

## ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

### COMMENCEMENT AND CLOSING CEREMONIES

The sun was shining for the Academy Hill Commencement and Closing Ceremonies, held on the campus of Bay Path University on June 9<sup>th</sup>. AHS was pleased to welcome alumnus Christopher McLaughlin as this year's Alumni Speaker. In addition to celebrating the accomplishments of the ten graduating 8<sup>th</sup> graders, the school said goodbye to two beloved staff members. Mrs. Rosenthal retired after 31 years at AHS, and French teacher, Mrs. Coursey is off to seek new adventures after 13 years with AHS. Congratulations to the Academy Hill School Class of 2017!

*Scenes from graduation: (left photo) Mrs. Rosenthal, Christopher McLaughlin, Mrs. Goebel, Ms. Heinrichs; (middle photo) Class of 2017: Emma Krasemann, Jane Wegrzyn, Nora Slate, Jocelynn Bouyea, Armen Asik, Stefan Johnson, Mathieu Johnson, George Menard, Isabel Ruppel, Zachary Demetriou; (right photo) Mrs. Earls, Nora Slate, Mrs. Coursey, Ella Slate*



### Behind the Scenes: AHS Annual Art Show



*(Pictured from left to right: Kathy Kervick, Sheilah Zielinski, Holly Samociuk and Beth Goebel)*

The spring art show is an Academy Hill tradition. Mrs. Goebel diligently worked with the students of Academy Hill to curate a fantastic display. The Cape Cod themed exhibit was held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at Eastworks in Easthampton. In addition to the gallery viewing, guests were treated to light refreshments and a performance from the AHS Chorus.

A special group of volunteers worked for a good part of the Saturday prior to the exhibit opening to get the gallery space set. This group included Mr. Goebel, AHS Latin teacher Ms. Kell and 3 Academy Hill alumni moms. Kathy Kervick (mother to Joe, Will and Ben Kervick), Holly Samociuk (mother to Jamie Samociuk) and Sheilah Zielinski (mother to Max and Laurie Zielinski) have been working with Mrs. Goebel behind the scenes for many years to make sure the annual art show goes off without a hitch. Thank you all for your years of support!

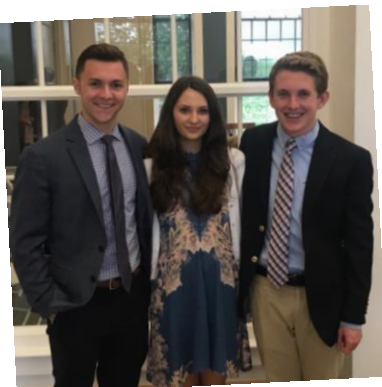
### ALUMNI UPDATES

#### Updates from the Class of 2013:

**Michael Lachenmeyer** spent what would have been senior year of high school in Velbert, Germany. He has been studying on a Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange, attending a German high school and living with a German family. Prior to his departure in September 2016, he met with congressional officials in Washington D.C., including Congressman Richard Neal. In Germany, he traveled to Berlin and met with officials of the American Embassy and German Bundestag. He will graduate from Minnechaug Regional High School in absentia, and return to the United States in July. This fall, Michael will attend Loyola University Chicago where he was awarded a Dean's Scholarship. He plans to study Political Science and International Relations. Learn more about the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange program at, <http://www.usagermanyscholarship.org/>.



**Chris Donohue, Morgan Islam and Andrew Robitaille** were inducted into the Cum Laude Society at Suffield Academy this spring. Being inducted into the Cum Laude Society is an honor given to the highest achieving students in each graduating class. Twelve Suffield Academy seniors received the award this year.



**Chris (right)** will attend Tufts University this fall, and plans to major in Applied Math and Political Science. **Morgan (middle)** will attend George Washington University in Washington D.C. this fall, where she was accepted into the honors program. There she will attend the Elliot School of International affairs, and plans to major in International Relations and Middle Eastern Studies. **Andrew (left)** will attend Northeastern University in Boston this fall, and plans to major in International Relations and Economics.

**Alexandra Eyvazzadeh** graduated from The Loomis Chaffee School as a member of the Cum Laude Society. She was awarded a certificate in Global Studies. This fall she will attend Dartmouth College. She plans to begin on a pre-med track, with a concentration in Global Women's Health and Gender Studies.



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Academy Hill Night at the Springfield Thunderbirds

Join Academy Hill on October 15<sup>th</sup> at a Springfield Thunderbirds game. The students of AHS will perform during the game. A portion of each ticket sold will be donated to AHS. Game starts at 3:05pm. More details coming this summer.

### Barnes & Noble Book Fair

Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., at the Holyoke location. Join us on location or order online to support this fundraiser. A bar code will be made available closer to the date for online purchases. Check your email and watch our social media pages for updates closer to the event.

### Keep in Touch

Have an accomplishment, graduation, promotion, wedding or birth announcement? Send it along for our winter newsletter:

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## ANNUAL FUND GOAL REACHED

The \$55,000 Annual Fund goal for the 2016/2017 school year was reached and exceeded by \$10,000! Annual Fund money is used to support technology improvements, field trips, continuing education for staff, teaching tools, building upkeep and maintenance.

We appreciate the contributions made by past parents, alumni, current families, current and former staff members, trustees and friends of the school. Due to the generosity shown, we were able to check off a teacher wish list item this summer and install solar blinds in 7 rooms! Thank you!

## ALUMNI AND PAST PARENT SURVEY

We would appreciate it if you would spend 3-5 minutes to complete either the alumni survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ahsalumni>), or the past parent survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ahspastparent>). Links to both surveys can be found on the Alumni page of the Academy Hill website. Links are also located on the Academy Hill School Facebook page and the Academy Hill School Alumni Instagram page. Your participation will make an impact on our program and strategic plan decisions in the future. We want to hear what you have to say! Thank you!

## ALUMNI LASER TAG EVENT – MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>

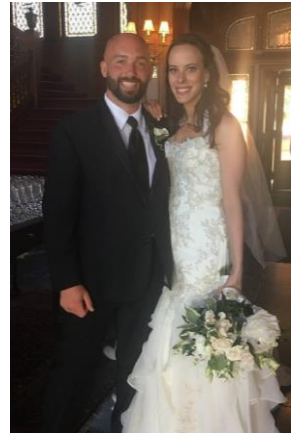
Join us at Academy Hill School on Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-8pm for dinner and an exciting game of laser tag. The evening will begin at 6pm with a pizza dinner. At 6:30pm, the laser tag game will start. Weather permitting the game may be outside, so come prepared!

Your “ticket” to dinner and laser tag is a \$15 donation to the Academy Hill School Annual Fund. Your donation will act as your RSVP. Make your donations using the **Donate** button on the Alumni page of the Academy Hill website, <http://www.academyhill.org/alumni.html>. There are a limited number of spaces available for laser tag. Make your donation to reserve your space today!

## WEDDING AND BABY ANNOUNCEMENTS

“Coach” Grenier and Miss Sklar were married on June 24<sup>th</sup> in Lenox, Massachusetts. Jennifer Sklar (now Jennifer Grenier) has taught 1<sup>st</sup> grade at Academy Hill for the past 5 years. She is also an alumna of Academy Hill. “Coach” Brian Grenier has taught physical education at Academy Hill for the past 5 years.

Mrs. Bulissa and her husband Jeffrey welcomed a baby girl on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Arianna Elizabeth Bulissa arrived at 10:27 pm weighing 8 pounds, 11.5 oz and measuring 20.5 inches. Jillian Bulissa has been teaching in our Middle School for 7 years.



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