at Lark Inn, Marty was the honored Boy Scout Master of Troop 164.

In 1972, Marty and his family moved to Rose Valley, PA, where Marty continued his volunteering in Scouts by becoming an Assistant Scout Master in Rose Valley Troop 272 and was the adult leader for the Moo Crew which hiked the trails in Philmont, NM.

Marty and Sophia then moved to Wallingford where they resided for over twenty years and enjoyed their peaceful retirement.

Marty, celebrating his Swedish heritage, and joined and served as President of LEVS (Leaf Ericson Viking Ship) and was instrumental in the design and purchase of their current scale reproduction ship, *The Norseman*. Marty was the first Captain of *The Norseman* and hand carved the neck and figurehead dragon. Marty participated in many LEVS events in full costume: horned helmet, sword, and handmade wooden shield.





Marty and Sophia spent much of their time in the summer at their house in Sea Isle City, NJ. He loved boating and fishing on his power boat "Pink Wampus" along with watching his grandchildren enjoy beach activities. Throughout his life Marty had a love of the sea and enjoyed many days boating and sailing.

Marty is survived by his sister, Betty Louise Davies; his son, Chris and daughter-in-law, Nancy; his daughter, Jennifer; and his grandchildren, Alexandra, Christopher and Samuel Martinson and Michael, Jennifer, Steven and Matthew Billings.

The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in his memory to Webb Institute.



## 1955

**Dr. Kenneth C. Holmboe**, age

83, a resident of Portsmouth, RI, passed away on May 2, 2016. He is

preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Bette Holmboe and parents, Elizabeth and Leo Holmboe. He is survived by his sister, Betty Lee and Ernest Holmboe and his children, Eric, Kristi, and Kevin. He died peacefully at home surrounded by love ones and family. He was loved and cared for by many including his children and extended family members, Eileen, Kenneth and Lauren Holmboe; Steve, Jeffrey and Chelcie Ross; and, Helen and Rebecca Holmboe, who all miss him terribly.

Ken was a 1955 graduate of Webb Institute among the 16 classmates of the 22 students who entered as freshmen in 1951, and earned a master's degree from Carnegie Mellon University and The Pennsylvania State University. Ken and his wife Bette were very active in the International Hospitality Program at Penn State University, opening the Holmboe family home to many loving members to include Kevin Scott, Saied Alaffi, Jafar Salavitar, and numerous others whose lives were made richer.

Ken was an avid gardener who grew some mean vegetables. He gave everything analysis like any good engineer would to properly plant, weed, and then harvest. He also enjoyed planting a beautiful flower and rose garden. The Greenvale patio always belonged on a picture postcard for the many colorful and beautiful plantings.

Ken had several career pursuits to include the ORL at Penn State, Westinghouse Corp., Metrocom Data Systems (his own company), independent consulting and finally Raytheon Corp. where he became part of their family for ten years. Ken was credited for several patents and awards throughout his career. It should be noted he worked until his passing at age 83... pretty remarkable.

The family would like to encourage donations be made to The Foundation for Fighting Blindness at <http://blindness.org> or to Webb Institute. The family wishes to thank the loving staff at Hope Hospice who helped our father. They also want to thank the Raytheon family in Portsmouth that supported Ken by the frequent visits while away from home.



## 1963

**Joseph Michael**

**Verdon**, 74, of Vernon, passed away on June 24, 2016, at home surrounded by

his family after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Margaret Rose (Furey) Verdon; his children Mary Lynn and Doug Kolowsky, Joey Verdon and Leslie Liu, and Carolyn and Mike Fusaro; his grandchildren Kevin, Andrew, Kyle, Tyler, Michael, Zach, Amelia, Tommy, Cate, and Mike.

Joe attended parochial schools in the Bronx, graduating first in his high school class of 1959 and winning academic awards for General Excellence, Mathematics, and Science. He received a BS in

Naval Architecture from Webb in 1963 and a PhD in Engineering Science from the University of Notre Dame in 1967. Joe taught Mechanical Engineering at the University of Connecticut from 1968 to 1972 and spent two summers as a Faculty Fellow at NASA's Langley Research Center. From 1972 to 1999, Joe conducted research on turbomachinery aerodynamics at the United Technologies Research Center. Joe was a pioneer in the fields of supersonic unsteady flows in fan rotors and linearized unsteady aerodynamics. He authored numerous articles, lectured extensively in the US and overseas, and was a mentor to many colleagues in his field.

Joe loved sports, both playing and coaching. In high school, he was a talented baseball and basketball player. In college, Joe started on the basketball team all four years, could dunk a basketball at 5' 11", and set the college's career scoring record, a record that lasted many years.

After his retirement, Joe joined the Vernon Senior Softball league, where he played for seven years and served as both a coach and as league commissioner. Joe also coached boys' and girls' baseball/softball and basketball when his children were growing up and practiced with all of his grandchildren. Joe tutored children in reading as part of the Vernon Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Joe had a gift for connecting with and influencing kids because of his childlike joy and passion and his unassuming manner.

Joe was larger than life -- a brilliant mathematician and public speaker; a gifted athlete; and a beloved husband, Father, Grandfather, coach, and friend. His family has requested in lieu of flowers a memorial donation may be made in his memory to The Michael J. Fox Foundation, P. O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014.





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### Class Notes

#### 1959

**Pete and Jo Gale** took three days off for a small vacation at a Victorian bed-and-breakfast, a gift from their daughters. Pete says they are in good health and busy looking after the needs of their family. He gets out most Mondays for a good hike with friends. Pete and Jo look forward to our east-coast class reunion sometime in 2017.

**Larry and Donene Harrison** report their recent trip to South America: "We started in Santiago for a week and then sailed from Valparaiso around the Horn for 14 days, ending in Buenos Aires. The weather was generally good and the seas not really rough, much better than most trips described for this area. We went west to east, which is the better direction. In Santiago we saw much of the city. On one day, Donene went on a Wine and Vineyard tour, and I did a hiking excursion in the nearby Andes to track condors.

One of the highlights for Donene was her horseback excursion in the nearby mountains from one of our ports. There was only one place left when we tried to book, so I graciously (and wisely) let her have this opportunity. She bonded with the horse and had a great experience. I went for a hiking excursion. We both learned to love Pisco Sours, the Chilean national drink.

The cruise along the coast of Chile was majestic with glaciers and waterfalls, very comparable to AK. The port of Ushuaia Argentina at the end of South America was a good stop. We took a catamaran ride on the Beagle Channel, named for Darwin's ship on his voyage. The trip was bumpy; however, we saw all kinds of sea life. The only problem was that from my seat behind the captain's cockpit, I worried about hitting rocks and big waves.

We stopped at Montevideo Uruguay and then Buenos Aires, which is a now a very huge city with islands of High rise office and apartments spread over many square miles. Pete Gale and I took the South America trip while at Webb, which included Buenos Aires. The central city is about as I remember, however with very busy pedestrian and commuter traffic similar to Manhattan. Steaks are still very good, however not as cheap as on our sophomore cruise.

The finale of our trip was a flight and two nights stay at Iguazu Falls on the Argentina/Brazil border. The Falls are in the sub-tropics and are spectacular. They are purported to be about twice as high and long as Niagara Falls. The area has wild monkeys, toucan parrots, and big butterflies in the forests around the falls. It was hot and humid; however, we could end the day in our air-conditioned room with a view of the

falls.

The trip was a good experience, but the long international flight was a strain. To leave Argentina for our return flight, we went through multiple passport and hand-carry luggage checks, then due to baggage delay we almost missed our connecting flight from Houston to SFO. "We had a porter with a powered shuttle rush us though the terminal to make the boarding at the last minute. We returned safely home to a good rainy season and a backyard full of weeds."

**Bill and Ruth Hurt** continue to put down new roots in Seattle. They have recovered from their nostalgic return trip to Germany last year and now are about to launch into a big kitchen remodeling project. That's not easy in a town where all the contractors already are loaded with work in Seattle's building boom.

Ruth is an active member in the Women's University Club, a local civic organization with a beautiful downtown building. (Bill says the lunches down there are great!) She also enjoys the Ladies Music Club, and sometimes hosts their gatherings at home where she has a fine piano. Bill still practices weekly on the famous organ at St. Mark's Cathedral. They both look forward to a future in the world of music.

When last heard from, **Donnell and Bob Johnson** were unpacking boxes at their new home. Bob says they have a magnificent view from the head of South Creek a couple of miles from Annapolis. Welcome home Bob and Donnell!

**Bill and Carmen Marrin** say hello from Setauket, NY. They are in good health and are continuing with their practices as counseling therapists. For exercise Bill keeps busy maintaining their big yard and house.

**Ed and Diann Shope** have stayed close to home recently, occupied with gardens, guests, and grandsons



*Larry '59 & Donene Harrison visited the Falkland Islands which are very British and took a Penguin-viewing trip. They are curious and easy to walk closely with.*



and with Diann's new career as a writer. Diann is busy editing her second novel and publicizing her first novel, *The Upper End of In Between*, which was published in late December. It's about a widow trying to figure out how to give up old emotional baggage and live the last third of her life fully. Diann's book is available from Amazon or can be ordered at your local bookstore. Diann reads a lot, rows, meditates, and doesn't dance nearly enough. Meanwhile Ed carries on with his practice of barge draft surveying. He doesn't dance nearly enough either. The Shopes plan to fly to Finland in August for a family reunion.

**Oren Stephans** sends greetings to all from Fort Meyers, FL. He likes the climate and lifestyle in FL, but maybe he'll break away to attend our next reunion.

**Pat Szostak** likes staying connected with our class. She writes from

Exeter, N.H.: "I'm doing okay. What I am truly excited about is this coming July, when my foreign families (Liz and her gang from France and John and his family from Honolulu) arrive for a month. Both are teachers and have the summer off. Together with Christine and her family and Matthew and Anne, we will thoroughly enjoy each other's company.

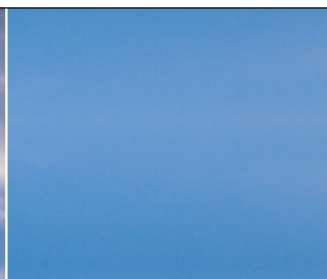
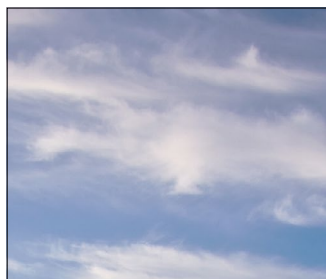
I have signed up for a continued care facility. It is right here in town, where my church is and all my friends are. I know dozens of people already there. I signed on the dotted line last July, and was told I have to wait one or two years. I now have a full-time job downsizing. Did any of you "Webbies" know that Don was a pack rat? He never threw anything away. I have come across his very first pay stub out of high school and every one since, all his income tax returns, and every single one of his arbitration cases. I think you get the

idea. After blowing up one shredder, I have decided to hire a company to come to the house. It will be worth it for sure.

Gene and Mary Yourch will be visiting me in May, and I am so looking forward to seeing them.

My last thought is to pass on all good wishes and blessings to all of you who worked, laughed, and played with Don while he was among us. Your kindness toward me is overwhelming, and I thank you for that.

**Bill and Betty Webster** hope to travel to the east coast in 2017 for our next class reunion as Betty's health issues improve. Bill still travels to Europe and China in the course of his consulting work. How does he endure those long flights? "Flying business class is the answer," he says. "I guess I flunked retirement, but I'm doing what I like to do."



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**Gene and Mary Yourch** report in from Greenport, NY: "The biggest upcoming events include our two oldest grandchildren going off to college. That is a lifestyle change for our families, but not so much for us. We are excited for them." Since travelling to see their children and grandchildren means trips to Saratoga Springs, Raleigh, and far-away CA, Gene and Mary like it when their children come to visit them.

The Yourchs also enjoy leisurely cruising on their boat. "We have started the boating season, though it's still a bit chilly. We do love being out on the water." They also enjoy vicarious travel by TV travel shows such as the Rick Steves programs. Gene says, "I've seen the Galapagos Islands, The Falkland Islands, and Mongolia. There's a lot of the world I wouldn't otherwise see."

We all hope to see them during our 2017 reunion on the east coast. As we all slow down with age, we may spend our reunion telling stories in a cozy hotel lounge.

**Dick and Joan Zuerner** report they've had a mild winter in Newport, RI. Dick continues his medical practice four days a week, and says, "I'm happiest when I'm working and have a chance to meet new people." He also likes riding his bike and visiting with his daughter and three sons. Joan still enjoys creative work in her artist studio in a pre-Civil-War mill building. Together they like to make an occasional trip to Manhattan.

### 1962

**Bert & Elaine Bowers** took a road trip in February to visit friends in FL and on their way back they stopped in Hilton Head, SC, to visit with **Bob and Ritva McGowan**. At present he's getting his boat ready for the season, (one that he designed and built) making a few rigging changes to make sail handling easier. He will probably not start sailing until early June when the lake water warms

up enough for him to survive if he should capsize.



*Bert sailing his boat on Presqu'île Bay in Brighton, Ontario (Lake Ontario)*



*Bob McGowan '62 & Bert Bowers '62 taking a nice (cold) walk on the beach.*

**Dick & Juya Pomfret** had a very enjoyable visit with **Dan and Cyryl Yannitell** at their house in Lago Vista, TX. During the visit we had the pleasure of attending a performance by Dan's barbershop group (photo below) at the Lago Vista Lions Club.



**Dick & Marie Schmitt** enjoyed a 3-week Namibian cross-country road trip in October 2015. After a few days in Windhoek, ventured out by road-sort of-(gravel road in most places, only 1 paved highway!) visiting Etosha National Park in the north, travelling to Damaraland/Twyfelfontein, followed by a brief stop in Swakopmund on the west coast, and staying at Sossussvlei in the Namib-Rand nature reserve (desert for short!) for several days, and completing back in Windhoek. There were many highlights on the trip, especially the rented "Beast" as Marie calls it. The Land cruiser came with two fuel tanks, two humongous spare tires, and a refrigerator in the main "cab" between the driver and passenger seats. Marie did most of the driving and quipped about "couldn't they get us something bigger" when it showed up at the hotel in Windhoek.

They are planning to return to Africa in July 2017 to visit Uganda and are developing another medical team for a return trip to Paidha Health Center where they served over 1400 patients in 2014. Fundraising is ongoing to help provide medicine and medical supplies for the people of Paidha and Village of Giira. They are in the process of actively recruiting medical doctors, nurses, and medical specialists to assist



*Mark '62 and Elaine Henry visited Nepal and India in January-February; a fascinating trip that included a flight to view Mount Everest, a visit to a tiger reserve, and a cruise on the Ganges River.*



the medical center which has no resident doctor, diagnostics, or surgical services and serves a population of 30,000, including surrounding communities. And in their spare time, they just completed a 10-day Danube River cruise and will be visiting Sicily and Rome in the fall.

### 1963

**Ron Kiss** received the The Vincent T. Hirsch Maritime Award on June 17th. Named for a patron of the Merchant Marine and past National President of the Navy League, the award is presented to an individual in private or public life whose efforts and/or achievements have contributed substantially to an increased public awareness of the vital role of a privately-owned U.S.-flag merchant fleet, both to the United States defense establishment and to the nation's economic well-being.

### 1967

**Paul Chapman** reports that they will be in Barcelona, the French Pyrenees, Granada, and near Gibraltar in May and June.

**Tom Koster** wrote that he met **Dave Yannitell** and Dave's brother, Dan, at Webb's Houston Regional meeting in February.

**Bob Hall** has just returned from a week-long tour in Israel. They took a two-week cruise from Harwich, England, to the top of Norway and back, followed by 16 days of driving around the UK, with a focus on Scotland.

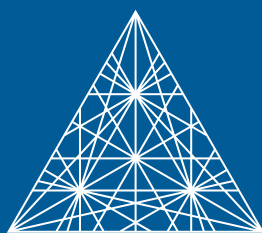
**Paul Chapman** is still in Vail, hoping for a late summer trip to the Pacific Northwest. He suggested that each of us can donate to Webb from our IRAs out of our mandatory annual distribution and avoid being taxed. He also suggested making Webb an IRA beneficiary.

To celebrate **Jim Hancock's** retirement last year, Joyce and Jim took a cruise to Antarctica this winter. They report that Drake's Passage was wild, the scenery was amazing and there were lots of penguins.



*Jim '67 & Joyce Hancock geared up on the Antarctic Peninsula.*

**John Russell** has just finished working with his 10-year-old grandson on a motorized go-kart



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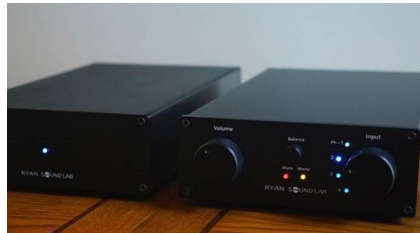
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(below), entirely from scratch, with an aerodynamic fiberglass body that should reduce drag even at the expected five mph top speed from the donated motor of a rototiller. Although his staff considers that he has retired, Russell contends that he's still working.



**Kit Ryan:** Ahh, the cost of perfection. Haven't set the final price but it will be around \$2,700 for the pair of them. I know this sounds ridiculous for a stereo preamplifier when you can buy a Sony 7.1 complete receiver for \$300 but there's a real "knee in the curve" on this hi-end equipment. The best preamp from Naim (which this was inspired by and resembles is some ways - but is much better, of course) now costs \$27,000 (no kidding). Naim's best stereo power amp costs \$275,000 (no kidding again). What this tells you is that those 1%'ers really need all that money!

Only special news this time is that my tiny hifi company Ryan Sound Lab is about to announce its first (and only) RSL Preamplifier with matching Power Supply. After four years of subjecting fellow classmates to deafening versions of the Rolling Stones, at last they can now hear the music with high-quality components!



**John Sirutis:** We enjoyed family reunions in WA, OR, Maui, and San Diego. In the fall we returned to Australia for camping, climbing, and cavorting with friends. We're back in San Diego for the winter. All good.

**Bob vom Saal** reports that he and **Lorraine** are "back in the sailing game after a 10-year hiatus, as the owners of a Hunter Legend 36. They plan to sail her to our 2017 50th reunion at Webb. Their oldest granddaughter (age 17) is entering the University of Maryland-College Park next fall to major in engineering. Bob says that he couldn't interest her in Webb because "she likes robotics. Makes me feel old."

### PG'67

Capt. Jack Ringelberg USN (Ret.) is living in Panama City, FL, and operating as J MaRine Consultants. As CEO of the Ocean Technology Foundation he is looking forward to a September Expedition searching for the *Bonhomme Richard*, John Paul Jones Revolutionary War flagship sunk in 1779 in the North Sea off the Coast of England. This will be a joint operation with the US and French Navies and include divers and AUV's. As an owner of Divers Institute of Technology, Seattle, WA he has been instrumental in the start-up of a ROV Training Course to complement other underwater training activities. Jack and his wife Karen recently returned from the 55th Reunion Cruise of SUNY Maritime Class of '61 on board *Celebrity Summit* to Bermuda.

### 1970

**Mark Bebar and Bonnie** have been doing more overseas travel since

my retirement from NAVSEA and working part-time for Computer Sciences Corporation - now called CSRA. Our next cruise will be to Spain and Portugal in September 2016.

### 1971

**Dudley Dawson:** After meeting and marrying in FL, Joni and I are now enjoying the good life together on a 3,000 acre lake in the rolling hills of rural NC. The Dawson clan includes three children and nine grandchildren - so far - all located within the Carolinas. After 9 years as a USCG officer, 14 years as vice president of J. B. Hargrave Naval Architects, six years as chief naval architect of Hatteras Yachts, and since 1993, a self-employed designer and consultant, my personal design portfolio includes scores of ship and yacht designs, ranging up to 625 feet. I've also added a career as a marine journalist in recent years, as technical editor for *Yachting* magazine, and contributing editor for *Professional BoatBuilder* and *Southern Boating* magazines. This affords the opportunity to sail and cruise aboard some of the world's largest and most innovative yachts, including the Dyna-rigged *Maltese Falcon*, built by Italy's Perini Navi (below).



**Scott Bristol:** I'm retiring from Stanford Graduate School of Business, June '16, after 12 years as a Lecturer in Organizational Behavior. Moving from Santa Cruz, CA, to Vienna, Austria. Looking forward to



creating a new economic and social identity in Austria. First step is learning enough German to get my spousal visa :-)

### 1973

Over the weekend of August 5-7, President **Keith Michel** and **Peggy** hosted four of his classmates and their spouses for a wonderful mini-gathering. **Joe and Mary Jane Rudnicki, Dave and Meryl Collins, Lorne and Cary Sheren, and Rich and Kathy Celotto** shared a beautiful Saturday afternoon and evening dinner in the President's House overlooking the Sound, catching up and reminiscing about their days at Webb, including recalling some pranks they had pulled off that had them doubled over with laughter. It doesn't get better and all hope that more classmates can join them for the next get-together.



### 1976

**Greg Castleman:** My wife, Cindy, and I have been married for 14 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 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. The drop in oil prices severely impacted my consultancy, Castleman Maritime LLC, so in February 2015 I moved to Panama City Beach, FL, assisting Eastern Shipbuilding Group on a couple of projects. Business has recovered and we are in full swing on various projects. We live less than a half mile from our beautiful beach, and have a couple of guest rooms. My Webb friends are welcome anytime!

### 1977

**Scott Richards** and **Dana** are back in the USA, and living in Austin, TX. The twins are Dylan and Nathan (8 April 1994). Dylan is a master dive instructor, also taking people parasailing on Waikiki Beach in HI. He has also started doing some modeling. Nathan is a junior at TX State studying economics. Zachary (13 June 1995) was recruited for football by the USNA (2019), has just finished his plebe year and is out on his first cruise. You may see him as a wide receiver in the fall of 2016. **Steve Shepstone** and I were lucky enough to join **Roy Neyman** for a leg of his retirement cruise down the west coast of Mexico and we had a ball. Wish we could all get a chance to spend some time together again. Let's make the 40th reunion in 2017! Come visit us in Austin if you can, we'd love to see you. All the best to you and yours from me and mine. Scrich

### 1979

**Steven Jones:** I have five kids - two boys by my first wife, Dara, who passed away in 2010, and three with my present wife, Yvonne. My older guys are out on their own, and my two sons and daughter are teenagers in high school. The three teenagers are all into sports, which takes up most/all of my free time. Though presently inactive, my favorite hobby is historical re-enacting, which I have been involved with

since moving to VA in 2006. My group is Ship's Company ([www.shipscompany.org](http://www.shipscompany.org)) which portrays sailors between 1770 and 1865. I am looking forward to spending more time with the church and re-enacting once the kids are off to college and beyond.

### 1986

**Jamie Rice** wrote: Recently started my own registered investment advisory practice named JQR Capital Management, LLC. Family is still growing and Helen is working hard as a Nurse Practitioner for The Hartford. Boys (James is 19, Will is 17, and Henry is 14) are all skiers, sailors, and good students. I was happy seeing people at Homecoming 2016 - our 30th!

### 1988

Steve Pagan and his wife adopted a wonderful 19-month old boy in February. Below is a picture of them crossing the Houston Ship Channel on the Galveston - Port Bolivar ferry. Steve is trying to get him interested in ships early. First Prospective Freshman of the Webb class of 2032?

July 30 will be the tenth anniversary of the death of Marty Johnson - our classmate, colleague, and friend. Marty died while assisting in the salvage of the MV *Cougar Ace* off the coast of Alaska. The class of 1988 still grieves for him.



### 1989

**Robert Reed** would like to introduce Webb's newest recruit, Serafina Sullivan Reed at 5 months

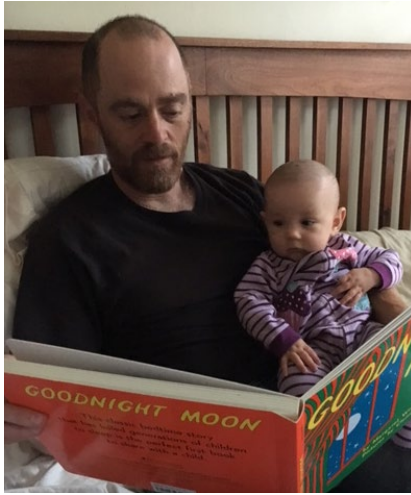




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old as of May (below).



### 1993

The **Neuman** and **Rising** clans had an opportunity to get together in Houston for a day of swimming, dining, and getting suckered into carnival money traps. The kids picked up on the comfortableness of good friends and enjoyed their time together just as much as Ben, Debbie, Mary, and I did.

**Erik Nilsson** switched up jobs by moving from Ryder Logistics to Aersale, an airplane parts and charter company. He continues to make classmates jealous with weekend pictures of the family enjoying the boat in crystal clear water.

While the **Kamahi's** domicile is in California, Al heads south of the border each week to run his business. Al, just make sure you're on this side when Trump builds that wall.

### 1996

**Nathan Bossett** switched industries to tech in November 2015. He's at Workday, a competitor of Oracle and SAP, which sells software as a service for financial and HR applications. Now living in Alameda, CA.

### 2005

**Caitlin Jarecki** celebrated after eight years of Navy program management

finally came to fruition with the delivery of R/V Neil Armstrong in September 2015, with R/V Sally Ride to follow in June 2016.

**Emily Whitman** and daughter Matilda moved to Alexandria, VA, in February to begin an exciting new position at BMT Designers and Planners. Matilda is enjoying living closer to Nana and Grandpa and will start Kindergarten in the Fall.

**Bito (Mike Morabito)** has been designated as the Naval Architecture program director at the United States Naval Academy, and has been awarded RINA's Medal of Distinction for a paper that he co-authored with Mark Pavkov, of the hydromechanics laboratory, on "Experiments with Stepped Planing Hulls for Special Operations Craft." His and Amanda's oldest daughter (of 3) will be finishing First Grade this Spring!



**Eric Jordan** (above) married long term partner in fun Rachel at a fantastic wedding in Portland, ME. It happened to be during a boat show, had an open bar and copious dancing, an entertaining and endearing ceremony, and was on the town waterfront. Congrats again to them.

**BALZAAA** (now **Lauren Leroy**) has found a new level of satisfaction in her new endeavor as a realtor, and schooled a few of us on home values at Eric's wedding.

### 2008

**Porter Bratten:** Kami and I have

bought a house built in 1901 in the maritime town of Anacortes on the edge of the San Juan Islands. Come visit!

**AJ Loreto** is back working for Quantum after an exciting and fast-paced stay with Invincible Boats.

**Dan Mannheim** is still enjoying his escape from real life while doing the master's degree program in Finland. He will be moving to Copenhagen in the fall to start his second year of studies.

On December 24th **Mårten** and **Lindsey Lindgren** welcomed their son, Lucas Thomas Lindgren, into the world, which made for an interesting Christmas. Lucas is doing well and growing fast and Livia is enjoying being a big sister (below).



**Leah Sosa** had a great time hosting six Webb students for a week-long tour of the Dutch maritime industry. We visited 10 companies in total, just to name a few: MARIN, Damen Shipyards, Stolt-Nielsen, GustoMSC, and Feadship DeVries. The students' visit was timed perfectly to see the famous Dutch tulips in full bloom, too!

### 2009

**Rorie Zuzick** says she's been "traveling a lot more for work recently, with trips to Norway and Brussels, and an upcoming trip to Germany. Travis and I are in the home stretch of planning and can't wait to get married in September, and Captain Midnight is just thrilled that springtime is here."



Leah Sosa and Webb students visiting a military patrol vessel at Damen Shipyards in the Netherlands.



Rorie's Mom and dog, Cricket, visited this winter - Cricket loved the Navy Yard!

**John Wise** and Shan opened Webb hotel for Memorial Day weekend when many Webbies met for one incredible night in Boston before scattering for the long weekend.

John and **Wombi Rose** "are working around the clock to bring the magic of Lovepop to more customers. Recently featured on *The View* and QVC, Lovepop is taking the world by storm." Wombi and Jon are working together to organize a sailing adventure Thanksgiving 2016 to St. Lucia with a set of Webb, Cambridge, and Harvard Business School classmates. "Would love to meet up with any Webbies down there!"

**Jon Dowsett** started working at Eagle Bulk Shipping in January and while he misses Copenhagen and all the Maersk travel, he's really loving living in NYC. Come and visit if you're ever in town. "I can't wait for sailing in St. Lucia this November!"

**Austin French** is building a chain-

link fence around his house this spring so that he cannot wander off too far after those rum drinking nights.

**Jon Ward** and Courtney recently packed up their Conestoga wagon and made the arduous journey from Portland to San Diego. They will be dearly missed by their friends and many of Portland's coolest bars.

**Phil Duerr** had the following to say: "The house that Alana and I bought last summer has been keeping us busy. We started a lot of herbs and vegetables from seed and it has been so much fun to see them sprout up. We've also been taking advantage of the spring to make a few hikes around the area. This summer I'm looking forward to crewing a coworker's boat along with Dave Sawyer. Also late summer should have a long trip to Spokane, and everyone knows a week at the river is glorious."

**Niko Martecchini** has been on the



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*Jon and Courtney's Wedding generally considered to be the best wedding photo ever taken!*

road to start 2016, beginning with a week in Finland and a Webbie mini-reunion in Nashville with **Bret Smart**, **Andrei Mouravieff**, and **Ethan Wiseman** in February. He spent most of March and April in Italy along with fellow alumni **Brett Vitols '89** preparing for the delivery of Carnival Cruise Line's latest ship, the *Carnival Vista*, at the end of April. Along with the time at the Fincantieri yard in Monfalcone, they were able to attend the keel laying ceremony for Carnival's next ship near Venice.

**Diana Brown** "finished grad school! And got a new job! I left the naval architecture field and now am just a plain old software developer at Annapolis Micro Systems."

**Josh McMinn** has been ordered to come to corporate and play dress up. You can find him and Elisti house hunting if you visit the greater Houston area.

**Stefan Wolczko** and Shannon



*Anchored off an uninhabited island west of Anguilla for the day during the November 2015 sailing trip to St. Maarten.*

made a trip out to Hawaii to visit the Hawaiian Webbies. They also headed over to the East Coast for Webb Homecoming and Memorial Day Weekend! Shannon's been finding new secret bar rooms at work every day since she started working for Google.

**Lauren Kadlec** has been happily married to Matt for over three years now, and they are currently living in Norfolk, VA. She is still serving in the Navy and was recently selected for the Engineering Duty Officer (EDO) program, under which she will soon be stationed at Norfolk Naval Shipyard.

**Bret Smart** described his latest project as being a "gold digger on the island of Hispaniola." Bret is well known by a local named "Tituba who calls him el dragon borracho for the way he hoards the islanders' gold."

**Dan Wilson** is sailing weekly in Annapolis to prepare for the next sailing trip down in St. Lucia this Thanksgiving. He's also learning Russian but won't explain why...

**Robert Carelli** and Lindy are moving back to America from the Middle East. Here's to freedom and bacon! He will start grad school with the Navy at MIT - building on Boston's reputation as a major Wolfpack hub.

**Andrew Harville** is already preparing for the World Beard and Moustache Championships which



*Ryan Pfeifer '11 and Mike Abbruscato '11.*

are being held in Austin, TX over Labor Day Weekend, 2017. Could this be part of Wolfpack's 7.5th anniversary party? Andrew plans to compete in the Full Beard Freestyle category.

**Andrei Mouravieff** said that he "enjoyed seeing Webbies and live country music in Nashville for Presidents' Day weekend!"

## 2011

While **Ben Fisher** has been occupied preparing for and taking the PE-NAME exam, his wife, Maria, has had her hands full with Rebecca (3) and Robin (1), preparing and planting our garden, and tending to our 14 chickens. (Ben does help with the chickens, though. And the children.) We were also excited to get a visit from Lidia, Schuyler, and Esteban while they were in town in February!

**Señor Mike Abbruscato** y señor **Ryan Pfeifer** vieron las Luces del Norte.

**Katie Whalen** has moved to Sweden to conduct research at Lund University. Her side project *In the Loop Games* - a serious game design company - has begun taking over her life (and apartment, as it has turned into a game warehouse).

**Ian McMahon** has been enjoying getting back into the robotics scene by competing in the BattleBots competition on team Poison

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*Members from the Class of 2011 at Zak Harris's and Jessie's wedding.*



*Most of the Class of 2011 had a fantastic Memorial Day Weekend in GA for their five-year reunion. Aside from catching up with each other, they swam, boated, hiked, played lawn games, ate awesome food, and video chatted with Casey Harwood, Ryan Pfeifer, Josh Lambertsen, and even Sam Denomy! Thank you for hosting us, Mrs. Dixon and Hampton!*



*Jenna Ferrieri & Will Markuske went on their honeymoon in Patagonia.*

Arrow! Stay tuned to see how their bot, Caustic Creations, competed, this summer on ABC!

**Ethan Wiseman** is working in Houston at Excelebrate Energy. He is improving the performance of an FSRU fleet and supporting the development of new assets.

**Esteban Castro** is ready to graduate from University of Michigan with his PhD, travel with his family during the summer, and start his job with NAVSEA in September.

**Casey Harwood** is currently in Rome, Italy (and actually wrote this writing his class notes in the middle of touring ruins of the Roman castles), where he is finishing his doctoral research at INSEAN. After graduation, he will begin as an assistant professor in experimental naval hydrodynamics at the University of Iowa in January.

**Chris Hooper** moved back to Seattle about a year and a half ago and is working at Jensen.

**Andy Lachtman** is still living in Arlington, VA, and is glad to get back to cycling with the weather warming up.

**Hampton Dixon** has been travelling to the Bahamas for work a lot. He enjoyed the Class of 2011 reunion that was held at his family river

house in GA!

**Josh Lambertsen** was happy to see his classmates in Seattle for Zak's wedding in February.

**Justin Klag** and his wife, Katrina, had a great time travelling in France and Italy this spring!

**Richard Kim** has been improving his golf game.

**Zak Harris** married Jessie Rowe this February in Mukilteo, WA! They had an amazing honeymoon skiing in Chamonix.

**Brent Morrison** really enjoyed taking the PE exam with **Ben Fisher** and **Ian McCauley** this spring! He also had the pleasure of writing a paper with **Doug Zangre**.

**Michael Klein** is living life in Houston, TX.

**Tophi Rose** is in Delft and seems to be enjoying travelling with friends in Europe.

**David Donatelli** is becoming more and more Korean by the day.

**Lidia Needham** has been working, dancing, and playing volleyball.

### 2013

**Don & Erica Rickerson** celebrated the birth of their firstborn son, Don "Levi" Rickerson IV, on November 21, 2015. He is a blessing of love.

**Kierstin Del Valle** just started pursuing her Masters in Engineering Management from the George Washington University and is currently in the process of finding a new place to live in the DC area.

**Colin Spillane** is currently the Head of Retail at the Webbie run startup Lovepop. He is living in Somerville, MA, with his wife, Angela. When not working, they enjoy exploring all of the exciting opportunities available in Boston, such as improv acting classes, herbal remedy courses, and commuting!

**Roxanne Schacht** is still working for Applied Physical Sciences as





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an acoustic signatures engineer and living in Groton, CT, with her boyfriend, Chris, and her dog, Scotch. She finally believes Scotch's Great Dane mix DNA results and is looking for a house with a nice big yard. She's anxiously awaiting summer and her annual New England Webb party weekend extravaganza.

**Michael LaRose** has been recovering from an accident that occurred in 2014. He has recently resumed working for Elliott Bay Design Group part-time. He can often be found star gazing late at night wondering why all squares are rectangles, but not all rectangles are squares...

**Doug Zangre** is trying to write papers for RINA and SNAME while juggling soccer, corn hole, and ultimate leagues.

**Sean Murphy** and his wife Laura (and their pup Harper) moved from NY to the low country of SC earlier this year. Sean is still working with the same company as a naval architect and engineer surveyor, and just graduated in May with a masters degree from Duke. His wife recently found a new job in the area tutoring children K-8 after school with a local nonprofit. Harper has helped keep them grounded through the move and is probably sleeping on the couch as you read this.

### 2014

**Elli Wunder** is working at BIW on the construction of the third Zumwalt class destroyer. She is working harder on fixing up an old house to weather ME's harsh seasons.

**Amy Zahray** is working at VARD Marine in Houston, TX. She enjoys playing soccer in a couple of different recreation leagues. She has also been running in various 5k and 10k races, as well as her first half-marathon.

**Henry Jansen** discovered that Webb

does lock its doors from time to time when he was escorted off the premises with **John Carlson** on the afternoon of New Year's Eve. He went on the "Alumni Ski Trip", and still owes Rachel Walker money for it (below). He recently ran the BMO Half Marathon, and due to a series of circumstances, ranked 77th in women ages 25-39.



**Eric Harris** is pursuing larger-sized projects starting at 75' at Metal Shark as well as continuing to develop small boat recreation and government lines. He continues to enjoy the people and cuisine of Acadiana.

**John Carlson** is doing 3D modeling at NASSCO in San Diego, CA.

**David Smith** continues to work at EB in CT. He enjoyed his recent visit to the Pacific Northwest for the first annual class of 2014 (and others) Webb alumni "ski trip." He is currently in the exciting preliminary stages of house hunting.

**Connor Bennett** has been chilling with **Stacey Bishop '12** and their cats.

**Matthew Graham** is still enjoying the Mobile Bay at Ship Architects in Daphne, AL. He has taken up photography, enjoying mostly macro and nature shots. He and Brittany Hilbun were married in July.

**Samuel Granger** is proud to share that his secret and largely made-up carbonara recipe is almost perfect.

**Rachel Walker** likes the carbonara, but wouldn't mind the occasional pesto. Davy will eat the dog food (or mulch), but would really prefer the carbonara.

**Samantha Griswold** is excited to begin some new chapters in her life. From getting engaged to **Doug Zangre '13** in November to accepting a job at Glosten, 2016 has been a busy year.

**Nathan Fast** bought a van last fall, built an interior in the back that oddly resembles that of a boat, and took off from home at the end of January. Since then, he has been embracing his inner ski bum out west, diversifying his outdoor activities, and borrowing the shower of any webbies he runs into along the way.

**James Codega** is doing well, designing small craft with his father, although he is moving to Washington DC this summer. Throughout this turmoil-filled time, he is planning to take a trip through Europe and continue sailing as well.

### 2015

By the time these words are printed, it will be over a year since we graduated. While many of us still see classmates frequently (or even share a house with them), the real world is very different from the four years spent at Webb. Finishing a project no longer means time to head to the pub, and working late means 6PM instead of AM. But we still keep in touch, mostly through Snapchat and the survey used to compile these notes. Some of the less helpful responses are shown below:

1. 52.6% of classmates choose to have me make up their notes rather than provide input.
2. Jon Snow will come back to life "The day Dan admits that NY bagels are the same as every other bagel."



3. The buffalo is the most common spirit animal, followed closely by deer and elk.
4. No, I will not write a note about WWII, the rise and fall of the Roman Empire, existential crisis, or *Robin Hood Men in Tights*.

Onto the real news:

**Wesley Yland** continues to conduct the orchestra of WM trucks that remove your rubbish each week. Coming soon to a theater near you is his movie "The Ride Along 3" featuring Wes in the passenger seat of a garbage truck on the streets of Detroit.

Also in Houston are **Clarence O'Conner**, **Ben Rockwell**, **Dan Turoff**, **Stefan Kuczera**, and **Erin McElroy**. Clarence is working on "becoming one with nature", not sure what that means in Houston.



*Amy '14, Ben, Dan, Clarence, and Wes with friends in Houston.*

On the East Coast, **Matt Gianforcaro** is enjoying work and NJ life. He is excited for warmer weather so he can get out on the golf course and get some use out of the windsurfer Wesley gave him. He has hung out with Allie Pitti, Zach Gilfus, and Tyler Totten recently, and enjoys keeping up-to-date via everyone's snapchats.

**Tyler Totten** is working on Navy stuff supporting PMS 501T for new build of LCS *Independence* variant ships. This includes extensive travel to Austal USA and covers a wide range of technical and contractual issues.



*Chris and Andy at the midpoint of an Urban Hike.*

**Allie Pitti** says "Hey! I'm doing great! Spring has hit Boston and I'm ready for concert season!"

The Florida contingent has grown, with **Mike Chen** now working for Boksa Marine in Tampa. He is joined in the Sunshine State by **Evan Wingfield** and **Nolan Conway**. Evan is working with a consulting firm and primarily dealing with installing exhaust scrubber systems on cruise ships. At the time of writing, Nolan was back in FL for the first time in quite a few months. His job in the salvage industry has many great benefits but the main one is sending Snapchats that make the rest of us jealous.

In England, nothing has been heard from **Gilberto Besana**, but **Matthew Thompson** has finished his Masters back at Southampton and signed a job contract with a naval architect design company in York (the original one). Congratulations!

Also in Europe, **Gabe Poritz** recently added a new skill to his LinkedIn profile, "Management," so his Master program must be going well. **Cody Owen** is in one of those Scandinavian countries (I think) and continues to study wind energy and "The future of hydrokinetic devices for large scale electricity production."

Our final classmate abroad, **Leonardo Tinoco**, finished his degree at University of San Paolo

and is applying his knowledge to the logistics of liquid cargo distribution.

About as far from Europe and Brazil as possible, though not yet forgotten, **Matt Weklar** continues building ships and drones. He would appreciate if you called him between 4 and 5pm Central time to break up his long commute.

Finally, in the great city of Alameda, CA, **Chris Licato**, **Alex Hanford**, **Andy Thompson**, and **Satchel Douglas** are making a name for themselves in a new sport. Invented by Chris and called Urban Hiking, the sport entails walking long distances that could be more easily traveled by bike, car, or bus. This modern form of adventuring is drawing thrill seekers from all over. The only equipment required is good knees and a backpack. Alex has been doing a different kind of hiking, trapezing a Wiley Wabbit all over the bay, and except for an incident involving him, a broken backstay and a capsized under the Golden Gate bridge, all is good. Satchel is also sailing and hopes that he will be on a boat and unreachable when you read these notes. Congrats to the Class of 2016!

*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](mailto:gsujecki@webb.edu)*





## Heritage Society:

### John Newcomb - Class of 1966: *It is Never Too Early to Join!*

*I arrived at Webb in the summer of 1962 after a disappointing year of “engineering education lite” at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.*

The contrast was startling. After I recovered from the initial whiplash, I put my head down and didn't look up for the next four years, as I tried to keep up with the curriculum and my classmates. Somehow, I made it through and began a career that included active duty service in the Navy, civil service engineering positions at David Taylor Model Basin, the Naval Ship Engineering Center and the Naval Sea Systems Command, and another twenty some years of private-sector engineering work on U.S. and NATO ship projects. The whirlwind continued until the end of the century, at which time my wife and I both took early retirement and embarked on new adventures. We traveled some and volunteered some. We built a new home on a tributary of the Rappahannock River in Middlesex County, Virginia. Cathy started and continues to apply her gift for working with young children to help struggling students succeed in the public school system. I returned to my interest in small boats and attacked long rectangular bits of wood to turn them into curved approximations of boat-like structures and prodigious amounts of sawdust. So far, two have been commissioned and the third is nearly complete. It's hard to believe it has been 50 years since Webb, but in sum, it has been and continues to be a very fulfilling life.

It took some years for me to realize fully how unique the Webb experience is. Far from the safe zones associated with other schools of higher learning, Webb is constantly challenging, pushing and stretching students to do and achieve more. In addition to mastering the academic content, Webb forces the student to develop critical thinking, time management and work prioritization

skills, and to set and achieve ambitious goals. This environment helps to build the character and work habits



*John Newcomb, Cathy, and Nical*

that enable a rewarding career and life. Webb's full tuition scholarship model makes a Webb education more of a gift than something that is bought and paid for by the student. As a gift, this education is more valuable and meaningful than a traditional engineering education. As a result, I want to do more than just “give back” the value of my Webb scholarship – I want to do all I can to help ensure that the gift of a Webb education continues to be available to future generations of young men and women. So I support the annual Webb Alumni Fund every year (WebbEY), and I became a member of the Heritage Society by designating Webb as beneficiary of my IRA. Once I reached my 70th birthday, I began to take advantage of a provision in the tax code, made permanent in 2015, that allows distributions (including the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)) to be made by direct roll-over to a charitable organization such as Webb. In my case, this is also a tax-efficient strategy – a “win-win” for me and for Webb.

There are many ways to become a member of the Heritage Society, and it's never too early to join – we have recently been joined by a member of the current student body! How you become a member may depend on your stage of life and your financial goals. The most important first step is to make the commitment of including Webb in your plans, then set the plan in motion and allow it to evolve and develop as the commitments and circumstances of your life change through time.

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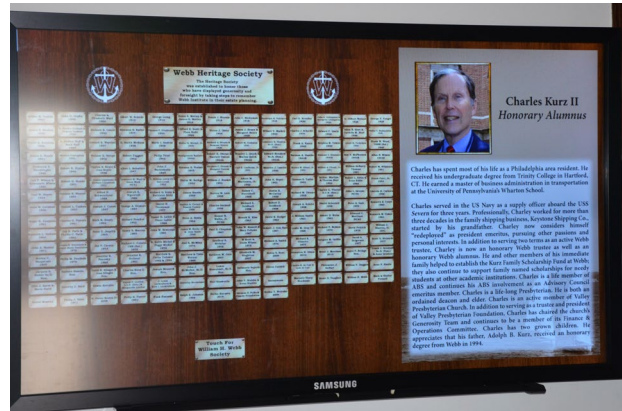


*Members at the Heritage Society Dinner last May.*

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