

Dear Deerfield Alumni, Parents, and Friends—

Greetings from the Pocumtuck Valley by way of Manhattan!

I was at DA several times this past spring, and, as always, the place looked marvelous. Yes, there are still vestiges of last year's flood—the South Meadows and parts of the Lower Level remain denuded of grass—but nature and the Academy's Grounds Department are at work, and rain over the last few weeks will hopefully stimulate rebirth. Happily, the trees on campus don't look the worse for wear, despite the freak snowstorm during the Fall Trustees Weekend, which caused many branches to break away and topple other trees.

Needless to say, the fantastic Deerfield Physical Plant crew had a long 2011-2012 school year.

We have been busy on the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association, as well. This past year we kicked off and/or refined three major initiatives. First, we are overhauling the Constitution and Bylaws of the Alumni Association and the Executive Committee in order to streamline them and better reflect today's requirements. This process was stimulated by the recent formation of the Deerfield Parents Network, an organization that is tasked with improving communications between the Deerfield administration, faculty, and parents.

In April of this year, we initiated the first Deerfield Alumni Day of Service and partnered with the Robin Hood Foundation in New York City to perpetuate the Deerfield legacy of giving back. One hundred Deerfield alumni and friends volunteered for two elements of the Robin Hood program: "Education" and "Survival"; we taught underprivileged youth and packed meals for the hungry. Special thanks go out to Executive Committee members Tucker Holland '84 and Rush

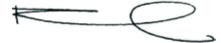
McCloy '92, current parent Penny Ashford P'14, and Director of Alumni Relations Mimi Morsman P'89 for pulling this excellent event together.

Finally, the Executive Committee is excited to report that we will be launching an "e-newsletter" in the coming months. Our aim is to provide you with timely campus news, alumni updates, and of course, the latest sports scores; keep an eye out this summer for an email regarding the newsletter.

I'm also happy to report that this summer six alumni are providing beneficial learning experiences for eight current Deerfield students through our Opening Doors program. The EC has long been interested in encouraging more interaction between alumni and students, and students have often asked for the opportunity to learn from alumni, so Opening Doors is both an appropriate and exciting venture. (see page 10 for details).

Commencement has come and gone, as have Reunions—please take a moment to enjoy some details about each (see pages 4 and 6)—and Look to the Hills, which is celebrating its tenth year, is coming up soon (see page 8). We hope you made it back for one of those events, or that you just come and visit this summer and watch the grass grow on the Lower Level—Deerfield is always here for you.

Best regards,



P.B. Weymouth III'83

President, Executive Committee

Deerfield Academy Alumni Association

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ROBIN*HOOD + DEERFIELD TO THE RESCUE by Tucker Holland '84 and Rush McCloy '92

How do you positively impact over 32,000 lives in a few short hours? Join other fellow Deerfield alumni at the next Alumni Day of Service! This past April marked the beginning of an annual tradition when Deerfield partnered with the Robin Hood Foundation in New York City. On a sunny spring Saturday nearly 100 volunteers from the Deerfield family gave of themselves by repacking 16 tons of apples at City Harvest in Long Island City, while others mentored dozens of children at the Association to Benefit Children in Harlem.

Service is woven into Deerfield's core, so it is not surprising that when given the opportunity to come together and serve others, we had a full house! As Helen Keller keenly observed, "The worth of our lives is measured by those we touch. I thank all of those who touched mine." We thank all the volunteers who participated in the inaugural Alumni Day of Service and look forward to volunteering with all who can join us at the next service event! Stay tuned for details . . .



Deerfield in Bloom

by Jim Alexandre P '06,'08,'11,'13, President, Deerfield Parents Network

As a parent, I've come to notice the feelings that coalesce late in the school year and tend to be on full display during Parents Spring Weekend. There is joy in the sense of achievement from having successfully navigated a year at Deerfield; there is the sorrow of saying goodbye to friends, mixed with the excitement of becoming rising seniors (or juniors or sophomores); there is a sense of passage—especially for the seniors, who straddle the precipice and can see both sides of a mountain—where they have been and where they are headed.

As parents, we share in some of those feelings, mostly along the lines of pride, nostalgia, and excitement, each defined by our own experiences. My sense of Deerfield, and the permanence of its gifts to our children, has increased with each successive arrival and departure, and it's bittersweet as the last one now prepares for her senior year.

In Dr. Curtis' Parents Spring Weekend comments, there was a sense of appreciation for both what the school stands for and what it offers to students. Dr. Curtis also spoke about the will to consider what more the school can be or do, and in fact, a review of all aspects of the Academy was conducted this past year as part of the required reaccreditation process by the New England Association of Schools and Colleges; it will be assembled into a self-study report.

Also during Parents Weekend, the Academy and the DPN hosted a session on stress, and what Deerfield can provide in the way of coping skills. There were many excellent takeaways from that session, but two resonated most intensely: The first was the paramount role of social stresses during the high school years. The second was the remarkable

standing: Zoe L'Esperance '13, Fran L'Esperance IV '15, Fran L'Esperance III '75, P'13, '15, Chase Swinerton '15, Geoff Swinerton '87, P'15, Will Darling '15, Austin Bridges '12, Terry Darling '87, P'15, Bobby DeNunzio '12, David DeNunzio '74, P'12, Adam Koeppel '15, Noah Koeppel '14, David DeCamp '76, P'13, '15, Emma DeCamp '13, Henry DeCamp '15, Jamie Kjorlein '15, John Kjorlein '69, P'13, '15, Will Ziglar '82 P'13, Caroline Kjorlien '13, Skip Evans '73, P'09, '12, Lindsay Ziglar '13, Taylor Evans '12 kneeling: Bill Barry '77, P'11, '15, Dana Barry '15, Rob Bridges '82, P'12, Cole Faulkner '15, Win Faulkner '81, P'15, David Koeppel '76, P'14, '15, Robert Beit '13, Michael Beit '15, Ted Beit '79, P'13, '15

differences in the ways students learn (or struggle to learn) to cope with the demands on their time on so many fronts. "There is just not enough time in the day to do what needs to be done," is a common refrain. The session went on to observe that the simple task of texting has become stunningly dominant in our teens' lives, contributing to social angst and proving to be a complicating factor in time management. The conversation was thought-provoking and challenging, and will be ongoing; the DPN welcomes any suggestions parents have for similar panels in the future.

On behalf of Deerfield and the Deerfield Parents Network, many thanks to the huge number of volunteers who offered to provide pre-enrollment contacts to new families over this summer, and we will see you on campus in the fall!

Informed Architecture

2012 Wick Huffard Visiting Architect David M. Childs '59







I to r: Mr. Childs discusses concepts with 2012 graduate Simon Moushabeck. Presenting World Trade Center plans in the Large Aud.

What do the Washington Monument mall plan, the Time Warner Center, the Freedom Tower, and 7 World Trade Center all have in common? The deft touch of Deerfield alumnus and past Trustee David Childs '59—chairman emeritus of Skidmore, Owings & Merrill.

Mr. Childs was on campus this past spring as the 2012 Wick Huffard Visiting Architect; he visited classes and provided helpful critiques for Deerfield's architecture students, and then fascinated the audience at School Meeting with an entertaining and informative presentation that featured SOM's projects over the years—including the Academy's own Koch Center.

The annual Wick Huffard
Visiting Architect program was
established in 2005 in memory of
Wick Huffard '03, who died in an
accident just a year after graduating
from Deerfield. Wick, who interned
at SOM, had planned on pursuing
a career in architecture.







Great Expectations The Class of 2012 Become Alumni

by David Thiel

"You will be solely responsible for making wise, deliberate, meaningful choices. You have developed the inner discipline and fortitude to make your own decisions and defy the crowd mentality. You will be a leader, not a follower. You realize that your ability to change the world extends beyond competence, and derives more from character—the courage to value community, to serve others. To be more than an inactive spectator. To be worthy." With those expectations made clear by Head of School Margarita Curtis, with the Great Tent set, and under the blessings of a perfect spring day, Commencement 2012 saw 197 seniors cross the stage and enter the ranks of Deerfield alumni.

Two members of the graduating class spoke:
Hadley Newton and Nolan Doyle. Hadley contrasted
the ephemerality of Facebook-culture with the
timeless transcendence of the Deerfield experience.
She described how her experiences with her friends
and with Deerfield's sense of place had permanently
changed her perspective, sharing the story of an evening
spent sitting out in the fog: "Lurking in the fog, the
ghosts of the past were actualized and internalized. We
carry lifetimes of memories with us.... Our past
inhabits our present. We do not only live once."

If Hadley made the audience think, Nolan Doyle made the audience laugh. A moment into his speech, he deduced that because he was speaking at graduation, then, logically speaking, he must be the valedictorian! Nolan then switched gears and meditated on the role of confidence in our perceptions of happiness and regret, ultimately extolling: "Have less confidence in your predictions about tomorrow and more confidence in your ability to make the best of whatever tomorrow may bring."

Nina Shevzov-Zebrun was presented with the Robert Crow Award for outstanding academic achievement, and John Bradford Hakes was awarded the Deerfield Cup.

Anthony Marx P'12, former president of Amherst College and current director of the New York City Public Library System, spoke about some of the important things that have guided his life (most notably, poetry) and punctuated his "top ten tips" for graduates with "know when to shut up"—leaving the podium to rolling laughter and applause.

Congratulations to the Class of 2012, and welcome to the Deerfield Alumni Association.





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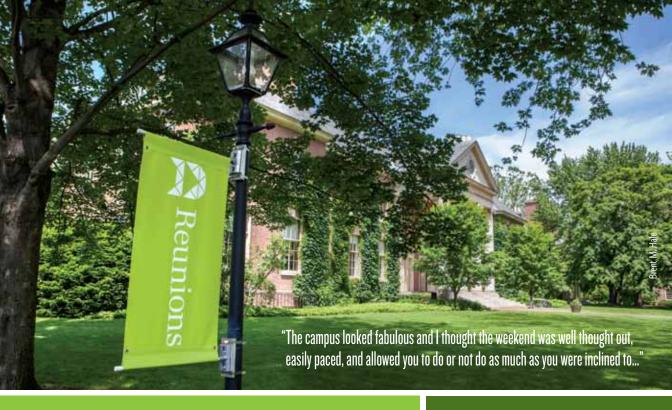
Class of 2012 Matriculation Results / Number of Students / College

- 11 Princeton University
- 10 Yale University
- 9 Harvard University
- 8 Dartmouth College Georgetown University
- 6 University of Pennsylvania Davidson College University of Virginia
- 5 Boston College Brown UniversityDuke UniversityTrinity College
- 4 Stanford University
 Tufts University
 Wake Forest University
 Wesleyan University
- 3 Bucknell University Columbia University Cornell University MIT

- Middlebury College Southern Methodist University Tulane University
- 2 Amherst College Bowdoin College U California-Berkeley Colby College Connecticut College Emerson College George Washington University Hamilton College Johns Hopkins University Lafayette College New York University NYU-Abu Dhabi U No Carolina-Chapel Hill Swarthmore College U of Vermont Villanova University

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- U of Notre Dame Oberlin College Olin College Rensselaer Polytech Rochester Institute Tech Sacred Heart University Santa Clara University Skidmore College U St Andrews-Scotland St Francis Xavier Univ St Lawrence University U of the South-Sewanee **US Naval Academy** Washington & Lee University Westmont College College of William & Mary African Leadership Academy-PG yr Junior Hockey-PG yr King's Academy-PG yr



Reunion Weekend 2012

Alumni came from 38 states and 12 countries—including Argentina, Australia, the Bahamas, Bermuda, Canada, the Dominican Republic, Germany, Jordan, Korea, Russia, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela. In all, 740 guests were on campus.

GREAT TO SEE YOU.

"The youngsters on the panels were genuine and down to earth."



"I was unexpectedly able to reconnect with all the members of the ski team in my class." "(There was) satisfaction that Deerfield is still striving to be an excellent preparatory school."

From a member of the 50th Reunion Class: "A huge success, I think we all agree. And what a massive job, Mimi & Co. Bravo!"











"Interesting and productive forums! Thank you to all the Reunion presenters."



"A Deerfield Reunion is like a continuing education course in ethics and values."













"Hadn't been back to Deerfield in years, and I needed the experience of reconnecting and remembering the good things I experienced. I also enjoyed seeing how the school has changed; I felt an incredible sense of pride throughout the weekend."



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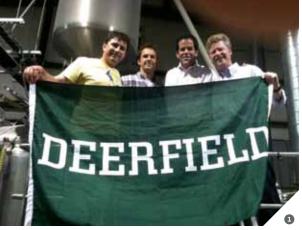
- 17: Deerfield Club of New England: Boston Red Sox Game
- 24: Rochester Red Wings vs. Syracuse Chiefs AAA Baseball Game

August

- 2-5: Look to the Hills: A Summer Institute at Deerfield Academy
- 17: Deerfield Club of DC: Behindthe-scenes tour of Capitol Hill

September

- 23: Deerfield Club of DC: "Meet the Press" TV show taping and brunch
- 25: GWU & Georgetown University Dinner
- 26: University of Virginia Dinner



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Steven Wright '00, James Caldwell '93, David Goodridge '90, Reid Thompson '81

BROWN UNIVERSITY DINNER / PROVIDENCE, RI

Jeannie Witmer '10, Nicholas Fair '10, Anneke Baran '08, Caroline Witmer '08

DARTMOUTH COLLEGE DINNER / HANOVER, NH

Alexander Nicholson '09, Sarah Brim '08, Heather Reiley '08, Katie Donovan '02, James Smith '08, Hunter Dray '08, Andy Steele '65, Caitlin Ardrey '09, Allie Gray '11, Nash Larmoyeux '11





If you are interested in becoming involved with Deerfield Young Alumni events, please contact Jessica Pleasant: jpleasant@ deerfield.edu or 413.774.1458







 Margarita Curtis speaks at the Chicago History Museum
 Karyn Collymore-Chalmers P'13, Aretas Collymore G'13
 Brian Meyers '01, Leila Scheinman, Nicola Idehen, Francis Idehen '95

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27: InterPrep Boston

October

- 2: Bowdoin College Dinner
- 12-13: Parents Fall Weekend
- 13: Alumni Soccer at Deerfield Academy

- 16: Boston Area College Dinner
- 16: Deerfield in Pittsburgh
- 17: Yale University Dinner
- 17: Deerfield in Cleveland
- 30: Deerfield Club of New England: Opening Night of Student Theater Production

Please join us!

For more information contact Jenny Hammond: jhammond@deerfield.edu or 413.774.1801

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Opening Doors This Summer

Six Students Participate in Alumni-Sponsored Internships

Thanks to the efforts of Deerfield's Alumni Association and its Executive Committee, Opening Doors provides rising seniors with firsthand opportunities to experience the varied careers of the alumni body. What began as a pilot program in 2011 with two internships grew to six this year, and Director of Alumni Relations Mimi Morsman hopes that number will be even larger in 2013.

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After each internship, students and their alumni hosts were asked to write a review of their weeklong experiences. What follows are the abbreviated comments of John Fedor-Cunningham '84, an expert on permaculture and sustainability who worked with Holly Taylor '13, and Karen Wood P'13, whose daughter Caroline worked with architect Bobby Vuyosevich '72. Additional internships, including a second one hosted by Mr. Fedor-Cunningham in August, are taking place throughout the summer.

. . . The topics we covered in great detail were permaculture and ecological restoration, including tree-planting, organic gardening, and wildlife monitoring. (Holly discovered three bald eagle chicks in a nest—a first in Vermont!) We saw examples of green building. We pretty fully explored renewable energy by viewing solar PV and thermal panels, looked at a micro-hydro site under construction, and discussed wind and geothermal. We also spent a lot of time looking at the physics behind sustainability, applying the laws of thermodynamics. This led us to look at the sustainability aspect of nuclear power, too. ... we went on an amphibian and reptile walk with the local Audubon Society and the state herpetologist and bumped into Warren King—Deerfield Class of '55. We spent half a day volunteering at the Native Plant Nursery and the nursery manager came to dinner that night to continue the discussion about seed collection and local plant stock restoration sites . . . (we) monitored an ecological restoration site from the past and photographed the growth process. We learned about natural communities and hiked through Clayplain Forest. David and I recently acquired a new piece of land, so I gave Holly the task of preparing a permaculture plan for the site. We spent a lot of time walking the land, reading the landscape, and discussing site-specific characteristics . . . JFC

... I wanted to let you know what a wonderful week Caroline is having with the internship at BRB. Yesterday, Bobby went to Hotchkiss to attend a master planning task force meeting, as his firm has done much of their work. He asked Caroline to go with him and do an analysis of the Hotchkiss campus design vis-a-vis the Deerfield campus. Comparing and contrasting the different planning styles, Caroline presented him with a paper ... It was a great exercise to analyze the planning, design, how the campus functions and supports learning, and lastly, how the layout works within the environment in which it is set. KW

Opening Doors 2013

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Investiture Ceremony May 5, 2012

Alumni and the Class of 2012 Break Bread Together

by Jessica Pleasant

The Senior Alumni Dinner took on a new format this year and included members of the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association. Executive Committee members who traveled to the dinner included President P.B. Weymouth III '83, Rick McKelvey '79 P'10,'13, Oscar Anderson '88, Amanda Herzberger '00, and Sara di Bonaventura '01. Several current faculty members who are also alumni attended as well, in addition to Dave Fisher '75, who happened to be passing through Deerfield and accepted an invitation to dine with the senior class at the last minute!

After a delicious dinner, the Class of '12 asked the Executive Committee members questions about their days at Deerfield and their transition to college. Questions included, "What did you miss most about Deerfield while in college?" and "Were you ever DC'd?" (brought before the Disciplinary Committee), which elicited a roar of laughter from the audience. Alumni also offered words of advice and shared tips they wish they had known before heading off to college, in addition to providing some insight on what it means to be a Deerfield alumnus or alumna and ways to get involved with the Alumni Association.

Many thanks to all alumni who returned for the Senior Alumni Dinner. The Alumni Office hopes to have an even larger group next year!



For a sport in which time is always of the essence and clocks determine who finishes first and who finishes worst, you might think the term "buzzer-beater" would placed third with 79 points. be as synonymous in track as it is in basketball. But, as we all know, it's not . . . it's just the nature of the beast.

"But if it was," said Big Green track Coach Mike Schloat through a smile that is bound to resurface whenever he reflects on this day of days, "this one was definitely a buzzer-beater." Schloat was referring to this year's Division I New England Track and Field Championships. And he earned the right to call it the way he saw it. His Deerfield boys track team won the title-for the first time ever.

The Big Green boys scampered away with the crown via a 91-89 margin over Loomis Chaffee, while Choate

It wasn't only the title that brought that smile to Schloat's face, however, it was also the retracing of his team's footsteps-literally-to reach the summit.

"We were tied with Loomis with 81 points each heading into the final event of the day . . . the 4x400 relay," recounted Schloat. And that's when things got really interesting. The two teams spent the first two legs of the race trading the lead back-and-forth, but a charge by Loomis during the third leg saw Jack Shumway '12 grab the baton for the anchor leg staring at his Loomis

counterpart from five meters back.

Shumway, whom Schloat considers one of the finest hurdlers to ever compete for Deerfield, steadily closed the gap and surged past the Loomis runner on the back stretch to give Deerfield the win, and its first New England crown in 73 years of competition in the New England Prep School Track Association. Shumway took the checkered flag in a time of 3:22.08. Loomis was second at 3:23.36, just 1.28 seconds off the pace.

"To win the championship by less than a secondand-a-half in the final event of the day," said Schloat, "that's a buzzer-beater in my book."

The Big Green girls track team finished eighth.

"This was a perfect storm as far as athletic talent was concerned," said Schloat of the boys track victory.

"We needed best efforts from just about everyone and that's exactly what we got. In fact, by the end of the competition, the boys had improved on their seeds in 14 of the 17 events... that's a phenomenal effort."

And leading the way was Shumway, as he and his running mates Kellam Witherington '12, George Reich '13, and Reed Horton '14, who were 6-0 on the season, broke the school record in their relay that had stood since 1984. It would be one of three gold medals Shumway would win on the day and all in school-record times. He captured the 110-meter hurdles in 14.84, and the 300-meter hurdles in 38.68. Another of Deerfield's first-place finishes was garnered by Reich, who won the 800-meter run in 1:56.81.

A silver-medal effort was registered by Horton in the 1500-meter run in 4:06.77, as well as a fourth spot in the 800-meter run. Harry Glor '12, meanwhile, grabbed a pair of third-place finishes and scored in four different events during his rookie showing. He placed third in the 200-meter dash and the high jump, was fifth in the javelin and ran the anchor leg of the fifth-place 4x100 relay.

In other field events for the Big Green, Jeff Van Oot '12 placed third in the shot put with a heave of 48'-9'', while Wyatt Sharpe '13 cleared the bar at 11'6'' to earn a bronze medal in the pole vault.

In the girls' competition, Kerry Krause '12 led the Deerfield charge with a first-place finish in the high jump 5'0", running the anchor leg of the third-place 4x400 relay team (4:08.06) that also included Carley Porter '12, Constance Rhodes '12, and Tatum McInerney'13. Krause also placed fifth in the 100-meter hurdles. One other medal winner for the Big Green was Rose Fisher '13, who wound up third in the 3000-meter run in 10:32.59. ••

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IN OTHER DEERFIELD SPRING SPORTS.

the **BOYS LACROSSE** team (14-2) grabbed a share of the Western New England League crown, giving it at least a part of the title for the ninth time in the past 11 years. GIRLS LACROSSE was 5-10, as GIRLS WATER POLO (9-8) finished second in its New England tourney, while GOLF placed third in the Kingswood Invitational Tournament, CYCLING finished third in the New England Championship Race, with BOYS CREW AND GIRLS CREW winding up second and fifth respectively at the New England Interscholastic Rowing Regatta. Baseball (7-16) won the Walker Tournament. while BOYS TENNIS (12-2) fell to Choate in first-round play of the New England tourney. GIRLS TENNIS (8-2), placed second in the Kent Tournament, while **SOFTBALL** finished at 3-10.



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