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A Message from Dean Foster, Headmaster

GENERAL PROLOGUE

When in April the sweet showers fall
And pierce the drought of March to the root, and all
The veins are bathed in liquor of such power
As brings about the engendering of the flower
-A modern translation by Neville Coghill

In deference to the spring season here at Hoosac I decided to begin the first Chapel of the third trimester by reciting the prologue to *The Canterbury Tales*. Now, I only read lines 1-18 and ironically the reading required but a skim as I still have the lines memorized from my high school days. Mrs. McNally had my entire English class perform, what seemed at the time, an awful right of passage. I now realize what a great gift she gave me those 30 years ago.

This recitation is especially appropriate in the academic world as April is poetry month. While that is a great

reason to share Chaucer's work, the best reason is that the signs described in the lines above not only accurately depict the natural world here at Hoosac, they are also equally descriptive, in a metaphoric way, of the growth of the school.

The "liquor of such power" is the support of all who love Hoosac, both in thought and deed and "the engendering of the flower" is indicative of the growth that you will see described in the pages that follow.

As you read this issue of Hoosac Today you will be delighted with tales from the past and updates on your friends and classmates, but you will also learn about all the new things that are happening here on campus. So with that, dive in, relive the past and see what the future holds, and by all means, stay in touch!

Deus Regit.

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A Fantastic Opportunity to Explore

by Jana Apostolakis '19

As I get ready to depart my home away from home, I have had the opportunity to reflect on my times here at Hoosac. My first year was more than merely a blessing, it was fate. I finally felt accepted, wanted, and most importantly, loved. I knew this was where I belonged. Hoosac welcomed me into its warm embrace to find out who I really wanted to be. My first year went well, as I aced all my courses with the help of the dedicated teachers I worked with. The summer came, and I found myself longing to be at Hoosac with everyone I had come to love.

My junior year was full of hardships, but it wasn't anything I couldn't handle with support from the community. Although the school was challenging, I made incredible friendships that will last forever. I wouldn't have met my best friend if it weren't for Hoosac. I finished off my second year stronger than ever, ready for the final year of high school.

As I complete my senior year, I have had the opportunity to impact others and tell them what I've learned from my time here: Hoosac gave me the fantastic opportunity to explore who I am, discover other cultures and religions,



and understand who I really want to be. Because of the incredible diversity here at Hoosac, everyone comes from different backgrounds, experiences, and values. It was eye-opening to see the world from other perspectives. I was astounded at the differences I shared with students who I thought were similar to me.

Hoosac taught me to treat others how they want to be treated, and how to be compassionate. Though my time here is nearly up, I hope to share one lesson that I learned at Hoosac: life will always be full of obstacles, but it's up to you to find support in those who believe in you to truly conquer and grow.



Left: Jana has had solos in three Boar's Head and Yule Log Performances. Above: Jana (center) surrounded by some of her fellow prefects.

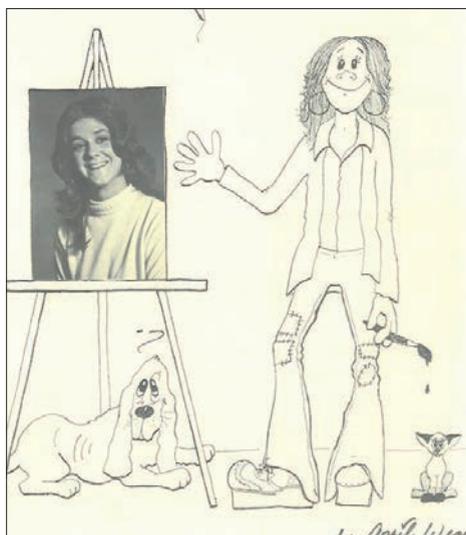
Hoosac's First Girls

April Weaver Salyers '74

I came to Hoosac as a senior in 1973 at age 17. Honestly, the decision was one that my parents, made but I didn't object. All of the girls had to commute. My commute was about about 10-15 miles. I can remember getting a flat tire on the way home and (because there were no cell phones) I drove the car all the way home with a flat tire and trashed the axle completely. I still haven't lived that one down.

I have fond memories of Hoosac. The faculty and students were very accepting despite a difference in class – my family being a typical middle class family. In the 70s the distinction between the affluent and the non-affluent families was most likely more distinct. But I never felt like I had less potential being female or being middle class.

I knew that the other girls and I were changing history by being the first



females at an all boys' prep school but, at the time, I was too young to really understand how innovative it was.

I was honored to have played the part of Mary (the mother of Jesus) in the Boar's Head & Yule Log Christmas Pageant. I also felt very encouraged by my art and Spanish teacher, Mr. Tristani, to pursue art. He was my greatest encourager. I was asked to illustrate the 1974 yearbook. Another honor.

In 1975 I developed a serious illness and a few years later had several family

tragedies that prevented me from finishing college. I learned the trade of "typesetting" and was able to work in pre-publishing for many years.

In the early 1980s I moved from Vermont to Northern Kentucky to be closer to family. I met my husband Frank in 1983 and was married in 1984. His spirituality, wit, and great guitar playing won my heart. In 1987 we had our daughter Phoebe, who is studying nursing at Northern Kentucky University. My son Paul was born in 1991. He is quite the artist and studied art for a few years, but has recently decided to take a break.

Hoosac School has gave me a unique glimpse into an unfamiliar world that I didn't know much of then. In the 70s it was a breathtaking campus full of old wealth, rich tradition, and religion. I remember the ancient chapel and the services we had there with Father Cannon. And celebrations like the Yule Log Pageant felt like being a part of a timeless tradition.

Although I spent only one year at Hoosac School I feel like that time has truly enriched my life. It was an honor to have graduated from there. The book awards that I received at graduation are treasured.

I've not achieved any great notoriety or financial success but I do know that at one point in my life, almost 40-something years ago, a group of people believed that I had the potential to achieve whatever I wanted to achieve. I am thankful to have had Hoosac School as part of my life.

I currently live on a mini farm in southeastern Ohio with my husband. I am the Director of Electronic Media and Book Sales at Harvey Whitney Books, Co. I still do some art pieces when I can find time. Frank and I both look forward to retirement soon. I am truly happy.

Above: April's page in the 1974 Hoosac yearbook. Right: April volunteers with Bright Horizons, helping children with disabilities take therapeutic horseback riding lessons.



Arrived in the 1970s

Jan Hadwen Hubbell '74

Jan's feature length screenplay, *The Perfect Gentleman*, has won five awards, including the L.A. Film Festival for Best

Comedy. She has co-authored another film, *The Devil at Yale*, with best-selling writer, Clifford Irving.

She is featured in *A Democracy of Poets*, a finalist in the Colorado Book Awards. She has won two Academy of American Poets Awards. Her poems appear regularly in *The Aspen Daily News*, and *Sugar Mule*. In addition, she has written two novels. Her story, "The Guilty Go First" was published in *City Primeval*. For many years, Ms. Hubbell worked on Wall Street as a business writer and more recently was an English professor teaching both fiction and poetry writing at Colorado Mountain College in Aspen. At the same time, she became a professional ski instructor at Aspen Skiing Company where she taught for eight years.

Her articles have appeared in *Elevated Luxury Life*, *Institutional Investor*, and *Risk Management* magazines. After graduating from Bennington College with a BA where she studied with Bernard Malamud, Jan went on to receive an MFA in fiction from the Iowa Writers Workshop.

She is an avid tennis player, having entered and won several USTA tournaments in both singles and doubles. She has two grown daughters and lives with her husband of 33 years in Aspen, Colorado.



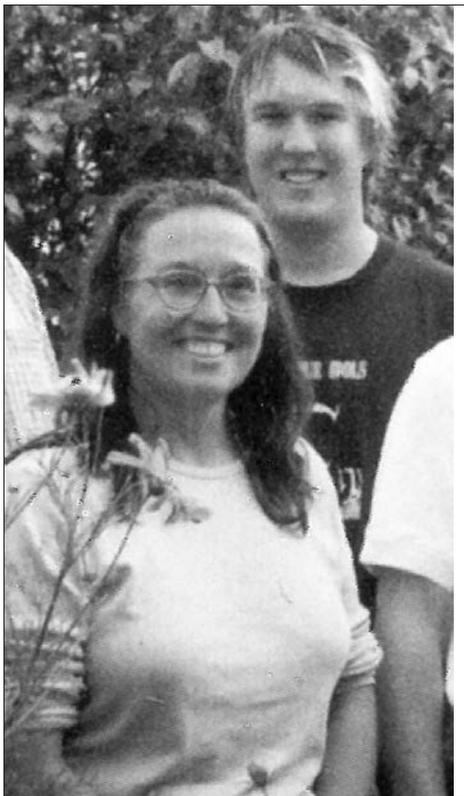
Top left: A recent photo of Jan. Top right: Jan on the cross country team. Above: The Class of '74 at their reunion during Hoosac's 125th anniversary. Jan is in the first row, fourth from the left.

The '70s ...

Brooke Hadwen '75



Brooke '75 and Jan '74 Hadwen on the tennis team.



Brooke and her son, Drew Ransom, in 2002. He graduated from Hoosac 29 years later, in 2004.

Ah, the first women at Hoosac – man, that was a long time ago.

I was at Hoosac starting the fall of 1972 when I was a sophomore. There were four of us, Maureen Thompson, a senior, Libby Towne, my sister Jan, both juniors, and me.

I was the only female in my class for the first year. My sister and I carpooled everyday with several other male students from Bennington. A few more females attended in 1973.

After a period of adjustment we were all pretty well accepted. I had been popular my freshman year at Mt. Anthony Union High School in Bennington so stepping into the world at Hoosac was an adjustment for me. There were 300 kids in my freshman class in Bennington, (and I was class president), and 30 kids in my sophomore class at Hoosac. Because of its small size, everyone would get to know everyone else at Hoosac.

I played rec soccer, rec hockey, and

tennis. We participated, in those great costumes, and added female voices to the Yule Log.

I remember the first “girls' room” was the downstairs bathroom in Tibbits. I guess because there was an upholstered bench in there. This was great because it was central. We played chess between classes in the library room just off the main hall there, next to the girls' room. It was open and had long tables with chess boards set up. I remember playing hockey in the basement near the Tuck Shop and sweeping the floors of the Tibbits classrooms for “workjob.” Hoosac enlarged my world in many ways.

I ended up graduating from Dana Hall School in 1975, and from Bennington College in 1981. I have been living in Burlington, VT since then. I have been an entrepreneur, starting a retail business, HowdyWear, on the ChurchStreet Marketplace in Burlington for 12 years. I completed a mediation program at Woodbury College in 1999 and began to work as a mediator for the City of Burlington at the Burlington Police Department. I provided mediation options for those in conflict and helped to problem solve neighborhood issues that affected the quality of life in Burlington neighborhoods.

I obtained my Master's in Mental Health counseling in 2008 and have been in private practice since 2014. I have a diverse practice, however, I am mostly involved with the criminal justice system.

I have one son, Drew Ransom, who graduated from Hoosac in 2004.

(P.S. playing hockey in the basement of Tibbits - now that's something to imagine!)

... Making History

After Hoosac, I went to Oberlin Conservatory. I did a double major in piano performance and music history. I met my husband there, and after graduating in 1978, we traveled to the west coast for "one year."

We got busy respectively with woodworking and piano, and grew a family. We are very blessed that, after college and establishing themselves in their careers, both our kids have returned to live in Ashland with their families. Our daughter has two sons, and our son has two daughters! Now we are busy grandparents.

Ashland is famous for its Oregon Shakespeare Festival. I performed in a trio of early music there for one production, many years ago.

I won a Young Artist competition, back in the day, and played a Chopin Concerto with a California Symphony. I also performed a Mozart Concerto for a short tour with the Palo Alto Chamber Orchestra. I have given 30+ years of solo recitals, including about ten years of solely championing the piano repertoire of Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel, culminating in an invitation to Germany to perform at the Mendelssohn Museum in Leipzig.

After turning 50 and becoming a grandma, I wanted to have a more spontaneous schedule. I let up on all the memory work that soloing entails, and continue to play for private events.

I was choir director for an Eastern Orthodox Church for 20+ years. I have taught privately for 40+ years, and I accompany Eurythmy Classes at a local Waldorf School. Thanks to my grandson, who is becoming a fine trumpet player, I also find myself accompanying several young brass students for competitions and festivals.

Maureen Thompson Phillips '73



Top: Maureen at home in Ashland.
Left and Above: pictures of Maureen in The Owl.

The '70s ...

Lisa Hughes '78

I was at Hoosac for my IIIrd and IVth Form years, and during those years, I was the only girl in the class of '78. I'm not sure if there were girls in the class of '78 for their 5th and 6th Form years.

My brother Brett was Hoosac class of '77, and he also went for IIIrd and IVth Form years.

From Hoosac, I went to Andover for two years and graduated from there. My heart stayed at Hoosac, but it was the right move for me at the time.

I'm now a CPA in Burlington working in private industry.

For me, being at Hoosac during those years was like having 60 brothers. I've maintained many of my friendships with Hoosac boys (and made new friends from other eras as well).

There was certainly some resistance to Hoosac going co-ed, and it didn't happen quickly. When I was head of Alumni Council, one alumnus said "Well, you're the first Hoosac girl I've ever met." I always hoped that he didn't regret that Hoosac had made the change!

Ashton Crosby was my Headmaster, and he was always welcoming and encouraging. At my admissions interview, he made a point of discussing the gender imbalance to be sure I knew what I was getting myself into.

In fact, in my second year, when my carpool partner Jay Emmet '78 decided to live on campus for the winter trimester, Ashton and his wife Maud invited me to live with them at the Home Farm.

It was quite a unique adventure and one that I wouldn't trade for a more traditional educational experience.



Lisa Hughes, then and now, and at a reunion with Kevin McGuire '76

... Changing History

Julia Butkas '76



Julia and some of her tile work.



I enrolled as a day student at Hoosac School back in 1975 because of my interest in creative writing and visual arts. I was also looking for a school that had a more ecumenical view, to which Ashton Crosby responded "Yes, we have a broader view here and you'll be meeting students from all over the world." I was sold and stayed two years.

At Hoosac, my interest in writing was nurtured by Mr. Gilbert who critiqued and praised the biography I wrote about my parents. I also had a great teacher for art - Judy Meneely. Both these teachers provided helpful commentary about gender dynamics as I was the only girl in a classroom of adolescent boys. Their frank approach was good for conscience raising! My education at Hoosac was a process of developing a thinking-reading-writing mind. Serendipity. I was able to pursue other interests too.

Looking back, I think that was very important. I went on to Bard College, but due to a family illness transferred to and graduated from Russell Sage.

Professionally, I pursued my interest in the arts and apprenticed with David Gil at Bennington Potters. I also worked at Mackenzie-Childs developing ceramic product and then returned to Bennington Potters in 2003, after David Gil's death, taking over design and development there for several years. In 2014 I started my own business "doing what I want to do, so I am happy." I now design tile for countertops, work as a design consultant, still helping Bennington Potters, and have my own ceramic studio in Bennington, VT.



"The fern tile and the native species wild flowers are intended to be wildlife commemoratives which I want to use to promote causes for the protection of the environment."

Honoring

Editor's Note: Mary lives near Hoosac on Fox Hollow Road in Hoosick. She is enjoying retirement with family nearby, and regularly attends The Boar's Head & Yule Log pageant.

Mary Smith was a vital part of Hoosac School for many years before I was a student, as well as during my time there. During my four years at Hoosac I got to know Mary and her family. I learned that her devotion to her community, family, and God, was a crucial part of who Mary Smith was as a person. Mary ran the kitchen and the dish room as a well-working machine through all the different meals and events that Hoosac encountered over the years with grace and humility.

- Gregory Banks '92

Mary was one of the best cooks whose food I had the pleasure of enjoying. What I love to remember about her was that she would always let me have a cookie or two before noon lunch, fresh out of the oven. I loved stopping by the kitchen. Molasses was my favorite.

-Anthony (Mazzola) LoBue '90

Right: Mary Smith, former head chef.

Below left: Still friends after all these years, Mary and Claudia Lohnes worked side-by-side in the Hoosac kitchen.

Below right: Claudia, Seth Gottesman '92, Josh "Speedy" Timm '92, Billy Claude '92, and Mary at a recent reunion.



Mary Smith

Oh, Mary Smith. Hearing her name brings a smile to my face... Great lady and family!

I will always remember her and how she affected my life and all who spent time at Hoosac when she was there.

Mary was one of the first people I met while touring Hoosac in the late 1980s. She offered a warm welcome with a genuine smile and laugh and hug to go with it.

We got along from the start of my time at Hoosac as I was good around a kitchen, and dishes were another strong suit of mine so naturally I would spend a bit of time with her.

Mary, coming from a local farm family had plenty of experience in cooking, cleaning, and caring for many – this made her a great asset to Hoosac!

She would provide kids with what their mothers would at home, such as warm meals with dessert, an ear to listen to

your problems, and a word of advice and wisdom!

She has that loud, full laugh that brings a smile even during the tough days. She would stop what she was doing because she was more concerned and interested in what was going on with you.

I was able to see this from the perspective of a student as well as a co-worker in the kitchen and dish room.

She also took the traditions of Hoosac as well as all the rising sports and activities of the school into her life and instilled them into the students. She

prepared the picnics, food, and drinks for all the activities as well as having a warm meal when we would come in late for dinner during ski season. During the Yule log season, she made certain everyone had their taste of the Boar and even finally got me! So many stories and warm memories.

All who know Mary as their Hoosac mom or their Hoosac Boss or simply had her in their lives at Hoosac will have many great memories and a warm place in their hearts for her as I do!

- Kevin Backus '90



Always one to pitch in, Kevin is shown in the dish room, volunteering during a reunion.

Getting “Outta Bed” And Being Ready for Life

José Gómez Biamón '90

Getting up early in the mornings with diligence is something that I credit to my education at Hoosac School. A habit sometimes overlooked as banal became fundamental while staying at Lavino dorm under the care and guidance of Mr. Lomuscio.

When I was 14 years old my parents decided that it would be in my best interest to study at Hoosac School. During that time, I was having difficulties in school; my parents were recently divorced and starting new families, so a solution for them was a boarding school. Academically I was smart, but something with me and school did not click; hence, I was not what you would call a good student. After Hoosac, it all changed for the better.

Living at Lavino and being the waiter at Mr. Lomuscio’s table seemed cool during that time. It was really nice to live at Lavino because some liberties were given, in comparison to other dorms. There was an unspoken rule to lay low and make the effort needed to do well. Not everybody followed the rules and because of that a vacancy had opened up, the opportunity was given to me and I gladly accepted with enthusiasm. My first morning at Lavino was unforgettable.

Mr. Lomuscio came down the hall carrying a large megaphone with a rumbustious alarm and flashing lights. Then he started to say several times “Jose, get outta bed!” I could not believe that he was signaling me out.

That day I got out of bed half asleep, washed up, dressed, and got to my daily chores. The second day, again to my bewilderment the same megaphone and Mr. L. uttering that phrase, “Jose, get outta bed!” Again, I got up half asleep; and as I recall, it was on a Friday morning. In the showers, some dorm mates asked me kindly to please get outta bed early because Mr. L. would not stop using the megaphone during the weekend. At that point, I got the message.

On the third day, Mr. L. came down with the megaphone and the lights turned on, no sirens and no sound. I was up, had made my bed, and was half dressed when he showed up in my room. Since that day, I have always made the effort of getting outta bed with enthusiasm and a sense of urgency to tackle my daily chores.

Another Hoosac morning tradition



MyTime at Hoosac

that I can never forget and that has certainly influenced me in a positive way was going to chapel at dawn, to listen to announcements and to sing hymns. So, I became a morning person. Getting up early helped me a great deal while at University. I used to enroll in the first courses during the morning of my History major, sometimes to the surprise of my friends. Getting credits done early in the morning availed me finishing my B.A. as soon as possible.

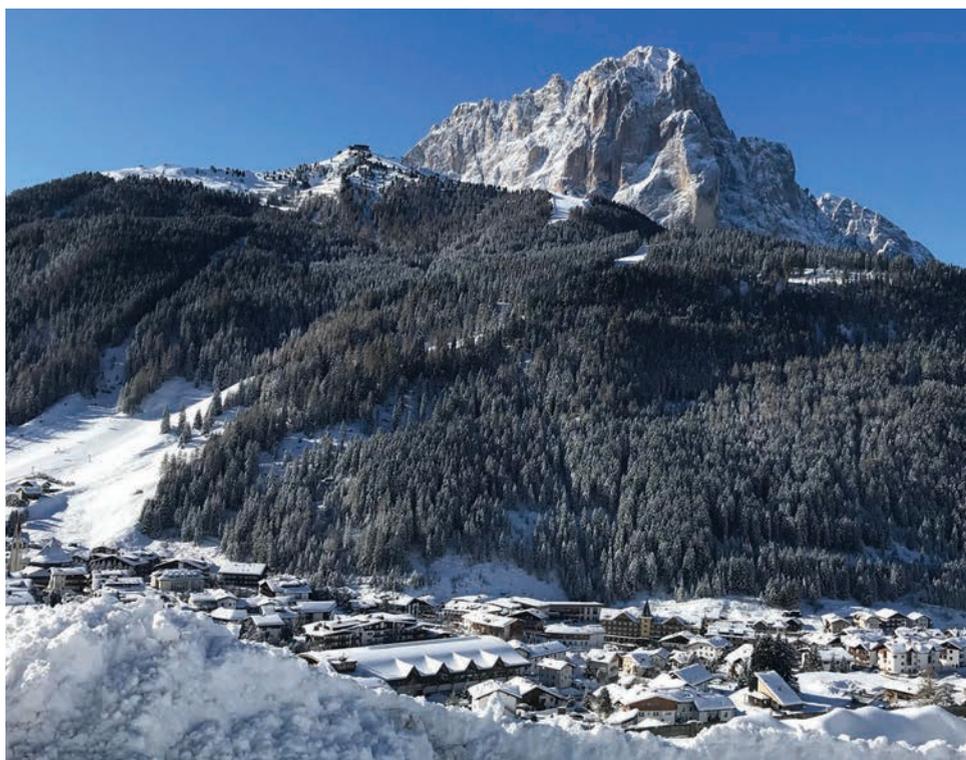
Actually, I enjoyed getting early to classes, there were fewer people and there is something about being ready at daybreak that really makes a difference. Afterward, I learned the subtle beauty of going surfing in the so-called dawn patrol and getting the best waves to myself

without the hassles of a crowded lineup.

On another phase of my life, working for a living, I found it very useful getting early to the office. It made my day more productive, with all the energy of the morning and with the calmness of an empty place of work. Some people in human resources may argue against the idea of getting early to the office, but in my experience getting outta bed and being ready for the day made a great difference in putting forth the effort. It is like starting the day with the right foot forward.

It was not always easy to get outta bed and I guess it still is not. Some days are harder than others, but in the back of my mind, I am convinced it pays off. This started for me making by my bed at Hoosac School.

José Gómez Biamón was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico in 1972. He currently resides with his wife, soprano singer Erika Mussner, and their two children, Joselin and Matias, in a village in the Dolomite Mountains, province of Trentino / Alto Adige / Südtirol, Italy. He practices law in the European Union, is a journalist, and also conducts research on history and law. His highest academic degrees are: Juris Doctor (1998), Master of Law (2010) and Philosophy Doctor (History), ABD (2014). Link to his house (www.villasolinda.com) and the ski resort <https://www.valgardena.it/en/>



José's villa (Villa Solinda) in the Italian Dolomite mountains.

Far Left: *José and his family at Tibbits Hall during a Hoosac visit.*

Left: *On a hike in their mountains. Above: The ski resort village - Selva Val Gardena*

A Three-Day Symposium in 1994

by Josh Troy '96



Josh in 1996. After Hoosac, Josh went on to Jacksonville University in Florida where he majored in Communications.

As a sophomore at age 15 at Hoosac School, we had our annual three-day symposium. We would take a break from classes, sign up for a three-day course and learn about that topic. I signed up for the class on JFK's assassination with Mr. Jason Wright and Mr. Burns. It was very enlightening, but I came out of our symposium knowing the case may not have been solved. I well remember one student asking if, at the time of the course in February 1994, it was possible the killer was still walking the streets.

We were told that could be the case. They showed us the picture of Lyndon Baines Johnson being sworn in as the 36th president of the United States with Jackie Kennedy standing right next to him. It was pointed out that LBJ and someone else were winking at each other during that time. It was the first time I heard anyone suspected LBJ was behind the assassination. We also watched the movie "JFK," which dealt with events leading up to the assassination and potential cover-ups.

I have heard so many theories through the years. The Warren Commission that investigated the assassination has come into question. There have been theories of multiple gunmen. Some believe Oswald acted alone, others feel he was one of many and there are those who say he took the fall for something he did not do. Of course, we'll never know because Jack Ruby killed Oswald two days after Kennedy's assassination. A select few of the conspiracy theories I have found online involve the city of New Orleans, the CIA, a shadow government, the military-industrial complex

and even the Secret Service. All this shows, for all the time and effort people have put into finding out what happened with investigations, documentaries, lessons in school and much more, we are still at square one. That is a shame on so many levels.

Bob Burns, Hoosac's then Director of Studies, wrote in 1998, "The Annual Winter Symposium offers teachers a chance to do something different in an area of their own interest or expertise."

I doubt we will ever know the unquestioned truth of what happened to President Kennedy at Dealey Plaza in Dallas on Nov. 22, 1963, but I do hope we can learn from what has happened and handle crises better in the future. It will be easier nowadays with people videoing and taking photos of events with their cell phones. Chances are, today, if we missed something that took place the way it did 55 years ago, someone would have that photo or video and it would circulate all over social media in a hurry.



Josh on the job as a newspaperman in a recent photograph.

A deeper investigation when the crime happened would have prevented all of these questions today.

Many Americans are more confused than ever about what took place on that fateful day in Dallas in 1963. That is especially true for those of us — like me — who were born long after JFK's life was taken prematurely. We can look at JFK's assassination as a lesson on how important it is for our leaders to be honest and put others first. If that happens, JFK's assassination may remain unsolved, but it will not go in vain.

I'll close with a JFK quote we should always remember, "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Josh Troy is the managing editor of The Clarksdale Press Register in Clarksdale, MS.

Admissions Around the World

Thirty-One Countries and Counting

by Ryan Grant, Director of Admission



Over the last three years, Hoosac School has steadily become one of the most diverse high schools in all of New York State. In the Fall 2017 issue of Hoosac Today, we noted that we had students attending our wonderful school from a total of 18 countries. As it stands today, our student body has exploded to the tune of 31 different countries! Kids are literally journeying from all over the world to learn from the faculty at Hoosac School.

Just a few days ago while sitting at the lunch table, it dawned on me that I was having a conversation about family recipes with Antonio who is from Italy, Eyob from Ethiopia, Selin from Turkey, Taka from Japan, Eduardo from Brazil, Melod from Tajikistan, and Samantha from... wait for it...California. Where else on earth would I ever have such an opportunity?

Here I am, the educator, being taught by a 16 year-old about traditions specific only to Hangzhou – the capital of China's Zhejiang province. Did you know that West Lake, a body of water celebrated by poets and artists dating back to the 9th century, includes on its south bank a five-story, eight-sided Leifeng Pagoda? It was constructed in the year 975 AD, but collapsed in 1924 and was rebuilt in the 2000s. Seriously, how cool?

Every single day I am reminded that education is not limited to the classroom at Hoosac School.



Top: Ryan Grant at a recruitment event in China. Above: Mr. Grant enjoys his frequent conversations with students from all corners of the world, many of which take place in the Dining Hall. Here he is with (clockwise from left) Seth Robinson '20, Ezra Gale '22, Jaimee Phelps'19, Haozheng Jiang'21, Mingrun Li '21, and Yan Marco Rosado '19.

SPOTLIGHT

Boys AAA Basketball



Hoosac's AAA Basketball Team

Competing for the first time in NEPSAC AAA Basketball, the Owls surprised everyone with some stunning performances. Hoosac was the only school in the nation to defeat both the 2019 NEPSAC Champions Northfield Mount Hermon and the National Champions Brewster Academy in the regular season. AAA is the most competitive basketball in Prep School and this league regularly produces the national championship winner.

Four boys from our Varsity AAA Basketball team have received twenty-four D-1 college scholarship offers. Four Hoosac graduates will be playing D-1 next season at Marshall University(2), Austin Peay, and George Washington University.



Above: Coaches stand with Goran Miladinovic '19, as he signs on to play D-1 basketball at Marshall University. Right: Pavle Djurisc '19 and Seny Ndiaye '20 reach for a rebound. Far right, top: Pavle dribbles the ball while running top speed towards the basket. Far right, bottom: Marko Sarenac '19 guards an opposing team player.



ON SPORTS

Girls Hockey

Senior night against Millbrook featured senior goaltender, Maddy Morgan, with an incredible 64 saves.

Maddy will be netminder at Becker College for the Becker Hawks of the Colonial Hockey Conference next season. She plans to major in Veterinary Science.

Samantha Rodriguez '19 will be on the ice at Anna Maria College in Paxton, MA.

Junior Emma McGuane had a hat trick performance, including a short-handed goal, in Hoosac's victory over North Yarmouth Academy. She will return for her senior year.

Barbora Machalova '20, has 26 goals in her two seasons at Hoosac. Barbora is also a member of the Czech Republic U18 National Team, and was awarded Player of the Game in her team's victory over Finland in the 2018 World Championships.



Maddy Morgan in goal.



Left to right: Coach Taylor "Mac" Purvis, Samantha Rodriguez, and Coach Bill Ward.



Emma McGuane '20 (#7) goes for the puck.



Right wing Angela Rodriguez '20.

HOOSAC GOES TO COLLEGE

Seven girls from the Class of 2018 have gone on to play ice hockey at the college level.



Sara Cruise is at SUNY Oswego and was honored by the Northeast Women's Hockey League as one of seven players named to the conferences All-Rookie Team.

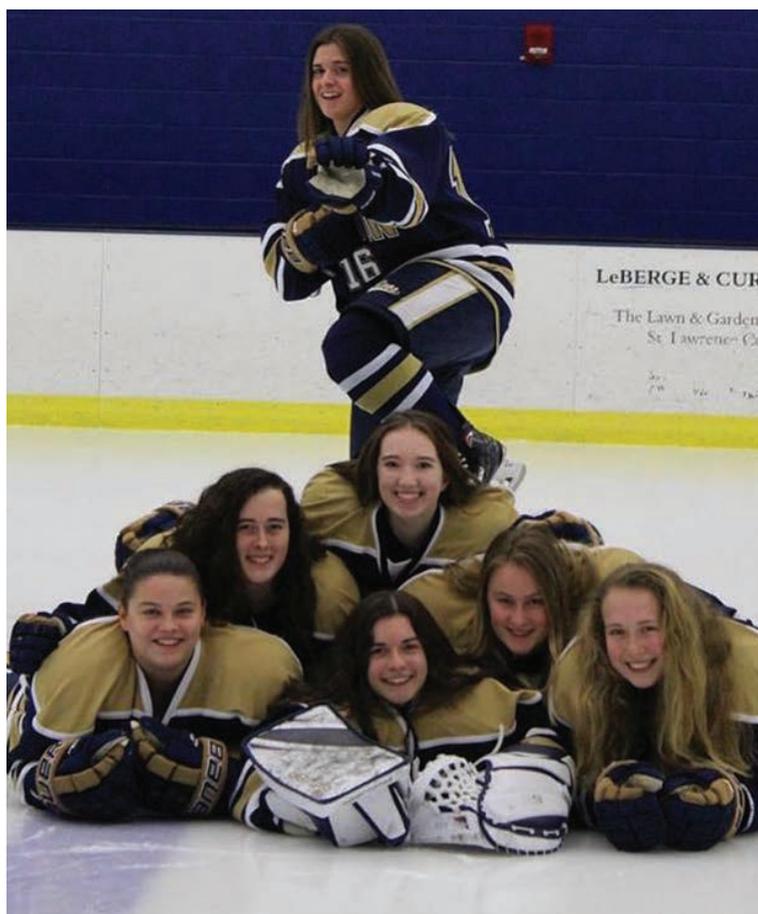
Jayde Dukette is at SUNY Canton. She entered the ROTC Program while fully committing to the Women's Hockey Team.

Elizabeth Gaudreau is at Stevenson University where she earned a spot on the 2018 Middle Atlantic Conference Academic Honor Roll. She is a dual-sport athlete, competing in both soccer and hockey.

Kiersten Konrardy is at SUNY Cortland where she entered the AFROTC Program while working as a full-time student athlete.

Nicole Longboat and **Alexa Rango** are at Wilkes-Barre University. Alexa was named MAC Women's Hockey defensive player of the week in December.

Makenna Murphy is at SUNY Buffalo State. She is pursuing both hockey and lacrosse.



Top Left: Alexa Rango and Sara Cruise played against each other for their respective colleges. Middle Left: Elizabeth Gaudreau. Bottom Left: Kiersten Konrardy in Cortland colors. Above: Jayde Dukette has fun on the ice with her team.

ATHLETES AND EDUCATION

Men's Hockey Alums are burning up the ice in college hockey.

Playing ACDA D1 Hockey:

Alex Demin '17 - Arizona State University.

Playing ACHA D2 Hockey:

Daniel Miller '18 - Alvernia University.

Alex Lusignan '17 and **Cullen Gustafson '17** - Keene State.

Jorai Bart '17 - Lawrence Technological University.

Playing NCAA D3 Hockey:

Patrick McGuane '18 - Anna Maria College,

Luca Ragosta '18 and **Olivier Lacroix '18** - Salem State University.



Alex Demin '17 skating for Arizona State.

On the College Basketball Court



Unique McLean '16 went on to UMass Amherst with a D1 Basketball scholarship. The UMass guard is leaving as a graduate transfer with two years of eligibility.



Jorai Bart '17 has played Junior Hockey for two years and has now signed to play for Lawrence Tech in Michigan.

Five Empty Vessels, Five Eager Classes

by Michelle Gocio, Science Faculty



Have you ever watched *Chopped* and been amazed at how chefs create the most appealing dishes out of leftovers? As a teacher, I feel that my colleagues and I frequently star in an educational version of the famous show. Just like the up-and-coming chefs, we teachers enjoy the challenge of creating something new from something old, unique, or

discarded. Since creativity is hallmarkd as one of the key indicators to future success, inspiring student passion for creative re-use is not only sustainable and fiscally responsible, it is also a developmentally sound objective.

Recently, I found five aquariums "floating around" in a storage space. The aquariums appeared to have never

been used, but were missing any sort of top or typical aquarium equipment (I was secretly relieved that setting up five working aquariums did not seem to be the best use for these vessels.) After asking around, it seemed that none of my peers knew about, or needed, these "found objects".

Hmmmm, five empty aquariums, five classes, and one greenhouse full of recent cuttings, coupled with a recent lesson on ecosystems...and thus the "terrarium challenge" was born.

Students in all five classes were given two weeks to elect their captain(s), hand in their terrarium design concepts, provide their shopping lists and begin work. After 50 students googled the word "terrarium," (which also meant learning how to spell it) and then translated it into at least six languages, the teams were ready to begin! As with any group project, the initial progress was slow, occasionally reluctant, and often plagued with the usual difficulties in obtaining consensus and getting things moving. For some odd reason,





The results from Ms. Gocio's Terrarium Competition are in! First place goes to AP Biology for their creation of *The Hollywood Hills!* Honors Chemistry took second place with *The Whitehouse*, while third place was awarded to Chemistry Section E for their *Hoosac Hockey* design. All three are now being used as miniature greenhouses!

Left and above: *Simon Delden, Ciara Tonic, and Madeline Morgan (all V1th formers) and V1th former Aleksa Stefanovic* play close attention to the details of their terrarium design.

the lure of soundly thumping the other classes in a terrarium competition just did not seem to hold as much attraction as say, defeating our top rival for the conference championship. Can you imagine?

Gradually, after constant reminders and veiled (and not so veiled) threats of scholastic consequences, the students, fearing for their grade points, kicked it into high gear. With gracious support from Ms. Alter, who encouraged her ceramics students to incorporate the terrarium project into their ceramic work, some classes expanded their initial design to include hand-made ceramic pieces, while others labored over complicated models using other materials.

Over the ensuing weeks, I began to see improved communication, leadership, and collaboration. I also began to see increasingly complex designs forming, which required teams to leverage the diverse skills and talents of the individual team members. I saw the artists designing, the mathematicians measuring, the engineers building, and

the team spirit booming!

I have to say that my heart swelled when overhearing students make comments, such as "This is the most fun I have had with a Hoosac class project," and "I can't believe we made this!"

As their teacher, I can only say that at the onset of my fiscally responsible project, I had no idea how much creativity, leadership growth, and knowledge would eventually fill five empty aquariums.

Plutarch once wrote, "The mind is not a vessel to be filled but a fire to be kindled." Observing how the minds of my students were kindled by filling five empty vessels only brings these words to life.

As I watch my final class put the finishing touches on their project prior to judging, my attention is deflected by three large sturdy plastic cylinders standing in my classroom. I have asked around, nobody knows.....hmmmmm.



HIP HIP

Tibbits Hall doors opened once again for a reception to honor Headmaster Emeritus Richard Lomuscio, Hoosac alumna Elizabeth Beers '88, and faculty member of 30 years, Coach Michael Ryan. Good conversation, hors d'oeuvres by Sage, an expertly tended bar by Ross Thomson '94, and a piano piece by Mr. Daft set the stage for the 2019 Bleeze Banquet. Last call! Grab your coat and off to Memorial Hall.

Dining hall tables were arranged in the formation of a cross with VI Form seated far away from administrators and guests at the head! After a prayer of thanks our guests were formally introduced. On to a treat of musical performances: a piano selection by Jianyin Yang '19, an Icelandic guitar piece by Andrew Crawford '20, a vocal selection by Michelle Sze '19, and the finale - our very own Mr. Christopher Uhl on piano with Leah Magee '19 on violin performing Concerto no. 5, Movement 1 by Seitz.

The prime rib meal to follow received the much-valued compliments of Mr. Lomuscio. 'Twas a genteel air during dinner, with gleaming attire, conversations, and pictures. At last, it was time for the Friday night Bleeze speaker.

Elizabeth Beers '88 gladly accepted the honor of introducing the Headmaster of her Hoosac years. "I was a student here in the 80s", she said, "and I liked it so much I sent my own daughter here. One of the best things about my time here was my favorite teacher of all time – the mentor of all mentors and a family that Hoosac needs to lend its ear to, because the Lomuscio family has given their lives to this school. So we need to honor them, respect them, and listen to what they have to say because their words of wisdom you'll not get anywhere else. I present to you Mr. Richard Lomuscio."



Sherri, Bleeze Banquet speaker and former Headmaster Richard Lomuscio, and current Headmaster Dean Foster.

His intriguing and captivating style best described by Ms. Beers in the Alumni Owlet Vol.2, "Mr. L" took the podium as he had for some 40 years past. His distinctive manner of speech prevailing, he began. "Good evening. It's a real treat to be back here. I can see students who have been long gone in the faces of students who are here now. Everyone gets recycled! That's what happens! I guess it's a sign of getting older. Over the 40 or so years I've probably sat through 1,000 Friday Night Lectures. I used to ask students 'what was the best one?' It was always the shortest!

I'm here to speak about Mike Ryan and I'm pleased to do that. I was down at the gym today and saw the Mike Ryan Court dedicated to him – a very wise thing to do as Mike Ryan marks 30 years at Hoosac. I first met him when he was 14 years old. One of the things I remember about him was that he was obsessed with sports, even at the age of 14. All through that association with Mike I noticed that he really loved sports, particularly baseball and basketball. He was a skilled player,

particularly in baseball, and that's what got him an opportunity to try out for the METS. He eventually went off to college in MD. He came back to Shelter Island – that's when I saw him in action. He was my son's Little League coach (my son is now Chairman of the Board) and he was also your Headmaster's coach. I tried to go to every home game and watch these kids play. Although he was focused on sports, he took the time to deal with each kid. A good coach knows how to take care of the ones who don't have the high skills. They work with sportsmanship so all the kids can have a good time.

After 1976 when Coach Dickie retired, there was a kind of hiatus in the athletic department - not much went on. Donn Wright was trying to figure out what could be done about that: "Where are we gonna find somebody who is going to stay with the athletic program like Coach Dickie and be devoted to the school?" I told Donn I noticed this kid on Shelter Island. One thing led to another and Mike was hired and took over the athletic program. He was a superb athlete in his

HOORAY!

own right, lived in Pitt Mason and the Dickie House, and then in Hoosick Falls where he lives with his family to this day. I always liked working with Mike. He had a sense of what it was like dealing with kids and sports, which can sometimes be difficult. It's about sportsmanship, a touch that we've kept, acting like ladies and gentlemen in healthy competition, having fun. The Mike Ryan Court is now in existence and it's great to see it! I remember when that gym was first built. The architects poured this rubber floor – it was supposed to be state of the art at the time. It really wasn't! It took 30 years to get a bona fide gym floor and it's fitting that it's named for Mike Ryan. Here's to another 30 years at Hoosac!"

The Official Dedication Of The Coach Ryan Court

Mike Ryan, clearly moved, stood: "Thank you. I am so humbled... ok, one story: I wear a jacket and tie to host games and I make my coaches do this as well. But, at this one game I had my jacket and tie on, but the other coach happened to be a Chaplain and he had his collar on – and there was a call and

it went against us. This happened a few times and I turned to the referee and said 'is this because he's got a collar and I don't?' The referee gave me a technical foul! It's the last time I got a technical foul. I only got one and that was it.

A couple days later I got something in the mail. The coach from the other team sent me a collar. I wore it to the next game. I got all the calls! Thanks everybody. Thanks Mr. L."

And so our Master of Ceremony lit the Yule Log Candle and passed on its glow to every candle down the hall.



**Here's to the Alumni:
Hip Hip Hooray!**
**Here's to the Trustees:
Hip Hip Hooray!**
**Here's to the Parents:
Hip Hip Hooray!**
**Here's to the Underformers:
Hip Hip Hooray!**
**Here's to the Faculty:
Hip Hip Hooray!**
**And here's to the VI Form:
Hip Hip Hooray!**



Above: Andrew Crawford '20 plays a Icelandic melody on his guitar.

Above Left: Faculty member Peggy McLenithan with Elizabeth Beers '88, at the Bleeze Banquet reception in Tibbits Hall.

Left: Athletic Director Michael Ryan accepts a plaque for the official dedication of the Coach Ryan Court.





George Funkhouser '71 and his wife, Susan on campus at The Boar's Head and Yule Log reception.



Dean Foster and Dino Constantine '11



Above left: Dean Foster and Emily Singer Lucio '87 at this year's Washington, DC reception.



Above right: Attendees enjoy the meal at the Washington, DC alumni reception.

Right: Spencer Sussman '04, Sherri Klein, and Barbara Sussman, with Director of Admission, Ryan Grant in the back.



Gatherings & Greetings



Nick Johnson, Tina Vaccarella White, and Neal Irwin, all members of the Class of '96 with Headmaster Foster.

by Tina Vaccarella White '96

The Hoosac Reception 2019 at the Princeton Club in New York City was a magical evening. The moment I walked in, I was greeted by Headmaster Foster, who recognized me right away. This reminded me of the reasons I truly love this school. Within just a few moments I was greeted by a classmate of mine, Trustee Neal Irwin '96, who also recognized me instantly, and Nick Johnson '96, another classmate, and when we started to talk the twenty-two years that had passed seemed like only yesterday.

Again, this brings to mind the camaraderie that you feel and the strong bonds you form with these people who are your friends for life. I met some wonderful people from other years and had a chance to catch up with my former Headmaster, Richard Lomuscio. The student performances were beautiful, and we couldn't have asked for a better evening.

Hoosac will always hold a special place in my heart along with the friends I made there forever. I hope to see many more familiar faces at the next one.



Ted Juraschek '64, Kristina Johnson '91, Blair Lazar '88 and his daughter.



Nelson Aybar '94, Rashid Rondon '93 and Paul Diaz '95.

Reminiscences

by **Timothy H. Parsons '60**

I came to Hoosac because the school I had been attending became a country day school following my fourth form year (tenth grade). St. Bernard's School in Gladstone, NJ, also that year merged with Gill, a girl's school in Bernardsville, and they settled on St. Bernard's campus. The determination was obviously made that they could succeed without boarding students, and Gill St. Bernard's has been correct in that assessment regarding student potential.

I am pleased that I landed at Hoosac School. My adjustment to this new school was immediate as I found Hoosac to be characterized in part by caring, nurturing, and character. There are other qualities, to be sure, and I am convinced that founder and first headmaster, The Rev. Dr. Edward Dudley Tibbits, carefully set the tone for Hoosac that has continued throughout the 130 years of Hoosac's existence. The result has been to make this school such a special place and experience for most who have attended here. Henry Perez '76 gives voice to the special nature of Hoosac when he writes, "Hoosac was more than just a school, it was family... Hoosac was not just good for me, it was good to me. When I think about my time there, I think about the wonderful people God allowed into my life" ("Coming Back", *The Owllet, Alumni Edition*, July 2016). Amen to that.

Dr. Roger G. Cooley was headmaster during the two years that I was a student here. He was brought on to follow Fr. Meredith B. Wood who had been headmaster from 1941-1957. Dr. Cooley was an educator who was connected in the world of independent college preparatory schools, and he was exactly what Hoosac needed. The campus had just recently been moved from the original campus by All Saints' Church in Hoosick to the present location. Dr. Cooley provided stability in the new setting and a feeling of confidence. He provided academic respectability. Unfortunately, word had it that Pitt Mason of the Board of Trustees did not support Cooley's ideas regarding educational procedures so that he stayed only four years. They were pivotal years, however. I am personally indebted to Dr. Cooley as I credit him with my admission to Gettysburg College, for which I am eternally grateful.

Before I arrived at Hoosac in the Fall of 1958, I received word from Mr. Howard Delano, Sixth Form English teacher, that the summer reading assignment was *Crime and Punishment* by Fyodor Dostoyevsky, the Penguin Classics in paperback. I bought a copy and took it to the boys camp in Maine where I worked and I read it. And I loved it. When I arrived on campus, no mention was made of the summer reading project. It did not matter to me because the reading of that novel was

its own reward. The following summer the book assigned was *The Brothers Karamazov*, also by Dostoyevsky, and in two volumes. This remains the greatest novel that I have read. (Other people over the years have said the same for themselves.) Again, no mention of the summer reading was made. In Sixth Form English with Mr. Delano, we read classic Greek plays, studied Greek mythology, focused on English grammar and many other subjects of interest. Howard Delano's class was sheer delight to me and a huge help later at Gettysburg.

Fifth Form English was with Mr. Anthony Dingman. His class is memorable as we considered poetry, short stories, essays, read *Joseph Andrews* by Henry Fielding (1742), and used a book to enhance our vocabularies entitled *Word Power Made Easy*. All of these books were in paperback, and we covered a lot of ground. I am indebted to him and to Mr. Peter de Baun who taught U. S. History my Sixth Form year. In college I was a history major and think that he was a factor in that decision. The Rev. Richard Barrett was school Chaplain and teacher of theology also that year. "Daddy Bear," as he was known by some, was an inspiration for my going into the ordained ministry of the Episcopal Church, and I am grateful for his influence and friendship.

Known and loved by all at Hoosac was Mr. Harry Dickie, Superintendent of Grounds and Director of Athletics. Coach Dickie came to Bennington from Scotland when he was seventeen. He never lost his Scottish accent. He coached several sports although soccer was primary for him and the sport he knew the best. I had played soccer before but not on the level that Hoosac played soccer. We had good players and good teams. One year, Coach Dickie took Don Hunt '59, Norm Bohn '60, and Steve Grochowski '60 to Albany on weekends to play semi-pro soccer. Hunt was an exceptional goalie, Bohn could blast the ball with his long lanky legs and with skill, and Grochowski played with heart and drive. Coach would say, "Now boys, you've got to be thinking all the while," and, "Talk to each other!" out there on the field. I remember a game at Cornwall Academy that had a Spanish



Tim Parsons



The 1960 Varsity Form.

teacher refereeing and making all the calls for Cornwall and against Hoosac. At halftime, Coach said to pack it in, that we were leaving. He forfeited the game and lodged an official complaint to the Taconic Conference against the biased officiating, an act that cost us the conference championship. (Cornwall no longer exists.) Coach Dickie would sometimes come to our rooms in the evening at Tibbits just to see how we were doing. We knew that he had in mind our best interests and that of the school in everything he did. He is revered by those who knew him, for good reason.

The 1959 Varsity baseball season was unique in that Coach Dickie turned the coaching over to George "Skip" Clayton, who became a player-coach. It was, indeed, a memorable time. Skip drove the school's Ford station wagon to away games as one of our means of transportation. Our home games were played at the old school campus baseball field. We had eight wins and five losses that season. The next year, I played on the tennis team which practiced and played our home matches at Bennington College. Tom Palmer, who normally was a cut-up and jokester, on the tennis court was coolly serious, and by far our best player. Ice hockey made a comeback at Hoosac in 1959 with 17 players participating. Hockey had been long absent until then. Some of the movers and organizers were Russ Reeder, Steve "Hockey Breath" Grochowski as Co-captains, Don Hunt, Bill Areson, George Moss, Steve Lavino, and Pete Hendrickson. Practice and home games were held on Tibbits Pond.

The Dining Hall was located on first floor Tibbits Hall, as were the Library and Headmaster's Office. One evening at dinner, cream puffs were served for dessert. The student waiter placed one in front of Mr. Dingman who took a

knife and fork for its consumption. After taking a few bites, he put down the utensils, removed the top half of the cream puff, his complexion matching his Dartmouth blazer, stood, turned, and left. It seems the student dishwasher had used the spray for rinsing the dishes to knock down flies, and when he got enough, he placed them in the cream puff that was served to Dingman. The student was not expelled, although he was not allowed to return the following year. Neither did Mr. Dingman return.

A word about Tom Palmer and Hoosac: Thomas Powell Fowler Palmer was from a Manhattan Social Register family. His father, a Princeton alum, was a NYC banking executive. The family summer home was in Edgartown, Martha's Vineyard. Tom grew up in the "lap of luxury" with many advantages in life. At a school reunion one year for which he contacted many Hoosac friends to attend, Tom had us all in stitches; he had not lost his touch at humor. And in a private moment he told me that the happiest time of his life were his years at Hoosac. Quite a testimony. Tom died not long thereafter of cancer.

One final comment. Bill Areson, Norman Bohn and I were from Montclair, NJ. I have known Bill since the fourth grade when we were members of the Men and Boy's Choir of St. James' Church, Upper Montclair. We were in Sunday School and Junior High School together. (His father and uncle both went to Hoosac, and I think it was his father who roomed with Burgess Meredith back in the 1930s. Bill's father was on the Board of Trustees at Hoosac when we were there. Bill's brother Scott was the chef at Hoosac for a number of years.) I had seen Norm at a Junior High School dance and I recognized him at Hoosac when I saw him. The three of us would get together on occasion when we were home, and it was good having our Hoosac connection there as well as at school. This connection continues today.

These are some thoughts and memories—reminiscences—of and about Hoosac, all testifying in some manner to the special place that Hoosac has been to me and I am sure to so many others who have had the good fortune to have attended.

Deus regit.



Tim and his soccer teammates.

'43-'49

Class Agents, Needed.

Desmond Delacy-Bourke '48 died in March 2013. **Desmond** was born in Port Washington, New York and passed away in Milwaukie, OR at 84. A Korean War veteran, he worked for many years as a salesman.

David T. Shaffer '48 died October 26, 2015. He was a U.S. Naval Veteran, and after returning home from the service he worked as a plumber with Local #690. He lived in Philadelphia.

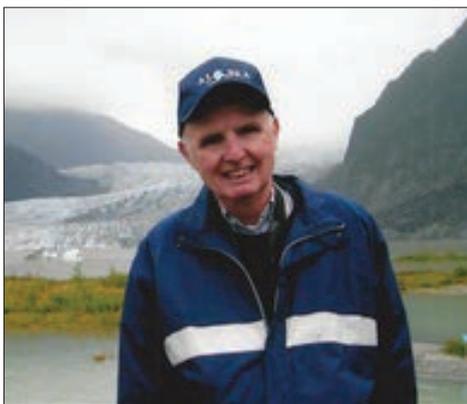
'50-'51

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David Townsend '51 passed away July 20, 2018. **David** worked for Homelite and retired from Outboard Marine. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War, and was a member of Masonic Lodge #369. **David** was a volunteer fireman, receiving a New York State Fire Training Certificate, attained his private and commercial pilot's license, and was awarded a US Patent while working for Homelite. Survivors include his wife, Patricia Sparks Townsend; son, Darin S. Townsend; daughter, Lynn H. Townsend; brother, Robert S. Townsend, and three grandchildren.

'52

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Ole Borchsenius '54

'53-'54

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Frank wrote in February, "**Andy Olmsted '52** has switched from therapy on his head to back therapy. Now 85 he is otherwise well and living in Schenectady, NY. **Andy** says, "I'm still upright – sort of!"

Hank Coolidge has graduated from helping out at the *Children's Discovery*



Hank Coolidge at the Childrens Discovery Center



James Chandler Larner '69

Center to something more appropriate to his engineering career.

Martin Payne (formerly **Kerry '53**), our medical marvel, discovered blood clots in his leg following spinal surgery while visiting a daughter in the Netherlands. It has slowed him down somewhat, and he uses a walker for "short to medium distances and a wheelchair for longer ones." It did not, however, prevent him from traveling with his other daughter through Switzerland and Italy by "rental car, train, taxi and the Bernina Express."

Closer to home, as this is being written, Sal and **Frank Bulkley** are in their motor home and enjoying heavy rain and flash flooding in Southern California. However, by the time this is printed the sun will be shining, the temps delightful, and summer back home in Reno will be on the horizon.

Hoosac learned of the passing of **Ole Borchsenius '54**. **Ole** was 77. He died Friday, August 26, 2016. He was born in Copenhagen, Denmark, September 16, 1938. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Donna Bryan Borchsenius, and by their daughter Tracy Borchsenius. **Ole**, Donna and Tracy lived in Warrensburg, New York for 36 years before Donna and **Ole** moved to Barefoot Bay, Florida. **Ole** was an Adirondack 46er who hiked and camped in the high peaks of the Adirondack Mountains in New York State. He loved to travel and visited many countries in Europe, journeyed around the United States and Canada, and did numerous cruises. Classical music was a favorite of his and he enjoyed attending concerts and shows. An avid sports fan, he especially rooted for the Red Sox, and Patriots, and the Detroit Red Wings. **Ole** was an active member of the Sebastian Lions Club and enjoyed his volunteer work at the Methodist Thrift Shop. **Ole** is survived by family members from both Barefoot Bay, upper New York State and Denmark.

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'69-'70

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James Chandler Larner '69, a longtime Concord, MA resident, died January 9, 2019 after being rushed to Emerson Hospital. He had been hospitalized since a fall on July 29, 2018, and suffered from congestive heart failure. **James** was challenged with many health issues throughout his life, and undiagnosed autism made it difficult for him



Hunting Deutsch '70 and his wife, Mary, at their home in Asheville, NC

to participate in normal social situations. He met challenges with courage and patience and always had a big smile and love of fun. He was determined to achieve an education and to work. After Hoosac, he attended Currie College and studied business administration at Bryant & Stratton in Boston. He worked at the Commercial Union in Boston, now known as One Beacon Insurance, for over 30 years before retiring. **James** was known as **Jamie** to family and friends and **Jim** to his fellow workers in the Transport Department at Emerson Hospital, where he volunteered, and then had a part-time position two nights a week for many years. **James** was an avid supporter of the Red Sox, having season tickets for decades before the Curse of the Bambino was finally lifted. His love of the Sox created a lifelong hobby of collecting baseball and other sports cards. He often bowled at the duck pin lanes at Crosby Market Center and later at the lanes in Acton at Kelly's Corner getting too good for anyone to beat him! He was an avid dog lover.

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Jim Gravitt '68 and Ken Desmond '68 in Florida where both now call home.

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Mark Henry Anderer of Naples, FL, passed away on August 10th, 2018, in Fort Myers, of complications from liver failure. He was 62.

Mark was born on February 17, 1956 in Upper Darby, PA, to Joseph Henry Anderer and Ella T'Lene Brinson. He grew up in New Canaan, CT, where he remembered happy years spent with his dog Max. He attended Hoosac School (Class of 1974) and Kenyon College (Class of 1978), where he majored in English. After a few years working towards writing the Great American Novel, **Mark** found his long-term career in the burgeoning field of computer programming. He worked at a number of firms (including OPM and Mercedes-Benz) in

the New York City area, helping set up business systems in COBOL.

Mark met Priscilla Fitzgerald and they married in 1984. Their two children, Emily and Michelle, were a source of tremendous joy to him throughout his life. After the marriage ended in 1997, **Mark** moved to Naples, FL, where he began a successful career in real estate investing, effectively navigating the turbulent markets of the housing bubble.

Mark's great loves in life were writing, rock & roll, travel, good food, and above all his two daughters. He attended concerts at virtually every tour of the Rolling Stones, and had strong opinions about unlimited shrimp buffets. He particularly enjoyed reminiscing about his spontaneous trip to the Middle East in 1974, where he observed life in Israel and Egypt, and ultimately visited Egypt again in 2010, just prior to the revolution. Throughout his travels, often with his daughters, to the Republic of Georgia, Japan, the Caribbean, and across the United States, **Mark** kept a keen curiosity for how people in different cultures navigated their lives.

In Naples, **Mark** was a long-time member of the Naples Writer's Forum, where he honed his craft at capturing the subtle details of life in his writing.

He volunteered regularly for the Collier Harvest Foundation collecting food donations, and also assisted the Red Cross with the recovery from Hurricane Katrina in Louisiana.

Mark is survived by his daughters, Emily Anderer (and Kye Lippold) of San Diego and Michelle Anderer of Atlanta; his partner, Sharon Evans; his father, Joseph Anderer; his siblings, Joe (and Noreen) Anderer of Norwalk, CT and Nancy (and John) Van Lonkhuyzen of Wolfeboro, NH; and two nephews, Ben and Sam Custin. He was preceded in death by his mother T'Lene. We will all miss his great sense of humor, his fierce independence, his deep contemplation of our world, and his passion for life.

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Brian B. Hatcher passed away in 2016. He lived in East Aurora, NY with his family.

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Brian Cafua visited in February to attend a hockey game. **Brian** and his family live in Montreal.

'03

Class Agent, Needed.

Robert "Bobcat" Fulton lives in Beverly Hills, CA with his wife, Angelie, and their two children, Vivi and Edison. Edison was born December 31, 2018 and was 7lbs. and 14 oz.

Mark Carragher and his wife, Laura, celebrated baby Connor's first year in January. They live in Canada.

'04

Class Agent, Whitney Kelly, 11 Riverview Dr., Westport, MA 02790. Email: whitneyvkv5985@aol.com

Paden Haas married Amanda Strickland in November. He is a motorcycle sales associate at Hampton Roads Harley-Davidson in Yorktown, VA.

Mat Cyr and his wife, Johanna, added baby Hugo to their family in January. They live in Anglet in Canada.

'05

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'06

Class Agent, Amanda Fleming, 2514 London St., Los Angeles, CA 90026. Email: amandamary.fleming@gmail.com

Christian Cyr spoke with Sherri Klein in January via email. He says, "I became a father for the first time. Our little girl, Évangéline Tiwana Cyr, was born on January 7th, and was the perfect birthday present for me."



Headmaster Foster greeted Brian Cafua '02

'07

Class Agent, Blake Boyer, 13 Bassett St., Taunton, MA 02780. Email: hoo-sachockey1@yahoo.com

'08-'09

Class Agents, Needed.

SeungHwan (Ryan) Shin '08 wrote in January to Sherri Klein, "Hello!! How is everything there? Happy New Year! I think of you often. I really miss the time when I was at Hoosac. A few weeks ago, **Judy Eo '09** (do you remember her?) got married and I went to her wedding. I met a lot of Hoosac Korean friends." **Judy** told Sherri that it was actually a double wedding with her brother, **Jong Sung (Johnnie) Eo '09**.

'10

Class Agent, Jed Jones, 428 Schenkar Rd., Pownal, VT 05261 Ph: 802-823-5074

'11

Class Agent, Needed.

Arian Holman is currently working for Human Rights Watch on their digital team. She has been there for three years. **Ari** lives in New York, NY.

'12

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'13-'14

Class Agents, Needed.

Geoff Cao '14 visited Hoosac with **Jal Chen '16** in November. **Geoff** is pursuing a Masters degree in engineering at Stevens Institute of Technology.

Seungbee (Sandy) Yang '14 emailed Sherri Klein in November. "One of the things that reminds me of my birthday is Hoosac's reading of names in chapel.

When I sat there four years ago on this week, I was so excited to come up to the stand and receive a pin after my name was called. At the same time, I heard so many alumni's names who had gone to Hoosac fifty years ago or more. I guess Hoosac really is continuing the history of its legacy and I'm honored to become one of them. Now all my friends who I hung out with on that campus have gone on to colleges, jobs, and other fantastic opportunities, and I'm sure that vacancy is filled with great students now. I'm currently working in a marketing firm in NYC after graduating college this May. Time really does fly fast. I hope you are staying well as I do. I miss you a lot. And I miss Hoosac memories, faculties, dining halls, Yule Log, and our little talks at your office. NYC got so warm these days and we see beautiful leaves changing their colors. As I remember, Hoosac has mesmerizing autumn view as well. Hope to catch up with you soon and please send my best to all faculty mem-



Christian Cyr '03 and his wife, Navpreet welcome their new daughter



Paden Haas '04 and his wife, Amanda



Geoff Cao '14 and Jal Chen '16 visited campus

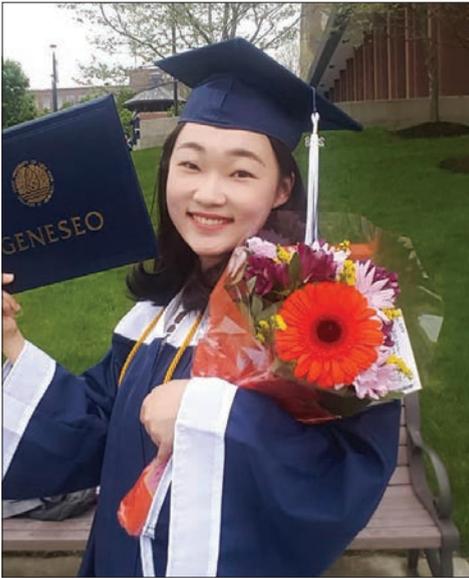
bers and Hoosac. Winter is coming and so is Yule Log! Stay warm and stay happy, Ms. Klein."

'15

Class Agent, Anthony Kelly, 18-15 215th St., Apt. 15N, Bayside, NY 11360

Pero Dzakic corresponded with Sherri Klein in January. He says "For 2018 New Year Eve, I went to Chicago with my girlfriend and we were taking pictures around the city while waiting for the New Year, and in one moment I saw a familiar face. It was **Jordan Elwood**, my classmate from Hoosac. There were a lot of people and I hadn't talked with him since we graduated. Small world!"

Morgan McLenithan, daughter of



Seungbee "Sandy" Yang '14

Peggy and Patrick McLenithan, will graduate on May 19th from Ithaca College with a Bachelor of Science in Speech and Language Pathology.

Frederique Desgagnes is graduating from Bishop's University with a Bachelor's degree in applied psychology.

'16

Class Agent, Julia Kopala, 131 Putnam St., Bennington, VT 05201, Email: jkopala@fandm.org

Jal Chen visited campus in November. She is double majoring in Psychology and Japanese at nearby Union College in Schenectady.



Frederique Desgagnes '15

'17

Class Agents, Emily Levin, 332 Rayelene Dr., Vestal, NY 13850, Email: eml227@cornell.edu

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'18

Class Agents, Needed.

Wilkes University women's ice hockey freshman **Alexa Rango** (Hopewell Junction, NY) has been named the Middle Atlantic Conference (MAC) Defensive Player of the Week. Pictured below at a recent girls hockey game in Buffalo, NY are **Sara Cruise '18** and **Makenna Murphy '18** with Hoosac trustee and fellow alum, **Ben Ford '74**.



Bobcat Fulton's '03 children, Vivi and Edison



Jordan Elwood '15 and Pero Dzakic '15



Sara Cruise '18, Ben Ford '74, and Makenna Murphy '18.

Making a COMMUNITY SERVICE: HOOSAC HELPS

Empty Bowls

Our ceramics classes created nearly 30 bowls and donated them to the Hoosick Empty Bowls Event to help raise funds for the local food pantry, which is run by HACA (Hoosick Area Church Association). Empty Bowls is an international project to fight hunger, personalized by artists and art organizations on a community level.

In addition to raising much needed money to help the food pantry, Empty Bowls now supports food related charities around the world and has raised millions of dollars to fight against hunger and raise awareness. Hoosac School is pleased to be able to contribute to this long-standing community project.



Above: Sophie Gocio '20, Colton Foster '22, and Yiqi Zhang '22 craft soup bowls using the drape mold method for the Empty Bowls event. Left: Some of the bowls students made in ceramics class during the second trimester. The organizer of the event said that, "without the help of many we would not be able to have donated \$1335 to the HACA Food Pantry."

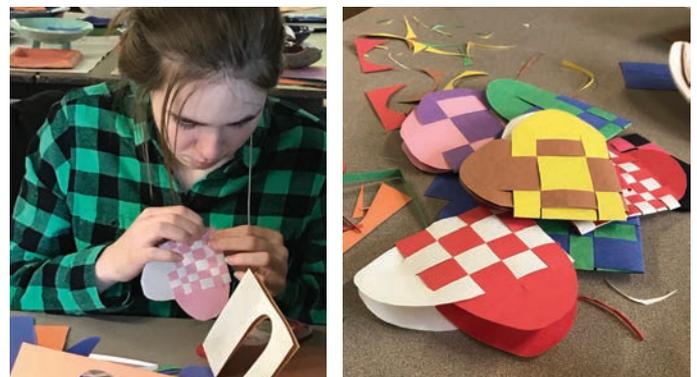


Above, l. to r.: Haotian Chen '20, Yiwon Pan '21, Jordan Salzano '20, and Rifat Nassyrov '19 visit with Veteran's in Bennington, VT. Right: Caitlin Welsh '21 carefully weave a heart. Far Right: Woven heart pouches ready for messages to go inside.

Valentines for Veterans

In February, several Hoosac School students visited the Vermont Veterans' Home in Bennington, VT along with Ms. Purvis as part of Hoosac's community service program. They recognized the sacrifices that the Veterans have made for our country.

Students took each veteran a Valentine made by art students to show their appreciation for the veterans' service. The valentines were woven paper hearts with a kind note tucked into each one.



Difference

RESTORING A FOREST TO SAVE CHIMPANZEES

Sophie DeMartine '07 is a busy master's student working to restore a forested corridor in Guinea so that chimpanzees can once again migrate and interbreed between the Bossou Hills and the Nimba Mountains.

As part of USAID and US Forest Service International Programs targeted reforestation and education program in Bossou, Guinea, two master's students are currently working with communities that surround the Bossou Chimpanzee Corridor. They are laying the groundwork for a protected area management plan and a sustainable tourism plan. Sophie DeMartine and Destina Samani partnered with L'Institut Reserche Environnementale de Bossou (IREB) and Guinean NGO AUDER to hold three participatory workshops with community members.

The first workshop asked participants to map the landscape's natural resources of value for the communities through a participatory mapping exercise. These resources were used in a follow-up workshop where participants mapped their communities' socio-ecological systems to solicit a greater understanding of the links and interactions between natural resources and anthropogenic influences. The last workshop took place in April 2019 and was built on previous information as an exercise where community members will envision their communities 10-15 years from now and seek solutions to ensure a sustainable future for the communities and the corridor.

Sophie studies International Conservation and Development at the University of Montana. She lives in Missoula, MT, and is engaged to Matthew Embrey.



Sophie getting to know the local children in a village in Guinea



I still have such fond thoughts of my time at Hoosac. All my best to everyone!

A REAL INSPIRATION

by *Jordan Salzano '20*

"Recently I got the opportunity to meet Nick Fairall, a professional ski jumper who competed for the United States in the men's normal hill individual competition at the 2014 Winter Olympics. Nick has won numerous championships in his career.

He suffered a devastating injury during one of his runs, but that didn't stop him! He continues to inspire and motivate people to keep moving forward, no matter what stands in the way. He definitely inspired me and others when he spoke. Thank you so much for coming and speaking, Nick, and I wish the best for you in the future."

Nick became an advocate for helmet safety with High Fives Foundation. He travels around the country speaking to students and athletes, stressing the importance of helmet safety, and how wearing a helmet preserved his life.



Speaker Nick Fairall and Jordan Salzano '20.



Nick Fairall talks about his skiing accident and his survival and recovery with students and staff. He has a remarkably positive attitude that he shares with his audiences.

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A GREAT GIFT TO ME

The name “Yu Shimura” came up on LinkedIn as being connected with Hoosac, so I messaged him: “If I remember correctly, you used to come to see Mrs. Towne at Hoosac? She thought the world of you and looked forward to your visit each time. The effort you made to do that meant a lot.”

“Yes,” Yu Shimura, class of ‘93, messaged back, “In addition to my visits, my mother also wrote letters and Mrs. Towne wrote her back. I miss Mrs. Towne a lot. I wanted to show her the many changes in me since last we met including my marriage, my baby daughter, and – I stopped smoking – lol! Mrs. Towne had continuously said ‘Cigarettes kill you!’ So I quit a couple of years ago. I used to visit Mrs. Towne and one friend in the state of Maine, an Episcopal priest, who Mrs. Towne had introduced me to. He also died the same year as Mrs. Towne. I lost many good people at the same time.”

Yu apologized for possibly keeping me awake given the time difference between the U.S. and Tokyo, Japan. “Oh not at all Yu – keep writing – your words are beautiful! With your permission we will put your words in *Hoosac Today* in her honor.”

He continued to reminisce. “When I visited, Mr. Lomuscio, Mr. Donn Wright, Mrs. Wright, and their son, Jason Wright were at the school. I remember the summer of 1992, I took a trip to the Western part of the U.S., traveling to MT, ID, UT, WY, visiting places like Yellowstone, Glacier National Park, etc. Those plans were researched and looked over by Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Towne.

Mrs. Towne had many children and grandchildren, and I have met at least two daughters and her son. Her son, I



Yu Shimura with his wife and baby daughter

believe, lived in Massachusetts, and I have met him several times. I was away from my home in Japan, studying almost on the other side of the planet from my home. Mrs. Towne gave me a lot of good memories, a chance to grow and meet many good people – even her family which was a great gift to me both when I was a student at Hoosac and as a graduate of Hoosac. I sometimes visited her along with my friends, both Hoosac attendees and non. She used to operate a B&B and we have met her guests overseas!”

-SCK



Yu and Maggie Towne during one of his many visits back to Hoosac. He frequently stayed at Maggie’s home.

THE CLASS OF 2018

First Gifts – Becoming Alums

New alums from the 2018 graduating class made a big first step in supporting their school by donating to sponsor a solar panel.

**Austan Bellefeuille,
Ying Pei (Bella),
Tyler Grill,
William Kennedy,
Daisy Perez DeSantiago,
Daniel Miller.**

Alumni support ensures that future students will have a great Hoosac experience. Every donation, large or small, matters.



Austan Bellefeuille



Tyler Grill



William Kennedy



Daniel Miller



Ying (Bella) Pei



Daisy Perez DeSantiago



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CHOOSING HOW YOU WISH TO GIVE

The Annual Fund:

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Giving to Something Special:

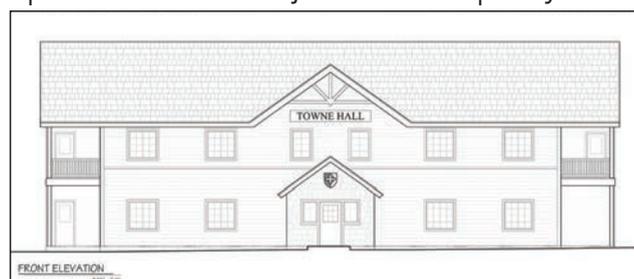
Sponsoring a solar panel in Hoosac's Solar Array is one example of designating your gift to a special cause.

Capital Giving:

Designating your gift to a capital project enables Hoosac to continue to improve facilities. This is vital to sustainability in today's boarding school market. For example, your past gifts made it possible to build a Fitness Center, which proved to be a major factor in quality of life on campus.

THE TASK AT HAND

Hoosac's first girls were trailblazers, paving the way for the future. And here we are.



It is time to build a new dormitory for girls.

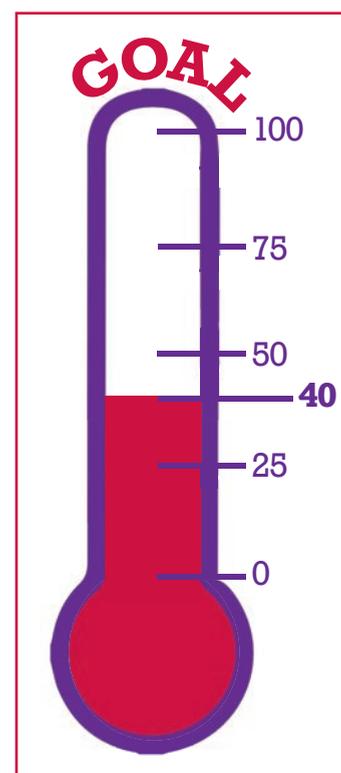
To reach that goal, we have:

- Steadily increased enrollment of female boarding students
- Engaged a study that identified Hoosac's sustainability needs and best method to proceed.
- Secured architectural plans, site evaluations, and cost estimates.
- Raised close to \$500,000 in gifts and pledges for this project.

We still need to:

- Maintain enrollment of female boarders at 40%
- Continue to provide a high quality education for all Hoosac students (your gifts to the Annual Fund help!)
- Raise the balance to complete the new dormitory for girls.

To make your gift online, go to www.hoosac.org and click on the the Giving drop-down menu. Or you can send a check to Hoosac School, P.O. Box 9, Hoosack, NY 12089.



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